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## ADAMS SEEKS CONGRESSIONAL PROBE

### MARSH DENIES HE AND UPHAM HAD UNDERSTANDING

National Democratic Treasurer Says He Did Not Agree To Conceal Gifts

### RESIGNATION OF MELLON DEMANDED

Washington, March 21.—(U.P.)—Wilbur Marsh, treasurer of Democratic national committee, told the senate today that he had no understanding with the late Fred Upham, treasurer of the Republican national committee, to conceal campaign contributions. A subcommittee at Chicago had received testimony as to such an alleged agreement.

Meanwhile, Senator Couzens, Rep., Mich., announced he would consent to no substantial delay in action on his resolution to demand the resignation of Secretary of the Treasury Mellon.

The independent bloc of a dozen senators is firmly behind Couzens as are most of the Democrats. If the Democrats continue to hold together, the resolution is expected to pass by a substantial majority.

Private investigators are working on new leads for additional subpoenas for the oil quiz. One of them inspected bank accounts in Sullivan, Ind., home of Will Hays.

Marsh said the Democrats received no contributions he would desire to conceal or any "unusual" contributions.

Upham's secretaries, Irl Hipsley, and A. V. Leonard, had testified Upham had informed them of a secret understanding with Marsh.

"There was never any such agreement nor conversation relating to such an agreement," Marsh said.

"My relations with Upham were cordially friendly."

Marsh, treasurer of the Democratic committee from 1916 to 1924, said the party deficit for the 1920 campaign was \$200,000 and the 1922 deficit was about the same.

Chairman Nye asked Marsh if he knew that E. L. Doherty, lessee of the Elk Hills Naval reserve, contributed \$75,000.

Walsh interrupted to say Doherty had said he gave \$75,000 to the Democrats while George White, who received the contribution, said Doherty gave only \$32,000.

"Whatever Doherty gave is all a part of our record," Marsh said.

### Man's Arm Torn From Body In Factory Accident

Jeffersonville, Ind., March 21.—(INS)—John Sauer, 48, employee of the Louisville Cement Company at Speed, Indiana, met with a horrible accident while working in the kiln room.

The sleeve of his left arm was caught in the whirling shafting. Sauer was sucked in and his left arm was torn from the body at the shoulder.

Sauer's condition is critical.

### TO GIVE PLAY FRIDAY NIGHT

### Jefferson High School Junior's To Present, "Peggy's Chauffeur"

The Junior Class of the Jefferson township high school will present a comedy drama in three acts, entitled "Peggy's Chauffeur," Friday evening, March 23, at the school auditorium.

The cast of the play follows: Timothy Trumbull, from Chicago, Minn., a poor relative... Paul Stolz, Captain Hal Adams, of Grand Island Naval aviation, Gale Burcher, Jim Adams, his son... James Duff, Lieut. Reddington Phelps, in love with Persis Adams... Jay Walter, Lieut. Grant Santley, a brother officer... Chester Hanes, Rear Admiral Clyde, Commandant... Charles Stolz, Rev. Dallas, chaplain... Theodore Morningstar, Samuel Hilton, New York banker... Cecil Smitley, Mrs. Emma Adams, wife of Captain Adams... Ruth Rumble, Persis Adams, the younger daughter called "Peggy"... Alta Mae Buyer, Mrs. Blossom Farnham, the older daughter... Ruth Teetee, Viola Chapman, wife of Emma, also a poor relation... Mary Catherine Fifer, Mrs. Clyde, wife of Commandant Clyde... Beulah Ketchum, Dnah, the Adams colored maid... Mildred Morningstar

### Spurns Movie Offers



Lady Georgiana Sholto Douglas, wealthy Londoner, who journeyed all the way from her home town to Hollywood, intending to work in the movies, is on her way home disgusted. "All this talk of big salaries paid stars is what you call the bunk," avers Lady Douglas, as she turns her back on screen offers.

### FARM MEETING HELD AT BERNE

### Earl Crawford Is Chief Speaker; Similar Meeting Here This Evening

Berne, March 21.—(Special)—More than 350 farmers and business men from the southern part of Adams county attended a farm bureau meeting at the Berne Community auditorium last night Earl Crawford, a former farm bureau employee and Democratic candidate for governor, was the chief speaker.

Mr. Crawford was introduced by Senator Thurman A. Gottschalk, of Berne. He talked on farm problems and relief. Following Mr. Crawford's address, several other Adams county citizens were introduced, including Felix Graber, of the Cloverleaf Creameries, and Ferd Christen, Adams county agent, who made short talks.

Following the meeting, the resolution adopted recently by the Adams county farm bureau was read and all those attending the meeting were asked to sign the resolution concerning the "corn borer cleanup" in Adams county. A large number of the farmers signed the resolution.

A similar meeting for farmers of the north part of Adams county will be held tonight at 7 o'clock in the high school auditorium in Decatur. All Decatur citizens also are invited to attend.

The meetings are being held under the auspices of the farm bureau and are chiefly for the farmer. All interested persons, however, are invited to attend.

### County Council To Hold Special Meeting April 3

A special meeting of the Adams county council will be held on Tuesday April 3, at the auditor's office in the court house in this city, for the purpose of making appropriations for certain funds. The appropriations which the council will consider are: auditor's office expense, \$600; treasurer's office expense \$300; attendance officer's per diem, \$225; court house repair, \$400; Irene Byron sanatorium, \$1,200; Burk bridge, \$970; Haviland bridge \$4,500; Monroe street bridge, \$900. The latter is for the repair of the Monroe street bridge in Decatur.

### Fourth Lenten Sermon Given At Catholic Church

The Rev. Father Charles Girardot, of Bluffton, delivered the fourth of his series of Lenten sermons at St. Mary's Catholic church last night. Father Girardot spoke on "Life" and the spiritual help offered by the Catholic church in overcoming the physical hardships. The Rev. William Collins conducted the services of the reciting of the Litany of St. Joseph and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, following the sermon. On Friday evening, the Lenten services of the Way of the Cross and Benediction will be held.

### TWO ORDINANCES TO BE REDRAFTED BY CITY COUNCIL

### Committee To Alter Plumbing And Weed Cutting Ordinances

### OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE COUNCIL

The judiciary committee was authorized by the city council last night to redraft the plumber's ordinance and the ordinance pertaining to the cutting of weeds in the city. The committee will meet with City Attorney J. Fred Fruchte Friday night and prepare drafts for the two ordinances. They will be submitted to the council on April 2 for passage.

The present plumber's ordinance is now a part of several ordinances and the council wishes to have the sections of the old ordinances repealed and a separate ordinance passed. It is not known what changes the committee will make in the present ordinance, except that it will regulate the plumbing trade in Decatur.

The new ordinance regulating the cutting of weeds will make it easier for the city to enforce the ordinance and, if the property owner fails to cost of doing so by the city will be added to the tax duplicate.

### Want Alley Paved

The petitions of Miller and Son and others for the bricking of the alley between the Miller's bakery building and the Zwick and Myers store on Second street, and then south to Monroe street was filed with the council and referred to the street and sewer committee. As there is a dispute concerning the property line on the south alley, the committee will investigate the matter before allowing the petition.

The street and sewer committee granted the petition of Carl Shafer and others for the improvement of Nuttman avenue, from Fifth street, west to the Pennsylvania tracks. The street will be improved with cement sidewalks and curb on both sides of the main track of the highway, which will be improved by the township.

### Order Plans For Improvement

The city engineer was instructed to prepare plans and specifications for

### LIFE OF DOOMED WOMAN IS SPARED

### Canadian Court Commutes Death Sentence Of Young American Woman

By James R. Kelly, UP Staff Correspondent

Montreal, Que., Mar. 21.—(U.P.)—Doris McDonald faced a new life today—a life behind prison bars.

While her husband, George, must go to the gallows Friday morning for the murder of Adelard Bouchard, she has been saved that fate. In Ottawa last night her death sentence was commuted to life imprisonment.

The young American woman, who in the woman's prison here today still preparing for her death. The commutation of sentence came suddenly. It had been rumored, but there had been little basis for the rumor.

In prayer, she had prepared for the climb up the brilliantly painted gallows at Valley field Friday to join her young husband in their last trust—one with death.

Now that trust is gone. Only George, the young Nova Scotian lad, will go to the gallows Friday morning. The official board in Quebec did not give him a commutation of sentence.

Only this week an affidavit became public in which McDonald sought to spare his wife from death on the gallows. The affidavit said she had no part in the killing of Bouchard, that a confession she made in Denver was wrong and that he alone should be punished.

Attorneys for Mrs. McDonald went to Ottawa with this affidavit. They presented it to the minister of justice and asked leniency for her.

### Tree Cutter Killed

Hammond, Ind., Mar. 21.—(U.P.)—Stumbling over a tree, which he had just felled, George Thompson, farmer, of Deep River, was crushed to death by another tree which was falling when he stumbled.

### Catherine Winters Mysteriously Missing Fourteen Years Today

Newcastle, Ind., March 21.—(INS)—Today was the fourteenth anniversary of the strange disappearance here of Catherine Winters, 8-year-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William A. Winters of this city.

The girl's fate on March 21, 1914, mystified the entire state of Indiana as done of the most wide-spread searches ever attempted in the middlewest was carried on unsuccessfully for her. A roving band of gypsies passed through this city about the time the girl disappeared. The band was halted many miles away but a search of the gypsy vans failed to yield any trace of the child.

### DEATH CLAIMS YOUNG MOTHER

### Mrs. Amelia Delma Girod, 27, Dies At Home In Blue Creek Township

Berne, Ind., March 21.—(Special)—Mrs. Amelia Delma Girod, 27, died of tuberculosis, at her home in Blue Creek township, about one mile east of Salem, at 6 o'clock this morning, Wednesday, March 21, 1928. Her illness covered a period of seven years, the last three years of which she was confined to her bed.

Mrs. Amelia Delma Girod was the daughter of Christian and Mary Amacher and was born January 4, 1900. She is survived by one son, Elmer Dale, aged 9 years, her husband, Jesse J. Girod, and her mother, Mrs. Mary Amacher Moser, of Kirkland township. One sister, Mrs. Wilbert Fuchs, resides near Decatur, and a brother, Victor Amacher, resides in Kirkland township. Two sisters and her father preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the home and at 2 o'clock at the St. Luke's Reformed church, one-half mile north of Honduras. The Rev. Otto Scherry will officiate at the services. Burial will be made in the St. Luke's Reformed church cemetery.

### Farmer's Body Found In Barn

Rochester, Ind., March 21.—(INS)—Walter DeWald, 49, farmer living southeast of here, was found dead in the haymow of the barn at his home. Beside DeWald's body lay a rifle with a discharged shell in the chamber.

It was believed DeWald shot and killed himself because of financial worries.

### Police To Kill Stray Dogs Running About City

Stray dogs running about the city will be killed, Chief of Police Melchi stated last night, after receiving instructions from the council to enforce the law, pertaining to unlicensed dogs. Chief Melchi stated that since March 1, many dogs were brought to Decatur because the owner did not wish to pay tax on them and that several had already been killed.

### FARMERS BUSY AT SPRING WORK

### Soil Being Prepared For Spring Planting; General Cleanup Being Made

With the arrival of spring, yesterday the farmers in Adams county became busy engaged in their task of cleaning up, plowing, and getting ready for another six months of hard work. Many farmers were busy yesterday plowing. The soil seemed mellow, but heavy and in a few cases two teams were used to each plow.

Fences are being repaired and weeds and underbrush removed from the fences and along the road. In the corn fields, farmers were seen raking the stubbles and burning them. Several of the fields are already cleared of any evidence of having been a corn field and the stalk stubbles burned, in the campaign to kill the corn borer.

Dairy farmers are busy remodeling or building to their barns, and in several cases farmers are getting ready to paint as soon as weather conditions permit.

Sowing of clover seed is now under way and the sowing of oats will take place as soon as the ground is in shape. Corn planting will not start before another six weeks or two months, depending on the weather.

### ANOTHER RUMOR THAT FLIERS ARE FOUND IS UNTRUE

### False Report That Hinchcliffe And Miss MacKay Were Found Is Circulated

### REPORTED FOUND IN NORTHERN MAINE

Portland, Maine, Mar. 21.—(INS)—A report widely circulated here today that Capt. Walter Hinchcliffe and Hon. Elsie McKay had come out of the great north woods of Maine after their airplane had been wrecked on the White Top mountain was discounted later when inquiries throughout the Moosehead lake region and in Aroostook county failed to disclose any trace of the missing trans-Atlantic fliers.

Inquiry by telephone to Patten in Aroostook county showed that the fliers had not been seen in that town. The report of the safety of Hinchcliffe and Miss MacKay caused widespread search to be made about Patten but without success.

### Plane Reported Wrecked

Further inquiry disclosed that the report stated that the Endeavor had been wrecked on White top mountain. This is approximately 25 miles north-east of Greenville Junction.

Greenville and White Cap mountain are in the Moosehead lake region, many miles from Patten.

The fire warden at Patten suggested that there was a little hamlet on the upper reaches of Moose Head lake known as "Patton," and inquiry was made there.

It was north of Greenville Junction that an airplane was heard at 5:45 o'clock on the morning that Captain Hinchcliffe and Miss MacKay were due in America from England.

How the report regarding Hinchcliffe plane being wrecked on White Cap mountain reached Portland was not learned.

### Alleged Physician Held

Chicago, March 21.—(INS)—Claiming to be a registered physician, a man giving the name of Dr. Archer Goldstone was in custody today on suspicion of police that he is a notorious jewel thief. Goldstone was arrested in a fashionable North Shore hotel.

### TO GIVE PLAY AT PLEASANT MILLS

### Senior Class Of High School To Present "Under The Laurels"

"Under the Laurels" is the names of a five-act play which will be presented, Friday evening March 23, by the Senior class of the Pleasant Mills high school. The play will start at 8 o'clock. The cast of characters is as follows: Mrs. Milford, a widow

Thelma Johnson, Rose Milford, Milford's adopted daughter, Irene Durbin, Frank Solewood, the hero

Richard Evans, Dolly Dowler, the lively servant, Bernice Dellinger, Bob Button, the villain's real help, Albert Davidson, Ike Hooper, a backwoodsman

Clyde Troutner, Zeke, a real colored gentleman, Doyle Johnson, Kyle Brantford, a real villain

Charles Dague, Sooky Button, a cook, Bob's sister, Louise Johns, Sheriff, the real article

Marion Smith, The play is in five acts, act three having two scenes.

Act I. Milford Parlor—The contested will. Act II. Same. Will set aside. Frank and Rose penniless.

Act III. Scene — Haunted Cabin. Ike and Zeke listen. Scene II—Cliffville Jail—Frank under arrest. Storm.

Act IV. Milford Parlor. Brantford's great power.

Act V. Same. End of Brantford's triumph. All's well that ends well.

Tickets are being sold for the play and the patronage of the general public is solicited. Tickets are 35 cents for adults and 25 cents for children. The play will be presented in the high school auditorium.

### Love Branding



Mario O. Thomas (top), and Pedro Dana (lower), of Baltimore, Md., were made in love with each other. Pedro is now found guilty of carving his initials on her forehead and her initials on his chest as proof of their undying love.

### SMITH, LOWDEN WIN IN DAKOTA

### North Dakota Primary Held Tuesday; Illinois Election Coming Soon

By C. C. Nicolet, UP Staff Correspondent

Chicago, Mar. 21.—(U.P.)—Pre-convention campaigns of presidential aspirants of both parties in the midwest were overshadowed today by definite gains of the democratic candidacy of Governor Al Smith and the republican candidacy of Frank O. Lowden of Illinois in the North Dakota primaries.

North Dakota republicans pledged thirteen votes in the national convention to Lowden while the democrats gave Smith North Dakota's ten votes in the democratic national convention.

The two candidates were unopposed and the total vote, considerably below normal, only registered the general apathy which has prevailed in the state.

With the Illinois primary only three weeks away, state campaigns with faint presidential reverberations grew hot and bitter. Secretary of State Louis Emmerson, candidate for governor; Otis Glenn, candidate for the senatorial nomination, and Attorney General Carlstrom, seeking renomination, toured the state together, making from three to six speeches a day each. Supporters of Governor Len Small, seeking renomination, and Frank L. Smith, who hopes to be elected a second time to the senate seat he has not yet occupied, were conducting a vigorous campaign.

Former Governor Frank O. Lowden, only presidential candidate in the field, was taking no active part in the campaign. Mayor William Hale Thompson of Chicago, supporting Small and Smith, claimed added strength for his "draft Coolidge" movement in opposition to Lowden.

In Indiana, forces of Senator Watson and Secretary of Commerce Hoover, opposed for the presidential nomination, prepared for a brisk campaign which as yet has scarcely started. The primary is May 10.

In Wisconsin, supporters of Senator James A. Reed for the democratic presidential nomination have started a vigorous campaign, and the senator himself will tour the state March 31 and April 1 and 2, speaking at key cities. With two complete slates of delegates favorable to Smith in the field, however, the Missourian's supporters were faced with a hard fight.

Lowden was certain to have strong support from Minnesota's convention delegation.

Sporadic Hoover movements were reported in Iowa, where the convention delegation already is in Lowden's pocket.

### Endurance Flight Fails

St. Paul, Minn., March 21.—(U.P.)—Fourteen hours after taking off in his Waco plane in an attempt to break the world's endurance flight record, Gene Shank, St. Paul student aviator, was forced down by a broken gas line early today.

### EDITOR DEMANDS INVESTIGATION OF INDIANA POLITICS

### Wires Senator Arthur Capper, Of Kansas, Urging Him To Begin Probe

### TWO "LITTLE BLACK BOXES" MENTIONED

Indianapolis, Ind., Mar. 21.—(INS)—Alleging that the Indiana political scandal is of federal concern, Thomas H. Adams, crusading Vincennes publisher, here today wrote an open letter to United States Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas, requesting a congressional investigation of the Hoosier tangle.

"I ask you to present our case to congress for complete investigation, as there are many federal wrongs that must be corrected," Adams's letter said.

The Vincennes newspaper man listed the following charges as being of interest to federal investigators:

"1—The famous black boxes of D. C. Stephenson, who was the political ruler of Indiana, contain contracts he made with two congressmen for political patronage.

"2—Bonded whisky, of an estimated value of \$100,000 was removed illegally from the federal building at Indianapolis to be used for political purposes.

"3—Irregular procedure was used in the indictment of John D. Williams, director of the Indiana highway commission with an attempt to frame a federal case against him, involving federal aid in the highway system and the sale of surplus war materials.

"4—Stephenson and others formed a conspiracy to obtain the appointment of a federal judge and other officials in exchange for the support of Stephenson's machine.

"5—Federal officials participated in an attempt to procure an indictment by the federal grand jury of Thomas H. Adams, publisher of the Vincennes Commercial and Boyd Gurley, editor of the Indianapolis Times, on framed and perjured testimony, which since resulted in the indictment of one of the conspirators by the Marion county grand jury.

The letter of Adams said that Senator Capper would be able to verify the charges "by substantial witnesses and documentary evidence in the grand juries of Marion and Howard counties of Indiana and in the celebrated black boxes."

Adams urged Senator Capper to

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### DRESSES MADE BY D. H. S. GIRLS

### Twenty-five Freshmen Girls Complete First Dresses; Work Commendable

Twenty-five freshman pupils members of domestic science class, Decatur high school taught by Miss Mary Burk, have completed their first dresses. The class started this year on pajamas, as their first experience. Then they were permitted to select their material, and pattern, and with Miss Burk's official approval, begin making their individual dresses. The result is a pretty assortment of cotton print and dainty voile costumes.

The stitching is neatly done and bears the closest of inspection as to seam finishing and handwork as well. All of the work on the dresses was done in school, the girls working one period each day.

Now that they have mastered the less delicate fabrics, the girls will be permitted to choose more expensive materials for their next attempt. They are required to make one better dress before the end of the school term.

A class of advanced pupils, are already sewing on the better materials and some are even planning to make their own graduation dresses in the domestic science class periods.

A group of seventh graders, who started the year by learning to make seams, patching, making pan lifters, are now busy at work on their cooking aprons which they will use next year when they enter the cooking classes.

Miss Burk is certainly to be complimented upon the work accomplished by her students in so few short months for some of the work almost resembles the tailor-made.