

# TO SOON DETERMINE SALE DATE OF OLD HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

### PETITIONS CALLING UPON TRUSTEES TO NAME DAY WILL BE CIRCULATED

### STUDENTS TO HELP

### BOYS WILL PASS AROUND LISTS ASKING FOR EARLY ACTION-- PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MAY BUY STRUCTURE FOR OWN USE.

The date for the sale of the old high school may be determined in a few days. Members of the high school board have instructed that a petition be drawn, asking the township trustees, who have charge of school properties, sell the building before a sale, or the advertisement concerning the sale, can be dispensed, a sufficient number of signatures from the voters of the district must be affixed to the petition to the trustees.

It has been planned to give the high school youths petitions to secure the signatures of voters. The work of securing the names will be conducted next week, if the present arrangements are carried out.

With the talk of the sale of the old high school comes many rumors as to who will be the prospective purchasers. It is still being considered as the site for a vocational training school. The building is admirably situated for such purposes and with very little remodeling it would soon be ready to meet all demands along that line. Members of the public school board have remained silent on this project; a committee, however, was appointed to look in the matter.

There seems little possibility, at the present time, that any of Ottawa's fraternal organizations will purchase the building. The Knights of Columbus and Moose were mentioned as possible bidders for the property.

The talks of its use for a city hall has practically passed into history. With the conduit ordinance, and the hospital project, the city does not feel like purchasing the building at this time.

Speculators, however, will probably be on hand at the time of the sale to bid on the historic old building. Its situation makes it ideal for a fashionable apartment building.

## WOMAN, ACTING QUEERLY IS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY

Mrs. Emma Ott, whose mental condition is believed to be disordered, was taken in custody last evening by Officer Reilly. Mrs. Ott has been acting queerly the last few days and it was feared that she might do bodily harm to some one. She may be given a sanity hearing at a later time. Mrs. Ott is the woman who went before the city council a few weeks ago and staged a scene before the commissioners.

## STREATOR BRAKEMAN HAS NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH

Streator, Ill., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—I. L. Sterry, a brakeman on the Sauk-Fe railway, narrowly escaped death here yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock when he fell from a box car and fractured three ribs. He was unconscious when picked up by members of the train crew. His condition is not believed to be serious, at the Streator hospital, where he is confined. The car jolted as it hit a derrick, and Sterry was thrown to the ground.

## MRS. WEST SUSPECT IN OHIO'S LATEST GIRL MURDER CASE

Mrs. West suspected of the murder of a young girl in Columbus, Ohio, per party yesterday thru another grilling some on Effort to obtain damaging admissions from him. Wells during a special trial of the morning held at Sandusky, Ohio, was in the hotel. The girl was murdered Monday night, but that he remembered about any girl. He has agreed to either to Kansas City, Mo. where he is wanted on an embankment charge, or to Columbus, Ohio. Wells admitted he registered in Columbus under the name "Van Brun" but said the stains on his shirt came from natural causes.

# RUTH LAW TRIES OUT HER NEW TRIPLANE; WOMEN AVIATORS FOR ARMY ADVOCATED



Photos by American Press Association.

Ruth Law, the champion woman aviator of America, stood on terra firma near Norfolk, Va., and saw Victor Carlstrom rise to a height of several thousand feet in her new triplane, built especially for her use in her proposed trip from San Francisco to New York next spring.

Carlstrom flew over Hampton Roads and then circled Newport News and Fort Monroe. The average speed was more than seventy-five miles an hour, and better could have been made. The machine behaved so nicely, and Miss Law clapped her hands with glee when she saw it glide and rise gracefully at the will of the operator.

This was the first time the machine ever left the earth. Miss Law was not afraid to be the first to make a flight in it, but wanted to see how it behaved by observing another handle it.

The machine is of 100 horsepower and was built to make ninety miles an hour. The machine has narrow wings, a wide fuselage and a single motor of 100 horsepower. It is believed new speed records will be made with the machine.

A plan for probationary enrollment of women aviators in the army aviation reserve corps for such service, back of the fighting line, as watching for enemy aircraft and submarine mines, in the guarding of cities and harbors, is under consideration by the aviation board of engineers in the war department. The plan was submitted by Lawrence Sperry, a young aviator of New York city, who said Major General Leonard Wood had endorsed the order and had granted to one woman aviator, Mrs. Waldo Pierce, permission to fly at Governors Island. Mrs. Pierce expects to go to France, where her husband is in the aviation service, to take up military aviation. She would like to qualify as the first woman aviator in the American army.

In submitting his plan Mr. Sperry presented local endorsements from Dr. Stratton, chief of the bureau of standards, Rear Admiral Robert W. Peary, Secretary Redfield



RUTH LAW IN HER NEW TRIPLANE (ABOVE, THE NEW MACHINE)

and others. A letter from Lieutenant Colonel Spuler, in charge of the aviation section of the signal corps, says in part: "I am much interested in the plan. The notable flight of Miss Law recently is a striking example of what can be accomplished in this country, and I have no doubt there are thousands of women in this country that could successfully operate airplanes in case of necessity for both commercial and military purposes."

## FIFTY-FIVE ALIENS SEEK CITIZENSHIP

### EXAMINATIONS WERE HELD TODAY BY CIRCUIT JUDGE STOUGH

—QUESTIONS ANSWERED IN AN INTELLIGENT MANNER.

Fifty-five aliens in the circuit court today took examinations to become citizens of the United States, and a great number of them will pass the strict government tests. In the majority every nationality was represented and the questions were all answered in an intelligent manner.

The little son, "It's Not Your Nationality," was in vogue even though the examiner did not have an orchestra for the occasion.

Owing to the fact that a night school has been established in some cities of the county, the men appeared to be well versed on the questions submitted in the examination blunder.

Not a few years back it was quite a custom for the applicants to name Walter Pannek, of La Salle, as governor, president, senator or any other high office.

The group who sought to become citizens, to adopt the Stars and Stripes as their flag, as a general thing, were young men. That United States is the melting pot of the world was attested in the different nationalities represented.

## AUTO TURNS TURTLE, ED. JACOBS ESCAPES DEATH

Edward Jacobs, Rutland township farmer, narrowly escaped death yesterday afternoon when the Chevrolet auto which he was driving turned turtle on the Chicago road two miles east of the city.

Due to the fact of the slippery conditions of the road, Mr. Jacobs was unable to hold the machine in the road and it went into the ditch.

Mr. Jacobs escaped with only a few minor injuries. The car was slightly damaged.

Marriage Licenses.

- Edw. B. Lawrence, Ottawa, 60
- Miss Lottie Woody, Ottawa, 65
- Henry Spindleman, Oglesby, 25
- Miss Augusta Stukenbrod, Oglesby, 24
- Martini Martland, Oglesby, 27
- Miss Maggie Parina, Oglesby, 19

## EXTRA

### DENVER SOCIETY WOMAN SHOTS SPOUSE.

Denver, Colo., Jan. 13.—Mrs. Stella M. Smith, 37, shot and killed her husband, John S. Smith, this morning at her home in the fashionable Bark Hill section of this city. The shooting was the result of a quarrel over her daughter that started when Smith came to his wife's house at 2 o'clock this morning under the influence of liquor. In the course of the quarrel, which continued for five hours, Smith tore all the clothes from his wife's body. She was nude when she shot Smith and he was fully dressed and also had on his overcoat. Mrs. Smith is wealthy and her husband is a chauffeur for her parents. She is the divorced wife of William Moore, by whom she has a 12 year old daughter with whom she lives.

## "BOLD, BAD CROOK" AMUCK OF THE LAW

### DARING HORSE THIEF UNMINDFUL OF PAST DAYS WHEN MEN WERE HUNG FOR THE SAME CRIME—TOLD STORY TO THE OFFICIALS.

A daring horse thief was taken in to the office of the sheriff this afternoon to face punishment for his base crime, in the old days "men" of his stripe were summarily seized, hung until dead and their bodies shot down by officers of the anti-horse thief as a social law in charge of the case.

The contrast with today and yesterday was so conspicuous that officials and scribes were forced to commit upon history and the present as the past knew the former and as now knows the latter.

The villain was Paul Beadline, alias Robert Beadline, alias Robert F. Munson. When interrogated by Free Trader-Journal representative the "hardened" offender admitted he pulled his story in a straightforward manner and walked to the jail in company with Deputy Sheriff Wm. Mischke, unchastened and unrepentant at his inevitable plight.

Paul, or Robert, was nabbed at Utes yesterday afternoon having in his possession a dog, for which he had traded a shot gun, and a horse and buggy, both of which belonged to Mr. Wright McKoon, of Kenosha, Wis. Paul, or Robert, was in the employ of McKoon as a farm hand, and last Tuesday decided to take possession of his hunting weapon and his horse and rig. He set out for lands unknown upon a mission of discovery. Columbus had nothing on him as an explorer. When he landed down in "this western country," as he called it, he found a yellow mongrel cur was not company then a shot gun, inasmuch as the natives were all civilized, he decided to trade the high powered rabbit knocker for a first class and made the trade in Marseilles.

That trade put Mr. McKoon on the trail and he was traced to Utes. The seizure being made by Marshal McCabe, of Utes, who notified the sheriff of his capture.

When Paul told his story there was more sympathy than censure in the sheriff's office, and ordinarily in the county's sleuthing department there is plenty chance to condemn those of

## THAW PASSED COMFORTABLE NIGHT.

Philadelphia, Jan. 13.—Harry K. Thaw passed a comfortable night and awoke this morning apparently happy that he had not been successful in his attempt at suicide. He was in better condition today, physically and mentally than at any time since he slashed his wrist and throat on Wednesday, his physicians said.

## To Clean Glass.

Finely cut potato parings and ammonia will clean the inside of a carafe.

# WILSON STIKE LEGISLATION DOOMED; WASHINGTON HEARS

### NOTED GERMAN WAR WRITER SIGNED BY INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

Free Trader-Journal, Ottawa, Ill.

The International News Service is pleased to announce that it today signed a contract with Karl H. von Wiegand, the famous war correspondent, whose dispatches from Germany have one hundred times created country wide sensations in the United States. Mr. Wiegand is the man who obtained the famous interview with the German crown prince. His familiarity and friendship with the most noble persons in the central empires puts him in a position to obtain for the International News Service stories of the most vital interest in the great events now proceeding and which are to come in the world war.

Mr. Von Wiegand will proceed to Germany in a few days and will extend the present organization of the International News Service in the central empires in such a way that International News Service news from that side of the world war will be unapproachable by any press association.

T. J. WILSON,  
General Manager.

### "WILL NOT REACH SENATE" IS RUMOR IN OFFICIAL CIRCLES TODAY

## PROMISE FILIBUSTER

### OPPOSITION TO LOCKOUTS AS BEING UNLAWFUL IS BEING ARGUED AMONG UNION CHIEFS AND CONGRESSMEN.

By ROBERT B. SMITH,  
(I. N. S. Staff Correspondent.)

Washington, D. C., Jan. 13.—President Wilson's strike prevention legislation is practically doomed. It is doubtful whether it even will be recommended to the Senate by the Interstate Commerce committee. If the committee does finally agree upon a bill it will be so radically amended as to be wholly unsatisfactory to the administration.

Any effort by the administration to force the so-called compulsory arbitration bill thru Congress will be met by a filibuster and an extra session will be inevitable.

These facts were developed by a careful examination of the situation in the Senate today. So formidable has the movement against the legislation become that reports were current the administration would "get out from under" and consent to abandonment of the legislation.

Opposition to the President's program centers about the proposal to make strikes or lockouts unlawful for a period of four months, pending investigation by a committee of three appointed by the President.

Organized labor has taken the position that such a law would operate wholly to the advantage of employers by giving them four months in which to prepare for a strike. It would enable them to hire strike-breakers or train them to take the places of striking employees, labor leaders charge.

"It would make a strike about as effective as a slap on the wrist," was the way one labor leader put it.

Although the government's legal experts have declared Congress has authority to enact any legislation necessary to remove obstructions to interstate commerce, labor leaders, backed by progressives in Congress, declare the proposed strike prevention bill would involve "involuntary servitude" and therefore would be unconstitutional.

The Interstate Commerce committee membership includes such progressives as Senators Clapp, of Minnesota; Cummins, of Iowa; LaFollette, of Wisconsin, and Poindexter, of Washington. These members are lined up solidly against the proposed bill. Several Democratic members are said to have allied themselves with the progressives to prevent committee endorsement of the bill in the form approved by the administration.

The committee went into executive session today to attempt to agree on a draft of the strike prevention bill, but there was practically no prospect of an agreement.

## WARN AGAINST NEW RAIDER DANGER.

New York, Jan. 13.—Warnings to allied shipping against a German raider in the North Atlantic, were again sent out today. The warning in English and French said: "Enemy raider may be encountered. Take all precautions."

## CORN GROWERS TO HOLD CHAMPAIGN SHORT COURSE

Champaign, Ill., Jan. 13.—After two years' intermission because of delay and unforeseen obstacles which caused the abandonment of plans for the meet in 1915 and 1916, the sixteenth annual convention of the Illinois Corn Growers' and Stockmen's association is ready to meet at Champaign in connection with a two weeks' short course in agriculture at the University of Illinois for farmers and farmer boys of the state. The convention will be held from January 15 to January 27.

"The plans twice started and twice abandoned have finally been completed and the largest and best convention since the series started at the end of the last century will be held in January," said A. W. Jamison, as assistant professor of agricultural extension, Prof. Jamison estimates that from 1,400 to 2,000 persons will register for the short course. The registrations are being received rapidly now.

During the period three lectures a day will be given on topics of general interest. The remainder of the time will be given to class work. Besides members of the faculty of the College of Agriculture, experts from other departments will deliver addresses and a number of outside speakers will appear.

## EDWARD O'CONNOR SUFFERS PAINFUL INJURY IN FALL

Edward O'Connor, 17 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. O'Connor, was injured yesterday afternoon when his foot caught in the spokes of a wagon wheel. Mr. O'Connor was climbing onto the wagon when the horses started. He was taken to Ryburn hospital where it was thought at first that he had suffered with a fracture of the leg. Ligaments were torn in his leg.

## Auto Bandits Rob Bank.

Harrah, Okla., Jan. 13.—Four automobile bandits held up the First National bank here yesterday afternoon, locked the president and cashier in the vault and escaped with \$3,500.

An abandoned automobile, thought to be the one used by the bandits, was found in the road by a posse of men last night. The robbers are thought to have fled to the west.

## Always in Working Order.

Mary talked so fast no one had much of a chance to say anything in her presence. Her little neighbor had no one else to play with after school hours, but would not remain in her company long at a time. After noticing that her boy returned so soon each time he went to play with her, his mother inquired into it, and Walter replied, "Oh, she is always wound up so."

## Our First Battleship.

The first American battleship was the old Texas, of Spanish-American war fame. She was authorized by congress in 1886 and was completed six years later. The original battleship was a little over 300 feet long and had a displacement of 6,315 tons. The present day Texas is 554 feet long and has a tonnage of 27,000 tons. The old Texas ended her days as a target for navy practice above five years ago.