

WEATHER  
Partly cloudy to-  
night and Tuesday.  
Probably local thun-  
derstorms in east  
and south portions.  
Not much change in  
temperature.

# DECATUR DAILY DEMOCRAT

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Woman's Club, with  
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civic, literary, music  
and dramatic en-  
deavors. It was or-  
ganized in 1902.

## VETERANS OF 160TH RENEW FRIENDSHIPS

### MELLETT MURDER PROBE IS BEGUN BY GRAND JURY

Court Instructs Jury To  
Lose No Time In Consid-  
ering Evidence In Case

### DECISION EXPECTED BEFORE END OF WEEK

Canton, O., Aug. 16.—(Unit-  
ed Press)—The Starke county  
grand jury, expected to return  
indictments in connection with  
the murder of Don R. Mellett,  
publisher of the Canton Daily  
News, was charged by Judge A.  
W. Agler to lose no time in con-  
sidering evidence in the case  
when it convened here today.

A number of liquor cases had  
been scheduled for considera-  
tion ahead of the murder evi-  
dence.

Judge Agler's instructions will hasten  
action on the important case, and  
some decision by the jury is expected  
before the end of the week.

In his 3,000 word charge, Judge Agler  
stressed the importance of pro-  
tecting the innocent as well as pun-  
ishing the guilty. Investigators predicted  
a wholesale return of indictments in-  
volving several high officials.

Prosecutor C. McClintock, has asked  
attorney general C. C. Crabbe to ap-  
point James A. White, Columbus at-  
torney, former superintendent of the  
Ohio antislavery league, as special as-  
sistant prosecutor. It was learned. At-  
tention on the request is expected today.

### Social At Calvary Church Tuesday Night

A social will be held in the base-  
ment of the Calvary Evangelical  
church. The public is invited to attend.  
A program will be given at 7:30  
o'clock, after which various refresh-  
ments, such as ice-cream, pop, sand-  
wiches, watermelon, and home-made  
candy will be sold.

### SUGAR BEETS LOOKING GOOD

### Eleven More Acres In The Sugar Beet Club Are Re- measured By Committee

Eleven more Sugar Beet club mem-  
bers were visited Friday by a commit-  
tee, who measured their respective  
acres of sugar beets. Although the  
members had already measured and  
staked their plots, the sugar beet club  
rules provide that they be remeasured  
in order to eliminate any chance of  
error. Members visited were as fol-  
lows: Glen Rupert, Floyd Rupert, Naomi  
Schwartz, Huldah Schwartz, Walter  
Meyer, Virgil Henschen, Richard John-  
son, Harold Johnson, Ludella Fuell-  
ing, Ruth Noll, Theda Blecke.

According to Amos Stoneburner, rep-  
resentative of the Holland-St. Louis  
Sugar Company, who was in charge of  
the work Friday, the above members  
all have excellent prospects for good  
yields. Although last year, members  
hung up some mighty good tonnage  
records, some of them running better  
than twenty tons, it is thought possible  
that members may better this record  
this year.

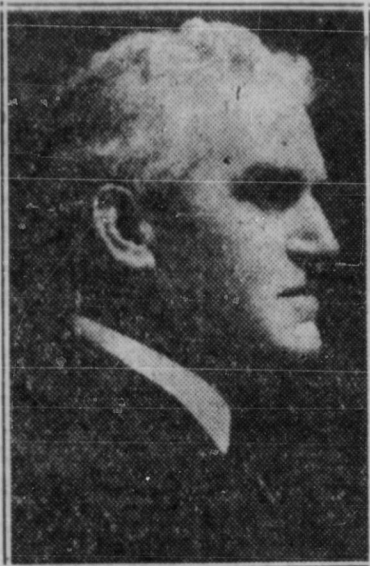
Although tonnage carries the most  
weight in determining the winner in  
the sugar beet club, various other fac-  
tors enter into the final ending of  
members. Basis of awarding premiums  
to the members is as follows: Tonnage  
per acre, 20 points; sugar per acre,  
15 points; cost per ton, 15 points; ex-  
hibit of six beets, 15 points; story,  
management and record, 35 points.

Thus far 21 members have had acres  
remeasured by the committee.

### Meeting Of Country Club Governors Postponed

The regular meeting of the Board  
of Governors of the Country Club,  
scheduled for this evening, will be  
postponed until further notice.

### Lieut. Colonel



W. L. KIGER  
W. L. Kiger, of Bluffton, was  
Lieutenant Colonel of 160th I.  
V. I., during the Spanish-American  
war. Lieut. Col. Kiger and  
his wife attended the reunion  
of the regiment here today.

### PREPARES FOR SCHOOL WORK

### County Attendance Officer Predicts Adherence To Attendance Rules

Nathan Nelson, Adams county at-  
tendance officer, is busily engaged  
this week preparing for the opening  
of Adams county schools next month.  
Mr. Nelson stated that practically the  
entire county cooperated with him in  
enforcing the attendance rules in this  
county, and he predicted that there  
would be very little trouble with fail-  
ure of parents to make their children  
attend school.

Mr. Nelson's position takes him over  
the entire county and it is his job to  
see that children under the age limit  
attend school. Since Mr. Nelson ac-  
cepted the appointment of attendance  
officer a year ago, there has been scar-  
cely no trouble and attendance records  
have been high in practically every  
township.

and their parents cannot keep them  
school they are classed as incorrigi-  
bles and are turned over to the county  
probation officer Mrs. Maude Dorwin.  
If nothing can be done, the children  
are sent to a state reform school.

This drastic measure is very seldom  
necessary in this county and Mr. Nel-  
son said that the attendance average  
in the entire county was far above  
average last year.

Miss Cannon Postpones Swim  
Capt. Gris Nez, France, Aug. 16.—  
(United Press)—Miss Lillian Cannon  
of Baltimore, who had planned to at-  
tempt to swim the English Channel  
over the weekend, was forced to post-  
pone her effort by unfavorable weath-  
er conditions.

### ORIGINAL SHEIK IS SERIOUSLY ILL

### Rudolph Valentino Fight- ing For His Life Follow- ing An Operation

New York, Aug. 16.—(United Press)  
—Rudolph Valentino, the movie actor  
whose love making has made thou-  
sands of flapper hearts beat faster, to-  
day was fighting for his life.

Five physicians and surgeons at-  
tended him at a hospital here, where  
he was operated upon yesterday for  
appendicitis and abdominal ulcers, af-  
ter he suddenly collapsed in his apart-  
ments at a hotel.

Hundreds of telegrams and notes  
from all over the country were held  
unopened at the hospital, awaiting the  
time when Valentino might read some  
of them. Telephone calls came from  
as far away as Chicago asking as to  
the idol's condition.

At the hospital doors a hundred girls  
and women were turned away after  
they had come through a rain to ask  
for the welfare of the man who had  
entranced them on the screen.

### 160TH MUSTERED IN MAY 12, 1898

### Veterans Meeting Here To- day Among The First To Answer Call To Service

The 160 Indiana Volunteer Infantry  
was one of the four regiments re-  
called on the first call for volunteers.  
The other three were the 157th, 158th and  
159th. The 160th regiment had 50  
officers and 973 enlisted men, or a  
total of 1,023. It was mustered in May  
12, 1898. The volunteers were stationed  
at Camp Mount, Indianapolis until May  
15, when it started southward. It  
departed from the station in Indian-  
apolis amid a storm of applause and  
crowds greeted the soldiers at every  
station along the route. The outfit  
reached Chattanooga Tenn., on the  
evening of May 17. The following  
morning the train was taken to Lytle,  
Georgia. Camp was made in Chicka-  
mauga Park, four miles away. The  
camp was named Camp Thomas in  
honor of Gen. George H. Thomas, who  
won fame there during the Civil war.

The 160th drilled at Camp Thomas  
The regiment was assigned to the  
First Brigade, Second Division, of the  
First Army Corps. Arms and equip-  
ment were issued to the regiment,  
June 7. On July 27, the 160th was  
ordered to report at Newport News,  
Va., to join the expedition invading  
Porto Rico. The outfit arrived at New-  
port News on the morning of July 30  
and went into camp on the banks of  
the St. James river. This camp was  
named Camp Grant. During the two  
weeks stay there, the soldiers had  
nothing to eat but hard-tack and bacon  
or canned beef. On August 21 the re-  
giment left for Lexington Kentucky,  
and arrived there August 23. Camp was  
made at Camp Mills. Peace being evi-  
dent, the soldiers in 160th felt that  
their duty as volunteers was done and  
dissatisfaction arose. The regiment  
marched on to a new camp, eight  
miles away.

### POSSES HUNT TRAIN BANDITS

### Indians And White Men Join In A Man Hunt In Wyoming Waste Lands

Rawlins, Wyo., Aug. 16.—(Unit-  
ed Press)—Indians and white men today  
were searching the western Wyoming  
waste lands for the two bandits who  
robbed a registered mail car on a  
Union Pacific train near here early  
Saturday.

Cowboys and national guardsmen  
joined in the hunt which is centering  
in the mountains near here in the be-  
lief the bandits sought to hide in a  
Jackson role country, long a favorite  
rendezvous of bandits because of its  
inaccessibility.

The Indians abandoned work of  
western motion pictures to join in the  
chase.

### Col. Roosevelt To Visit Indiana Aug. 30

Indianapolis, Aug. 16.—(Unit-  
ed Press)—Col. Theodore Roosevelt, son  
of the late President and former  
assistant secretary of the navy, will  
visit Indiana August 30 to address  
the state convention of the American  
Legion at Marion.

Roosevelt will stop in Indianapolis  
for a few hours of the morning of  
the 30th and will be the guest of the  
Service club at a breakfast in his  
honor. He is expected to relate some  
of his recent experiences on a scien-  
tific hunting expedition in the Hima-  
laya mountains.

From Marion, Roosevelt will pro-  
ceed to Madison, Wis., by way of  
Fort Wayne to speak at the opening  
day of the Wisconsin state fair.

### Cow Kicked to Death

Toulon, Ill., Aug. 16.—(United Press)  
—When a team of horses hitched to a  
wagon on which a cow was being car-  
ried, became frightened and ran away,  
the cow leaped from the wagon into  
the doubletrack and was kicked to  
death. The animals figuring in the  
unusual accident belonged to Frank  
Gerard.

### Ford Planes Due In Indianapolis Tomorrow

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 16.—(Unit-  
ed Press)—Final preparations are be-  
ing made today for Indianapolis' re-  
ception of the airplanes in the Ford  
reliability tour. The planes are due  
here tomorrow at noon.

A timing spot is being marked off  
at the Indianapolis motor speedway  
where the planes will land.

### PRESIDENT AND KELLOGG CONFER

### Situation In Mexico Dis- cussed At Conference At Summer White House

(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
Paul Smith's N. Y., Aug. 16.—(Unit-  
ed Press)—The situation in Mexico  
growing out of that republic's action  
against the church, drew secretary of  
state Kellogg and President Coolidge  
into conference today.

Secretary Kellogg arrived yesterday  
from Washington to discuss with Mr.  
Coolidge in person the events in the  
Mexican republic as they affect this  
country.

From the conferences it was expect-  
ed will come the answer to whether  
the United States will inject itself  
into the religious struggle or will con-  
tinue to hold that the question is one  
for the Mexican government to deal  
with alone and without interference.

### At The Reunion

The following veterans of the 160th  
Indiana Volunteer Infantry, of the  
Spanish-American war, and their  
wives had registered at the reunion  
headquarters here before noon to-  
day:

Regimental Staff  
Don C. R. Kocher, Reg. A. M. Sgt.;  
Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Kiger, Bluffton;  
L. L. Martz, Bluffton; Samuel E.  
Hitchcock, Bluffton; E. E. Kelsy,  
Huntington.

Company A  
Martin Luther Penn, Laketon; Wil-  
liam H. Pittenger, Monroe; H. E. Mc-  
Clure, Marion; Mrs. H. E. McClure,  
M. Holmes, Walla Walla, Wash.;  
John O. Frayer, Marion; P. A. Bogue,  
Lagro.

Company B  
Frank L. Smith, Sherwood, Ohio;  
R. S. Peterson, John Lenhard, Chas.  
T. Kitson, Decatur; Henry F. Tindall,  
Marion; W. A. Gault, Wabash; R. D.  
Myers, Edmund Fulton, William  
Noll, Charles Brothers, Decatur; G.  
A. Hahnert, Mrs. G. A. Hahnert, Mrs.  
Anna Essex, Monroe; James F. Hud-  
son, Sturgis, Mich; George F. Leag-  
er, Louisville, Ky.; Mr. and Mrs. J.  
C. Burkhead, Fort Wayne; O. L.  
Bruntinger, Mr. and Mrs. E. B.  
Macy, Frank S. Peterson, George W.  
Burrell, Charles B. Daly, Decatur;  
James Hakes, Wren, Ohio; Amos  
Fisher, Decatur; J. S. Buchanan,  
Willshire, Ohio; A. V. Tanvas, Mart  
Tanvas, Jesse B. Roop and Chas.  
Omior, Decatur.

Company C  
Wilber A. Phillips, Dayton, Ohio.  
Company D  
J. R. Winners, E. C. Carrouther,  
Ross A. Miller and D. F. Edwards,  
all of Wabash.

Company E  
Mr. and Mrs. A. E. McGinnis, Wol-  
cottville; J. C. Schlegel; Will Hesh-  
er, Petroleum; W. J. Yarger, Mont-  
pelier; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph C.  
Thomas, Bluffton; Dillan Myers,  
Bluffton; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mc-  
Cormick, Marion; Fred J. Tangema,  
Bluffton; W. Carl McBride, Auburn.

Company F  
Harry C. Reed, Decatur; James L.  
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### Intoxication Is Charged

Roy McClure, who resides east of  
this city, was arrested Saturday  
night by Officers Womack and Hoff-  
man on a charge of public intoxica-  
tion. He was found lying partly on  
the pavement of Belmont Road, east  
of the city. McClure was locked in  
the county jail Saturday night and  
was released on bond Sunday. He  
will be given a hearing in city court  
tonight.

### TEACHERS NAMED IN HARTFORD TP.

### D. A. Studler, Trustee Of Hartford Township, An- nounces Teaching Corps

D. A. Studler, of Hartford town-  
ship, has completed his list of in-  
structors for schools in that town-  
ship for the ensuing year and the list  
has been verified by County Super-  
intendent Clifton Striker. Mr. Strik-  
er announced today that all of the  
instructors for Hartford township  
are worthy teachers and he predicts  
one of the most successful school  
years ever experienced in Hartford  
township.

Teaching corps for the other ele-  
ven townships in Adams county will  
be announced soon, Mr. Striker said  
this morning. Most of the vacancies  
in the various schools of the county  
have been filled and the trustees  
announce that they are ready for  
the opening of schools September 6.

The list of teachers for Hartford  
township is as follows:

High school—Frank McDee Smith,  
principal; Charles Kizer, Miss Esth-  
er Munro and Miss Midge Stuckey.  
Grammar grades at high school build-  
ing—Victor Elcher. Intermediate  
grades, Harold Windmiller. Primary  
grades, Mary Schlangenhauf, Janitor,  
William Anderson.

Linn Grove school—Lester Reyn-  
olds, grammar grades and principal;  
Edna Glendenning, intermediate;  
Wilma Spichiger, primary. Janitor,  
John P. Steiner.

Mr. Studler announced that Mr.  
Windmiller, also, would have charge  
of the Hartford high school basket-  
ball team, which was one of the out-  
standing teams of the county last  
season. Hartford township basket-  
ball fans say that their team this  
year will be even better than last  
year's.

### COAL BOOM IN INDIANA SEEN

### Prolonged British Miners' Strike Increases Demand For Indiana Coal

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 16.—(Unit-  
ed Press)—The prolonged British  
miners' strike is beginning to be felt  
in Indiana, according to President E.  
D. Logston, of the Knox Consolidated  
Coal Company who predicts a boom  
in Indiana's coal business because of  
the shortage being created by the  
British strike.

Logston's predictions come on the  
heels of a 25 cent to \$1 per ton in-  
crease in the price of coal. This in-  
crease brought the present price to a  
level of 50 cents higher than the aver-  
age price at this time last year.

"Depletion of the Nation's coal sup-  
ply by heavy exporting," Logston  
said, "has widened the market for  
Indiana coal and definitely lifted the  
state's mining industry out of its post  
war slump."

"If exportation continues at the pre-  
sent rate and cold weather arrives  
early, it is possible that production in  
Indiana bituminous mines will reach  
the peak of the war time production  
which was 100 per cent higher than  
pre war production. In the last two  
months production has jumped to with-  
in 35 per cent of the war time peak."

Logston said, however, that the In-  
diana coal is not being exported but is  
being sent into the east to replace the  
coal exported from that territory.

### Ex-Trustees To Hold Annual Reunion, Aug. 25

The annual picnic of the township  
trustees elected in the year 1908 and  
inducted into office on January, 1909,  
and serving until December 31, 1914,  
will be held this year at the residence  
of Charles E. Magley, in Root town-  
ship, on Wednesday, August 25. All  
the members of this organization are  
earnestly requested to take notice and  
be present on this occasion, an en-  
joyable time is anticipated.

### President



R. D. MYERS  
R. D. Myers, of Decatur, who  
served as second lieutenant of  
Company B, 160th I. V. I., dur-  
ing the Spanish-American war,  
was president of the regimental  
reunion held here today.

### CHARGE PLOT AGAINST MEXICO

### 150 Men Held Following Discovery Of Alleged Plot On Government

San Diego, Calif., Aug. 16.—(Unit-  
ed Press)—Facing charges of plotting  
a revolution in Mexico, 150 men, head-  
ed by General Enrique Estrada, former  
Mexican secretary of war, were in the  
county jail here today as the result  
of widespread week-end round-up.

A heavily armored car, guns, ammu-  
nition and other equipment to be used  
in the proposed descent on towns be-  
low the border were included in the  
loot taken.

Along with General Estrada, his  
chief of staff, General Aurelio Sepul-  
veda and Earl O. Parker, local hard-  
ware and arms dealer, also were cap-  
tured.

### Sunday Movies Again Result In Arrests

Columbus, Ind., Aug. 16.—(Unit-  
ed Press)—Frank Rembusch, operator of  
the Crown theatre here, today was a  
prisoner of the police after a  
police raid of his movie house on  
charges of Sabbath desecration.

The manager and two employees  
were taken into custody for the third  
time in three weeks when they tried  
to operate the show as a charity bene-  
fit on Sunday evening.

### Two Erie Trains Collide In New Jersey

Jersey City, N. J., Aug. 16.—(Unit-  
ed Press)—Two Erie railroad trains  
collided head-on in the Erie railroad  
terminal here today.

Seven persons were injured so se-  
riously they were taken to hospitals  
while 12 others were slightly hurt and  
taken to their homes after receiving  
emergency treatment.

### CORN BORER IN THREE COUNTIES

### Dreaded Pest Discovered In DeKalb, Steuben And Allen Counties

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 16.—(Unit-  
ed Press)—The fear of the European  
Soru borer in Indiana has materialized  
in three counties it was discovered  
today when state and government of-  
ficials began an extensive survey.

The dread borer has been found in  
dangerous numbers in five DeKalb  
county townships, four Steuben and  
one Allen, according to telephone re-  
ports from Frank N. Wallace, state  
entomologist.

Wallace acting for the state is be-  
ing assisted by L. H. Worthy, federal  
administrator of the corn borer con-  
trol and fifteen government operatives.  
With Worthy on the spot, it is ex-  
pected that Wallace will draw a quar-  
antine line about the area and prob-  
ably the export of any corn in that area.

### SCORES OF WAR VETERANS MEET IN REUNION HERE

### Veterans Of 160th Regi- ment, Spanish - American War, Meet Here Today

### NEXT REUNION IN HUNTINGTON

Veterans of the 160th Indi-  
ana Volunteer Infantry, who  
served for one year during the  
Spanish-American war in Cuba,  
met in Decatur today for their  
annual reunion. A total of 108  
veterans registered before  
noon today and several others  
came for the afternoon session.  
It was estimated this afternoon  
that 125 or 130 veterans were  
in attendance. Many of them  
were accompanied by their  
wives.

The next reunion of the regiment  
will be held in Huntington, on the  
third Monday in August. The Hun-  
tington veterans had not chosen their  
president to take charge of plans  
for the reunion, at a late hour this  
afternoon. H. W. Elser, of Bluffton,  
is the permanent secretary of the  
organization. He was unable to at-  
tend the reunion today. He is attend-  
ing a national meeting of the veter-  
ans.

Lieut. Colonel Here  
Heading the list of visitors today,  
was W. L. Kiger, of Bluffton, who  
was Lieutenant Colonel of the re-  
giment. He was accompanied by Mrs.  
Kiger. Colonel George W. Gunder,  
of Marion, was unable to attend the  
reunion, on account of illness.

R. D. Myers, of this city, was pres-  
ident of the reunion today. Mr.  
Myers served as a second lieutenant  
of Company B, in the 160th regiment.

The reunion opened this morning  
at 9 o'clock, with registration of the  
veterans and their wives in a tent  
erected at the west side of the court  
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### SWIMMING POOL CLEANED AGAIN

### City Pool Is Drained And Cleaned Sunday Night; Exhibitions Planned

The municipal swimming pool re-  
ceived another thorough cleansing  
Sunday night. The big pool was  
drained after hundreds of persons had  
taken a dip Sunday afternoon and the  
city firemen cleaned the walls and  
floor with the fire hose. The work of  
refilling the big tank was started im-  
mediately after the cleaning was fin-  
ished, but it will be three or four days  
before it is filled again. H. L. Curtis,  
athletic director of the city schools,  
who has charge of the pool, stated to-  
day that it likely would be opened for  
children Wednesday afternoon, but  
adults will be unable to use it before  
Thursday night.

A large number of bathers took ad-  
vantage of the pool Sunday afternoon.  
A professional diver and swimmer  
from Fort Wayne was present during  
the afternoon and gave exhibitions in  
fancy and high diving and in swim-  
ing. He climbed to the top of the light  
pole at the south end of the pool,  
which is about 30 feet high, and dived  
into the pool several times. He also  
did fancy diving from the spring  
boards and he swam across the pool  
with his hands and feet tied.

It is planned to have a program of  
diving and swimming exhibitions and  
life-saving tests at the city pool on  
Thursday evening, September 9, at  
which time the Fort Wayne diver will  
return and give exhibitions.

J. D. Saffron, Red Cross life-guard  
and swimming instructor who has been  
giving instructions in the local pool  
and the pools at Geneva and Berns,  
this summer, was able to return to  
this city Sunday afternoon, after be-  
ing confined to his home in Fort  
Wayne for several days with an infec-  
tion of one ear. He will resume his  
work here Wednesday.