

## MURDER TRIAL SCENE REMAINS DISPUTE POINT

John Van Hook Faces New Charge in Slaying at Terre Haute.

**By Times Special**  
TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Aug. 31.—Termed by Prosecutor William Littlefield as "the most important case" on the September docket of the Vigo circuit court, to convene Monday, state and defense counsel will renew a conflict resulting from the slaying of Austin Sweet, local attorney, by John Van Hook.

Efforts will be made by Littlefield to prevent the defense from taking the case to Brazil for trial in Clay circuit court. In this tribunal, a first degree murder charge against Van Hook was dismissed by Judge Thomas W. Hutchinson on the state's motion after he ruled that under acts of the 1929 legislature, Van Hook must be acquitted or convicted of first degree murder, and that the jury could not return a second degree or manslaughter verdict.

Immediately after the dismissal, Van Hook was rearrested and brought to the Vigo county jail here, the charge being changed to second degree murder. The case was taken to Brazil on a change of venue asked by the defense.

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## THREE BROTHERS ADMIT VIOLATION OF DRY LAW

Federal Judge Defers Sentencing of Nahas Group.

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SOUTH BEND, Ind., Aug. 31.—Jack, Edward and George Nahas, brothers, Michigan City, vic and liquor barons, entered pleas of guilty to charges of conspiring to violate the national prohibition law before Federal Judge Thomas W. Slick in United States district court here.

The three are now serving sentences of one year each in the St. Joseph county jail on liquor charges. Judge Slick accepted their guilty pleas but deferred sentencing until the opening of the next term of court, Oct. 1.

The brothers were indicted following the federal investigations of conditions in Michigan City. Fifty other defendants, including former Chief of Police Richard Kruse, were also accused.

## FAMILY OF THREE DIES

FT. WAYNE Man, Wife and Child Suffocated Since Jan. 1, 1928.

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FT. WAYNE, Ind., Aug. 31.—Death has wiped out an entire family of three here in less than two years, the last to die being Joseph Kelleher, 28, after his leg had been crushed by a train.

The wife of Kelleher was fatally injured in a fall down a stairway at the family home, Jan. 18, 1928. Eleven months later the only child in the family, Dolores, 18 months old, died after a month's illness.

## Bandits Serve Store Patrons

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., Aug. 31.—The second holdup within forty-eight hours occurred here when William Gregory proprietor of a drug store, was robbed of about \$100 by two bandits, Gregory and William Nevitt, city firemen, who were in the store at the time, were forced into a back room and tied to chairs. While the bandits were rifling cash registers, two women customers entered the store and were served by the bandits.

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## Veteran Lawyer Dies

BRAZIL, Ind., Aug. 31.—Peter T. Luther, 85, pioneer lawyer and active in Democratic political affairs of the Fifth congressional district for sixty years, is dead after an illness of several weeks.

## Business Man Dies

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## Church Leader



Dr. Ralph A. Ward

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BATTLEGROUND, Ind., Aug. 31.—A conference of field representatives of the six benevolent boards of the Methodist Episcopal church, known collectively as World Service, will open here Sunday afternoon to be concluded Tuesday morning.

Dr. Ralph A. Ward, Chicago, executive secretary of the service, will preside.

A meeting of the church's national Men's Brotherhood, which opened Wednesday, closed today. There was an attendance of 200. Plans for the brotherhood's activities during the next year were made.

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## BUCKLE STOPS BULLET, SAVING WOMAN'S LIFE

Jilted Man Shoots on Valparaiso Street—Belt Metal Flattens Missile.

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VALPARAISO, Ind., Aug. 31.—William Yarnell, 35, is awaiting trial on a charge of assault and battery with intent to kill after an automatic pistol in his hand was fired, the bullet flattening itself against a dress belt buckle, without injury to Mrs. Hattie Rathbun, 25, who refused to marry him.

Approaching Mrs. Rathbun on a street, Yarnell demanded that she accompany him and be married immediately. She refused.

Yarnell drew the pistol and Mrs. Rathbun tried to wrest it from him, but the trigger was pulled. The single shot resulting struck the buckle.

Mrs. Rathbun told police, Yarnell had often asked her to be his wife, and frequently threatened her life when she refused. "You belong to me or no one else," he remarked as he shot.

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