

## HAUPTMANN IS 'LADIES' MAN, AND KNOWS IT

Lindbergh Slaying Suspect Leader of German Crowd in Bronx.

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FLEMINGTON, N. J., Jan. 23.—There is a well-founded report to the effect that Bruno Richard Hauptmann was quite a hand with the ladies.

In social circles, where he clanked his Stein on the tables in beer steins and dropped causal hints of Wall Street operation, quiet a few feminine hearts quickened by reason of his favor.

The gay German group which frequented summer beaches in the vicinity of the Bronx, stretched on the sand and indulged in the horseplay of holiday-makers, accepted "Richard" as its leader.

For one thing, he was a spender. And aside from his financial superiority, he had a way with him. Those not admitted to the little circle of which he was the central figure dubbed him an over-bearing bumptious nobody who thought entirely too well of himself and whose ears would have been slapped down were it not for the fact there was something about him that awakened caution even in the hearts of the hardest slapper.

Master of His Household

He had strange dour eyes, a smile that curled into a sneer at the end, and a hard, cruel jaw.

Anne Schoeffler, drab young servant girl, came under the spell of the sullen, swaggering ex-machine gunner, and remains under that spell to this day.

It is common report in the Bronx neighborhood where they dwelt frugally at first, then with a show of prosperity, that the Hauptmanns were far from the typical German harr and Frau who live in closely woven homespun domesticity.

Richard was the master of the household. It was he who drew the family design for living. And he drew it to please his own fancy.

If Richard took notion to disappear from the family life for a day or a week or a month, no questions were asked. When he failed to sit at the family board, Anna Hauptmann ate her meal in loneliness and did not inquire into the wherefore of his absence.

Wanted to Leave Wife

There is no doubt but that when Hauptmann began to regard himself as a man of the world and of Wall Street, he felt that, in marrying the waitress who, at the kindest might be called plain, he has made a regrettable messianic.

"I'd like to get rid of the old girl," he would remark to his intimates late in the evening when the steins had been filled many times and tongues loosened in confidences.

Hauptmann was not unmindful of his attraction for a certain type of woman. He is conscious of it today. There is arrogance in his eyes when he looks at them, when he has caught the sly glances of women he knows—the type that thrills to a heavy hand.

## Mrs. Nicholson Backed by Women in Fight to End Heart Balm Suits

INDIANAPOLIS women today rose to support Mrs. Roberta West Nicholson, Indiana's only woman legislator this term, in her bill, presented in the House of Representatives yesterday, which, if passed, will abolish breach of promise suits and the naming of correspondents except on court order in divorce suits in the state.

Although some doubted the efficacy of the bill, women leaders of various civic and social groups expressed belief that it was in keeping with the position women hold in the world today.

"If our courts were of the same opinion as I am, such a bill would be unnecessary, for breach of promise suits never would receive favorable action in them," Mrs. Lee Burns, Maternal Health League president, said.

"I think such action is unworthy and impossible for an intelligent and thoughtful person. While I disapprove heartily of breach of promise actions, I think it is regrettable that our courts have made it necessary for such a bill to be drawn.

"As to the provision regarding the naming of correspondents in divorce actions, I feel that all divorce cases should be confined to courtrooms. I disapprove of any publicity in connection with them, and feel that they should be as private as marriages. I am in favor of anything that will keep divorce actions within the court-rooms."

APPROVING the bill from a feminine standpoint, Mrs. Marjorie Roemler Kinnaird, young woman attorney, felt, however, that from a legal view it needed some revision.

"While I feel that the bill is designed to take care of very definite abuses, and while I am in favor of it in theory, I can not say that I would be willing to vote for it without some changes. I have not read the bill, and therefore do not feel qualified to give a definite opinion.

"There is no doubt in my mind that 90 per cent of the breach of promise suits filed are uncalled for, and that the majority are nuisance suits, brought to annoy persons and cause them discomfort. But to say that there never should be such a suit filed is making a broad statement.

"Where a woman has gone to considerable expense in preparation for marriage, it seems that there should be some compensation for her in the event of a breach of marriage promise.

"In the provision of the bill for the naming or description of a correspondent in a divorce action, I again feel that this is based on a good theory, though I doubt its practicability," Mrs. Kinnaird said.

"There necessarily would have to be a preliminary hearing before the court could order the naming of a correspondent, and this probably would cause more publicity than the present methods.

"While both provisions are good in theory, I think they would need some revising before I could be fully in favor of them."

TOWNSEND Club to Meet

A mass meeting of the Indianapolis Northwestern Townsend Club No. 1, for the Townsend old-age revolving pension plan, will be held at the St. Paul Methodist Church at 8 tonight.



Miss Mary Renick  
"Not at . . . root of the evil."

### BILL TO CURB JAIL VISITS IS OFFERED

Measure Is Prompted by Dillingler Escape.

More echoes of the "wooden gun" escape from Crown Point were heard in the General Assembly today, when Rep. Floyd L. Roush (D., Lawrenceburg), announced that he would introduce a bill Monday which would prohibit any but attorneys from visiting prisoners in county jails unless a jailer is present.

"The system is so loose now," said Rep. Roush, "that it is an easy matter for any one to slip a gun to a man held in jail. In case of escape of a prisoner, this measure would provide that the responsibility would be placed definitely with one jailer."

Rep. Roush attempted to have this proposed bill added as an amendment to the bill passed yesterday in the lower house which makes escape from any county jail or prison a felony punishable by one to five years in the state prison.

The amendment was defeated yesterday, but it was understood that several majority party leaders will join with Rep. Roush in incorporating the purpose of the amendment in the proposed new bill.

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Unqualified support of the provisions of the bill was expressed by Mrs. James L. Murray, legislative chairman of the Indiana

to give women a much better chance and to keep venom from divorce cases and personal feelings out of court cases."

Miss Hazel Funk, member of the Y. W. C. A. industrial committee and Methodist Episcopal Church secretary for the Detroit area, feels that women should support the bill.

"Both provisions are keeping with the stand women have taken on their position in the world," Miss Funk said. "Women have taken the stand that they are political and social equals of men, and they certainly should approve of such a bill."

Even the younger generation of women approve.

Miss Martha Belle Bond, 846 N. Dearborn-st., president of the Butler University chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, feels that the bill "sounds logical."

"I agree with Mrs. Nicholson that such suits are generally means of extorting money," Miss Bond said.

"If the bill really would abolish the practices of extorting money by due process of law, I would favor it," Miss Mary Elizabeth Renick, 5703 E. Washington-st., Butler University chapter president of Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority, said.

"The bill would provide much needed legislation," Mrs. Clarence I. Finch, Seventh District Federation of Woman's Clubs president, said. "It undoubtedly is designed

### STATE VETERINARIANS HOLD SESSION IN CITY

Three-Day Parley to Be Brought to Close Tomorrow.

Annual convention of the Indiana Veterinary Medical Association will close tomorrow, following a three-day session in the Sevier. Officers are Dr. L. C. Finley, Lapel, president; Dr. F. C. Tucker, Claypool, vice president; and Dr. W. H. Craig, Indianapolis, secretary treasurer.

New members of the board are Dr. J. L. Axby, state veterinarian; Dr. H. M. Hamilton, Muncie, and Dr. D. D. Baker, Wabash.

### HOOSIERS PROTEST U. S. COURT ENTRY

Rogers' Speech Here Stirs Up Opposition.

By Times Special

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Will Rogers visit to Indianapolis is having serious repercussions in the offices of Senators Frederick Van Nuy and Sherman D. Minton.

Both have pledged themselves to vote for United States adherence to the World Court.

Mr. Rogers assailed the court bitterly in his Indianapolis speech and Senator Thomas P. Gore (D., Okla.) had that part of the address read into the Congressional Record as coming from a fellow Oklahoman who feels about the court the same as does the blind Senator.

Meanwhile, telegrams and letters have been pouring into the Hoosier Senators' offices urging them to vote against entry. Added to the Rogers speech was the impetus given by the Sunday radio sermon of Father Charles E. Coughlin, the radio priest of Royal Oak, Mich.

### GROSS INCOME TAX RETURNS SHOW GAIN

47 Per Cent Increase Reported in State for January.

Forty-seven per cent increase in tax collections on annual gross income tax returns thus far in January than for the same period last year, was reported today by Clarence A. Jackson, gross income tax director.

Of the nearly 90,000 returns received, 43,500 have been tabulated, showing collections of \$473,412. Mr. Jackson said he expected a total of more than 300,000 returns by the deadline, Jan. 30, and receipts of about \$4,000,000.

### CROW FEET SUBMITTED BY BARGERSVILLE CLUB

Johnson County Group Takes Lead in State Contest.

The Bargersville Gun Club Johnson County, is the first organization to send in a consignment of crow feet in the crow shooting contest sponsored by the Conservation Department. The club has entered 1024 crow feet toward the January awards.

More than 100 groups are participating. The entry of the Bargersville Club assures them of a choice of quail or pheasants for release in the community.

### VOLUNTEERS OUTLINE REGIONAL PROGRAM

Advancement of Southeastern Regiment Heads Program.

A proposed program for advancement of the Volunteers of America work in the Southeastern Regiment, comprising Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia, will be taken to New York headquarters Tuesday by Col. Earle F. Hites, to be discussed in a conference with national officers. The program was approved at a conference yesterday in the Volunteers' Chapel, 320 N. Illinois-st.

### PWA PROJECTS BEGUN

\$874,000 to Be Expended on Six State Items of Construction.

Construction work on six Public Works Administration projects in Indiana, representing a total expenditure of \$874,000, has been started in the last six weeks, according to an announcement made yesterday by Forest M. Logan, state engineer for the Federal recovery agency.

More than \$9,000,000 has been appropriated for projects already begun or for which approval has been given.

## ELKS-K. OF C. DANCE GROUPS ARE APPOINTED

Joint Committee to Have Charge of Roosevelt Ball Jan. 30.

Committees to arrange the joint Elks and Knights of Columbus balls at the Antlers in honor of President Roosevelt's birthday Jan. 30 were announced today by officials of the two organizations.

The Elks committee includes Tim-othy P. Sexton, chairman; Frank W. Spooner, Courtland C. Cope, Harry S. Sidrow, Frank Krause, Hubert S. Riley, Joseph L. Clarke, Harvey Grabill, James E. Deery, John B. Terhune, L. C. Levering, Thomas L. Hughes, V. M. Armstrong, William E. Clauer, Frank Shellhouse, M. J. Morrissey.

Superior Judge Joseph T. Markey,

Superior Judge Clarence E. Weir, Criminal Judge Frank P. Baker, Owen J. Bush, Sheriff Otto Ray, August Mueller, Fred B. McNeely, Herman Schmitt, George J. Marrott, Harry G. Sergeant, Nathan Wolf, Joseph E. Kernal, Frank B. Flanner, Dr. Charles Myers, Everett Irish, P. C. Reilly and Otto P. Deluse.

The Knights of Columbus Committee includes Willyam J. Greener, chairman; Arthur Irwin, Walter Hertz, Leo Hurley, Theodore Barrett, Frank Langenkamp Jr., Edward Dowd, Robert Minta, John Rocap, John Langan, Vincent Grummel, Dr. Gerald Kiley, John J. Bulger Jr., Frank McHugh, George Rice, Maurice Fitzgerald, Raymond McManus, John McCann, James Collins, George Hoffman, William Schnorr, Louis Dugan, James E. Gavin, Amandus Schneider, C. P. Erich, Harry E. Calland and William Hanley.

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## BOY SCOUTS TO AID IN CLOTHING DRIVE

Enlist as Collectors for Red Cross.

Indianapolis Boy Scouts have been authorized by F. O. Belzer, Scout executive, to assist the Red Cross in the collection of 100,000 garments in the city-wide movement to save old clothes for needy families. Scouts were to start their work today.

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