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STEPHENSON SCORES ON TESTIMONY

CHAPMAN'S PAL, ANDERSON, SLAIN IN PISTOL DUEL

Notorious Criminal Dies in Ignominious Role of Counterfeiter.

SOUGHT SINCE AUGUST

Federal Inspectors Identify Dead Bandit.

MUSKOGON, Mich., Nov. 2.—George "Dutch" Anderson, notorious bandit pal of Gerald Chapman, with whom he executed the sensational million dollar mail truck robbery in New York, died here Saturday in the comparatively ignominious role of a counterfeit bill passer, it was established today.

Federal and local officials who viewed the body and made finger print tests were satisfied that the man who slew a patrolman and then was slain with his own revolver by the dying officer was Anderson.

Chief of Police Peter F. Hansen announced that finger print tests made by Lieut. Roy W. Forrie "established beyond a doubt" that the body in the Clock Undertaking Parlor here, is that of the notorious criminal.

A. W. Hamilton, United States postal inspector from Grand Rapids, Mich., who viewed the body, told United Press he believed "there could be no question about identification."

"In addition to the finger prints, which are the best possible identification," Hamilton said, "Other marks of identification have been found which strongly point to the same conclusion."

When picked up dead after the fight with Patrolman Hammond, who also was killed, counterfeit \$20 bills totaling \$1,800 were found on Anderson's person, Hamilton said.

Anderson has been hunted in Indiana since August as the alleged slayer of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hance, who lived near Muncie and harbored Anderson and Chapman in their home when they were being hunted for the crime that resulted in Chapman's sentence to the gallows. The hunt was intensified now and then by threatening notes to detectives and police, ostensibly from Anderson, which said "You're next." Several large robberies, especially a \$50,000 Toledo bank hold-up, have been blamed on the criminal since the search started.

\$8 TAX ON EACH HOOSIER LIKELY

State Governments Costs Increase.

Times Washington Bureau. 1925 New York Avenue, WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—State Government, according to early fall and winter indications, will cost Hoosiers close to \$8 each for the year 1925.

Last year each Hoosier had to shell out \$7.57.

In 1917 the per capita cost of State Government in Indiana was only \$4.28.

The high cost of Government naturally caused increased State debt and at the opening of the present year each Hoosier owed about 56 cents. In 1917 a citizen owed only 6 cents. The total State debt near the end of 1924 was \$1,700,615.

Total cost of general department operation in 1924 was \$22,928,956. Interest on debt and outlays for permanent improvements increased this to \$36,889,363.

Each Hoosier paid \$5.34 in property and special taxes last year as compared with \$5.22 in 1923 and \$3.10 in 1917.

POSTAL RECEIPTS GAIN

Increase of \$27,979 Made Over Last Year, Bryson Reports.

Total postal receipts for October, increased \$27,979.44 over October, 1924. Postmaster Robert H. Bryson, announced today. Receipts were \$406,906.03.

BUILDING VALUE GAINS

But Total Number of Permits for October Shows Increase.

Francis F. Hamilton, building inspector, today reported to the board of safety a decrease of 300 permits for October, compared with 1924.

There were 1,505 permits issued during the month, representing a valuation of \$2,446,205. The valuation was an increase of \$400,000 over that of 1924. For the week ending Oct. 31, there were 287 permits issued on a valuation of \$382,896.

Flier and Patient Die in Fall

By Times Special. INDEPENDENCE, Kansas, Nov. 2.—Deaf and dumb since birth, Paul Gibson, 25, saw an article in a newspaper telling how a man recovered his hearing after taking an airplane ride.

Clutching at this faint hope, Gibson engaged H. H. Caulkins, 28, of Parsons, Kan., a flier, for the experiment Sunday.

When the plane reached an altitude of approximately five thousand feet, spectators saw one wing collapse and the ship crash to earth. Both men were killed instantly.

G. O. P. BACKS KLAN SCHOOL BOARD SLATE

Audience of Several Thousand Hear Duval Urge K. K. K. Choice.

Republican organization support of the Ku-Klux Klan slate of school board candidates appeared certain at a mass meeting of United Protestant Clubs of Indianapolis at Cadle Tabernacle Saturday night.

An audience of between 6,000 and 7,000 persons heard John L. Duval, Republican nominee for mayor, and a number of councilmanic candidates urge support of the Klan school ticket, which includes Charles W. Kern, Mrs. Lillian Sedwick, Theodore F. Vonnegut, Fred Kepner and Lewis E. Whitman.

The persons attending were further instructed by a large board on which the voting machine positions of the Klan candidates were indicated.

Denunciation of George V. Coffin, Republican county chairman, and William H. Armitage, Mayor

Warmer Weather for Election

Election day, Tuesday, should be warmer, but with some cloudiness, the United States weather bureau announced today. There is not much possibility of rain keeping voters from the polls.

Temperature at 7 a. m. was 30, or 10 degrees below normal. Sunday's highest mark was 48 at 2 p. m.

Shank's political general, came from George S. Elliott, grand cyclops of the Marion County Klan, who presided.

Elliott said the "protestant" or organization would fight the two Republican bosses "to extinction" and that the body was opposed to all politicians.

"The future of the Indianapolis schools depends much upon the men you elect on the school board," said Duval. "You must work hard to elect your school board candidates."

Duval Silent
However, Duval made no comment on Elliott's denunciation of Coffin and Armitage.

From the moment Duval and retinue followed a drum corps with flourish and ceremony into the hall, enthusiasm and spontaneity marked the gathering.

A large portion of the evening's program was devoted to castigation of an afternoon newspaper, which, according to Duval and Charles J. Orblison, former Democrat, who also was a speaker, switched abruptly from praise and support of the Duval keynote principles to "vilification and condemnation" of the Republican nominee.

Shift Explained
Both speakers intimated the shifting of position was the result of failure of Governor Jackson to appoint Warren Fairbanks, an owner of the newspaper, to the senatorial seat of the late Samuel M. Ralston.

What Fairbanks is said to owe to the Republican party was described vividly by Duval.

Republican councilmanic and Klan slate school candidates were exhorted to "place the flag in the schoolhouses" and follow other Klan doctrines.

All candidates on mayoralty and Klan-indorsed school board slate spoke except Charles W. Kern.

Orblison, who a few nights ago asked Republicans to "come around after election and say, Judge, we did it," was a popular speaker.

He said he may have committed political suicide by leaving the Democratic party and supporting Duval, but that he "had undergone a moral regeneration" through that procedure.

Betting Even on Municipal Election

Gamblers See Candidates Neck and Neck on Home Stretch.

Walter Myers, Democratic candidate for mayor, rounded the home stretch on the last day of the mayoralty campaign neck and neck with his Republican opponent, John L. Duval.

The outcome of the race will be decided at the polls Tuesday.

In the poolrooms, bowling alleys and other places, where bets are made, the odds have shifted to even money. Duval had been favored to win by 10,000 majority. And it is said that Duval money is growing scarcer. Myers today denied Republican statements that he is opposed to prohibition.

To Be Enforced
"As long as any law is on the books it is going to be enforced in any administration with which I am connected," he asserted.

Although the official campaign is ended, both candidates spoke before employees at noon. Duval was at the Fairbanks-Morse Company while Myers spoke at Hilgemeyer's Packing Company.

City Hall Duval

City hall employees, of whom almost all owe their appointment to the William H. Armitage political machine, are remaining in the camp of Duval, a check showed.

The count showed 38 votes for Duval and only 7 for Myers.

"It's been a mighty queer campaign, you can't tell anything about what's going to happen," Mayor Shank said.

"John L. Duval will win by 20,000 majority, if we get all our vote out," is the prediction of George V. Coffin, Republican city chairman.

"The unparalleled gain Walter Myers has accumulated during the last week will elect him by a comfortable majority," said William E. Clauer, Democratic city chairman.

"However, I believe predictions of majorities are foolish."

Fair weather will favor the Democratic nominee's chances, it is believed, for the superior organization of the Duval forces will muster the vote, despite weather conditions, politicians contend.

Expect Record Vote
The board of election commissioners is preparing for a record vote. Returns should arrive early because the election machines are being used. However, the closeness (Turn to Page 2)

FUND RALLY WEDNESDAY

South Side Meeting to Be Held at Apex Theater.

The first all-south side rally for the Community Fund will be held at 8 p. m. Wednesday at the Apex Theater, Virginia Ave. and Stevens St. Claris Adams will speak, and there will be music.

BELIEVE HANGED MAN MURDERED

Unidentified Victim Strung Upon Plum Tree.

By Times Press. EVANSVILLE, Ind., Nov. 2.—Hanged to a plum tree to indicate suicide, the body of an unidentified man was found shortly before midnight Sunday in the barnyard of the George Erhard home, near here.

Authorities are working on the theory that the man was murdered. They believe he was hanged to the tree by his slayers to give the impression he had hanged himself. A neck tie was used to suspend the body.

Marks on the body and the fact that the man's knees were dragging on the ground bore out the murder theory. The initials "M. L." with a heart and anchor, were tattooed on his left forearm. His suit was purchased from the Damschroder and Berry Company, Toledo, Ohio.

FLAPPER FANNY says

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—A flood of beer of high alcoholic content is sweeping the country, Gen. Lincoln Andrews, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, told the House Ways and Means Committee today in asking taxes on near-beer and denatured alcohol to aid prohibition enforcement.

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TRAIN HITS BUS; 6 REPORTED DEAD

ST. LOUIS GETS INDICTMENTS IN BIG BOOZE RING

Internal Revenue Collector and Mrs. Remus Among Those Named.

Arnold J. Mellich, collector of internal revenue at St. Louis, Mrs. Imogene Remus, wife of George Remus, millionaire bootleg king, and several other prominent St. Louis persons were among those indicted by a special Federal grand jury here last week on charges of conspiracy to violate the national prohibition law, according to United Press dispatches from St. Louis today.

Names of those indicted were not given out here.

The dispatches said that warrants for the arrest of about thirty-nine persons in the case were received at the United States marshal's office in St. Louis today.

It is understood that Remus was not indicted.

Hellmich arrived in Indianapolis Friday night, but did not testify before the grand jury.

Caplases were issued for the arrest of about thirty-eight persons, it was said. It is expected that Federal agents today will begin making arrests of persons in Cincinnati, also said to be indicted.

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Charleston Blamed for Divorce

By Times Special. CHICAGO, Nov. 2.—When Roy Delvin came back from France minus his right leg the affection of his wife began to cool. He couldn't do the modern dance. "It was all right for a while," Delvin told Judge Joseph David, "but she couldn't stand it when the 'Charleston' came along." The "Charleston" testimony was corroborated by Lloyd Braithwaite, a one-armed war veteran. David granted the divorce.

STEAMER CREW MISSING AFTER FIRE ON OCEAN

Gales Lash Transoceanic Vessels on Atlantic—Many Periled.

By Times Press. NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—Gales and high seas which have lashed the Atlantic constantly since Oct. 17, continued today, with two more vessels flashing out distress signals.

According to a report reaching the Independent Wireless Company here, the steamer Algiers was afloat off Norfolk last night and the crew forced to take to life boats. The shipping board vessel, Birmingham City, was unable to find the crew.

Two other ships reported having seen the Algiers afloat and sinking with no sign of life aboard. It was believed the crew might have been picked up by a ship without wireless facilities.

The British freighter Mount Park was believed out of danger along the Virginia Capes with the steamer Joto towing her into harbor. The Mount Park's rudder post was broken and her distress signals for a time disrupted radio broadcasting.

Another rescue yesterday was made off Norfolk when the steamer Childs responded to an S. O. S. signal of the schooner Isabella. Paramenter and took off the schooner's crew of six hands and the captain's wife and child.

Passenger vessels in the transoceanic service continued to arrive here from one to three days late.

'MITCHELL HAS NOT HURT ARMY'

Charges Against Colonel Refuted by Lieut. Col. Hicks.

By Times Press. WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—Col. William Mitchell's criticisms of the War and Navy Department have not affected Army discipline, Lieut. Col. George L. Hicks, adjutant of the Eighth Corps Area, told the "jury of generals" trying Mitchell today.

Hicks said he had yet to see any breakdown of discipline in his command, as a result of Mitchell's statement.

Hicks' testimony, directly contradicted the charges preferred by the War Department, against Mitchell. Before Hicks testified Mitchell asked seventy-three witnesses be called in his behalf, including three cabinet officers, Jardine, Davis and Wilbur.

Officers Make Motor Arrests

Twenty-Two Drivers Taken Over Week-end.

Twenty-two auto drivers were arrested by police over the week-end. Ten were charged with driving while intoxicated.

Those arrested, with charges, were: Roscoe Criswell, 38, of 23 W. Sixteenth St.; Holland Gardner, 19, of 1525 Lawton St.; Claude Taul, 28, of 826 Christian Pl.; and Francis Jones, 28, of 1029 Windsor St., speeding.

Thomas Clifford, 43, of 2745 Minkner St.; Edward Moore, 24, of 46 S. Tuxedo St.; Burk N. Robinson, 24, of 2236 Broadway; Willie Little, 32, of 1422 E. Maryland St.; Lawrence Keifer, 22, of 1405 Union St.; John Eads, 49, of 828 N. Belmont Ave.; Sam Shield, 59, of 823 Wilson St.; Everett Johnson, 26, of 2213 Pierson Ave.; John Galyas, 28, Ft. Benjamin Harrison, driving while intoxicated.

Frank Miller, 34, of 123 W. Walnut St., failure to stop after an accident, driving while intoxicated, falling to stop at a preferential street and intoxication.

COMPLAINT BY WOMAN

Police Seek Four Men Said to Have Attempted Attack.

Police sought four men today following the complaint of Miss Flora Barnett, 308 N. New Jersey St. Miss Barnett was found on the Allisonville Pike, early today by R. C. Polan, and L. G. Taylor, both of Noblesville, Ind. She said four men in an auto attempted to attack her, but she leaped from their auto.

Hourly Temperature

6 a. m. 31 10 a. m. 39
7 a. m. 30 11 a. m. 43
8 a. m. 32 12 (noon) 45
9 a. m. 36 1 p. m. 50

Nurse Who Attended Miss Oberholtzer in Fatal Illness Says Girl Was Given Morphine Shortly Before She Signed Dying Statement.

STATES MEDICINE WAS GIVEN TO EASE GREAT SUFFERING

Washington Hotel Clerk Testifies Defendant Ordered Tickets to Hammond—Judge Overrules New Motion to Start Trial Over.

By John L. Niblack and William L. Toms
Times Staff Correspondents

CIRCUIT COURTROOM, NOBLESVILLE, Ind., Nov. 2.—Attorneys defending D. C. Stephenson, Earl Klinek and Earl Gentry against charges of murdering Miss Beatrice Spratley, were elated when they elicited from Miss Beatrice Spratley, Madge's nurse, that the girl was given a dose of morphine, just before she signed the dying statement on the evening of March 28.

"Dr. Kingsbury gave it. He did it not to wake me," said the State's witness. "I always gave it. I remember well. He said, 'Let her sleep.'"

Eph Inman, chief defense attorney, was cross-examining Miss Spratley at the time, following a morning of humdrum testimony on details of the medical treatment given the poisoned girl in an effort to save her life.

According to a chart, Miss Spratley had on the witness stand and of which Inman got possession, Madge was given the dose of morphine by Dr. John K. Kingsbury, the family physician.

Remy Questions
State evidence already in, shows that about that time the girl signed the dying declaration upon which Prosecutor William H. Remy, hopes to convict the men of murder. Remy then said to the witness:

"Whom did you mean when you said the doctor remarked 'let her sleep,'" said Remy.

"I object," said Floyd Christian, defense attorney. "This woman was asleep and can't testify about whom the doctor meant."

"I wasn't asleep," said the nurse indignantly. "I heard him."

"Why was morphine given March 28?" queried the prosecutor.

Great Pain
"Pain! She was suffering great pain."

"Why was phenacetine given?"
"For pain," Miss Spratley had previously testified that Miss Oberholtzer was also given phenacetine.

One of the defense's chief contentions, judging from their line of questioning on cross-examination heretofore, has been that the dying declaration was a "frame-up" on the part of the Oberholtzer family and Asa J. Smith, family attorney, and that Smith attempted to blackmail Stephenson out of \$100,000 on the strength of it.

Smith testified last week that he read the declaration to Madge, after supper of the evening of March 28, and that she verified it and then signed it as she lay propped on her pillows.

Motion Overruled
Shortly after court opened, Judge Will M. Sparks overruled a new motion of the defense to dismiss the jury and start the trial all over again, because they alleged the judge again had made prejudicial remarks. A similar motion was overruled last week.

Jack Culbertson, night clerk at the Hotel Washington, was the first witness. He was on the stand only a few minutes, testifying that Stephenson ordered Pullman tickets from him.

Miss Spratley followed.

Detective Called
Jesse McMurtree, Indianapolis detective, was next called. He detailed the arrest April 2, of Stephenson in his rooms at the Hotel Washington on the first charges brought against him—assault and battery, kidnapping and conspiracy to commit a felony. McMurtree was not through testifying when court recessed for noon.

Every inch of standing room, and all the seats were occupied during the noon hour, many people eating their lunches in the courtroom. Many of those who had not brought a luncheon, merely chewed gum while others defied hunger to keep their vantage point.

McMurtree's testimony was admitted only over strenuous objections of defense attorneys, who insisted it had nothing to do with the murder charge.

"When you arrested Mr. Stephenson, April 2, where did you go?"
"I went to Mr. Stephenson's room at the Hotel Washington," said McMurtree.

"What did you do?"
"I knocked at the door. Mr. Stephenson asked me to come in."

"Did you have any conversation?"
"Yes, I—"

Floyd Christian made a long objection to no avail.

"I told him I wanted to see Mr. D. C. Stephenson. He said, 'Very' (Turn to Page 2)

STRAW BALLOT SHOWS TREND TOWARD MYERS

Duval Still Slightly in Lead at Close of Poll, However.

Duval 1,109 211 1,320
Myers 1,078 188 1,266
Undecided 379 125 504
Not voting 185 142 327
Persons interviewed 3,617

Eleventh-hour gains by Walter Myers, Democratic candidate for mayor, were the closing feature of The Indianapolis Times straw vote, compiled from interviews with 3,617 voters of all grades of society and in many part of the city.

Myers cut down Duval's lead of ninety-two votes shown Saturday and achieved a margin of thirty-eight in the polls taken over the weekend.

However, the end of The Times' vote shows a scant margin of fifty-four for the Republican candidate.

On this percentage, Duval would win the election with a total of 76,600 votes to 73,425 for Myers, figuring 150,000 votes will be cast. The Duval margin would be only 3,175. It should be remembered, however, that no straw poll is an absolutely accurate forecast of voting.

With 20 per cent of the voters undecided, according to the poll, the election might be swung either direction without difficulty.

To this vast body of "fence roosters" must be directed the final words of oratory at the precinct voting places Tuesday. They will decide the issue.

Whether the Myers movement will be sufficient to overcome the early lead Duval built-up will be (Turn to Page 2)

Have you sent in your million dollar letter? If you haven't, better get busy. The time is getting short.

Just write down what you would do if somebody should suddenly leave you a million dollars. Don't write more than 300 words. Then send your letter to the story editor of The Times.

\$100 in prizes will be paid for the best letters received on or before Nov. 10.

\$50, first prize; \$20, second prize; \$10, third prize; \$5, fourth prize; \$3, fifth prize, and twelve prizes of \$1 each.

Write your letter and then be sure to read Joanna's story, starting in The Times tomorrow. Joanna was left a million dollars by an unknown benefactor. Read about what she did with it.