

LIQUOR PARTY DEATH BEFORE GRAND JURORS

Death Sentences Will Be Sought in Gary Killing, Says Prosecutor.

By Times Special
CROWN POINT, Ind., Dec. 8.—A special grand jury met today to consider charges of murder against five men who were with Miss Arlene Draves, 18, when she died after a drinking party in Gary a week ago.

Special prosecutor John Underwood said he would demand death sentences and predicted the grand jury would return indictments charging first degree murder.

Denies Student Drinking

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GARY, Ind., Dec. 8.—Use of liquor by school children of this city, where only a few days ago 15-year-old Arlene Draves died following a drinking party, is very limited, according to William A. Wirt, city school superintendent and founder of the famous Gary plan of education. Miss Draves was graduated from high school here in June.

Discussing the death, Wirt declared: "Certainly it was an awful thing—a most regrettable occurrence. But the same sort of tragedies occurred before prohibition and in my judgment, will continue to occur so long as liquor is obtainable."

Continuing a discussion of drinking among high school students, the superintendent said: "I think the public generally has a wrong opinion about the amount of drinking among high school students. Personally I don't believe there is any considerable amount of drinking in or around the Gary schools. At any rate, there is little of it in evidence."

"Some students may drink at parties because they want to be smart," Wirt said. "Others may detach themselves from parties and do their drinking in automobiles. The boys' washrooms in the schools occasionally may witness undetected schoolboy drinking."

Drink to be 'Smart'
"Generally however, drinking among students is confined to very small groups. Three or four boys get together. One of them has a bottle. They drink. Not because the stuff tastes good, but because they think it's smart to drink."

"Our policy regarding drinking in the schools is rigid. Hence, flagrant instances of violation are rare. We can not expect students who are known to drink outside the schools, in their own homes with their parents or at parties; but we can and do bar them from honorary activities such as school dramatics and athletics."

"No student who drinks is allowed to take a place among the outstanding members of the student body."

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"We had no occasion to do so," he explained.

BARTHOU FAILS TO FORM NEW CABINET

Senator Pierre Laval New Choice to Form French Government.

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The invitation followed the failure of Senator Louis Barthou to accomplish the task.

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Laval was not regarded as an outstanding choice for premier, but according to French political custom several senators will be given the opportunity to form a government, for it was in the senate that the Tardieu ministry was overthrown.

Tied by Thugs



Miss Madonna Herring Literally "tied down to her job" was Miss Madonna Herring, clerk in the Walgreen drug store at 153 South Illinois street, Sunday night when two well-dressed thugs bound her hand and foot, applied the same treatment to Henley Able, 117 Barrett avenue, and made away with \$100 from the cash register.

BOY, 14, SLAYS MOTHER, SELF

Nightmare Caused Tragedy, Coroner Believes.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 8.—Charles Selbert, 14, who shot and killed his mother, Mrs. Eva Selbert, 50, Sunday, as she slept, and then killed himself, either suddenly went insane or was in the throes of a nightmare, in the opinion of Coroner Fred C. Swing, who returned a verdict of murder and suicide today.

The tragedy occurred just before dawn Sunday. Charles apparently was in good spirits when he, his mother and a sister Martha retired Saturday night. The sister said today, Charles and a boy friend had been playing with Charles' rifle just before he went to bed, Miss Selbert said.

A pet dog revealed the tragedy. Frightened by the shots the dog scratched on the door of Miss Selbert's bedroom and aroused her. She went into her mother's room and found her mother dead and Charles lying nearby, dying.

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BIG INDUSTRIES FACE INCREASED TAX VALUATION

Vote in Factory Centers Democratic; State to Hike Assessments.

Large corporations in industrial centers such as Marion and Lake counties, which went Democratic in the recent election, will pay through the pocketbook to the extent of increased assessments, mid-officials of the state tax board, of \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000 or more, it was learned at the statehouse today.

Chairman James Showalter of the state tax board, who also is Eleventh district Republican chairman, admitted that the board now is preparing a new valuation list with assessment increases of more than \$10,000,000 in Lake county alone.

Marion County

Marion county corporations will be the next largest sufferers, but all other industrial counties such as Allen and St. Joseph counties also will be increased, Showalter said.

Lake county has been cited as a "horrible example" of low valuations, mostly by Democratic campaign speakers. They charged that steel properties valued at \$20,000,000 were listed as low as \$3,500,000 by the G. O. P. administration tax board.

Board Is Republican

The tax board is still G. O. P., with Showalter having been placed in the chairmanship by Governor Harry E. Leslie.

But this year was the first time Lake county went Democratic since it was founded. So assessments are going up, despite the industrial depression.

"The raise will equalize taxation and aid in stabilization," the tax board officials explained.

Tax experts, not employed by affected corporations, generally agree that the increases are just.

CITY TO MAKE JOBS FOR 500

Officials Outline Program to Employ Needed.

The city opened its departments to the unemployed today, with officials outlining a program to employ 500 workers during the winter, to the employment committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

At a session at the Chamber this afternoon, state, city and school officials aided in outlining a winter park department, twenty in number. The purpose is to expend in such a manner that as many men as possible may be kept at work throughout the season.

Ninety-six men were laboring for the work committee today. Seventy had obtained employment in the park department, twenty in the street commissioner's division and six at the school board.

City officials, who attended the meeting at the Chamber, said the park department could use 200 men during the winter, 200 in the airport division and at least 100 more in various other municipal departments.

FIVE HELD IN THEFTS

Negroes Face Charges of Robbing Box Cars.

In the arrest of five Negroes, police believe they have solved a series of box car robberies on the Belt railway with loot totaling more than \$1,000.

Two of the Negroes, William McPherson, 39, 1717 Vandeban avenue, and James Rice, 25, Troy and Carson streets, were caught in the act of opening a carload of cigars Sunday, police say. The arrests were made by Forrest Wimmer, Big Four detective.

The two men implicated Dick Price, 22, 1414 Minocqua street; John Paragon, 29, 1336 East Minnesota street, and William Opra Clark, 24, whose only address is "City."

Among thefts recently reported are thirty dressed turkeys, sixty pounds of butter and several wooden boxes of candy.

LYRIC SANTA SOON TO GREET CHILDREN

Clothe a Child Donors Nearing Hundred Mark

Pledges received to date in The Times "Clothe a Child" for Christmas campaign are:

- Mr. and Mrs. North Capital avenue. A friend of children.
- Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Peck, 3739 East New York street.
- Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence E. Sizer, 4247 College avenue.
- Mr. Anna L. Schrader and family, 1410 Woodlawn avenue.

Over the week-end, Saturday and Sunday, more than 50 children received badges and indications point to a record number of children on the committee to meet Santa.

The Indianapolis Times and Lyric theater, bringing to the city a real St. Nick with his jolly laugh and huge bag of gifts for the youngsters. The Times-Lyric Santa Claus leaves his North Pole home this week and is scheduled to arrive at the Union station Saturday morning at 10:45. Santa will travel via the Pennsylvania railroad system on his trip here.

Santa has requested that all children who have received these "official welcome badges" and all other boys and girls to meet him at the station when he arrives. He has a special treat in store for children who have these badges.

FARM BUREAU PIONEER DIES

Perry H. Crane Served as First Indiana Secretary.

Officials of the Indiana Farm Bureau Federation were notified today of the death of Perry H. Crane, 46, one of its first secretaries, at his home, 417 E. Washington, Ill., Saturday noon. Death resulted from heart disease.

Nationally known as an expert breeder of pure-bred Guernsey cattle, Mr. Crane managed the famous Purdue university herd for three years and then became head master of the herd owned by the late Governor Hoard of Ft. Atkinson, Wis.

Although funeral arrangements have not been completed, the burial probably will be at Lebanon.

Mr. Crane leaves his widow, Mrs. Ruth Roark Crane; three children, Howard, Eric Lou and James, all of Bloomington; a sister, Mrs. Julian Wetzel, Indianapolis; and three brothers, Otis, Marion, high school instructor; Alpheus, attorney in Barber, O., and Victor, who operates the Boone county farms.

REPUBLICAN EDITORS WILL INVITE HOOVER

Delegation Will Ask President to Address Meeting Here.

A committee representing the Indiana Republican Editorial Association will go to Washington next month to invite President Hoover to address the annual mid-winter meeting to be held here.

Tentative dates for the session are Feb. 12 and 13, but they will be held subject to the convenience of the President.

TRAINING FOR PARENTS URGED AT CONFERENCE

Mental Hygiene Society in Session Hears Plan of Mrs. Edmondson.

Scientific training for mothers and fathers in the problem of rearing children was recommended by Mrs. Edna H. Edmondson of Bloomington, executive secretary of the Indiana Parent-Teacher Association, in a paper read at the fifteenth annual meeting of the Indiana Society for Mental Hygiene today at the Claypool.

Known experts in the field of mental hygiene, child welfare and child guidance are on the one-day program of the conference.

"Out of uncertainty and confusion in the minds of parents themselves has grown a settled conviction that there should be definite training for the profession of parenthood—as carefully systematized as for any other profession," said Mrs. Edmondson.

Fathers and mothers were urged to avail themselves of the numerous free courses of instruction offered by schools, colleges and the federal government.

Schools for All Children

Emphasizing the point that "it is the responsibility of every school system to see that provision is made to educate each child according to his or her individual endowments," Dr. Charles Wilson, medical inspector of the Evansville public schools, said: "Our public schools are not just for the child with average intelligence or the child with superior intelligence, but are for all children."

Dr. Wilson pointed out the advantages gained by providing special classes for retarded and defective children.

Paul C. Stetson, Indianapolis school superintendent, presided at the morning session, and Mrs. Edwin F. Miller of Peru, president of the Indiana Federation of Clubs, was in charge of the afternoon program.

35 IN VICE RAID NET

Gary Cops Act After U. S. Probe Is Threatened.

GARY, Ind., Dec. 8.—Moving swiftly after an announcement by federal authorities that a general clean-up of vice conditions would be made in Gary, city police staged a series of week-end raids that resulted in arrest of thirty-five persons, including eight women.

Charges of violating prohibition and gambling laws have been placed against those taken in the raids.

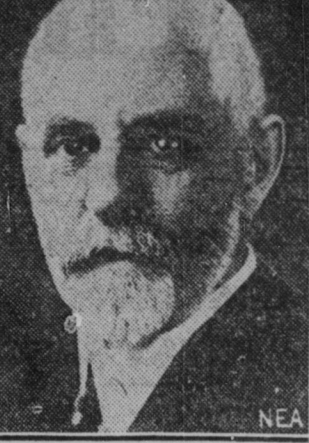
Saturday, Oliver Loomis, United States district attorney, indicated that a federal investigation of conditions in Gary would be made at the request of Mayor R. O. Johnson.

ROTARY TO HOLD PARTY

An elaborate program has been arranged for the annual night party of the Rotary Club to be held at the Claypool Tuesday.

Among the various entertainment features will be the Chicago Concert Company, directed by Frank Bennett, Chicago, Tarian.

Death Calls



Dr. W. E. Barton
NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Funeral services for Dr. William E. Barton, prominent clergyman and author, who died of pneumonia Sunday at Long Island College hospital, Brooklyn, will be held at Broadway tabernacle Tuesday.

Burial will be Wednesday at Foxboro, Mass., summer home of Dr. Barton.

At his bedside when he died were two sons, Bruce Barton, writer and advertising man, and Charles Barton, Sheridan, Wyo., publisher. Dr. Barton was 68 years old.

BEECH GROVE TO HELP POOR

Seven Groups Co-Operating in Relief of Needy.

Seven organizations are co-operating in the newly organized Beech Grove Relief Association to handle emergency relief work in Beech Grove this winter.

Co-operating agencies are the three Beech Grove churches, Methodist, Baptist and Disciples of Christ, the Parent-Teacher association, Beech Grove Civic Association, the town board and school board.

Temporary officers are: Mrs. Carl Dunlap, president; Mrs. L. B. Mann, vice-president; Mrs. John F. Swartz, secretary, and Mrs. W. S. Newcomer, treasurer.

The association will collect funds and supplies for relief families suffering through unemployment or disaster.

PARK FEES STUDIED

Board Probes Complaint of League Members.

Investigation of fees charged for business meetings of civic leagues at local community houses, was opened today by park officials and will be discussed Thursday at the park board session.

The war over fees opened when the Enterprise Civic League refused to pay the rate Friday and were refused admittance in Rhodius park.

League members are seeking the resignation of David B. Kilgore, recreation director, who drew up the fee schedule.

The rate alteration also will be aired at 8 Wednesday night at a meeting of the south side civic clubs in the Fountain Square theater assembly hall.

BLOCK'S FREES 'CHIMP'

'Euster' Again to Amuse Children in Department Store.

The William H. Block Co. today posted \$1,000 "bail" for release of Euster, alias Joe Mendi II, chimpanzee which has been performing for thousands of children in the Block store. The educated "chimp" was involved in legal action recently and the Block store obtained his release so that thousands of children who have not seen his stunts would not be disappointed.

DROUGHT'S GRIP TIGHTENING ON BROWN COUNTY

Even Salt Creek Dry Except for Holes in 200-Foot Intervals.

NASHVILLE, Ind., Dec. 8.—This town and surrounding Brown county territory is in the throes of a drought which has been practically unbroken since April. There has been several rains, but of short duration and not in quantity sufficient to increase water supplies.

Salt creek, the stream famed in Brown county lore, is now a series of small water holes. At many points it is possible to walk in the creek bed distances of 200 feet or dry earth. Even the water remaining in the holes has become polluted by falling leaves and is not even fit for animals to drink.

Many Wells Fail

Three-fourths of the wells at homes here are said to be dry, including the public well which has never been dry before. A system whereby water is obtained for the county jail and court house, is hampered by the condition in Salt creek, and several times of late the bed has been excavated so that a flow of water from farther upstream would result.

Gardens and other small crop areas produced almost nothing in the past season. This was especially true in the section immediately surrounding Nashville, but in no section of Brown county did such crops give a normal yield.

Good Supply Stopped

As they conserve water, citizens recall that many years ago an artesian well was drilled in the public square to a depth of 500 feet, and an excellent water supply resulted. Shortly afterward, however, a group of citizens drilled a similar well for private use, and the other immediately became dry.

However, the other public well continued a good source of water, but one night it was plugged by a person of unknown whose identity was never learned. Efforts were made to remove the plug from the casing, but failed. Then workmen started to drill beside the pipe and encountered a good flow at 100 feet, but little water is available now.

EMPLOYEES ARE GIVEN CHRISTMAS BONUSES

Spent Now at Home to Help Business, Todd Company Requires.

In line with the "Buy Now" campaign to stimulate business, Robert F. Bergen, Indianapolis branch manager of Todd company, manufacturer of bank supplies and check protective devices, has been notified that to qualify for a special Christmas bonus this year, Todd salesman must agree to spend the money in their respective communities during the holiday season.

The announcement was received from Walter F. Todd, vice president and general manager of the company. Bergen and the eight salesmen here have pledged themselves to spend their bonuses in Indianapolis.

A five-day week has been in operation at the Todd plant for several years and this company was among the first to adopt the thirteen months' calendar.

NOTED EDUCATOR DIES

W. E. Huntington Pneumonia Victim; Brother of City Woman.

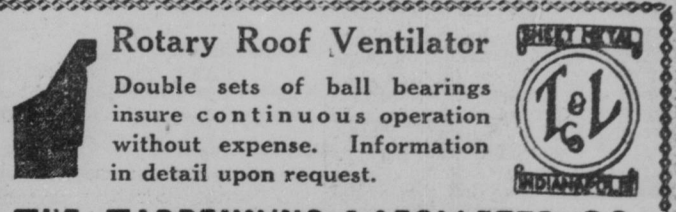
Word of the death of Dr. William Edwards Huntington, president emeritus of Boston university, at his home in Newton Center, Mass., Saturday, has been received here by his sister, Mrs. Thomas C. Day, wife of the head of Thomas C. Day & Co., real estate and brokerage house.

Dr. Huntington, widely known educator and religious leader, died of pneumonia in his eighty-sixth year.

BEWARE THE COUGH FROM COLDS THAT HANG ON

Coughs from colds may lead to serious trouble. You can stop them now with Creomulsion, an emulsified creosote that is pleasant to take. Creomulsion is a medical discovery with two-fold action; it soothes and heals inflamed membranes and inhibits germ growth.

Of all known drugs creosote is recognized by high medical authorities as one of the greatest healing agencies for coughs from colds and bronchial irritations. Creomulsion contains, in addition to creosote, other healing elements which soothe and heal the inflamed membranes and stop the irritation, while the creosote goes on to the stomach, is absorbed into the blood, attacks the seat of the trouble and checks the growth of the germs.



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MAYOR REGINALD H. SULLIVAN

found himself unwittingly nominated as an auctioneer on the marriage mart today, on receipt of a letter from George O. Strand, 126 East Organ street, Las Cruces, N. M.

Strand described himself as a lover of clean sport, a war veteran with an honorable discharge, and temporarily with nothing on which to apply his qualifications. He is a native of two trades and has a hamburger stand in the New Mexico city, yet his income is a matter of fractions.

He told the mayor he wished to sign a lifetime contract with a mate with means to help him make a living, and somewhat boldly invited the mayor to ship names, addresses, and phone numbers. The missive: Dear Sir—Unable to make a fair living with two trades and a hamburger stand, I am seeking a life mate of some means and two trades who is a native of the size is 42, and I look 30, am five feet 7 1/2 inches tall, weight 150, brown eyes, black hair.

In a lover of clean sport, also a black. My trades are painter and glazier, first class. Also I have an honorable discharge. But since I got it I can't make a fair living or get any justice. Here's hoping your city may have some loneome woman interested in me.

Yours sincerely, GEORGE O. STRAND, 126 East Organ avenue, Las Cruces, N. M. P. S.—Please give this to a reporter for the Times.

FIRES SEVEN EMPLOYEES

Seven license bureau employees were given notice that their positions will be filled by Democrats in two weeks, and three auto license distributing agents were named today by James Carpenter, head of the state auto license division.

Five of the seven were drunk driving investigators: John Walton, Clermont; Miley E. Smith, Scottsburg; Carl R. Rudolph, Huntington; William H. McMillan, Rockville, and William L. Gay, Jonesburg.

The others were: M. W. Pershing, clerk in the division under two administrations, and John Smith, Gary, title investigator.

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