

# FACES TRIAL FOR KILLING OF GENE'S GUIDE

Man Who Was Tunney's  
Aid in Woodland Slain  
for His Money.

By United Press  
SPECULATOR, N. Y., Jan. 18.—The new county courthouse here early next month will be the scene of the trial of Ernest Duane, 35, charged with violating the woodland code and murdering Ula Davis, 60, the man who trained him as a guide.

Hamilton county, which is New York state's only county with a district attorney and county judge who are not lawyers, expects one of the most sensational trials in years.

Assistant District Attorney B. W. Kearney of Fulton county will have charge of the prosecution. Christopher J. Heffernan, supreme court justice, of Amsterdam, will preside.

Gene Tunney's Guide  
Davis, the murdered man, was personal guide for Gene Tunney when the champion trained here last summer for his battle with Tom Heeney. Davis' friends say he knew every tree in these neighboring forests.

Davis' body was found in his Whittaker Lake cabin on the night of Nov. 25, with a bullet wound through his body. His friends searched several days for the slayer.

Duane was arrested by state troopers who said they found a wallet, containing \$200, sewed in one of his pockets. Each bill and the wallet had a bullet hole, it was said. The bullet which killed Davis, police say, entered the guide's hip and penetrated the pocket where he carried his wallet.

Killed for Money  
After being questioned for hours, Duane is said by Kearney to have confessed.

"I needed the money," Duane is quoted as saying. "I knew Davis had some for working as guide last summer. I don't know why I killed him. He was such a good fellow."

An extraordinary session of grand jury has been called for February 1 and the case will be given to that term.

## HEARING IS SET FOR VERMILION VOTE WAR

Election of Representative Douglass  
Contested by Hughes.

Public hearings in the suit contesting the seating of Louis A. Douglass as representative from Vermillion county, brought by John A. Hughes (Rep.) former representative, will be held Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning by the elections committee. Representative Harold R. Donnell, chairman, announced today.

Hughes, in his petition contesting the election, declared that there were gross irregularities and frauds and that the Vermillion county officials having failed to take up the case, he went direct to the legislature.

Donnell declared that he had not decided whether the committee will go to Vermillion county and inspect the records or have them subpoenaed and brought to Indianapolis.

## BARRETT LAW CHANGES TO BE ASKED IN HOUSE

Property Owners Would be Helped  
in Assessment Fights.

A change in the Barrett law to give property owners contesting assessments opportunity to avail themselves of the ten year-pay plan within thirty days after a court hands down its decision will be proposed in a bill to be presented Tuesday by Representatives William B. Calvert and Albert R. Bernhardt, of South Bend.

The bill is intended to prove of particular benefit to property owners in South Bend, who plan contesting assessments made in connection with construction of a \$1,700,000 sewer.

Under the present law, persons filing contests are unable to take advantage of the ten-year pay plan because of the time involved in the suit.

## STRIPES FOR CONVICTS

Louisiana Prisoners to Wear New  
Uniform After Ten Years.

BATON ROUGE, La., Jan. 18.—Convicts in Louisiana state prison institutions once more will don the tell-tale striped uniform after having gone without the characteristic prison garment for more than ten years.

The restoration of the striped suit was ordered by Governor Huey P. Long, who was influenced by the recent killing of Herman Baker during a robbery in New Orleans. Baker, shot to death while robbing an aged storekeeper, was a "furloughed" convict and had been at liberty several weeks prior to his death. The Governor also ordered all "furloughs" discontinued unless ordered by his office.

## STUDENT RELIEF ASKED

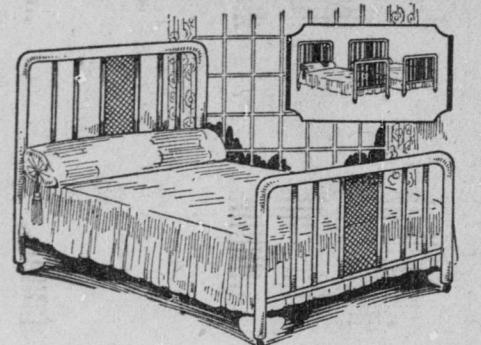
Bill Would Eliminate Payment of  
Tuition Fees.

House bill 21, which relieves students by various counties to scholarships at Purdue university from payment of matriculation and tuition fees, was reported favorably today by the education committee, which, however, made some minor changes in the phraseology. Representative J. Frank Smith of Lafayette introduced the bill.

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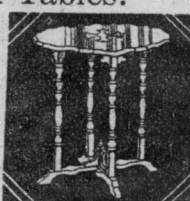
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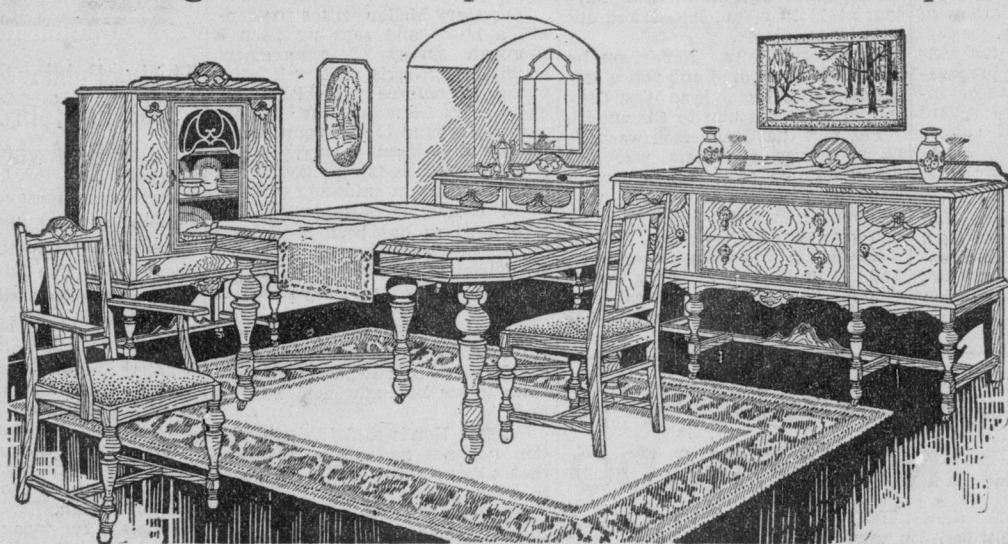
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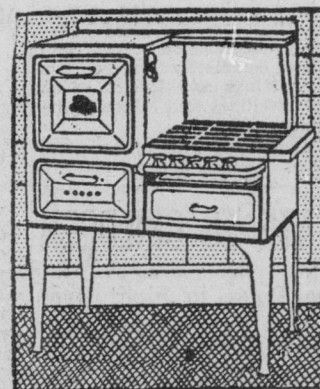
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