

# HARDING ORDERS BUDGET CUT HALF BILLION

## BROTHERS; FIGHT 1 NEAR DEATH, OTHER IS IN JAIL

CHAIRS, BOTTLES, FISTS USED AS WEAPONS IN BLOODY BATTLE  
ONE IN HOSPITAL

THE OTHER IS HELD IN COUNTY JAIL PENDING OUTCOME OF INJURED MAN'S CONDITION—MOONSHINE IS BLAMED.

An overload of moonshine is alleged by the police to have been responsible for a fight in which two brothers battled almost unto death during a family quarrel staged last night at their home on DeKalb street. One of the brothers, Ludwig Macini, is in the hospital with what is thought to be a cracked skull. The other is in custody pending the outcome of his brother's condition.

From what the police could ascertain the squabble began in a friendly enough way, but the men, inflamed by the powerful liquor they had imbibed in, soon became crazed and went after one another with the intentions of killing.

Neighbors claim that it has been the custom of the two men to have a little spree over the week end and Sunday they returned home to sober up. It was while they were on this "day after the night before" expedition that one or the other took a friendly little swipe at his kin, then the blood began to flow. Bottles, furniture, clubs and whatever else came within reach was used to stage a miniature Verduin, the noise from which reached homes within the block.

Neighbors fearing that a killing was in progress called the police with instructions that a riot was in progress and an immediate response was necessary.

When the officers arrived they found the interior of the house wrecked and Ludwig lying on the floor, bleeding profusely about the head. Anglo was sitting in a chair with a broken beer bottle in his hand. He had hit his brother over the head with the bottle, knocking him unconscious.

Police rushed Ludwig to the hospital for attention and took Anglo to jail. The two men will be arraigned before Judge Koenig as soon as Ludwig is able to leave the hospital.

This morning at the hospital it was reported that Ludwig's head was badly cut in many places and much glass imbedded in it from the broken bottle. He also suffered bruises about the body. It is not expected that his condition will prove serious but he will be forced to remain a patient at the hospital for a week or ten days. Dr. E. E. Palmer is attending the injured man.

## C. E. HOOK ESTATE BEQUEATHED TO WIDOW

By the terms of the late Charles E. Hook's will his widow, Mrs. Louis A. Hook, will receive his entire estate, both personal and real property. Mr. Hook passed away Nov. 25, at the Silver Cross hospital in Joliet.

His will, which disposed of his estate, was filed for probate this morning. The document was drawn Nov. 8, 1919, and was witnessed by Fred A. Gering and E. J. Cassidy. The will named Mrs. Hook as executrix, providing she can serve without bonds. It specifies that in case she does not wish to act, the testator's friend and business associate, Oscar Haerberle, cashier of the First National bank, shall act as executor and shall not be required to furnish bonds.

The will made provision that in case Mrs. Hook predeceases her in death, a bequest of \$20,000 should go to Mr. Hook's sister, Mrs. Virginia L. Neubert, and a \$20,000 legacy to Mrs. Hook's sister, Mrs. Hattie C. Heath. In case the estate was to be divided in this manner, the residue was to be equally divided between the testator's two nephews, Charles L. Hook and Joseph Porter Hook, and Mrs. Hook's niece and nephew, Clarence C. Collier and Lou Collier McAvoy.

The petition making public the value of the testator's property was not filed today.

## HAD ILLEGAL BOOZE ADMIT IT IN COURT

Romazio Millizo of Streator, whose case on a charge of violating the search and seizure law was scheduled to come up for trial before a jury in the county court this week, pleaded guilty to a charge of unlawfully possessing liquor before Judge Rock today and was fined \$100 and costs.

## BIRDMAN DROPS IN ON PARENTS FOR A FEAST AND A VISIT

LIEUT. CRUMRINE, WHO FLEW FROM NEW YORK TO ALASKA, SPENDS SUNDAY WITH FOLKS AT GRAND RIDGE.

Flying from Chicago to Grand Ridge in an hour and twelve minutes, Lt. Clarence E. Crumrine, famed army aviator who piloted a plane from New York to Alaska, a few years back, yesterday "dropped in" on his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George C. Crumrine, to spend a few hours with them.

Accompanying Lt. Crumrine was another army officer and Nordic, his celebrated eskimau dog, a present from the citizens of Nome after the Grand Ridge boy had successfully flown across half the United States and the wilds of Canada to blaze the first air route from New York to the country's northernmost territory.

Before heading south toward Grand Ridge Lt. Crumrine, using a speedy army scout machine, circled above Ottawa for a few minutes and then darted across the Illinois river to a pasture not far from Grand Ridge, after the lieutenant cut a few didoes in the air for the entertainment of his friends and neighbors of the village.

Lt. Crumrine is stationed at McCook field, Dayton, O., and flew from there to Chicago to spend Saturday night with his sister. Sunday morning he set out for Grand Ridge and hung up what is believed to be a record for covering the distance between the two metropolitan centers, by making the flight in 1:12, a little more than a mile a minute.

After partaking of a sumptuous dinner of mother's own cooking the celebrated birdman and his flying companion, together with Nordic, started the return flight to McCook field, which they expected to make in one hop off.

## DEATH CLAIMS MRS. CATHERINE PORTER

Death this morning claimed Mrs. Catherine Porter after a long illness. She died at 10 o'clock at the home of Mrs. W. H. Barnard, 1919 Post street, with whom Mrs. Porter resided since the death of her husband, the late S. W. Porter.

The deceased was aged 79 years and spent her early days in Ottawa with her parents. After her marriage to John Dudgeon the family moved to Goodland, Ind., where they resided a great number of years. After the death of her first husband and only son the widow in 1903 became the wife of S. W. Porter, who preceded her in death some years ago.

Mrs. Porter was a sister of the late W. S. and W. H. Barnard and of a large family only one sister—Mrs. M. D. Learned, of Quincy, Ill., survives.

The funeral will be held from the Barnard residence Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Interment will be in Ottawa avenue cemetery.

## WATERWAY ENVOYS LEAVE FOR CAPITAL

Chicago, Dec. 4.—A waterways delegation of approximately forty representatives from Chicago and fourteen other Illinois cities will depart at noon tomorrow for Washington to arouse congressional interest into the deep waterway project. Senator McKinley plans to introduce a bill providing for federation participation in waterways and it is planned the measure shall represent the collective and merged views of Illinois on the subject.

Waterway sentiment has been given tremendous impetus by the Governor Small last Friday that work should start on the sixty-mile stretch between Leopold and Utica on the Illinois river. As well as by waterway discussion in the recent southern commercial congress and the trip of Governor Blaine of Wisconsin through the Mississippi valley.

## SOLONS' COMMITTEE IN SESSION TODAY

The chairman of all the standing committees on the board of supervisors, who comprise a special committee appointed at the June meeting to get cheaper rates for the purchase of power for all county buildings and institutions, held a meeting at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon at the court house.

### THE BUSY MAN'S NEWSPAPER



## TRIO OF HUNTERS THREATEN DRIVER OF WRECKED AUTO

SMASH INTO MACHINE AND WHEN REMONSTRATED WITH PULL SHOTGUN—ARRESTED AND FIND IN OTTAWA.

Three Chicago hunters were arrested at 1:30 Sunday morning in the College Inn restaurant on the complaint of John Gumbard of the National Plate settlement. According to Gumbard the Chicago men in an unlicensed Ford ran into his car on the cement road between here and Marseilles. He alleged that the men in the Ford hit his Dodge car and when he stopped to go up and ask them about the matter they flourished a shotgun at him.

The accident happened Saturday evening about 5 o'clock and Gumbard, who was accompanied by Carl Midnight, reported the matter to the police at once. The next morning when the men were eating breakfast preparatory to going down the river on an early morning hunting trip they were arrested by Captain Fox and Officer Londergan. All the men were taken to the city jail to await trial.

Yesterday they were arraigned before Judge Koenig and gave the following names: Daniel Flossie, James Garlyn and Paul Turski. A settlement between them and Gumbard was made regarding the damages to the Ottawa man's car and after a settlement with the judge they were allowed to go their way peacefully and continue their hunting. However, the men were given orders that whenever they wanted to hunt to do so in the underbrush of the river lowlands and not on the public highways.

## RED CROSS LAUNCHES DRIVE FOR MEMBERS

The annual drive for memberships of the Ottawa chapter of the American Red Cross will start tomorrow. This year there will be no solicitation, but the tellers in everyone of the five Ottawa banks will receive memberships.

Patriotic citizens are asked to leave their \$1.00 membership fees for the coming year without further solicitation. The drive will continue for two weeks, and it is hoped to secure a very large number of voluntary subscriptions during this period.

During the past two years, the local Red Cross has distributed thousands of dollars in Ottawa, and have carried on all the relief work among the ex-soldiers here. Their home service office has been one of the finest institutions for the city, ever operated here.

**ONLY 17 MORE DAYS TO SHOP**

## PARKED HIS PUPPY AT FRIEND'S HOUSE; GONE

Lawrence Murock, the 9 year old son of Mrs. Helen Lawrence Murock, of East Main street, is heart broken over the loss of his four and a half month old collie puppy "Speed." Lawrence spent Thanksgiving with his mother in Chicago, and parked his puppy at the Singer home on East street, while he was away. Mr. Singer shut the dog in a pen, but Thursday afternoon someone turned him out. Lawrence reached home yesterday, and has since been greatly grieved over the loss of the puppy.

## AUNT PETITIONS COURT TO NAME HER FOWLIE GUARDIAN

CHILDREN OF AUTO VICTIM ARE ORPHANED AND MOTHER'S SISTER ASKS TO BE GIVEN THEIR CUSTODY.

A petition was filed in the probate court today, asking that a guardian be appointed for the three minor children of Dr. John H. Fowlie, who was found dead Thursday morning, under his overturned auto, on the concrete highway this side of La Salle. By Dr. Fowlie's tragic death his three children, Daniel, aged 14, Eleanor, aged 9, and John Paul, aged 6 are left without either a mother or a father.

The mother of the little folks died in 1918. The petition was filed by a maternal aunt of the children, Miss Ida M. Crawford, 300 Norris st., a sister of their mother. She asked that she be appointed the guardian of the "person" of the children.

Miss Crawford, in her petition, listed their estate as personal property, worth \$9,000. The oldest boy, Daniel, also filed a petition asking that Miss Crawford be appointed his guardian.

The hearing has been set for December 18, at 10 o'clock. Marriage Licenses. Fred De Filippo, Spring Valley, legal; Augusta Diding, Ottawa, legal.

## NEW DEPUTIES TAKE OATH AND STARS OF AUTHORITY TODAY

TIMOTHY J KELLY NAMED BY SHERIFF WELTER AS FOURTH DEPUTY — GEORGE STEPHENS REMAINS AS DAY JAILER.

Aids of Sheriff, E. J. Welter, were sworn in with the due and accustomed formalities in the office of County Clerk, Thomas A. Ferguson, early this morning. The deputies at once, without any further ado, took up their new duties, and were on hand ready to run down any criminals, or prevent any crimes, during the remainder of the day.

The deputies are: Edward T. Ryan, Chief; Rasmus Benson, Ottawa; Harry L. Ward, Streator; Timothy J. Kelly, Seneca; George W. Stephens, Ottawa; and Issas L. Bennett, Ottawa, night jailer.

Mr. Kelly was named as the fourth deputy late Saturday afternoon by Mr. Welter. Mr. Stephens was named as sheriff's jailer under Sheriff, C. S. Ayers, and was considered one of the strongest and ablest men on the entire force.

Mr. Benson was the first of the new deputies sworn in. He took his oath and went on duty at midnight. This morning he went to Chicago to get excused from Federal Grand Jury service, the law providing that a deputy sheriff does not have to sit on a grand jury.

The aides and the new sheriff went on duty early today, and slipped right into the job like old hands. County Treasurer, J. F. Kiduff, and his aides, also went on duty when the county building opened this morning. Within a few minutes after the opening, the office bore resemblance to a floral show, such a profusion of floral offerings having been showered on the new officials. The flowers came from friends in La Salle, Chicago and other cities, and consisted principally of chrysanthemums. One basket stood almost five feet high, and was filled with choice yellow and white mums.

At the same time the two new county officials took their offices, Judge B. Harry Rock, Judge R. D. Mills, county clerk, Thomas A. Ferguson, and Probate clerk W. C. Flick all started on their new terms of office, but because they succeeded themselves there was no formality with their starting on their new terms.

Married By Judge Rock. Mrs. Filippa Aprilie and Peter Biava, both of La Salle, were united in marriage this morning at 10 o'clock by Judge B. Harry Rock, at his office in the court house.

Continue Mandula Case. A continuance until December 13, was taken this afternoon in the case of John Mandula, who is charged with a serious offence by Cecelia Zelenak, of Ransom.

## CONGRESS TOLD IN ANNUAL ESTIMATE TO REDUCE BILLS

Washington, Dec. 4.—President Harding in submitting the annual federal budget for the new fiscal year, frankly told congress today that whether there was to be any material reduction in government expenditures and in taxes in future years, would depend largely on whether there was to be a curtailment or expansion of federal aid in lines of required improvement and development.

## POLICE ARREST MAN WANTED IN CHICAGO MURDER MYSTERY

CHICAGO DETECTIVES PHONE CITY ASKING THAT VAUDEVILLE ACTOR WHO PLAYED HERE YESTERDAY BE HELD FOR THEM.

Patrons of the Gayety theater yesterday saw more than the ordinary show; they saw a smiling actor who is under suspicion as being implicated in the murder of "Smiling Joe" Laus, Chicago millionaire, who was brutally murdered in his garage, 4654 West Madison street, on the night of Nov. 24 by an unknown person. The actor is John Loftis, and he played the piano and sang songs in the Ethel Parker and Al Allen sketch, one of the best acts on the program.

Loftis has been under suspicion ever since the murder, and last week he slipped away from Chicago and the prying eyes of the detectives of that city. Nothing was known of his location until yesterday, when detectives found out he had secured a job on the Orpheum circuit in Yankville. They looked him up and found he was playing in Ottawa.

At 1 o'clock this morning the Ottawa police received a long distance call from Chicago asking the police here to arrest Loftis. Captain Fox went to the Clifton hotel, where he went to Loftis' room and placed him under arrest. He then took the alleged criminal to the police station, where he was held until 4 o'clock this morning, when a big automobile with two detectives from the Austin avenue station arrived and took the man in charge.

He was placed in handcuffs and put in the machine and the return journey to Chicago started, where he will be questioned in regard to the killing.

Loftis denied the charges while here, but the detectives of Chicago said they had either the right man or one who could tell them who the right man is and where he is. Except for his stamach denials, Loftis refused to talk, but the sleuths who had located him said a little third degree would make him more talkative.

The Chicago police first hunted a mysterious woman in black following the shooting, but have given up that clew, according to the Chicago papers, and were searching for a certain person whose name appeared mysteriously on some papers found in the crime. Immediately after the crime the police confiscated all of Laus' belongings and all papers in the office. In these papers appears the name of the murderer, but no one but the officers know the name. It may be Loftis and it may not be.

## COTTAGE PRAYER MEETINGS TUESDAY

Cottage Prayer Meetings. Cottage prayer meetings for Tuesday, Dec. 5, will be held in the following homes: Mrs. W. H. Conger, 1618 Sycamore st.; Mrs. G. C. Kirsch, 216 E. Washington st.; Berger Larson, 501 Christie st.; Dr. P. G. Stordock, 217 Guthrie st.; Mrs. Albert Cole, 507 Marcy st.; Mrs. Albert Hagenbaugh, S. State st.; Henry K. avis, Locust st.; Robert Duncan, 542 Third st.; J. A. Andrews, 414 First ave.; Mrs. B. W. Blankenship, 508 Catherine st.; R. F. Knott, 404 E. Paul st.; Mrs. Ben Hudkins 1440 Phelps st.; Mrs. Chas. Geiger, 809 Ottawa ave.; Mrs. W. F. Carr, 1242 Ottawa ave.; Mrs. J. J. Gering 718 W. Jackson st.; Mrs. John Johnson, 618 Webster st.; Mrs. Andrew Rosenfelder, 1346 Jefferson st.; Mrs. Fred Ralenstein, 430 Lafayette st.; Mrs. J. W. Coble, 892 W. Main street.

## DENIES GIRL'S CHARGE BU IS BOUND OVER

James Benedetto, a prominent young farmer, was bound over to the grand jury under bonds of \$1,100, charged with being the father of a boy born to Martha Bedecker, of Ransom, Ill. He was arrested and released about two weeks ago. He pleaded not guilty to the charge and this morning was arraigned before Justice George T. Koenig on the Ransom girl's charges.

His bonds were signed by himself and William Davis.

Placing the estimated government outlay in 1924 at \$3,109,843,234, a decrease of about \$900,000,000 as compared with estimates for this fiscal year, Mr. Harding called attention that two-thirds of this total was on account of practically fixed charges, such as the public debt, national defense, pensions, world war allowances and federal aid. There was left, he said, only about nine billion dollars in charges subject to administrative control and against which, he added, the retirement policy of the government had been directed.

**Re-Organization Necessary.** While expressing the opinion that some further reduction undoubtedly would result from a re-organization of government establishments on a more scientific basis, the president said this alone would not affect such a material cut in operating costs as would justify the expression of hope for a considerable lessening of expenditures in the years to come.

Taking up the question of federal aid the executive declared that this was a rapidly broadening field of expenditure and that there was a question as to how far the government should participate in it. He added that it did not pertain to the normal functions or operations of the business of government.

"These extraordinary activities," he continued, "have flowed from laws enacted pursuant to popular demand, and I take this occasion to refer to them for the purpose of showing that the taxation which necessarily results in providing funds to meet is a necessary incident to the fulfillment of the popular demand."

**Other Debts Pile Up.** "In the efforts which have been directed to reducing public expenditures, I have been much concerned in apparent increasing state, county and municipal indebtedness, and I am fearful lest this condition may be in part attributable to the expenditures made by the government pursuant to its federal aid laws, as many of these state laws require state contributions as a prerequisite to the extension of the federal aid."

The summary of the budget for 1923 as given to congress shows an estimated excess of receipts over expenditures next year of \$189,969,125 as compared with an estimated deficit of \$274,028,712 for this fiscal year. The president said, however, that he was hopeful that the estimated deficit for 1923 could be reduced in the remaining seven months and that the close of the year next June 30 would show a balanced account.

Estimated expenditures of \$3,180,843,234, for 1924, which are exclusive of the postal service, compare with estimated appropriations of \$3,078,940,321 for the same period. Mr. Harding explained that the expenditures would represent actual cash withdrawals from the treasury, including some on account of appropriations in previous years.

Another deficit in postal operations was forecast for this year, but Mr. Harding said it was estimated that through proper adjustments there would be a surplus of postal revenues over expenditures in 1924 amounting to \$952,429. For this year postal costs were placed at \$559,996,841, or an estimated deficiency of \$31,502,570, as compared with an actual deficiency in the last fiscal year of \$64,346,234. The 1924 costs are given at \$584,653,151.

**Army of 125,000.** The president told congress that an appropriation of \$256,552,587 recommended for the army would provide for a regular force of 12,000 officers and 125,000 enlisted men, exclusive of the Philippine scouts, which is the strength now authorized by congress and would enable the militia bureau to increase the strength of the national guard from 100,000 officers and men to 215,000 officers and men. For the army air service \$12,571,500 is proposed, or \$23,500 less than appropriated this year. Mr. Harding stated this sum would permit the service to operate efficiently in accordance with existing policy.

For the navy \$289,889,992 is asked. This amount, the president asserted, would provide for the present enlisted personnel of 85,000 men; maintain all present ships in commission and make provision for continuing all new ship construction in privately owned yards, except for reduction in