

## 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."

"Scifres 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 Scifres, that John Simmons and his wife merely were acting in 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.

Neatness 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 strychnine 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 Rollins, a representative of the defense, to the aid of Friedman had testified that Mrs. Simmons purchased strychnine.

He described the use of capsules in the poisoning as showing that it was a "hurry-up" job. The Times was attacked for bringing Friedman's identification to the attention of state's attorneys.

He painted Jackson blacker than Jackson painted himself while on the witness 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 were 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



The Rev. Daniel Sands, above, of Quincy, Ill. dropped a bombshell into the decorous peace of the American Unitarian Association Congress in Philadelphia when he advocated, as a recipe for marital bliss, that wives let their husbands have women friends. The assemblage burst into arguments.

so they would not be cold. No record, 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 Willett Parr Sr., prior to his son's address.

## BOYCOTT PHONE FIRM TO FORCE SLASH IN RATES

Texans Have 'Em Taken Out by Hundreds; Officials of City Follow.

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

Meanwhile, employees of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company were kept busy disconnecting telephones as subscribers gave orders to "take the things out."

Citizens and business men had signed petitions, asking the telephone 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 telephone 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 disconnected in co-operation with the citizens of Amarillo," read cards over the hotel telephones. "Your patience will be appreciated."

Telephone company officials sought to check the orders for disconnecting by requiring that such orders be made in writing. City officials promptly mailed out letters

of instruction to all telephone subscribers.

### No Lights in Town

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

The "great white way" of Borger was darkened Monday night when the Pan Handle 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 also.

The city owes utility bills, totaling \$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.

### City Goes Broke

LASALLE, Ill., Nov. 3.—Lasalle was without a police force and without all other city employees except firemen today, because the city hasn't any money to pay their salaries.

The city council decided on the drastic action of dispensing with city employees when it was unable to find a way to pay salaries which had been overdue for two months.

## 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 remain.

No peremptory challenges had been exercised.

It appeared that all of today and probably tomorrow would be consumed in selecting the jury. Each salesman was questioned closely regarding his views on the prohibition law by Prosecutor Walter Helmke.

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

Helmke 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 on a charge in connection with Gilbert's death.

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Ft. Wayne. Adams contended that the officers had bargained with him one of the agents fired the first shot.

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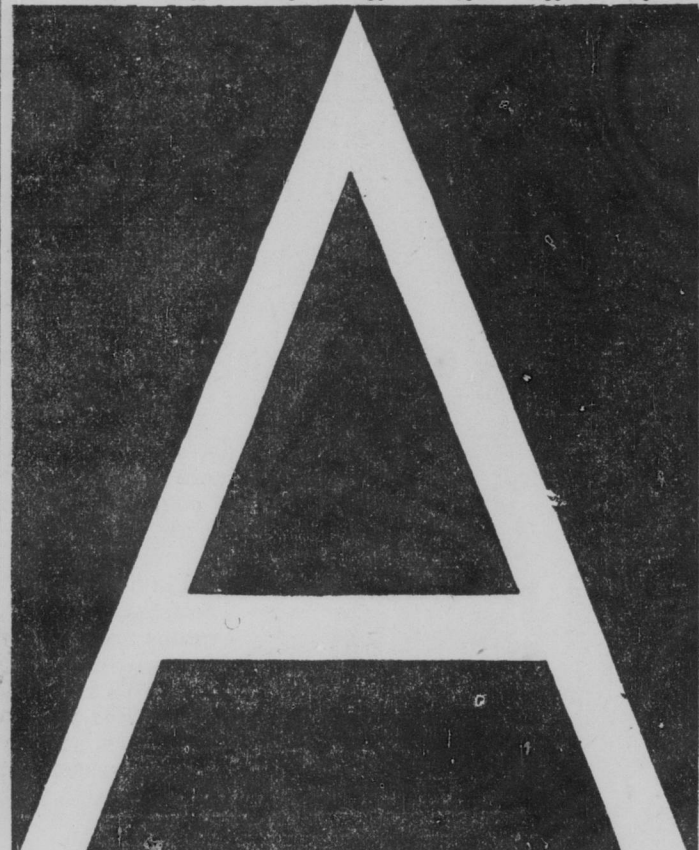
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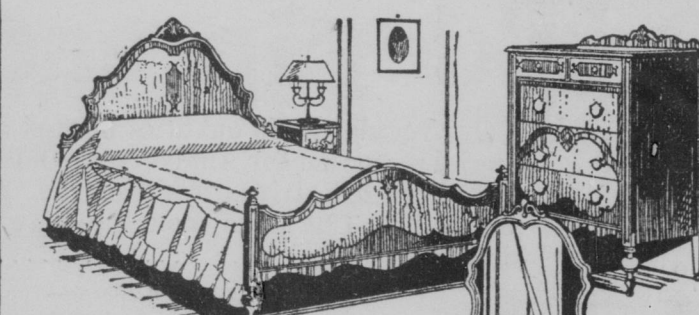
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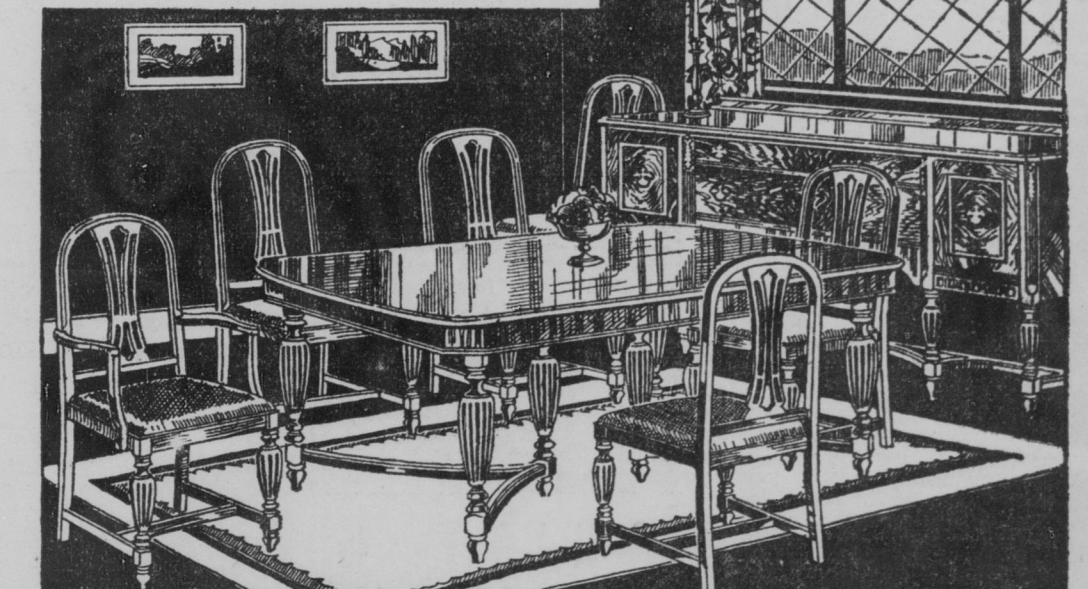
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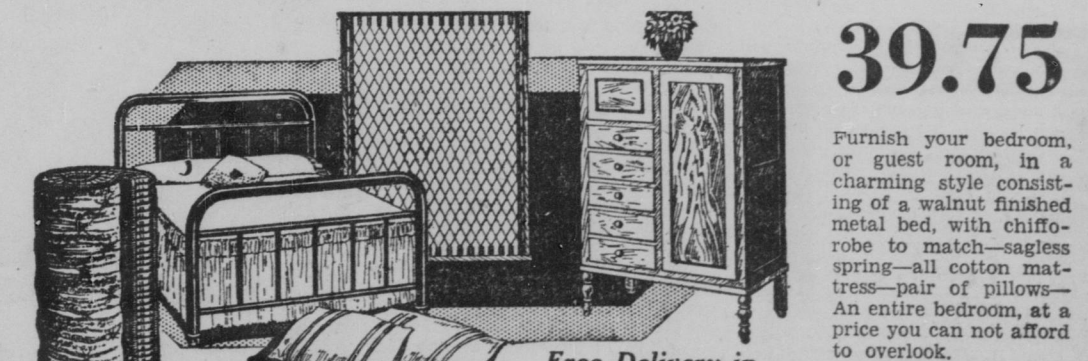
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