

'AUTO PICKUP' LOVER PLEADS SELF-DEFENSE

Grain Dealer Contradicts Story of Woman Whose Mate He Slew.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 30.—The central figure in an eternal triangle which ended in murder is pleading self-defense, telling a story which directly contradicted the story of the woman in the case.

Walter L. Liggett, prosperous Nashville grain dealer, who entered into an illicit love affair with Mrs. Era Helen Cunningham, on trial charged with fatally shooting Turney M. Cunningham, the woman's husband and a hotel proprietor here, testified Tuesday.

The accused man's account of the tragic love affair began with the assertion that Mrs. Cunningham, who had testified she feared him and had sought to terminate the liaison, erred when she said he "picked her up" in an automobile to make her acquaintance, that he was the "aggressor" in their relations, and that he had threatened Cunningham's life.

Induced to Come Back

He met Mrs. Cunningham through a mutual friend, casually in front of the Cunningham home—ultimate scene of the murder—he said. Several months after the first meeting, Liggett said, he told Mrs. Cunningham, "I am going to get me a good girl and get married," he testified.

"She cried," he said, "threw some kind of a fit, and induced me to come back with her."

Somewhat later there was a "conference" at the Cunningham home, he said, at which Cunningham accused him of "running around with my wife," and told him "I don't want you to be seen with her again."

"I said, 'yes, sir, I have been seeing her,'" Liggett continued. "But Mrs. Cunningham remarked, 'As a lady, I demand that he speak to me any time he sees me.'"

"He said, 'Well, all right.' And added to me: 'Walter, I don't blame you for all this. It is not her first offense. You may go.'"

After that, the accused man said, Mrs. Cunningham wrote him a letter, "and we slipped back into the same old relations."

Fired in Self-Defense

On the night of the murder, Oct. 29, Liggett said, he had gone to the Cunningham home to see Mrs. Cunningham, who told him "We are being watched."

"As I reached the alley back of the house I saw two men running toward me," he testified. "One was shouting that he was going to kill that—"

"Suddenly I saw one of the men start shooting at me."

"I grabbed my pistol and started shooting at the flame directed at me."

Liggett emphasized that at least two shots were fired at him before he drew his own weapon—which he insisted was done in self-defense.

The two men proved to be Cunningham, who mortally was wounded, and Earl Kiger, a private detective employed by Cunningham.

OFFER SCHOLARSHIPS

Folksmen and Firemen's Children to Benefit at Butler.

Establishment of two \$250 a year scholarships to Butler university were announced today by Mayor L. Bert Slack.

A scholarship will be awarded to a son or daughter of a policeman and fireman who makes the best scholastic record in high school this year. Money will be raised through the second annual police and firemen's circus, which will be staged in May.

Funds from the circus go to the police and firemen's emergency fund, of which Slack is chairman. Edward Richardson is making plans for the second annual circus for the safety board.

Doesn't Like Indianapolis

By Times Special

MARION, Ind., Jan. 30.—Earl Ratliff has a divorce complaint on file here in which he alleges that Mrs. Florence Ratliff refused to accompany him to reside in Indianapolis, where he had obtained employment. They were married Dec. 19, 1907, and separated Nov. 29, 1928.



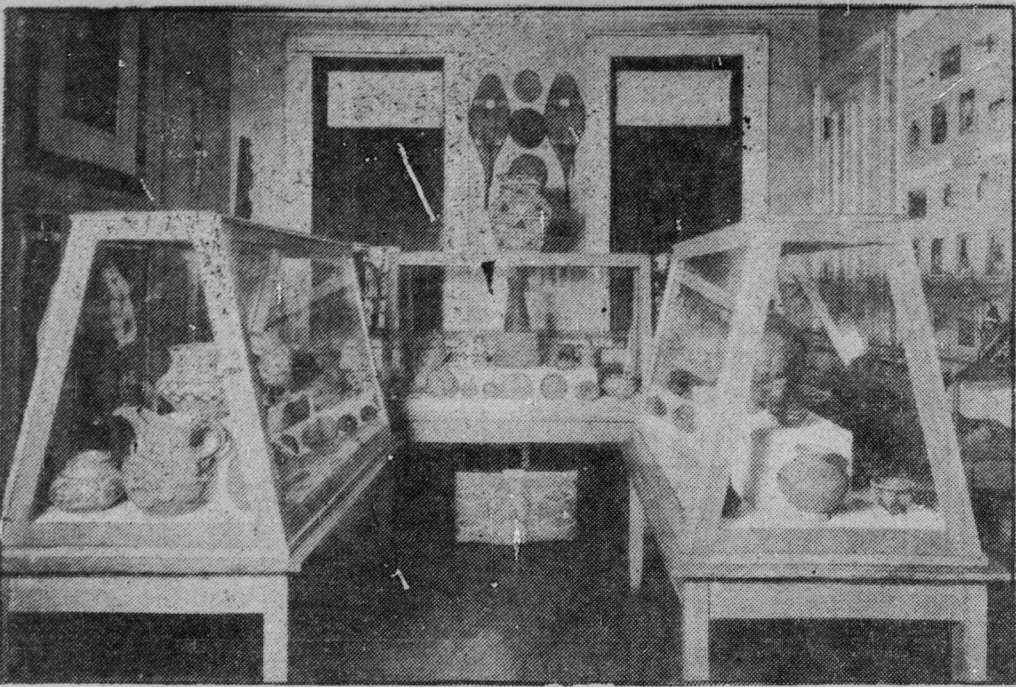
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Old Peruvian Pottery in Museum



Part of the collection of Peruvian pottery of the days when Incas ruled the land, in the Indian relic room at the Indianapolis children's museum. The collection is regarded as the best in this section of the country and many students come here from distant points to study it. The museum is conducting a membership campaign.

COLLEGE HEAD DIES ON TRAIN

Body Taken Back to South Dakota for Burial Today.

The body of Dr. Robert Lincoln Slagle, president of the University of South Dakota, was started on its final trip to Vermilion, S. D., at noon today.

Dr. Slagle died on a Big Four train just after it left Lebanon Tuesday night. The train arrived in Indianapolis at 6:05 p. m., and the body was removed to the Flanner & Buchanan mortuary.

Dr. Slagle had resigned from the university, effective Sept. 1, 1929, but was forced to leave his duties Jan. 5 because of ill health. He was accompanied by his sister, Mrs. John Laing of Charleston, W. Va., and a small party, from South Dakota, on his way to his sister's home, where he was to live in retirement.

Dr. Slagle was born in Hanover, Pa., March 17, 1865, and was educated in private schools of that city. He graduated from Lafayette college.

DAMAGES REFUSED

U. S. Jury Rules Against \$500,000 Suit.

Ruling in favor of the defendants, a jury in federal court has refused to grant Miss Florence B. Robinson of Chicago any damages in her \$500,000 suit against Mrs. Clara B. Swain, Shelbyville; Miss Anna I. Wadman, Indianapolis; and Mrs. Belle E. Blish, Seymour.

A sealed verdict was returned in court today after the jurors deliberated several hours Tuesday night.

Six other defendants in the case previously had been dismissed by Federal Judge Robert C. Baltzell.

Miss Robinson alleged she purchased Texas oil lands from Charles M. Watson, oil land broker, whom the defense said was her partner, in 1920 and defendants in 1921 filed a cross complaint in a creditor's proceeding pending against Watson and Miss Robinson, the Cook circuit court ordering two checks for \$22,000 cashed and \$17,000 paid to defendants. Three years later, it was charged, the suit was dismissed for want of equity and the \$17,000 returned to Miss Robinson.

She asked \$500,000 damages for injury to her credit and handicapping her working capital in the oil land leasing business.

MODEL HOUSE CONTEST PRIZES ARE BOOSTED

Additional Funds Are Contributed to Realtors' Competition.

Additional prizes, totaling \$30, have been offered in the miniature model house contest being conducted by the Indianapolis Real Estate Board, Robert Allison, chairman of the contest committee, announced today.

Twenty-five dollars has been given by E. L. Cottrill, realtor, and \$5 by Allison. Award of Cottrill's prize will be decided by the contest committee. Allison's award will be made to the son or daughter of a local realtor who interests the greatest number of friends in the competition.

Prizes to be awarded Marion county grade and high school pupils in the contest now total \$210. Materials for the contest, including complete instructions, plans and material for building the house models, may be obtained at the office of the Indianapolis Real Estate Board, 820 Lemcke building, for 10 cents.

The object of the contest is to assemble a house from the material provided, decorate it to simulate some type of construction such as brick, frame, or stucco, place the house on a baseboard representing a lot, and landscape the lot.

SPECIAL AGENTS MEET

Legislation is Discussed by Railroad Police Association.

Past and pending legislation of interest to law enforcing bodies in Indiana was being discussed today at the first triennial convention of the Indiana Railroad Police Association at the Severin. J. C. Molter, secretary-treasurer, was presiding at the meeting.

After luncheon the convention will clear up all routine business and listen to talks and opinions of the members.

W. R. Manning, chief special agent Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad, is president of the organization and J. F. Lanning, inspector of police, Nickel Plate Railroad, vice-president.

EDUCATORS ARE INVITED

Six State College Presidents Asked to Russell Sage Inauguration.

Presidents of six Indiana colleges and universities have been invited to attend the inauguration ceremonies of President-Elect J. Lawrence Meader of Russell Sage college, Troy, N. Y., Feb. 22.

Those invited are William L. Bryan, Indiana university; David M. Edwards, Earlham college; Homer P. Rainey, Franklin college; Lemuel M. Marlin, De Pauw university; Edward C. Elliott, Purdue university; and W. H. T. Dau, president of Valparaiso university.

Meader, who is 35, will be one of the youngest college presidents in the United States.

FIX BIRTHDAY OF CIVILIZATION

Put at 6,929 Years Ago After Excavations.

CHICAGO, Jan. 30.—Civilization is enjoying approximately its 6,929th year, according to archaeologists of the Field Museum of Natural History.

They announced that, according to findings in Mesopotamia, they could place the dawn of civilization shortly before 4,000 B. C.

The announcement said the archaeologists, after sifting through successive layers of bones, broken earthenware and other indications of man, had struck virgin soil at the site of the ancient city of Kish.

By computation of the time required to lay each stratum, the scientists were able to arrive at the approximate figure for civilization's advent.

OFFICE BUILDING TO BE ERECTED

Big Four to Occupy Seven Floors on Meridian.

Plans are being made to erect a large building on the site of the J. C. Mueller-Ward Drug Company, Meridian and Maryland streets, which will be occupied in part by the Indianapolis offices of the Big Four railroad, it was announced Tuesday.

The Meridian and Maryland Realty Company, headed by Leslie Colvin, president, and composed of a group of local capitalists, took a fifty-nine-year lease on the site for rentals in excess of \$3,000,000 from the Mueller Realty and Investment Company.

Legal details of the transaction were handled by Rappaport, Kipp & Lieber for the lessor, and Smith, Remster, Hornbrook & Smith for the lessee.

Plans for the new building are being made by D. A. Bohlen & Sons, architects, and it will be erected by Colvin as contractor as soon as it is vacated by the drug company.

Plans for the entire building have not been completed, but the Big Four has leased seven floors for twenty years. The Big Four will plan their part of the building through Philip T. White, general superintendent, and Hadley Baldwin, chief engineer.

About eight hundred employees will work in the offices on the seven floors.

Officers of the Mueller Realty and Investment Company are J. George Mueller, president, and Clemens O. Mueller, secretary-treasurer.

SURPLUS FOR U. S. FORESEEN BY TREASURY

But Funds for Fiscal Year Are Running Behind Last 12 Months.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Although President Coolidge in his budget speech warned of a threatened deficit in government finances at close of the fiscal year next June 30, treasury actaries today forecast a surplus of about \$50,000,000.

It was pointed out the treasury is now \$265,000,000 behind what it had in 1928 at this time. There was a surplus of \$397,000,000 last year.

Therefore, a surplus is forecast for this year of about \$130,000,000. But a \$75,000,000 additional appropriation for tax refunds must be deducted to give a correct estimate of this year's surplus.

Should congress approve the additional \$24,000,000 prohibition fund it would reduce the predicted surplus to \$28,000,000.

Debt Interest Reduced

Treasury experts emphasized that the predicted \$50,000,000 is on the assumption receipts and expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year will continue on the level they have maintained.

Tax receipts are expected by the treasury to show no marked decline between now and June 30. And there now are known expenditures authorized or planned that would upset the surplus estimate.

All sinking fund payments toward the public debt have been made for the present fiscal year, and interest on the outstanding public debt has been reduced.

Ordinary receipts are now \$135,000,000 below collections up to the same date a year ago, and expenditures are \$130,000,000 higher than in 1928.

Treasury is Behind

Adding these two items, gives a total of \$265,000,000 which represents the amount the treasury is behind the amount it had last year on this date.

The drop in receipts this year largely is accounted for by an \$80,000,000 decrease in repayments by railroads of post-war borrowings from the government for reconstruction purposes.

Expenditures rose chiefly because of an \$84,000,000 increase in "general expenditures," out of which come funds for running all government departments.

Tax refunds also jumped \$40,000,000 as compared with the year preceding.

ASKS DRINKS ON COUNTY

By Times Special

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Jan. 30.—Sheriff Thomas A. Goodrich wants St. Joseph county to pay for the drinks.

Appearing before the county commissioners, Goodrich asked an appropriation of \$900 to be used in making "buys" of liquor as evidence in dry law cases.

The commissioners said they were not authorized to make appropriations, and advised the sheriff to take the matter up with the county council.

Revel in Pots and Pans



Indianapolis convention bureau girls who are registering the thirtieth annual convention and exposition of the Indiana Retail Hardware Association, now in session in the Manufacturers, building at the state fairgrounds, could revel in the "pots and pans" items being displayed, it appears from the above picture.

Left to right they are: Harlette L. Thomas, 5255 Carrollton avenue; Anne B. Atkinson, 2035 North Meridian street, and Jean M. Horning, 803 East Thirty-fourth street. Newest products in kitchenware, household and electrical appliances, sporting goods and automobile accessories are being shown at the exposition, in addition to regular hardware.

SCIENCE HURLS FAKE LIGHTNING IN EXPERIMENTS

Produce 5,000,000-Volt Flashes at General Electric Studio.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—Artificial lightning of 5,000,000 volts now is produced in the experimental lightning laboratory of the General Electric Company at Pittsfield, Mass., F. W. Peek, consulting engineer, told the American Institute of Electrical Engineers this afternoon.

The previous record was 3,000,000 volts, but higher voltages are now obtained by the use of a radically new method which, in effect throws into series four or more of the smaller lightning generators.

Full size test sections of transmission lines, poles and electrical machinery are attacked by the artificial lightning to determine how apparatus in service can be protected from real lightning.

Peek and his fellow engineers go hunting for actual lightning striking transmission lines and buildings during storms.

By photographing the New York skyline during storms he discovered that a tall structure like the Woolworth building will protect from lightning smaller buildings within a cone of which it is the center.

This fact was first suggested by allowing artificial lightning to play over model villages.

Even 5,000,000 volts is a mere fraction of the potential of the actual electrical discharges from clouds.

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Double breasted. Blue, gray and brown mixtures. Sizes 1 to 6 years.
\$1.95

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Boys' pull-on cricket sweaters. Sizes 24 to 34.
88c

Boys' Blouses
Warm flannel blouses in gray and tan. Sizes 6 to 16 years.
39c

Cowboy Gloves
Warm brown jersey gloves with imitation leather fringe.
19c

\$50 Fur Coats \$21.75

Sizes 14 to 46

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Fleece lined or ribbed, substandard of \$1.50 quality. While they last, **\$1**

Pajamas and Nightshirts
Of warm outing flannel. Full and roomy. Slightly soiled or mused.
69c

\$5 Union Suits \$2.95
Wilson Bros. and others; regular, extra and extra. Broken sizes.

Men's Underwear 69c
Undershirts and drawers, fleeced or ribbed. Warm and heavy.

—The Fair —Street Floor.

How to Escape FLU

- Avoid so far as possible the places where flu germs are most apt to be; crowded cars; public meeting places; warm, stuffy rooms.
- Be careful of close contact with others and beware of all coughers and sneezers; breath through the nose.
- Get lots of rest. Eat plenty of citrus fruits. Keep the bowels open. Take every precaution to keep in good physical condition, so your system will have high resistance against germs.
- Above all, avoid catching cold. Any cold may be the forerunner of flu. Take Bayer Aspirin at the first sign of a cold and you can ward it off. Gargle with Bayer Aspirin at the first sign of sore throat as this will remove the infection.
- If you have any reason to suspect even a touch of flu, call your doctor.