

# MURDER TRIAL BEGINS TODAY AFTER TANGLE

Defendant's Wife and Vic-  
tim's Widow Once in  
Same Cell.

WASHINGTON, Ind., May 1.—Joseph Eke of Vincennes went on trial in Davies circuit court here today charged with the murder last September of Robert Marley. The case was brought here on a change of venue from the Knox circuit court.

Self defense will be Eke's plea. It is said he and Marley quarreled over possession of a liquor still, the climax of which was punctuated with bullets.

Marley's widow will be the state's star witness. She and the principals in the tragedy were the only ones present when it was enacted.

A tangle of circumstances have served as a prelude to the trial, the latest being a trip to the state penal farm by counsel for Eke for the purpose of bringing back Peter Westmoreland as a witness.

Find Witness in Jail  
At the farm, the lawyers learned Westmoreland had never been an inmate of the institution. Returning to Vincennes, they found the man they wanted a jail prisoner, awaiting removal to the farm to begin a sentence for violating the prohibition law. Sheriff Kruse says he has not taken the prisoner to the farm because he has a sick son.

Westmoreland was given a ninety-day sentence following arrest of Mrs. Eke, the accused's wife, on a dry law charge. It is said he made a "bust" of liquor from her at the request of federal agents.

Woman in Same Cell  
For a time Mrs. Eke and Mrs. Marley occupied the same cell in the Knox county jail, the latter being detained as a witness in the murder trial.

Counsel for Eke endeavored to obtain a continuance of the trial a few days ago, on the plea that Jimmy Mack, former Knox county sheriff, and William Gentry, desired as witnesses, were away from Vincennes.

Rather than permit delay, Prosecutor Arterburn agreed to admit the substance of testimony the defense said Mack and Gentry would give. It is in support of the self defense theory.

ROBERT A. BANTA, CITY  
BROKER 43 YEARS, DIES

Succumbs at Age of 71; Funeral  
Will Be Held Thursday.

Funeral services for Robert A. Banta, 71, who died Tuesday at his home, 138 East Sixteenth street, will be held at 10:30 a. m. Thursday at the John E. Reynolds undertaking parlors, 950 North Pennsylvania street, with burial in Crown Hill cemetery.

Mr. Banta was engaged in the insurance and stock brokerage business here for more than forty-three years. He was born April 23, 1858, near West Manchester, O. In recent years he has lived chiefly in the east.

He was a member of the Elks club.

Surviving are two sons, Leonard E. Banta, traffic manager of the Indianapolis Board of Trade, and John O. Banta, also of this city.

A sister, Mrs. Mary Ellen Disher, died in November at the age of 94.

ALUMNI TO CELEBRATE  
Foundation Day Dinner Tonight.

John W. Cravens, Indiana university secretary, will be the principal speaker at the Foundation day dinner of Marion county Indiana alumni tonight at the Columbia club.

Cravens has completed thirty-one years as registrar of the university.

Several radio stations will broadcast programs in observance of the 100th birthday of the school. Entertainers from the university will give a half hour program over WFBM beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Dr. W. L. Bryan, president of the university, will talk over WLW at Cincinnati at 7 o'clock and Pat Page, head football coach, and George F. Heighway, alumni secretary, will speak from WHAS at Louisville at 6 o'clock.

DISPLAYS WIN AWARDS  
B. S. Ayres and William H. Block Employees Second in Contest.

Display managers of two Indianapolis stores were awarded certificates of merit for second place in the window display contest sponsored by the Clock Manufacturers' Association of American during 1928.

The certificates were awarded to A. A. Roeder of the William H. Block Company and J. R. Patton of L. S. Ayres & Co.

The displays featured clocks and the pictures of the windows were entered in the national contest.

Newcastle Girl Tries Suicide  
Mrs. Edna Van Zant, 22, is reported in a serious condition at the city hospital as a result of taking poison at her home in Newcastle, Ind., Monday in an attempt to commit suicide. Despondency and ill health was given as the cause of the act.

G & J TIRES  
on Liberal Pay Plan  
SELIG TIRE CO.  
23 South East St.

ALL-WOOL SUITS \$25  
And Up  
Made to Your Measure  
Leon's 254 Mass. Ave.

# SHUT-INS CHEERED Workers Distribute Flowers



Mrs. Alex Metzger and Betty Lou Schmiedel

SUNSHINE visited Betty Lou Schmiedel today.

A breath of the great outdoors, the tang of spring and woodland song were brought to her in three pots of flowers.

Betty Lou, who lives at 1024 South Illinois street, was 3 years old Tuesday, and her grandparents gave her a brand new wicker baby buggy.

So when Mrs. Alex Metzger of the Red Cross motor corps brought the flowers to Betty Lou's home, she was put into the new buggy and wheeled into the yard.

Since her birth Betty Lou has had no control of her limbs, but her great big blue eyes held a joyous light as she reached for the flowers.

A thousand shut-ins and crippled children were the recipients today of similar spring messages from the Girl Scouts, Public Health Nursing Association and Red Cross.

Presentation of the blooms is a part of the observance of Child Health Week. Miss Edna L. Hamilton was general flower day chairman, and Mrs. Wilbur C. Johnson, Red Cross motor corps chairman, was in charge of the distribution.

THE CITY IN BRIEF

THURSDAY EVENTS  
Modern Woodmen of America, state camp, all day, Severin.  
Caravan Club luncheon, Marat Temple.  
Advertising Club of Indianapolis luncheon, Columbia club.  
Indianapolis Engineering Society luncheon, Board of Trade.  
American Business Club luncheon, Columbia club.  
Signa No luncheon, Lincoln.  
Indianapolis Real Estate board luncheon, Chamber of Commerce.

State Representative E. Y. Guernsey (Rep.), Bedford, has been placed in charge of the new Spring Hill state park, east of Mitchell, by the state conservation department. Since the closing of the 1928 session of the legislature, Guernsey has been employed in getting the park in shape and restoring the old village of Spring Hill.

An operetta, "The Child of Hathwa," will be given by vocal students of St. Agnes Academy, in the Cathedral high school auditorium today at 8 p. m.

STATE OPPOSES  
MONON MERGER

Public Service Board Files  
Plea Against Project.

"To protect properly the commercial interests of the state of Indiana, the Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville Railway Company (Monon) should be maintained and preserved as a north and south line, free from any dominating influence of control by any east and west trunk line."

Such is the contention of the public service commission of Indiana in an intervening petition filed with the interstate commerce commission today opposing the proposed merger of the Monon with the Baltimore & Ohio railroad.

The latter company seeks the consolidation, but is opposed by Monon stockholders and the state acting through the public service commission.

The intervening petition was prepared by Attorney-General James M. Ogden.

It sets out that the Monon at present pays \$900,000 taxes to the state annually and that this would be cut by decreased revenues should the merger be approved.

It calls attention to the Monon repair shops as another state asset which might be abandoned. The main shops are at Lafayette.

"It is in the interest of the manufacturers, producers and consumers of the state of Indiana that north and south lines be maintained in competition with the east and west trunk lines," the petition declares.

PURPOSE IN TIRE COLOR  
Pigments Protect Rubber, Make It Last Longer.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 1.—Automobile tires are not colored red or black or white just because the manufacturers wanted to make them look pretty. The coloring matter serves a useful purpose, making the tire last longer.

At today's meeting of the American Chemical Society here, H. A. Depew of Palmerston, N. J., told his colleagues what he has found out about it. Pigments ground very fine protect rubber against dissolution better than pigments ground a little coarser.

Woman Inherits \$350,000  
KOKOMO, Ind., May 1.—Mrs. Alice Pemberton, whose husband is a packer at a glass factory here, has been advised that she is to receive \$350,000 from the estate of a sister, Miss Florence Austin, who died Christmas day in Birmingham, England.

Prof's Forget Texts for Soccer  
Left to Right—Paul E. Alvey, instructor of economics; Walter Slifer, assistant professor of history; George W. Harris, instructor of journalism; J. Douglas Perry, assistant professor of journalism; R. W. Kealey, assistant professor of history (caption); De Forest O'Dell, professor of journalism; Forest E. Keller, instructor of economics; N. R. Buchanan, instructor of journalism; Don H. Gearheart, publicity director.

The call of spring was too much for some of the 'stad professors at Butler university, who, accordingly, threw away their texts, dismissed their classes, and reported to Captain R. W. Kealey for spring training in soccer football.

The faculty team is scheduled to play a student team in a benefit game at the Butler bowl play &

# STATE UTILITIES SESSION OPENS TODAY AT GARY

Gas Association First of  
Three to Begin  
Convention.

GARY, Ind., May 1.—A three-day Indiana public utilities convention opened here this morning, with an attendance of 3,000.

The first day was given over to a meeting of the Indiana Gas Association, speakers for which include M. I. Mix, Chicago; Stanley Jenks, Hammond; H. C. Vandas, Chicago; A. F. Mitchell, Hammond; L. D. Sprague, New Albany; H. C. Peffer, Purdue university, and Oscar H. Fogg, New York, president of the American Gas Association.

Reports by committees and officers and election was also on the program.

A meeting of the Indiana Public Utilities Association will be held Thursday, the session to open with an address by its president, Arthur W. Brady. Speakers will be Dr. E. C. Elliott, president of Purdue university; Samuel Insull Jr., president of the Midland Utilities Company; H. H. Allen, Chicago, and J. B. Wotan, editor of the Public Service Magazine and Public Service Management. A board of governors will be elected.

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# Lady Heath Is Forced Down by High Winds



Lady Mary Heath

British Woman's Plane Is  
Damaged in Landing  
Near Terre Haute.

TERRE HAUTE, May 1.—Damaged slightly when forced to make a landing near Effingham, Ill., because of strong winds, an airplane piloted by Lady Mary Heath, famous English flier, was under repairs here today.

The plane was shipped to Terre Haute after the accident, in which neither the English woman flier or her mechanic were injured.

The plane, which was en route from Cincinnati to St. Louis, sustained a crashed tail and other minor damages, mechanics said.

The plane was the one used by Amelia Earhart when she toured the country last summer.

Lady Heath spent the night here and said she would take off again for St. Louis as soon as the plane is repaired. Although several mechanics were immediately set to work, it was not known whether repairs could be finished in time for her to take off this afternoon.

BOY LAST SEEN FRIDAY ON  
Way to School.

BROOKLYN, May 1.—The metropolitan area was provided with a new kidnapping mystery today when the revelation that 8-year-old Gerald De Sousa disappeared Friday afternoon from St. Frances De Chantal church parochial school and four days of efforts to find him have proved unavailing.

Two brothers, Elmer, 6½ years old, and Edgar, 11, met him at the school and started home with him when Gerald asked them to wait a minute while he returned for a book. That is the last seen of him by any of his family.

The two boys waited until they became tired and then went on home, believing their brother had taken another route home.

Mrs. De Sousa is prostrated and she believes the boy was kidnapped. She told police a woman had threatened the family and a search is being made for the woman now.

Furniture Plant to Be Sold  
The plant of the Stout Furniture Company will be sold by May 15, by John F. Brown, trustee in bankruptcy.

Funeral Held  
Funeral services for George Young, attorney, for whom funeral services were held at the residence, 4123 North Capitol avenue, at 10 o'clock this morning, with burial in Crown Hill cemetery, Mr. Young died Sunday night following a short illness.

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# MOTHER JONES, AT 90, STILL READY TO FIGHT

Famed Labor Leader Keeps  
Up With Times, Hopes  
for Reforms.

WASHINGTON, May 1.—It has been a habit with Mother Jones for years to defy death.

She climbed a West Virginia hill one day and laid her hand on the machine gun mounted at the top. She was not afraid. The men behind the gun did not fire.

She defies death now from an easy chair on a sunny porch. She will be 90 years old May 1, or maybe it is 99. The record is uncertain, but with speech firm, eyes bright, mind clear, Mother Jones fights on and intends to fight for many years.

She wishes she could be with the textile workers in the south. They are her people and she would like to fight with them. She thinks the kidnapping incident there was disgraceful.

Opposed to Violence  
"It was dangerous, too. No one knows where a thing like that will stop. No class can afford to set such example. No one knows who the next victim will be."

Violence is just as wrong, Mother Jones believes, for workers as it is for capitalists. The day she climbed the West Virginia hill she did tell the military police that 600 workmen were waiting for her a little farther up and all had guns they would not hesitate to use. It is true she has been called the most dangerous woman in America.

But there weren't any men up there at all, and no guns. "Not a thing on the hillside but rabbits," she chuckled. "But you have" to fool such rascals somehow.

Through the historic mine strike in Colorado, and through others in West Virginia and Pennsylvania, Mother Jones battled for many years. She has been put in prison and stuck with bayonets. She fought for more pay for workers, more food for children, better living conditions, shorter hours of work. She fought frameups and oppression.

Fight Was Worth While  
She says: "It was a great fight. It was worth while. We changed a great deal, though there is much more to change. If I had it to do over again, I would do it the same way. I hope another woman will carry on the fight. A woman can do more than a man if she really understands the economic reason for things and cares enough about doing something."

Mother Jones reads constantly and knows what is going on. She has been watching the new fight to win pardon for Tom Mooney and Warren K. Billings, who have been thirteen years in jail charged with bombing the San Francisco preparedness day parade. She was in California at the time and she is certain the men were victims of a frameup.

She thinks prohibition wrong and harmful. Long ago she came to believe that where there is more freedom there is less breaking of law. As she grows older, she believes this more firmly.

She hopes the day will come when men and women in power will grasp a vision of what food enough for all might mean to a nation.

SHIP RACES WATER  
Speeds for Port as Sea Fills  
Its Hold.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 1.—While its crew bailed out the water which rapidly was filling its hold, the steamer Kadiak raced against time today to reach San Francisco bay before it sinks.

The Kadiak, manned by a crew of about twenty-five, was accompanied by the Standard Oil tanker Charlie Watson which answered the Kadiak's S. O. S. call from 10 miles off Point Reyes Tuesday night.

Blanchard Smith received second prize in a jewelry contest while Miss Irma Roepke was awarded \$5 in the Blumey and Smith contest held recently under the auspices of the magazine.

Miss Laura Nelson won \$10 in a national literary contest.

CLUB GIVES PROGRAM  
West Riverside League to Stage Entertainment Tonight.

A vaudeville and musical entertainment will be given by the West Riverside Civic League tonight at 8 at Municipal Gardens, Lafayette road and West Riverside drive.

Speakers will be E. O. Sneathen, president of the Indianapolis Federation of Community Club Clubs, and the Rev. Clarence G. Baker of the Hawthorn Settlement. Entertainment will be provided by the Expression Club by courtesy of George Steinhorn.

# Actress May Wed Grandson of Ex-Kaiser



Lilli Damita

Lilli's Rumored Romance  
With Prince Stirs  
Hollywood.

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., May 1.—The film colony is enjoying all the thrills incident to reports of a royal romance in its midst.

Former Prince Louis Ferdinand of Prussia, 21-year-old son of the erstwhile crown prince of Germany and grandson of the ex-kaiser, is reported engaged to Lilli Damita, French film actress, whom he met in Berlin two years ago.

Numerous film magnates nursed desires that "Dr. Louis Ferdinand," as the ex-prince preferred to be known upon his arrival here two weeks ago, might contract an alliance of box office benefit.

Aside from the reports of his romance, the ex-prince gives no indication of bolstering the cinema.

He says he "probably would accept a business offer in Los Angeles."

WIGGINS LOSES PAY  
Tire Dealer Garnishees  
Fight Money.

Charles (Chuck) Wiggins, Indianapolis heavyweight boxer, remained unpaid today for his ten-round headline bout with Big Boy Peterson of Minneapolis at the Armory Tuesday night.

Deputy Sheriff Louis Meredith appeared at Chuck's dressing room before the bout and served an execution garnisheeing his wages.