

## HAMILTON PUT ON STAND TO PRESENT ALIBI

Accused Slayer of Jackson Testifies He Was in Iola, Kan.

LEBANON, Ind., July 14.—Louis T. Hamilton, 26, testifying today in Boone circuit court here, where he is on trial charged with the murder of Lafayette A. Jackson, Indianapolis chain grocery operator, declared he was in Iola, Kan., the day Jackson was shot fatally at his main store.

Making the accused a witness was a surprise move by the defense, but his testimony was confined principally to that of those who preceded him on the stand—an effort to prove an alibi.

Hamilton said he lacked but three credits of high school graduation when he was sentenced in Kansas for assault and battery with intent to kill, and he served five months of an eighteen months' term. In 1926 he was given a term of five to fifteen years for stealing an automobile. He served four years and was paroled from the Kansas state prison at Lansing.

### Met Witt in Prison

While in prison he met Charles Vernon Witt, who is awaiting execution in the Jackson slaying.

Hamilton left the stand to go before the jury box to exhibit a scar on his forehead. The state contends it resulted from a bullet wound inflicted during a gun battle in the Jackson store.

The defense asserts it resulted from an injury received in an automobile accident while Hamilton, Witt and his wife were en route to Iola from Indianapolis.

The defendant's wife, Mrs. Ione Hamilton, and Miss Ardine Mateny, Iola telephone operator, were other witnesses today.

### Tells of Phone Call

The wife said Hamilton telephoned her in Iola the night of May 27. Miss Mateny identified a slip recording a telephone call on that date, but said she did not know who talked.

It is probable that the defense will rest early this afternoon. Then the state will offer rebuttal evidence.

Prosecutor Herbert E. Wilson has called Miss Sue Sawyer, Iola invalid and neighbor of the Hamilton family, as the state's chief rebuttal witness.

Four relatives of the accused supported his alibi Wednesday.

The jury used palm fans and newspapers to keep cool during the sweltering court session.

Mrs. Margaret Krupp, sister of the defendant; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hamilton, and sister-in-law, Mrs. Fern Hamilton occupied the stand most of the day.

The witnesses described a birthday dinner, given in honor of Max Hamilton, the defendant's brother, on the day bands held up the Jackson store.

### Prisoner Visited Wife

ROCHESTER, N. Y., July 14.— Fred Leonard, doing ninety days for bootlegging, escaped from the county jail. A few hours later he returned, naively explaining that he had merely gone home to visit his wife. In court he was given an additional thirty days.

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## CONTRACT as the EXPERTS PLAY IT

BY W. E. MCKENNEY  
Secretary American Bridge League

CARD games usually are termed games of wits—and a clever battle of wits is staged in today's hand, which illustrates the point that you must not set up your opponent's tricks just to run a few tricks of your own.

The declarer had the spade suit well stopped, so West decided to open his own suit and played the club.

The declarer allowed it to hold the trick and West continued with the queen of clubs, which declarer won in dummy with the ace.

South now has a perfect count on the club suit. West would not open a three-card suit and, therefore, must have two clubs left.

The declarer further reasons that West could not hold one of the top honors in spades or he would have opened his partner's suit.

The declarer can count only eight tricks—four diamonds, a club and three hearts—and he must make either a heart or a spade in order to make his contract.

A small spade was played by declarer, which East won with the queen.

Now if East cashes his ace and king of spades, the declarer will have no trouble in going game. East has two ace-queen combinations staring him in the face, but he decides to lead them and plays the ten of hearts, the trick being won in dummy with the queen.

Another spade was returned, East going in with the king.

Once again East is given opportunity to cash his good spade trick, but if he does the play will allow the declarer to make his contract.

His best play is to lead another heart, which the declarer is forced to win with the king.

Declarer then runs off four diamond tricks and the ace of hearts, but must grant West one heart and a club, and these two tricks allow the declarer to two no trump, defeating his contract one trick.

East's ace of spades went to sleep, but there are times when you must refuse to cash a sure winner so as not to establish good tricks for the declarer.

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## WAR OVER PAY PACT

1,500 Stage United Uprising Against Wage Scale.

By United Press

TAYLORVILLE, Ill., July 14.—Bolstered by victory over Christian county police officers, who allowed them to pass through this city after an initial refusal, 1,500 Illinois miners returned to their homes today to fight a proposed wage reduction.

The caravan was returning from a demonstration at Springfield against mine union officials, who refused of course to allow miners to drive through the city on their way to Springfield, was averted when the miners caravan was met by a delegation of sheriff's officers and 4,000 spectators.

On the promise of the men they didn't mean trouble, the automobiles were allowed to drive through town.

The Springfield demonstration broke up after a fiery meeting at which district officers of the United Mine Workers of America were denounced for submitting a proposal reducing the basic wage scale from \$6.10 to \$5 a day. The new scale would reopen mines closed since March.

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## 21 CHILDREN DIE IN MAD CRUSH OF FIRE PANIC

By United Press  
TALCAHUANO, Chile, July 14.—Twenty-one children among 800 attending a benefit performance at the Esmeralda theater for poor workers were trampled to death late Wednesday when the crowd was stampeded by a fire that would have harmed no one.

Forty persons, most of them children between the ages of 6 and 9, were injured in the mad flight to reach the streets.

Panic was the sole cause of death and injury, as the fire in the projection booth was extinguished easily.

The fire started just as the heroine of a serial thrilled the children by diving from the second floor of a house into a pool of water.

The film flickered suddenly, then

## Tunes Taunt

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, July 14.—Republican cabinet members are being taunted these days with Democratic music.

Joe, an Italian organ grinder, has been paid by a department of agriculture clerk from Texas to play "Dixie," "My Old Kentucky Home," "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia" and "Side-ways of New York" under the windows of the cabinet secretary.

Joe said he didn't know the name of his employer, but "I'll keep on playing as long as I get my money."

One of the bandits, who gave the

## CAR 'PROSPECT' TURNS BANDIT

Pulls Gun, Steals New Auto From Salesman.

After having B. E. McCoy, automobile salesman, drive them twelve miles west of the city Wednesday night, two young bandits forced him to change a tire at point of a gun, before they stole the car belonging to Capitol Motors, Inc., Michigan street and Capitol avenue.

One of the bandits, who gave the

name of R. F. Johnson at the salesroom Wednesday afternoon, accompanied McCoy on a demonstration ride during which it was suggested McCoy drive to the youth's home, west of the city where a car to be traded in could be appraised.

On the West Tenth street road

McCoy was forced from the car. He told police the bandits discussed robbery of a filling station to replenish the gasoline supply.

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