

ROUNDED COURT ROOM HEARS INDICTED IN VICE WAR ENTER NOT GUILTY PLEAS

MRS. EMEAL DAVIS SENDS BULLET INTO NEGRO WHO TRIES TO ENTER HER ROOM

John Burns, Paroled Convict, Near Death When Found by Police.

John Burns, a paroled negro Joliet murder convict, was shot and seriously wounded at 2:15 this morning by Mrs. Emeal Davis when he attempted to force entrance to her apartment at 2101 Third avenue.

SHOOTS CONVICT



MRS. EMEAL DAVIS.

Burns was struck in the neck by one of three bullets Mrs. Davis fired at him through a wooden door through which she said he was trying to make entry to her room.

As the bullet had already passed through the wood of the door, it had flattened out somewhat, and it tore a great hole in Burns' neck. He fell on his back in front of the door, while Mrs. Davis rushed to the window and screamed for help.

While Dr. Dan Paul and the patrol automobile were being called and while the officers looked through the rest of the Davis apartments, "Doc" Burns' bulldog, arrived unobtrusively and took his place beside Burns.

400-POUND SAFE TAKEN BY BANDITS

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 27.—Thieves took practically every bit of the stock and a 400-pound iron safe of the Adolph Lauterbach confectionery in Bartonville, a suburb of this city, last night.

OLDEST CAT IN UNITED STATES CLOSES CAREER

Billings, Mont., Dec. 27.—Thomas Patriarch, reputed to be the oldest cat in the United States, was dead today, aged 24 years and three months at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Sample.

NET CLOSING ON EDDIE DARROW

Chief Aid to Tommy O'Connor in Chicago Jail Delivery to Be Nabbed in Cuba.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Arrest of Eddie Darrow, who escaped from the county jail a year ago with Tommy O'Connor, sentenced to hang for murder, was expected at Havana, Cuba, today by the Chicago police department.

TO INVESTIGATE RAILWAY STOCK

Washington, Dec. 27.—An investigation to determine whether adequate stocks of locomotives and cars are in possession of American railroads and whether railroad customs and practices controlling use and interchange of equipment are sufficient, was ordered today by the interstate commerce commission.

NEW GAINS SHOWN IN FOREIGN TRADE

Washington, Dec. 27.—Further increases in America's foreign trade were reflected today in figures compiled by the department of commerce, showing exports of cotton and lint for November to have been \$58,337,719.

THE WEATHER

Cloudy and unsettled weather this afternoon and tonight. Thursday generally fair. Not much change in temperature.

STATE TEACHER BODY SPONSORS FUND CHANGES

Millions to Be Asked for Educational Purposes.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—The interest of over 300 delegates to the 69th annual meeting of the Illinois State Teachers' association, arriving here today for the initial meeting tonight, centered about the attitude of the association on the recommendations of the Illinois educational commission for a change in the state distributive plan.

The association for years has desired a state distributive school fund of \$20,000,000 annually. This was their chief recommendation for the last legislature, which gave them \$8,000,000 a year.

Another important proposal to come before the convention was to be the "secure tenure" act, providing for giving teachers permanent positions after three years' service.

The state association now has a membership of 26,334. Chicago, with 76 delegates, has the largest representation in the convention.

STANDARD OIL STOCK RAISED

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Stockholders of the Standard Oil company of Indiana, meeting today at a special meeting in Whiting, Ind., voted to increase the capital stock from \$140,000,000 to \$250,000,000.

YELLOW KID GIVES YULETIDE SERMON TO HIS OLD PALS

Joliet, Ill., Dec. 27.—Joseph Well, known widely in police circles as "The Yellow Kid," and who was released last week from the state penitentiary here, returned to the honor farm of the institution on Christmas and preached the gospel of good will to his former prison mates.

EMBEZZLER IS GUILTY

Oakhurst, Wis., Dec. 27.—After pleading guilty to embezzlement of \$637.75 from the Illinois Electric company of Chicago, F. A. Duszary was sentenced today to one year and six months in the state reformatory.

Block Move For Release of Dr. McKoin, Held for Murder in Klu Klux Case

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 27.—A writ of habeas corpus for Dr. H. B. McKoin, former mayor of Mer Rouge, La., arrested here yesterday on a charge of murder, was obtained this morning.

The writ was made returnable immediately. At about the same time Dr. McKoin was arraigned for a hearing before Judge Stanleigh in central police court, but at the request of the detectives on the case, the justice adjourned the examination until Jan. 8.

BRITISH WAR DEBT LOOMS AS PROBLEM

Previous Act of Congress Fixing Terms Is a Handicap.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—Great Britain's debt situation which has just called for the United States to negotiate an agreement whereby the rate of interest and the annual payments on the war debt shall be definitely fixed for a period of years will bring to a climax a half dozen vital questions which have been hanging fire for several months.

The foreign relations chairman recounted the difficulties of further armament limitations encountered at the Washington Arms Conference a year ago, and declared that in view of the attitude taken by other powers it would be "useless" to attempt to limit land armaments unless it were established.

FEAR VESSEL IS LOST IN STORM

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 27.—The freighter Tudor Star is in tow of a rescue vessel, according to the Washington Arms Conference, which is in the form of an amendment to the annual naval bill requesting the president to call an economic conference and arms parity.

New York, Dec. 27.—The French liner Savoie, arriving here today after the roughest voyage in her history, reported the possible loss at sea of the steamship Tudorstar, bound from Seattle, Wash., for Glasgow.

REPORT DUE ON WAR CONTRACTS

Washington, Dec. 27.—The special district of Columbia grand jury before which the department of justice has presented charges of criminal irregularities in connection with the government's wartime contracts, has completed its work and is expected to report before the end of the week.

PEORIAN MEETS A TRAGIC DEATH

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 27.—John Ellinghaus, aged 25, met a frightful death this morning when he was caught on a fast revolving shaft at the Keystone Wire & Steel company plant. He was whirled over and over, nearly every bone in his body being broken.

CITY-FEDERAL CLASH HALTING BUILDING WORK

Row at Springfield Over Postoffice Building.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 27.—Rights of the city of Springfield counterpoised against the rights of the federal government today stopped the improvement of the Springfield postoffice. Chafing under the federal ruling that the government was not subject to local building regulations, Commissioner Frank Hamilton of the department of streets and public property late yesterday refused to permit use of 32 inches of sidewalk for a postoffice entrance.

Striking back at the government last night, Commissioner Hamilton said, "If the government property is not within the city then let the government keep off the city property." His department has refused to refund the \$2.

Open Fight In Senate On Parley

Washington, Dec. 27.—Administration senators under the lead of Chairman Lodge, of the foreign relations committee, began in the senate today a determined fight against the proposal of Senator Borah, Republican, of Idaho, for a new international conference in Washington, to discuss economic conditions and disarmament.

SEEKS BAIL ON FRAUD CHARGES

Arrested Fugitive Accused of Misuse of Mails Claims Frame-Up by Disgruntled Clients.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 27.—Efforts to raise \$5,000 bail to obtain his release from custody were made today by William L. Cunningham, arrested here on a federal fugitive warrant, charging use of the mail to defraud in New York. Cunningham denied any connection with the fraud, declaring he would waive extradition to New York.

PEORIA FIGHTS AUTO SPEEDERS

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 27.—A vigilance committee, composed of every citizen of Peoria was asked by police and county officials here today to aid in the campaign against automobile drivers, who fail to report accidents as a result of two deaths here in the last two days.

ARMY'S CRITIC IS DISMISSED

Boston, Mass., Dec. 27.—Major Malcolm Wheeler-Nicholson, recently court-martialed for his criticisms of the regular army, has been informed by the war department of his separation from the service.

ALL THOSE CHARGED WITH MAJOR OFFENSES MAKING PLANS TO CONDUCT FIGHT

John K. Scott Only One of Accused Who Declines to Answer.

The arraignment of a score of prisoners indicted by the September grand jury in connection with the Rock Island vice probe attracted a crowd which filled the circuit court room to overflowing this morning.

Plans of not guilty were entered in cases of all those who were formally arraigned before Judge Nels A. Larson, but following a precedent established in the Pedigo case, the first one called, the plea was entered with the understanding that it may be withdrawn should the attorneys for the defendants desire to be heard on a motion to quash the indictments.

Persons indicted by Rock Island county grand jury in vice investigation enter pleas of not guilty when arraigned in circuit court.

Sheriff of Farmington county, New Mexico, writes Rock Island police inquiring if John Loomer is wanted here. It is advised that he is.

Sheriff C. L. Edwards and staff of deputies conduct midnight raid on three Moline hooch bars. Emil Bogner arrested and fined \$400 in county court.

Mrs. C. P. Skinner, wife of Moline mayor, critically ill. Under care of three physicians.

PETITION FOR ARMOUR'S NEW CHARTER FILED

Company Capitalized for \$160,000 to Deal in Livestock.

Dover, Del., Dec. 27.—The certificate for a charter for Armour & Co. of Delaware was filed at the office of the secretary of state here today. The company is capitalized at \$160,000 and is authorized to deal in cattle and livestock of all kinds. The incorporators named in the certificate are A. M. Hooven, M. A. Bruce and H. M. Anderson, all of Wilmington, Del., identified with the Corporation Trust company of America, which drew up the incorporation papers.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Details of the financing of the new Armour & Co. of Delaware and the pending purchase of Morris & Co. by Armour & Co. have not been announced by J. Ogden Armour. Understanding in financial circles here today, however, was that some announcement of the proposed change in the packing business would be made soon.

The Chase Securities company of New York and the Continental & Commercial bank of Chicago are the principal banking interests arranging the details of the new financing. In local banking circles it was understood the new Delaware corporation would issue \$60,000,000 of preferred stock and \$50,000,000 of common stock out of a total authorized capital of \$160,000,000 and that the new company would act as a holding corporation.

BRITISH STAND FIRM ON MOSUL

Lausanne, Dec. 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—Through foreign Secretary Curzon, Great Britain informed Turkey today that the British never will abandon the Mosul oil vilayet, as requested by the Turkish delegation and that no prolongation of the near east conference can influence the British government to recede from the position it has taken on this matter.

SEND BOOTLEG TO SUBSCRIBERS IN NEWSPAPERS

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Increased international circulation of Mexican and Canadian papers brought about the discovery that bootleggers have been shipping brandy and whisky in 10-ounce tubes wrapped in the papers, according to federal officials.

Today In City

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FEEL ANXIETY FOR BERNHARDT

Paris, Dec. 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—Madame Sarah Bernhardt's condition took another turn for the worse today. Physicians ascribed it to the fatigue following her activity yesterday when she arose from her bed, partook of solid food and received many callers.

HANISH TAYLOR DEAD

Washington, Dec. 27.—Hanish Taylor, former United States minister to Spain, and recognized authority on international law, died.

DR. CRAFTS, REFORM LEADER, IS CALLED

Washington, Dec. 27.—Dr. Wilbur F. Crafts, for 28 years superintendent of the International Reform bureau, which he founded, and widely known because of his activities on behalf of prohibition and similar movements, died at a hospital here today of pneumonia. He was 73 years of age.