

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 gun which the policeman carried, also bespattered, tell, in part, the story of the death of Patrolman John J. Buchanan, a Negro, fatally shot July 9 by Gene Alger, 18, of 710 E. Ohio St.

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

Will Ask Death Penalty

And Deputy Prosecutor Judson Lark 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 Fume, former Hendricks County prosecutor, and King Rebold, president Hendricks County prosecutor, are preparing to combat the wave of sympathy for the boy.

Barbers Impressed

Various Danville barbers who have shaved 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 pursued Alger into the Beyer Hotel, 25 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 the latter 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 did 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 had commanded 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 vened, he was taken from the Marion County jail to Danville.

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On Stark's desk lays 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 full 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.

Alibis Established

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

On the other side, will sit the youth who said he was trying to steal the car to sell so 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. Alger has said he lost his nerve and was leaving the machine unmolested when arrested.

FRANK MANLY ELECTED

Indianapolis Life Insurance Names Officers.

A. LeRoy 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 director.

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. C. Pfister, assistant secretary, and Charles Rouse, cashier.

SLAIN IN LIBERTY DASH

By United Press
COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 13.—One soldier was shot and killed during the night in an attempt of eleven military prisoners to escape from the guardhouse at Ft. Hayes, it was learned today. The leader of the plot, Private John D. Kearns of Braddock, Pa., was shot through the head by a guard after he had climbed through a window of the guardhouse and ignored the commands of the sentry, officers at the fort said.

The age of a salmon can be learned by examining its scales through a microscope. The scales contain a number of tiny lines which multiply at the rate of sixteen every year.

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 in 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 anyway.

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.

By 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 \$40,000,000 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 \$315,000 to light users and about \$150,000 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.

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 Ketcham, Greensburg, is acted on with favor.

Ketcham 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 reconvened 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 \$500 or more in fees, as it is at present.

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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 \$40,000,000 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 \$500,000 and will be permitted to see his son, Peter, at stated intervals.

It is planned to close reservations

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 *astide* Marine bats at a service baseball game.

ANNUAL DINNER TO BE REUNION

Community Fund Banquet to Be Held Tuesday.

FAIL IN TRAIN HOLD-UP

Conductor Makes One Arrest, Passer Nab 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. Dickey, New York, baggageman, the other was captured by J. J. Fulton, Johnstown, Pa., a passenger, in a struggle 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.

The pair, booked here, gave their names as William Hehner, 21, Tyrone, Pa., and L. B. Rhodes, 30, Dayton, Ohio.

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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 Dentlinger 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.

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