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## ITALIAN WALKS OUT OF LEAGUE MEETING TODAY

Baron Aloisi Quits Meeting When Ethiopian Is Seated

Decatur, May 11.—(U.P.)—Baron Aloisi, chief Italian delegate, today quit the League of Nations council table rather than sit next to the Ethiopian, Ethiopian delegate.

Aloisi refused also to discuss the Ethiopian conflict, on the grounds that such discussion would be without meaning. The only sovereign Ethiopian government is that of Italy.

Aloisi was back in his seat for a meeting which convened at 4:45 p. m. for a discussion of the Ethiopian conflict. His return to the league although denying his right to intervene in the Ethiopian conflict.

## INFLATION BILL BACKERS WIN

Backers Of Frazier-Lemke Bill Win On Test Of Strength

Washington, May 11.—(U.P.)—Overriding powerful administration pressure, Frazier-Lemke bill won a double test today in the drive to bring the \$3,000,000 Frazier-Lemke farm inflation measure up for floor consideration.

Although defeated twice today, administration leaders still were confident that they could beat the final inflation bloc on the final passage of the far-reaching inflation proposal.

## County Departments To Have Full Power

Indianapolis, May 11.—(U.P.)—The county welfare departments have authority to make decisions on eligibility of indigents and the amount of assistance to be given in connection with the social security program, Atty. Gen. Philip Lutz, Jr. ruled today in an opinion to Wayne Coy, state welfare director.

The county department may delegate the powers to the county director and he may sign all orders in the name of the board, Lutz said. His powers would include those of revocation of assistance, changes in assistance and the setting of hearing dates, he added.

## Wilson Cabinet Member Is Dead

Washington, May 11.—(U.P.)—A cabinet member, attorney general Clegg, died today at the emergency hospital.

Palmer had gone to the hospital two weeks ago for an operation. He failed to rally. He died shortly after 2 p. m. Mrs. Palmer was with him at death.

## Large Crowd Views Second Circus Show

A large crowd attended the second performance of the Decatur high school's amateur "Combined Adams Hindpaw and Barndoor Railway Ringless" circus at the Central school grounds Saturday evening.

A parade preceded the performance and a large crowd lined Second street to see the "animals" and freaks prepared by the school.

## LOCAL PERSONS IN ACCIDENTS

No Serious Injuries Reported In Minor Accidents Over Week-End

Local persons figured in week-end traffic accidents which produced no serious results.

A Decatur girl's presence of mind probably saved Melvin Nussbaum, of Berne from severe injuries yesterday afternoon when the young man was performing on a motorcycle in front of the car driven by the local girl.

The young man had been driving his cycle in front of Miss Closs' car, who was accompanied by Dorothy Miller, also of this city, nearly all the way from Berne. He had been performing such feats as standing on the seat of the cycle, driving with one hand, and numerous other stunts when the cycle suddenly threw him.

Both the car and the motorcycle were going at a considerable rate of speed. With the young man lying on one side of the road, and the cycle on the other, and not enough room for passage between the two, the girl chose the ditch.

After nearly upsetting in the ditch, Miss Closs was able to stop the car, being headed in the wrong direction. The Berne man was able to continue home, although he was considerably cut and scratched from contact with the rough pavement.

Charles A. Weber, of this city struck a small boy on the streets of Fort Wayne yesterday afternoon when the boy ran in front of his auto and he was unable to avoid hitting him.

The boy, Lester Green, six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Green, of Fort Wayne was taken to a nearby physician where his injuries, consisting of a slight cut on his head, were treated.

## Citizenship Medal Given Local Girl

A good citizenship medal was presented by W. Guy Brown to Miss Agnes Nelson at a special chapel program in the Decatur high school this afternoon.

The medal was given by the D. A. R. organization. Similar medals were given to outstanding girls in every high school in the state.

## HINDENBURG TO START RETURN

German Zeppelin To Start Return Trip To-night

Lakehurst naval air station, May 11.—(U.P.)—The dirigible Hindenburg probably will have to fight a 23-mile-an-hour gust wind when it takes off for Germany tonight.

Skies will be overcast at the start, according to a local weather forecast today.

Despite these unfavorable conditions the record-breaking lighter-than-air craft will depart on schedule shortly before midnight, officials said.

The wind, which might make handling of the Hindenburg difficult on the "undocking," will average 12 miles an hour, according to the forecast.

"Even if conditions were worse than predicted the Hindenburg would sail to-night," one of its officials said.

## HOUSE PASSES WORK RELIEF BILL TODAY

Few Changes Made In Bill; Senate Committee Works On Bill

Washington, May 11.—(U.P.)—The house today cleared its calendar of major adjournment "must" bills by sweeping to quick passage the \$2,364,229,712 work relief-deficiency measure.

The bill now goes to the senate where with the \$803,000,000 administration tax bill it stands as the principal obstacle to speedy conclusion of the congressional session.

The work relief-deficiency bill, carrying \$1,425,000,000 for continuance of WPA administrator Harry L. Hopkins' light WPA work program, was passed by the house without substantial change from the administration's request.

A revolt by representatives seeking to continue the PWA program of PWA Administrator Harold L. Ickes was beaten down. The fight may be renewed in the senate where it might delay senate passage of the bill.

Passage today came after the large Democratic majority defeated a Republican move to force states to provide a 25 per cent share of relief grants and for administration of the fund by non-partisan local boards.

Few changes were made by the house in the huge measure—second only to last year's \$4,880,000,000 work relief bill in total ever carried by a peacetime supply bill.

One of these changes provides payment of prevailing wages on WPA projects—a requirement not provided last year despite a bitter congressional fight and source of considerable labor resentment.

Another reduced the administration request for a \$1,500,000,000 WPA fund by \$75,000,000. The \$75,000,000 was added to the civil.

## JOSEPH BENTZ DIES SATURDAY

Prominent Retired Farmer Dies At Residence Near Bobo

Joseph Bentz, 86, prominent retired farmer of near Bobo, died at his home Saturday of pneumonia.

Mr. Bentz was a member of the St. Mary's Catholic church and of the Holy Name society, of Decatur. Besides the widow, he is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Josephine Lengrich, Mrs. Emma Heilmann, Mrs. Edith Shell and Mrs. Mary Meyers, all of Decatur; six sons, Frank, Theodore, Charles, Lewis and Samuel of Decatur and Ralph of Akron, Ohio. A daughter, Susan Schrock, and a son, John, preceded him in death.

There are 47 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren. He has no surviving brothers or sisters.

Mr. Bentz was born in France on February 18, 1851, and had lived in this community for 69 years.

Funeral services will be held at the home Tuesday at 8:15 o'clock and at the St. Mary's Catholic church here at 9 o'clock. Burial will be made in the St. Joseph's cemetery. The Rev. Father Joseph J. Seimetz will officiate at the services.

The body was removed from the Gillig and Doan funeral home Sunday and may be viewed until the time of the funeral.

## Check Records Of All County Offices

Checking of all records in the county offices of the court house under the supervision of the state WPA is expected to be completed within a week, it was stated today by the men in charge.

The check is carried on by the WPA for collection of historical data. Two more men were added to the force of two already employed for this week. The men have been working for about three weeks. The work is in charge of Sam Kegan, state supervisor for this phase of WPA work.

The work is part of a state-wide program. Nine counties are included in the work of the men here.

## Asks Broken Markers Be Reported To Legion

Individuals and committees in charge of cleaning and decorating cemeteries have been asked by Adams Post 43 of the American Legion to report to them any broken metal markers on the graves of veterans of the Spanish-American, Civil and World Wars.

The list of these broken markers are to be left at the American Legion home here and they will be replaced by the Legion.

## FIRE STOPPED BY NEIGHBORS

Neighbors Avert Serious Fire Damage At Edward Arnold Home

The efforts of friends and neighbors saved the Edward L. Arnold farm home in Kirkland township, near Peterson, from a complete loss by fire Sunday evening at 6 o'clock.

The blaze was held to one room at the back of the house. It was believed that the fire was caused by a defect in an electrical appliance. The family was away from home when the fire started. Before it was noticed it had gained considerable headway. Neighbors from several miles around quickly gathered, bringing buckets and other containers.

A large cistern near the house furnished sufficient water to supply a "bucket brigade". The flames were held to the room and were extinguished before the Bluffton fire department arrived.

The smoke damaged the wood work and paper throughout the house. Workmen had completed the redecoration of the interior last Friday.

The loss was completely covered by insurance.

The Arnold family issued a statement today thanking the neighbors who assisted in extinguishing the blaze.

## Former Decatur Man Is Elected

Earl W. Shackley, formerly of Decatur, has been elected president of the Young Republican club in Van Wert county. Mr. Shackley has a responsible position with the Central Manufacturers insurance company.

## Intensify Search For Wounded Bandit

Indianapolis, Ind., May 11.—(U.P.)—Search for the wounded member of the gang which killed Richard Rivers, officerman, was intensified today after a retired northside physician reported receiving telephone calls asking for medical aid.

The physician told police the calls and were made by the same man who offered to purchase the necessary instruments when he was informed the doctor had disposed of his equipment.

Rivers was slain when the gang led by Alfred Brady, who was arrested in Chicago and charged with murder, went to the home of Dr. E. E. Rose to obtain treatment for a confederate who had been wounded in a Lima O., jewelry store robbery.

## DEATH CLAIMS WILLSHIRE MAN

Clarence Dellinger Dies At Local Hospital Sunday Night

Clarence Dellinger, aged 40, prominent Willshire, Ohio, merchant died at the Adams County Memorial hospital Sunday night at 6:25. Death was due to pneumonia. He had been taken to the local hospital about 10 days ago.

The deceased was engaged in well-drilling and implement retail sales in Willshire with his brother, Samuel. He was well known in this city, being the uncle of George and Henry Dellinger, both of Decatur.

He was born in Willshire January 10, 1896 the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Dellinger. The mother died four years ago. He has never married. Survivors are: the father, Andrew; three brothers, Cloyd, at home, and Samuel and George, both of Willshire and a half-brother, John, of Lima, O.

Definite funeral arrangements have not been made. Services have been tentatively set for Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock (EST) at the Zion U. B. church, four miles southeast of Willshire. The place of burial has not been determined.

## PARTY LEADERS ARE REELECTED

Nathan Nelson And Ralph Yager Again Named To Head Parties

Nathan Nelson, Decatur, was elected Democratic county chairman and Ralph Yager, Decatur, Republican county chairman, at meetings of the Democratic and Republican county central committees Saturday afternoon.

There was no opposition to the new officers in either party. All officers were elected by acclamation.

All Democratic officers were re-elected. They are: Nathan Nelson, chairman; Mrs. Mary Briggs, Geneva, vice-chairman; Winfred Gerke, Root township, secretary, and August Heiman, Decatur, treasurer.

Two changes were made in the Republican officers. Mrs. Doris Reicheldefer of Geneva succeeds Mrs. Menno Burkhalter of Berne as vice-chairman. Homer D. Low, of Decatur replaced Francis Howard of Decatur as secretary. Cal E. Peterson of Decatur was re-elected treasurer.

C. H. Musselman of Berne acted as chairman of the Democratic meeting held in the old Democratic headquarters over the Decatur Democrat office. David Adams moved that the old officers be re-elected by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Charles Brown of Geneva. It was carried unanimously.

G. Remy Bierly, county clerk, was then called upon for a short talk. He stated that there were 10,607 persons registered in Adams county. At the primary approximately 5,000 votes were cast by Democrats or Republicans or almost 50 per cent of the total registered vote.

Mr. Bierly urged that efforts be made to register the remaining qualified voters. He stated that registration was not only valuable as a means of exercising the right of voting but as proof of legal residence.

Republicans were also urged to vote by speakers at their meeting.

## FT. WAYNE MAN TO BE SPEAKER

S. N. Longworth To Address Local Lions Club Tuesday

S. N. Longworth, of Fort Wayne will address the members of the local Lions club at their weekly meeting Tuesday night. Mr. Longworth, who is generally recognized as an authority on the subject, will talk on the monetary question.

After three years of study the speaker has prepared a pamphlet "Can Monetary Panic Be Prevented? It is from this pamphlet that he will choose the contents of his address. The speech will be given from a non-political point of view and has been promised to be of interest to the members.

All members are asked to note the change in meeting place for this week. The meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Ed Beery, in the former Studebaker residence, east of the city. Ed Bochnicht will have charge of the program.

Plans are rapidly progressing for the Lions state convention to be held in Fort Wayne on May 17, 18, and 19. Many members of the local organization are planning to attend.

Those in charge of the convention: Dr. Evan Dehler, president of the Fort Wayne club; Mrs. Belle Borton, vice-chairman and Jap Jones, past district governor and general chairman. All are from Fort Wayne.

Discussion concerning the state convention will be held at this week's meeting.

## Attend Graduation Exercises Sunday

A large number of Decatur persons attended the commencement exercises of the graduating class of the St. Joseph hospital at the Catholic Community Center Fort Wayne Sunday evening. Miss Elva Anspaugh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Anspaugh, valedictorian of the class and Miss Mary Jane Colchin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Colchin, were among those who graduated.

Those from here who attended were Miss Grace Coffey, Rev. M. W. Sundermann and daughter Esther, Mr. and Mrs. Waldon Zehr, Miss Ethel Erwin, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Colchin and daughter Martha, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Anspaugh and daughter Etta.

## QUESTION MANY SUSPECTS FOR BRUTAL DEATH

Chicago Police Question 40 Persons In Widow's Slaying

Chicago, May 11.—(U.P.)—Police waited the arrival of Mrs. Blanche Bloom from Attleboro, Mass., before scheduling an inquest today into the vicious slaying of her widow sister, Mrs. William Guild, in the Y. W. C. A. Hotel.

While the battered and ravished body of the 62-year-old antique dealer lay in the county morgue, officers undertook a neighborhood roundup of suspicious characters.

They based their hopes for solution on: The stories of two dozen prisoners, the photograph of a still unidentified man, fingerprints on a flatiron found in Mrs. Guild's room a few tufts of hair pried from the dead woman's fingers, the blood-stained brickbat used to crush her skull, and a crude long-bladed knife.

Police questioned 40 persons in their search for a clue to the identity and motives of the person who apparently climbed a fire escape, leaped into Mrs. Guild's room and killed her Saturday morning. Sixteen of them were released. One of the first arrested was Nicholas Franzen, a hotel house man.

Officers received an anonymous call from the nearby Y. M. C. A. hotel, and seized Raymond Furr, 22, Memphis, Tenn., who roomed there.

Furr's knuckles had been bruised and his shirt smeared with blood. He said he had fallen against a building during a drinking bout with Isaac Hess, 22, also a Y. M. C. A. roomer, the night before the murder. They arrested Hess and reported finding obscene literature in the rooms of both men.

Police were satisfied that the photograph, found in Mrs. Guild's effects, was not that of her husband who died 15 years ago, or her son Dr. Sherman Guild of Tauton, Mass., state hospital.

Descriptions of the flatiron fingerprints were sent to the federal bureau of investigation for possible identification.

The hair, curly and grayish, was delivered to Northwestern university criminal detectives laboratory for microscopic study. Officers believed Mrs. Guild may have torn the strands from the head of her attacker, and that a scientific study might disclose something of the slayer's physical characteristics. The brickbat also was to be studied for possible clues to the person who killed her.

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## Local Man Arrested For Intoxication

Ed Knavel was arrested Saturday night on a charge of public intoxication and lodged in the county jail. He was arrested by night policemen on the porch of a local home. He has not been arraigned.

Jim Worth, Mexican, was released on bond Saturday, after being held in jail over Friday night. He was held on a charge of assault and battery filed by his wife. The case will be tried later.

## WATSON STILL HOLDS CONTROL

Jim Watson Believed Likely To Retain Party Control

Indianapolis, May 11.—(U.P.)—The second attempt in as many years to oust "old guard" control of the Republican state committee wobbled on unsteady legs today toward almost certain defeat.

The first round of party organization meetings following the victory primary indicated another victory for James Eli Watson, the genial former senator whose remote control is the phenomena of Indiana politics.

"Old guard" forces won virtually all the county chairmanships in party organization meetings Saturday and were considered in position to continue tomorrow with election of district chairmen favorable to present state committee officers.

Despite the trend, Ralph Gates, Columbia City, choice of the "younger group" to succeed Don Irwin, Frankfort, as state chairman, refused to concede a point.

"Reports from throughout the state following selection of county chairmen and vice chairmen indicate the general Republican move-

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## Authorizes City Enter Contract For Equipment

State PWA Director Gives Decatur Authority For Entering Contracts For New Equipment.

\$49,800 GRANT

F. M. Logan, state PWA director of Indianapolis, has authorized the city of Decatur to enter into contract with the General Electric company and the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company for a 2,000 KWH turbine, switchboard panels, exciter and condenser, based on bids received by the council, May 7.

The following awards were approved by Mr. Logan: General Electric Co., turbine, \$51,500 and switchboard panels, \$1,849. Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company, condenser, \$19,755; dual driven exciter, \$4,740.

Contracts will be prepared at once by city attorney John DeVoss, Mayor A. R. Holthouse announced today, with the expectation that they will be approved immediately and work on the project started at once.

Mr. Logan, in his letter of approval to the city, summed the cost of the project and set out the amount which the government would donate and the total to be raised locally.

The project figures \$112,000, including the cost of the building, \$9,450; the above machinery and an estimate of \$13,000 for piping and foundations.

The government's grant is for \$49,800 and the city's share is \$62,200. Not a penny of the amount will be raised through taxes, as the department has sufficient cash on hands to pay for the improvements.

The PWA did not accept the city's recommendation for a General Electric exciter. The Westinghouse bid was \$60 under the base bid of the General Electric and figured also on a merit basis, covering a 20 year period of operation, the Westinghouse bid was also lower, Mr. Logan ruled.

The council changed its recommendation to conform to the PWA ruling so that the award of the turbine and other equipment could be made without sending the bids to Washington.

The Indiana Engineering and Construction company of Fort Wayne has the building addition contract. Work will start on the building in a few weeks.

To Observe 25th College Anniversary

The 25th anniversary of President Otho Winger's administration as president of Manchester college at North Manchester, will be celebrated with special programs Wednesday and Thursday, May 27 and 28. Several alumni from Decatur and Adams county plan to attend.

## HEAVY TRAFFIC CAUSES DEATHS

Many Indiana Residents Die In Wrecks; Others Drowned

Indianapolis, May 11.—(U.P.)—Ideal weather conditions beckoned thousands of Hoosier motorists to the highways over the week-end and the heavy traffic caused accidents in which at least 10 persons were killed. Four other Hoosiers lost their lives by drowning.

An early morning pleasure ride ended tragically for three Evansville youths. Jean Haynes, 19; Miss Mary Lee Foster, 18, and Willard Haag, were killed when their automobile collided with a truck near Evansville. Miss Nola Smith, 19, and Mrs. Sylvia Austre, 29, driver of the truck, were injured.

Mrs. J. E. Laidlaw, 53, Bluffton, and Mrs. Homer Houtz, 55, Rock Creek township, were killed when automobiles driven by their husbands collided three miles northwest of Bluffton.

Mrs. Roy Wagoner, 22, Lafayette, an expectant mother, was killed when an ambulance in which she was enroute to a hospital collided with an automobile. A post-mortem operation failed to save the child. Roy Wagoner, husband of the victim, was injured critically.

Mrs. Lois Robbins, 31, died from

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