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Mostly cloudy and somewhat warmer tonight, with lowest temperature

35 to 40 degrees; Friday unsettled with probably some rain.

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## U. S. ORDER TO 'HUSH' IS SENT TO VANDERBILT

Writer Requested to Keep Silence Until Trial of General Butler.

PUBLICITY TO BE GIVEN

Publisher Who Received Letter to Call Hero a 'Fool' in Magazine.

BY LEICESTER WAGNER

United Press Staff Correspondent

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LOS ANGELES, Feb. 5.—A long distance telephone call to Cornelius Vanderbilt Jr. in Phoenix was made by the state department at Washington, on the heels of publication of an exclusive United Press dispatch that the former publisher was the civilian involved in the Mussolini-Butler affair.

Vanderbilt, it was learned here today, was requested to reveal no further facts until the court-martial of General Smedley D. Butler.

He already had identified himself as the source of Butler's information to the effect that Premier Mussolini, motoring in Italy with an American companion, had run over and killed a small child.

General Butler has been ordered held for court-martial as a result of including this assertion in a recent public speech, and the United States has apologized formally to Italy.

Denied by Mussolini

Mussolini denied the incident vigorously and said that he never had an American as his guest on a motor tour, nor had his car ever killed a child.

Vanderbilt Wednesday was identified as the companion of Mussolini in a letter he wrote Rob Wagner, nationally known magazine writer and publisher.

Wagner, who exhibited the letter to the United Press under condition that certain confidences not be violated, will comment upon it in an article to appear in his weekly magazine, "Rob Wagner's Script," Friday.

Vanderbilt, the letter stated, was riding with Mussolini when the incident occurred which formed the basis for General Butler's recent assertions that after the child was struck down, Mussolini drove on with the comment: "What is one life in the affairs of a state?"

Upholds Butler Story

The former publisher in the main upheld General Butler's assertions, but made no reference to the alleged remark about "one life." He also declared that there were extenuating circumstances.

"The story Mr. Vanderbilt told—and we know it perfectly—was at a meeting of lecture bureau heads, where everybody was sworn to secrecy. General Butler told several very confidential stories of his own; so did another lecturer," The Scripts will say in part.

"Mr. Vanderbilt did not spill that hit-run story," the article will say. "General Butler was the offender, and when he spilled it, it not only spilled it wrong, but violated his honor in the spilling."

Calls Butler "Fool"

"After the story had been told so confidentially, Butler was the first to congratulate Mr. Vanderbilt and to thank him for his trust in him—General Butler."

"Butler was a fool—if not worse—in having told that story."

"If the court-martial fellows are wise enough to open up the whole works, and if Mr. Vanderbilt is compelled to tell the true story of his Mussolini interview and collateral incidents, I am inclined to believe he will start a bunch of international fireworks that will make the so-called hit-run incident look like a squib."

Charges Are Withheld

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Secretary of Navy Adams today said that the navy department would not make public the charges upon which Major General Smedley D. Butler will be court-martialed in advance of the trial Feb. 16.

It was indicated today, however, the charges are much more severe than had been anticipated. Butler was back at his Quantico (Va.) marine base today, after having the charges served on him here Wednesday.

Bus Line Asks Permit

Greyhound Lines, Inc., has petitioned the public service commission for authority to lease the Indianapolis-Marion bus route of the Indiana railroad. The Greyhound now operates buses through Marion on Indianapolis-Detroit route.

A New Tarzan

Undaunted amid dangers, the giant ape-man wages war to the death against gorilla men and the misshapen Priests of Opar—

Follow the New Tarzan Picture Story

TARZAN AND THE GOLDEN LION

By Edgar Rice Burroughs

(Reprinted by Rex Maxon)

Beginning Monday, February 9, In The Times

## Not So Bad, Is Duvall's Verdict After His First Night in Jail

BY ARCH STEINEL

"JAIL'S not so bad."

Smoking a briar pipe behind cell doors, like a reviewer of drama in a theater lobby, ex-Mayor John L. Duvall today pronounced this critique of his "first night" in the Marion county jail.

The curtain of his drama arose Wednesday night, when he was sentenced to serve thirty days in jail and pay a \$1,000 fine for violation of the corrupt practices act, by Criminal Judge Frank P. Baker.

Nor can the former mayor feel lonesome among the dramatic personae of the jail for, before he

entered the breakfast line for his oatmeal, sausage, molasses, coffee and bread, he found his old taxi driver also behind the barred scenes.

And he found, too, that his turnkey, Wes Stout, worked with him engaging horses for a harness meet which the former mayor staged last year at Walnut Gardens.

"HELL be treated just like any other prisoner," vouched jail officials as they showed the "bull pen," where Duvall will live for thirty days.

"Jones, come here—Duvall—

Jones — Duvall," halloed Stout through the bars.

The one-time city executive who answered to "Mayor—Oh! Mayor!" in 1925, approached the bars.

"A man to see you, John," said the turnkey as he dropped the "Duvall."

"How'd I sleep? Just fine. No, the bed's not quite like I'm used to, but it's comfortable enough. Yes, I made my bed this morning and it's about the first bed I've made," he said as he stuck the briar in a corner of his mouth.

He was dressed in a black suit, green shirt, no tie and tan shoes.

"Just the same clothes I always wear. No different."

HE pulled at his pipe as another answer to a question was pulled from him.

"I've got two cellmates. No, I don't know what they're in for. I haven't asked them. One fellow's been in the army and last night we talked about that. Not None of them has asked me anything and I haven't asked them anything."

"Yes, I met a fellow here who used to know me. He's a taxi driver. Said he used to drive me around about that. Yes, I ate a good breakfast. The boys are all nice to me here. I'd rather be in this jail than any I know of, for it

makes me feel as if I'm still at home," and he removed the pipe.

"I'll eat just what they feed here, except, of course, when Mrs. Duvall brings them in," he added.

"You've got enough pictures of me," he remarked as he refused to pose for a photograph.

"I guess that's all you want with me?" he questioned the turnkey.

The turnkey nodded to the man, who at one time answered to Mayor! Oh! Mayor." Then he took up the "Duvall-Duvall refrain of calling another prisoner to the 'bullpen's' door with, Lawrence-Lawrence."

## SCOTCHMEN SPEND!

Joke Is on Englishmen This Time

By United Press

LONDON, Feb. 5.—Scotsmen stood in line and waited their turn to contribute to charity here today.

Londoners gaped to see the Scotch myth exploded. The occasion was the opening of an exhibition of Scottish antiques and historical relics. Proceeds went to charity.

Scotch lads and lassies saw the chair in which Bonnie Prince Charlie sat as a boy. Killed Scots filed past such relics as the rosary of Mary, queen of Scots, the first Bible printed in Scotland and the hunting flask of the famous sheep thief, John Armstrong.

Soles Just Sizzle Off Fleeing Feet

CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—The reliable Chicago police department insists this happened today, so it must be so.

Willie Jones, Negro, ran so fast from pistol-firing policemen that he burned off the soles of his shoes.

When officers attempted to arrest Willie on suspicion he whizzed down the street in a flurry of bullets, skidded around corners, slid over curbs, and finally landed in the arms of a policeman coming the other way.

Somehow along the line of flight the soles of Willie's shoes, subjected to terrific strain, parted company with the uppers, leaving Willie barefooted.

This Is a Bogey, Golfers Discover

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 5.—Two golfers dropped \$75 to two bandits in a round of golf just at dusk Wednesday.

P. W. Scott and A. D. Elbert of Jamaica, L. I., were ordered to "drop your money and move on" as they started to play a tee near a hedge on the Miami Country Club course.

They dropped \$75 between them. Two caddies pleaded they were broke. After the players had dropped their money to the ground, the bandits, still hidden in the hedge, commanded:

"Now you may tee off."

They did—in a hurry.

Maybe He's Training for Congress

NOGALES, Ariz., Feb. 5.—William Wozert, 80, who straddled the international boundary line for seven hours in a driving rain, faced the prospect today of spending more hours in the same position.

Wozert went to Mexico from California last week. He attempted to return Wednesday. Immigration authorities would not let him, charging he had entered the United States illegally from Germany. He also declared that he was a Mexican, but authorities ordered him out of there also.

Some one suggested he straddle the imaginary boundary line and pretend he was in neither country. So he did, for seven hours. It stormed all the while. Sympathetic grocers fed him sandwiches. A newspaper man gave him an umbrella, but too late. Customs officers finally gave him shelter over night, in jail.

American immigration officials said Wozert would be sent over to Mexico again today. Mexican authorities sent word they would send him right back.

Friday the 13th Wrecks Student Cast

COLUMBIA, Mo., Feb. 5.—Friday, Feb. 13, was selected as the date on which students of dramatics at Stephens college were to present a mystery thriller. Immediately after rehearsals on three successive days the leading lady, her understudy and the sub understudy were taken separately to a hospital for emergency appendicitis operations.

The three stricken girls are Wilma McCoy, Shenandoah, Ia.; Jean Adrian, Huntley, Ill., and Annabelle Cotton, Ft. Collins, Colo. The play will be presented Thursday, Feb. 19—if the cast holds out.

Grape Juice? Never Again, Says Ed

DENVER, Feb. 5.—Ed Garcia, 17, is "off" grape juice for the rest of his life.

Garcia was arraigned in police court yesterday, charged with drinking "grape juice" and then trying to whip three policemen.

"Guilty or not guilty?" asked the judge.

"Not," began Garcia, but that was as far as he got, a loud explosion interrupting him. The evidence on the judge's desk had blown

up cork, bottle and juice scattering over the courtroom.

Garcia stared for a moment, then exclaimed, "Believe me, I'm off that stuff for life."

The judge flicked a drop of "grape juice" from his nose, slyly licked another from the side of his mouth and pronounced sentence of thirty days.

## KEATON LOSES FISTIC BATTLE WITH ACTRESS

Comedian Charges Woman Sought 'Hush' Money, 'Beat Him Up.'

By United Press

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Feb. 5.—Buster Keaton, who began his acting career as a child by being tossed around the stage by his parents, was recovering today from cuts, bruises and scratches reportedly inflicted by Kathleen Key, former screen actress.

Miss Key was arrested, but was released when the actor declined to sign a complaint, police said.

Keaton said the actress had gone to his dressing room at the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studio and tried to obtain money from him.

"We have been friends for many years," Keaton said. "She came to me and said she was in desperate financial straits. I told her that if she could get her weight down she would be a big bet in talking pictures."

Blackmail Charged

"I'll bet you \$500 I can take off twenty pounds in ten days," she said to me. I agreed. When she came back she had lost only six pounds. She said she owed lots of money. So I agreed to pay her the bet anyway."

"Then she took the check, had a phantasmic copy made and spent the money. She had held that copy over my head to collect money."

"Then she made many threats against me. Rumors reached the studio officials and I had to explain the cause of the gossip."

"Miss Key came to me again and said she needed \$4,000 to clear up her debts. I agreed to give her that and \$1,000 more to go to China or some place just to put a stop to the gossip."

Studio Police Called

"When she called for the check Wednesday it was ready for her. Instead she demanded \$20,000, so I tore up the check and threw it on the floor."

"Then the fight started. She beat me something awful and broke every window in my dressing room. Cliff Edwards (Ukulele Ike) went for the studio police and they came to my rescue."

Miss Key, when questioned about the incident, laughed and said: "Call up Mr. Keaton and see what he has to say about it."

She otherwise refused to affirm or deny the reported manhandling.

Hourly Temperatures

6 a. m. .... 31 10 a. m. .... 38

7 a. m. .... 31 11 a. m. .... 42

8 a. m. .... 31 12 (noon) .... 43

9 a. m. .... 33 1 p. m. .... 45

Learn to Golf

Free golf lessons—that should be an inducement for any girl in the city. And your chance is here.

Forty Indianapolis girls will get their chance for training by professionals in a contest just launched by The Times.

If you're interested in taking up golf, read the details on Page 3.

## John D. Juror

By United Press

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—John D. Rockefeller III is \$3 richer today after appearing among taxmen summoned for jury duty in federal court. He was told to return today, after answering "no" to the question, "Don't you want to be excused?" He said any one summoned for jury duty should serve if he could.

Fletcher Company Made Executor and Trustee.

Fletcher Savings and Trust Company was made executor and trustee, with four sons and sons-in-law co-executors of the \$1,000,000 estate of Albert E. Metzger, Indianapolis financial pioneer, filed in probate court today.

At the time of his death last week Mr. Metzger was a vice-president of the bank. Named co-executors were: Alexander and Norman Metzger, sons, and George A. Kuhn and Frederic D. Norris, sons-in-law.

Mrs. Frances Metzger, the widow, is given the simple title to the Metzger residence at 3120 North Meridian street, the family's summer home at Charlevoix, Mich., a direct cash bequest and 35 per cent of the income from a trust set up with the trust company.

Four children, Mrs. Margaret M. Kuhn, the two sons, and Mrs. Louise M. Norris, in addition to direct bequests, share equally in the remainder of the income from the trust.

Seven grandchildren, John Metzger, Dorothy Metzger, Albert E. Metzger Jr., George A. Kuhn Jr., Nan Metzger, James C. Norris and Jane F. Norris are given direct bequests and participation in the income from the trust in event of death of their parents.

Slugged by Bandits

Junk Dealer Is Beaten and Robbed of \$50.

Two bandits today brutally beat Tony Solotken, 50, operator of a junk yard at 540 South Missouri street, and robbed him of \$50.

Solotken is in city hospital in critical condition, suffering from skull fracture.

Police were told the men demanded money from Solotken. When he refused, one of the duo grabbed a hammer and struck him three times on the head. The other hit Solotken several times, police said.

Solotken, dazed from the attack, told police he always keeps the front office door locked, but the bandits sneaked through a small rear room.

'OLD SETTLERS' BACK

Ex-Senators Have Reunion at State House; Pipes for Bush.

It was "old settlers' day today in the state senate. Ex-senators in Indianapolis for a reunion, present Lieutenant-Governor Edgar Bush with a huge box of burley tobacco and two cornob pipes.

Brown to Get Chance

"But about Monday or Tuesday, Brown can come over before the committee and give us a lift, since he is so eager to aid. Maybe Governor Leslie ought to appear also and tell us which one of the conflicting stories is correct about his investigation is based," Senator Sirey asserted.

The Governor and Brown were so eager to help that they did everything they could to block my resolution in the senate upon which this investigation is based," Senator Sirey asserted.

Deaths Gun Shown

First Witnesses Called in Jordan Murder Trial.

First witnesses called by the state in presentation of evidence on which the prosecution expects to send Frank Jordan, 25, to the electric chair for the murder of Raymond Cole, 27, described the scene of the murder, in criminal court today.

One of them, August W. Johnson, Kokomo, friend of Cole, said Jordan once had shown him a revolver, exhibited in the courtroom. The state will try to prove that it was the gun from which three bullets ended Cole's life in a lonely lane near Greenfield.

Roy E. Curson, 54, South Dearborn street, and Floyd E. Winick, 51 Whittier place, hunters, who found Cole's body in the lane, described the scene, and Dr. Oscar Heller, Hancock county coroner, testified that Cole died from the wounds.

William E. Bussell, Hancock county prosecutor, told the jury the state will prove that Jordan and Cole's wife, Mrs. Marie Cole, plotted to kill Cole after carrying on a love affair for six months. Mrs. Cole is charged with complicity in the crime.

FACES GUNMAN TRIAL

Man Accused of Shooting Collector Returned From Florida.

John Patrick, charged with robbing and shooting J. E. Free, collector of the Hook Drug Company, Nov. 29, was returned to face trial today by Detective Albert Shulz. He was arrested in Miami.

Patrick and John Velonis, still sought, obtained \$3,000 in the hold-up, police say. Free recently was released from St. Vincent's hospital.

## STATE ROADS BOARD HIT BY ABOLITION BILL

Full-Time Commission of Four Members Asked in Senate Measure.

Bill to abolish the present Indiana state highway commission and directorship and establish a full-time commission of four members was introduced in the senate today by Senators Charles L. Sirey (Rep., Kosciusko and Wabash), and Anderson Ketchum (Dem., Bartholomew, Decatur, Franklin and Union).

The bill provides for retention of the present four highway districts, and appointment of a bi-partisan commission, to be nominated by the Governor and approved by the senate.

One of the commissioners would be elected chairman and, in case of the chairman's absence, the acting vote. The chairman would sign contracts and handle other legal affairs now carried on by the director. Salary of all commissioners would be \$6,000 annually.

Denounces Brown

Sirey and Ketchum are prime movers in the senate committee investigating failure of the present department and commission to collect federal aid.

Sirey, chairman, announced today that Director John J. Brown will be called early next week for questioning. He accompanied the announcement with a scathing denunciation of a speech made by Brown before the Indianapolis Kiwanis Club Wednesday.

"Brown told the Kiwanians that they ought to have good business men in the legislature," Sirey pointed out. "It seems to me that he is a poor authority."

"Our investigation already has disclosed that the charge that his department went into debt and borrowed \$1,600,000, while more than \$3,500,000 in Indiana federal aid funds lay idle and uncollected at Washington is true."

Hits at Leslie and Brown

"Contractors were given certificates of indebtedness amounting to \$300,000, in addition to this loan, and some of them were required to do work payable next April. Meanwhile, the federal aid continued to pile up uncollected."

"If that is Brown's idea of 'good business' and the legislature follows the same policy, the whole state will be bankrupt."

Brown told the Kiwanians he welcomed the investigation of his department and had tried to get Governor Harry G. Leslie to urge it in his message to the legislature. Leslie refused, he said, because he felt such probe "unwarranted."

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## \$100,000 FIRE SWEEPS STORE

Bluffton Sees Worst Blaze in Its History.

By United Press

BLUFFTON, Ind., Feb. 5.—A \$100,000 fire, the worst in the history of Bluffton, swept through the four three-story buildings of the Leader store here early today.

Only the walls of the buildings were left standing. All of the stock and equipment of the store, valued at between \$50,000 and \$60,000, was destroyed. Burned valuation was \$45,000 or \$50,000.