

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.

By United Press
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.

Plaids 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 twirled 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 grimmed 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 a verdict.

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 fair-ground, 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. Bowan 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 scarce.

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 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, told police one of the youths carried an automobile wrench while the other flourished a revolver and ordered that she lay on the floor of the counter. They took \$100 cash and checks from the cash register.

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



Ruth Elder, ocean flier, 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.

By Times Special
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. Jeanette 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 he is the accused woman. Arrested with her is her son, Cecil Breitenbach; Gene Rogers, William Hendrickson and Ralph Green. Police declare Green was caught in the act of stealing from the Union store here, his capture being the first onslaught on the alleged associates in custody.

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

One of the robberies credited to the five is that of the When store, where the loot was \$1,500.

WOMAN DIES IN CRASH

Mrs. Vivian Stone, formerly of Indianapolis, was killed in an automobile accident Tuesday at Toronto, Canada, according to word received today by William A. Pickens, local attorney.

Mrs. Stone was an employee of the Graylyn Hotel about six weeks ago and was in Indianapolis Saturday before leaving for Buffalo, N. Y. Pickens says. A search for Indianapolis relatives is being made by local authorities.

Truck Pilot Starts New Year as Good Samaritan

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.

He even refused to give his name, declaring that what he had done was nothing and that he had done as much for five others that day.

Albright found out his name from the laundry company—and Martin, they said, is always doing things like that.

So Albright believes Martin should receive credit and nominates him as a good example for the rest of Indianapolis that coming year.

"For," says Albright, "after all that's all there is in life doing something for some one else."

"We just want your good will for our laundry," he said. "As if we were a partner in the laundry. He isn't, because the laundry is one of the largest in the

SHOWER LINDY WITH FLOWERS IN HONDURAS

Whole Nation Unites to Pay Homage to American Air Visitor.

By United Press
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 Barrios 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 ootol 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 triumphal 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

By United Press
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.

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

New Lasalle Costs Less

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KEEP SCOTT AT POST

By United Press

Assessment Clerk Remains at Job on Holt's Orders.

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

President Oren S. Hack recently announced Theodore Dammeyer, Democrat, would succeed Scott in the \$3,600 post, Jan. 1. Scott took several days to explain the office routine to his successor.

Meantime Holt learned of the work board's appointment and ordered Scott to continue in the position thirty days or longer. Half of the salary is listed under the finance department and half under the works board. Scott was appointed by the city controller subject to the mayor's approval.

It was understood Holt and Hack, both Democrats, had split over the appointment but Hack explained the city controller desired that Scott remain in the office for a while to handle Barrett's law bonds.

Absence of Dammeyer since Friday was due to illness and he expected to return today, Hack said.

NAME CLASSEN NEW HEAD OF FAIRS GROUP

By United Press

Succeeds J. E. Green, Muncie, at Annual Convention.

John H. Clasen, member of the Lake County board of commissioners, was elected president of the Indiana Association of County and District Fairs Tuesday at the annual convention at the Sevierin, J. E. Green, Muncie, is retiring president.

Charles Taylor, Boonville, was named vice president, and E. J. Barker, Thorntown, secretary-treasurer. Bylaws were amended to combine positions of secretary and treasurer.

The convention ended with a banquet.

Mayor L. Ert Slack spoke and promised his support to any improvements at the State Fairgrounds.

J. A. Terry, La Porte, member of the La Porte County Fair Association, spoke on the importance of boys' and girls' club.

L. A. Plittenser, president of the Normal School, eastern division, spoke at the dinner urging that county fairs have the progress of the community as their theme.

HELD FOR TRIPLE CRASH

By United Press

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 of Riley St. Montani's car struck a parked laundry truck and then veered across the street and struck two cars parked there, police charged.

"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.

"My dear girl," he told her, "I've been sent here from Clayton with a paper. It would be better for you to give me a short interview privately."

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