

FACTORY, GARAGE FIRE LOSSES \$27,000

36 QUESTIONED IN EFFORT TO GET ALGER JURY

Youthful Defendant's Face Shows Hopefulness as He Awaits Trial.

By Eldora Field
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DANVILLE, Ind., Jan. 19.—If Gene Alger, 18, of 1710 E. Ohio St., Indianapolis, on trial for his life in the Hendricks Circuit Court for the murder of Trafficman John J. Buchanan, Negro, realizes the enormity of the offense with which he is charged, it is not written on his face, which, most of the time, fairly radiates the hopefulness of youth.

He rarely slumps in his chair, his attitude being bright and interested. Only once, when the words "accused of murder" rang out loudly in the room did he exchange a half frightened glance with his mother who sits near him.

With the thirty-sixth talesman in the jury box on the third day, attorneys held no hope for agreement before midnight on twelve men to decide Alger's fate.

Special Judge Edgar Blessing expected the regular panel of fourteen and the special panel of fifty to provide a jury. The defense objected to several of the twelve accepted by the State, after the twelve men were turned over to defense counsel for examination.

The youthfulness of the defendant entered into the State's questioning this morning. Prospective jurors were asked if Alger's age would prevent them from voting the death penalty.

Dramatic incidents occasionally shone forth throughout the monotony of a long day of questioning. A stir was caused by the reply of Charles Laymon, farmer, questioned by John T. Hume, a State's attorney, as to his attitude toward capital punishment.

SOLONS PROTEST \$6 PAY; PLAN TO FILE SUIT SOON

Consultation to Be Held Today for Purpose of Determining Action.

Indiana legislators today will accept under protest the \$6 per diem pay-check from State Auditor L. S. Bowman and trust to court action to get the other \$4, the remainder of the \$10 per day salary which they voted themselves. The vote was almost unanimous in both houses, when the bill was returned with a veto by Governor Jackson.

The governor acted upon advice of Attorney General Arthur L. Gilliom who ruled that to raise their pay was "unconstitutional." A \$10 pay scale was voted by the 1925 Legislature, effective in 1929.

Members of both the Senate and House declared that the law called for immediate repeal of the \$6 scale, and they had the same right as the first Legislature to vote on their own salaries and set them at whatever figure they deemed advisable. Some have resolved not to accept the \$6.

Those who do accept the \$6 do so by retaining right of protest, and majority leaders are preparing to file for recovery in Marion County court and then, if necessary, take the matter up to the Supreme Court. Former Supreme Court Judge Louis E. Bank and the firm of Anderson, Risher and Givan are expected to handle the legislators' case.

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Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported stolen to police belong to:
Mont Johnson, Plainfield, Ind.; Ford; from Market St. and Senate Ave.
Thomas McCormick, 906 Iowa St., Oldsmobile; 525-897; from Delaware and Ohio Sts.
Edward T. Bannon, 743 Cottage Ave.; Ford; 543-002; from in front of that address.
Leonhard Hulbert, 1113 Southeastern Ave.; Ford; 584-468; from in front of that address.
Dr. Blain F. Deer, 2917 Guilford Ave.; Auburn; 540-224; from 619 Superior St.
Guy Prentiss, 1231 N. Olney St.; Nash; 23-262; from 230 E. Ohio St.

BACK HOME AGAIN

Automobiles reported found by police belong to:
Dr. H. S. Phillips, 1717 Prospect St.; Hippmobile; found at Fall Creek and New Jersey St.
Samuel Phillips, 543 Fayette St.; Ford; found at Eleventh St. and Senate Ave.
Clay Burk, 2223 Bellefontaine St.; Chevrolet; found at State St. and Le Grande Ave.

BAUER OWNS BAKERY

Ray Bauer, listed in a police report as an employee of the Fisher bakery, 2146 Madison Ave., who exchanged shots with bandits late Monday, is proprietor of the bakery.

PLAN IRISH DAY

The St. Patrick's day committee of the Ancient Order of Hibernians will meet tonight at the home of Charles Fisher, chairman, 206 N. State Ave.

Two Champion Indiana Cooks



Mary Oliver (left) and Gladys Davidson (right), both of Crawfordsville, Ind., with bread and Swedish tea ring made of Indiana flour. They are two of the best girl cooks in the State. Miss Oliver captured the State baking crown at the Purdue University agricultural conference last week.

Marrietta Manufacturing Plant and Beech Grove Auto Firm Damaged.

Two fires, one here and one in Beech Grove, did \$27,000 damage early today.

Flames that followed explosion of a 300-gallon tank of oil in the basement of the Marrietta Manufacturing Company office building, Sixteenth St. and Sherman Dr., at 2 a. m., caused a loss estimated at about \$12,000.

Seven fire companies and the factory employees' fire department battled the flames for two hours before it was under control.

The first floor of the building fell into the basement and valuable records and unfilled orders were destroyed. The flames also damaged some office equipment on the second floor.

The dense smoke damaged tile walls of the cafeteria on the second floor and hampered firemen.

The loss is covered by insurance, Hitchcock said. He said the company will rebuild at once. He estimated the loss at \$10,000.

About two years ago the factory suffered a heavy loss from fire at the factory. The company manufactures glass products and tea.

Arthur Butler, president of the concern and Martin L. Burgess, secretary and treasurer.

An incendiary fire in a vacant house at 741 N. Noble St., caused \$150 damage at 1:30 a. m. today.

Lighting up the night sky for miles around, the Square Deal garage, Beech Grove, owned by Ed Houk and M. R. White, was practically destroyed by fire at 1 a. m.

The fire was discovered by a watchman of the Beech Grove road shops. The watchman ran to the garage and awoke J. E. Lambert, an employee of the garage, who was sleeping in it.

The Beech Grove fire department was called, but sent a distress call to Indianapolis when they found their pumps was not working.

Indiana company No. 3 was sent. The owners of the garage estimate the loss at about \$15,000. The building was covered by insurance, but no insurance was carried on the contents. Defective wiring was believed the cause of the fire.

\$100,000 LOSS AT PERU

Firemen Endangered by Falling Walls in Factory Blaze.

By United Press
PERU, Ind., Jan. 19.—Falling walls endangered the lives of firemen today in fighting a blaze in the factory of the Ahnert & Shaffer Co., manufacturers of refrigerators.

One three-story building was destroyed by the fire. Property loss was estimated by company officials at nearly \$100,000.

The fire was discovered shortly after 5 a. m. by the night watchman of an adjoining factory. No night watchman was on duty at the Ahnert Shaffer plant.

Starting on the second or third floor of the building, the fire had gained great headway when discovered and the entire structure was in flames by the time the fire department reached the scene.

The upper floor was used as a warehouse by the Standard Cabinet Works and was filled with cabinets and lumber. Large quantities of varnish, veneering material and other inflammable material were stored in other sections of the building.

Firemen confined their efforts to preventing the blaze from spreading to adjoining factory buildings and after a three-hour battle brought the fire under control.

COUNTY TO ASK SETTLEMENT OF LAND QUESTION

Anxious to Settle Dispute With Fairbanks-Morse Company.

Marion County commissioners and council members are anxious to settle the controversy with Fairbanks-Morse Company, Twenty-First St. and Northwestern Ave., over ownership of one-seventh acre of land on the former county workhouse site on which there is a railroad spur, Clinton H. Givan, county attorney, said today.

The company bought the remainder of the ground for \$150,000 and wants possession of the railroad track, but county officials assert it was not included in the sale.

"The commissioners are exactly right on their stand in the matter," Givan stated. "Possession of the spur is of great importance both to the county and the company."

Givan said he will continue investigation of the legal side of the matter before taking any action or submitting proposition for approval of the county officials.

Recently Cassius L. Hogle, county commissioner, stated he would agree to selling the tract for \$1, provided the deal was handled legally.

The county charges that records of sale of the main grounds to the company were tampered with after they were signed.

Glycines Because of the delay in settling the controversy, Indianapolis has lost the contemplated pay roll increase. It was the plan of the company to erect the first unit of the expanded plant on the workhouse site.

Much of the manufacturing that the company planned to do in the new structures, is now being sent out of Indianapolis at great expense, it is said.

The company is remaining silent on this issue and awaiting advance of the county on the matter.

SCHOOL PROGRAM WILL BE SUBJECT

State Leaders to Study Financial Needs.

The program of four State schools before the Legislature will be discussed by business and civic leaders, Thursday luncheon at the Claypool.

Invitations were sent to 100 civic and professional workers in the State. Heads of the four State schools will be present to explain the budgets and back up their contention that the State schools are badly in need of increased funds.

The invitation stressed the gravity of the need for additional appropriations.

GRAND JURY ACTIVE

Several indictments in jail cases will be returned soon by the new Marion County grand jury, it was announced today by Deputy Prosecutor William H. Sheaffer.

It is expected that continuance of the probe into alleged political corruption and graft might begin soon. Evidence collected by the last grand jury, which did not return any indictments after eleven weeks of investigation, is now impounded in Criminal Court.

Judge James A. Collins ordered the jury to dispose of routine matters before taking up the corruption investigation.

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THE ANSWER COMES BACK 'NO!'

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With the balloons come letters, in many instances. Here are excerpts from some of them.

FRED S. THOMAS, Frankfort, Ind.—Conquest has been a breeder of nothing but disaster since history began and it is a lamentable fact indeed to note that our Government, apparently, is willing to

sacrifice the ideals laid down by our forefathers, in an effort to carry through the ulterior motives of a few, via propaganda.

I am not a mollycoddle pacifist but a standpat for justice. May God deliver us from political money worshipers and the fanaticism and destruction that go with it.

With what information we now have and the issues apparently at stake, I say a Thousand Times No.

GEORGE M. ROBINSON, Brewertown, Ind.—It seems to me that President Coolidge and his Cabinet will certainly do just exactly as they are told to do by the "Money Bosses" of this country regardless of the wishes of the masses. I

may be wrong, I hope I am, but, I will have to see some far different attitude displayed by them before I can possibly admit that I am wrong, and that some thing not only applies to our National affairs but runs all the way down to our township affairs as well, at least that is exactly how it looks to an old, worn out "Bystander," a mere "Looker on."

MRS. ALLIE E. WILLIAMS, 3053 Euclid Ave.—I say no more war. My heart has not healed from the last one.

C. E. MITCHELL—No. I don't want war, for I am an American and I do not consider those who want war with Mexico under the false pretenses now being propagated as anything other than rank

enemies to our country's welfare. Either that or they are grossly misinformed. A declaration of war with Mexico would be about the last straw.

GEORGE TURNER, 1026 N. Beville Ave. (Who served two years on the Mexican border)—I cannot see any justifiable reason why we should take up arms against Mexico to protect oil, mine and ranch syndicates of this country from paying just taxes imposed by the Mexican Government.

England is interested in Mexican oil mines and ranch lands and I have not seen that she has registered any complaint.

OLIVER LOWDER, 1135 Kentucky Ave.—This war question is too big a question for politicians

to settle. It should be left to the people to vote whether they want to go to war or not.

J. A. LAWRENCE—My opinion is that in the event of a war if those who would profit the most were put where they would be the first ones shot at, the war would be a bloodless affair.

J. L. NOBLETT, 218 Canterbury Apts.—My answer to this question may be a little different but are the citizens of Nicaragua as good as our Hoosiers? I'll say they are.

They should be given the utmost protection, as we would want any such uprising in our own country to be given.

We need a few good men like Kellogg and I'm for him tooth and toe nail.

With unlawful acts, in order that any law violations connected therewith may be prosecuted and the offender, if any, meted out justice; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives of the Seventy-fifth General Assembly, now in session, can render valuable service in making due, careful and unbiased investigation of the above mentioned matters; now

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-fifth General Assembly of Indiana, now in session, that the Speaker of this House forthwith appoint a committee of five (5) members, no more than three of whom shall be of any one political party, clothed with all the authority of this House for making investigations, to immediately proceed to investigate:

(a) Any irregularities and violations of law in connection with said grand juries of Marion County.

(b) Any irregularities and violations of law of the State highway commission.

(c) Any irregularities and violations of law of any State or municipal officer, either in the election, appointments or conduct of the office.

Full Authority That such committee is hereby empowered to sit and act at such time, or times and at such place or places as it may deem necessary; to require by subpoena or otherwise the attendance of witnesses, the production of books, papers, documents or articles and to do such other acts as may be necessary in the matter of said investigation.



(READ THE STORY, THEN COLOR THE PICTURE)

The Tinymites quite nervous green because, of course, nobody knew where poor wee Clowny was by now. He'd been gone near an hour. Said Scouty, "Waiting here means naught. It's more than likely he's been caught. Let's all go forth and rescue him, if it's within our power."

They talked it over quite a bit, and then upon a good plan hit. "We'll wait around until it's dark," said Coppy to the rest. "I'll be out there in the dark daylight to seek poor Clowny Tinymite." And so they all agreed that dusky night-time would be best.

They loafed and talked and played until the sun sank slowly over a hill, and then they saw the pale moon rise and clouds just overhead. "Ah now's our time to stop our play, and journey softly on our way. I guess that we'll be safe, now, in the darkness," Scouty said.

So, off they went, all in a bunch. And Carpy whispered, "I've a hunch that we had better shortly get down on our hands and knees. Some people's eyes are very keen. We cannot tell, we may be seen. Now, everyone be quiet, now, and careful, if you please."

They crawled to where the ice had stood, and Scouty whispered, "This is good. We haven't seen a soul, so we are safe as safe can be. No doubt wee Clowny's in this place. At least it's where his footprints trace. I wonder if we have the nerve to crawl right in and see."

HOUSE PROBE RESOLUTION

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charge the said State highway commission, John D. Williams, Earl Crawford and others, have charged that said State board of accounts, its chief examiner and others connected therewith have been guilty of dishonesty and criminal conspiracy to influence counts and juries; and

Whereas, a recent grand jury in said Marion County after sitting several weeks in the investigation into certain, sinister, illegal and criminal political operations, collusions and conspiracies on the part of various and diverse persons, in connection with the election to and conduct of certain State and municipal offices, failed to return any indictments, but incorporated in its report the following, "any other report than the foregoing, will be impossible for the grand jury to return under conditions as they now exist in the grand jury"; and

Whereas, this report is unusual and such as to suggest conditions, which prevented full, fair and free inquiry and the return of merited indictments, resulting in a miscarriage of justice; and

Whereas, it is the general information and belief, by the people of the State of Indiana that four of the former grand jury and two attorneys in consultation with that grand jury believed that the evidence submitted was sufficient to return indictments; and

\$11,000 Spent Whereas, the Governor of our State has employed two assistants to aid said grand jury, and paid out of the contingent fund the sum of eleven thousand dollars to said attorneys; and

Whereas, the citizenship of the State of Indiana, and this House, are entitled to and should know all the facts and circumstances surrounding and connected with said grand juries, the State highway commission and its director, the State board of accounts and its chief examiner, and any State or municipal officer, who are charged

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The chairman of the committee, or any other member thereof, may administer oaths to witnesses. Every person who, having been summoned as a witness, or summoned to produce any book, paper, document or article by authority of said committee, willfully makes default, or who having appeared, refuses to answer any question pertinent to the investigation, heretofore authorized, shall be held to the penalties provided by the statute of the State of Indiana for contempt, and any court of record of the State of Indiana is hereby clothed with jurisdiction to hear and determine such contempt, and assess punishment thereon, on the complaint of this committee or any member thereof.

MR. HARGRAVE, 78, WAS BED-RIDDEN—NOW ENJOYS LIFE

Mr. A. Hargrave of Ann, Ill., says he was confined to his bed and room for five months and was almost convinced there was no chance for him. His report continues: "I was weak and very nervous, uncertain in my walk, could not stand erect, would stagger unless braced with a cane, slept only two hours at a time, tired out in the morning, could only walk a short distance before sitting down. Now, after taking six boxes of ARJUM I feel much better; am satisfied with the sleep. I get seven to eight hours during the night. Nervousness nearly gone, walking and standing improved; in fact, remarkable for my seventy-eight years and all due to ARJUM, which I hope will fall into the hands of all ailing persons, so that they may receive the same benefits as myself."

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