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DEATH CLAIMS RUDOLPH VALENTINO

SUPREME COURT TO HEAR DALE'S APPEAL SEPT. 27

High Tribunal to Rule on
Sentence Imposed on
Muncie Editor

RULING TO END LENGTHY FIGHT

Indianapolis—Hearing on the appeal of George R. Dale, publisher of the Muncie Post-Democrat, from the recently sustained decision of the Delaware circuit court that he should serve a jail sentence for contempt, will be heard before the United States Supreme Court at Washington, on September 27, it was learned today.

Dale's troubles arose two years ago when he criticized Judge Clarence E. Dearth, of the Delaware court, and caused the grand jury. He was cited for indirect contempt and repeated the statements in his legal answer resulting in a citation for direct contempt.

On each of the charges, he received three months jail sentence and \$500 fines. Supreme court sustained the indirect charge, but reversed the other. Dale's appeal is based on the contention that the court was dominated by the Ku Klux Klan and, in reality, was not a court.

He claims that he was being persecuted by the Klan through the judge and being deprived of his constitutional rights as a publisher and citizen.

In one of his pleadings, Dale averred that he once killed a Kluxer who had sought to intimidate him, but that he was never indicted.

Sudduth Baby Dies Shortly After Birth

Mary Wavlene, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sudduth, residing one and one-half miles west of Decatur, died at 12:15 o'clock this morning. The baby was born at 6 o'clock Sunday evening. Surviving are the parents, one brother, Argo, and one sister, Reba. One sister died in infancy. The funeral will be held at the home at 1:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, with the Rev. Cecil R. Smith, pastor of the United Brethren church, officiating. Burial will be made in the Decatur cemetery.

DEMOCRATS TO MEET FRIDAY

Candidates for Township
and County Offices to
Meet at Headquarters.

All Democratic candidates for township and county offices in Adams county will meet in Decatur, at Democratic headquarters, next Friday night, at 7 o'clock. County Chairman Dick Heller announced this morning. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss plans for the campaign this fall.

The present plans are to have several prominent speakers of state and nation wide scope come to Adams county during the campaign and deliver addresses. Democratic headquarters will be opened about the middle of September and will remain open until after the November election.

No one has been selected to act as permanent secretary at headquarters, but it is expected that a selection will be made in the next few days. The precinct committeemen will be called together the week of September 12 to organize and make plans for the election. Friday night's meeting will be for candidates only, and all township and county candidates are requested to be present.

The district democratic committee, composed of county chairmen for Jay, Wells, Delaware, Madison, Randolph and Adams counties, will meet at Winchester, Tuesday night of this week, to complete plans for the campaign in the entire district.

Tax Rate for Public Library Is Established

The proposed tax rate for the Decatur Public Library board for next year is the same as that in effect this year. The levy in the city of Decatur is fixed at five cents and in Washington township one cent on the hundred dollars. The five-cent levy will raise a budget of \$3,964.69, while the one-cent levy raises \$364.72, a total of \$4,329.41. The trustees will adopt the rate on September 14.

CERTAIN VOTERS MUST REGISTER

Secretary of Democratic
State Committee Explains the Law

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 23.—Certain classes of voters must register if they are to vote in the election this fall, Marshall Williams, secretary of the Democratic state central committee, said here today.

Mr. Williams called to the attention of the voters of the state generally and of party leaders the provisions of the registration law as it now stands.

The period for registering he stated is September 4 to October 4.

Negotiations are now under way between the Democratic and Republican state central committees for an inter-party agreement to accept as valid and to abide by the permanent registration law of 1925. Under this agreement which it is now expected will be concluded at an early date, both parties bind themselves not to contest the constitutionality of the amended registration law of 1925 or the validity of the elections held under it.

The general rule, laid down by the law as amended by the last legislature, is that all persons are considered to be permanently registered who voted in the general election of 1924 and who have not since moved from the precinct in which they resided at the time of that election.

The following classes of persons must register in order to vote on November 2, according to Mr. Williams' statement:

1. All persons who were not 21 years of age at the time of the general election in November, 1924, but who will be 21 or over on November 2, 1926.

2. All persons who did not vote at the general election in 1924.

3. All persons who voted at the general election of 1924 but who have since moved out of the precinct in which they resided at the time of that election.

4. All persons whose precinct boundaries have been changed since the general election of 1924.

The local registration board sits from September 4 to October 4 to receive applications for registration. The board is composed of the county auditor and one person of opposite politics to that of the auditor. The board sits in the county auditor's office.

Seven Men Killed when Freight Jumps Track

Princeton, Ill., Aug. 23.—(United Press)—Seven men enroute to a work camp were killed, and three more were injured, when the freight train on which they were riding jumped the track at Wyandott near here late yesterday. All had been members of an extra gang working near Galsburg, and were riding on top of an oil tank car when a brake had broken, and 10 cars toppled over an embankment.

Many People Buy Lots In Belmont Park Division

Many Decatur people took advantage of the lot sale held by Colonel Fred Reppert and his Auction school students at Belmont park, Saturday afternoon, and purchased lots in the popular sub-division at Belmont park. All of the lots offered were sold, and it is probable that several of the purchasers will start building homes in the sub-division yet this year. Many of the lots were sold at low prices. The modern home offered for public auction was purchased by John Hill, of this city.

William H. Taft Discusses Crime Situation In U. S.

Chief Justice of U. S. Supreme Court and ex-President of United States. Explains Defects in Administration of American Criminal Law; Holds Defects Not Beyond Remedy; has Optimistic View as to Future.

Editor's Note: William Howard Taft, chief justice of the United States Supreme court and the nation's only living ex-president, has given to the United Press an exclusive interview, dealing with the crime situation in the United States—a subject now occupying keen interest of private and public investigations throughout the country.

The interview will be carried by the United Press in two installments. The first installment, which follows, contains an analysis of legal phases of the crime situation. Tomorrow's installment will deal with some of the more human elements of the situation.

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Pointe Au Pic, Murray Bay Quebec, Aug. 23.—(United Press)—Defects in administration of American criminal law were explained in an exclusive interview with the United Press, by William Howard Taft, Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court as due chiefly to—

Weakness of Judges' powers by restrictive state statutes.

Lack of organization of the judicial force so as to mass an adequate number of judges where business prosecution is congested.

But the defects, he held, are not beyond remedy, and he took an optimistic view as to the future of American disposition of crime cases. He expressed delight at America's awakening to the situation involved in lax administration of crime laws. He predicted that the American people "when they realize the grand total of destruction of life and property, due to the failure on the part of legislatures to make provision, financial and otherwise, for adequate police, for adequate detection of crime and adequate machinery for prosecuting, will make the legislature."

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ORCHESTRA HAS ITSELF ARRESTED

Musicians Pull New Stunt
in Sunday Dance Fight
Yesterday

Hartford City, Aug. 23.—In order to prevent any delay in the dance at the Adolphus Gardens dance hall, west of Montpelier, last night, which would be caused by possible arrest of the orchestra and manager of warrants filed by Blackford county farmers, the members of the orchestra and the manager each had themselves arrested about 5:30 o'clock Sunday evening, on charges of following their usual avocations on Sunday. Each was fined \$5 and costs and they appealed their cases to the circuit court. The cases were disposed of before the time for the regular Sunday evening dance to start.

The orchestra, composed of six musicians, went to the dance hall and played one or two selections while three or four couples danced about 5:30 o'clock. The affidavits against them were signed by H. C. Hopper, farmer residing in another township from the one in which the dance hall is located. Since one case was pending against the musicians when the night dance was started, they could not be arrested on the same charge, so the farmers who had been fighting the Sunday dances made no effort to have the musicians arrested again.

Kirkland Orchestra To Give a Social

The members of the Kirkland orchestra will give an ice cream social on the Kirkland high school lawn, Tuesday evening, August 24. A program has been arranged and a concert will be given by the orchestra. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Film Star Dies



Rudolph Valentino

AUTO DITCHED NEAR DECATUR

Car Driven by Muncie Man
Is Sideswiped on State
Road South of City

An automobile accident occurred yesterday on the Linberlost Trail, state road 21, south of this city near the Henry Elting farm, when a car driven by an unknown person sideswiped a Dodge touring car owned by a man from Muncie, when it attempted to go around the Muncie car.

The Muncie car was thrown into the ditch and was damaged considerably. It was taken from the ditch and put in the Elting farm yard, and the occupants proceeded to Muncie via train. One of the occupants were seriously injured.

Only a few other minor accidents were reported near this city over the week-end, and no one was injured to any great extent.

MISS BARRETT BEATEN AGAIN

American Girl Abandons
Attempt to Swim Chan-
nel; Covers 5 Miles

Dover, Eng., Aug. 23.—(United Press)—Clara Belle Barrett, who started to swim the English channel today, abandoned her attempt when five miles off shore at 5:30 p.m. Seasickness and cold forced the abandonment.

Dover, Eng., Aug. 23.—Clara Belle Barrett, swimming instructor of New Rochelle, N. Y., at 1:40 p.m., today began her second attempt to swim the English channel.

Miss Barrett entered the water here accompanied by Kathleen Huntley of Dover. The sea was moderate and the tide was expected to take the swimmer outside the Goodwin lightship. She used a crawl stroke at the start.

At 2:40 p.m. after one hour in the water, Miss Barrett was two miles off shore. Mrs. Clement Corson, a Danish-American swimmer from New York, departed from Cape Gris Nez, France, today with the intention of entering the water there at 11 p.m., in an effort to swim the channel.

PLANS FOR FAIR NEAR COMPLETION

Practically All Space in All
Departments Sold; Wed-
nesday School Day

With practically all space in all departments sold, final arrangements were started today for the Northern Indiana Fair, which will open here a week from Wednesday, September 1, and continue until Saturday, night, September 4. Day and night programs will be given on each of the four days of the big event.

Wednesday will be school day at the fair and all school children of the county will be admitted to the fair free on that day. Four bands have been engaged to furnish music for the fair.

Family tickets for the fair, which will admit the heads of families and all of their children each day and night, have been on sale for the last two weeks and a large number have been sold. The sale of family tickets will end on Saturday, August 28, and none will be sold at the gate. Day admission to the fair will be fifty cents and night admission will be twenty-five cents. A charge of twenty-five cents will be made for automobiles.

Fast Races Expected

It is expected that the speed program at the fair this year will be a great feature. One big attraction at the races will be the appearance of Miss Alice Paul, owned by Penn Robinson, of Decatur, in the 2:12 pace. The track is in fine condition and record time is expected in the races.

The automobile exhibit will be the largest ever held in Adams county. It is said. There will be displays of fifteen makes of motor cars and trucks, with from one to four models of each make.

The poultry exhibit will be exceptionally large, judging from the large number of entries already received. In addition to the regular cash premiums offered by the fair association.

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LITTER WEIGHS 2,678 POUNDS

Joe P. Habegger, Monroe
Township, Feeds Heavy
Litter of Pigs

About twenty neighbors, friends and business men from Decatur and Berne gathered at the Joe P. Habegger farm, south of Mornoe, Friday evening, to witness the weighing of one of Habegger's ton litters. The litter consisted of 11 high grade Chester Whites and their weight totaled 2,678 pounds, or an average of 245 pounds. The hogs showed the effects of extra good care and a balanced ration and undoubtedly will make excellent pork.

The litter was exactly 180 days old. Having been farrowed February 21. It is the heaviest litter weighed in Adams county so far this year.

Habegger's litter is one of three he entered in the Hoosier Ton Litter Club. The other litters consist, respectively, of 10 and 11 pigs and will be weighed next Friday evening at 6:15 o'clock, when those interested are invited to attend. The 32 pigs were fed in one drove.

Regarding the feeding of the litters, Mr. Habegger said, "as soon as the pigs began to eat, I gave them shelled corn in a 'creep' their mothers could not enter. Before they were weaned they were receiving slop made of ground oats, middlings, oil meal and semi-solid buttermilk." Habegger explained having them on practically full feed before weaning enabled him to remove them from their mothers.

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Quakers Meet at Muncie

Muncie, Ind., Aug. 23.—(United Press)—Friends of Eastern Indiana, Western Ohio and Southwestern Michigan are here for the Indiana yearly meeting of friends which opened here today. About 17,500 friends of the district are represented at the conference.

Demarcus C. Brown, Head Of State Library, Dies

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 23.—(United Press)—Friends of Demarcus C. Brown, 69, today mourned the death of the man who for twenty years was head of the State Library here.

Death resulted from a sudden relapse following an operation necessitated by six months of ill health.

Brown had tendered his resignation as State Librarian several weeks ago, effective September 1.

FRANK WALLACE TO SPEAK HERE

State Entomologist Will
Speak on Corn Borer at
Rotary Club

Each member of the Decatur Rotary club has invited a farmer guest for the meeting to be held Thursday evening, at Belmont Park, at which time Hon. Frank N. Wallace, state entomologist, will talk on the evils of the corn borer and how to destroy the pest. Plans have been completed for the meeting and the Rotarians hope to have at least 45 farmers present at the meeting. Each Rotarian has extended an invitation to a farmer friend in the county to attend the luncheon and meeting.

Mr. Wallace will deliver his talk following the luncheon meeting. The meeting will be held in the auction school room at the park and the farmers who have been invited to the meeting, are requested to meet there. The meeting will be held at 6:15 o'clock.

One purpose of the meeting is to widen the acquaintanceships among the Decatur business men and farmers and, according to the plans made, farmers from every township in the county have been invited to attend the meeting.

Although the corn borer has not infested the corn crop in this county, the pest has been found in Allen, Steuben and DeKalb counties and in Ohio and the Adams county farmers are deeply interested in the subject. Mr. Wallace, who has made a study of the pest, will more than likely suggest means of destroying it if it does appear in this county.

John H. Carmody, who extended the invitation to Mr. Wallace to attend the meeting, received a letter from him stating that he would be here Thursday evening at 6 o'clock.

Pola Negri Collapses When Informed of Death of Rudolph Valentino

Hollywood, Cal., Aug. 23.—(United Press)—Pola Negri collapsed in her bungalow at the Ambassador hotel today when informed of the death of Rudolph Valentino.

Prostrated with grief, the polish star swooned without a word of comment when informed by her personal maid that the great screen lover, her reported fiancé, had succumbed.

The house physician at the Ambassador rushed to Miss Negri's bungalow and the star's personal doctors were summoned, also.

Mrs. Noble's Pupils to Give a Recital

Several of the music pupils of Mrs. C. C. Noble will give a recital at Mrs. Noble's home, 346 South Third street, Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Noble is a graduate of the European School of Music, and has studied with various well-known European teachers. The friends and general public are cordially invited to attend the recital.

Odd Fellows to Meet

A meeting of the Odd Fellows lodge will be held this evening at 8 o'clock. Initiatory degree work will be conferred and members are urged to be present.

Drowns in Lake Michigan

Michigan City, Ind., Aug. 23.—(United Press)—Funeral arrangements were being made today for Marie Worgonic, 16, of Cicero, Ill., who was drowned when caught in an undertow while swimming in Lake Michigan near here.

FAMOUS MOTION PICTURE ACTOR LOSES BATTLE

Son of Italian Farmer Dies
After Reaching Heights
of Fame in U. S.

DEATH FOLLOWS AN OPERATION

New York, Aug. 23.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Rudolph Valentino, who came to this country as an emigrant gardener and rose to the heights of fame as an actor, died at the Polyclinic Hospital here today. Humbly born the son of a farmer in Italy he died with four skilled physicians at his bedside and with the country waiting each word from his sick room almost as it waits for word from the sick chamber of a president.

The actor was 31 years old. He was born on May 5, 1895.

The last official bulletin was issued shortly before noon when it was admitted that the actor was "rapidly failing."

His temperature had mounted to 105. His pulse was hammering at the rate of 140 strokes to the minute. His respiration was 30 to the minute. In a few minutes, the actor was dead.

The operation was performed a week ago Sunday. Valentino had been in New York in connection with the release of one of his pictures, "The Son of the Sheik." He had attended several parties and was in a gay mood most of the week preceding his illness.

After he had been stricken by acute appendicitis he was taken to the hospital.

The ulcerous condition was said to be more of a menace to his health than the appendicitis.

At first it was believed the operation had been completely successful. On Tuesday it was known that peritonitis had developed, but physicians said it was localized.

The hospital meanwhile was besieged by visits and telephone calls from thousands of those whose hours had been made happier by Valentino's screen appearances.

Police there was a report of his death, and extra girls were assigned.

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NEW COTTAGE IS DEDICATED

Decatur Epworth Leaguers
Dedicated New Cottage
at Webster Sunday

Approximately two hundred Decatur Methodists attended the dedication of the new cottage at Epworth Forest, Lake Webster, erected by the Epworth League of the First Methodist church of this city, which was held Sunday afternoon. All took their dinners with them and a cafeteria meal was enjoyed in the cottage at noon. Two long tables were heaped full of good things to eat.

Following the dinner, a dedicatory program was held. W. F. Beery presided as chairman of the meeting and led in the singing. Talks on the youth in the church of fifty years ago, of twenty-five years ago and of today were given by Frank Brokaw, C. L. Walters and Miss Bernice Nelson, respectively. Three former pastors of the Decatur Methodist church were present and made brief talks, congratulating the Decatur people on the fine cottage. They were the Rev. F. F. Thornburg, new superintendent of the Richmond district of the Northern Indiana Conference; the Rev. U. S. A. Bridges, now superintendent of the Wabash district; and the Rev. Charles Tinkham, now pastor of a Methodist church in Elkhart. Jay Olinger, of Garrett, president of the Fort Wayne district of the Epworth League, also made a few remarks.

The principal dedicatory address

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