

went to the Lehmann house with Peconlas once.

All asked for jury trials and hearings were set for March 29.

"The police tell a story of Peconlas inducing the little girl to pose nude for him," said Ass't State's Atty Kadow, who is handling the prosecution.

MRS. LANINSKI SUES SLEUTHS FOR TREATMENT TO SON

Mrs. Jennie Laninski, 5533 S. Winchester av., mother of Percival Laninski, 18, the youth whose name was implicated in the Fred Higgins murder near Hammond, today in superior court filed suit for \$10,000 against Det. Serg't Duffy, Geo. Remus is her attorney.

Mrs. Laninski says her son was taken into custody Monday by Dets. Duffy and Wm. McCarthy of First Deputy Westbrook's office and was illegally held at the 50th st. station, where he was beaten and otherwise roughly handled in an attempt to make him tell when his mother had bought the car in which Higgins is supposed to have ridden before his death.

NET AROUND HIGGINS' SLAYER CLOSING UP

Detectives Paul Duffy and William McCarthy predicted the arrest of the murderer of Fred Higgins today. A police net was said to be closing on the alleged slayer during the early hours of the morning; if the suspect is caught, the police were expected to hide him, so as to get plenty of time for a rigid cross-examination.

Higgins was found dead by a roadside near Hammond, with a bullet through his head fired from behind. The police have traced a stolen auto in which the shooting was supposed to have been done.

Cincinnati, O.—Ohio river reached stage of 51 feet, one foot above flood stage, early today. Rise continuing.

FISHER TRACTION BILLS HIT BY GREATER CHI. FED.

The Greater Chicago Federation, made up of North-west Side merchants and professional men, sent a written protest to the state legislature today asking that the Walter Fisher traction bills be turned down in that body.

The reason set forth in their plea are:

That the bills seek to take away from the people the right of frontage consent.

That no public hearings have been given at which the propositions could be discussed.

That the bills provide for subways which were defeated at the polls three years.

That the Chicago Traction and Subway Commission report on which the bills were drawn is not yet completed.

That the scheme presented does not better traction facilities for the entire city.

That the bills provide for a franchise of more than 20 years.

And that the present ordinance of 1907 has ten more years to run.

CHINA BREAKS WITH GERMANY — SEIZES SHIPS

Washington, March 14. — Diplomatic relations between China and Germany were broken by China today, according to an official message to the navy dep't.

The Chinese government has seized all German merchant vessels, about six in number, in Shanghai harbor and the crews have been sent ashore. Armed guards have been placed aboard the vessels.

DEATH NEAR FOR WATERMAN

Former Judge Arba N. Waterman was given just a few more hours to live when physicians examined him early today. His life was being prolonged by the use of stimulants and the end was near, his attendants declared.