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Clearing this afternoon, followed by fair tonight with lowest

temperature about 26; Thursday increasing cloudiness and warmer.

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## DRAVES BODY EXHUMED BY COURT ORDER

Crowd of 400 at Grave; Brothers, Sisters of Girl Are Present.

### EXAMINATION IS MADE

Action Taken at Request of Kirkland Lawyers to Aid Defense.

By Times Special

VALPARAISO, Ind., March 4.—Physicians today examined the body of Arlene Draves, taken from its grave in Reynolds, Ind., at the request of attorneys defending Virgil Kirkland, charged with her murder.

Around the grave as it was uncovered stood almost four hundred persons, majority of them country folk, who tramped through snow and mud to the cemetery, attracted by the extension of the Kirkland case into their community.

Elmer Draves, father of the girl, was absent from the scene, although he had sworn to accompany the entourage. However, the family was represented by Carol, Kenneth and Earl, her brothers, and a sister Elsie.

The gray casket was taken in a hearse to the one-story building that is Reynolds' town hall, and in the presence of Arlene's sister and three brothers.

An attempt to exclude townsmen was unsuccessful. One man came forward and lay a spray of carnation roses on the coffin.

Valparaiso Is Quiet

Defense attorneys hope their experts will discover that a cerebral hemorrhage suffered in a fall was sufficiently grave to have been fatal within a few hours if untreated, strengthening their contention that her only chance to have lived was in discovery of the gravity of her injury by a 20-year-old boy unskilled in medicine.

For the first time in more than a week the streets of Valparaiso today again presented no signs uncommon to the thoroughfares of an ordinary Indiana small town. Citizens noted the absence of more than a hundred newspaper hawkers, whose tones proclaim nativity of metropolitan alleys and experiences in striking headlines to mobs scurrying on busy corners.

### Ban Reporters at Autopsy

Since the trial began they have lived here, receiving from the Chicago papers huge bundles of extra editions that found an eager market among hundreds of persons unable to get into the courtroom and among townspeople not attending the trial.

Informed they would be banned from the autopsy at Reynolds, more than a score of newspaper men and women, chiefly from Chicago, found a day of leisure.

Kirkland did not accompany the expedition that sped over slushy roads to dig up the body of the girl he is alleged to have attacked and slain. He was free for a day from the stolid courtroom or the accusations made against him in the witness chair.

Exhumation of Miss Draves' body was ordered by Judge Grant Crumpler Tuesday on application by defense attorney Oscar Thiel. The state offered no objection.

Sisters Collapse in Courtroom

Before his bench, Judge Crumpler called Miss Carolyn Draves, sister of the dead girl.

"Where was Arlene buried?" asked the judge.

"In the Lutheran cemetery at Reynolds," the girl replied in a faltering voice.

Realizing the shock his information would impart, the judge leaned forward and whispered gently that he must order the body removed. Arlene's sister was almost hysterical.

"No . . . no!" she cried. "You can't do that without my father's consent."

In a moment she had collapsed in the arms of a brother. A few minutes later her elder sister, Mrs. Lillian Clemens, also fainted.

Resume Trial Thursday

Elmer Draves, father of the girl, argued against exhumation, but later was convinced by attorneys that the act was for the good of all concerned in the trial.

Examination of the body will be made by Dr. Orlando Scott, Dr. Joseph B. Stringer, and Dr. Herman O. Seipel, representing the defense, and Dr. W. Dodds, Indiana university school of medicine pathologist, for the state.

The trial was adjourned until 9:30 Thursday morning, when the defense will continue its case, putting on the stand the physicians making the examination of the body today. They will be followed by one or two other witnesses before Kirkland will take the stand.

### SNOWFALL TO CEASE

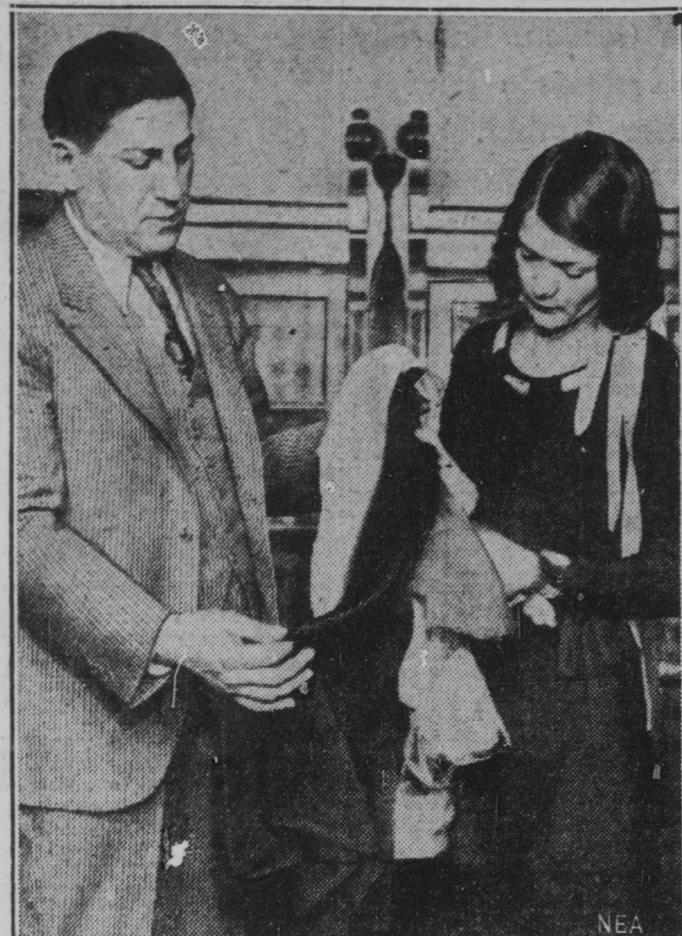
Hopes of Children for Sleds' Use Dimmed by Prediction.

Young Indianapolis' hopes of finding use for that practically unused Christmas sled were doomed today when the weather bureau forecast that the light snow which began falling during the night and continued fitfully today probably would cease this afternoon.

### Fashion Expert in U. S.

NEW YORK, March 4.—Madame Gabriel Chanel, fashion authority, came in today aboard the Europa from Paris and announced she was destined for Hollywood to tell the film folk there how to dress.

## Defends Sister's Name



## POOR FARM IS 'AWFUL,' SAY LEGISLATORS

State Lawmakers Brand Conditions 'Deplorable' After Visit.

### LABLED AS FIRETRAP

'Best Argument I Know for Old Age Pensions,' Says Evans.

Flight of inmates in the Marion county infirmary and Julietta insane asylum was described as "awful" and "a hell on earth" by state representatives who were taken on an inspection of the institutions Tuesday by Representative Albert F. Walsman (Dem., Marion).

Walsman is author of a bill pending in the legislature which would authorize the state to take over the Marion county infirmary and transfer the Julietta asylum's inmates to the Central State hospital, making Julietta available for the county's poor.

"My God, those places are in an awful condition," declared Representative H. H. Evans (Rep., Henry), commenting on the inspection of the infirmary and Julietta.

In "Deplorable" Condition

"I never have in my life seen institutions in such deplorable conditions," he added. "All of the representatives who made the trip agree in this view."

Evans described the institutions as "firetraps" and the condition of the inmates at both institutions as "needing instant remedy."

"I never saw a county infirmary in such an appalling condition as the Marion county poor farm," Evans said.

"It is the best argument I know for old age pensions."

### Expresses Others' Opinions

Evans echoed expressions of the others on the tour, Walsman said.

"If there is any hell on earth it is the Marion county infirmary," declared Representative Edward E. Eikenberry (Dem., Wabash). "Nothing can be done with the infirmary and the old people there should be moved to Julietta, which should be repaired and made fireproof."

Eikenberry added that in his opinion the infirmary is a fire trap of the worst sort, and immediate steps should be taken to move the inmates to Julietta, which could be made habitable.

He was supported by Representative J. Frank Smith (Rep., Tippecanoe), who declared the conditions at the "infirmary are awful."

"The overcrowding is a very bad feature of the Marion county institution and immediate steps to remedy this situation should be taken," he said.

In spite of haste and the waiting columns of figures, Gypsy paused.

" Didn't you know?" she exclaimed. Alan's coming home!"

There was a tense, breathless quality about the girl. Her pink cheeks burned a shade deeper as she spoke, contrasting becomingly with the dark ivory of her skin— that warm ochre coloring responsible for the name of "Gypsy."

There had been another name, but no one, even the girl herself, ever thought of it.

Gypsy she was, dark skinned, brown-eyed, with long brows and lashes that made the eyes seem larger.

By classic standards Gypsy McBride's features were irregular. Her lips, flashing into a crimson smile as she spoke, were too wide. Her nose was too small.

No one could deny that the heavy, waving hair drawn into a low knot at the back of her neck was an effective frame for the oval face, but it heightened the look which made strangers often ask Gypsy if she were Spanish.

She was a small, slim girl seated at her typewriter. Gypsy looked younger than her 19 years.

"Who's Alan?" demanded Jean Foster.

" Didn't you ever hear me talk about Alan? That's fruny! Alan Crosby his name is. He's going to be a great painter and he's been abroad studying and—oh, he's the handsomest thing!"

"Everybody who knows Alan thinks he's wonderful. Wait until you see him! I guess it's because you haven't been here very long that you don't know about Alan coming home."

The other girl nodded.

"Sure—I remember! The boy's who's been in Europe for five years. Coming home today, is he? No wonder you're excited!"

## GAS PRICES 2 CENTS LOWER THAN YEAR AGO

Cutting Wars, Overproduction and Economics Condition Force Slashes.

By United Press

CHICAGO, March 4.—The average American motorist can drive nine miles farther on a dollar's worth of gasoline today than he could a year ago, it was indicated today by a United Press survey of gasoline prices.

Price wars, overproduction in the oil industry and other economic conditions have combined to force down gasoline prices to a level approximately 2 cents lower than a year ago.

Coroner to Conduct Probe Into Death; Seek to Locate Wife.

Coroner Fred Vehling today said he would probe death of William Rummick, 68, of 1909 South Delaware street, killed by a B. & O. freight train while picking up coal at Madison avenue and the Belt railroad, Thursday night.

Seven cars passed over the body.

Efforts were made today to locate Mr. Rummick in Chicago.

Blind Man Kills Self

NOBLESVILLE, Ind., March 4.—Henry Abney, 63, blind, went to a barn at his home, near here, on Tuesday night and hanged himself with baling wire. He had lived alone for a long time but recently relatives came to his home to care for him.

## 71ST CONGRESS IS ADJOURNED

### Filibuster Occupies Final Hours of Senate.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The 71st Congress is dead.

The clocks in the house and senate registered the hour of noon and two veteran gavels smartly sounded taps.

Over in the President's office, occupied one day out of every 364.

Summary of congress' work on Page 5.

Mr. Hoover paused in mid air and leaned back in his official chair. Page boys stopped in their tracks.

The senate adjourned promptly at noon when the senate recessed early this morning and at 9 a. m. resumed its usual custom, set back its clocks six minutes to permit members to complete their final speeches.

For the first three hours of the senate session Senator Elmer Thomas (Dem., Okla.) ruled in effect as dictator. He had the floor when the senate recessed early this morning and at 9 a. m. resumed its usual custom, set back its clocks six minutes to permit members to complete their final speeches.

He declared that the representatives commented on the fact that the superintendent of the Julietta hospital, Benjamin Morgan, is not a physician, and thus not able to give the patients the necessary attention.

Appalling conditions at the county infirmary were described by The Times last summer when civic organizations joined in the movement to bring about improvement.

Although the structure was condemned as a fire trap its continued use has been permitted with but meager improvements.

She gathered evidence in an attempt to prove that the vice charge on which she was convicted was false, and a few weeks before her death wrote a letter to Isidor J. Kresel, prosecutor in the present inquiry, which is digging out as-

Described by Times

Washington Courthouse, O., March 4.—A jury in common

pleas court here today received the

case of Mal S. Daugherty, president

of the defunct Ohio State bank,

and brother of former United States

Attorney-General Harry M. Daugh-

erty, who is charged with misusing

funds of the bank.

Given No Chance to Testify

WATFAYETTE, Ala., March 4.—The

expressed intention of Alien Todd,

wealthy plantation owner, to commit

suicide if his son, whom he had

shot in an argument died, was not

carried out.

Hugh Todd, 24, the son, died on

Tuesday night and his father did

not shoot himself, in spite of his

wishes.

He said he had "decided to ac-

cede to the pleas of his family."

Todd shot his son Monday after

an argument as to whether the boy

should use the family automobile.

MURDER WIDOW TESTIFIES

By United Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 4.—

Mrs. Myrtle Bennett testified in

criminal court here today that she

killed her husband, John G. Ben-

nett, as the result of an accident.

Mrs. Bennett was called as the

defense concluded its case in her

trial on charges of murder.

James A. Reed, former United

States senator, directing his fire

for liberty, led her swiftly through

the bridge game and quartet that

preceded the shooting. He touched

only briefly on the last hand of

bridge.

It was on that hand that Mrs.

Bennett raised her husband's bid

and he went set. The Bennetts

were playing as partners against

Charles M. Hofman and his wife.

"After the last hand was played,