

HICKMAN DEFENSE TO TAKE OFFENCE

State Will Rest Case After Reading Indictment, Then Wait for Rebuttal

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 27, (AP)—The burden of the defense in the state trial of William Edward Hickman, will be piled on the shoulders of the defense attorneys by the prosecution.

This became known prior to the opening of today's session of the trial when District Attorney Asa Keyes announced that the prosecution merely would read the indictment charging Hickman with the kidnapping and murder of little Marian Parker and then rest its case. Under this procedure, all of the state's evidence—testimony of seven alienists and numerous other witnesses and the confessions of Hickman to the crime—would be presented in rebuttal.

The Jury Question
But the question of when a jury will be completed to hear the indictment and the evidence brought conflicting answers from the rival attorneys.

Under the trip-hammer like conduct of the case by Judge J. J. Traubee, the "cow county" jurist, who rides strict herd on the trial, eight men and four women—all except one middle aged, held tentative places in the jury box at the close of yesterday's session. But Jerome Walsh of Kansas City, the 24-year-old chief defense counsel, announced that nine of these would lose their seats under preemptory challenges of the defense early in today's court session. It will be next Wednesday, in the opinion of the defense, before the jury is completed and the march of the evidence begins.

Keyes Uses 4 Minutes
Keyes, who examined 12 prospective jurors in four minutes after the defense had spent the entire day in selecting 19 men and women down to a dozen, predicted that the final jury would be seated before the close of court today for the weekend.

At the close of the first day of jury picking, the state had used the first of its allotted 35 challenges. The defense still had its permitted 35 challenges.

Judge Traubee's chief spur to speed in jury selections was the order that prospective jurors be ex-

CANTON'S DEATH-LITTERED BATTLE STREETS



Death was the chief victor in the Chinese communists' unsuccessful attempt to wrest Canton from the hands of the Nationalists. While the fighting brought the city first under the control of the Nationalists and then back into the hands of the communists, scores of the inhabitants were killed. In this first photo of the event to reach the United States, bodies of the slain are seen where they fell, with survivors strolling indifferently by.

Mirror's 360,000 turns a Minute

Hint Billionth-Second Cameras

By John L. Conley
(Associated Press Science Editor)
NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP)—A whirling metal mirror that makes 360,000 revolutions a minute offers a hint that some day photographs can be taken with exposures of a billionth of a second.

Professor Ernest O. Lawrence, Dr. J. W. Beaman and W. L. Gammal at Stoughton physics laboratory, Yale university, are using the mirror in studies of extremely short flashes of light. The reflector, whirled by a column of air, cut a beam of light into pieces so small that the duration of each is computed in billionths of a second.

Application of the same principle to photography, the physicists suggest, may eventually make possible a high speed shutter that can catch such rapid motions as those occurring in atomic processes. The device also makes possible measurements of the time taken by light to travel only a few feet. Scientists have usually made their experiments with light speed over comparatively long distances, but the whirling mirror permits such tests to be made in the laboratory. The physicists believe they may be able to increase the speed of the mirror to a million revolutions a minute, thus making possible still further reductions in the duration of light flashes. The scientists point out, however, that as the velocity grows the atoms in the mirror are subjected to such terrific disturbances that they are likely to fly apart, shattering the metal.

To spin the mirror, the physicists place it over a perforated brass cup, compressed air passing through the holes, lifts the reflector a tiny fraction of an inch and causes it to whirl. Usual measures

son who had a child attending the same school Marian Parker attended; who had a child of the same age as the slain girl; who has contributed to the reward of Hickman's capture; who had any acquaintances among police officers; who was a member of any church whose pastor had preached about the case; who had listened to the details of the case over the radio. At one time, Richard Cantillon, associate defense counsel, challenged the entire panel on the ground that all had read newspapers and had fixed opinions of Hickman's guilt or innocence. "Challenge disallowed," ruled Judge Traubee.

chemical reactions are eliminated because the mirror does its mad dance suspended in air.

Women of Texas Seeking Highest Political Office

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP)—Women are in quest of the two highest offices within the gift of the Texas voters, who elected Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson governor in 1924.

Mrs. Minnie E. Cunningham, of Huntsville, is a candidate for the democratic nomination for United States senator, while Mrs. Edith E. Williams, of Dallas, seeks the nomination of the same party for governor. Mrs. Cunningham will oppose Senator Earle B. Mayfield at the first primary in July. Mrs. Williams ran for governor in 1926 and shared defeat with Mrs. Ferguson.

Governor Dan Moody, who won the executive office in a race against two women and several men, has not announced whether he will be a candidate for re-election. His friends hope to see him nominated for vice president at the democratic national convention in Houston.

An intensive speaking campaign is planned by Mrs. Cunningham. Miss Ruby Neale Long, of Brownwood, has charge of Mrs. Cunningham's headquarters and speaking itinerary.

Pamphlets instead of speeches will be Mrs. Williams' reliance in her race for governor. Both of the women have been in public life for several years. Mrs. Cunningham led the fight in Texas for ratification of the suffrage amendment to the United States constitution. She was a delegate to the democratic national convention at San Francisco in 1920. She became executive secretary of the National League of Women Voters in 1922 and its second vice president in 1924. Until recently she was in Washington as the personal representative of Emily Newell Blair, vice chairman of the democratic national committee.

Mrs. Williams has served as a representative in the state legislature. Like Mrs. Ferguson, she is proud of the fact she is a grandmother.

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