

MUNCIE PASTOR CLEARED ON ATTACK ATTEMPT CHARGE BY GIRL SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER

Held Not Guilty by Jury Verdict; Loyal Members of Flock Cheer When Prayers for Leader Are Answered.

By United Press
MUNCIE, Ind., April 4.—Charges that the Rev. G. Lemuel Conway attempted to attack a pretty 18-year-old Sunday school teacher, on which he was found guilty at a church trial several weeks ago, were dismissed in civil court today.

A jury of ten farmers, a school teacher and a salesman found the suspended Methodist minister innocent after four hours' deliberation. He had been accused by Miss Helen Huffman, high school senior, of taking her in his automobile to a secluded country road to teach her "the facts of life."

A few minutes before the jury brought in its verdict, loyal members of Conway's Madison Street congregation held a fervent prayer service in an ante room of the court.

They cheered when the verdict was announced and Conway, with tears in his eyes, hurried forward to thank the jury.

The trial, which lasted a week, bared internal strife within the church and brought sensational accusations both from the state and the defense.

In final arguments Prosecutor Paul Lefler referred to the clergyman as a "Dr. Jekyll."

At the same time counsel for Conway depicted Dr. Frank M. Dameray, district superintendent and a star witness for the state, as "the most dangerous man in America."

Conway said today he would seek an appeal from the ecclesiastical verdict. An assault and battery charge also was pending against him.

It resulted from an argument the minister had with William Aurand, choir leader, during which Conway was accused of pushing Aurand over the chancel rail.

Miss Huffman charged that Conway offered an automobile ride last Dec. 29, her birthday anniversary.

Instead of taking her downtown, he drove out into the country, she charged.

Conway contended he was in a Muncie plumbing shop discussing a proposed fishing trip when the alleged attack was said to have occurred.

Murder Appeal Heard

The Indiana supreme court today heard arguments on the appeal of Glenn Donald Shuster, Gary, charged with the first degree murder of Alberta Knight, 12, daughter of the woman at whose home Shuster roomed. He is scheduled to die in the electric chair June 16.

Rate Hearing Continues

Hearing continued today before the public service commission on electric rates of the Northern Indiana Power Company affecting the towns of Sidney, Markle, Cicero, Larwill, Michigantown, Rossille and Fishers.

DISASTER PROBE IS CONSIDERED

Rep. McClintic Prepares to Ask for Inquiry Into Akron Crash.

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Akron, was one of those who telephoned. His voice broke as he acknowledged the scanty information available.

"I'm afraid for the boy," he said.

It was indicated that the Lakehurst station might be closed as a result of the Akron tragedy.

The dirigible Los Angeles, which was decommissioned after a long service unmarred by accident, will be sold, according to present plans.

The newly completed dirigible Maccon will be subjected to the strictest tests before being placed in regular service.

Meanwhile, Secretary Swanson said an investigating committee will be appointed to ascertain the cause of the Akron disaster "as soon as such a committee can decide wisely and intelligently."

Swanson sat at his desk and talked to newspaper men about the tragedy. He said he never had been as enthusiastic over airships as some were." He said in his opinion they were "very vulnerable."

Swanson expressed sympathy with members of Admiral Moffett's family and the highest admiration for the navy service.

The heavy cruiser Portland just out of the Boston navy yard, which is standing by near the scene of the Akron's crash, will "leave nothing undone" in attempts to recover bodies and search for survivors, Swanson said.

— THIS CURIOUS WORLD —



IN ENGLAND,
AS LATE AS THE 18TH CENTURY,
WOMEN WORKED IN COAL MINES!
THEY WERE EMPLOYED UNDERGROUND
FOR THE PURPOSE OF PULLING COAL
TO THE SHAFTS. THEY CRAWLED
ON ALL FOURS, AND WORE
WHITE UNIFORMS!



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VIVID STORY OF CRASH RELATED

Futile Battle Waged by Doomed Craft Against Violent Storm.

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but his huge craft began to descend rapidly.

Wiley called all hands to their posts and began a battle against the storm, but his efforts were futile as the lightning grew more vivid and the thunderclaps echoed one after another.

In the glare of brilliant flashes which lighted the heavens, the crew began dropping ballast to keep the craft at a high altitude. But the fury of the wind increased and the

Akron continued to drop steadily. Then, when the storm mounted suddenly, a blast of wind ripped along the big envelope, damaging the rudder and causing the stern to dip.

As the crew battled to save the Akron, she hovered at an altitude of about 1,000 feet. Then, she dropped.

The dirigible fell with great rapidity to the water and crumpled as it struck, stern first.

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