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WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (U. P.)—A series of experiments had shown it to be "highly probable" that infantile paralysis virus is spread through insects, particularly flies. —Charles T. Brues, writing in the magazine *Science*, reported today

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HEAR LAST PLEA IN INGALLS CASE

Jurors to Decide Today
Whether She Was Nazi
Agent or 'Mata Hari.'

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (U. P.)—A district court jury decides today whether 38-year-old Laura Ingalls was a Nazi propaganda agent or just an over-imaginative woman who wanted to be "the sort of Mata Hari" in her country's behalf.

The bob-haired filer faces a possible maximum penalty, if the jury decides against her, of eight to 24 months in prison and a \$1000 fine for failing to register with the State Department. The jury heard final arguments today.

Miss Ingalls admitted she offered her services to Dr. Hans Thomsen, German charge d'affaires; Fritz Wiedeman, former German consul at San Francisco, and Baron Ulrich von Gienanth, second secretary of the German embassy and reputed head of Gestapo agents in the United States.

Claims Loyalty to U. S.

But, she contended, she made isolationist speeches at Von Gienanth's direction and received payments totaling \$400 from him only because she wanted to investigate the Germans and see if they were engaged in subversive activities.

"I have a strong imagination," Miss Ingalls testified. "I saw myself as a sort of Mata Hari, an international spy, and I wanted to serve my country. I was fascinated."

According to her own story, Miss Ingalls served the Germans for 51 days. She was arrested Dec. 17.

The dynamic and volatile filer, who used to be a concert pianist, nurse and Spanish dancer, explained that she had always admired the FBI and had tried three times to get a job as its first and only woman operative. She was rejected, however, and decided to "go it alone."

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Wrote Often to Thomsen

Her only purpose, she insisted, was to find out whether the Germans were, as "British propaganda" accused them of being, menaces to the United States.

"I felt," Miss Ingalls testified, "that if I could appeal emotionally to them as a woman I could find out more than the FBI."

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Youngsters Run City and State for Hour



Things were quiet in the office of the Indianapolis Chief of Police when this picture was taken. But you never can tell what a phone call will bring, so Boy Scout John Milan, who was acting Chief, answered it, while Chief Morrissey looked on.

SCOUTS CLIMAX ANNIVERSARY

Boys Get Real Thrills as They Occupy Seats of the Mighty.

Seekers for political favor would have been nonplussed had they gone to the offices of the various heads of state and municipal offices today, for strange faces looked from the seats of the mighty.

The faces were those of young, eager Americans, Boys Scouts, who took a lively interest in the workings of their various offices.

The wholesale switch of offices served as a climax to Boy Scout Week, during which the activities of the country's future leaders have been noted by an interested public.

The top man of the state for awhile today was Robert Beam, an Eagle Scout, who lives at 1062 W. 32d St. Governor Schriener sat at his desk, but didn't interfere with "Governor" Beam's administration.

An Hour Is Enough

Confidentially, Governor Beam said that he was glad that his term of office was to last only an hour. "It's too tough for a steady job," he said.

Mayor Sullivan's place was taken by Charles Miller, who lives at 733 N. Wallace. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett Miller, came to visit him in his office, but he was pretty busy making phone calls to his fellow officeholders.

"This is swell," Mayor Miller said, when asked how he liked his job—"I'd like to be the real mayor!"

Intrigued by Radio

The thing that impressed Don Krogel, Shelbyville, who was for an hour or so director of Safety for Indiana in place of Don F. Stiver, was the use of radio in the State Police Department.

Philip Sheridan, Troop 72, who in everyday life is a freshman at Central High School of Lawrence County, found himself the superintendent of Indianapolis Public Schools.

Other scouts who held offices were: Jerry Heater, Troop 91, Sheriff; Richard Goldstein, Troop 78, Lieutenant Governor; John Moore, Troop 202, Shelbyville, Director of the State Board of Health; John Dan, Troop 53, Postmaster of Indianapolis, and Federal Judge Hal Silver, Troop 19, and Ballif of Federal Court, John Driver, Troop 43.

Also Act as Judges

Municipal judges were: Frank Stafford, Troop 6, and James Keilam, Troop 66. Deputy sheriffs were Richard Finley, Troop 60, and Alex Wefisch, Troop 68.

Joseph Milan, Troop 14, took the place of the police chief, William Brandon, Troop 41, was fire chief, and William Blackburn, Troop 61, acted as Gamewell operator.

Scouts who held offices in Beech Grove were Ernest Smith, mayor; Richard Green, clerk and treasurer; James Roberts, fire chief; Paul Thompson and William Doig, fire captains; Leon Wolfgangton, police officer; Richard Wise, city attorney; Morris Boles, street commissioner; Clarence Sherer, park commissioner, and Marvin Hendricks, John Plymate, William Chappell, Charles Bastian, James Petersen, Charles West and Robert Todd, member of the city council.

ARMY TIRE THIEF SOUGHT

FT. WAYNE, Ind., Feb. 13 (U. P.)—Police here today had added incentive for finding a thief who recently picked up a tire and wheel after it dropped from an Army truck and hurried away with them. Army officials disclosed that, under Army rules, the soldier in charge of the truck must make good the loss, which will be about \$21, one month's pay.

Sheriff Jerry Heater, who in private life is an Eagle Scout, posed with the sure-enough Sheriff, Al Feeney.

WOMEN SEEK FARM JOBS TURLOCK, Cal. (U. P.)—Women in this agricultural area have expressed willingness to harvest

crops in order to aid in food production. They are discussing the possibility of adding tractor-driving to their farm duties.

Smolensk Is Objective as Soviet Follows Up Gains

LONDON, Feb. 13 (U. P.)—The Red Army offensive was reported today to have smashed German heavy tank counter-attacks and rolled westward into White Russia in a drive that bent enemy lines back almost 400 miles from Moscow.

Russian war dispatches said the Soviet forces had battled their way into White Russia, the westernmost territory invaded by the Germans, at an unspecified point and British Exchange Telegraph Agency on the central front, where the key town of Smolensk is the chief Soviet objective.

The Russians also reported new gains on both flanks of the central front, including advances in the Leningrad and Kharkov areas, where Moscow dispatches said that guerrillas and Red Army forces had captured a number of towns and annihilated at least 3000 enemy troops in four engagements.

The Red Army re-entry into

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Invaders Return After Defeat To New Battle in Paan Sector

RANGOON, Feb. 13 (U. P.)—British army headquarters reported tonight that a new and heavy battle is raging in the critical Paan sector of the Salween River front and that the situation is obscure.

The new battle is being fought in the area where yesterday the army reported Japanese forces had been badly defeated and put to flight by British troops which inflicted heavy

casualties on the invaders.

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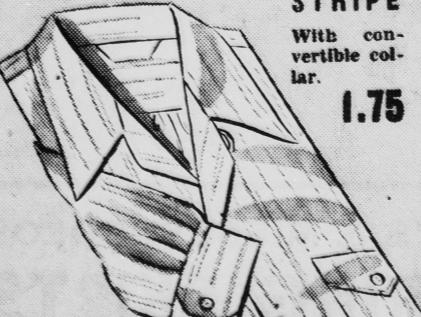
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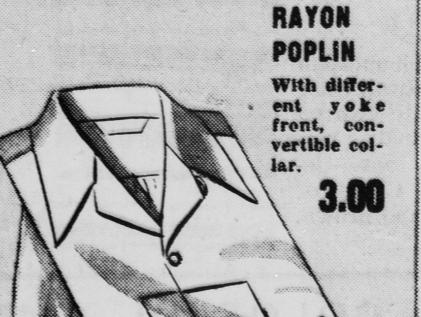
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