

# LEGION IS ON 'HUSH RETREAT' IN OXNAM QUIZ

'Patriotic Purity Probe' Is Being Quashed by Board Quietly.

"Quiet retreat" appeared to be the strategy today of the Seventh district American Legion's special committee which two weeks ago was appointed to investigate the "patriotic purity" of Dr. G. Bromley Oxnam, president of De Pauw university, Greencastle.

One of the committeemen, V. M. Armstrong, prevented consideration of a condemnatory resolution regarding the move by Memorial Post 3 Friday night by telling the Legionnaires that the investigation is to be quietly quashed. Armstrong is a member of the post.

But today, Chairman Mark Hamer of the probe committee and Senator Joe Rand Beckett, a member, declared they knew nothing about the matter. Hamer refused to say whether the investigation is to be dropped and said he didn't want to be quoted in connection with the Armstrong statement.

The committee was appointed by Dr. Frank E. Long, Seventh district Legion chairman, after William P. Evans, Insull attorney, charged in a speech to De Pauw alumni that Oxnam is permitting speakers at the college to preach subversive doctrines of "sex, Sovietism and Socialism."

Protest against the Seventh district action was registered by the Fifth district, where the school is located and also by the Greencastle Legion post.

Armstrong prevented further scoring in resolutions by the Memorial post.

## Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported to police as stolen belong to:  
Walter J. Keating, Richmond, Chevrolet coach, from Meridian street and Monument Circle.  
Casper Chevrolet company, El Paso, Tex. Chevrolet coach, D-107, from El Paso.  
Charles Suter, 602 East Morris street, Chevrolet coach, 47-773, from Hunter and Prospect streets.  
C. E. Halstead, 16 Whittier place, Ford coupe, 26-601, from 14th and Walnut streets.  
George Albrecht, 1406 North Tremont avenue, Ford sedan, 26-601, from 14th and Walnut streets.  
H. E. Everett, 1107 North Pershing avenue, Ford sedan, 26-601, from 14th and Walnut streets.  
By Farah, 143 North Wabash avenue, Ford sedan, 26-601, from Wabash and West streets.  
Frank J. Skinner, 3306 Guilford avenue, Plymouth sedan, 26-140, from 818 North New Jersey street.  
Forest Cleaver, 24 South Forest avenue, Ford coupe, 26-602, from Market and Illinois street.  
Gardner Hawkins, 46 North Keystone avenue, Ford coupe, 26-365, from Wabash and New Jersey streets.

## BACK HOME AGAIN

Stolen automobiles recovered by police belong to:  
K. B. Schofield, 612 East Twelfth street, Buick sedan found in rear of 2235 Columbia avenue.  
Earl Halstead, 60 Whittier place, 26-603, found on vacant lot near Hoyt avenue and Keystone avenue.

## SCAN ARMY EXPENSES

Hoover, Department Heads Talk Over Prospects for Slashes.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, May 9.—The men who run the war department gathered with President Hoover today on the banks of the Rapidan for a conference about proposals to cut down army expenses.

Agitation has been widespread for a reduction in these expenses. It is understood a commission on war department expenditures recently reported to Secretary Hurley recommending a 10 per cent cut in the outlay for the army and navy for the fiscal year 1933, and a similar cut in each of the following two years.

## Slug, Rob Auto Driver

Two men who stepped into an auto driven by C. W. Bennett, 939 North La Salle street, Friday night, and rode with him to the railway elevation near Emerson avenue, slugged him and took \$16, Bennett told police.

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# Jumps Just for Fun of It



The Pacific coast's star parachute jumper isn't a member of the Caterpillar Club, that mythical organization of aviators who have "bailed out" to save their lives, because Dick Terry, of Los Angeles, has made more than 100 parachute leaps during the past year just for the fun of it. Here you see Terry in a close-up, leaving a plane piloted by Frank Bireley, and coming down for a happy landing.

## KIRKLAND JURY 'DRAFT' ORDERED

Judge Wearies of Grind at Many Robberies Believed Gin Death Trial.

By United Press

VALPARAISO, Ind., May 9.—The Virgil Kirkland murder trial was recessed today while Sheriff Burney Maxwell went out on the streets to recruit disinterested persons willing to sit in judgment of the 20-year-old Gary athlete charged with the death of his sweetheart, Arlene Draves, 18.

The drastic measure, unprecedented in this district, was ordered by Judge Grant Crumpacker after the fifth special venire had been exhausted and only nine jurors tentatively selected.

The trial, which is Kirkland's second, has been in progress nearly two weeks, during which time more than 200 men and women have been questioned for jury duty.

Wary of the endless questioning, Judge Crumpacker late Friday ordered Maxwell to "go out on the streets of Valparaiso and pick up every able-bodied man and woman under 60 willing to serve on the jury."

Attorneys expect that the jury will be completed from the group which Maxwell will present Monday.

## Bank Opened

WESTFIELD, Ind., May 9.—The Jolietville State bank opened here today. Half of the stock was purchased by local citizens, and it was announced that the name would be changed, and new officers elected, as soon as a charter is granted. Roy Hadley, cashier, is temporarily in charge. It is announced that the Westfield State bank, which closed several weeks ago, will be liquidated as soon as possible.

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# TWO-GUN THUG WANTS TO DIE 'IN A HURRY'

Crowley, Killer of Cop, Asks to Be Sent to Chair Quickly.

By United Press  
NEW YORK, May 9.—Francis (Two Gun) Crowley, captured after a spectacular one-hour police bombardment, is eager to end his criminal career in Sing Sing's electric chair as quickly as possible.

The 20-year-old gunman today told authorities from his hospital cot, where he is being treated for three minor gunshot wounds, that he is ready to admit his guilt in the murder of Patrolman Frederick Hirsch, and pay with his life swiftly.

Crowley is in Nassau county hospital under police guard today after his indictment for the murder on the testimony of his 16-year-old sweetheart, Helen Walsh of Brooklyn, who was with him when Hirsch was riddled with bullets on Black Shirt lane in North Merrick, L. I.

At the same time, his pal, Rudolph Durringer, alias Durringer, 220-pound truckman, is in jail here, indicted by a Bronx county grand jury for slaying Virginia Brannen, Harlem dance hall hostess. Durringer said he killed the girl because she spurned his advances.

When Crowley learned that the Walsh girl had turned against him, he told District Attorney Elvin N. Edwards of Nassau county, that he wanted to go to the chair in a hurry.

"I know I'm going to burn," he told Edwards. "What's the use of fooling around with a trial. I'll be poison to the jurors. They'll give me the works for killing that cop if it's the last thing they ever do. So let's get it over."

A woman, whose love Crowley scorned caused his capture Thursday, Billie Dunne, an entertainer at the same dance hall where Miss Brannen was employed, held Crowley's affections and shared an apartment with him and Durringer until last Wednesday, when the gangster told her:

"You'd better clear out. I'm bringing a real girl home with me. You can go with Durringer."

Angered, Miss Dunne told every one with whom she came in contact where Crowley, object of a man-hunt, could be found.

## Milk Price Cut

By United Press  
NOBLESVILLE, Ind., May 9.—Under-consumption, rather than over-production, was blamed today by Lowell Wilson, president of the Indiana Condensed Milk Company, one of the largest manufacturers of evaporated milk, for a 20 per cent reduction in price of its product. The reduction was made to meet competition, Wilson said.

# Plans Sea Hop



Russell N. Boardman, Bostoniaviator, is reported to have been quietly completing plans for a trans-Atlantic flight from Barren Island, N. Y., to Rome soon.

He is pictured above in the cockpit of the rebuilt 300-horse power Bellanca plane in which he may fly.

Partial destruction of the craft by fire last year prevented him from undertaking a projected flight to London.

# LUDLOW TO AID IN EAGLES' RITES

Congressman Will Accept Mother's Day Tablet.

Louis Ludlow, representative in congress from the Seventh district, will return to Indianapolis from Washington especially to take part in unveiling the Mother's day tablet by the Fraternal Order of Eagles at English opera house on Sunday afternoon.

He will accept the tablet on behalf of the nation, and Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan on behalf of the city. Representative Ludlow is a member of Indianapolis Eagles circle. American War Mothers will be represented at the ceremony by Mrs. Stella Ochiltree, national recording secretary, Connorsville, and Mrs. S. C. Gibson, Logansport, state president.

Frank E. Hering, South Bend, who uttered the appeal the tablet commemorates, will be accompanied to Indianapolis by the Rev. John Cavanaugh, C. S. C., former president of the University of Notre Dame, who will make a response following introduction of Hering as the "Father of Mother's day."

# DYING 'PREXY' MAY LOSE HIS LAST OBJECTIVE

Dr. Brooks Never May Be Able to Sign Remaining 168 Diplomas.

WACO, Tex., May 9.—Facing almost certain defeat in the last great task he had set for himself, Dr. S. P. Brooks struggled today to muster enough strength to sign his name 168 more times before his hand is stilled by death.

Warned by physicians that cancer would kill him within less than two weeks and that any exertion would hasten the end, the president of Baylor university nevertheless fought on in his determination to sign all the diplomas for the spring graduating class before he dies.

"I must do it for my students," he declared.

Three hundred times Dr. Brooks summoned ebbing strength to pen his signature. With 168 diplomas left the strength failed and today it appeared he was doomed to defeat in his last objective.

The president took a turn for the worse during the night. Abdominal cancer had eaten to his vitals.

There were unerring signs of rapidly approaching death. Fever racked his heavy body. He tossed restlessly.

Baylor's prexy, Texas' leading educator, Waco's outstanding citizen, the section hand who laid down his pick and shovel to follow the lure of culture, was sinking rapidly.

With the same zeal that inspired his thirty-year presidency of the state's oldest university, founded while Texas was still a republic, Dr. Brooks looked forward to the "great adventure."

In the university printing shop printers were setting up Dr. Brooks' last message to the reading public. To the Baylor Monthly, alumni magazine, he wrote a valedictory message.

"Truths of God have been undeniable facts from the beginning of time, but man never has been able to fathom them all."

It was toward a revelation of the "whole truth" that he looked hopefully from his deathbed.

# BANDITS TRIAL IS NEAR CLOSE

Fate of James Trout to Be Given Jury Today.

Final arguments in the trial of James Trout, charged with robbery in connection with the fatal shooting of Charles Zeller, Indianapolis lottery operator, were expected to be completed today and the case was to go to the jury following final instructions by Special Judge L. Ert Slack.

Taking the stand in his own behalf late Friday, Trout denied he was with William C. Hill, former Indianapolis policeman, a year ago when Hill killed Zeller in front of the lottery operator's home.

Trout admitted acquaintance with Hill, who now is serving a life sentence for murder.

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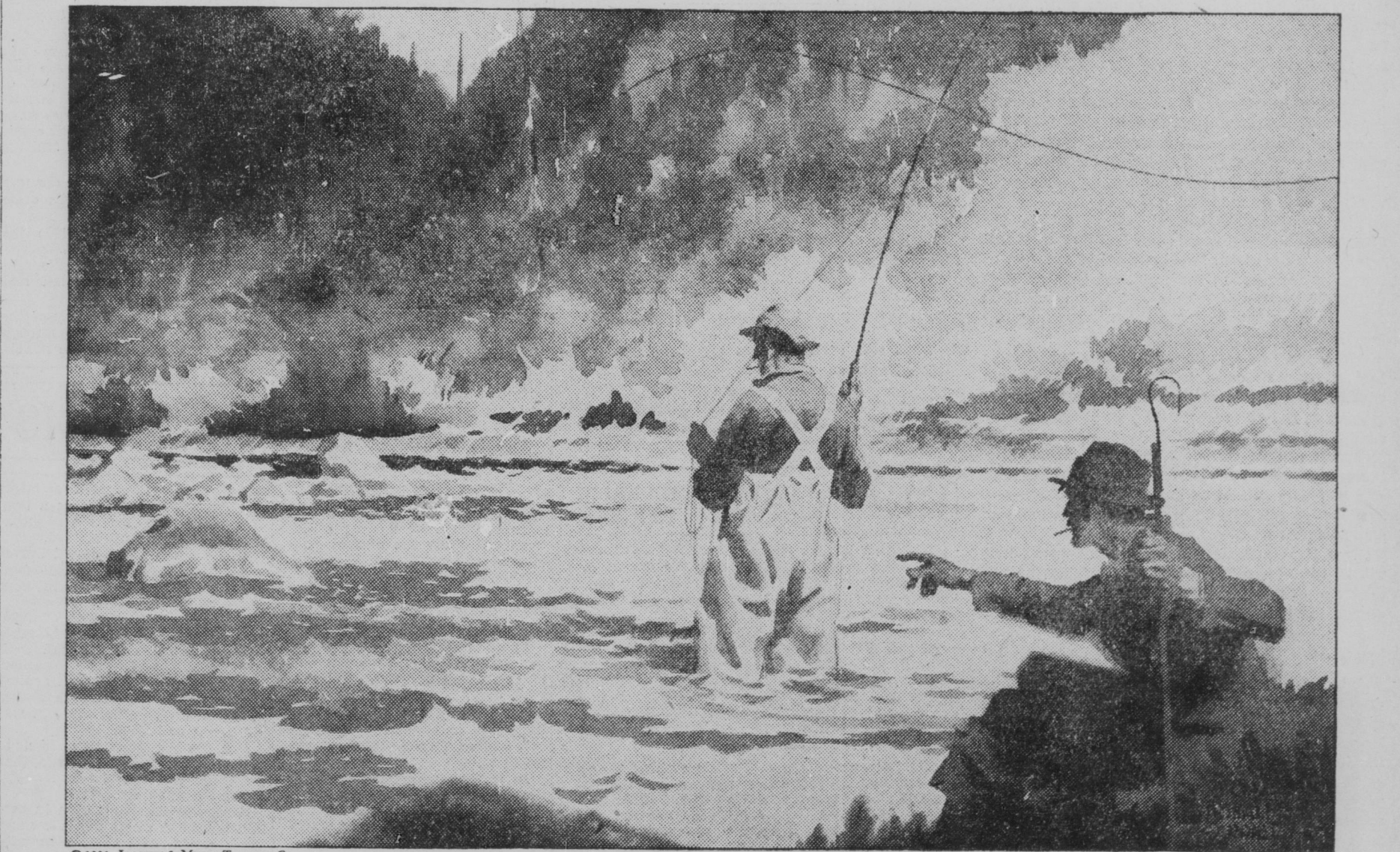
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