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D. B. HUNT GETS 4 YEAR IN PRISON

Hammond Man Confesses to
Perjury on Witness Stand
in Federal Court After
Jury Finds Him Guilty,
and Court Is Astonished.

HIS FAITHFUL WIFE IN BAD CONDITION

Dramatic Trial of Ex-Mailcarrier
Who Robbed Frank S. Betz Com-
pany of Hammond, Takes Place at
Indianapolis Today, and as Result
Mrs. D. B. Hunt Is Overcome.

(BY STAFF CORRESPONDENT.)
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., DEC. 10.—IN
ONE OF THE MOST PITIFUL AND
DRAMATIC TRIALS EVER HELD IN
A UNITED STATES FEDERAL COURT,
IN THIS OR ANY OTHER CITY, DAN-
IEL B. HUNT, OF HAMMOND, WAS
FOUND GUILTY OF ROBBERY THE
UNITED STATES MAILED AND SEN-
TENCED TO FOUR YEARS' IMPRISON-
MENT, AT HARD LABOR, IN THE
GOVERNMENT PRISON AT FORT
LEAVENWORTH, KAN. A UNITED
STATES MARSHAL WILL TAKE MR.
HUNT TO PRISON TO BEGIN THE
SERVICE OF HIS SENTENCE TO-
MORROW.

TRIAL FULL OF TRAGEDY.
The trial was full of tragic surprises
and the Hammond people who were
in attendance at the trial were
dumbfounded at the incidents that
followed each other in the law-
aver's scenes. The episode of the trial
without a parallel. After ascertaining
that he was innocent and being tried
on that plea, the prisoner turned
around and confessed that he was
guilty.

WIFE IS PROSTRATED.
Nothing but the most heartfelt com-
passion was felt for the faithful wife,
who is in a critical condition as a
result of the trial. Of course, she believed
in her husband's innocence, and when
Hunt confessed his guilt Mrs. Hunt
lost control of herself and it took many
to hold her. Her condition is very se-
rious, and the physician who was called
to attend the stricken woman is much
worried about the outcome of the case.

LIST OF WITNESSES IN CASE.
The case was called at 9:20 this morn-
ing in the United States Federal court,
with His Honor Judge A. B. Anderson
on the bench. Those who appeared in
the case were: Messrs. W. H. Goslin,
Albert Maack and Inspector Burr of Ft.
Wayne for the government, and Messrs.
Devlin, Murphy and Hunt of Ham-
mond for the defense. Attorney J. K.
Stinson of Hammond defended Hunt,
and United States Attorneys Keating
and Nichols appeared for the prosecu-
tion.

VERDICT WAS GUILTY.
The testimony against Hunt was very
black and it was hard to see how Hunt
could clear himself. He did not throw
himself on the mercy of the court but
swore that he was innocent. The trial
lasted two hours and the jury was out
only five minutes. When they filed into
the jury box the foreman, on being asked
by Judge Anderson whether or not
they had decided on a verdict, the fore-
man declared, "We have. Guilty."

CONFERRED TO PERJURY.
Then came the dramatic part of the
trial. On being asked why sentence
should not be passed upon him, Hunt
rose and Judge Anderson began to
quiz him. Then, to the amazement
of the court and the great surprise of
Attorney Stinson, who believed the pris-
oner innocent, Hunt broke down and
confessed that he had perjured himself
on the witness stand and had stolen
the money from the letters.

The stern features of Judge Ander-
son hardened and he immediately
passed sentence on Hunt, making his
punishment at four years in the federal
prison. Hunt seemed dazed and stood
like a statue with the blanching pallor
of death upon his features. Then his
wife lost control of herself and the pit-
iful scene followed. United States Com-
missioner Charles L. Surridge of Ham-
mond was not called upon to testify.

DR. T. W. OBERLIN IS REAPPOINTED TO THE JOB

The county commissioners, who were
in session during the first part of the
week, re-appointed Dr. T. W. Oberlin
of Hammond as secretary of the county
board of health.
Attorney Brandenburg of Hammond,
being the only applicant for the posi-
tion, was appointed to defend the poor
in the Lake superior and the lower
courts of Hammond.
Charles Martin was appointed to de-
fend the poor in the circuit court at
Crown Point. The commissioners will
meet tomorrow for the transaction of
considerable business.

PITIFUL CASE OF POVERTY FOUND BY THE POLICE

Local Authorities Find Family of Ben Huckelberg In Destitute Circum-
stances at His Home Today and Will Have Out Warrant
for Arrest of Man Who Neglects Family.

The attention of the police was called
to a most pitiful case of poverty and
neglect when Officer Hanlon was sent
to investigate the condition of Mrs.
Ben. Huckelberg, 407 Thornton ave-
nue, and found a poor overworked wo-
man and her five children living in the
basement of a house without even the
bare necessities of life. The husband
is a worthless fellow who spends most
of his earnings in the neighboring sal-
oons and does not seem to care what
becomes of his family.

He Will Be Arrested.
Chief of Police Rimbach stated today
that he would have a warrant issued
for his arrest on the charge of non-
support and it is likely that Ben. Huc-
kelberg will be arrested before the day
is over and will be brought to the po-
lice station where he will be compelled
to give an account of himself.

When Officer Hanlon went to the
Huckelberg place of residence he found
a revolting condition of affairs. The
door to the basement where Mrs. Huc-
kelberg and her five little children live
was standing open for the reason that
it is impossible to close it, except from
within. There were cracks in the
walls where the cold wind whistled
through and the partition in the partly
underground apartments were of
matched boards.

All of the food in the house con-
sisted of a pot of beans which one of
the neighbors gave the poor woman. It
is understood that she and her little
children would have suffered greatly by
the cold if it had not been for the fact
that some of the officials of the Erie
Coal Storage plant gave her a supply
of fuel.

Children Crying for Food.
Last week after receiving his wages
Ben. Huckelberg went away Saturday

DRUNK WHILE WIFE IS DEAD IN HOUSE

Shocking Case of Neglect Is
Reported to the Local
Police.

GIRL INSULTED BY A MAN HE LEAVES A SMALL FORTUNE

Reveal in Home Where Death Had
Claimed the Mother of
Five Children.

With the dead body of his wife in
the house awaiting burial and six lit-
tle children, ranging from 13 years to
20 months in age, in sole charge of
the place, Fritz Klemm of Robertdale
came home intoxicated with a friend
and the two men held high carnival in
the place all last night, according to
the police.

During the evening the little 13-
year-old daughter of Fritz Klemm was
subjected to many indignities by her
father's friend and the situation be-
came so serious today that the neigh-
bors called up the police station and
reported the matter.

Officer Hohman was detailed to make
an investigation and he reported that
conditions were as bad, if not worse,
than the neighbors had pictured them.
The little 13-year-old girl had taken
complete charge of the place and she
was doing the best she could to keep
the house warm by keeping up the fire
in the stove.
The mother's death had been reported
by Mr. Klemm to Undertaker Hell-
wig and the deceased woman had been
properly laid out. According to the po-
lice the father seemed to think that his
responsibilities ended there and he went
off on a drunk.

When he came back last evening
there was a wild fight in store for the
little 13-year-old girl and her brood
of brothers and sisters. She was re-
peatedly accepted by the man whom
the father had brought home with him
and was greatly annoyed by his ac-
tions.

Mrs. Fritz Klemm was formerly a
school teacher, and is said to be the
daughter of well-to-do parents. She
died at 2 p. m. yesterday after a linger-
ing sickness from tuberculosis. Mr.
Fritz Klemm is a boiler-maker, but he
has not been working much lately.
A policeman was placed in charge of
the house and he will watch it until
the father recovers from his intoxicated
condition and is able to look after his
six motherless children.

LAKE SUPERIOR COURT.
New Cases.
5262. Alexander Leshmowski vs. Illinoi
Steel Co. Personal injury.
5263. Ira C. Gardner vs. Albert
Maack. Injunction.
5264. Otto Fieblekom vs. William
Koch and Julius Koch. Civil.
5265. John O. Bowers vs. Ernest L.
Shorridge. Civil.
5266. Charles Forsythe vs. Thomas
Johansen. Foreclosure of mechanic's
lien.

WANTS TO COLONIZE THE COURTS

East Chicago Lawyer, in In-
terview With Times Man,
Thinks That His City
Should Have Superior
Court Instead of Gary.

COMPLAINS OF BAD TRAIN SERVICE

Abe Ottenheimer Points Out the Need
of Shocking Accommodations Be-
tween Crown Point and Northern
Part of Lake County and Would
Like to See a Noon Train.

(Special to the Times.)
East Chicago, Ind., Dec. 10.—Attorney
Abe Ottenheimer, one of the best-known
practitioners of the Lake county bar,
is in favor of colonizing the courts of
Lake county at Hammond, with a con-
tinuous superior court of two judges.
This he believes would eliminate all
the heavy filing in any one court and
would satisfy the majority of the Lake
county attorneys.

"I am against giving Gary a court,"
said Mr. Ottenheimer to a Times' reporter
yesterday, "for the reason that the
town is yet young and we cannot know
just what Gary will be in the future. If
the additional court, which is almost
inevitable, is to be moved from Ham-
mond I am in favor of bringing it to
East Chicago." This city, Mr. Otten-
heimer believes, is so centrally located
that it can be easily reached from ev-
ery other city in Lake county and
would thus be an advantageous location
for any court house.

Really Proper Place.
"Hammond is really the proper place
for our courts. If we had an addi-
tional court in that city it could easily
take care of the heaviest grist of cases
on any day. It is now necessary to
handle cases in three courts in three
different cities—Crown Point, Ham-
mond and Valparaiso. Were we to
have a court at Gary it would be
almost impossible for an attorney of
any reputable practice to handle his
cases without suffering default on cer-
tain unlooked-for occasion," explained
the local attorney.

Criticizes Train Service.
Mr. Ottenheimer believes that a great
deal more business would be filed at
Crown Point, thus equalizing the ten-
sion, were some effort made to secure
a noon train out of the Hub. "One
day last week," he related, "it was
necessary for me to file a motion, the
filing taking but five minutes. I ar-
rived in Crown Point after 9 o'clock,
was through with my business at 9:30
o'clock and was compelled to wait for
a train back to Hammond at 4:15
o'clock." This is a new wrinkle in the
mooted court question and one which
it would pay attorneys to consider.
Some action should be taken to secure
better railroad service between Ham-
mond and the Point, and Mr. Otten-
heimer voiced the sentiments of a great
many local attorneys when he urged
THE TIMES to advocate such an addi-
tion to railroad services.

Mr. Ottenheimer does not believe the
change of location in the county seat
would be a wise move at this time, on
account of the recent \$100,000 improve-
ments made to the county buildings.
This change may take place at some
far distant date, but for many years
to come, he believes Crown Point should
be maintained as the county seat. Mr.
Ottenheimer is the local member of
the legislative committee of the Lake
County Bar association, and even a
brief talk with him will convince his
listener that Hammond is the proper
place for the new court and that if any
change is to be made East Chicago,
and not Gary, should be given its ben-
efit.

Saved a Fisherman's Fortune.
For years he held forth in a fisher-
man's hut at the mouth of Wolf river,
where it entered the lake, and
thousands of people have had occasion
to visit the old man. They were natu-
rally attracted by his simplicity and
his quiet life, but few had the privilege
of his confidence. He treated all his
visitors with the same kindness, nev-
er forgetting that his main occupa-
tion was that of renting boats and
fishing tackle. For many years he
himself followed the fortunes of the
hook and line, but the growing years
deprived him of this pleasure for a
livelihood and he then began renting
out his boats.
His wants were few and owing to his
frugality he is said to have laid aside
what may be termed a fortune for a
fisherman. The \$9,000 or \$10,000 which
he is said to have possessed are said
to be have been willed by him to his
niece in Chicago.

Some time ago he was taken to the
Wesleyan hospital, where he died last
Monday, he having suffered greatly with
internal tumors. Charles Kreuter was
a native of Germany, but has spent
more than a half century in the Calumet
region alone.
He was an uncle of Attorney Kreuter,
now dead, who in the early days of
Hammond, acted as its city attorney.

TAKE THE TIMES AND GET MORE
HAMMOND NEWS PRINTED THAN IN
AND HAMMOND PAPER, MORE EAST
CHICAGO NEWS THAN PRINTED IN
ANY EAST CHICAGO PAPER AND
MORE GARY NEWS THAN PRINTED
IN ANY GARY PAPER. THE ONLY
PAPER THAT PRINTS THE COUNTY
NEWS.

BUSINESS MEN WILL HOLD IMPORTANT MEETING TONIGHT

Question of Cheaper Insurance Will Be One of the Vital Issues Consid-
ered at the Gathering and Inspector Will Confer With
the Business Men's Association of This City.

Probably the most important meet-
ing of the Hammond Business Men's
association that has ever been held is
scheduled for this evening at 8 p. m.
in the rooms of the Lake superior court.
Letters have been sent out to all of
the members with an urgent request
that they be present and participate in
the discussion of the several important
matters which will come before the
organization.

Among the important matters which
will come up for consideration will be:
(a) The readjustment of fire insur-
ance rates.
(b) The pure food and industrial
show.

(c) The merchant's platform re-
garding the state administration.
(d) The report of delegates to the
State Federation of Commercial Clubs.
It will be seen that these matters are
very important to the business men of
the city. They are matters which will
require their immediate attention.

Important Feature of Meeting.
Probably the most important feature
of the meeting will be the presence of
W. P. Kelly, the state insurance inspec-
tor of Indiana, who will be ready to
hear Hammond's complaint regarding
the necessity for a readjustment of the
cities insurance rates to correspond
to the lessened risk resulting from the
organization of so many new depart-
ments in the city.

The pure food and industrial show,
which is projected, is one of the things
which, if carried into execution, would
go a long way towards developing a
spirit of civic pride which is more evi-
dent in all of the other cities of the
Calumet region than it is in Hammond.
The merchant's platform is one which
calls for reform in certain administra-
tive circles. It calls for economy in

EXPLOSION CALLS OUT THE FIREMEN

Gasoline Lamp in Kammerer
Saloon Makes Some
Trouble.

POSTER GETS A BED SCARE

Flames Are Extinguished, However,
With But Little Effort by
the Department.

Another explosion of the new gaso-
line light in the saloon owned by Mr.
Blasius Kammerer and located at the
northeast corner of State and Hobman
streets was the cause of a run by the
fire department and some hurried work
by the firemen before the flames which
were burning inside of a partition
near the gas tank were extinguished.

The trouble happened at about 5:30
when a negro porter went to generate
the gas for the lights. He did not
understand the mechanism of the gaso-
line plant and instantly there was a
tongue of flame several feet long shot
down from each of the gasoline lamps.

Porter Almost Turns White.
The proprietor of the place was
frightened and ordered the porter to
turn off the gasoline. This was not ac-
complished before the wooden partition,
next to the tank where the gas is
manufactured, became ignited and it
was necessary to call the fire depart-
ment.

It did not take long for the firemen
to extinguish the flames, but the prop-
rietor of the place was compelled to
go all evening with practically no light
and his place was deserted as a result.

SHORTTRIDGE AND BOWERS. IN A FRIENDLY SUIT.

Case Is Begun with the Idea that Court
Could Make an Entry of the
Matter.

Judge John O. Bowers has brought
a friendly suit in the Lake superior
court against County Clerk Ernest
Shortridge, in which he will attempt to
establish his right and claim to a cer-
tain place of property.

The case was started so that the
court could make an entry in the mat-
ter and establish the claim of the plain-
tiff.
NELSON TO REFEREE
WEST HAMMOND FIGHT.
Battling Nelson will referee the
Frankie White-Danny Goodman fight
at West Hammond tonight. Goodman
and White wound up their training
yesterday and both are confident of
coming home with the big end of the
purse. A special train to the arena
will leave the LaSalle street station at
5:30 p. m.
The Battler will also cover the fight
THIS TIME.

OFFICIALS DENY THE RUMORS

Report from Pittsburg Says
That U. S. Steel Corpora-
tion Has Closed Deal For
Pressed Steel and Stand-
ard Steel Car Stories.

CHAIRMAN E. H. GARY LAUGHS AT STORY

Knapp, Haynie & Campbell of Chi-
cago Doubt Whether Such Nego-
tiations Are Even Contemplated,
and Hammond Officials Do Not
Know Anything of It.

(Special to the Times.)
New York, Dec. 10.—A Pittsburg pa-
per this morning published a story to
the effect that the United States Steel
Corporation has closed a deal by which
it acquires a controlling interest in
the Pressed Steel Car company and the
Standard Steel Car company.

(Special to the Times.)
New York City, Dec. 10.—When the
attention of E. H. Gary, chairman of
the United States Steel Corporation,
was called to the report from Pitts-
burg as to the Pressed Steel and Stand-
ard Steel Car deal he said: "There
is nothing in the idea at all."

Chicago, Dec. 10.—When asked if the
report, printed in a Pittsburg paper,
to the effect that the United States
Steel company has purchased the
Pressed Steel Car company and the
Standard Steel Car company was true
Attorney K. K. Knapp of the firm of
Knapp, Haynie & Campbell, United
States Steel company's attorneys, stated
that he had not heard of any such deal
and that he thought he would have
been advised of any such transaction
if it had taken place.

Mr. Knapp said further that he
thought it very improbable that any
such deal had even been contemplated.
"The United States Steel company is
not in the business of manufacturing
steel cars and I do not believe it pro-
poses to engage in that business," said
Mr. Knapp.

"I was in New York last week," he
continued, "and I did not hear a word
of any such deal or that negotiations
of that nature were being carried on.
I do not place any credence in the re-
port."

"Such a deal would involve the own-
ership of the local plant of the Stand-
ard Steel Car company, but Hammond
people need not fear that its largest
industry is to be gobbled up by the
United States Steel Corporation.

The stories which have been sent broadcast
are regarded as pure dope and very
poor dope at that. They are not credit-
ed in any circles where people are at
all well informed on the subject."

It was impossible to secure either
the confirmation or the denial of the
story here at the Hammond plant of
the Standard Steel Car company today.

SEVENTEEN A REVEILED

Hammond Girl Among Num-
ber Received Into Order
of Providence.

Seventeen young girls among Miss
Anna Gerva of Hammond received the
veil of the Sisters of the Order of
Providence last Tuesday on the feast of
the Immaculate Conception at St.
Mary's of the Woods at Terre Haute.
The usual solemnity reigned at the
academy, the investiture being an an-
nual event taking place on the feast
of the Immaculate Conception.
Among the other Indiana girls who
were invested were: Nora Donahue
of Logansport, who is now Sister Rose
Pauline; Lucille Ready of Indianapolis,
now Sister Frances; Frances Klumppa
of Jasper, now Sister Roberta Marie;
Florence Himmelschaffer of Terre
Haute, now Sister Florence Marie.
Miss Gerva of Hammond is now Sis-
ter Benedict.
Preceding the high mass, the sev-
enteen postulants, gown'd as brides in
white robes, with wreaths and veils,
marched slowly to the chapel for the
ceremony of investiture. Leaving the
chapel they returned after a brief ab-
sence, attired in the religious habit.
The day also marked the close of the
thirty day retreat observed by the nuns
who have been ten years in the order,
and on this feast take their perpetual
vows.