

\$600,000 Fire Sweeps Climax Machinery Co. Plant on E. Morris St.



Twisted girders, machines and metal stock are all that remain today of the Climax Machinery Co. shops, 121-125 E. Morris st.

STEPHENSON IN NEW PLEADING

Fights Attempt to Move Him to Michigan City.

NOBLESVILLE, July 27 (U.P.)—D. C. Stephenson, former Ku Klux Klan grand dragon and "The Law in Indiana," today branded the state's attempt to return him to the Michigan City prison as a "brutal hoax."

Stephenson, held in the Noblesville jail since Feb. 23, filed a second pleading for a new trial yesterday before Hamilton Circuit Judge Cassius M. Gentry. Atty. Gen. James A. Emmert seeks to have him returned to prison.

The former Klansman is acting as his own attorney in his 12th attempt to gain freedom from a life sentence imposed in 1925 for the murder of Madge Oberholtzer of Indianapolis. He was held here pending a court decision.

Testimony "Lost"

He charged in his new pleadings that Emmert had no authority to act as a prosecuting attorney in the case. Emmert previously had charged that the former Klan dragon was being allowed undue privileges at the Noblesville jail.

Stephenson also alleged that a "political murder" of a 25-year-old woman in 1925 had prevented certain testimony in his original trial.

He said that the death of Edith Irene Dean, whose body was found near the railroad tracks in Castleton in July, 1925, showed evidences of "foul play." He cited a verdict of the Hamilton county coroner, C. M. Coaltrin, to that effect.

Stephenson said that Miss Dean was en route to Noblesville to talk with him at the time of her death.

REPORTS ROBBERY; 3 SUSPECTS HELD

Three women and a man got out of a car early today at Senate ave. and North st. to rob James Reis, Anderson, of \$175, his billfold and driver's license, he told police.

Police later arrested two women and two men as suspects on charges of vagrancy.

War Production Here Crippled

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other material. The output of civilian material includes meat slicing machines.

Firemen poured water from 15 lines and nine pumpers into the flaming buildings. Heavy smoke which blanketed the area hampered fire fighters, and a strong wind carried flames over the acre of buildings.

Train Is Grandstand

Six squads of police were called out to control spectators and aid firemen. Hundreds of watchers climbed the Pennsylvania railroad elevated tracks which overlook the plant and used a section train parked there as a grandstand.

An entire section crew was asleep in approximately 18 railroad bunk cars parked on the elevated section. At one time was feared the intense heat might set the train afire before it could be moved.

The moving of the train was slowed up by the spectators who were perched all over the cars by the time a locomotive had arrived to pull the train away.

To Continue Production

In addition to the loss of machinery owned by the company, machinists employed there lost hundreds of dollars worth of their own tools in the blaze. The buildings which were listed as totally destroyed included the inspection, engineering assembly room and ovens, packing, screw machine, and sheet metal divisions.

The president of the firm said the plant will continue production by utilizing other units to which many of its government contracts are subleased.

SCHEDULE BALL GAME

The Junior Odd Fellows of Beech Grove are planning to play an exhibition baseball game for the residents of the I. O. O. F. home at Greensburg. Boys interested will practice at 6 p. m. Monday. Boys over 12, who are not members of the order, may play.

PATROL PLANS PARTY

The Ladies Shrine Patrol will sponsor its annual card party at 1:30 p. m. Tuesday at the Food Craft shop.

ASKS CHARTER VOTE SATURDAY

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Barkley Calls for Speed in Ratification.

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Blast Jap Hope For Soft Peace

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America and Britain. Or of fundamental differences between China, America and Britain over the peace to be imposed upon Japan after victory.

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SEVEN LOCAL MEN GIVEN DISCHARGES

Seven Indianapolis men have been discharged from Camp Atterbury under the army's plan of releasing men with 85 or more points. One local officer has reverted to inactive service.

The men discharged under the point system are S. Sgt. Allen P. Kashner, 936 Pleasant Run pkwy.; S. Sgt. Harold B. Mills, 24 Jenny Lane; Sgt. Verlie H. Crays, 1241 S. Belmont st.; Pfc. Clarence A. Litsler, 230 N. Oxford st.; T. 4th Gr. Oral L. Sowers, 705 Durgin st.; T. 3d Gr. Robert F. Durgin, 919 Elm st., and M. Sgt. George N. Norman, 1117 Olive st.

Maj. Edwin J. Haerle, 2049 N. Capitol ave., has reverted to inactive status, subject to recall.

SUB SHELLING REPORTED

SAN FRANCISCO, July 27 (U.P.)—An allied submarine shelled Kinkazan island off Honshu, some 200 miles north of Tokyo, the Japanese radio reported today in a broadcast heard by United Press.

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Hoosier Heroes—

MARINE FROM HERE KILLED

Fatality Occurs in Action on Okinawa.

Today's casualties include another Hoosier marine as killed in action on Okinawa.

KILLED

Marine Pfc. James (Buddy) Morgan, nephew of Mrs. Everett Galloway, 16 Plum st., lost his life June 3, on Okinawa.

Pvt. Morgan was fighting with the 7th Marine division, and had been in service a year and one-half. Surviving besides the aunt, are three uncles, Sam Perkins and Moses Perkins, Washington, and Pvt. Louis Perkins, with the army in France, and another aunt, Mrs. Omar Edwards, Washington.

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