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## FIRST SURVIVORS OF VESTRIS ARRIVE

### LAVA FLOW IS THREATENING NEW TERRITORY

### Central Branch Of Main Stream In Mt. Etna Is Reopened

### DAMAGE ALREADY IN MILLIONS

Catania, Sicily, Nov. 14.—(U.P.)—Mount Etna continued to threaten the countryside today as the lava flow, which already has caused millions of dollars damage, swept on towards the sea.

The central branch of the main stream, which had been quiet since Friday, resumed its flow yesterday, proceeding at a rate of three meters an hour.

The advance engulfed the second highway between Messina and Catania and caused further traffic tieups. Motor lorries and freight carriers had been using this road but henceforth all traffic now must be by sea between the two cities.

Other parts of the lava torrent had quieted somewhat and at the little city of Nunziata, where the lava reached the outskirts and bowled over many houses, the stream was reported quiet this morning.

There have been no reports of additional deaths—with the toll now standing at two—but one accident yesterday almost led to the death of Professor Gaetano Ponte, director of the Catania Volcano-Logic Institute.

He was observing the volcano from an airplane piloted by Lieut. Zanelli. When the plane reached a position about 70 meters from the crater, it dipped and was seemingly out of control. Zanelli, managed however, to right the craft and prevented a landing.

### True To Tradition Captain Carey Goes Down With His Ship

New York, Nov. 14.—(U.P.)—True to the traditions of the sea, Capt. William J. Carey of the Vestris apparently went down with his ship, survivors' stories revealed today.

One of the last persons to see Carey alive was George Fantana, of New York, a passenger, who was standing with the captain on the sinking hull of the Vestris as the ship finally went down. Fantana, who cannot swim, was thrown into the water and clung to a bit of wreckage for an hour before he was taken into one of the lifeboats.

Capt. Frederick Sorenson, another passenger, said he was convinced that Capt. Carey made no attempt to save himself.

#### Notice Knights of Pythias

There will be an important meeting of the local Knights of Pythias Lodge at the home on Third street at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow night. Grand Chancellor David Adams requests that all members and officers of the Ready Relief also attend the meeting.

### PLAN TO REVISE LAW ON TARIFF

### Congressional Leaders Are Suggesting A General Revision

Washington, Nov. 14.—(U.P.)—A general revision of the tariff is being planned by returning congressional leaders.

They have no hopes of undertaking the task at the coming short session, but they are almost unanimously of the opinion that it should be begun in a special session beginning next March 4.

While much water will go over many dams before March, the unanimity of opinion indicates an unexpected change of sentiment all around, which may be expected eventually to bring about a revision of the present tariff system which now has been in effect six years.

The farmers' representatives are pointing hands with the congressional industrialists to promote the idea. Both confidently expect President-elect Hoover will be compelled to call an extra session after his inauguration even though a farm relief bill is passed in the short session, because they figure no farm relief without tar-

### Lost Check Causes Considerable Discussion

Richmond, Ind., Nov. 14.—(U.P.)—A lost check for \$8,000 dollars placed in the mails by the Pennsylvania railroad in payment of the fall installment of its Wayne County taxes has been lost, and as a result there is confusion in the office of A. B. Harrison, county treasurer.

He has referred the case to the state board of accounts, taking the view that as the money was not received on or before Nov. 5, last day for payment, the railroad is now delinquent and subject to an \$8,000 penalty.

A railroad representative came here from the general offices at Philadelphia, with a duplicate check to show that the original check had been placed in the mail.

### URGES PARTY TO "CARRY ON"

### Governor Smith Says His Interest Will Always Be In Democrats

New York, Nov. 14.—(U.P.)—Just before stepping from the political arena in which he has played so conspicuously a part, Gov. Alfred E. Smith delivered a "message to the American People" last night, calling upon the Democratic party to "Carry On." The address was broadcast over a nation-wide hookup of radio stations.

He urged the party to look forward and plan a constructive program of accomplishment which would constitute a firm foundation for the 1932 Presidential campaign.

Complete cooperation with President-elect Hoover would be the duty of every member of the Democratic party he said, pointing out that they would be the way of all good citizens. Hoover is now the leader of the nation, not just of the Republican Party, and he is entitled to fair chance to plan and carry out a national program, Smith said.

Smith said his own defeat in no way indicated that the Democratic party had been crushed and broken. On the contrary it was alive and vigorous and now stood in a position to more successfully than ever solicit the confidence and support of the American people, Governor Smith said.

Though the radio speech was, in a sense the final word of the nominees to his party, Smith declared that he was as intensely interested as ever in the principles of the Democratic party and that he not only would stand for them but "battle for them." He had previously announced, however, that he would never again be a candidate for public office.

Touching upon the bitterness aroused in the campaign which just closed he urged that it all should be swept aside and forgotten and the people set their faces with common enthusiasm to the nation's welfare.

"It would be regarded as a constructive achievement if the Democratic party at Washington were to formulate a program, adopt it, offer it to the congress of the United States, and there defend it. A refusal on the part of the party in power to accept it or their inability to bring about party unity for the solution of these problems would then fix the responsibility and make a record on which a successful campaign can be waged four years from now."

Pointing to his tremendous popular vote, Smith told his audience—both radio and the 200 friends and relatives gathered to hear him in the WEAF studio—that such a policy must be adopted if the party wished to keep faith with the millions who voted for him Nov. 6.

Accompanied by friends, Governor Smith planned to leave at 10 A. M. today for a two weeks vacation at the Edgewater Gulf hotel, near Biloxi, Miss. He said that he was anxious to put the cares and worries of politics far behind him.

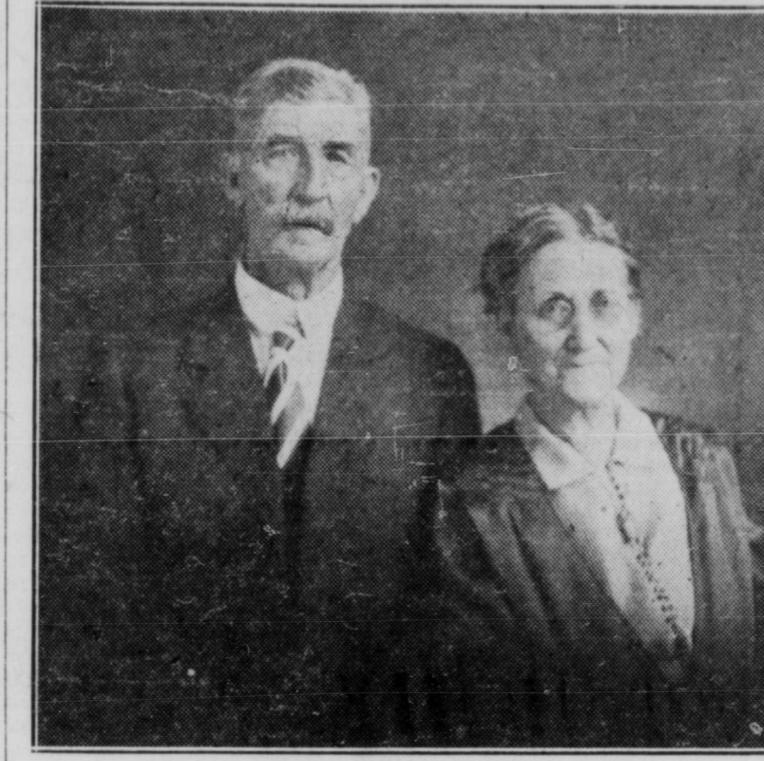
John J. Raskob, chairman of the Democratic National committee; William F. Kenny, in whose private car the trip will be made; and James J. Riordan will be Smith's companions on the southern journey.

### To Hold Conference

Terre Haute, Ind., Nov. 14.—(U.P.)—Residents of the Wabash River Valley in Indiana and Illinois were expected here Thursday to attend a conference to consider a program for improvement of the stream. Building of levees as flood protection and work to link the river with the Lakes-to-the-Gulf waterway will be discussed.

Col. George R. Spaulding, Louisville Ky., U. S. Army engineer, and James E. Watson, Senior U. S. Senator from Indiana, are scheduled to speak

### Celebrate Golden Anniversary



Above is a photograph of Mr. and Mrs. James Hurst, well-known Decatur couple who celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary last Saturday.

### BANKING HOUSE MAY LIQUIDATE

### Farmers And Merchants Bank At Geneva Is Closed Today

Geneva, Ind., Nov. 14.—(Special to the Daily Democrat)—Fearing a run on the deposits of the bank, which was evident yesterday in heavy withdrawals by depositors, the Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Geneva did not open for business this morning.

The following notice was placed on the door:

"Nov. 13, 1928. Bank closed by order of the board of directors pending arrival of the state banking department."

The future operation of the bank depends on what the representatives of the state banking department advise, E. B. Gauker, cashier of the institution stated this morning.

The withdrawals by depositors yesterday, heavier than ever usual, was noticeable, Mr. Gauker stated and the members of the board of directors were called into special session and it was decided not to open the bank.

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### TO ASK LARGE APPROPRIATION

### About \$500,000 To Be Asked Of New Legislature For State Buildings

Indianapolis, Nov. 14.—(U.P.)—Indiana legislators will be asked to appropriate nearly \$500,000 for new buildings at the various penal institutions according to budgets now on file with the board of accounts.

Yet an increased adult probation program might curtail the constantly growing penal population that such huge expenditures would be unnecessary in the opinion of John A. Brown, secretary of the state charities board.

He cites the case of Massachusetts, where no new prison buildings have been necessary during the last 25 years. That state leads all others in the matter of adult probation, he says.

As a result the penal population has decreased from 6,877 in 1914 to 5,373 in 1927. During the same period in Indiana the number of prisoners has increased from 3,114 to 5,738. A similar increase is noted in the majority of the other states, Brown declares.

"From a social standpoint, adult probation is very advisable," he asserts. "It is not entirely a matter of saving of dollars and cents to

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### Bays Girls Return To Liberty Center Again

Bluffton, Nov. 14.—(U.P.)—Mary Bays, 13, and her sister, Edna, 16, daughter of Ed Bays of Liberty Center who have been sought by police since last Sunday were found in the hay mow of their barn.

The girls when found told a conflicting story of where they had been. They have been turned over to probation officers.

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### Twenty School Children Injured In Bus Mishaps

Warsaw, Ind., Nov. 14.—(U.P.)—Twenty Indiana children are suffering today from minor injuries sustained in a school bus accident Tuesday.

A bus driven by Mrs. Marshall Yeler, serving the Atwood school near Warsaw, overturned causing nineteen children who were passengers, to receive cuts and bruises.

Lawrence Smith was the only one of thirty-eight children hurt when the bus driven by his father, George Smith overturned after going into a ditch at the side of a road near Rushville. The Smith boy received a cut in the left arm.

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Leaders in Boy Scout activities in Decatur and others interested in the movement gathered at the Industrial Association rooms last night to attend the first of a series of instructions in Scout leadership under the direction of C. R. Danielson, field executive.

The program was interesting from start to finish. Subject of last night's instructions being the Tenderfoot Scout. The various phases of Tenderfoot scouting were taken up and the leaders gave short talks on interesting subjects.

Mr. Danielson also gave a talk explaining the course which will be held Tuesday night until December 18. All churches and civic groups are invited to send representatives to the classes, and it is the desire of leaders in this city to have as many attend the meetings as possible.

Gus Larson, of the Dick Burnd-Larson Co. of this city, who was a former resident of Sweden was one of the interesting attendants at last night's class. Mr. Larson was a Scoutmaster in Sweden for several years before moving to this country and stated last night that he would be glad to take an active interest in Scouting in this city.

Mr. Larson was welcomed into the Scout fold by local leaders.

The next class under the direction of Mr. Danielson will be held at the Industrial rooms next Tuesday night. The class will discuss the qualifications of a Second Class Scout.

All persons interested are cordially invited to attend the class.

George M. T. Houck, 79, well-known resident and for many years a prominent farmer of Kirkland township, died at 3:40 o'clock this morning at the St. Joseph hospital in Fort Wayne, where he was taken last Saturday when he became stricken with appendicitis.

Mr. Houck had been residing with his daughter, Mrs. Olga Barweller, of Fort Wayne for the last few months and had been in fairly good health until last Saturday. When Mr. Houck became stricken he was taken to the St. Joseph hospital. Because of his advanced age, an operation was advised against. Mr. Houck died at 3:40 o'clock this morning.

George M. T. Houck was born in Mahoning county, Ohio, July 19, 1849. When four years of age he moved to Adams county with his parents and spent the rest of his life in this country with the exception of the last few months.

In 1872 Mr. Houck was married to Mary Cline, who preceded him in death in 1919. Five children survive. They are, Charles H. Houck, of Muncie; Hatlie Crum, Honduras; Lillian Sprague, Hartford City; Rolla Houck, Peterson and Olga Barweller, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Houck was a member of the Christian Union church of Honduras and for 41 years was a member of the Odd Fellows lodge of this city. The local Odd Fellows lodge will have charge of the services.

The remains will be at the S. E. Black funeral chapel in this city until Thursday morning and will then be removed to the home of H. P. Crum at Honduras. Funeral services will be held Friday morning at 10 o'clock at the Zion church at Honduras and burial will be made at the church cemetery.

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**33 MORE SHOPPING DAYS**



### EVENING STAR FESTIVAL OPENS IN THIS CITY

### Howard Russell's Company Entertains First Night Crowd

### FAMOUS LECTURER HERE TONIGHT

Howard Russell's Collegians, a company of entertaining musicians entertained an interested audience at the Decatur high school auditorium last night in the opening program of the Evening Star Festival company which is being given in this city under the auspices of the Decatur Lions club.

The program tonight will not start until 8:30 o'clock in order that those people who wish to attend prayer meetings first may do so. Sam Grathwell, world-famous lecturer will deliver his latest address, "China: A Vision or a Nightmare." Mr. Grathwell spent a long time in the Orient and talked with all classes of people concerning the great strife which has enveloped China the last few months and now he is prepared to tell of that struggle.

Mr. Grathwell's lecture is one that will please all people, for he uses understandable words and phrases and adds enough human interest to make the evening one of real entertainment.

General admission tickets may be purchased at the doors tonight. The prices for tonight are 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children.

The program will start at 8:15 o'clock.

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**SCOUT LEADERS  
HOLD MEETING**

**First Meeting Of Series  
Held; Much Interest  
Is Shown**

Lebanon Ind., Nov. 14.—(U.P.)—John M. French, Martinsville has been chosen president of the Western Indiana Teachers association for the ensuing year. Martinsville was selected as the next convention city.

The following schools were represented at the meeting: Terre Haute, Greencastle, Crawfordsville, Martinsville, Attica, and Bloomington.

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Handling of the latter will be left largely in the hands of Assistant Attorney General William J. Donovan, who arrived here yesterday and will be a guest in the Hoover home until the president-elect leaves here Sunday night for San Pedro, where he and his party will board the battleship Maryland Monday.

Donovan's importance among Hoover's confidants was emphasized by the summons here by the president-elect. As a result, his stock has risen considerably among those making cabinet-slates and who already are making him attorney general.

Donovan, himself, only smiled when asked if he would be head of the justice department in the Hoover administration. He said he and the president-elect has not discussed the matter. He laughed, broadly when told he had been picked, likewise, as a prohibition commissioner.