

# INMAN ASSAILS 'BLOOD CRY OF MOB'

## KU-KLUX KLAN HUNTS FOR DUVALL IN PEKIN

### NAVY IS SILENT ON 'GAG' CHARGE OF AIR WIDOW

Capt. Foley, Accused by Mrs. Lansdowne, Asks Leave to Testify.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—Prosecution leaders in the Col. William Mitchell court-martial today took up the question of answering charges of Mrs. Zachary Lansdowne, widow of the Shenandoah commander, who accused Captain Paul Foley, judge advocate of the Naval Court investigating the dirigible disaster, with attempting to influence her testimony.

Colonel Sherman Moreland, prosecutor of the Texas colonel on charges of insubordination, said he would decide later whether to call Foley and Mrs. George W. Steele, wife of the Lakehurst (N. J.) air station commandant, who Mrs. Lansdowne said, delivered a memorandum from Foley. The memorandum suggested Mrs. Lansdowne testify that her husband was willing to take his ship, the Shenandoah, "anywhere, any time, under any weather conditions." Foley asked to appear.

Mrs. Lansdowne's charge came as a bombshell in the Navy Department. Officials refused to comment in any way on expected developments or a possible counter-offensive.

Mrs. Lansdowne also told of a visit to her by Foley two days before the Shenandoah court convened, in which she said Foley tried to get her to rehearse the story she intended to tell the inquiry. She refused, she said, advising him merely that it was her purpose to show that the Shenandoah was sent westward to her doom and the resultant deaths of her husband and thirteen members of the crew "on a political flight."

When court convened a motion to strike out the testimony of Mrs. Lansdowne was made by Colonel Moreland.

### ARTISTS TO BE UPON PROGRAM

Times Weekly Radio Feature on Air Tonight.

Three groups of artists will broadcast the Indianapolis Times radio program tonight over WFEM, Merchants Heat and Light Company, from the Severin.

The orchestra on this program will be the Universal Syncopators, with Mrs. Gertrude Buttz as pianist. These players have arranged a program of popular melodies.

Miss May Warren and Miss Lois Lloyd of the vaudeville team of Lloyd and Warren have arranged a program of novelty songs.

Bud Harris, well-known as a singer of popular songs, will be on the program. Miss Dot Hattgreen will be the pianist.

The program begins promptly at 9 p. m.

### TWO 'LAW DAYS' ARE DESIGNATED

Wets to Be Given Fight on Jan. 16 and 17.

DETROIT, Mich., Nov. 13.—Dedicated to a vigorous national campaign of law enforcement, more than 2,000 members of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union met here today for their 51st annual convention.

As an indication of the drive to be made by the union, the executive committee designated Jan. 16 and 17 as "national law enforcement days" to combat the "wet" campaign expected to be launched in Washington during the same month.

By vote of the executive committee Los Angeles will entertain the 1926 convention.

### MORTGAGE TO BE PAID

Widow Made Happy by Arrangements Through Relief Fund.

Mrs. Ida Kaler, a widow of R. R. B. Box 342 D, who owns twenty acres of land near Ellettsville, was happy today when she left the office of City Controller Joseph L. Hogue after completing arrangements whereby Mayor Shank will pay off a \$1,500 mortgage on her farm out of a relief fund.

James M. Ogden, city corporation counsel, wrote the agreement, providing trustees to look after the farm. Mrs. Kaler, who has four children, has done a man's work since her husband died four months ago.

### Mayor-Elect Has Spent Most of Time

Since Election in Birthplace—Expected Back Here Monday to Face Storm Over Appointments.

While Mayor-Elect John L. Duvall was hunting rabbits, Indianapolis Klansmen were hunting Duvall in Pekin, Ill., today.

And here in Indianapolis a storm was brewing which threatened to cause the next chief executive of the city considerable worry when he returns from Pekin and Mackinaw, Ill., his birthplace, where he has been since a week ago Thursday.

The group of Indianapolis Klansmen arrived in Pekin Thursday night, "nearly fifty of them," according to a hotel proprietor. They began to search for Duvall at once, and for Indianapolis newspapermen believed to know where the mayor elect was.

Out a Hunting But Duvall was not in Pekin, Thursday night. Early Thursday he left the home of his sister, Mrs. F. C. Smith, 1116 S. Fourth St., Pekin, for a hunting trip. Thursday and early today he was in the vicinity of Springfield, Ill., but was expected back in Pekin late today.

Monday he is scheduled to return here—to battle with belligerent politicians and disappointed office seekers riled by the appointments he has already announced from his hiding place.

Since Thursday Duvall has spent most of his time at Mackinaw, a little town of 600, eighteen miles east of Pekin, living in the Duvall homestead.

Occasionally he has visited his sister in Pekin, where his mail is being forwarded, but always alone. Duvall left Indianapolis before all the returns were in a week ago Tuesday night.

Duvall couldn't elude the men who say they elected him.

And the longer Duvall stays away from Indianapolis and the more unexplained appointments (political speaking) he sends home, the louder will be the political bomb exploded when John comes marching home, leaders here say.

Klan Meets Tonight One of the first explosions may come tonight when the Ku-Klux Klan meets at Tomlinson Hall.

When Duvall released his first appointment some politicians said: "Boy, howdy, but that guy sure is taking care of the Klan."

There was Arthur McGee, the deposed cop, rooting in the police inspector's chair. There was Harvey W. Bedford, McGee's ousted running mate, with a fat job in the recreation department. There was Claude Johnson as police chief. There were a lot of appointments which the politicians thought would make George V. Coffin, Republican city chairman, who is cross-ways with the Klan, weep.

Coffin didn't weep. He went hunting—for Duvall.

When observers dug deeper they discovered that the Klan wasn't so satisfied.

Arthur McGee was to have been police chief, not mere inspector. That was before William H. Armistage, who swung a few thousand (Turn to Page 22)

### TRAIN KILLS WOMAN

Fatal Accident Occurs in Muncie Downtown Section.

MUNCIE, Ind., Nov. 13.—Mrs. John Osborne was instantly killed today when, in attempting to cross a railroad track in the downtown section here, she was struck by the Southwestern Limited of the Big Four.

### 11 COUNTRIES' DEBTS FUNDED

Nine Nations Still Owe United States.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—With Italy's war debt to the United States funded, the American debt commission today took up negotiations with Rumania's debt commission for settlement of that nation's \$46,500,000 obligation.

Funding agreements with eleven out of the twenty-nations who borrowed from this country during and after the war have now been effected.

The Italian payments start upon signature of the contract tomorrow, at \$5,000,000 annually for five years. Interest payments of one eighth of one per cent start after this five-year moratorium and graduate upward every ten years to a maximum of two per cent in the last years of the sixty-two-year payment period.

### HOURLY TEMPERATURE

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### NEW MAYOR IS IN FOR BATTLE ON PARK BOARD

Shank Reappoints E. W. Johnson to Test Strength of Law.

A fight for control of the park board was assured today with the announcement of Mayor Shank of the reappointment of Emsley W. Johnson, effective Jan. 1, when Johnson's present term expires.

Johnson has agreed to remain on the board to determine strength of the law that provides the board shall be out of politics.

### Minister Urges

Dr. M. J. Spencer, works board member and John Zener, former police captain, had urged him to appoint the Rev. Charles Sumner Williams, colored, pastor of the Bethel A. M. E. Church, to succeed Johnson, Shank said.

The law provides that park board members may be dismissed prior to expiration of their terms only for legitimate cause, and that they shall name the park superintendent. Should the present board be retained the reappointment of R. Walter Jarvis as park superintendent seems assured.

Duvall Thursday named Mrs. Joseph B. Keating, John T. Sauter and Charles G. Duvall, all known Republicans, to the present board, Johnson, Linnas, as three of the members to Charles A. Bookwalter, Albert M. Maguire and Frank P. Manley.

### May Be Illegal

It was pointed out Duvall's appointments may be illegal, as law provides for two Republican and two Democrat members. However, members may change their politics, as did the late Mrs. Sarah Shank, named a Democratic member on the board by Mayor Shank, elected on a Republican ticket.

Local Council of the Women's Civic Committee adopted a resolution urging the non-partisanship law be observed.

### 'RUDY' AND WIFE DENY DIVORCE

Screen Sheik Says Report Is 'Absurd.'

NEW YORK, Nov. 13.—Published reports from Paris that Mrs. Rudolph Valentino is to be given a divorce from the "screen sheik" next month were termed "absurd" by Valentino today.

"I feel sure that if Mrs. Valentino had asked a divorce she would have informed me. I have not been so informed."

Valentino admitted, however, that he had not heard from his wife since she arrived from Europe on Wednesday.

MRS. ALSO DENIES Attorney Says No Paris Divorce Is Sought.

PARIS, Nov. 13.—The attorney for Mrs. Rudolph Valentino denied today published reports that she is about to get a divorce from her husband.

### JUDGES TO BE NAMED

Governor Probably Will Appoint City Justices Monday.

Governor Jackson said today he probably would announce appointments of the four Indianapolis municipal court judges Monday.

The Governor has a long list of aspirants from which to choose, including Judge Dan White of city court No. 2; Fred McAllister, attorney, and James B. McDonald and Tom Garvin, who have served as special judges pro tem in the county criminal court. Earl Cox, attorney and Don Roberts, former clerk of Marion County Superior Court No. 2, also have been mentioned.

### BURGLARS GET \$253

Electric Fan Also Reported Taken From Filling Station.

Walter Ketchum, 223 Woodlawn Ave., reported to police that burglars took jewelry valued at \$253 from his home.

C. E. Young, said an electric fan, candy and cigarettes valued at \$25 were taken from his filling station at 6602 E. Washington St.

### \$50,000 FIRE WHILE BANDITS ROB STAND

Trio Who Held Up Cumberland Barbecue Sought—Printing Plant Destroyed by Night Blaze.

Local authorities are searching for the bandit trio who held up and robbed the Cumberland barbecue stand of \$20 late Thursday while the citizens were fighting a fire that destroyed the Merchants Printing Company's plant. Fire which caused a damage estimated at from \$50,000 to \$60,000 is believed to have been started by the robbers who used the blaze to cover their activities.

The building, a one-story frame structure, of about 60,000 square

### Beware Black Cats Today; It's Friday the Thirteenth



Harold Joseph Corbett and "Black Bob."

### Better Rub a Rabbit's Foot if You Would Avoid Trouble.

Friday, the thirteenth! Unlucky combination, and what if in addition, a black cat should cross your path today?

If you're superstitious like Napoleon, you'd call for help as he did when a black cat got behind a curtain in his room.

Patrolman Grant Felton, 4195 E. Washington St., who has a bright wood beat, feels the same way. "I'm not afraid of burglars or bandits," he declared, "but I'll swear that if a black cat started to cross my path, nothing but an emergency call would keep me from getting out of the way."

### Proof of Ill Luck

Ernest Hesser, director of music in the city schools, is also sure the black cat is unlucky. "I have positive proof," he laughed. "Not long ago my wife and I were driving near Greenfield. A black cat crossed our path. 'Bad luck,' said the wife, and right away a tire blew out."

"Let me see," ruminated Elaine McGrath, president of the Advertising Club. "Guess I'm neutral. When did this black cat superstition originate, anyway?"

Somewhere in the Middle Ages, they said at the library. The Egyptians worshipped cats, and 1,600 years before Christ ebony tabbies appeared on their monuments, but during the Middle Ages somebody gave black cats a black eye, and their reputation for carrying ill luck has clung to them ever since.

### Good Luck to Some

But some folks reverse the popular superstition.

"They're lucky," sure," declared James H. Horn of 2194 Avondale Ave. "I took in a stray black cat that had crossed my path not long ago. Two hours later, I found a \$5 bill!"

Dr. Elizabeth Conger thinks a lot of black cats. "I've three," she commented. "Black Jack, Black Jill and Black Betty. Yes, I'm sure I've been more fortunate than ever, since those tabbies adopted me."

M. H. O'Hair, druggist at Pennsylvania and St. Clair Sts., also appreciates black cats. "A black cat came here Monday and I had wonderful trade all week. Thursday the cat was missing. It rained all day and business was fierce."

"Black cats ain't unlucky, even on Friday the thirteenth," remarked little Harold Joseph Corbett of 2602 Lancaster St. "They're nice," and he hugged Black Bob, his ebony pet.

### Four Brave Jinx

Only two couples braved the terrors of Friday, the thirteenth, and took out marriage licenses this morning. Usually from six to a dozen couples are issued licenses, according to Miss Margaret Mahoney, county license clerk.

One couple who took licenses today were: Heinrich J. K. Wolff, 27, of 219 E. Missouri St., and Miss Johanna M. Kohlmann, 29, of 213 E. Missouri St. The other couple was William King, colored, Chicago, and Miss Connie Washington, 19, colored, 2232 Cushing St.

### HAVE EARS CUT OFF

Slovakian Peasants Mutilate Socialist Political Agitators.

VIENNA, Nov. 13.—Slovakian peasants of the village of Delva were reported today to have seized thirteen Socialist political agitators and to have cut off their ears.

### Unfairness of Charges in Sane View of Law Held Up Before Jury in Powerful Plea for Acquittal of Stephenson and Aids.

CHRISTIAN HOLDS COURTROOM SPELLBOUND WITH ELOQUENCE

Calls Oberholtzer Attorneys the Vulture and Gosling Who Wrote Dying Statement of Girl Defendants Are Accused of Murdering.

By John Niblack and William L. Toms

CIRCUIT COURTROOM, NOBLESVILLE, Ind., Nov. 13.—Declaring that the transient spirit of the mob, the forces of hatred and prejudice were unreasonably demanding the lives of three men for purely the suicide of a girl, Eph Inman pleaded today for sane enforcement of the law and the acquittal of D. C. Stephenson, Earl Gentry and Earl Klinek, charged with the murder of Madge Oberholtzer.

"The law has been man's safeguard down the ages," shouted the dean of Indiana criminal lawyers. "Shall it be brushed aside to meet the cry of revenge. Can suicide be murder? Can suicide be homicide? No man has ever said so or ever will say so unless he says it in contradiction of the law."

Inman branded the dying declaration of Miss Oberholtzer as the poisonous propaganda inspired by a crafty lawyer, originally drafted to blackmail Stephenson.

He pictured the trio—as men of fine sensibilities languishing in jail seven months on a charge all men knew could not be justified.

Inman followed Floyd Christian, defense lawyer, who had unleashed a powerful argument for the acquittal of the trio.

"Gentlemen of the jury, in all my connection with this remarkable case, I have been conscious of the weight of responsibility which rested upon us all. It has not been the responsibility of law or of fact. But it has been the responsibility which an implacable element of public sentiment without knowing and without being concerned with the facts, has cast upon us. I have never for a single instant feared for the safety of our clients under the law. I have not feared for their safety upon the facts."

Indictment a Shame "That these men should ever have been indicted for murder is a shame to the jurisprudence of Indiana, and to the law of this land, and I sincerely believe that such an indictment would never have been returned except that the State's attorney and those privately employed to reap the vengeance of hate, determined to respond to the wishes of the unreasonable element of hostility, which wished to hurry Mr. Stephenson to destruction."

"There is not a lawyer in Indiana, not a lawyer in the nation freed from prejudice and interest, who wouldn't say that this prosecution for murder is entirely without justification for murder is entirely without precedent in the jurisprudence of the country. Not only that, but every cool-headed, every fair-minded reasoning man you may meet upon the street feels and will say they might be guilty of something, even assuming the theory of the State and the story of its witnesses to be true, —we don't know—but they are not guilty, and could not be guilty, of murder, or guilty of homicide in any degree."

"A jury of intelligent men, of sensible thinking men, have accepted to pass upon the question. A jury which we have a right to feel will not be stampeded into doing violence to common sense and law."

"This case has brought us all to the point where we are to settle the question whether the law which has been the safeguard of human liberty in the new world for 150 years, shall continue to prevail or whether orderly procedure in court shall break completely down, and we shall be compelled to try our cases before a portion of an intolerant populace, depending for the outcome upon who can present in advance of a trial the longest petitions and resolutions in respect of the facts."

"The sole question presented here is: Can suicide be murder? Can suicide be homicide? No man has ever said so or ever will say so unless he says it in contradiction of the law."

"In this so-called dying declaration—this lawyer made declaration, designed as poisonous propaganda to be used in the effort to get money—if it declares anything, it is a dying declaration of suicide and not homicide. Why, the only told of how she committed suicide."

"If she fancied she had been wronged, she took long, ample time to think it over, and deliberately and without compulsion made up her mind to commit suicide, and in order that her deliberate premeditated plan to take her own life should not be thwarted or interfered with, she resorted to use and deception, to be sure her plans should not be discovered, and then when by deception

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### FEDERAL JUDGE RULES ALIENS MUST BE FREED

Penalty Clause of Immigration Act Has Been Nullified.

PERGUS FALLS, Minn., Nov. 13.—Hundreds of aliens imprisoned throughout the United States for entering this country without consent of immigration officials must be freed, according to a decision by Federal Judge W. A. Cant today.

Cant freed eleven immigrants convicted in this district. His order held the penalty clause of the Immigration act a war measure and nullified by subsequent legislation.

Heretofore immigrants convicted of illegal entry were sentenced to Federal penitentiaries. Eighty-three are said to be serving terms now in Leavenworth. Following Cant's decision all such prisoners are expected to be released.

The ruling takes such cases entirely out of the jurisdiction of the justice department and places them in the hands of the immigration department. Immigration officials have the power to hold illegal entrants in jail until such time as they can be deported, but have no punitive powers.

TRIAL IS CONTINUED Judge Asks Better Investigation in Attack Case.

Trial of William Rick, colored, held under high bond for the alleged criminal attack upon Mrs. Mona Clark, 2209 N. Gale St., on June 22, was continued until Nov. 18, today by Criminal Judge James A. Collins after hearing the evidence in part. Judge Collins asked that a better investigation of the case be made in the meantime.

NARCOTIC QUIZ GIVEN I. L. Earhart, Cincinnati, Ohio, civil service district secretary, and J. B. Greenon, narcotic agent of Cleveland, today gave oral examinations to applicants for Federal narcotic positions at the Federal Bldg.

FLAPPER FANNY says

Too many of us pick our friends to pieces.

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