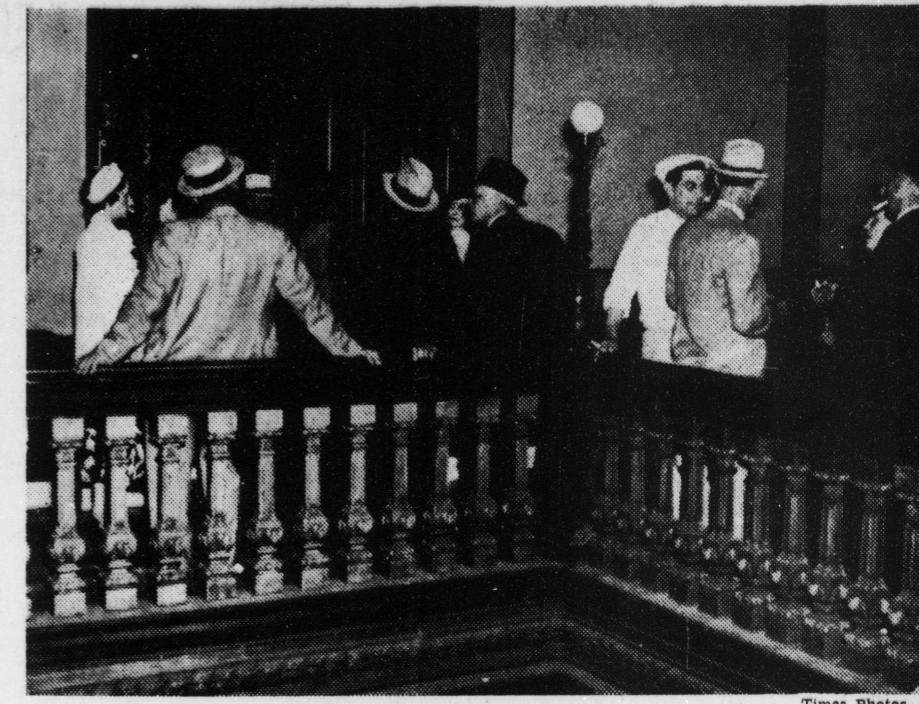




Judge Herbert E. Wilson, Superior Court 5, grants a divorce to one of the 375 divorce plaintiffs being heard this week.



At the same time, Laurens L. Henderson, judge pro tem., hears another divorce case in Judge Wilson's private office, to speed up the trials.



A crowd of divorce witnesses wait their turn in trials held at the rate of about one every five minutes.

## RIOT WITNESS DENIES POLICE DEFENSE PLEA

Chicago Pickets Clubbed by Officers, Reporter Tells Senators.

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looked particularly for them among about 1000 marchers. He estimated that 10 per cent of the demonstrators were women.

Instead of marching with the "military precision" described by police witnesses, the demonstrators walked "like picketers," Beck said. He did not hear any singing the "International." Community anthem, as alleged by the police. He heard only a chant, "C. I. O. C. I. O." One policeman had said the strikers were so loud and hysterical that he believed some were Marijuana cigarette addicts, and that others had been drinking.

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in many cases—about 40 he thought—carried white hatchet handles, similar to those carried by Republic Steel's hired guards.

Kilroy "apparently convinced" the crowd's leaders, he said. Then "some one back among the strikers threw a tree branch into the police. About eight police said, 'Watch out!'

"I heard a shot fired behind me," Beck said. "I saw a policeman with his revolver aimed in the air. Then I heard three more shots, and there came a rain of rocks and clubs. The strikers ran. The police around me drew guns and fired. Those in the back ranks into the air, those in the front directly into the crowd."

"The mob broke and ran, took their revolvers back into their holsters and started to work with clubs."

"Did you see police using clubs on marchers?" La Follette asked.

### Denies Clubs Used

"Yes, I did."

"Were the marchers using clubs?"

"No, they were trying to get away—trying to protect themselves."

"Did the police continue to club marchers after they were on the ground?" (Newsphotos have showed such incidents.)

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## WPA WORKERS JOIN GRASSHOPPER FIGHT

Insects Devastate Eastern Colorado Plains.

By United Press

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., July 2.—Grimy, bewept and weary men fought a "last stand" today against the disastrous march of the greatest grasshopper invasion which had struck Colorado in 40 years.

Approximately 2000 WPA workers joined the legions of farmers, National Guardsmen, soil conservation service, state highway employees and CCC boys in the fields. The heaving mass of insects has laid bare nearly 20,000 square miles of eastern Colorado plains land.

In response to an emergency plea, Federal authorities at Washington released \$200,000 to bolster the weakening ranks of hopper warriors.

Federal project workers were ordered to abandon present activities and join in the eradication of the insects, which threatened crops and homes.

Governor Ammons announced a state of emergency and sent National Guard troops to aid the farmers.

Sam C. McCampbell, Colorado State College entomologist, said it was only a matter of hours until the young grasshoppers will have developed wings and will begin to leave the country by air—to ravage crops in other vicinities and reproduce in even greater numbers.

Eggs laid by the hoppers last fall hatched nearly a hundred per cent, producing young at the astounding figure of an average 257 insects to the square foot.

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