

OUTLINES PLANS FOR METHODIST WORK IN STATE

Bishop Leete Proposes Head-quarters Building for Indianapolis.

ACTIVITIES EMBRACED

A Methodist headquarters in Indianapolis worthy of Methodists of Indiana that would be the center of church activities in the state was proposed by Bishop Frederick B. Leete at the opening session today of the three-day convocation of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Indiana that is being held at Roberts Park.

The structure would house church offices, a library, museum and book store, an auditorium large enough for the general conference, with suitable committee rooms, a banquet room for special events, a social room for all kinds of assemblies, and many education and religious departments.

It was pointed out that the cost of such a center would be large, but that this building should have certain income-producing elements that would be of assistance to the development of Methodist activities.

SUPPORT FOR
METHODISTS

Additional financial support for the Methodist hospitals and homes in the state; a revival of religious worship in the home; a large increase in the membership in all the churches in the state, and the bringing of centenary pledges up to a full 100 per cent were included in the objectives.

Attention was called to the fact that there is a shortage of ministers for Methodist charges in the state, but, on the other hand, a large waiting list. Action will be taken during the convocation by a special committee on ministerial supply and graduate training to raise the educational standard in order that all pastors in the state may be admitted to full standing in their conferences.

EXPENSE OF AREA LESS THAN HALF OF BUDGET.

A report by the area secretary, Jessie P. Bogus, showed that the expense of the area had been confined to less than half of the budget set aside by the state council.

A resolution was adopted to convey the sympathy of the council to Dr. M. B. Hyde, a council member, and his family, who have experienced a great bereavement, the death of Mrs. Hyde. Standing committees were organized, and miscellaneous business transacted during the morning. One thing that will be proposed during the convocation is the working out of a more complete system of organization that will promote efficiency in conducting Methodist affairs in Indiana. The Bishop will work through department heads that will include superintendents from the eighteen districts; these in turn will work through the group leaders, who, in their turn will work through the pastors, who will work through the local leaders to the individual. The importance of securing a large, free-will Christmas offering to be used for orphans in Europe that are being cared for by the Methodist Episcopal Church will be stressed.

REPRESENTATIVES OF INSTITUTIONS HEARD.

The first part of the afternoon session was devoted to council business. This was followed by the following, who represented institutions: Dr. C. S. Woods, the hospitals; the Rev. H. C. Clippinger, Greenfield, the orphanage; Dr. Harry B. Longden, De Pauw University, and A. F. Hughes, Evansville College. The Wesley Foundations that have been created to further the Methodist work in the state were also presented by Dr. C. Howard Taylor, Indiana University, and the Rev. A. H. Kenra, Purdue University. At the close of the meeting a state program committee was named.

PRIVATE KNOCK OFFICERS IN ARMY

Claim Wearers of Sam Brown Belt Became Too Arrogant in A. E. F.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—Officers of the A. E. F. are accused of having "arrogated to themselves the prerogatives of an autocratic aristocracy" and of "having court-martialed 400,000 enlisted men chiefly because of their failure to be cowed by the glorious effusiveness of a pair of shoulder straps and a Sam Brown belt" in a petition sent to the Senate today by the national executive committee of the Private Soldiers and Sailors Union.

The passage of the pending bill to retire former reserve officers, who incurred disability during the war, with three-fourths pay and the same privileges as regular officers, was opposed in the petition.

"Being unused to the exercise of military authority, and unfitted by their service to exercise it, the sudden possession made them officers, always a mark of them as a class, the most arrogant aggregation of spangled snobs ever inflicted upon a free and independent people," the petition asserted.

"The gross injustice and insolence of the bill in question is self-evident," the petition also set forth, "and under it a former private would receive compensation of \$24 a month, subject always to revision by the Veterans' Board, but the former captain, defining no greater disability, would become entitled to three-fourths of a captain's pay and allowances for life, amounting to something over \$200 a month."

Order Investigation of Missouri Prison

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Nov. 8.—Governor Arthur M. Hyde today ordered the State board of education and prisons to make a special investigation of conditions at the Missouri Reformatory at Bonneville, Mo. Hyde took the action at the request of Circuit Attorney Sider of St. Louis, who charged that discipline at the prison was lax.

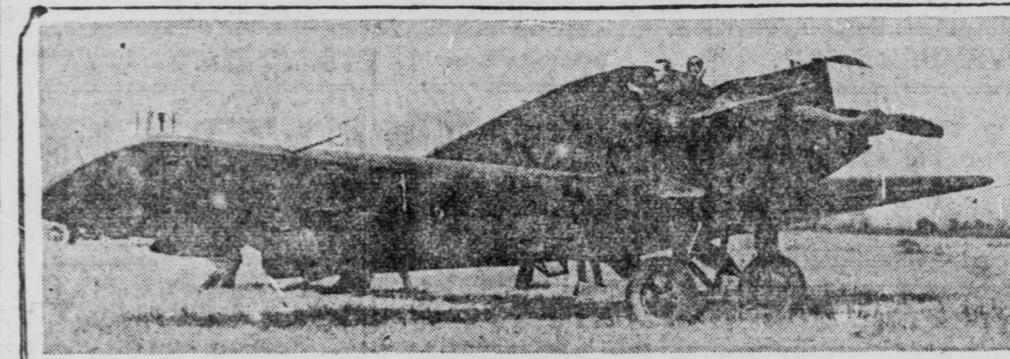
Senate Will Vote on Anti-Beer Bill Nov. 18

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—The Senate will vote on the conference report on the anti-beer bill on Nov. 18 under an amendment introduced by Senator Stanley, Kentucky, whose anti-search and seizure amendment has been the bone of contention in the measure denied the advocates of the provisions have any intention of conducting a filibuster against the measure.

FIREFMEN RESCUE SICK WOMAN.
Mrs. Adolf Schleschmidt, who has been seriously ill, was carried from her burning home at 1238 North Alabama Street this afternoon by policemen. The 80-year-old woman, who was born in Germany, suffered from a heart condition, and the fire, which originated in the house, caused damages to about \$1,500 to the house. Mrs. Schleschmidt was taken to the home of neighbors.

RIDDLE ARGENTINA AMBASSADOR.
WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—John Wallace, of Minnesota, former ambassador to Russia, has been chosen ambassador to Argentina in their efforts in curtailing excessive armament.

LATEST AERIAL WAR WEAPON AS NOVEL AS TANKS



OFFICERS HUNT LETTER WRITER

Farmer Who Received Threat Notes Loses Barns by Fire.

Special to The Times.
ATTICA, Ind., Nov. 8.—Postal inspectors, private detectives and the sheriff of Warren County were searching today for the author of a number of black hand letters which Robert F. Fix, wealth farmer, received prior to the burning of his barns.

Fix received a number of letters during last week and each demanded that he leave \$1,500 in a mail box near his home. Fix paid little attention to the letters, but Saturday night all his barns and outbuildings were destroyed.

In each letter the writer threatened to burn his barns and barns if he failed to have the money in the designated place. Saturday night he and his hired man stood watch over the property, armed with shotguns. They worked in relays, but while the hired man was on duty his wife became ill at his home nearby and he left hurriedly. During his absence, the barn was fired.

CASE OF 'MODERN BLUEBEARD' HAS REACHED TRIAL

Frenchman, Charged With Murder of Ten Women, Claims Innocence.

VERSAILLES, Nov. 8.—Jaunty and alert Henri Desir Landru, "modern bluebeard," who is on trial charged with the murder of ten women and a boy, faced direct examination by Presiding Judge Gilbert today.

The prospect of a batch of 10 between Landru and the court and the possibility of salacious admissions brought to the court even a larger crowd than attended on the opening day. Practically all were women. Fashionably dressed women came from Paris by motor car.

Landru was unperturbed. He smiled at the prettiest women in the spectators' gallery and made a little bow as he sat down beside his counsel.

"I have had a woman in my life," declared the prisoner. "I never even struck a woman."

"But where are these women who have disappeared?" he was asked.

"I am pledged to secrecy," replied Landru. "Honor forbids me to speak."

Landru had taken special pains with his toiles to make the best possible impression on the large number of women spectators.

Although he is charged with having killed ten women and swindled nearly 300 altogether, it was revealed that he had received scores of marriage proposals since his arrest.

OBENCHAIN TRIAL AT ONCE, DEMAND

Attorneys Engage in Effort to Obtain Immediate Hearing or Dismissal.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 8.—Efforts to force an immediate trial or obtain the release of Madalynne Obenchain, charged with the murder of John Belmont Kennedy, were started by her attorneys today.

This move will be aided by attorneys for Arthur C. Burch also held for the Kennedy murder.

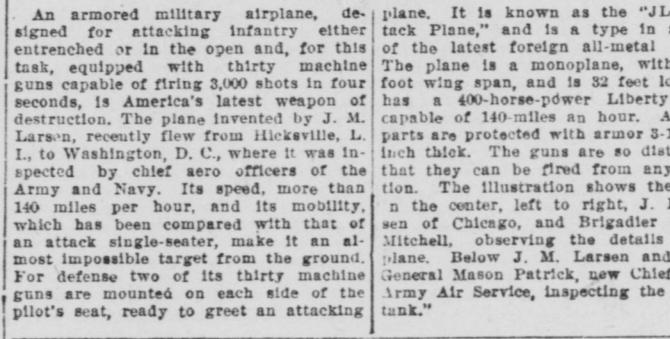
Attorneys for both defendants argue the Mrs. Obenchain has the best chance for acquittal and they believe this would influence a favorable verdict for Burch, whose plea of insanity was denied by Judge Reeve.

Charles Erbstein, Mrs. Obenchain's attorney, will make his demand for an early trial while at the same time Burch's attorneys will ask for a thirty-day delay.

"Yes, I was informed so at the time."



J. M. Larsen
Maj. General
Mason Patrick



An armored military airplane, designed for attacking infantry either entrenched or in the open and, for this task, equipped with thirty machine guns capable of firing 3,000 shots in four seconds, is America's latest weapon of destruction. The plane invented by J. M. Larsen, recently flew from Hicksville, L. I., to Washington, D. C., where it was inspected by chief aero officers of the Army and Navy. It is speedier than the "J. 12 Attack Plane" and is a type in advance of the latest foreign all-metal planes. The plane is a monoplane, with a 40-foot wing span, and is 32 feet long. It has a 400-horse-power Liberty motor capable of 140 miles an hour. All vital parts are protected with armor 3-16 of an inch thick. The guns are so distributed that they can be fired from any direction. The machine gun is mounted in the nose, in the center, left to right. J. L. Larsen, of Chicago, and Brigadier General Mitchell, observing the details of the plane. Below J. M. Larsen and Major General Mason Patrick, new chief of the Army Air Service, inspecting the "flying tank."

J. Stanley Joyce Sports Sideburns as He Tells of Married Life With Peggy

CHICAGO, Nov. 8.—J. Stanley Joyce, millionaire lumber man, was his own first witness today at the opening of the hearing of his suit for divorce against Peggy Hopkins Joyce, the much-married former "Follies" showgirl.

He said he did not know she had not been divorced, however.

They were married Jan. 23, 1920 at Miami, Fla. Joyce said. They spent their honeymoon there. They planned their European honeymoon there. They left Joyce, 30, to live in Chicago after the honeymoon.

They waited for the divorce to be granted.

He was called to the stand before Judge Joseph Sabath in Superior Court to testify as to the terms of an agreement in his divorce suit, which he had filed in the court of his attorney, Weymouth Kirkland, that she is in Chicago, of available assets.

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In reply to questions, Joyce said he was born in Clinton, Iowa, and that he first met Peggy in May, 1919.

"Did you hear that at that time she had been married before?" Joyce was asked.

"No."

She became engaged in Colorado Springs in August, 1919, he testified.

"You know then that she had been married before?"

"Yes, I was informed so at the time."

HAYNES TELLS OF CANADIAN PLAN

Enters 'Gentlemen's Agreement' Over Booze Smuggling.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—Haynes announced this morning that he has entered into a "gentlemen's agreement" with Canadian authorities to prevent liquor smuggling between Canada and the United States.

The commissioner stated that under the agreement there will be close cooperation between the officials of both countries in effort to check illicit trafficking in liquor.

Prohibition agents have been instructed to watch closely for any flood of bootleg liquor at today's elections, Commissioner Haynes said. No additional agents have been employed, but agents in various places are working in close cooperation with the police, he said.

ARMISTICE DAY IN LAFAYETTE

Town to Celebrate With Big Parade and Banquet.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—Plans are being made here by various organizations for an Armistice day celebration here on Friday.

A muster parade, with ex-service men's organizations, Purdue units, fraternal and other organizations taking part will be held in the afternoon. The famous Purdue band will lead the procession. In the evening a banquet for ex-service men will be held at the first Christian Church, to be followed with a public dance in the corridors of the county courthouse. An observance will also be held at Purdue, where a holiday will be declared for the day.

Haynes receives the two far costs valued at \$10,000 which have been the subject of much controversy and she will keep her Rolls-Royce car, but she surrenders all dower rights and benefits under insurance policies and the will once made by Joyce in her favor.

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Local Legion Post Talks to Kiwanians

Major General Read

Nominates Officers

At a meeting of the McRae-Kotho post of the American Legion last night in the Athenaeum nominations for officers to be voted upon at the first meeting in December were made. They are as follows: Commander, Armin Bohm, Louis Koslow, Vice Commander, R. E. B. Bader and Louis Prater, vice commander, Ray Decker, Harlan Hadley, Frank E. Richards and Louis H. Haerle; treasurer, Allen Maxwell, Park Haynes, W. R. Miller and Norman Metzger.

After the business session a series of talent from the Keith Hill there will be special patriotic music by the Kiwanis Glee Club.

3 CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH.

ANTIGUA, Nov. 8.—Three children of Mr. and Mrs. August Tantipas, near here, were burned to death yesterday when fire destroyed their farm home. The children were 10, 8 and 6 years old, respectively.

Place Big Bets on Mayor Hylan

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—W. L. Darrell & Co., Wall street brokers, announced today that they will accept a wager of \$20,000 against \$2,000 that Mayor Hylan would be re-elected. They also had \$40,000 to wager on Hylan at 8 to 1.

PREMIER'S BODY CONVEYED HOME

Murdered Jap Statesman to Rest in Town Where He Was Born.

TOKIO, Nov. 8.—As the body of Toshiaki Hara, Japan's assassinated premier, arrived at Moricks, his birthplace, in northern Japan today for burial, plans were taking shape here for a huge statue to be erected in honor of his memory.

The body was conveyed to Moricks on a special train leaving here at 10 o'clock last night. Services there were to be simple in conformity with the wish expressed in his will that his funeral be no bigger than that of his mother.

The boom for Admiral Minoru Saito, governor general of Korea, to succeed Premier Hara, appears to be growing, Marquis Saionji having apparently refused to take up the task of forming a new cabinet.

DARING BANDITS GET BIG HAUL IN ILLINOIS HOLD-UP

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Life during that forty even minute revolver battle," Engineer Fogarty said. "They took me back to talk to the men and try to induce them to open the car doors without a fight. Fireman Bangs was with me.

ENGINEER TELLS STORY OF ROBBERY.

"When the clerks wouldn't open the door, and a charge of dynamite was exploded under the car, blasting off the door, firemen started from the clerks in other small cars. The robbers returned the fire and we were right in the path of the bandits."

"As they started whizzing by us, Bangs looked at me and whispered 'We got to get out of here.'

"We made a break for the engine. The bandits turned their fire on Bangs, who was wounded but I got around the engine and crawled beneath the pilot of the engine. Bangs crawled in beside me. We were saved from the bullets, but the bandits followed us.

"Immediately after the robbers left, Fogarty pulled the burning mail car to Champaign where the fire was extinguished.

All of the injured were expected to recover.

Arthur Moon, the colored porter, who was shot when he looked out of a window to see that the train had stopped, was the most seriously wounded. With two bullets in his body, he was believed to have a good chance for recovery.

Benjamin Bovinetti and Thomas Baker, the mail clerks, were highly praised by officials for their bravery in refusing to open the car doors although nearly surrounded by the bandits.

When they finally came from the car after the door had been blown off, they were slugged and left lying unconscious on the ground while the bandits worked.

J. H. Knowlton of Freeport, a student at Illinois University was