

# HICKMAN'S LAWYER STARTS BATTLE TO CHEAT NOOSE

## 'FOX' PINS ALL HIS HOPES ON INSANITY PLEA

Attorney Will Travel Far for Evidence to Aid Youthful Killer.

TRIAL SET FOR JAN. 25

Slayer Shrinks When He Faces Battery of Eyes in Courtroom.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 4.—Collection of insanity evidence to save William Edward Hickman from the gallows was begun today by Jerome Walsh, Kansas City lawyer. Hickman yesterday pleaded "not guilty by reason of insanity" to an indictment charging him with the murder of Marion Parker, 12. His trial was set for Jan. 25.

The arraignment was in Superior Judge Carlos Hardy's court, which was jammed with armed men on the alert for demonstrations against the prisoner. The spectators, however, seemed more curious than vengeful, and there was no demonstration.

Hickman's whispered "not guilty" was barely audible to those surrounding him. He seemed nervous and shy.

**Pleads for Time**

Walsh, addressing the court, pleaded for thirty-five days in which to gather evidence that his youthful client was insane.

"Your honor," Walsh said, "I have no desire to delay this court. Yet I deem it a salutary thing for the entire Nation if this boy be proved insane.

"I must have time to go to Arkansas, Missouri and Illinois to get the depositions which will show this boy abnormal."

Walsh presented the court with a mass of documentary opinions which held Hickman abnormal. After reading them, Judge Hardy ruled three weeks sufficient time to prepare the case, and set the trial for Jan. 25.

**Crowd Packs Room**

A crowd that packed the courtroom to capacity watched every move of Hickman, who toyed with his collar and twitched his hands. He occasionally glanced sheepishly at the spectators.

Hickman was dressed in neat blue. For the first time since his attempt to strangle himself at Pendleton, Ore., he was allowed to wear a tie. His hair was combed neatly. He resembled a high school student.

No cameras were allowed in the courtroom, so the corridors through which Hickman was led were filled with smoke from flashlights. Hickman grinned foolishly at each boom.

A grand jury, meeting at the same time to consider another murder indictment against Hickman in connection with the murder of Ivy Thoms, druggist, adjourned without action.

**Juvenile Court Holds Hunt**

Welby Hunt, 16, confessed accomplice of Hickman in the Thoms slaying, was held to be under jurisdiction of the juvenile court. This prevented grand jury action.

District Attorney Asa Keyes announced he would ask the juvenile court to turn Hunt over to Superior Court and then would present the evidence to the grand jury again.

A long trial was seen as the result of Hickman's insanity plea. Under the plea Hickman formally admitted the murder, and should be found sane would be liable to sentence of death without a jury trial.

**PROTEST ON BALL PARK**

Remonstrance Is Signed by 350 Property Owners Near Proposed Site.

A remonstrance against the proposed baseball park on Thirty-Eighth St., south of the State fairground, has been signed by 350 property owners, according to Oscar F. Smith, former works board president.

Smith presided at a meeting at the Chateau Apartments Tuesday night when citizens discussed plans for fighting the location of the ball park along the boulevard. The petition will be presented to Mayor Slack Thursday.

Attorney Edward D. Holt and State Auditor Lewis S. Bown will be spokesmen for the objectors at the park board hearing Thursday.

**AUTOS HELP POACHERS**

Game Preserves Are Looted by Thieving Motorists.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—Hunting from motor cars has become such a popular illegitimate sport in England that game is said to be noticeably scarcer.

Poachers ride through game preserves, shoot from their cars, retrieve their kills and speed on before the police can halt them. Some persons are said to make a living in this way.

**COAL COMPANY ROBBED**

Two Bandits Blacken Faces to Make Entry to Office.

Two young men stopped at a coal bin in the Eddie Grimes Coal Company yard, 105 Minkner St., Tuesday night, blackened their faces with coal dust and then held up the coal company office.

Mrs. Grimes, who was in charge, and police one of the youths carried an automobile wrench while the other flourished a revolver and threatened that she lay on the floor of the counter. They took \$100 cash and checks from the cash drawer.

## Detailed Denial of Scandal Charges Made to Her Agent by Ruth Elder



Ruth Elder, ocean liner, was reported today free on \$500 bond on a four-year-old charge of misconduct with a Georgia evangelist. STORY ON PAGE ONE.

## KIMBLE OFFERS ALIBI DEFENSE

Theory That Sink Died of Accident Also Advanced.

DELPHI, Ind., Jan. 4.—Lloyd Kimble is fighting a charge of the first degree murder of Daniel Sink, 74, with an alibi and theory that the aged man was a victim of accidental death by fire in his home last Aug. 24.

Defense testimony is being continued in Carroll Circuit Court today along the two lines. No opportunity to discredit Mrs. Jeanetta Taylor, the State's principal witness is being overlooked.

There is no indication today of when Kimble will take the stand and apparently predictions when the trial was resumed Tuesday that the case would be in the jury's hands late this week were in error, as the defense has yet to offer the greater portion of its evidence.

Defense witnesses heard Tuesday included Earl Salisbury, 17, a neighbor of Sink, who testified the old man was addicted to drinking and described the manner in which Sink started fires by using coal oil. Andrew Wise testified that at the time Mrs. Taylor said Kimble was with Sink, threatening her if she told about Sink's death, he was with a threatening crew of which Wise was a member.

George M. Frost and Mrs. Nathan Taylor, the latter the mother of Jesse Taylor, husband of the State's chief witness, were the last persons on the stand before the jury retired. They testified Taylor was a sound sleeper. This was in relation to the statement of Mrs. Taylor that on the night Sink died, Kimble came to her home and awoke her as she lay beside her husband in bed, but that Taylor was not awakened.

The six States which do not have capital punishment are Michigan, Wisconsin, Kansas, Minnesota, Maine and South Dakota.

**WOMAN HELD AS HEAD OF STORE BANDIT GANG**

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## Harmless Buggy Ride With Evangelist in Georgia Started Village Gossip, Brought Ostracism, and Is Climaxed by Court Action, Girl Says.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—A heated denial of charges of misconduct made against her was contained in a letter sent by Ruth Elder, transatlantic aviator, to her New York agent, Harry Reichenbach, he told the United Press today.

A harmless buggy ride with an evangelist, the Rev. Hubert Jenkins, was the incident which gave rise to village gossip and, ultimately, to the warrant which was served on her, Reichenbach quoted Miss Elder as saying.

"The incident occurred when Miss Elder was a girl of 17," Reichenbach said. "She was living with her husband in Clayton, Ga., a town of about 300 persons, when the evangelist came to conduct a revival meeting.

"Miss Elder and her husband invited him to visit them for a week. On weekdays, when her husband was at work, they had friendly chats together, and one day took a ride out into the country.

Evangelist Runs Away

"They had stopped and were sitting on a hillcock at the side of the road, viewing the scenery, when they saw a man approaching, driving some cattle. The evangelist, fearing to be seen alone with the girl, left her and ran into a nearby patch of trees."

Miss Elder then drove back to her home, Reichenbach said. A few days later she began to be snubbed by the citizens of the small Georgia town. Evidently the cattle driver or some one else had seen them together.

"Ugly rumors began to float about," Reichenbach continued. "To a young girl of 17, such misconstrued stories, coupled with rapidly growing social ostracism, began to make life miserable.

Goes to Mother

"Miss Elder left her home and went to her mother at Anniston, Ala. Later her mother succeeded in having her marriage annulled on the ground of her extreme youth.

"With that, she thought the incident closed. She heard no more of it until Dec. 20. Alighting from a train at Atlanta, she was approached by a man whom she recognized as the sheriff of Clayton.

"My dear girl," he told her, "I don't want to embarrass you. I've been sent here from Clayton with a paper. It would be better for you to give me a short interview privately."

Gives Sheriff \$500

"She asked him to go to the hotel with her to discuss the matter. Then, she said in the letter, she was told that if she would give him \$500 the incident would be closed and she would hear no more of it. She gave him the \$500, she said, and he left."

Reichenbach then quoted Miss Elder as saying there was not an atom of truth in the charges of misconduct.

"I am sure that if my name had not become well known, nothing would have been heard of the matter," she wrote Reichenbach.

Three to Seek Release

By Times Special

VERSAILLES, Ind., Jan. 4.—Clarence Jackson, John Ryan and William Merhoff, charged with the murder of Deputy Sheriff Leonard Eads, will seek release on bond pending trial at a hearing here Friday. The accused will appear before Special Judge James A. Cox.

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## SHOWER LINDY WITH FLOWERS IN HONDURAS

Whole Nation Unites to Pay Homage to American Air Visitor.

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, Jan. 4.—Honduras united today in paying homage to Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, United States ambassador of the air.

From the time he landed in the Spirit of St. Louis on the flying field at 1:55 p. m. Tuesday and was showered with flowers, Tegucigalpa, from President Baranosa to the humblest citizen, gave tribute.

The president arranged to decorate him with a gold medal and present him to the congress for further honors.

**Dodge War Zone**

Lindbergh will stay until Thursday noon, when he will leave for Managua, Nicaragua. He will fly via Leon, on the west coast, a little out of the direct flying line of 150 miles he had planned first.

The new course will cause him to miss by some miles the actual country of the neighboring republic where United States marines and Sandino liberals are engaged in combat. Fear was expressed privately that there was danger of the rebels mistaking the plane for one of the Marine airships which have been bombing their positions, and firing on it.

**Showered With Flowers**

Lindbergh's program from the time of his arrival was full. After a greeting by the president, the mayor and George T. Summerlin, American minister to Honduras, he was taken in triumph procession through the city, riding under arches of flowers and being showered constantly by blossoms thrown from windows along the line. Artillery boomed, bands played the "Star-Spangled Banner," and thousands cheered.

The evening program included a dinner in Lindbergh's honor at the American legation and a torchlight procession.

## COURT TOLD OF HEAVY GAMBLING DEN LOSSES

Bets Run High at Massachusetts Ave. House, Say Witnesses.

Evidence showing large sums of money were lost at an alleged gambling house operated by William Maher, 702 Massachusetts Ave., was brought out by State attorneys in Criminal Court Tuesday afternoon during Maher's trial. Judge James A. Collins will rule Friday.

When arrests were made last April under supervision of John A. Royce, deputy prosecutor, it was charged Maher's place was one of several operated by George Shockley, with headquarters at 309 Mason Block. Shockley will be tried Friday afternoon.

Harry V. Underwood testified he lost about \$8,000 in bets made at the \$5,000 post, Jan. 1. Scott took several days to explain the office routine to his successor.

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## HELD FOR TRIPLE CRASH

Drunk Driving Charges Are Filed; Three Cars Hit.

Charges of drunken driving were placed against Pasquale Montani, 48, of 110 N. Riley Ave., Tuesday following a triple crash in the 2700 block E. Washington St. Montani's automobile struck a parked laundry truck and then veered across the street and struck two cars parked there, police charged.

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## WHIPPET MODEL IS UNDER FORD PRICE

Convertible Coupe to Cost \$5 Less Than New Product of Detroit Magnate.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—The long-looked-for price war on the low-priced automobile seemed a reality today, with the announcement of a Whippet convertible coupe at \$5 less than the corresponding model Ford.

A week ago, President John N. Willys of the Willys-Overland concern, manufacturers of the Whippet, announced that the company was in a position to make another reduction if it was necessary to meet Ford's prices.

Another announcement Sunday of cuts of from \$10 to \$50 in the prices of the new and larger Chevrolet cars discounted the statement of officials of automobile concerns that the new prices "are not to be construed as indicating price war."

The Whippet prices, compared with the new Ford car, are:

Another price reduction was made known today in the higher-price field when cuts of from \$500 to \$700 were announced in Packard eight.

## New Lasalle Costs Less

DETROIT, Jan. 4.—The Cadillac Motor Car Company has announced five new models of the La Salle car at reduced prices ranging from \$2,350 to \$2,875. The company said production for 1927 was 25 per cent above the previous year and that an increase of 25 per cent in 1928 was anticipated.

## KEEP SCOTT AT POST

Assessment Clerk Remains at Job on Holt's Orders.

Chief Assessment Clerk Orville R. Scott, Republican, recently replaced by the board of works, continued in charge of the department today on orders of City Controller Sterling R. Holt.

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## BACK HOME AGAIN

Automobiles reported found by police belong to:

Mary E. Commack, Plainfield, Ind., Ford, 17-796, from Kentucky Ave. and Washington St.

Arless Blakey, 136 E. Pratt St., 592-522, from in front of that address.

William Meier, R. R. 4, Box 338, Ford, 515-663, from Senate Ave. and Washington St.

## MAYBE

Automobiles reported found by police belong to:

T. Y. Hallum, 1226 Cornell Ave., Ford, found at 440 W. Morris St.

J. E. Johnson, 579 N. Belmont Ave., Ford, found at Clay City, Ind.



## Jazz Saves Life

GALESBURG, Ill., Jan. 4.—"Hot" sheet music that had warmed the emotions of many dancers kept Robert Killen, musician, from freezing in a blizzard. Thirty pounds of the music sheets went up in smoke to keep Killen warm when his automobile was stuck in a snowdrift.

## INSULL WOULD MAKE BUSINESS PAY FOR ART

Buyers Block Just Outside of Chicago Loop to Erect 'Opera Skyscraper.'

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—A plan to make business pay for art was revealed by Samuel Insull today, following purchase of a square block just outside the Loop as a site for a combination opera house and office building.

Insull, who is to the Chicago Civic Opera Company what Otto Kahn is to the Metropolitan in New York, believes revenue from offices in the upper stories of the skyscraper will pay the opera company's annual deficit, now borne by guarantors. The deficit amounts to about \$400,000 a year.

Architects are at work on plans to reconcile the type of architecture appropriate to an opera house with the necessities of skyscraper construction.

## STATE FARM BUREAU MAY PURCHASE HOME

Name Committee to Consider Buying Office Building.

Removal of Indiana Farm Bureau Federation headquarters from rented quarters at 16 N. Senate Ave., to a permanent home of its own is under consideration by a committee appointed Tuesday by President William H. Settle of Petroleum.

At the closing session of the two-day quarterly conference of directors here, Lewis Taylor of Newburg, L. L. Needler, federation secretary, and William Bosson of Indianapolis, were named to investigate feasibility of purchasing a home office building. They will report at the next quarterly meeting.

Directors voted continuance of federation efforts on the 1927 program but did not adopt any new policies. The federation is pledged to continue its support of the McNary-Haugen farm relief measure.

## 'THRILLER' IN BALCONY

Forget Film Melodrama When Late Hubby Shoots Mate's Escort.

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—Melodrama was suddenly transferred from the screen to the mezzanine balcony of one of Chicago's most gilded theaters Tuesday night when an angry husband opened fire on his wife's escort.

The audience of 2,000 started on a stampede for the exits, but was quieted before anyone was injured.

Meanwhile, the husband, John J. Mulken, real estate broker, had been disarmed and was engaged in a fist fight with Albert Solomon, taxi-driver, who had escorted Mrs. Mulken to the theater.

The three were arrested.

## 15,000th Case on File

GARY, Ind., Jan. 4.—Case No. 15,000 has been filed in Gary Superior Court, which was established eleven years ago. The 15,000th case was the divorce suit of Lucy Hinton against Lloyd Hinton.



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Don't let your children become the victims of unnecessary colds and sore throat, which often lead to serious complications. After they have been playing out of doors, see that their clothing is warm and dry, and insist that they gargle with Listerine, the safe antiseptic. It has checked many and many a cold and sore throat, before they became serious. During winter and early spring months, the sensible thing to do is to gargle with Listerine night and morning, every day. Lambert Pharmaceutical Company, St. Louis, Mo., U. S. A.

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