

STEPHENSON DEFENSE RESTS CASE

LEADERS AWAIT CITY ENGINEER PLUM FALLING

Three Factions That Helped Elect Duvall Watch Hopefully.

EACH HAS CANDIDATE

'Stand-off' Attitude Is Criticized by Many.

With the Klan in possession of the cream of municipal appointments, the three factions that united to elect John L. Duvall mayor of Indianapolis, today were focussing attention on the organization of the city engineer's department.

Through "cooperation" between political bosses the city engineer and the board of works, "satisfactory" arrangements for awarding street improvement contracts to the "right" contractors may be achieved. Hence its importance.

The city engineer also is the authority on whether a contract has been completed with the specified materials and other points of issue vital to contractors who would obtain the maximum profit with the minimum outlay.

Three Choices

The understanding is that the Klan is backing M. N. Boese, present assistant city engineer; that George V. Coffin, Republican city chairman, favors George G. Schmidt, county surveyor, and that William H. Armistage, Shank's political general, desires reappointment of Frank C. Lingenfelter.

Both Armistage and Coffin are dissatisfied with their share of the appointments Duvall has announced while Klan leaders are jubilant. They will celebrate with a mass meeting in Tomlinson Hall Friday night.

Many Republican leaders are criticizing the stand-off attitude of Duvall, who has betaken himself to parts unknown and announced his appointments by "graveyard." They say he is neglecting the "regular" Republicans who put him across.

Little Bird

Coffin recovered some of the prestige he lost in recent appointments when Duvall's "little bird" whispered to someone that the three members of the board of works, all

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COFFIN ALSO STAYS AWAY

Job Hunters See Only Bill, and He Has Nothing.

When Mayor-Elect John L. Duvall left the city after the election last Tuesday he let George V. Coffin, Republican city chairman, and William H. Armistage, city hall boss, in for a lot of grief.

So much grief, politicians said, that Coffin emulated Duvall and ceased frequenting city headquarters, where the disconsolate job seekers wait and wait.

Not so with Bill Armistage. Bill sees 'em all at city hall and his office next door, but gives 'em nothing. He says he has nothing to give. Joe Bell, former secretary to Walter Bossert, Indiana grand dragon of the Klan, was among those who waited at city headquarters for Coffin.

BLOOD TAINT ADMITTED

Statement Startles Court at Aristocrat's Annulment Trial.

By United Press
WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Nov. 10.—Leonard Kip Rhinelander, son of an old French hugaronaut, "married a girl with some colored blood in her veins," according to Lee Parsons Davis, her attorney, in his opening address today.

The admission of Mrs. Rhinelander's counsel startled a packed courtroom on the second day of the young aristocrat's suit for annulment of his marriage to the daughter of a New Rochelle cab driver.

OFFICES TO BE CLOSED

Armistice Day Will Be Observed at Statehouse Wednesday.

Most of the offices in the Statehouse will close Wednesday in observance of Armistice Day, officials announced today although the Governor has issued no blanket proclamation to that effect.

In a proclamation a few days ago he asked that all activity in Indiana cease for two minutes at 11 a. m.

SUIT ASKS RECEIVER

Taylor E. Groninger, counsel for the public service commission, today filed suit for receiver for the Federal Finance Company in Superior Court. One. Groninger, a stockholder in the company, claimed the firm is insolvent and indebted.

HIS LAWYERS THINK BLAZER HAS WON CASE

Last Alienist Is Believed to Stand in Trial of 'Mercy Slayer.'

By United Press
LITTLETON, Colo., Nov. 10.—Defenders believe they have proven Dr. Harold E. Blazer a guiltless murderer, and that he will be freed of the charge of poisoning his invalid daughter.

"There is no question but that the jury has been affected and that its sympathies are almost wholly with the old, broken country physician, who devoted his life to the care of his imbecile daughter," said Lewis Mowry, chief counsel today. Cyril Norred, a photographer, who took pictures of Blazer's slashed throat in the hospital, identified photographs that had been exhibited in the trial.

Dr. Howell T. Pershing, alienist followed Norred. He was expected to be the last witness for the defense.

ARMISTICE DAY TO FIND WORLD PEACEFUL, QUIET

British Foreign Secretary Drinks From Goblet With German Diplomat.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Nov. 10.—Cessation of all business activities for a few minutes at 11 a. m. tomorrow was suggested by President Coolidge today as an appropriate manner for the country to observe Armistice day.

Coolidge, 1925, by United Press
The eve of the seventh anniversary of Armistice day finds Europe, with some exceptions, halting the League of Nations and the League of Nations as presaging an era of peace for the ancient battlefield of the world.

Sir Eric Drummond, secretary of the League, praised the accomplishment of the League toward peace in an interview.

In London last night a pacific gesture unknown since the dark days before 1914-1918 was given at the lord mayor's banquet when British Foreign Secretary Austin Chamberlain quaffed a goblet of peace and passed it to German Ambassador Sir H. von Helldorf.

Today Raymond Poincare, former president and premier of France, declared France has shown her desire for peace by her part at Locarno. He charged, however, that Germany still is able quickly to put an army into the field and warned that German monarchists attitude toward Locarno might still "render sterile" the work of peace done there.

MAYOR ASKS QUIET

Parade and Meeting to Feature Observance Here.

Mayor Shank, following the example of President Coolidge, today asked Indianapolis citizens to pause two minutes at 11 a. m. Wednesday in observance of Armistice day.

North on Meridian from New York to Circle, west on Market to Illinois, south to Washington and north to Keith's Theater.

DEPUTY SHERIFFS BUSY

Several Motorists Are Arrested on Driving Charges.

Marion Stueker, 21, Franklin, Ind., was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Ragin and Brown, and charged with speeding Monday night. The same officers charged Albert Denny, 27, of Whitcomb St., with reckless driving.

Lon Collins, 50, of 627 N. Illinois St.; John Barber, 26, colored, of 732 Douglas St.; rear; and Isaac Moore, 35, colored, 414 E. Pratt St., rear, are charged with driving while intoxicated. Moore also is charged with failure to stop after an accident.

219 BUILDING PERMITS

Buildings to Cost \$1,630,310 Authorized in Week.

Building Inspector Francis F. Hamilton today reported 219 permits issued during the week ending Nov. 7. Valuation of buildings to be erected is \$1,630,310.

BANDIT BEATS, ROBS WOMAN UPON STREET

Colored Man Escapes After Attack—Screams Scare One Away.

YOUNG ROBBERS TAKEN

Police Capture Trio—Prowlers Chased From Homes.

A colored bandit using an auto to escape, attacked Miss Dora Bartlett, 22, of 1409 W. Thirty-Fifth St., near Thirty-Fourth and Harding Sts., at 12:30 a. m. today and robbed her of her hand bag and \$2. He brutally beat her when she fought.

Miss Bartlett said that when she left a street car at Thirty-Fourth and Clifton Sts., she noticed the auto. The man stopped the car alongside of her, got out and although she screamed, seized her and placed his hand on her mouth. He bumped her head on the pavement.

After he took the purse he ordered her to go home and threatened to shoot if she screamed. He drove south. She said she was returning from work.

Miss Anna Alvin, 20, of 823 East Ave., said a young man stopped her on Eastern Ave., near Tenth St. She said he grabbed her, but ran when she screamed. He left in a large closed automobile.

A 17-year-old colored youth was arrested by police as a suspect in the attack and held under \$2,000 vagrancy bond.

Mrs. E. J. Sternberger, 4002 N. Pennsylvania St., told police that a young man on a bicycle accosted her maid, but fled when the maid ran.

Prowlers Frightened

Three prowlers were frightened away from homes Monday night. One of the homes was that of Patrolman Edward Jordan, 1922 Sugar Grove Ave.

Mrs. Jordan said she threatened to shoot the intruder if he came through the door leading from the basement. He left hurriedly.

Three youthful burglars frightened away from the confectionery of E. L. Yantis, 2301 N. Meridian St., by shots of the proprietor and who admitted they had robbed the Taylor Pharmacy, Twenty-First and Illinois Sts., earlier, were arrested at 3 a. m. by Motorcycles Chittwood and Maas at Fifteenth and Meridian Sts.

They gave their names as Robert P. Osman, 17, of 2250 N. Talbott Ave.; Paul Janison, 16, of 930 Church St.; and Maurice McCarty, 14, of 618 E. Twenty-Fifth St.

Frightened Away

The trio admitted, police say, they were frightened away from Yantis' store when he saw them attempting to enter and shot. They also said they broke the glass in a door at a drugstore at 2401 N. Illinois St., but were scared away by the noise.

They confessed according to police, that the knives, cigars, compact, and other drug sundries found on them were taken from the Taylor Pharmacy, where they "jimmied" a rear window.

JANITOR JOBS SAVED

Gilliom Rules Budget Committee Can't Discharge State Employees.

Atty. Gen. Arthur L. Gilliom today presented an opinion to Henry Roberts, Statehouse custodian, that the State finance committee could not discharge directly State employees.

Reduction of personnel can only be effected through limitation of expenditures, the opinion said. The committee had ordered Roberts' corps of janitors reduced from 32 to 29.

HOURLY TEMPERATURE

6 a. m. 34 10 a. m. 46
7 a. m. 34 11 a. m. 48
8 a. m. 37 12 (noon) 51
9 a. m. 42 1 p. m. 54

DRYS TELL COOLIDGE, 'MELLON TO 'HOP TO IT'

Anti-Saloon League Calls on Them to Enforce Prohibition as Vigorously as They Collect Taxes.

By United Press
CHICAGO, Nov. 10.—Anti-Saloon League officers today mailed President Coolidge, Treasury Secretary Mellon and other national dignitaries copies of resolutions adopted last night at the closing session of their convention.

Mellon is called upon to "manifest equal concern and exert as great effort to effect enforcement of the prohibition law as he manifests and exerts to secure collection of income and other taxes."

Other resolutions called for:

It Will Take Sheriff to Move Them



Left to Right—Raymond Sanders, Mrs. Marie Green and Lee E. Swails.

School Superintendent to Fight Change of Office in Courthouse.

It will take Sheriff Omer Hawkins to force Lee E. Swails, county school superintendent, to move his office from the basement to the fourth floor of the Courthouse.

This was the warning issued today by Swails, whose office is being converted into one of the four Municipal courts, to begin operation Jan. 1. Swails is aided in his office by Mrs. Marie Green, assistant county school superintendent, and Raymond Sanders, attendance officer.

Goodly Weight

"When we move to the fourth floor, it will be with the assistance of the sheriff," asserted Swails. "The sheriff will not only request me to go, but he will accompany me. Normally I weigh 200 pounds, but when I am anchored I weigh a ton."

The county commissioners have provided Swails and his assistants with temporary quarters in the office of the board of review in the basement until the permanent office is equipped.

Would Be Inaccessible

Swails claimed the fourth floor would be inaccessible to teachers and pupils who come to confer with him each day.

County commissioners declare that work will proceed in equipping Swails an office on the fourth floor.

HUGE CUT MADE IN AUTO TAXES

Tire and Accessory Levy Is Completely Removed.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Nov. 10.—A \$100,000 tax reduction on automobiles, tobacco, alcohol, and various industrial levies, was written into the new revenue bill today by the House Ways and Means Committee.

Present rates on automobiles were cut \$70,537,000, cigars, \$12,000,000, and alcohol, \$4,000,000. Automobile taxes entirely were eliminated as was the \$2,737,000 annual levy on tires and accessories. The present rate of 5 per cent on pleasure cars was reduced to 1 per cent.

Theater admission taxes on the legitimate drama opera, and instructive musical entertainment were removed and retained on musical shows, movies, circuses, baseball, prize-fighting and vaudeville.

COOLIDGE EYES TOKIO PARLEY

President to 'Seriously Consider' Suggestion.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Nov. 10.—Any official proposal coming to the Government through official channels for an arms limitation conference in Tokyo, as suggested by the Scripps Howard newspapers and enthusiastically endorsed by the Japanese press, will be given serious consideration, it was said in behalf of President Coolidge at the White House today.

DEPORTATION OF ALIENS

Placing all prohibition agents under the civil service.

Making it a felony to forge or use forged prohibition permits.

Nominal tax on cereal beverages and industrial alcohol.

A law divesting intoxicating liquors of their "legal status" (this law would force confiscation of pre-war liquor now in the possession of private citizens).

Continuation of Federal appropriations for posters for law observance and enforcement.

FIFTEEN INJURED IN TRACTION COLLISION

Two T. H., I & E. Cars Meet Head-on Near Plainfield.

"Fifteen persons were injured today at 6:45 a. m. when two T. H., I & E. traction cars crashed head-on on one and one-quarter miles east of Plainfield. Most of those injured were from Plainfield. Of the fifteen, eight were given medical treatment, the others being only cut and bruised. Motorists blamed slippery tracks. The west-bound car, with Jerry Mutters, 1241 W. Thirty-Second St., as motorman and Frank Rhodes, Greencastle, conductor, was to have gone on a siding, but slid past about 300 feet and crashed into the east-bound car, of which John M. Snoddy, 2517 Talbott Ave., was motorman, and H. E. Hemphill, Indianapolis, conductor.

Motormen Jump

Both motormen saw the crash was unavoidable, and jumped. Neither was injured.

The cars were going about fifteen to twenty miles an hour.

First aid was administered at the home of C. H. Carter, station agent at Plainfield. Most of those injured were on the east-bound car.

The east-bound traction was a commuter's special and left Plainfield at 6:30 a. m. The west-bound car left Indianapolis at 6:10 a. m. for Greencastle. The scene of the crash was about eighteen miles west of Indianapolis.

Those Injured

Those most severely injured were: Arthur Pelton, Plainfield, head cut.

Betty Brewer, Plainfield, face cut and bruised.

James Morrison, 20, Plainfield, front teeth knocked out and chin cut.

Miss Hays, Plainfield, head cut.

Mrs. Fred Byram, Plainfield, lip cut.

Miss Greenlee, Greencastle, head injured.

E. P. Rivers, Plainfield, bruised.

Miss Billie Mae Krieder, Plainfield, bruised.

STORMS AHEAD FOR HIS HONOR

New Councilmen Said to Be Out of Sorts.

When Mayor-elect John L. Duvall gets back to town from his vacation in parts unknown he may find some city councilmen among the scores, who want to see him, and want to see the worst way.

At Republican city headquarters today it was said that several councilmen-elect are complaining, because Duvall did not consult them before making major appointments.

Bill Armistage, the Duvall ally, who wouldn't be disowned, was talking mean, too.

"If I hadn't been in as deep as I was I'd have switched after Ruckelshaus made that speech," said Bill Armistage referred to Ruckelshaus' praise of Duvall for disavowing the support of Armistage.

Bill has stopped saying: "I'm still for Duvall."

MUST USE 'DENATURED'

Federal Dry Officer Calls Attention to Alcohol Ads.

Stores and filling stations must cease advertising denatured alcohol as "alcohol," Deputy Federal Prohibition Administrator Ansel R. Harris said today. It is a violation of Section 17 of the national prohibition act not to include the word "denatured" in advertising alcohol for use in automobile radiators.

"Some persons seeing the sign 'alcohol' might buy the stuff and drink it," Harris said.

BUS LINE CELEBRATED

Residents Rejoice At Opening of English Ave. Feeder Route.

Establishment of a feeder bus line on English Ave. was celebrated by 200 residents of the 300 block on Christian St. and vicinity Monday night. Buses carrying the citizens paraded downtown.

Sheep's Ancestor Is Found

By United Press
SRINAGAR, India, Nov. 10.—Theodore and Kermit Roosevelt today brought success out of the most inaccessible part of the globe when they returned to northern India with hundreds of specimens of the "sheep's ancestor." Out of the almost impenetrable heart of Asia they brought a story of crossing, with difficulty, the Buzul Pass in a blizzard of zero cold, and of fighting their way through this from 3 a. m. to 9 p. m. They will return soon to America.

STATE TO ASK WOLFE'S DEATH

Veniremen Questioned About Penalty Likes and Dislikes.

By United Press
MUNCIE, Ind., Nov. 10.—State's attorneys seeking to impeach a jury to try Charles (One Arm) Wolfe on charges of murdering Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hance today indicated they would ask the death penalty be imposed in case of conviction. Each prospective juror was asked if he was opposed to capital punishment.

Wolfe, the alleged pal of George "Dutch" Anderson, notorious desperado, killed several days ago by a Muskegon (Mich.) detective. Anderson and Wolfe were indicted jointly after the slaying of the Hances.

ELECTRIC SHOCK FATAL TO MAN

Machinist Dies When He Fails to Throw Switch.

George Fry, 35, R. R. D. box 213, foreman at the Vonnegut Machine Company, 19 W. South St., was electrocuted early today when he failed to disconnect both of two high-tension switches leading to a new machine he was working on preparatory to shipment. He touched the cable.

E. H. Bradley, R. R. H. box 220, another employee, told Coroner Paul F. Robinson that he saw a flash and Fry fall. Fry lived about five minutes. He is survived by the widow and one child 4 months old.

The body was taken by the Moore & Kirk parlors to the morgue.

SHANK PREDICTS DUVALL GRIEF

Dangerous Not to Keep Your Promises, Mayor Says.

Mayor Shank was so busy predicting grief for Mayor-elect Duvall today he lost his hat. Mrs. Florence Peckman, secretary, found a discarded Panama, which Shank wore home to lunch.

"I'll bet half of the appointments of John Duvall don't stick," Shank said. "It is a mighty dangerous thing to promise a man something and not give it to him."

George Snider, ex-sheriff; George V. Coffin, Republican city and county chairman; Claude Worley, Criminal Court investigator; Claude McCoy and George Hutsell, ward chairmen, and William H. Armistage, Shank's political general, were among the disappointed, Shank mentioned.

Shank declared Duvall owed his nomination to Coffin. Worley was Coffin's favorite for police chief.

NEGOTIATIONS RESUMED

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Nov. 10.—Sub-committee of the American and Italian debt commission were to resume negotiations at 3 p. m. today in an effort to reach a mutual understanding that will lead to funding of Italy's \$2,138,000,000 war debt.

Inman's Sudden Announcement Takes State by Surprise—Court Recesses to Give Remy Chance to Gather Rebuttal Witnesses.

"HOME TOWN" DOCTORS USED TO BOLSTER SUICIDE THEORY

Judge Denies Motion to Take Jury to Indianapolis for Inspection of Union Station Where Girl Alleged She Was Forced to Make Trip.

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

CIRCUIT COURTROOM, NOBLESVILLE, Ind., Nov. 10.—Attorneys defending D. C. Stephenson, Earl Klinek and Earl Gentry against charges of murdering Miss Madge Oberholtzer, 28, of Irvington, suddenly rested their case at 11:30 a. m. today. The defendants did not take the stand.

The announcement by Eph Inman, chief defense attorney, came after a morning of dry, medical testimony, that Miss Oberholtzer's death was undoubtedly due to bichloride of mercury.

Judging from the triumphant expression of the defendants and their attorneys, they seemed satisfied they have established their theory of suicide following a drunken party.

State testimony showed that Madge took forty-five grains of the poison in a Hammond hotel, March 16, following a trip in a Pullman drawing room to that city with Stephenson and Gentry.

Four and Half Days
The defense has occupied four days and a half in an attempt to show that Miss Oberholtzer was much more extensively acquainted with Stephenson than the dying declaration showed, and that her death was not due to infected teeth marks.

Judge Will M. Sparks recessed court until 1:15 at which time the rebuttal by the State began. Following the close of the State's rebuttal, the defense will have a final chance, that of destroying any new evidence which the State may present at this time. Then will come closing arguments, expected to last more than a day, which will be followed by the judge's instructions to the jury.

Conference Held
Stephenson, his two co-defendants and counsel had conferred for five minutes in an adjoining room, after the last witness was excused. An expectant air filled the little room as they returned and all but Inman sat down.

"Your honor, the defense now rests," said Inman slowly, emphasizing each word.

Prosecutor William H. Remy smiled at Inman cordially, then facing the judge, said:

"Your Honor, we have been taken somewhat by surprise; we can have our rebuttal witnesses here by 2 o'clock."

"We'll adjourn until 1:15 o'clock and indulge the State at that time with whatever reasonable additional time they may need to assemble their witness," Judge Sparks said.

From the moment last week when the State rested its case, defense attorneys have persisted in their declaration that sensational disclosures would be made. They declared that the State would not know until two hours or less, before the defense rested, what the later revelation would be.

Jury Trip Denied
Shortly before the defense rested, Judge Sparks denied a defense motion to take the jury under guard to the Indianapolis Union Station for the purpose of making an inspection of the premises where Miss Oberholtzer was alleged to have been forced into a Pullman car.

"The State has assented in this request, but the court differs and will deny it. Doubtless all of the members of the jury have seen the Union Station and its layout has been accurately shown by chart and blueprint," Judge Sparks commented in denying the motion.

For the sake of clearing the record as to one disputed point, the State agreed to a stipulation propounded by Inman to the effect that the 1925 State Legislature convened on Jan. 8, and that the Governor's (Turn to Page 3)

Flapper Fanny says

A fellow often answers a girl's calling, when the phone rings.

Six Points Woman Says Man Formerly Lived There.

The headless and legless body of a man found on the pilot of a Pennsylvania passenger train here Friday was identified today by Mrs. Nestor of Six Points as that of Herman Boerders, age about 55, former resident of that town, it was said at the Rushton undertaking parlors, Plainfield.

Mrs. Nestor said Boerders came to her home Thursday evening and that his hearing was impaired. He had worked as a blacksmith several months ago at Six Points.

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A fellow often answers a girl's calling, when the phone rings.