

RIGSBY CLINGS TO THEORY OF SELF-DEFENSE

Accused in Murder Case Unshaken by Cross Examination.

By United Press
NEWCASTLE, Ind., June 28.—Cross-examination by the State today failed to shake Melvin Riggsby, Shirley town marshal, in his contention that he shot and killed Herman Riggs, Henry County farmer, in self-defense.

Riggsby repeated his story, insisting that Riggs had one arm about his neck and was reaching for a pool ball with the other when the marshal fired the fatal shot.

The farmer tightened his grip after the first shot, Riggsby said, and he then fired again.

Riggsby admitted it was the first time he had given the exact version he related. The State contends that he has told seven stories each different.

Twenty State witnesses will give their testimony and evidence is expected to be completed late today. This would give the case to the jury Wednesday.

ND' FRENCH FLIERS

Immigrants Denied by Canadian Government, Scouts.

By United Press
NEW YORK, June 28.—Another rumor that the missing French aviators, Nungesser and Goll, had been found in Canada was circulated today, causing numerous inquiries to newspaper offices.

The United Press correspondent in Quebec advised that denials of the rumor were issued both by government bureaus, which have been directing searches for the aviators, and by the headquarters of the Price Brothers Lumber Company, which has extensive holdings in the area where the Frenchmen were reported to have been seen.

The last plane sent out over districts from which flares have been reported returned to base today with no news of the fliers. Price Brothers, who have been dispatching scouts to hunt for Nungesser and Goll, have abandoned their efforts. Their woodsman said today they did not believe the fliers ever had been in that vicinity.

BOSS PLUMBERS ELECT

Frank Irish Heads Indianapolis Pipe Repairing Fraternity.

G. P. Watson, secretary, today announced the re-election of Frank E. Irish as president of the Indianapolis Master Plumbers' Association. Irish recently became president of the Indiana Association of Sanitary Engineers, the State master plumbers' organization. The State executive office is to be moved to Indianapolis.

James A. Diddle was renamed treasurer and Watson secretary. The association heard reports on the national master plumbers' convention in Minneapolis last week at its meeting Monday night. The local body invited the national association to meet here in 1929.

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Baptist Battle Over Weird Rites
Launches New Church Controversy



REV. JOHN ROACH STRATON.

WARREN STRATON, SCULPTOR. HE HAD A VISITATION.

Fervent Worship Costs Straton Third of Deacons, Who Say Blond Soul Saver, 16, Started It All.

By Marian Hale
NEA Service Writer

NEW YORK, June 28.—Just how emotional may one become in his religion and still be in good taste?

Rev. John Roach Straton, famous fundamentalist leader who has been in many a theological fight, is riding the waves of a new storm within his Calvary Baptist Church congregation over that question.

In the background of the controversy is the smiling face of Uldine Utley, girl evangelist extraordinary and protégé of Rev. Straton.

A third of the deacons of Calvary Church, one of the most noted Baptist institutions in the country, has resigned. They charge Rev. Straton with sponsoring demonstrations of "Pentecostalism" in his church, and voice their disapproval.

Sang in a Strange Tongue

Rev. Straton has denied, in numerous and lengthy statements, assertions of the withdrawing deacons. But he admits that his sculptor son, Warren Straton, 30, had a "visitation by the Holy Spirit," in the course of which he lost his natural voice and for a time lay on the floor of the Calvary chapel singing beautifully and rhythmically in a strange tongue.

Though denying he subscribes to "Pentecostalism," Rev. Straton has indicated he is a thorough believer in the "gift of tongues" as a religious phenomenon. He long has upheld "divine healing."

Uldine Utley, bob-haired and blond, started all the new trouble at Calvary, the estranged deacons say.

Uldine came out of the west last year to shine in New York as an exhorter. Dr. Straton presented her at Calvary, and she conducted many spectacular services there.

Out-Almued Almued

Blue-eyed, blond, radiantly healthy, she swayed great crowds in a manner that not even Aimee Semple McPherson, visiting New York several months later, could achieve.

The girl's influence has lived on in Calvary, the deacons narrate. It has grown, they say, into special services for small bands of the faithful at which worship becomes hysterical.

They picture worshippers bursting into weird song, sobbing, wailing, falling prone, rolling and beating their hands on the floor, and going into trances.

Dr. Straton, who recently was rebuked by his board of deacons for becoming affiliated with a new Georgia organization called the "Supreme Kingdom," refers to the authors of the new charges as "dissenters who invent gross caricatures and flimsy falsifications of things they know nothing of."

Gone? Good?

He is glad the dissenting deacons resigned, he said. In colorful metaphor he added: "My hand once more is firmly on the throttle, and despite the latest explosion and other puny efforts to throw a monkey-wrench into the machinery or put goose-grease on the tracks, the old train, thank God, is still making the grade."

After conceding that his artistically-inclined son had figured in picturesque religious rites, he said he would deliver several sermons giving his own views on "Pentecostalism" after he returned from his vacation.

Not far from Calvary Baptist Church is the Glad Tidings Tabernacle, a fortress of faith in emotional religion from which Uldine Utley recruited a coterie of aids for her New York appearances.

While Calvary church is upset over "Pentecostalism," the Glad Tidings Tabernacle continues its Pentecostal way joyfully and energetically.

"Let Go, Let God"

Almost in the heart of sophisticated New York, the Tabernacle is the scene of manifestations which beggar description. There emotionalism is unchecked. No one really "baptized in the Spirit" will fail to "speak with tongues," the Tabernacle band holds.

"Let go, let God!" is the motto of revivalists there.

They all know Rev. Straton, for he attended meetings which Aimee Semple McPherson conducted at the Tabernacle. Warren Straton, they say, is a "true disciple." Warren, they say, can save souls just as efficiently as can Uldine Utley or Mrs. McPherson.

TEXANS VISIT GOTHAM

Mayor Walker Greets Governor, Goodwill Boosters.

By United Press
NEW YORK, June 28.—Youthful Dan Moody, Governor of Texas, today brought his party of goodwill boosters here.

Arrival of the Texas delegation was observed by a breakfast at the Hotel Pennsylvania given by the Chamber of Commerce.

At 1:30 p. m., Mayor Jimmy Walker was to greet the Texans on the steps of the city hall and present them the freedom of the city.

MAN STRICKEN ON CAR

Patrick Long Faces Charge; Is in Serious Condition.

Patrick Long, 43, of 250 N. Arsenal Ave., is in serious condition at city hospital. He was put off a street car at State and Washington Sts. and lay down on a lawn. Efforts of nearby firemen to rouse him were futile.

Patrolman Hubbard, who was passing, sent Long to the hospital. Long is charged with drunkenness while hospital officials investigate whether he drank poison liquor.

NO, SIR! NOT IN NYACK

Police Ban No-Clothes Rites of World-Be "Sun Goddess."

By United Press
NYACK, N. Y., June 28.—Reports that Mrs. Word Leigh, as a "Sun Goddess," expects to practice the abolition of clothes in her new \$30,000 glass "sun temple" caused police to warn her that Nyack is a conservative town which will not permit such customs.

BUREAU TO RUN ISLANDS URGED

Coolidge Considers Plan After Talk With Woods.

By United Press
RAPID CITY, S. D., June 28.—President Coolidge may soon recommend to Congress a change in administration of the Philippines and other island possessions to a central Government bureau instead of having them administered by Interior Department, the Army and the Navy, it was indicated at summer White House here today.

The subject was discussed with Governor General Leonard Wood of the Philippines during his recent stay here, it was divulged, and the President is giving the matter serious study.

While Coolidge has no intention of criticizing activities of the Army and Navy in the island possessions, he believes a central bureau might give more intimate attention to all their needs. The present system grew up naturally as a result of war with Spain, when most of our island possessions were obtained, he thinks.

300 \$1 GIFTS TO DEMOCRATS

Contributions Report Filed With Clerk.

Contributions of \$1 each from 300 persons are listed in a report of the Marion County Democratic central committee on file today with County Clerk George O. Hutsell. The report is for contributions from Nov. 22, 1926 to June 15, 1927.

It was filed by Sterling R. Holt, Democratic committee treasurer. All contributions were made to L. J. Keach, county chairman. He said they are supporting membership in the county organization.

Among the contributors are: Frank Wampler, former public service commissioner; Adolph G. Emhardt, former school commissioner; Earl R. Cox, attorney; Russell Ryan, attorney; John C. McCloskey, former county commissioner; Oren S. Hack, former board of works member; Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Keach.

John W. Kern, attorney; Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Woolling; Walter Myers, Democratic candidate for mayor in 1928; Harry Raitano, attorney; L. Bert Slack, attorney; John W. Friday, board of works member; Fred McCallister and Thomas Garvin, municipal court judges, and John W. Holtzman, attorney and special prosecuting attorney in the probe into alleged political corruption.

AVIATORS FALL ON HOUSE ROOF

Indiana Plane Wrecked; Airmen Unhurt.

By United Press
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., June 28.—Two surprised aviators "dropped in" suddenly "on the Nelson Razer home, one mile south of Liberty, today. Neither was hurt.

Mrs. Razer, who is in the home, busy with her work. She heard a loud crash on the roof and looked up to see Arthur Crabb, 25, of Huntington, a commercial aviator, and his passenger, Arthur Koblenz, 45, of Liberty Mills, extricating themselves from the wreckage on the roof neither harmed.

They were flying to Huntington and above the Razer home the airplane went into a spin. It fell 300 feet before striking the Razer roof.

From the roof, the plane bounced to the ground, a total wreck.

PAY MARDICK TRIBUTE

Postal Employees to Attend Rites for Veteran Mailman.

Veteran postal employees will pay respects Wednesday to memory of James W. Mardick, 57, of 3540 College Ave., a clerk in the Indianapolis postoffice for thirty-three years, who died in St. Vincent's Hospital Monday. Rites will be held at Ragsdale & Price mortuary, 1219 N. Alabama St., at 2 p. m. Wednesday.

Mardick entered the postal service in 1892. He was retired in July, 1925.

Survivors are Mrs. Adelaide Brown, Hotel English, and Miss Olive Klier, 3540 College Ave., sisters.

HONOR WALTER WHITE

Kiwanis Club Invites Ladies to Special Luncheon Wednesday.

"Walter T. White day" will be observed by the Kiwanis Club at its Wednesday luncheon at the Claypool. Wives and daughters of members will be special guests.

The program has been arranged by Walter T. White, past president. The Pennsylvania All-American Broadway Quartet from Chicago and Vincent Lopez of the Casa Lopez Orchestra will provide music.

STAMP FANS ORGANIZE

By United Press
TERRE HAUTE, Ind., June 28.—The Sandison Philatelic Club, the first local organization of stamp collectors, has been formed here with Carl Prater as president and Victor French as secretary-treasurer.

EXPOSITION AT GARY

By United Press
GARY, Ind., June 28.—Preparations are already in progress for the Greater Gary Exposition to be given here Aug. 15 to 20, sponsored by the Gary Chamber of Commerce. The exposition will be held at Eighth and Broadway, near the city's business center.

New School Principal

By Times Special
NEW ALBANY, Ind., June 28.—New Albany's new high school principal is Prof. J. H. Arnett, formerly of the Lafayette High School faculty. He succeeds Prof. C. B. McElinn, principal twenty years, who failed of re-election after a students' strike.

Tiny Plane Races Giant

By United Press
AIRPORT, SAN LEANDRO, Cal., June 28.—The giant Army Fokker plane towered over the smaller Travelair monoplane at Bay Farm Island field before the take-off and appeared far more substantial. Following is a comparison of the two planes:

Weight—Army, 13,500 pounds; Smith's, 4,732 pounds.

Fuel—Army, 1,040 gallons; Smith, 370 gallons.

Cruising Radius—Army, 3,000 miles; Smith's, 3,250 miles.

Maximum Speed—Army, 119 miles per hour; Smith's, 125 miles an hour.

Floating Ability if Forced Down—The Army plane can float for two or three hours. Thereafter the Army pilots would depend upon an inflated raft. Smith's plane is equipped with a device to empty the gasoline tanks hastily, which would keep the plane afloat indefinitely.

Radio—Each plane has radio equipment, including transmitters.

Navigation—Navigation instruments are on each plane.

Rations—Army, one bottle of hot soup, one bottle of hot chocolate, supply of hardtack, five gallons distilled water. Smith's, one bottle of chocolate, supply of hardtack, few sandwiches, emergency food enough for ten days.

Squirrel Thief

Paul White, 1852 N. Rural St., was awakened early today by a noise he thought was made by a burglar saving into his basement.

He called police.

Police found a squirrel gnawing away at a basement window ledge. It had torn away a large piece of the ledge.

GAS RATES GO DOWN JULY 1

72,276 Small Customers Will Benefit Most.

July gas bills will be smaller in Indianapolis.

Reduced rates, agreed to by the Citizens' Gas Company and the public service commission several months ago, are to become effective July 1, it was announced Monday, following a conference between Commissioner Howell Ellis and Clarence L. Kirk, president and general manager of the gas company.

Step rate reductions are provided. Of the company's total of 73,897 consumers, 72,276 small ones will be affected by the first step, which reduces cost of the first 10,000 cubic feet from \$1.05 to 95 cents a thousand.

Other new scale provisions are the next 40,000 cubic feet, 90 cents; next 150,000 cubic feet, 85 cents; next 300,000 cubic feet, 80 cents; next 500,000 cubic feet, 75 cents, and over 1,000,000 cubic feet, 65 cents.

Consumer savings will exceed \$311,000 annually, it is estimated.

LINDY WILL FLY WEST

Plans Return to St. Louis Before Hop to Ottawa.

By United Press
NEW YORK, June 28.—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh will fly to St. Louis tomorrow in an army pursuit plane. There he will board his own plane, the Spirit of St. Louis, and take off for Ottawa, where he is scheduled to arrive at noon Saturday to participate in the celebration of the dominion centennial jubilee.

Beyond that, Lindbergh told reporters he had no definite plans.

ENGLISH SUIT TO END

Judge Will Decide About Property This Week.

Decision in the suit brought by Mrs. Helen Orr English, wife of William E. English, against herself and the Fletcher Savings and Trust Company to have her late husband's will reconstructed will be given this week. Probate Judge Mahlon E. Bash said today.

Mrs. English desires to lease the property.

Monday her attorneys presented the case to court. The action is being opposed by the Indianapolis Foundation, which is to receive the property at Mrs. English's death.

SEND PRISONER TO OHIO

Ohio City Has Robbery Charge Against Man Caught Here.

James Thomas, 33, arrested by detectives for vagrancy, suspected of operating a confidence game with two others here, was turned over to Akron, Ohio, authorities by Detective Chief Claude M. Worley.

Thomas is wanted in Akron on grand larceny and robbery charges. He is said to have drugged a victim in an Akron hotel and robbed him of \$2,000.

COP FOILS RUM SEEKER

Armed Man Wanted Liquor; Got Nabbed by Police Instead.

A man giving the name of Roy Thompson, Kokomo, Ind., ordered liquor at a poolroom at 546 W. Washington St. Told there was no liquor there he pulled a gun and remarked:

"Well, maybe I can get it now."

Just then Sgt. Clifford Richter walked in. The man was charged with drawing a weapon.

WOMAN WRITER ASKS AID FOR RISING NEGRO

Zona Gale Urges White Race to Aid Colored Folk Progress.

Development and advancement of the white race, necessarily includes like progress for the Negro and the removal of obstacles in his path, declared Zona Gale of Portage, Wis., author of "Lulu Bett" and other noted novels. She was in the city today.

Miss Gale tonight will address a mass meeting at Caleb Mills Hall of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

"I believe in the white race, in its qualities of justice and fair play," said Miss Gale. "So I have faith that the obstacles that have stood in the way of the Negro's advancement, especially those affecting the Negro who has obtained education, will gradually go down."

Fights Against Odds

"I have always been interested in the struggle of the Negro. I have been impressed with the extreme courage of this people which has constantly fought against the heavy odds of ignorance and small opportunity. But we often misunderstand him and do not help him up."

"The Negro who obtains an education faces the fact that he may not be able to use it. On the train to Indianapolis I saw an illustration of that. I was impressed with the intelligence of the Negro porter. Upon inquiry I found that he was well educated and had attended college, but this is the only work I can find to do," he said. "For me education was useless." A Negro graduate of Cornell had to work with a pick and shovel because it was all that was open to him.

Must Give Fair Chance

"This is not unimportant. The future of the races is more or less intertwined. We of the white race must give the Negro the fair chance to advance that his efforts justify."

Dr. W. E. DuBois, New York editor of The Crisis, also will speak at the mass meeting tonight, and Anthony Overton, New York, will be awarded as president of the Victory Life Insurance Company the Spingard medal, which is given annually to the Negro who is considered to have made the most outstanding contribution to the achievements of the American Negro. Mrs. Mary White Ovington of New York, nationally noted for her interest in the advancement of the Negro race, will preside.

STONE PAY MEDIATION TO START WEDNESDAY

Frank K. Miller of Indianapolis Will Be Arbitrator.

By Times Special
BEDFORD, Ind., June 28.—Arbitration of a wage dispute between the Associated Stone Industries and its employees, members of the Stone Planers' Union of Lawrence and Monroe Counties, will be opened here Wednesday with Frank K. Miller, Indianapolis attorney, as mediator.

The arbitrating parties have agreed that Miller's decision shall be final and binding on both. The proceedings affect thousands of workers, and their employers in the world's largest limestone quarry and mill district.

100 Pythian Sisters Meet

Pythian Sisters of Marion County held a quarterly convention in the K. of P. Hall of Indianapolis Lodge No. 56 Monday with 100 in attendance. Dr. Mabel Tague made the welcoming address. Mrs. Anna Lewis responded.

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