

# 'Is There a Soul?' 'Yes,' Declares Famous Surgeon

## LOAN COMPANIES THREATEN JOBS OF BORROWERS

Firms Under Indictment Send Out Letters to Railroad Employees.

Loan companies, whose officers are under indictment in Criminal Court on usury charges, it was learned today, are threatening persons who have borrowed money and refused to repay it with the enormous interest charged.

Several persons have come to the prosecutor's office in regard to the matter. Deputy Prosecutor John L. Niblack announced that none of the persons will be required to pay the loans until the charges are disposed of in court.

### Send Out Letters

According to borrowers, the companies first threatened legal action to obtain the money and now have sent letters declaring that the companies will not employers and see that the borrowers, all railroad employees, are discharged.

Indictments have been returned against the following: Walter E. Payson, Indiana Purchasing Company; Wayne W. Ayres, 120 Arcade Bldg.; Irvin Miller and Kenneth Cox, 23 N. Pennsylvania St., and R. De Witt King and C. Sprague King, Atlanta, Ga., represented here by Miller and Cox; the Central Purchasing Company, 48 N. Pennsylvania St., and Lee Moore and J. Binkley of the Marion Brokerage Company. The law firm of Robinson, Symmes and Nelson is representing the loan men.

Indictments charge that usury was committed when interest as high as 240 per cent a year was asked.

"The loan companies have no recourse in the courts, under the law, to collect the money," Niblack stated. "They have loaned the money without the signatures of wives of the men. The State law requires the wives' signatures on any loan."

Niblack said the companies were threatening the men's jobs under the order enforced by all railroads, that none of their employees can borrow from "loan sharks." The railroad companies here, however, have assured the prosecutor's office that none of the men will be discharged.

The Russell Sage Foundation of New York has been probing the Marion County situation and will aid in the fight against usury.

## RAT GIVES CUE IN DUAL DEATH ROLE

Man and Wife Found Dead — Accident and Grief Motives.

*By United Press*  
MATTAPoisETT, Mass., Nov. 27.—A barnyard rat was the indirect cause of a double tragedy in which a former Harvard football star killed both his wife and himself here.

The incident occurred last yesterday at the Mattapoisett home of J. E. Norton Shaw, New Bedford attorney and Harvard graduate, class of '98.

According to Mrs. Catherine Sherman, housekeeper, Shaw loaded an old-fashioned 12-gauge shotgun and started for his barn, telling Mrs. Shaw he was going to kill a rat.

Shortly after he returned to the house, Mrs. Sherman said, she heard a gun's report. She hurried to Mrs. Shaw's bedroom and found the latter on the floor with Shaw standing over her, gun in hand.

"My God!" Shaw exclaimed. "I've shot my wife. Go get a doctor."

Mrs. Sherman went downstairs.

While she was telephoning she again heard the gun explode.

When Dr. I. N. Tilden arrived both Shaw and his wife were dead.

Police believe Shaw killed his wife accidentally and, overcome by grief, took his own life.

### Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported stolen to police belong to:

Austin Hyatt, Falmouth, Ind.; Ford, from New York and Meridian Sta.

H. C. Kenworthy, 615 Murphy Bldg.; Ford, from Delaware and Ohio Sta.

Eugene Schmidt, 2347 N. Alabama St.; Ford, from Capitol Ave. and Ohio Sta.

J. M. Loftiss, 402 W. Twenty-Ninth St.; Chevrolet (546-281), from Twenty-Fifth St. and Fall Creek Blvd.

Darrell D. Davis, 721 E. Eleventh St.; Chevrolet (551-670), from Maryland and Illinois Sta.

Frank Hart, Y. M. C. A.; Ford (556-755), from New York and Illinois Sta.

### BACK HOME AGAIN

Automobiles reported found by police belong to:

Marcus Wyant, Noblesville, Ind.; Ford, found at 530 S. West St.

Leslie Manlove, 650 Arbor Ave.; Ford, found at Louisiana and East Sta.

Electric steaming irons, with a water reservoir and tiny holes in the ironing surface for the emergence of steam are now being produced. It is said this device obviates the need of dampening clothes before ironing.



Dr. William J. Mayo



"I have seen a minister come to the bedside of my patient and do for that patient what I could not do."

Dr. William J. Mayo, Who Knows Most About Human Body, Strongly Asserts Belief in Religion.

*By N.Y.A. Service*  
ROCHESTER, Minn., Nov. 27.—Is their a soul?

"Yes," says Dr. William J. Mayo, who knows more about man's material make-up than perhaps any other living person.

Dr. Mayo is a world-famous surgeon, senior of the two equally distinguished Mayo brothers and chief of staff of the Mayo clinic here.

The keen blade of his scalpel may never have disclosed the soul as a tangible part of the mystery called man, but he knows it is there.

He is as confident of its presence as he is of the most elemental truth to which his own medical science adheres.

Humanity, too, sadly needs fuller acceptance of the spiritual teaching from which the concept of a soul arises, Dr. Mayo believes.

### Religion—Not Creeds

"The world needs religion," he put it. "It needs religion as distinguished from creeds born of theologians' disputes."

"If the world is bettered by disputes over creeds, I can not see it."

There is nothing of dogma in the opinions as to the importance of the spiritual that he voices. There is little, if any, theorizing. His beliefs are of simpler origin.

"The surgeon and physician of experience realize quickly that they need religion to help them," he said. "I do not mean the personal religion of the surgeon and physician—I mean the personal religion of the patient."

"I have seen a minister come to the bedside of my patient and do for that patient what I could not do, though I had done everything in my professional power."

### Sees Truth in Sermon on Mount

There was no hedging as this master of medical science subscribed to religion.

"No thinking, reverent man can read the Sermon on the Mount or the life of Christ without knowing that here is truth," he said.

Dr. Mayo was born an Episcopalian, and is a member of the Episcopal church. But he has not attended a service of his church in twenty years.

He subscribes to the spiritual, but not to spiritualism.

"Fraud," he said of "psychic phenomena," such as dark room seances.

"Ninety-five per cent of our knowledge comes through the eye. In a darkened room, the faker has but 5 per cent of our intelligence to combat."

"If men like Sir Oliver Lodge and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle fail to smell out the fraud—well, when a man goes into dark places, deprived of his chief means of obtaining information, the scientist is as likely to be led astray as any one else."

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## REZONING BILLS BRING BOMBS AT PUBLIC HEARING

In Council's Hands Now—Personalities Make Session Heated.

Sizzling from contact with heated oratory, two rezoning ordinances were in the hands of city councilmen today, following a fiery council committee public hearing Friday.

The ordinances propose to rezone for filling stations two corners at the south approach of the Delaware St. bridge over Fall Creek and for business blocks locations at Forty-Sixth St. and College Ave. The districts now are zoned only for residences.

Argument on the actual issues was subordinated at the public hearing to personalities.

There was the rising from his seat of Gustav G. Schmidt.

"It's a lie!" Gustav G. Schmidt declared at one point in the hearing.

The occasion was an assertion by Councilman Otis E. Bartholomew, meeting chairman, that Schmidt, city plan commission president, was associated with the Ostrom Realty Company.

Councilman Rises

Councilman O. Ray Albertson was perhaps a shade faster in rising from his chair when J. M. Tindall, property owner opposed to rezoning Delaware St. corners, declared.

"He (Albertson) told us that the Standard Oil Company had done more to elect him than the entire Fall Creek Civic Association."

"That's not true," Albertson yelled. "I'll call you to account to prove that."

"Seven or eight members of the association heard you say it," Tindall retorted.

Bartholomew pounded the gavel and Councilman Austin H. Todd demanded that Tindall be removed.

Contention by Attorney

Property owners contended that practically all residents within three blocks of the location were opposed to the oil stations, but Merle N. A. Walker, attorney for Mrs. Mary Spann, owner of one of the corners, said Delaware St. has become a business thoroughfare and should be zoned for commerce as far as Fall Creek.

A. E. Mantell, real estate dealer, admitted he bought a corner at Forty-Sixth St. and College Ave. for \$10,000 and had asked \$15,000 for after passage of the zoning ordinance. He said he would build a beautiful brick and stucco block with regard to the beautification program of the neighborhood.

Irregular practices of the plan commission in the past were disclosed when Schmidt admitted that "while six is a quorum, it is customary for five of us to act on some matters." A meeting of only five approved Mantell's request, he admitted.

Kissing is not favored in Japan with the result that \$80,000 feet of embrasures have been struck from recent films exhibited in that country.

*By United Press*

WARSAW, Ind., Nov. 27.—Mrs. Ursel Norris, shot in the back Friday night by her husband, was reported recovering here today at McDonald Hospital. The shooting took place on one of the main streets of Pierceton.

Norris was angry at his wife's suit for divorce, according to Mrs. Norris.

He met her on the street, drew a pistol and fired three shots, two of which went wild.

Norris escaped.

*By United Press*

DETROIT SETTLEMENT TO MARK OPENING OF MARTHA CAREY HOUSE.

Four hundred persons will attend the dedication dinner of the recently completed \$160,000 Martha Carey House of the Settlement to the American City.

John L. Elliott, president of the National Federation of Settlements and director of the Hudson Guild of New York, will speak on "Contributions to the Settlement to the American City." A Cinderella festival will be presented by children in the school classes the afternoon of Dec. 11, together with a program by the children's chorus.

*By United Press*

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Nov. 27.—John Hensley, 9, believed fatally injured in an automobile crash Thanksgiving day that instantly killed his mother, is fighting for his life in a hospital here. Young Hensley's pulse was stronger today and it was believed he has a chance to recover. He has not yet regained consciousness. He is suffering from a fractured skull.

Eighteen regular landing fields and more than ninety emergency fields are maintained by the government on the transcontinental air mail route.

*By United Press*

LAD FIGHTS FOR LIFE

Believe Boy-Victim in Auto Crash May Live.

*By United Press*

ATLANTA, Nov. 27.—A. E. Jones, 21, of Jones' Corner, Ga., was shot in the head Saturday night by a man who was identified as a Negro.

Jones was admitted to the hospital.

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