

POWER REBATE PROBE WILL START SOON

COLLEGE STUDENT TO FACE MURDER CHARGES MONDAY

Gene Alger Will Go on Trial at Danville—Prosecutors at Work.

By Charles Carl. Spots of blood on a policeman's uniform, formed after he was shot in the heart by a young college student who resisted arrest, and the unwhipped policeman carried, all bespattered, tell, in part, the story of the death of Patrolman John J. Buchanan, a Negro, fatally shot July 9 by Gene Alger, 19, of 121 E. Ohio St.

Today, young Alger will appear in the little jail of Hendricks county, at Danville, Ind. He will go on trial Monday on a first-degree murder charge.

Will Ask Death Penalty And Deputy Prosecutor Judson L. Stark and his assistants are preparing for a week's trial at which they will ask the death penalty.

The boy's attorney is preparing to show extenuating circumstances to free the youth or win him a light sentence.

Stark, his chief assistant, Carl Lume, former Hendricks county prosecutor, and King Reibold, present Hendricks county prosecutor, are preparing to combat the wave of sympathy for the boy.

Barbers Impressed Various Danville barbers who have heard the boy in jail, according to word brought Stark, have been impressed with his innocent manner and spread the word among Danville residents.

Buchanan, according to police and the prosecutors, was shot when he refused Alger into the Beyer Hotel, 255 N. Capitol Ave., and attempted to arrest him. According to the prosecution, Alger, hidden in a closet in the hotel, fired the shot that struck Buchanan in the heart when he later attempted to open the closet door.

Alger was arrested by two other officers for an alleged attempt to steal an automobile on Senate Ave., near the Statehouse. When police took him to a nearby store he shot his way to temporary freedom and hid in the hotel.

Admits Shooting He jumped out of a window and over a fence, struck down one man who tried to stop him and shot at others, and was captured near Illinois and New York Sts. after he commandeered an automobile and ordered the owner to "drive like hell."

Later, at city hospital, when death seemed near, Alger made a full statement admitting shooting Buchanan. He recovered, and when the case was moved he was taken from the Marion County jail to Danville.

Empties Magazine On Stark's desk last two guns, one is a Spanish-American war type, and poorly taken care of. This was Alger's. The other, with blood spots on it, in the holster attached to the blood-spattered cartridge belt, was Buchanan's.

Alger, in his dash, had shot the magazine six bullets in all. Buchanan had fired only four. Other possessions the boy carried at the time were thirteen additional lead-headed bullets and a thin strip of steel, which was either used in his effort to steal the auto or remove cartridges from the revolver chamber.

Alibi Established When the trial begins the State will show that Buchanan left his post of duty at Capitol and Indiana Ave. to join in the chase after Alger and staggered down the hotel hallway 100 feet before whispering he is collapsed: "Partner, they've got you."

On the other side, will sit the youth who said he was trying to steal the car to sell to his mother "wouldn't have to work to help him get through school."

King, Alger's attorney, also will attempt to prove, it is believed, that Alger was not attempting to steal the machine, on which charge he was being arrested. He said he lost his nerve and was leaving the machine unattended when arrested.

FRANK MANLY ELECTED Indianapolis Life Insurance Names Officers.

A. Lefty Porteus, city, and George A. Raub of Logansport, Ind., have been re-elected directors of the Indianapolis Life Insurance Company.

Officers elected: Frank P. Manly, president; Edward B. Raub, vice president and general counsel; Joseph R. Raub, secretary; E. A. Porter, actuary; Dr. J. B. Young and Dr. Frank A. Morrison, medical directors.

Porteus was advanced from cashier to treasurer and J. C. Caperton from agency manager to second vice president. Other appointments: W. Irving Palmer, agency secretary; B. D. Pfeiffer, assistant secretary, and Charles Rouse, cashier.

Chance for Jingle Writers

Jingle writers, here's your chance. Besides making yourself known as a limerick master, you can get without any trouble or coin a box of delicious sweets via the Times Nancy Hart Contest Route. Just put on your skid chains and settle down to a little simple thinking and write the last line to a four line jingle. Before you know it you'll be rounding the curve to success and find a box of Nancy Hart chocolates awaiting you.

On the first page of the classified ad section you'll find every day a jingle minus its last line. All you have to do is put the finishing touches to it by adding the fifth line to rhyme with the first two and of the same meter. You can say anything you want in any way.

Twenty-five boxes of Nancy Hart will be given daily for the twenty-five best missing lines. You can't fail, for you can have a fresh start every day with a brand new limerick to try your jingling ability on. Read the rules and then try your hand.

MILLER EXPLAINS STAND ON MERGER

Tells Why Chamber Took Compromise Action.

Dick Miller, Chamber of Commerce president, today explained the action of the directors Wednesday in approving work of the special committee which represented the Chamber in the merger of the two electric power companies.

"The valuation of \$400,000 which our committee brought the merger promoters to accept, was not guess work," Miller declared. "Our experts, after careful consideration, decided the public service commission after a complete appraisal, might easily determine the valuation of the properties materially higher than our figure."

"A thorough evaluation could only be made after months of work and at a cost of about \$400,000. The committee made possible immediate and actual reductions in rates, amounting to an annual saving of about \$15,000 to light users and about \$15,000 to power users. In addition the merged company will deposit \$200,000 of securities to be cashed and used to defeat any rate increase within five years."

The board of directors unanimously approved the action of the committee.

REDUCE TALK, SAVE WORK, SAYS MUSSOLINI

By Benito Mussolini, Premier of Italy as told to Thomas B. Morgan, Rome Manager of the United Press.

(This is the eighth of a series of articles which the United Press has been personally revised, corrected and authorized by Benito Mussolini.)

One very useful assistance in pushing forward the day's work has resulted from our efforts to reduce the amount of talk to a minimum. The government is now at an end, and government employees cannot engage in protracted political chatter on the government's time. I am, severely and pre-eminently, no exception to this rule.

Speeches occupied no little part of a premier's time under the old regime. Some of them made it their principal activity. They devoted days and days to a single speech, copying and recopying, changing and adjusting, so as to make a great display before the people. Some even based their capacity to hold the offices of premier on their ability to make a speech. Their administrative functions were subordinated to their oratorical reputations and the government thus suffered for the lack of a thorough administrative policy. There is none of that today. Speech-making has been relegated to the background.

There was a period in which fascism was entrenching its position. Then it was necessary to carry the people, the meaning of our government. At that time, first, for the inspiration of our own adherents, and secondly, for the instruction of the people, there was real need to tell the people what we had assumed power and what we intended to do for the good of Italy. Today, our mission is well-known and accepted by all classes of the people. There is no need of flowery orations and exhortations. We have translated into acts what we promised in words.

This spirit of doing and not talking has permeated not alone the government organization but also the ranks of the people, high and low. It runs deep in the affairs of the ranks. I have given implicit orders that all oratory and celebrations are to be dispensed with and have established that this is the hour of work and that speeches and ceremony can be postponed until after the work was done.

A recent example of how the spirit of silent work has thoroughly saturated our people, is shown in the construction of the new railroad along the Ionian Sea in Calabria. The work of constructing this railroad has gone on silently and laboriously for many months. Thirty new and extensive bridges have

been built and yet, not in a single case was there a speech delivered, whereas, formerly, such events were accompanied by orations and the flare of trumpets, the clapping of hands and great shouts of joy. The joy was there and the events popular, but no speeches overdid it with useless words.

Recently, we set up seventeen new provinces to facilitate the administration of these localities. Such events were usually accompanied by great outpouring, parades and speeches, yet in not one of these new provinces which were overjoyed and rang all the bells of the ancient cathedrals was there any sign of oratorical display and all in compliance with the new spirit of silent work. The administration of these provinces was organized and set to work without occasioning the slightest disturbance to the part of the population, which continued at their tasks more actively than ever, as a thanksgiving for their new dignity.

While this new feeling has taken root in workshop and field, it has also embedded itself in the upper branches of the government. Hitherto, the Italian Chamber of Deputies and Senate were haunts where the politician could pour forth for hours on some unimportant theme for the sole purpose of parading his oratory before the nation. Days and weeks and sometimes months would be spent in the discussion of a single measure. The members of both branches of parliament applied themselves listlessly to the proceedings. Some brought their latest novels, others their correspondence which had accumulated for weeks, others found it comfortable to take their afternoon naps—all, while some one was discoursing fervently upon some trifling theme to what were really, the bare benches. This system was exploited for the sole purpose of flaunting the oratory of the members upon the public, for the day's proceedings were always voluminously reported through many columns daily in the press.

It used to be a great discomfort for me to attend the Chamber before I assumed the Premiership. I could hardly sit through those unending sessions where nothing for days and days was ever accomplished. When I became premier, it became an amusement for me still had the old alignments of parties and the oratory continued to flow. It was a diversion to answer the attacks and to go straight to a point instead of theorizing and dallying over inconsequential points. It was necessary to bring the theorists to the plane of concrete fact and force them to face situations in their stern reality.

ALLEGED UTILITY RETAIL MONOPOLY OPPOSED IN BILL

Measure to Be Presented for Regulation of All Appliance Prices.

Utilities enjoying a monopoly in their field will not be permitted to engage in the retail business of selling fixtures and appliances if a bill to be introduced into the Indiana Senate, by Senator Anderson Keckham, Greensburg, is acted on with favor.

Keckham points out that the money lost by price cutting and unjust competition is made up by the utilities in their rates and profits from retail sales.

The Senate received at 10 a. m. Eighteen bills already have been introduced into the Senate and more were slated for today.

Senator Carl M. Gray, Petersburg, a Democrat, will introduce a bill to abolish the pardon board and putting the matter of paroles and probation back on the courts of original jurisdiction. Such a move was advocated by Governor Jackson in his biennial address, but Gray contends that he has been working on the bill for some months. Pardoning power must always be left to the Governor, under the Constitution, but who will act upon advice of the courts under the Gray bill, rather than that of the board as at present.

A state boxing commission would be created by a bill to be introduced by Senator L. G. Bradford, South Bend. It will ask that such a commission will be composed of three members and a full-time secretary.

The Indiana Municipal League will foster legislation making the Barrett law interest payable into the county treasury and fixing the salary of Marion County treasurer at \$7,500 annually, instead of \$5,000 salary and \$50,000 or more in fees, as it is at present.

ROGERS TO PAY COUNT

Salm Will Get More Than \$300,000 to Square Marriage Suit.

By United Press. NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—A dividend of less than one per cent on the \$400,000 the Rogers family made out of Standard Oil will be paid to the impoverished Austrian nobleman, who married the heiress to that fortune, it was reported today.

Count Ludwig Salm, whose marriage to Millicent Rogers provided an international sensation three years ago, is expected soon to withdraw his suit for separation. In return he will receive an amount in excess of \$300,000 and will be permitted to see his son, Peter, at stated intervals.

Taps for Marines' Jiggs



"Sergt. Maj. Jiggs," nationally-known bulldog mascot of the Devil Dogs, leaves Washington in a Marine plane for a grave at Quantico, Va., where he was buried with full military honors. Over-eating killed "Jiggs" in a capital hospital. In the inset he is shown in typical pose—astir Marine hats at a service baseball game.

ANNUAL DINNER TO BE REUNION

Community Fund Banquet to Be Held Tuesday.

Plans to make a Hoosier reunion of the seventh anniversary dinner meeting of the Community Fund have been announced following the acceptance of John A. Lapp of Chicago, formerly Indianapolis man, who will speak at the meeting to be held Tuesday evening, Feb. 8, in the Riley room of the Claypool.

Lapp is president of the National Conference of Social Work. In 1917 Lapp served in the library department of the Indiana Legislature, compiling books on important Federal laws, rules and regulations. He is at present affiliated with the National Catholic Welfare Council in Chicago.

It is planned to close reservations for the dinner one week in advance of the date set. Reservations are limited to 500 and are being made through Miss Winifred S. Brown at Community Fund headquarters.

FAIL IN TRAIN HOLD-UP

Conductor Makes One Arrest, Passenger Nabs Second Man.

By United Press. PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 13.—Two alleged train bandits were in custody here today after an unsuccessful attempt to rob passengers in a day coach of the Keystone Express, New York-St. Louis Flyer, between Greensburg, Pa., and this city shortly before midnight.

One bandit was overpowered as he backed into the arms of Conductor Charles Hollabaugh as he was emerging from the baggage car, after robbing J. W. Darcey, New York, baggage man. The other was captured by J. J. Fulton, Johnstown, Pa., a passenger, in a struggle in the aisle of the coach.

The pair, booked here, gave their names as William Heber, 31, Tyrone, Pa., and L. B. Rhodes, 30, Dayton, Ohio.

Boots and Her Buddies

—By Martin



FRAUD PROOF BILL FOR ABSENT VOTE HOUSE'S PROBLEM

Measure Adequate to Meet All Demands Is Sought by Election Body.

How to transfer ballots between a proposed absent voters board and the regular election board without giving an opportunity for fraud is the problem confronting the Indiana House of Representatives committee on elections.

The committee considered two absent voter measures before the House at its first meeting Wednesday afternoon. The first by Representatives Edward B. Bender and William Dendlinger would repeal the present law in its entirety. The other, proposed by Representative Truman G. Murden, would amend the present law so as to permit voters necessarily absent to appear before a county bi-partisan board of two members not more than ten nor less than two days previous to the election and, after making an affidavit, setting forth qualifications and necessity of absence, cast their ballots in sealed envelopes.

So far the amendment made a strong appeal to members of the committee, but the measure failed to make a fraud proof provision for the transfer of the ballots to the various precincts by the county absent voter board.

"We've got to make the fraud proof," declared Representative Albert Wedeking, "or we'll have the same story of corruption again." The committee is now studying the question of transporting the ballots without affording chances for tampering.

"We've had lots of corruption in the operation of the absent voter law," the Democrats discovered crooked work on the part of the Republicans at a recent election and were making plans to prosecute, when, behold, it was found that some Democrats were in the mud just as deep as the Republicans were in the mud. Prosecution plans were stopped," said Representative Bender.

A. E. Gordon, representing the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, told the committee that 18,000 railroad men were affected by the absent voter bill. He insisted on the amendment.

W. H. Miller of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen; E. L. King, representing the conductors; R. H. Harrington of the engineers and T. N. Taylor of the Federation of Labor were present and spoke for the amendment.

The committee continued its consideration until today at 3 p. m.

HOME FOLKS FIGHT FOR OWN PHONE CO.

Greensburg Utility Officers Warn Stockholders of Scheme of Outside Capital.

By Times Special. GREENSBURG, Ind., Jan. 13.—Forces of the home town folks to prevent the octopus of outside capital from gobbling up their independent.

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Member of Public Service to Commission to Start Move Next Week.

An immediate investigation of the power cost rebate charges made by Attorney General Arthur L. Gilliom before the public service commission at the time of the merger hearing, will be instituted by the public service commission, it was learned today.

Gilliom stated that he had reliable evidence that rebates amounting to approximately one-half million dollars annually were given two local light utilities and to large power users of Indianapolis. He recalled that The Indianapolis News in 1920 was found by the courts to have received rebates amounting to \$112.50 in one month.

Covered Up "Instead of stopping this practice as they promised when fines of \$2,000 were assessed," Gilliom said, "they have only changed the method of covering it up."

At the time of the Gilliom expose, Commissioner Frank Wampler, then presiding, declared that the commission would make a complete investigation after the merger hearing had been completed.

A member of the public service commission proposes to submit a resolution next week calling for an immediate investigation of these charges. An open hearing will be held at which time the entire matter will be thoroughly probed.

\$500,000 a Year "This rebate system costs the small Indianapolis consumers \$500,000 every year," said Gilliom. "I cannot be deterred from my duty by fear of the Indianapolis News or any other paper, and am determined to go to the bottom of this matter. Those guilty shall be brought before the bar of justice."

Gilliom's cooperation is expected by the public service commission in its investigation.

TRAIN KILLS RAILROADER

By United Press. LA PORTE, Ind., Jan. 13.—Mattias Johnson, 67, was struck and instantly killed when he stepped in front of a Baltimore & Ohio freight train, Wednesday night, near Union Mills. The body was dragged 300 feet and badly mangled. He was an employee of the railroad and was going to work when the accident occurred.

BUILDING, LOAN BOARD IS SOUGHT

Present Bill for Supervision of State Associations.

Creation of a building and loan association supervising board with an examiner in charge and a complete staff are provided for in a bill to be presented in the Indiana Senate, by Selby Y. Blackburn (Rep.), Senator from Vanderburgh County.

Under the terms of the bill now being drafted supervision of building and loan companies would be separated from the State bank examining department.

Blackburn claims that the work connected with this type of banking institutions has grown to such an extent that a separate department to supervise it would be economical in the long run.

MURDER CLEWS SOUGHT

Police Try to Learn Identity of Recent Killers.

Police and detectives worked all night in an attempt to get clues to the identity of a Negro, who was seen leaving the side yard of M. T. Ohr, 1640 N. Delaware St., after two shots had been fired into the body of Althia Woods, Negro, 1204 Cornell Ave., who was emerging from the rear basement where he had been building the fire early Wednesday morning.

It was the belief that Woods was murdered by a prowler who was surprised when he came from the basement. Tracks were seen about the house.

This is the second murder of its kind in the past week, detectives still being without a clue to the murderer of D. E. Chipps, wealthy 324 E. Vermont St., insurance collector, who's body was found Jan. 5, in an alley on N. Missouri St. He had been struck on the head with an ax and robbed.

ACCUSED MAN CHEERY, PUZZLED BY CONFESSION

Norris, Minister Charged With Murder, Appears in Good Spirits.

By United Press. AUSTIN, Texas, Jan. 13.—Noticeably in high spirits, the Rev. J. Frank Norris came into the drab Tavis County courtroom today to sit through the tedious proceedings of a trial on selecting four more jurors to make up the twelve men to determine his guilt or innocence of the murder of D. E. Chipps, wealthy Ft. Worth lumberman.

The Baptist minister, for the first time since the trial started Monday, chatted freely with newspaper men and with court attaches.

Mrs. Chipps, divorced widow of the slain man, and her 16-year-old son came up the worn old court stairs shyly after Norris. This was her first day in the courtroom since Monday, when the trial opened.

SEEK ELIMINATION OF POLITICS FROM RELIEF OF NEEDY

Bill to Be Presented for Regulation of County Poor Expenditures.

Taking the politics out of relief for the poor of Marion County by establishing a new body to be known as Marion County board of public welfare, is the chief aim of the proposed bill which may be presented to the Indiana House of Representatives Friday morning, according to W. A. Insley, president of the Family Welfare Society.

High expenditures made by the present and past nine township trustees who are said to be unfamiliar with welfare work administration, is another reason advanced by Insley. "No political system is competent to give poor relief," he said.

Six members will comprise the new board, not more than three of which shall belong to the same political party. All poor relief money spent in Marion County shall be controlled by this committee. Operation costs of the county poor farm, Detention Home, Colored Orphans' Home and County Insane Asylum will be regulated by the six members. This body will not receive pay for their services, but shall hire trained welfare workers, whose duty will be to administer to the needy.

Inspiration for this proposed bill came from moneys spent in the past by various township trustees. In Center Township \$94,941 was spent for poor relief in 1925, against \$20,238 in 1924; Wayne, 1925, \$2,677, against \$1,470 for 1924. All of the townships in 1925 felt a substantial increase over the previous year. The total in 1925 was \$101,655, compared with \$23,935 in 1924.

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