

## PRESIDENT LAUDS AMERICAN AVIATION

SCORE OF MINERS  
ENTOMBED; LITTLE  
HOPE FOR RESCUE

Workers Imprisoned In Alabama Mine by Explosion; Three Bodies Removed

OFFICIALS BELIEVE  
ALL WORKERS PERISH

(United Press)  
Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 10.—Little hope was held out today for the rescue alive of from 10 to 20 miners imprisoned in No. 2 slope of the Overton mines of the Alabama Ore and Iron Co., following an explosion.

Company officials expressed the opinion that all may have perished in the blast as the after damp was strong enough to hamper rescue.

At 1:30 p. m. three bodies had been taken from the mine and rescue workers sent word to the surface that two more had been found.

Clean Up Of Ohio State  
University Is Started

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 10.—Armed with instructions from Gov. Vic Donahey to "clean up the campus and weed out members of the faculty who have communistic tendencies," the board of trustees of Ohio State university began an extensive inquiry today as the result of the arrest of Prof. Dabney Horton, a part time instructor in English, on liquor law violation charges.

A fifty gallon still, one quart of whiskey and 3 gallons of molasses which state dry agents classified "for rum making purposes," were seized in the basement of Horton's home Tuesday night. The professor was arrested yesterday and in addition to being charged with violating the prohibition law was accused of being a "parlor communist who wrote for communistic publications."

Thirty-eight School  
Buildings Condemned

Indianapolis, Dec. 10.—(By United Press)—Thirty-eight school buildings in various parts of the state have been condemned by the division of school hygiene of the state board of public health during the last year.

H. R. Gondrey, director of the division said that in all instances the buildings were condemned because of unsanitary conditions.

The majority of those condemned were one room structures and had been in use for many years.

TAGGART BACKS  
EVANS WOOLLENDean of Indiana Democratic  
Politicians Endorses  
Senatorial Candidates

Indianapolis, Dec. 10.—(United Press)—Politics began to boom in earnest in democratic circles here today following a statement of Thomas Taggart, dean of Indiana democratic politicians endorsing Evans Woollen, as a candidate for the party's senatorial nomination.

It is understood that party leaders agreed to support Woollen for the short term senatorial post held by Arthur R. Robinson, and that other candidates will be discouraged from making the race.

With Woollen the only avowed candidate in the senatorial race, interest has now centered on the candidates who will oppose Senator James E. Watson for the long term.

There is a concerted move on foot to have Dan Simms, Lafayette attorney, make the race, while Dr. Carleton B. McCulloch is also being urged for the place.

Another likely candidate is Joseph Cravens, of Madison, democratic leader in the state senate. Lincoln Dixon, formerly representative in congress from the fourth district also is being mentioned for the post.

Bill For Farm Price  
Fixing Is Introduced

Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—(United Press)—A proposal to fix the price of agricultural products arbitrarily like the interstate commerce commission fixes railroad rates was contained in a bill introduced in the senate today by Senator Shipstead, farmer-laborer of Minnesota.

A government export corporation would give the farmer a fair return based on the aggregate value of his property used in production. It is the most far-reaching farm relief bill yet proposed.

CITY SCHOOLS  
TO CLOSE DEC. 18Public Schools To Have  
Two Weeks' Vacation; To  
Resume Work Jan. 4.

Decatur public schools will be dismissed Friday, December 18, for the annual Christmas vacation and school will be resumed again, January 4.

Superintendent M. F. Worthman announced yesterday. The vacation will be two weeks in length.

This ruling applies only to the five public schools in Decatur. County schools will not dismiss until December 24, according to a ruling made recently by the Adams County Board of Education.

The semester will not end in the public schools, however, until about the first week in February, according to present plans.

Several attractions of interest to high school pupils and alumni have been arranged for the Christmas vacation. Among them will be the big home-coming to be held on December 23, and the basketball game with Bluffton high school here on December 29.

Laporte Man Killed When  
Auto Strikes His Wagon

La Porte, Ind., Dec. 10.—(United Press)—Ward Cadwell, driver of a Gary baking company truck was held by police following an accident today in which Walter Zimmerman, 55, of La Porte, was killed. Cadwell's automobile struck a wagon on which Zimmerman was riding.

UNITED BRETHREN  
WILL "LISTEN IN"Local Congregation To Hear  
Radio Program From  
Otterbein Home

The United Brethren will have a Radio Service at their local church here Saturday evening beginning at 7:30 o'clock, when they will tune in on a Cincinnati station where the children of the Otterbein Home, the orphanage of the United Brethren church, will broadcast a special Christmas program. The home has a large band and much musical talent and has been invited on several occasions by different broadcasting stations to furnish an evening program.

The plan of having the churches throughout America tune in has been deemed a good way to get the people acquainted with the home and to give them an evening's program as well. The Decatur Auto Top and Paint Shop of this city, has gladly agreed to install one of its best radios for the occasion. The public, as well as the friends of the church, are invited to come Saturday evening and listen in.

Knights Of Pythias To  
Nominate Officers Tonight

The Decatur lodge of the Knights of Pythias will hold an important meeting at their home on Third street tonight at 7:30 o'clock. Officers for the ensuing year will be nominated at tonight's meeting.

The first rank initiatory ceremony will be given tonight for several candidates and all members are urged to attend.

FARMERS ADOPT  
PROGRAM; OPPOSE  
COOLIDGE'S WISHRadical Element Of Farm  
Bureau Federation Wins  
In ConventionS. H. THOMPSON IS  
ELECTED PRESIDENT

Chicago, Dec. 10.—The American farmer, as represented by the American Farm Bureau federation, today found himself pledged to a program of agricultural relief contrary to the wishes of President Coolidge and the republican administration.

In the election of S. H. Thompson, of Quincy, Ill., to succeed O. E. Bradfute as president, the so-called radical element of the federation demonstrated its control and then went further in the adoption of resolutions which are out of harmony with the national administration's program.

Radical Resolutions  
Chief among the "radical resolutions" was one which pledges the federation to support a bill in congress for a government export corporation for the handling of surplus American grains. It is hoped in this way that domestic grain prices will be regulated on the American cost of living scale.

President Coolidge, who made a special trip to Chicago last Monday to address the federation, had urged the farmers to discourage government price fixing, arguing that such a move would be to the farmers' own disadvantage.

Split By Coolidge's Address  
The president's address split the

PYTHIANS HOLD  
DISTRICT MEETAnnual Session Held At  
Ossian; Next Meeting At  
Huntington In 1926

Eleven members of the Decatur Knights of Pythias attended the annual eleventh district meeting held yesterday afternoon and evening at Ossian under the auspices of the Ossian lodge. The meeting next year will be held at Huntington, it was decided at the closing session held last night.

The meeting was divided into two sessions. The first session opened yesterday afternoon. A banquet was held last night at the Methodist church in Ossian, and several hundred Knights attended. Dr. F. A. Priest of Marion, Grand Chancellor Lane, District Deputy R. G. Knoff, of Bluffton, and the Rev. Mr. Elzy, of Fort Wayne, delivered addresses. Rev. Elzy welcomed the visiting delegations.

During the banquet, a free-will offering was taken for the K. of P. home, a site for which will be selected in the next few days, and more than \$100 was collected for the worthy cause. D. B. Erwin, former grand chancellor, and ten other Decatur men attended the meeting.

They were: John E. Nelson, H. D. Hite, A. D. Suttles, J. R. Parrish, Howard Weller, Roy Mumma, Joe Hunter, Muri Foreman, H. S. Michaud and W. A. Lower. Mr. Lower is chairman of the state committee which will select the site for the new Pythian home. The Decatur delegation returned last night.

During the evening session, the Third Rank was conferred on several candidates of the district.

Pleasant Mills Talent  
To Give Lyceum Number

The home-talen number of the Lyceum course of the Pleasant Mills high school will be given Wednesday evening, December 16, at 8 o'clock. This number is made up of local talent and consists of readings, vocal and instrumental music, and a play "The Arrival of Billy." The public is invited to attend.

## HOLIDAY BARGAINS

Many good bargains are being offered the Christmas shoppers by Decatur merchants. Read their special Christmas offers appearing in the advertising of tonight's Daily Democrat. All local merchants have decorated their windows for the Holiday season and they all contain many good bargains.

Read the ads in the Daily Democrat and then do your shopping with Decatur stores and save from 10 to 25 per cent on your Christmas shopping.

ERIE ENGINEER  
IS KILLED TODAYFreight Car Side-swiped;  
Crack Chicago Flyer  
At Marion, Ohio

Marion, O., Dec. 10.—(United Press)—Engineer Abraham L. Burns, of the Erie's crack Chicago flyer, was killed here today when a freight car side-swiped the cab of his locomotive. Burns was from Huntington, Ind.

The freight car was shoved onto a siding just as the flyer approached on the main track. The section of the cab where Burns was sitting, was torn away. The engineer applied the emergency brakes as the car hit the engine.

ELKS COMPLETE  
DEDICATION PLANSAll Elks Invited; Dr. Arch-  
bold Heads Christmas  
Dinner Committee

Dr. Roy Archbold was appointed chairman of the Elks annual Christmas dinner committee at a meeting of the lodge last night. The Elks, each year distribute Christmas dinners to all worthy persons in Decatur and this vicinity. Dr. Archbold has had charge of the distribution for several years.

Plans were furthered for the dedication and initiation to be held at the Elks home next Tuesday. Herman Yager, chairman of the dedication committee, announced that the plans had been almost completed. All Elks are invited to attend the ceremonies and banquet and all Elks and their families are invited to attend the social gathering to be held Tuesday evening after the initiation and dedication. Dancing and other entertainment will be on the program.

The Elks also voted to donate \$10 to the Good Fellow Club campaign being conducted by the Delta Theta Tau sorority of this city. Regular business consumed the remainder of the meeting.

Transportation Terminal  
Problem Bothering Warsaw

Warsaw, Ind., Dec. 10.—(United Press)—Members of the Warsaw city council and chamber of commerce continue to struggle with the problem of providing a terminal for traction lines, bus lines, and taxicabs in this city.

At the present these various transportation units are making stops where ever convenient in the city. A plan for taking over an abandoned church building which for sometime was used by the Salvation Army has been suggested. This building adjoins the municipal building and is opposite the station of the Winona Service Company.



Weather  
Mostly cloudy tonight and Friday, becoming unsettled in north portion. Slowly rising temperature in north and east central portion.

HOUSE TIRES OF  
DEBATE ON TAX  
REDUCTION BILLInterest In Discussion Is  
Waning As Flood Of  
Oratory ContinuesFIERY SPEECHES HELP  
TO RELIVE MONOTONY

(United Press)  
Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—Showing signs of tiring from extended debate the house settled back today to hear further arguments on the \$325,000,000 federal tax reduction bill.

Interest in debate on the new revenue measure began to wane yesterday when many members left the chamber during the flood of oratory. Some enthusiasm was afforded by fiery speeches by Representative Rainey, Illinois, and Hull, Tennessee, democrats, in opposition to the measure and a spirited reply by Representative Mills, republican of New York.

Amendments will be in order when the bill comes up under the five minute rule.

Borah Seeks Recognition  
Of Soviet Russia Again

Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—(United Press)—A resolution calling for recognition of soviet Russia was introduced in the senate today by Chairman Borah of the senate foreign relations committee.

Borah asked that it lie on the table so that it could be called up at any time, rather than being delayed by reference to a committee.

It is the same resolution Borah introduced at the last session.

FEDERAL ROADS  
WILL BE PAVEDHighway Through Decatur  
To Be Hard-surfaced;  
Others To Be Paved

"United States road No. 27, extending from Sheboygan, Michigan, south through Angola, Fort Wayne, Decatur, Portland and Richmond, terminating at Cincinnati, Ohio, will be paved, as far as Indiana is concerned, as soon as the state finances will warrant it," said George E. Hershman, of Crown Point, a member of the state highway commission, last night at a dinner meeting of representatives from Indiana, Michigan and Ohio, held at Angola. Three hundred and sixty good roads boosters attended the session, which was held at the Masonic Temple, under the auspices of the Angola chamber of commerce.

It was stated at the meeting that the two federal roads passing through Angola and the three passing through Fort Wayne will be paved as soon as the necessary funds are provided by the state. The meeting was probably one of the most noteworthy ever held in the northern section of the state and the explanations of federal road system by Mr. Hershman, and Frank B. Rogers, a member of the Michigan highway commission, were most complete.

Mr. Hershman declared that the "only limit to hard surfacing roads in Indiana is the size of the treasury of the state with reference to the road funds."

"Indiana already has better rural roads than neighboring states and the distribution of the hard surfacing of the roads in the state must be conducted in such a manner as not to

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CONGRESS TODAY  
(By United Press)

Senate  
Senate meets for brief session. Privileges and elections subcommittee meets on Brookhart contest.

House  
Hoover to appear before irrigation and reclamation committee on Swing-Johnson bill.

Continues consideration of tax reduction bill.

Three Earthquake Shocks  
Are Recorded At St. Louis

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 10.—(United Press)—Three distinct earthquake shocks, the greatest lasting 13 minutes, were recorded on the seismograph at St. Louis university here today.

The tremors started recording at 8:20 a. m. and the last record was at 9:23 a. m.

Attendants said that the earthquake was about 1,700 miles away, probably in Central America. The impressions here were quite distinct, seismographers said.

WARN AGAINST  
CROWDING GYMSThree State Departments  
Issue Warning To High  
School Officials

Indianapolis, Dec. 10.—Three state departments joined today in issuing a warning to public school officials against permitting high school gymnasiums to be crowded to dangerous points during games.

The warning was issued to prevent a repetition of last year's experience in dealing with the situation.

Dixon Bynum, chairman of the state industrial board, Dr. Henry Sherwood, state superintendent of public instruction, and Alfred Houghton, state fire marshal, joined in issuing the warning.

Deputies from the industrial board and the fire marshal's office will attend numerous games during the basketball season to guard against over-crowding.

Volunteer Firemen At  
Berne Elect Officers

Berne, Dec. 10.—Chester Michaud was elected president of the Berne Volunteer Fire Department at a meeting held Monday night. Other officers elected were: Leonard Baumgartner, vice-president; David Stauffer, secretary; Elmer Lehman, treasurer; and Emil Liechty, inspector.

The fire chief and assistants are appointed by the council.

The present chief, Paul Felber, and his assistant, Frank Amstutz, will serve until the new council takes office, January 1. It is likely that both will be re-appointed.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS  
ELECT OFFICERSMethodist And Evangelical  
Schools Select Officials  
Last Night

John E. Nelson, Adams county clerk, was elected superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal Sunday School at the annual election of officers held last night at the church. Henry B. Heller was selected as assistant superintendent. Charles Downs was chosen as secretary and Harry E. Wagner was elected assistant secretary.

Charles H. Colter was elected superintendent of the branch secretaries. Other officers elected by the Sunday School board are as follows: Enrollment secretary, Roland J. Shamp; absentee secretary, Leigh Bowen; missionary secretary, Mrs. Leigh Bowen; Temperance secretary, Mrs. C. L. Walters; Special day secretary, Wilson Beery; assistants, Mrs. Cecile Moser, Miss Florence Haney, Mrs. Passwater; Supply secretary, Fred Hencher; assistants,

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GOOD FELLOWS CLUB  
Be A Good Fellow And Help  
Provide A Merry Christmas  
For The Kiddies.

Contributions to the Good Fellows Club today were as follows:  
Previous total ..... \$73.21  
B. P. O. Elks ..... 10.00  
Friend ..... .50  
Ministerial Association feels justified in calling this hearty support of the  
Total ..... \$84.56

FAVORS CREATION  
OF A BUREAU OF  
AIR NAVIGATIONNation's Executive Tells  
Congress That U. S. Leads  
In Aircraft DevelopmentAPPROVES REPORT OF  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(U. P. Staff Correspondent)  
Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—President Coolidge informed congress today that aircraft development in the United States is maintaining an advanced position.

In a letter submitting the eleventh annual report of the national advisory committee for aeronautics, which he characterized as "the most authoritative that can be had," the president supported the committee's recommendations for further scientific investigation and creation of a bureau of air navigation in the commerce department.

This report "should dispel the impression that America is lagging in the technical development of aircraft for military purposes," the president said.

Washington, Dec. 10.—(United Press)—A report recommending a department of national defense and agreeing with many criticisms of the present air policy as voiced by Colonel William Mitchell was unanimously adopted today by the house air craft committee.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—(United Press)—The United States ranks behind

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Trustees Are Forming  
A Legislative Program

Indianapolis, Dec. 10.—(United Press)—Formulation of the legislative program that will be sponsored by the Indiana State Association of Township Trustees in 1927 was already in progress today.

Resolutions were adopted at the annual convention calling for an amendment to the teachers' pension law and opposing measures for tenure of teachers' offices.

The association reiterated its flat-footed stand against the county unit plan of school government.

A conference was appointed to confer with Dr. Henry W. Sherwood, state superintendent of public instruction, and representatives of the Indiana Farm Bureau federation on measures that will be backed in 1917.

PASTORS REPORT  
SUPPORT IS GOODAll Organizations Said To  
Be Behind Simultaneous  
Evangelistic Meetings

At the Decatur Ministerial Association meeting held Wednesday, the evangelistic committee, consisting of the Rev. B. N. Covert, and the Rev. A. R. Fledderjohann, which was appointed to solicit the cooperation of the various organizations of the city during the simultaneous evangelistic services in January, reported a ready and generous response to their request. The Association realizes the value of a united cooperative spirit in an evangelistic campaign and is anxious that the entire community give its fullest allegiance to the program of the churches. Only thus can the churches of Decatur accomplish the most good for the city and individual. The citizens of Decatur as well as the members of its churches, will have opportunity to prove their appreciation of and tangible loyalty to the church. Believing firmly that no community can be at its best while the church is not thoroughly functioning, and realizing the great contribution the church should make to the moral and spiritual life of the community, the Ministerial Association feels justified in calling this hearty support of the entire community.