

## MRS. SIMMONS' LAWYER CALLS JACKSON KILLER

Farmer Guilty of Murder,  
Charge of Defense as  
Trial Nears End.

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the last statement to the jury in her behalf was made.

"The state has produced nothing on which to base a conviction," Tindall continued. "They have proved Mrs. Simmons made the sandwiches, but they had that information two hours after the picnic."

"Officers told you yesterday he was too lenient with Mrs. Simmons. In that compassionate manner of his, while the bodies of the two girls still were warm, he was telling Mrs. Simmons he had enough evidence to send her to the electric chair."

"No one can make something out of nothing. If you jurors search your memories, you will show by the verdict that the defense has made good."

The courtroom was jammed to the window sills today, as it was Monday.

Friends of attorneys for both sides and friends of those friends formed the proverbial bald-headed row at the trial today.

Guesses as to the verdict rivaled the praise given opposing counsel for their capable oratory.

### Pats Wife's Arm

Charges by the state in the opening argument by Prosecutor Squires, that John Simmons and his wife merely are united by adversity, was given the lie today and Monday, as the defendant and her husband displayed affection toward each other.

On one occasion Monday Simmons patted his wife's arm, as defense attorneys told of the dead children.

Nearness of a verdict seems to have depressed them. The scouring by state's attorneys brings a faraway look to the eyes of Mrs. Simmons, while her husband seems strained and ill at ease as the state makes its attack.

Jackson had been given the direct verbal spotlight by the defense Monday afternoon, as Willett Parr Jr., talked for the defense.

The young lawyer, battling in his first big murder trial, gave the oldsters some oratory to shoot at when he took Jackson for a "ride" in argument.

He gave Jackson an alleged motive for commission of the dual murder—a seventeen-year-old threat backed by ill will.

### Raps at "Third Degree"

He charged Jackson was familiar with the symptoms and reactions to strichnine poisoning.

The state was slapped for giving Mrs. Simmons an alleged "third degree" in her cellroom in Boone county jail.

Divine Providence was credited with bringing Miss Louise Robinson, Bakersville woman, to the defense's aid, after Friedman had testified that Mrs. Simmons purchased strichnine.

He described the use of capsules in the poisoning as showing that it was a "hurry-up" job.

A representative of the Times was attacked for bringing Friedman's identification to the attention of state's attorney.

He painted Jackson blacker than Jackson painted himself while on the witness stand, with, "You wouldn't want a transporter of women in your home."

He described Jackson, by inference, as "sullen, morose with a revengeful mind."

The same mind that made the threat that he'd get John Simmons could do this," he charged.

Young Parr gave the jury its choice of believing that Jackson feigned illness at the park or that he really was ill.

"And if he was ill, then his words of 'Oh! God, this is awful and I'm the cause of it all' were the words of a man who thought he was dying and was making a confession to clear his soul," the youthful barrister declared.

The numerous opportunities that Mrs. Simmons had at her home to poison her children was cited by Parr as showing the improbability of poisoning them at the reunion picnic.

At one point in his address he said: "There is no record of how this mother guided little feet of the children she loved. There's no record of how she slipped into their rooms at night and covered them

### Rouses Storm



## BOYCOTT PHONE FIRM TO FORCE SLASH IN RATES

Texans Have 'Em Taken  
Out by Hundreds; Offi-  
cials of City Follow.

By United Press  
AMARILLO, Tex., Nov. 3.—Mes-  
sengers scurried over Amarillo today  
as business tried to get along in  
this Panhandle city without the use  
of telephones, as result of a cam-  
paign to obtain lower telephone  
rates.

Meanwhile, employees of the  
Southwestern Bell Telephone Com-  
pany were kept busy disconnecting  
telephones as subscribers gave or-  
ders to "take the things out."

Citizens and business men had  
signed petitions, asking the tele-  
phone company, for another rate cut  
by Nov. 1, which was refused. The  
signers had pledged themselves to  
discontinue service.

As a result, there was no tele-  
phone service at the Chamber of  
Commerce offices, none at the city  
hall, except in the police and fire  
departments, and none at the  
leading hotels.

"This telephone has been discon-  
nected in co-operation with the  
citizens of Amarillo," read cards  
over the hotel telephones. "Your  
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connecting by requiring that such  
orders be made in writing. City of-  
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so they would not be cold. No re-  
cord, jurors, of how she put dolls  
securely in their arms. No there  
isn't any prosecutor, or any coroner  
taking any statements like that.

"This is the mother," he continued  
in an impassioned plea, "that the  
prosecuting attorney would have you  
place in the electric chair—and burn

—yes, burn—I say."

The prosecution, in opening its  
argument, did not ask for the death  
penalty in event a guilty verdict is  
returned. The penalty rests solely  
with the judge.

Young Parr charged the state  
with intimating that all defense  
witnesses were "perjurers and  
liars."

A review of the evidence of the  
case, coupled with a plea for Mrs.  
Simmons' acquittal, was made by  
Willet Parr Sr., prior to his son's  
address.

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shades. Spec-  
cially priced.  
**4 PRS.—88c**

## THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

of instruction to all telephone sub-  
scribers.

### No Lights in Town

By United Press  
BORGES, Tex., Nov. 3.—One night  
of dark streets and working in the  
city hall by the light of coal oil  
lamps, prompted the city commis-  
sioners today to find some way to  
settle the city's utility bills.

The "great white way" of Borges  
was darkened Monday night when  
the Panhandle Power & Light  
Company cut off current. Coal  
oil lamps with dirty wicks and  
sooty chimneys cast a dim light in  
city hall offices. Only one electric  
light shone in the police station.

The city owes utility bills, total-  
ing \$16,700, and outstanding since  
August, 1929. City departments  
also are without water or gas. The  
city commissioners recently launched  
a drive for lower utility rates.

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## U. S. DRY BOSS IS ON WAY TO MURDER TRIAL

Seven Jurors Are Seated  
Tentatively as Ft. Wayne  
Case Begins.

By United Press

FT. WAYNE, Ind., Nov. 3.—Seven  
jurors were tentatively approved by  
the state here today as the trial of  
George Adams, charged with the  
murder of John Wilson, prohibition  
agent, began. One prospective juror  
had been excused and one of the  
seven challenged, but allowed to re-  
main.

No peremptory challenges had  
been exercised.

It appeared that all of today and  
probably tomorrow would be con-  
sumed in selecting the jury. Each  
juror was questioned closely re-  
garding his views on the prohibition  
law by Prosecutor Walter  
Helmeke.

Oliver Loomis, United States dis-  
trict attorney at South Bend, and  
John Colbiron, assistant United  
States attorney-general, were here  
to assist Helmeke. Amos Woodcock,  
national director of prohibition, is  
expected to arrive from Washington  
Wednesday.

Helmeke indicated he would ask  
the death penalty for Adams, who  
was indicted on a charge of first  
degree murder following the slaying  
of Wilson and Walter Gilbert, also a  
prohibition agent, last July 22.

Adams also was indicted in a charge  
in connection with Gilbert's death.

Adams appeared unconcerned as  
the monotonous work of questioning  
the jurors progressed. His wife,  
however, was crying as she entered  
the courtroom and took a chair be-  
side her husband.

The shooting occurred on the  
Huntington road, a mile south of

the bridge. He maintained that  
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