



Complete Wire Reports of UNITED PRESS, The Greatest World-Wide News Service

The Indianapolis Times

Mostly cloudy and probably unsettled tonight and Tuesday; lowest temperature tonight about 35, somewhat warmer Tuesday.

VOLUME 43—NUMBER 210

INDIANAPOLIS, MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 1932

Entered as Second-Class Matter at Postoffice, Indianapolis, Ind.

TWO CENTS Outside Marion County 3 Cents

OPEN JACKSON MURDER TRIAL AT LEBANON

Selection of Witt-Hamilton Jury Is Expected to Take Three Days.

ARGUE OVER PROCEDURE

Ira Holmes and Elza Rogers, Defense Counsel, to Attack Confessions.

BULLETIN

LEBANON, Ind., Jan. 11.—Elected first to try Charles Vernon Witt, in connection with the slaying of L. A. Jackson, Indianapolis chain store grocer, attorneys this afternoon had examined thirty prospective jurors. Twelve talesmen in the jury box at noon said they held no scruples against the death penalty.

Louis E. Hamilton, charged with Witt, will not be permitted in court during Witt's trial.

By United Press LEBANON, Ind., Jan. 11.—Selection of a jury to try Charles Vernon Witt and Louis E. Hamilton for the murder of Lafayette A. Jackson, Indianapolis chain store chief, May 27, 1931, was delayed here today while attorneys wrangled over procedure.

Prepared to try the suspects together on the first degree murder count, the state was opposed by defense attorneys, who said they understood Witt was to be tried first. Defense counsel said they were not prepared to try Hamilton, and said a motion to separate the cases will have to be filed.

The court had not ruled on the matter shortly before noon.

The court was jammed with spectators and fifty of 100 prospective jurors, drawn for examination by state and defense attorneys.

Prosecutor Herbert E. Wilson and Floyd Matthe, chief deputy prosecutor of Marion county, and Ben Schles, Boone county prosecutor, began examination of the talesmen. Ira Holmes, Indianapolis and Elza Rogers, local attorney, are counsel for the alleged killers.

The statute under which Witt and Hamilton are being tried, murder during perpetration of a robbery, carries the death sentence mandatory, should the duo be convicted.

Jury Choice May Be Slow

Selection of a jury of Boone county residents is expected to take at least three days, while trial of the case probably will last two weeks.

The state will charge that Hamilton and Witt attempted to rob the Standard Grocery Company buildings, 419 East Washington street, last May 27.

It will be alleged that Jackson, owner of the grocery chain, fired at the pair as they entered the front door of the store.

For years Jackson had threatened to "fight it out" with bandits and, on this occasion, he carried out his pledge. He fired several times with a rifle and was caught in the bandits' cross-fire.

Died Next Day

Mr. Jackson died the day after he was wounded.

The state's case will rest heavily on purported confessions of Witt and Hamilton, which detectives said the murder suspects signed after their arrest.

Witt was captured by police in Indianapolis as he approached a rooming house two weeks after the shooting.

Hamilton, branded the "trigger man," was nabbed in Iola, Kan., his home, in June. His parents came to Indianapolis for his arraignment and today were in the Lebanon courtroom.

Defense counsel will allege brutal police methods were used to obtain purported confessions from Witt and Hamilton and that witnesses have erred in their identification of the suspects as the alleged slayers.

Fails to Recall Shooting

Hamilton, in his alleged statement to officers, declared he did not recall firing the shots said to have struck Jackson, because he was stunned by a bullet from the grocer's gun which struck him in the head.

One of the state's chief witnesses will be Detective Charles Bauer. He was wounded by the bandit's gunfire when he ran into the store during the shooting. He and employees of the store, who already are said to have identified the defendants, will testify.

With repudiation of their alleged confessions, it was indicated by defense attorneys that Witt and Hamilton may take the witness stand in their own defense.

Delayed Several Times

Pre-trial action in the case included several postponements and a fight between Holmes and Sheriff Charles (Buck) Summer at the Marion county jail. Holmes alleged he was refused admission to the cells of the suspects and the battle ensued.

Witt and Hamilton were brought here Saturday from Indianapolis. Before being held in the Marion county jail, they had been in the Indiana reformatory.

Opening of the trial is the second important court battle to be waged here in seven months. Mrs. Carrie W. Simmons, of Wilkeson, was tried for more than five weeks last fall on a charge of the poison murders of her daughters in June, 1931. The jury failed to reach a verdict.

On Trial for Lives



Louis E. Hamilton

Charles Vernon Witt

MARKET RIGGED TO AID FOREIGN LOANS, CHARGE TO SENATE

Horse Cents

By United Press

KALAMAZOO, Mich., Jan. 11.—Eureka! City efficiency experts, seeking something to reduce the city's operating cost, have found it. They are going to discontinue three watering troughs for horses—and save \$305.

HOOVER CALLS CREDIT PARLEY

Amendments Fail to Meet President's Approval.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—A special conference on his emergency financial legislation was called today by President Hoover at the White House.

While congress pressed forward with the \$2,000,000 reconstruction finance corporation bill, the President called in Senators Carter Glass (Dem., Va.), and Frederic C. Walcott (Rep., Conn.), Governor Eugene Meyer of the federal reserve board and Ogden Mills, undersecretary of treasury, for a prolonged discussion of the general economic situation.

Hoover was understood to be not entirely reconciled to certain amendments which have been added to the two billion dollar credit proposal, which had the right of way in both houses of congress as the new bill began.

Senator Glass, first to emerge from the surprise meeting, which began at 8:30 a. m., said that, while he could not disclose details of the conversation, it had concerned "certain difficulties which the President called us in to assist in ironing out."

Meanwhile, the senate worked to day under an agreement to pass the measure by tonight, while the house began consideration of a similar bill.

PREDICT AUTO RISE

Studebaker, Oakland Motor Chiefs Optimistic.

By United Press

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—Automobile executives attending the thirty-second annual show today, such as Albert Russel Erskine, president of the Studebaker Corporation, and I. J. Reuter, president and general manager of the Oakland Motor Car Company, are prepared for a rise in motor car sales this year.

"Many of the existing cars, numbering 6,000,000 are practically worn out and must be replaced in 1932 through sheer necessity if normal transportation requirements are to be met," Erskine said.

Reuter thinks a turn is ahead because "the let-down in business has covered a two-and-a-half year period and the longer the curtailment lasts the more certain we are that a turn for better is at hand."

THIEVES ESCAPE WITH \$16,577 IN CIGARETS

Identity of a gang of thieves who chiseled their way into the Hamilton-Harris & Co. tobacco warehouse, 384-88 South Senate avenue, Saturday night, hauling away \$16,577 worth of cigarettes, remained unknown to police today.

The burglars broke a hole through two walls thirty inches thick to gain access to the second floor of the warehouse. Two trucks of the Gordon Furniture Company warehouse, adjoining the tobacco warehouse, were stolen to haul away the booty.

Detectives investigating the burglary said the thieves apparently were familiar with the layout and alarm system.

The thieves first pried open a rear door at the Diamond Truck Company, 378 South Senate avenue, and then tore away a section of the airway wall to enter the Gor-

DOCTOR URGES BEER TO CURE INTEMPERANCE

Senate Committee Is Told That Two Quarts Daily Is Safe to Drink.

TONIC, HE DECLARES

Favorable Effect on Youth of Nation Seen If Brew Is Legalized.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Dr. William Gerry Morgan, former president of the American Medical Association, told a senate committee today that the average man or woman safely could drink two quarts of beer daily.

Morgan appeared before the committee in behalf of the Bingham 4 per cent beer bill, which he said would curb intemperance among young and old. He said that reasonable quantities of beer had no deleterious effects on the human system.

Senato Hatfield (Rep., W. Va.) cited statements to the contrary by Dr. William H. Welch of Johns Hopkins' hospital, Baltimore.

Dr. Morgan replied that Welch's inquiry was made some time ago and that Welch later had told him he "felt the conclusions might be materially altered" if the inquiry were repeated under present conditions.

Viewed as Food

Dr. Morgan said the "Germans consumed beer because they liked it," and because it had a normal laxative effect.

Hatfield, who also is a physician, asked Dr. Morgan if a beer drinker should operate a buzz-saw, a typewriter, an automobile or other machines. Dr. Morgan said he believed that would be all right.

"I look on beer as food because of its vitamin content, and because for persons who temporarily have lost their appetite it serves as a tonic," Dr. Morgan said.

"I do not believe beer would be intoxicating in any amount in which it might be taken."

He also said:

"That he believed holders of Peruvian bonds 'in two or three years, will be very happy to make an agreement for 5 or 10 cents on the dollar."

That Bollvar used some of the money derived from American loans for purchase of arms.

That he had predicted when they were made that a series of Peruvian loans would be in default within five years. The loans have been defaulted.

That \$1,500,000 was used for military purposes in the Chaco—a region involved in a dispute between Bolivia and Paraguay.

That Bollvar sought to iron out the difference between the cotton seed and bullion share markets decided not to transact business until Gandhi is released from prison at Port of Spain.

Nationalist volunteers picketed bullion safe deposits to prevent the export of gold.

That the senate worked to day under an agreement to pass the measure by tonight, while the house began consideration of a similar bill.

ARREST MRS. GANDHI

Mahatma's Wife, Aid Held for Revolt Activities.

By United Press

BOMBAY, Jan. 11.—Mrs. M. K. Gandhi, wife of the Mahatma Gandhi, and Miss Patel, member of a family prominent in support of Gandhi's independence program, were arrested today.

The nationalist civil disobedience campaign took a new turn when brokers at the cotton seed and bullion share markets decided not to transact business until Gandhi is released from prison at Port of Spain.

Gandhi is to face trial on the charge before Municipal Judge Clifton R. Cameron Thursday.

Foist and Miss Watts last were seen at 6 Saturday night by Russell De Hoy, Wyoming and West street, who said he and a girl companion had spent the afternoon with the couple.

It was emphasized in every city and town I have been in."

He said that at banquets many of the younger men and women had liquor on the hip and produced their flasks.

Arrests were made that a series of Peruvian bonds would be in default within five years. The loans have been defaulted.

That \$5,061,000 was sent to Vickers of London, as payment on a contract for the purchase of arms.

The Bolivian minister, before the hearing started today, gave out a memorandum from his government to the state department saying that his government had every intention to pay back the money it had borrowed.

Dennis said the department of finance of Bolivia was in chaos and had not been "audited since the war."

Senator Johnson (Rep., Cal.) read at the opening of the hearing a letter of S. Parker Gilbert, commanding the first cavalry division at Ft. Worth, Tex., was assigned by the war department today to command the Philippine department of the army.

He will succeed Major-General John L. Hines, who was ordered to Washington for duty in the office of the chief of staff. Hines is to retire shortly.

Major-General Hines is Relieved of Island Command.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Major-General Ewing E. Booth, commanding the first cavalry division at Ft. Worth, Tex., was assigned by the war department today to command the Philippine department of the army.

He will succeed Major-General John L. Hines, who was ordered to Washington for duty in the office of the chief of staff. Hines is to retire shortly.

Major-General Hines is Relieved of Island Command.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Secretary of State Henry L. Stimson announced today he had accepted the program laid down by Japan as full compensation for the attack by Japanese soldiers on American Consul Culver B. Chamberlain a week ago.

When this program has been carried out Stimson said, the Chamberlain incident will be closed.

As a gracious gesture, Stimson informed Japan that the United States would not ask for punishment of the major-general in command of police at Mukden, where the incident occurred.

Japan's program to compensate for the attack was submitted to the American consul general at Mukden and communicated to Stimson. It follows:

The interpreter who attacked Chamberlain has been dismissed.

As he was a former army officer he will be tried by court-martial for his offense.

The two policemen who participated in the attack will be punished.

Major-General Ninomiya, commanding the Mukden police, and his subordinate officers are to be given disciplinary punishment.

GIRL'S BODY FOUND IN RIVER; MURDER THEORY IS PROBED



Miss Mary Watts

Possibility of Suicide Pact With Former Husband Also Investigated.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Reports that Miss Mary Watts probably had committed suicide, although Mrs. Arlene Wilson of the Senate avenue address, mother of the young woman, told detectives her daughter's ex-husband often had threatened

suicide, clung to the theory.

Authorities clung to the theory that Miss Watts probably had committed suicide, although Mrs. Arlene Wilson of the Senate avenue address, mother of the young woman, told detectives her daughter's ex-husband often had threatened

suicide, clung to the theory that Miss Watts probably had committed suicide, although Mrs. Arlene Wilson of the Senate avenue address, mother of the young woman, told detectives her daughter's ex-husband often had threatened

suicide, clung to the theory that Miss Watts probably had committed suicide, although Mrs. Arlene Wilson of the Senate avenue address, mother of the young woman, told detectives her daughter's ex-husband often had threatened

suicide, clung to the theory that Miss Watts probably had committed suicide, although Mrs. Arlene Wilson of the Senate avenue address, mother of the young woman, told detectives her daughter's ex-husband often had threatened

suicide, clung to the theory that Miss Watts probably had committed suicide, although Mrs. Arlene Wilson of the Senate avenue address, mother of the young woman, told detectives her daughter's ex-husband often had threatened

suicide, clung to the theory that Miss Watts probably had committed suicide, although Mrs. Arlene Wilson of the Senate avenue address, mother of the young woman, told detectives her daughter's ex-husband often had threatened

suicide, clung to the theory that Miss Watts probably had committed suicide,