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Unsettled tonight and Saturday; probably thundershowers; somewhat warmer tonight.

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CO-ED KILLING HORROR STORY TOLD TO JURY

Snook Slumps in Chair as
Coroner Points Picture
of Tragedy.

STRUGGLE IS DESCRIBED

Alleged Eyewitness Tells
of Glimpse of Pair at
Rifle Range.

BY MORRIS DE HAVEN TRACY
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COLUMBUS, O., Aug. 2.—Dr. James Howard Snook heard a gruesome story of the death of Theora Hix, his college girl inamorata, recounted in court today. But he showed not the slightest emotion or interest. He slipped down so low he could not see the witnesses and made no effort to raise himself.

Dr. Joseph Murphy, coroner, described in detail the score of knife and hammer wounds the autopsy revealed and dangled Miss Hix's clothing before the jury.

From the point of view of Dr. Snook's defense, the most important development of the morning perhaps was the testimony of the coroner and a police photographer that they had found strands of hair between the fingers of Theora's hand when they first saw the body.

Hair Is Stressed

This hair was described as about six inches long. The coroner thought at first it might be a little lighter than Theora's but he had compared it with hers and decided it was from her head. Her hair, however, was about eighteen-inches long. The hair was lost in the removal of the body.

The defense laid much stress on this point, claiming that the person was at the rifle range the night of the murder.

The coroner named the severance of the jugular vein as the actual cause of death.

Homer Richter, police photographer, described the photographing of the body and identified the photographs. The pictures included one of Dr. Snook's hands taken three days after the murder showing his knuckles bruised. Snook had said the injury came when a wrench slipped while he was working on his car.

Photos Handled Gingerly

The photos were offered in evidence. One of Miss Hix before her death, an attractive portrait, drew objections from the defense as did the picture of the professor's hand. Both pictures were temporarily excluded.

The jury was then shown the pictures. They were not a pretty sight and were handled gingerly. Earlier the jury heard Clarence R. Murray describe as an alleged eyewitness what the state claimed was the beginning of the death struggle of Theora Hix.

"I was driving with my boy past the New York Central rifle range," he said, "on the night of June 13. That was the night of the murder. I saw a man and a woman near a blue Ford coupe at the entrance of the range. He had his arms around her waist like this (he embraced Myron Gessman, state's attorney, to show the jury) and she had her hands on his breast like this (and again he demonstrated on Gessman)."

"Pushing Him Away"

"It was like she was pushing him away. Her hair was down around her shoulders.

"When I came along the man let go and went around to the other side of the car and the woman went over and stood beside the car fixing her hair."

"If you saw some scuffling, why didn't you stop?" Attorney John F. Seidel, of the defense, asked on cross-examination.

"I didn't think it was my business," the witness said.

Paul Krumlauf, the next witness, a clean-cut lad of 16, told how he and a companion found Theora's body June 14.

"We were preparing to shoot at targets when we saw the body in the grass," the youth said. They called a nearby farmer to guard the body while they drove to police headquarters, returning to the range with police.

Ephraim Johnson, 76, the farmer, gray, bald and barked by toll, told how the boys called him.

Son of West Coast Bishop Is Chosen 'Nation's Brightest Boy' in Edison Scholarship Test

High Scorer!



Bernard Sturgis, of Butler, Ind., one of the four runners-up in the Edison "brain contest" is shown here in the garb of a grocer boy. He has been working in a store in his home town during his vacation.

RACKETEER IS GANG VICTIM

Victim Formerly Dealt in
Dope, Liquor, Police Say.

By United Press
PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 2.—Gangland's light artillery blazed here early today, and when the smoke cleared Big Arthur Callen, well known racketeer, was dead—his body riddled by a hail of bullets.

Callen was slain about 3 a. m., as he was about to enter an apartment he used as a "hide-out" in Parkside avenue.

Two West Philadelphia policemen, who heard the roar of guns, found the body lying in the nearby alley. They also saw a large green sedan speed from the vicinity.

Callen, who generally was believed to have retired from racketeering apparently had returned to his old trade in liquor and dope distribution, police declared after searching his establishment.

The slain man had numerous enemies in gangland, police said—so many, in fact, that authorities were somewhat at a loss to pin the shooting on anyone in particular.

TAX CUTS STUDIED

Mayor and Controller Meet
to Consider Levies.

Mayor L. Ert Slack conferred today with City Controller Sterling R. Holt relative to the 1930 tax rate. Several items were expected to be cut making a possible total levy of approximately \$1.16. The present levy is \$1.10. A city general levy of 65 cents will be recommended to council.

Council indicated it will make further reductions in the 1930 budget. The recommendation probably will go to council Monday night.

EXCURSIONS ARRANGED

Railways Will Give Rates During
State Fair.

Representatives of all steam railroads entering the city met today with the state fair board and decided excursion rates of a fare and one-half for round trip tickets would prevail on lines during the week of the fair. Several of the roads will run additional special excursions.

Wilbur B. Huston Wins in
'Brain Race': Indiana Boy
Is 'Runner-Up.'

BY JULIUS FRANDSEN
United Press Staff Correspondent

WEST ORANGE, N. J., Aug. 2.—Wilbur B. Huston, 16, son of a Seattle (Wash.) Episcopal bishop today won Thomas A. Edison's "brain race" which carries with it a scholarship and expenses for four years at the famous Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

He achieved a mark of 92 in the Edison questionnaire—a set of questions on subjects of ethical and scientific nature which many a mature and educated man would "flunk."

Though he headed a group of forty-nine lads—selected as the "brightest" boys throughout the country—and went through the brain test with flying colors, Young Huston took his honors modestly and disappeared into the seclusion of Edison's home soon after the award.

"The questions weren't very difficult, it seems to me," said Wilbur. He told inquiries he had never worked to earn money for school, and had spent recent summers collecting marine biological specimens.

Four other lads unexpectedly were given runner-up prizes of four years tuition in technical colleges they may choose. These boys were:

Charles H. Brunssen, West Redding, Conn.; Ivan A. Getting, Pittsburgh, Pa.; James Seth, Santa Fe, N. M.; and Bernard Sturgis, Butler, Ind.

Hobby Is Marine Biology

Huston's hobby is marine biology, but he faced the vast range of Edison queries with remarkable success.

His answers, however, will not be made known to a waiting world, for Charles Edison, the inventor's son, took his papers and locked them away for safekeeping for the next ten years.

Interviewers sought from Huston the answers he had made. But he hesitated.

Asked what he had answered to the inquiry as to the most needed invention, Huston said:

"I don't want to answer that; I am afraid it might make me look foolish."

It became known that, on the question of what he would do with \$1,000,000, he had said in part he would devote some of it to the parish church in Seattle. Most of the boys agreed they would devote some of this money to education and henceforth wise counsel as to investment of the remainder. Many would contribute to aid of their parents.

Huston comes of a studious family. His father, Bishop S. Arthur Huston of Seattle, his uncle and his grandfather are known as careful students and as expert plant breeders. Huston has a younger brother and sister.

Despite the difficulty of the questions, none of the contestants scored under 60—the "passing" mark.

Most of the boys agreed in answer to the question as to what they desire to do fifty years hence that they would want laboratories of their own and be free to work on scientific problems.

Further—to the amusement of Henry Ford, one of the judges—most of the lads agreed the auto in the future would probably be relegated to use as trucks.

And Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh extremely was interested in the answers and they served with other committee until 3 a. m., today in "correcting" the papers and then resumed the work about 7 a. m., after a short rest.

Tears Fill His Eyes

Young Huston, a clean-cut lad neatly attired in blue serge, kept his composure well as he was called forward to be congratulated by Edison and the judges.

He was also felicitated by Mrs. Lindbergh, the former Ann Morrow, and then his companions hoisted him on their shoulders for a moment as they cheered.

"I am thunderstruck," Huston stammered.

The presentation ceremony was held on the lawn at the Edison home, Dr. S. W. Stratton, president of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, made the announcement for the committee. The other judges were Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, Henry Ford, George Eastman of Kodak fame, and Dr. Lewis Perry, headmaster of Phillips Exeter academy at Exeter, N. H.

Puzzlers!

Wizards' Questions to
Boys Would Make Col-
lege Students Ponder,
Say University Chiefs.

By United Press
NEW YORK, Aug. 2.—Thomas A. Edison's questions of chemistry would make a first year college student scratch his head, while a diligent high school student might be asked to pass the physics quiz, university savants agreed today.

The test comprised fifteen questions on technical subjects of physics, chemistry and mathematics, eighteen on general intelligence, twenty on ethical matters and problems designed to test the intelligence of each youth and one concerning the writing of a letter to an imaginary employer.

Here are a few samples:

"If you are marooned alone on a tropical island in the south Pacific without tools, how would you move a ten-ton weight, such as a boulder, 100 feet horizontally and 15 feet vertically?"

"If you were to inherit \$1,000,000 within the next year, what would you do with it?"

"Who was Jenny Lind?"

"If some acquaintance of yours unfairly accuses you of cheating, what would you do?"

"Assume the increase in any colony of mice to be such that the number doubles every three months. How large will the colony be at the end of three years if we start with a pair?"

"Who wrote 'Treasure Island'?"

"What place in our daily lives do you think the automobile will have 100 years from now?"

"Is the relation of capital and labor reasonably fair?"

"When do you consider a lie permissible?"

"Which one of the following would you be willing to sacrifice for the sake of being successful—happiness, comfort, reputation, pride, honor, health, money, love?"

"Give a brief statement of what you hope will be a typical day for you when you are 50 years of age."

SOLDIER LOSES LIFE NEAR FORT

War Veteran Believed
Struck by Big Four Train.

The body of Supply Sergeant Joseph Rooney, 38, Company G, Eleventh Infantry regiment, Ft. Benjamin Harrison, a World war veteran, was found today between the main tracks of the Big Four railroad, one-fourth mile east of the depot at Lawrence.

Coroner Charles H. Keever said the man died of a fractured skull. It was believed he had been struck by an outbound train Thursday night, for he had been dead several hours, Keever said. He was removed to the post morgue while authorities tried to communicate with relatives at 212 West Eighty-fourth street, New York City, the man's home.

Fort records showed Rooney was born in Ireland and enlisted Nov. 21, 1914, in Company F, Eighth infantry, with which he served overseas in the World war. He re-enlisted in Company F, Twenty-seventh infantry and a year later joined the Eleventh infantry. All of discharge papers designated his character as a soldier as "excellent." Rooney was unmarried.

HOLE CAUSES ACCIDENT

Woman Injured When Car Strikes
Faulty Paving.

Mrs. Elmer Culbertson, 2039 Rucka street, was suffering today with broken ribs received when an auto in which she and her husband were riding with Dr. T. W. Leonard, of 2109 North New Jersey street, ran into a hole in the paving on Sixteenth street at the first alley west of Central avenue, Thursday night.

The hole, about three feet wide and fourteen inches deep, made in the pavement by a construction company, was unlighted, according to witnesses of the accident.

TROOPS GUARD LEAVENWORTH AFTER RIOT

One Convict Is Killed and
Three Injured in 7-Hour
Revolt.

PRISONERS LOCKED UP

Mexican Rice at Noon Meal
Brings Dispute Ending
in Violence.

By United Press
LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Aug. 2.—Troops at Ft. Leavenworth, including crack machine gun squads, were prepared today to cope with any further outbreaks at Leavenworth penitentiary where one prisoner was killed and three others were seriously injured in a seven-hour riot.

Armed guards patrolled the cell-houses. All prisoners were locked up as officials searched for weapons and explosives.

The convicts went supperless Thursday night and breakfastless today. Men working in kitchens were not allowed out of their cells.

Details of the rioting, which began at Thursday's noonday meal, were yet to be learned. Officials refused to give out information. None from the outside has been allowed within the prison walls, Warden Thomas B. White said an "official" statement would be issued later in the day from Washington.

Trouble had been brewing for some time. Last week a prisoner killed the foreman of the laundry. A quarrel occurred in the shoe shop Thursday.

Prisoners Were Sullen

The prisoners were sullen as they were marched into the mess hall at noon. At their plate was Mexican rice. They had complained several times about this dish. Plates began to fly. Windows were broken. Men confined to cells tore up their bedding and sought to wrench the bars.

Guards began to fire into the rioting mob. Mike Martinez, 38, a Mexican, sentenced from Texas, was killed.

The prisoners' shouts and the rat-tat-tat of the guns could be heard in Leavenworth, although the penitentiary is a mile outside the city.

No Guards Killed

Hundreds rushed to the prison. The gates were closed. None were allowed to communicate inside. Anxious wives and children of the guards begged in vain for news from within. It was hours before they learned no officials nor guards were slain or injured.

Nearly 3,000 men are doing time in the penitentiary which, according to officials, has accommodations for only half that many. There are only 110 guards.

When the riot became serious, White said, guards were ordered to fire on the most obstreperous of the convicts. Of the three who were injured, he said, one is in a serious condition, but probably will live, while two suffered only minor injuries. None of the guards was injured. The dead convict, he added, was killed as he stood at a window hurling missiles at a guard below.

White gave no reason for the uprising.

Blame Overcrowding

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—Overcrowding, lack of sufficient work to occupy the inmates, excessive heat and word of riots in eastern penitentiaries were ascribed today by Stanford Bates, federal superintendent of prisons, as the reason for the insurrection in the Leavenworth (Kan.) federal penitentiary Thursday night.

Making public a complete report of the incident, the immediate cause of which was said to be a complaint about rice served with the noon meal Thursday, Bates said it is evident that Warden White and his guards acted creditably and forestalled what might have been a much more serious outbreak.

A check-up has shown, he said, no men escaped, no guards were injured, no guns were found in possession of inmates and "from the point of view of the prisoners, the insurrection was entirely futile."

"The Leavenworth prison was designed to accommodate, at the most, not over 2,000 prisoners and the population today is 3,770," Bates report said.

Pays Life on Gallows for Killing



Russell Beitzel

Philadelphia Man Is Hanged for West Coast Murder.

By United Press
SAN QUENTIN PRISON, Cal., Aug. 2.—Russell St. Clair Beitzel of Philadelphia was hanged at the penitentiary at 10:04 a. m. today for the slaying of his paramour, Barbara Mauger.

Beitzel hid his emotions by solitude as the hour of his execution drew.

Prisoners who had been sent out to work for a couple of hours were ordered back to their cells so all would be quiet around the prison when the man who ended a clandestine romance with a bullet walked up thirteen steps to the gallows.

Beitzel protested his innocence in an even voice when Warden James B. Holohan went to his cell in the death house.

The condemned man again blamed his plight on "framed evidence" and told the warden in the confidential tone he has used for several weeks that "Miss Mauger is still alive."

The girl's body was found in the ravine of a Los Angeles park and Beitzel was convicted after short deliberation by the jury.

BUS DRIVERS ARE CRITICISED

Disregard for Others Scored
as Chauffeur Goes to Jail.

Sharp criticism of bus drivers, "who think they own the streets," accompanied the fine and jail sentence imposed on Allen Stranz, 25, of 320 East Vermont street, bus driver for the Peoples Motor Coach Company, by Judge Henry Judge today.

Stranz was found guilty of assault and battery and reckless driving, fined \$25 and costs, and given a ten-day jail sentence on each count, the sentences to run concurrently, however. Appeal was to be taken under \$500 bond, Stranz's attorney said.

Stranz was alleged to have been driving on the left side of Ft. Wayne avenue at New Jersey street, preparatory to making a left turn onto New Jersey, when his bus collided with an automobile being driven northeast on Ft. Wayne avenue by Mrs. Minnie McHenry of 1523 Central avenue, slightly injuring Mrs. McHenry. The accident occurred June 19.

"This is one of the most vicious cases of reckless driving I've seen," Judge Henry declared. "I'm not prejudiced, but some of these bus drivers seem to think they own the streets."

Deputy Prosecutor Charles Karabelle also had harsh words for bus drivers who, he said, "have no regard for pedestrians or other motorists."

Karabelle and B. F. Stattler, defense attorney, interrupted each other so frequently the court admonished them to quit their wrangling.

Hourly Temperatures

6 a. m.	65	10 a. m.	73
7 a. m.	68	11 a. m.	75
8 a. m.	70	12 (noon) ..	75
9 a. m.	72	1 p. m.	68

ZEPPELIN IS NEAR AZORES IN TRIP TO UNITED STATES; STORMS ARE LEFT BEHIND

Strikes Fast Pace and Is Making Up for
Time Lost in Rough Going While
Passing Down Rhone Valley

WEATHER PERFECT FOR FLIGHT

Wireless Apparatus Functions Normally and
Huge Airship Constantly Communi-
cates With Land Stations.

By United Press

The Graf Zeppelin, with fair weather and favorable winds, was pushing across the Atlantic in the vicinity of the Azores this afternoon, headed for Lakehurst, N. J., on her journey from Friedrichshafen, Germany.

The Graf Zeppelin sent a wireless message this afternoon saying she expected to pass near the Azores about 4 p. m. this afternoon.

The report, if authentic, indicated that the Zeppelin was averaging ninety miles an hour since leaving the coast of Spain at Cadiz at 10:50 p. m. Thursday.

Her wireless apparatus began to function normally today after reported difficulty because of static conditions.

The commander, in a communication to Friedrichshafen Thursday night, stated he would not make up his mind as to the course he would take late today until he was several hundred miles out at sea.

He said he would be guided in his course entirely by the prevailing weather conditions.

Calm on Board Ship

BY FRANK E. NICHOLSON
Representative Columbus Broadcasting
Company and United Press Special
Correspondent

ABOARD THE GRAF ZEPPELIN, Aug. 2.—Our progress, retarded for a while by the bad weather along the Rhone valley, was satisfactory during the night, with the five new motors functioning perfectly and pushing the dirigible along at a high rate of speed.

For the most part, the passengers on board were calm and confident when the Graf passed through the stormy area Thursday, although women were slightly nervous when we encountered strong head-winds shortly before lunch, winds which buffeted the ship, compelling us to alter our course for an hour or so along the Rhone.

Much Stormy Weather

It was along the same stretch that we encountered so much stormy weather during our last start for the United States several weeks ago, when we were compelled to land at Toulon, France. Our progress was retarded for a while Thursday, but now we are sailing along smoothly.

Our route across France and the Mediterranean was not what Dr. Hugo Eckener, the commander, had planned. But it was necessary for us to make the detour in order to avoid a storm from the north and east sections of Spain.

There was much excitement aboard Thursday when a water tank located over the salon, burst, saturating the whole ceiling. This soon was fixed and our bridge games in the salon continued. We had an excellent session of bridge during the afternoon.

Excitement of Fan

CAUSES HAND INJURY

Swings Arm, Smashes Glass Bowl
on Ticker During Game.

Enthusiasm over a baseball game got the better of Harry O'Brien, 35, of 4620 Keystone avenue, as he watched a telegraph ticker tapes report of the contest in the Edwards hotel billiard parlor Thursday afternoon.

O'Brien swung an arm, and his hand smashed the glass globe over the telegraph instrument. Lacerations on the hand were treated at Indiana Christian hospital.

PLAN LICENSE CHECK

First Police Inspection Begins Aug. 25.

First checkup of drivers' licenses will be made this week, beginning Sunday, Aug. 25, when state police will make statewide safety campaign, Robert T. Humes, chief of state police, announced today.

Six points will be emphasized in the campaign, Humes said: Drivers' licenses, headlights, tail lights, horns, brakes and stop lights.

Because of the impossibility of issuing the new drivers' licenses as rapidly as applied for, state police have not attempted to make a comprehensive check-up of them, except in cases of accidents.

Graft Accused Cleared

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Aug. 2.—L. L. Roberts, prominent attorney, has been found not guilty in circuit court by Judge C. P. Beck, on charges of conspiracy to commit a felony and being an accessory before the fact in connection with a million dollar sewer graft here.

BOY HURLED FROM CAR

Ohio Youth Fatally Injured in Fall.

By United Press
EVART, Mich., Aug. 2.—Hurled from the running board of an automobile when it swerved in loose gravel, John Goll, 16, of Lancaster, O., was thrown against a road side stump and fatally injured. The youth and his parents were vacationing at Crooked Lake.

BOOZE BUYER ROBBED

Liquor Arrest Is Made After Bandit Gets \$55.

Andrew Holloway, 519 West Eleventh street, complained to police that he was held up early today by an armed Negro and robbed of \$55 in the rear of the home of William Harris, Negro, 621 West St. Clair street, where he went with three others to buy liquor.

Police arrested William Harris Jr., Negro, on blind tiger charges, but failed to find the bandit.

WILDCAT AND ALLEY breweries, "beer shooting" and "needle-ing" are described by Mabel Walker Willebrandt, former assistant United States attorney general in charge of prohibition, in one of the articles of her series on prohibition.

Don't Forget This Series of 24 Articles Starts Aug. 5.

THE FUTILITY OF periodic "drives" in the border towns while corruption of the officials and stupid departmental jealousies exist is pointed out by Mrs. Willebrandt in her remarkable revelation of legal smuggling across the Canadian frontier.

The Whole TRUTH Told About PROHIBITION

By Mabel Walker Willebrandt

MRS. WILLEBRANDT also tells the inside story of the permit scandals which allowed the country to be flooded with industrial alcohol diverted for beverage purposes in another article of this great series on the inside of prohibition.

In The Times Exclusively in This Part of the State

SHE FURTHER describes the conditions in cities where the big demand for liquor makes the market most attractive to lawbreakers. She predicts hope for the future despite these conditions in one article, "Are the Cities Hopelessly Wet?"

ARREST LAD FOR THEFT

15-Year-Old Boy Is Discovered in Bedroom by Woman.

A 15-year-old boy was held in the detention home today, following his arrest Thursday for alleged theft of \$1.50 and a small amount of clothing from the home of Mrs. Mary Hiatt, 1217 Pershing avenue. Mrs. Hiatt found the youth in her bedroom. He fled, but was captured by two neighbors a short distance from the house.