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FRED. J. KERN'S LIVE-WIRE CHAMPION

WEATHER FORECAST
Partly cloudy and warmer tonight and Friday. Lowest temperature tonight about 32 degrees.
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2 HAMILTON JURORS MAKE STATEMENTS

Koch Denies He Said He Would "Give Hamilton the Works"; Contents Of Smith's Affidavit Are Closely Guarded.

Two members of the jury which convicted John J. "Jack" Hamilton, Democrate member of the Board of Review, of murder have signed counter-affidavits after they were attacked in affidavits filed in circuit court last Friday when Hamilton's attorney brought a motion for a new trial.

Assistant State's Attorney Fred J. Bier, Associate Prosecutor Curt C. Lindauer and Chief Deputy Sheriff Oscar L. Becker made the announcement today. They said the affidavits were made by Jurors George Koch, 40, of 402 East Main street, and Felix Smith of East St. Louis. Smith was the lone Negro and the lone East St. Louisan on the jury which fixed Hamilton's sentence at 50 years in the penitentiary.

Arguments Saturday.

Arguments on Hamilton's motion will be heard before Judge R. W. Griffith of Granite City, who presided at the trial last month, at 10 a. m., Saturday.

The contents of Smith's affidavits was guarded closely by officials who declined flatly to reveal any part of its contents.

Koch, however, made a mere denial it was announced that he told W. L. Meyer, Belleville, (but if he were selected on the jury he would "give Hamilton the works." At the same time authorities disclosed that the Meyer who signed the affidavit in Hamilton's motion is a stone-cutter and lives at 1810 South Fifth street. Heretofore he was not identified.

Now Recognizes Man.

In a statement to News-Democrat reporters last Saturday, Koch said that he did not know W. L. Meyer, but he explained later that after careful consideration he now recognized the man. In his affi-

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August Zacher, Sr., O'Fallon Farmer, Dies At His Home

August Zacher, Sr., 73, died at 1:20 o'clock yesterday afternoon on his farm, two and one-half miles west of O'Fallon, where he has resided for the last twenty-five years. He had been ill four years and had been bedfast for three months.

Mr. Zacher was born in Germany, on June 8, 1863, and was a [illegible] of the late August and Anna Zacher, nee Rother, both natives of Germany. He came to this country in 1882 and later married Annie Franke in O'Fallon. She died November 7, 1931.

Surviving are six children, August Zacher, Jr., Rural Route No. 2, Belleville; Joseph Zacher, Rural Route No. 1, Lebanon; Aloys, Albert and Miss Mary Zacher, all at home, and Mrs. Louise Herde, St. Louis. Two children died in infancy. Seven grandchildren also survive.

He was a member of St. Clare's Catholic Church in O'Fallon.

For funeral arrangements see obituary column on page 14.

AUNT HET
By ROBERT QUILLEN

"If a girl ain't married at 25, she ain't got much chance. Every year after that it gets harder to find a man she 'could put up with."

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Kiss, Then Jail

The Rev. Finis Jennings Dake and Wife

"Soul saving" expedition of the Rev. Finis Jennings Dake, Zion, Ill., minister, has landed him in jail for a six months' term. The preacher, convicted of violating the Mann act in federal court in Milwaukee, admitted taking a high school girl from her home in Kenosha, Wis., to East St. Louis, Ill. He testified, however, that he merely desired to "pray" with her. The minister is shown above kissing his wife in court following his sentencing.

DICKMANN MAY APPROVE SMOKE MEASURE TODAY

Mayor Replies to Horner, Denying Hearing for Illinois Group.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 11.—(UP)—Mayor Bernard J. Dickmann today asserted that "popular demand necessitates my taking favorable action," in regard to the proposed St. Louis Smoke Ordinance, Section 18 of which provides for the washing of certain grades of coal to remove impurities said to cause injurious qualities in smoke.

The ordinance was expected to go to the mayor for signature today.

The mayor's statement was in reply to a telegram from Governor Horner of Illinois asking Dickmann to "fully consider the unnecessarily drastic effect" that the ordinance would have on the coal industry in 15 Southern Illinois counties which furnish the larger part of St. Louis' coal supply.

Mayor Dickmann's reply to the Illinois governor said:

"Washing of coal was never anticipated to eliminate smoke, but to eliminate some of the injurious properties of the smoke. Every consideration was given to coal interests of Illinois. I am fully aware of the economic considerations involved and have done everything possible to still permit sale of Illinois coal in St. Louis.

"The bill was passed unanimously with every member present at the board meeting and has the indorsement of major coal operators of Southern Illinois local coal exchange and big industries of St. Louis, including breweries, chemical plants and railroads. Popular demand necessitates my taking favorable action in signing the ordinance."

Le Roy Girl Dies After Brief Illness

Jean Eleanor Yvonne Le Roy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Le Roy, died at the home of her parents, 221 North Twelfth street, at 10:15 o'clock last night after a 17-day illness. The child would have been three years old on March 28.

The girl was born in East St. Louis on March 28, 1934, and was a daughter of Clarence and Marie Le Roy, nee Will. The father is a native of Victoria, Mich., and the mother of Millstadt. The father is a stove mounter at the Karr Range Company.

Besides the parents Jean is survived by her grandmother, Mrs. Eleanor Will Range, 401 South Second street.

For funeral arrangements see obituary column on page 14.

OMITTED TAX PROPOSITION SEEMS DOOMED

Review Board Chairman Against Giving Mayor Tax Schedules.

The Board of Supervisors' proposal to retain L. S. Mayer, Louisville tax expert, to find omitted personal and real estate properties in the county and place them on the tax books appeared doomed today.

After John J. Costello, chief clerk of the Board of Review and Board of Assessors, declined yesterday to turn over the tax schedule to Mayer, on the grounds he was without authority from his two boards to take this action, George Halpin, chairman of the Board of Review, indicated today that the schedules would not go to Mayer.

Mayer Goes Home

Mayer left for his home yesterday afternoon and Costello agreed to wire him of the decision of the Board of Review and the Board of Assessors. He indicated he would return in about a week if his services were desired.

"We are making an investigation of omitted property right now," said Halpin in announcing the Board of Review would probably meet this afternoon.

"For some time we have had the matter of omitted property under consideration. We have no authority to turn over tax schedules to any person, even though the Board of Supervisors makes an agreement.

Cites Law

"After all, the law provides that the Board of Review, the Board of Assessors and the township assessors shall make assessments in our county. There is no provision for a tax expert to come in and make any assessments."

Furthermore, Halpin said he doubted seriously whether Mayer would receive any compensation for his work. He pointed out that County Treasurer Richard S. Wangelin has refused to pay Mayer his commission of one-third of all taxes collected through his efforts in getting property on the books.

Says Treasurer Right

"The treasurer is right in this stand," he declared. "No one has the right to compromise a tax bill, not even the courts nor the Board of Supervisors and the acceptance of Mayer's plan would amount to a compromise."

Mayer has stated that he cannot begin work on the project until the tax schedules are turned over to him.

"A man cannot work without tools and the schedules are my principal tools," he commented.

JOHN GASS, 69, DIES AT HOME

Retired I. P. and L. Driver Had Been Ill Since Last Sunday.

John Gass, 69, a retired maintenance truck driver for the Illinois Power and Light Corporation, died at his home, the Central Hotel, 20 West Washington street, at 6:30 o'clock last night. He had been ill since Sunday.

Mr. Gass was born in Belleville on February 20, 1867, and was a son of the late George and Margaret Gass, nee Kistgy, both of lives of Germany. He married Ellen Downing in Belleville in 1888.

Besides his wife, he leaves three children, Elizabeth, wife of Fred Werner, 611 State street; Agnes, wife of Walter J. Wagner, 524 South Fourteenth street, and Joseph Gass, Carbondale. He also leaves five grandchildren a brother, Gus Gass, Collinsville, and a sister, Mrs. Mary Findlay, Indianapolis.

For funeral arrangements see obituary column on Page 14.

British Defense Expenses Costly

London, England, Feb. 11. —(UP) — N. Chamberlain, chancellor of the exchequer, informed the House of Commons today that because expenditures for defense are out-running revenue, the government proposes to ask for general powers to borrow internally a maximum of $2,000,000,000 for a period not exceeding five years.

They Settled General Motors Strike

Frank Murphy, center, Governor of Michigan, induced William Knudsen, left, vice president of General Motors Corporation, and John L. Lewis, right, leader of the CIO unions, to settle their grievances today. As a result, Knudsen announced the G. M. C. plants will attain capacity production in 12 days.

GOV. KOERNER'S GRANDSON DIES AT AGE OF 62

Gus. Koerner Succumbs in Barnes Hospital After Lingering Illness.

Gustave Koerner, 62, of 26 North Pennsylvania, grandson of the late Lieutenant Governor Gustave Koerner, died at Barnes Hospital, St. Louis, at 11:15 o'clock this morning after a prolonged illness.

He had been ailing for two years and for the last eight weeks had been confined to the hospital. Death was due to complications.

Mr. Koerner's grandfather was one of the pioneer German emigrants who settled in Belleville, establishing his home at Abend street and Mascoutah avenue. He served as minister to Spain during the Lincoln administration.

The grandson was born in Belleville on January 11, 1875, and was a son of the late Gustave Koerner and Felicete Kinney. His mother, who celebrated her ninetieth birthday anniversary last month, survives and makes her home with a son, William F. Koerner, an attorney of 4905 Argyle place, St. Louis.

Mr. Koerner married Martha Stanley in Belleville in 1902. She survives, but the couple has no children. Besides his wife, his mother and his brother, he leaves two sisters, Mrs. Samuel Adams, Chicago, and Mrs. Dorothy Williams, Omaha.

Mr. Koerner was employed for many years as the storekeeper for the Commonwealth Steel Company in Granite City. For the last four or five years, he worked for the Knapp-Monarch Company, first at its plant here and then in St. Louis when the company moved there.

For partial funeral arrangements see obituary column on Page 14.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Chauncey Smith, 49; Miss Billie Bessie Brown, 46, both of St. Louis.

Arthur H. Kanzler, Jr., 21; Miss Estelle Andres, 20, both of Belleville.

Mrs. Zellman, Pierce Brought To County Jail

Mrs. Cecelia Zellman, 42, and her paramour, Thomas Pierce, 44-year-old WPA worker, will be transferred from the East St. Louis City Jail to the County Jail here this afternoon, it was announced at noon by Chief of Police Michael J. O'Rourke of East St. Louis.

Sheriff Henry L. Sickmann left the Court House in mid-afternoon to bring the prisoners to the jail here. The two are being held for the murder of Mrs. Zellman's aged husband, George Zellman, a wealthy faith healer, who was shot to death in his home, 2138 Bond avenue, East St. Louis, last Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Zellman has made at least five statements to the police concerning the killing. In three she blames Pierce for the killing, but admits plotting the death of Zellman.

Pierce has steadfastly denied the woman's allegations.

Chief O'Rourke said there was "nothing new" in the case today, adding, however, that detectives are now making a routine investigation in order to gather additional information for presentation of the case to the Grand Jury tomorrow.

Schmittling Boy Dies in Hospital

George Schmittling, one-day-old son of Frank and Magdalena Schmittling, nee Reisbich, of New Athens, died at 5 o'clock this morning in St. Elizabeth's Hospital. His parents are natives of Belleville and the father is a molder at the New Athens Auto Stove Works.

Besides the parents, he leaves two brothers and six sisters, Charles, Kenneth, Marie, Helen, Irene, Rose, Dorothy and Francis, all at home.

The funeral was held at 10 a. m. today, with burial in Oak Ridge Cemetery at New Athens.

Story of 'Wife-Swapping' That Failed Told in Rockford Court

Rockford, Ill., Feb. 11—(UP)—A bizarre tale of "wife-swapping" that failed when Harry Bryan wouldn't buy Mrs. Homer Smith a new fur coat was told in court today.

Plump, bespectacled, red-haired Laura Bryan pleaded guilty to an adultery charge and told how she and Homer Smith ran away from Canajoharie, N. Y., more than two years ago when they found "my husband didn't want me and his wife didn't want him."

They came to Rockford and lived while Bryan and Mrs. Smith lived happily in New York.

Then Mrs. Bryan explained in court, things went wrong:

"Everything was going along fine," she said, "until my husband refused to buy Mrs. Smith a new fur coat."

Smith Pleads Guilty

Then came trouble. Officers from New York came to Rockford Monday and took Smith back to Fonda, N. Y., where he pleaded guilty to abandoning his wife and six children.

He was given a suspended prison sentence, ordered to reimburse county welfare officials $200 for caring for his family and directed to provide $20 monthly for his family's support.

In Rockford, State's Attorney Robert Nash swore out an adultery warrant against Mrs. Bryan and promised to prosecute Smith if he returned.

Undismayed by the charge against her, Mrs. Bryan told the court:

"We lived on adjoining farms near Canajoharie, but I never realized I loved Homer until the night Mrs. Smith and my husband made us go to a show together.

Drew $3000 Out of Bank

"On the way home, I said to Homer, 'If they don't want us here, let's go.' So I drew $3000 out of my husband's and my joint bank account and came here.

"I'm not sorry about it. I love him and I'm not ashamed of it. He's a good hard-working man and he's done lots for me. I'll still marry him if I can."

She was placed under $1000 bond and will be sentenced Saturday.

COMPROMISE ON JUDICIARY PLAN IS TURNED DOWN

Committee Cancels Meeting Until White House Stand Is Clarified.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 11—(UP)—President Roosevelt will accept no congressional compromise in his fight for reorganization of the U. S. Supreme Court and the federal judiciary system, sources close to him said today.

This statement came in the face of the impression received by senators who conferred with Mr. Roosevelt on the question that the Chief Executive was open-minded on possible compromises.

At the same time Chairman Hatton W. Sumners of the House Judiciary Committee called off further consideration of Mr. Roosevelt's program by his committee until the White House attitude could be clarified further.

The President was represented as fully realizing his program will cause "a hard fight."

Against Robinson's Suggestion

It was said specifically that Mr. Roosevelt did not favor the personal suggestion of his Senate majority leader, Joseph T. Robinson. Robinson proposed that the retirement age for Supreme Court justices be set at 75 years instead of 70 as provided in the draft of the President's plan.

The unyielding White House attitude was revealed in the face of sputtering and spreading revolt in both House and Senate against the Supreme Court phase of his plan. Leaders insisted that a margin large enough to insure passage remained.

The White House sources said further that Mr. Roosevelt is not considering any plan involving a constitutional amendment as a means of giving the administration power to reach its labor, industrial

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Mike Beil, Sr., 79, Prominent Retired Farmer, Succumbs

Mike Beil, Sr., 79, a prominent retired farmer, died at his home on South Eleventh Street Road, Belleville, at 10:30 o'clock this morning after an illness of two years.

He was born in Stookey Township on March 15, 1857, and was a son of the late Michael and Caroline Beil. He was twice married. His first wife was the former Catherine Harsche and they were married in Millstadt in 1876. After her death he married Julia Loeckel of Caseyville on November 18, 1886.

Besides his wife, he leaves five sons and seven daughters: Mrs. Louisa Fritz, East St. Louis; Mike Beil Jr., Rural Route No. 1, Belleville; George Beil, 2600 East Main street; Mrs. Emma Schaefer, Mascoutah; the Misses Anna and Lena Beil, both at home; Mrs. Mary Roebling and Mrs. Frieda Gernsin, both of Belleville; Mrs. Rita Kock, Rural Route No. 1, Belleville; John Beil, Smithton Road; Charles Beil, Millstadt, and Irving Beil, at home.

He also leaves 18 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and two brothers-in-law.

For funeral arrangements see obituary column on page 14.

Company Agrees to Five Cents an Hour Increase in Wages

Corporation Also Agrees to Negotiate Terms With United Auto Workers; 2000 Sit-Down Strikers Evacuate Company Plant at Flint, Mich.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 11.—(UP)—The General Motors strike was settled today after a series of bedside conferences between John L. Lewis, ailing chairman of the Committee for Industrial Organization, and executives of the corporation that has been strike-bound 43 days.

The corporation will resume full operation in all its plants as quickly as possible, returning 100,000 men to their jobs.

The agreement was signed at 10:45 a. m. today and the evacuation of sit-down strikers from three corporation plants at Flint began immediately.

William S. Knudsen's signature was the first placed on the paper while floodlights glared and sound cameras ground out film. He is executive vice-president of the corporation. John Thomas Smith, general counsel for the company, followed. Then Donaldson Brown, G. M. finance chairman, signed. Wyndham Mortimer, first vice-president of the United Automobile Workers, signed first for the union, then Lee Pressman, counsel for the Committee for Industrial Organization. Governor Frank Murphy, mediator for President Roosevelt whose perseverance held the conferees through the long negotiations, signed next, then James F. Dewey, federal conciliator.

Lewis Signs in Bed

Late today, the pact was carried to the sickbed of Lewis and the head of the CIO scratched his name to the document.

As a gesture of good will accompanying the agreement, General Motors announced a pay increase of five cents an hour in all 69 plants effective February 15 or when they reopen. This was estimated to put $25,000,000

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GMC PAID OUT OVER $400,000 FOR ESPIONAGE

Payments Made to Pinkertons in 2½ Years, Senate Committee Is Told.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 11—(UP) — General Motors Corporation paid the Pinkerton Detective Agency $419,850 from January 1, 1934, to June 30, 1936, for espionage work, the La Follette Civil Liberties Committee was told today.

Robert Wohlforth, committee investigator, presented a partial breakdown of General Motors payments to Pinkertons, but emphasized committee belief that the whole picture was not presented. Search of Pinkerton files, he said, showed payments of: $121,480 from the Fisher Body Company, $124,759 from the General Motors executive office, and $119,545 from the Chevrolet division.

Believed Only Part

"I wish to emphasize," Wohlforth said, "that we believe these figures show only part of the General Motors payments to Pinkerton. They were all we were able to find."

Wohlforth noted that the charts showed sharp rises in payments in June, 1935, when workers in the Chevrolet plant at Toledo went out on strike.

Pinkerton agents previously had testified that their work for GM in connection with this strike included shadowing of Assistant Secretary of Labor Edward F. McGrady, who was in Toledo attempting to negotiate a settlement.

Pinkerton on Stand

La Follette called to the witness stand Robert Pinkerton, president of the agency; Asher Rossetter, general manager; Ralph Dudley, vice-president; W. H. Shoemack, superintendent of the agency's Detroit office, and Edward S. Clark, Cleveland division manager.

Shoemack testified that he had conducted negotiations with Harry G. Burke, G. M. personnel director, which resulted in broadening of Pinkerton services in Fisher Body plants.

PUBLIC OFFICES CLOSE FRIDAY

City Grade Schools Halt at Noon in Observance of Lincoln Day.

Partial observance of tomorrow as a holiday will be held in Belleville on the anniversary of the birthday of Abraham Lincoln.

Public offices in the Court House and City Hall will be closed the entire day and banks will follow this action.

The city grade schools will close at noon tomorrow, according to Superintendent H. V. Calhoun. Parochial schools may dismiss if they desire, according to Monsignor John J. Fallon, diocesan superintendent of schools, but the Belleville Township High School will be in session entire day.

On Washington's birthday, February 22, the parochial schools and the Township High School, will be closed the entire day and the grade schools will close at noon.

There is no set program in the city for the observance of Lincoln's Birthday.

TRUCK DAMAGES GARAGE

W. A. Beger of 4126 Seibert street, St. Louis, reported to the police that his truck struck and damaged a door of the garage at the warehouse of Engler and Sons, ice and coal dealers, 11 East C street at 10:30 o'clock this morning. Beger was making a turn into the alley when the accident occurred.

Mrs. Kasper, 86, N.-D. Reader for 40 Years, Is Dead

Mrs. Hedwig Kasper, 86, for 40 years a subscriber to the News-Democrat, died in her home in Freeburg at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon following a lingering illness. Death was due to infirmities of old age.

Mrs. Kasper was born in Germany on July 17, 1850, and was a daughter of the late Anton and Barbara Reinlich, nee Schubert. She married Franz Kasper in Germany on August 5, 1872. The couple emigrated to the United States on May 8, 1887, and settled in Macoupin County. Six years later they moved to Freeburg where they lived the remainder of their lives.

Mr. Kasper died on November 12, 1927.

Mrs. Kasper is survived by one son, Frank A. Kasper, Freeburg; two grandsons, Walter and Edwin Kasper, both of Freeburg, and a sister, Mrs. Anna Hadwig, Germany. A son and a daughter preceded her in death.

She was a member of the Mother Ann Society of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Freeburg.

For funeral arrangements see obituary column on Page 14.

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