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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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DRIVES 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 opened in the presence of Arlene's sister and three brothers.

An attempt to exclude townspeople 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 common 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 singing 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 stares of a crowded courtroom or the accusations made against him in the witness chair.

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

Sisters Collapse in Courtroom

Before his bench, Judge Crum-packer called Miss Carolyn Draves, sister of the dead girl.

"Where was Arlene buried?"

"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. D. 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 folks there how to dress.

Defends Sister's Name



Elsie Draves, sister of Arlene Draves, who was the victim of Gary's "gin orgy murder," is shown here with E. J. Freund, special prosecuting attorney, identifying her murdered sister's clothing at the trial at Valparaiso. Miss Draves denied that her sister had been scantily dressed at the fatal party, for which Virgil Kirkland faces a murder charge.

MAD MARRIAGE
by LAURA LOU BROOKMAN Author of "HEART HUNGRY," etc.

CHAPTER ONE

THE clatter of flying typewriter keys stopped abruptly.

Gypsy McBride's exclamation was sharp and short.

"All hot and bothered today, aren't you?" Jean Foster at the desk at the right spoke without glancing up from her stenographic pad. There were three other girls in the large sunny office of the MacNamara Electrical Equipment Company, but they were gathered at the opposite side of the room.

"What's on your mind?" Jean asked.

Gypsy frowned at the sheet of paper in the machine, tore it out and reached for a fresh one.

"That's the third time I've ruined the same page!" she said ruefully. "Of course, when I'm trying to hurry Turtle would give me figures to tabulate!"

She fitted carbon between the two white sheets and adjusted them in the machine. Gypsy's lips set in a straight, brief crimson line. With a quick nervous gesture she pushed back a strand of hair from her forehead.

"Say—you're not marrying the prince of Wales today, are you? Or flying the Atlantic?" the blonde Miss Foster continued.

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

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

71ST CONGRESS IS ADJOURNED

Filibuster Occupies Final Hours of Senate.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The seventy-first congress is dead.

The clocks in the house and senate registered the hour of noon and two veteran gavel men 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. The house following its usual custom, set back its clocks six minutes to permit members to complete their final speeches.

For the last 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 his filibuster in behalf of oil legislation, refusing to yield for anything but action on a house resolution appropriating \$5,000,000 to begin veterans' hospital construction.

This was pursuant to final passage of the \$20,000,000 hospitalization bill this morning, after what had appeared to be a hopeless conference deadlock.

The senate immediately adopted the house resolution and the measure was signed by President Hoover.

WANT BEER AT YALE
Collegiate Publication Takes Stand for Saloons in New Haven.

By United Press

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 4.—The Yale Daily News today expressed itself editorially as "in hearty accord" with the belief beer and ale saloons should be established in New Haven to keep the undergraduates in town over the weekend.

Hourly Temperatures
6 a. m. 30 10 a. m. 29
7 a. m. 30 11 a. m. 29
8 a. m. 28 12 (noon) ... 29
9 a. m. 28 1 p. m. 31

POOR FARM IS 'AWFUL,' SAY LEGISLATORS

State Lawmakers Brand Conditions 'Deplorable' After Visit.

LABELED AS FIRETRAP

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

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The agreement was signed at 6 p. m.

Plight 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.

"I hope to take three members of the budget committee: Representative Sam Farrell, and Senator Thurman Gottschalk and Byron Huff on a tour of the institutions today," Walsman declared.

Hopes for Senate Action

An attempt by Walsman to add \$220,000 to the biennial appropriation for the Central State hospital in the state appropriation bill failed Tuesday, but he declared that he hopes the senate will add that amount.

The bill added amount would pay for the new structures and improvements at the state asylum which are needed to house the inmates from Julietta.

The Julietta asylum would be made the county poor farm after inmates are moved.

"Conditions structurally at Julietta, are at least much better than at the infirmary, and better housing conditions would be afforded," Walsman said.

Described by Times

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.

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.

MAN, PICKING UP COAL, IS KILLED UNDER TRAIN

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

Coroner Fred Vehlning 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 Mrs. Rummick in Chicago.

Sign Truce to End India Civil Strife

Gandhi and Viceroy Reach Agreement After Year of 'Passive Resistance' Drive.

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Previously it had been planned to sign the peace truce shortly after noon, but delays in completing final arrangements forced postponement.

The truce, under which the Nationalists led by Gandhi will participate in framing a new federal government for India, marked the end of an increasingly serious "passive resistance" movement which had cost hundreds of lives, vast property damage and millions of dollars of losses to business and the government.

The truce was a "compromise—a peace without victory" on either side, but with certain gains for the independence leaders.

Slain Racket Queen's Daughter Is Suicide

'I Can't Face World Any Longer,' Writes Girl, 16, in Shame of Mother, Killed by Strangler.

By United Press

NEW YORK, March 4.—The tragedy of Vivian Gordon, murdered witness in the police and corruption vice investigation, whose death may lead to greater scandals in New York police and underworld connections than any case in the last twenty years, had produced another and far greater tragedy today.

Benita Bischoff, Miss Gordon's 16-year-old daughter by her marriage to John E. C. Bischoff, committed suicide in the home of her father and stepmother in Audubon, N. J., Tuesday, because "she could not face the world any longer."

The shame which the young girl felt at being known as the daughter of a woman who allegedly trafficked in "party girls" and other underworld rackets, preyed on her mind.

She later talked with a member of Kresel's staff, and promised to testify before the investigation as soon as her evidence was complete. But she never testified. Last Thursday her body was found in Van Courtlandt park. She had been strangled and thrown from an automobile.

Tuesday, while her father was testifying before the Bronx grand jury and her stepmother was at her work in a Philadelphia tearoom, Benita wrote in her diary:

"I can't face the world any longer. I'm going to end it all."

She went to the kitchen, closed the doors and windows, stuffing the cracks, and, turning on the gas, lay down on the floor.

When her stepmother returned she was unconscious. She died in a hospital.

Benita had lived with her mother for two years after her parents separated.

One day, when she was 8 years old, her mother failed to return. Although the girl did not know it, her mother had been sent to Bedford reformatory on a vice charge—a charge Miss Gordon declared was framed by Andrew J. McLaughlin, vice squad patrolman, and Bischoff, her estranged husband. Both of the men have denied this.

Mother Sought to Clear Self

After Miss Gordon was released from the reformatory she demanded the return of her daughter. Several stormy scenes took place between her and Bischoff, who had divorced her at the time of her imprisonment.

Benita, terrified by these arguments, begged her father never to let her see her mother again.

Miss Gordon, who was then beginning her rise to affluency in the company of John A. Radloff and was later to become what Police Commissioner Mulrooney called an "expert racketeer," tried to kidnap the girl, but she escaped.

Miss Gordon then resolved to try to clear herself in the eyes of her daughter.

Given No Chance to Testify

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-



Mrs. Myrtle Bennett in three striking close ups as she appeared on the witness stand.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 4.—Mrs. Myrtle Bennett testified in criminal court here today that she killed her husband, John G. Bennett, as the result of an accident.

Bennett was called as the defense concluded its case in her trial on charges of murder.

James A. Reed, former United States senator, directing her fight for liberty, led her swiftly through the bridge game and quarrel 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, what did Mr. Bennett do?" Reed asked.

"He slapped me," replied Mrs. Bennett, almost in a whisper.

Mrs. Bennett said her husband after the quarrel started to pack for a business trip to St. Joseph.

She said she went to a dresser in her mother's room to get the revolver Bennett was to take along.

As she came out, Hofman met her end with an ejaculation of

CITY GIRL WHO HAD DATE WITH SCHROEDER TELLS OF AUTO RIDE WITH SUSPECT

Mysterious Moves Before Torch Car Tragedy Are Traced to Suspect by Prosecution Witnesses.

SPEEDWAY COMPANION IS ON STAND

Tailor Who Hobnobbed With Alabaman at May 30 Race Describes His Actions and Conversation.

By EDWARD C. FULKE

Telltale clues linking Harold Herbert Schroeder with a series of mysterious movements before and after the grew-some torch car death on High School road, May 31, were traced by witnesses today before a criminal court jury trying Schroeder on the charge of murdering an unknown man.

Battling to send Schroeder to the electric chair, prosecutors this morning laid a net of circumstantial evidence around the garage owner and his activities at the time of the alleged crime.

Schroeder's fling at life and romance two days before he set fire to his car and its cargo was described to the jury by Miss Jean Carson, 306 East Market street, with whom Schroeder had a date, May 28.

Finding of Schroeder's raincoat and a blanket in the downtown district, and of the Alabaman's registering at Hotel Meeker, near Union Station, under an alias, was told by witnesses.

Miss Carson told of being introduced to Schroeder near 516 South Illinois street May 27, and how she made a date to meet him the next day.

Schroeder was parked near the curb in his sedan at the meeting, she said.

Evidence Is Admitted

When prosecutors asked for details of the conversation at that time, Holmes objected, on the theory that evidence of Schroeder's activities before the alleged crime was not admissible. Judge Frank P. Baker overruled Holmes.

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