

# CULT MEMBER HITS 'KING BEN'S' PROPERTY

## LATEST PAPER OF SCRIPPS-HOWARD RELINQUISHES A.P.

New York Telegram Decides on Exclusive United Press Service.

*By United Press*  
NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—The New York Telegram, which was purchased recently by the Scripps-Howard newspapers, announced today in a leading editorial that it had voluntarily withdrawn from the Associated Press and would, hereafter, depend solely upon the United Press for its telegraphic news coverage.

"Both agencies," the editorial stated, "are independent, nonpartisan and unequalled by any contemporary in enterprise and efficiency. In the nature of their service to newspapers they are very similar. They are highly competitive. They differ chiefly in their form of organization."

"In Manhattan and Brooklyn two evening papers depend solely upon the Associated Press, five depend upon the United Press and two use both services."

That American newspapers have attained their present remarkable news efficiency is largely attributable to the fact that they have not had to depend upon a single monopolistic or semi-monopolistic agency, the editorial declared.

## 1,500 ATTEND HOT SENATE DEBATE ON MEDICAL BILL

Battle Between Chiropractors and M. D.s Rages at Hearing.

The S. R. O. sign was out in the Indiana Senate Chamber Monday night, when 1,500 men and women gathered to applaud their favorites in the battle of the M. D.s. vs. the chiropractors. The affair was a public hearing on House Bill 29, the medical injunction measure passed by the House of Representatives and pending in the Senate.

"The bill is a public health measure and designed to protect the public against quackery and charlatanism," contended its defenders.

"It's purely an attempt of the M.D.s backed by the American Medical Association, to corner the healing trade," the chiropractors and other healing cultists replied.

**Battle Raged**

With two different viewpoints being elaborated by numerous speakers, the battle raged. The hearing was before the Senate public health committee of which Dr. John H. Hewitt (Rep.) Terre Haute, only physician in the Senate, is chairman. Wielding the gavel impartially he maintained order and only once did hissing come with the cheering and applause.

Representative Walter A. Huffman (Rep.), Elkhart, author of the bill, was the first speaker. He declared that its provisions merely made the old medical practice act, enforceable by enjoining violators and was not against any cult.

Then followed four speakers for the negative: Chiropractor Burt L. Lewis, Anderson Ind.; John H. Gill, president of the Pataropathic Association; William O. Fogleson, Indianapolis, naturopath; Chiropractor Harry E. Vedder, Indianapolis. All declared they favored regulation, "but not by a competing profession."

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## FIRM SUES FOR LOSSES ON PONIES

Clang of Races Echoes in Charges Against Three Indianapolis Men.

The theme of many a fiction story—an employee embezzling company funds to pay lost bets on horse races, going deeper each time in a vain effort to recoup his losses—is charged in a suit awaiting answer from defendants today in Federal Court.

The petitions were filed late Monday afternoon by the Walsh Construction Company of Davenport, Iowa, against three Indianapolis men and a Richmond, Ind., man, alleging they won \$24,239 from Leo J. Sexton, a former employee, and asking 26,000 damages.

**Separate Suit**

The local men named: August E. Rahke, 3606 College Ave., and his son, Arthur, of 3610 College Ave., and Emil K., of 3847 Carrollton Ave. F. L. Brown of Richmond is named defendant in a separate suit.

Sexton was employed by the firm at its district office in Sidney, Ohio, and during January, February and March, 1926, wrote eight checks payable to Brown ranging from \$300 to \$3,700, totaling \$15,342, on the firm's account with the First National Exchange Bank there, it is charged.

When the company moved its offices to Indianapolis Sexton dealt with the three Rahkes during June and July, 1926, the petition states, writing six similar checks amounting to \$8,597.10.

Sexton died last November from a serious stomach disorder, while an investigation was being made, attorneys for the company said.

**Seek Recovery**

With Sexton dead, the firm is attempting to recover its losses from the four men, charging they were "bookmakers" and gamblers and knew the money which Sexton paid them was embezzled. The checks bore the name of the Walsh Construction Company, undersigned by Sexton, it is said in the petition.

Arthur Rahke, declared he knew Sexton, but had never taken any bets from him. "We don't know anything about any check proposition," he said, speaking for his father, brother and himself.

The father is listed in the city directory as a broker. Emil K. Rahke is a vending machine salesman at 16 N. East St., according to Arthur. The trial was set for \$10,000 of the total damages.

## COURTHOUSE SALE PLAN BACKED BY BUSINESS GROUP

Introduction of Bill First Legislative Step for New Building.

First legislative steps toward obtaining a new Marion County courthouse were taken in the Indiana House of Representatives Monday when a bill was introduced by several of the Marion County delegation.

Power would be granted commissioners to sell up to three-quarters of the present courthouse site. According to plans under discussion for some time this would include the Washington and Delaware streets frontage valued at \$2,500,000.

The proposed bill provides that money derived from the sale be used to pay off the \$600,000 debt on the present building and to erect structure on the remaining quarter-block.

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## Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported stolen to police belong to:

Howard Hadley, 1259 W. Twenty-Fifth St., Ford, 503-213, from 300 Indiana Ave.

John R. Mercer, R. R. B. Box 116F, Chevrolet, 26-393, from Ohio St. and Capitol Ave.

Lee R. Marvin, Muncie, Ind., Buick, from Washington St. and Capitol Ave.

## BACK HOME AGAIN

Automobiles reported found by police belong to:

Herbert Harris, 2340 N. La Salle St., Buick, found at Blyod Ave. and Darwin St.

Buick, touring, 503-297, found at Michigan St. and Temple Ave.

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## ARMS ISSUE FOR LEAGUE, FRANCE TELLS COOLIDGE

Trend of Reply to Limitation Suggestion Disclosed in Paris.

*By United Press*

PARIS, Feb. 15.—The French reply to President Coolidge's proposal for further limitation of naval armament will be delivered today to United States Ambassador Myron T. Herrick. It was believed the reply would amount to polite rejection of Coolidge's suggestion that France, Great Britain, Italy, Japan and the United States agree to limit armaments in the classes of vessels which were excluded from the limitations agreed upon at the Washington conference. These types were cruisers, destroyers and submarines.

The cabinet today unanimously approved the reply which was drafted by Foreign Minister Briand.

Minister of the Interior Sarraut indicated the nature of the French reply as follows:

"The general sense of the reply is that the League of Nations actively is considering disarmament and that there is no need to take the problem from the hands of the league. Furthermore, disarmament is the interest of all nations, and not exclusively of the few included within the scope of President Coolidge's invitation."

**DEADLOCK OVER NAVY**

House Conference Stand With Coolidge Against Senate.

*By United Press*

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Congress is facing its real fight over the Navy in the last few hours of the present session. This struggle will be the major one of the usual final legislative jam. Many measures may be lost in the shuffle because of it.

Conferees on the naval appropriation bill are deadlocked hopelessly over the appropriation for three new cruisers, which the Senate voted against President Coolidge's expressed opposition. The House refused to vote the cruisers, and its conferees are standing firm against them.

Resistance of House conferees is due to the recent invitation of President Coolidge for another disarmament conference, which would consider limitation of such cruisers as the Senate approved.

## PETITIONERS HIT SCHOOL ERECTION

Property Owners Ask Halt of Board's Plans.

Attempt to halt the school board

in its determined effort to erect a school at Fifty-Seventh St. and Central Ave. has been started by five citizens living near the site. They filed a petition for an injunction in Circuit Court to prevent construction of the school. The complaint charges that if the school was built the value of real estate would depreciate.

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**Fire Trap**

Until new units are built, lack of beds makes it necessary to house some patients in the "fire trap" according to Superintendent William A. Doeppers. In the contagious ward, beds have been placed in hallways—dark ones, because like in the rest of the building there are too many.

The new buildings of the hospital, the \$385,000 surgical unit just completed, includes the "last word" in modern hospital facilities and is in striking contrast to the old building, designated a "fire trap" by Harry N. Styner, deputy state fire marshal.

"I do not recommend repairs of improvements on the old building—it's not worth it," he has added.

**River Ice Becomes Road**

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**SKULLS TO BE SHOWN TO GHOUL**

Will Attempt to Force Confession to Murder.

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MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., Feb. 15.—In an attempt to force James Coyner, Negro convict of the Indiana State Prison here, a confession to the murders of at least four women, authorities from Ferndale, Mich., were here today to confront him with four skulls and two bloody braids of women's hair.

The skulls and the hair were found in a trunk at Coyner's home here.

Coyner was grilled in his cell Monday, but Michigan authorities were unable to obtain a confession.

"I'm a defiant fellow," the Negro is reported to have told them. "I could tell you a lot about murders and murderers if I wanted to, but you won't get anything out of me."

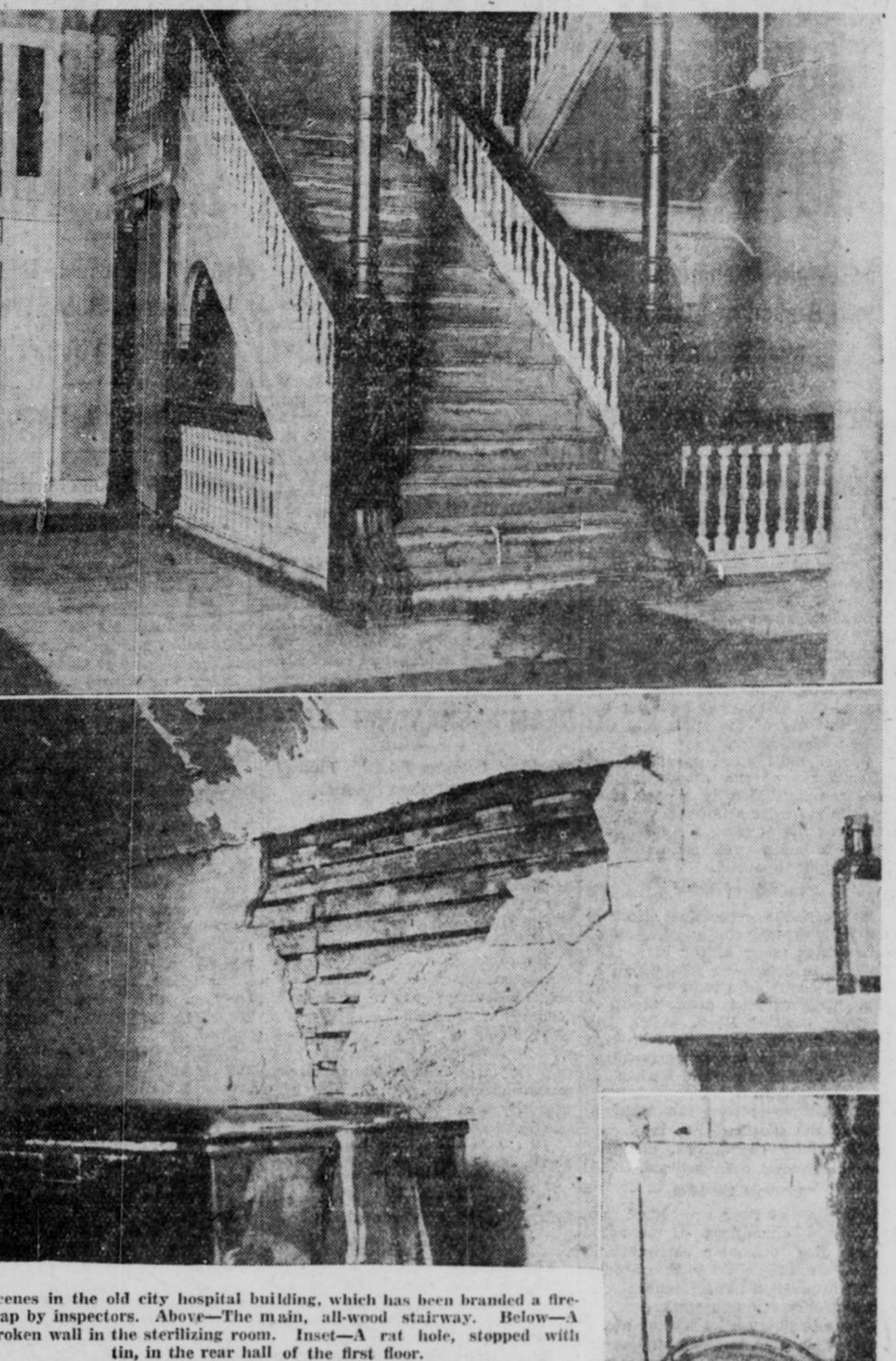
Coyner was sentenced to the Indiana Penitentiary last November for from three to ten years for grave robbery.

The Negro's statements and his giant stature today strengthened the theory he may be the widely-sought Toledo clubber. He is said to have told officers he was in Toledo at the time of the outrages there. He is six feet tall and heavily built. The Toledo clubber was described as an unusual large Negro.

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The famous Victoria bridge over the St. Lawrence river at Montreal, Quebec province, is closed for repairs, but traffic isn't inconvenienced much. Motorists and such go right across the ice—the river is frozen over solidly. This photo shows the route, marked by rows of small trees transplanted from nearby hills.

## WOOD STAIRS WOULD BE DEATH TRAP IF FIRE BROKE OUT AT CITY HOSPITAL



Scenes in the old city hospital building, which has been branded a fire trap by inspectors. Above—The main, all-wood stairway. Below—A rat hole, stopped with tin, in the rear hall of the first floor.

