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122 Michigan Avenue, Chicago.Well, well, along comes Indiana summer  
when we had about made up our  
minds there was no "sick animal."A California man, who died, recently,  
bequeathed \$1,000 to his pet canary.  
We have heard of bequests to "chickens"  
and "cats" but this is the first  
time we have heard of one to a bird.Two weeks from today is Christmas.  
It will be happier and merrier  
if you have your shopping all done  
ahead of time. There never were so  
many beautiful gifts as this year and  
the prices in the Decatur stores being  
more reasonable, you will do well to  
make up your lists and get the job  
off your hands. Start now.

EDITORIALS

The Good Fellow fund is about one  
hundred dollars. That's not so bad  
but it's only one third the amount  
needed to guarantee a Happy Christmas  
for every poor boy and girl. Save  
a dime or two from some where and  
help the young ladies who are working  
so hard to make this a success. You  
will never miss it, never regret it  
and you will get a good thrill out of  
doing it.Congressman Hill of Maryland—that  
you may not jump at conclusions,  
he's a republican—has introduced a  
bill for the repeal of the eighteenth  
amendment, which, as you may re-  
member, is the one which bans the  
manufacture or sale of liquor in this  
country. Of course, the bill won't  
get far, probably never out of committee,  
but you can gamble that from now  
on for some time, the bill will be  
filed and referred and argued until  
every one is satisfied there is no  
chance by fair means or foul, to pass  
it.A man may light his cigar with a \$10  
bill to show his supreme disregard for  
its value and be excused for a bit of  
asininity that hurts only himself. If  
he burned a bushel basket full of \$10  
bills every morning of the year, an  
insanity commission would look into  
his mental condition. Somebody would  
call for the help of the army, navy  
and police force of the nation. Yet,  
says Collier's, that is exactly what  
the United States is permitting with  
its forest reserves where fires impose  
a loss equivalent to \$100,000 daily.  
Of the 92,000 forest fires last year,  
"the perfect fools among us," to use  
Collier's phrase, started 24,000, all of  
which were preventable.Representative Gottschalk, demo-  
cratic leader of the house during the  
sessions of 1923 and 1925 has in an  
open letter to the Indianapolis Times,  
declared a position opposed to the  
calling of a special session of the leg-  
islature for investigating the road  
commission. He is also opposed to  
the politicalization of the board or  
for anything else which will prevent  
speeding up in the program, pointing  
out that we are now behind sister  
states in our program. He is right,  
as usual. We can't imagine the pres-  
ent Indiana legislature making any  
investigation of any thing in such  
manner as would best serve some politi-  
cal ring, klan or gang and thus deter  
road improvements. The present ad-  
ministration on the commission is  
honest and if left alone a year or two,  
will make progress.Beginning January 10th, nearly  
every church in Decatur will hold  
special services for two weeks and  
they are asking sufficiently far inadvance, that all plans for other  
events, be made accordingly, for the  
cooperation of all good citizens who  
believe that the church is an impor-  
tant part of the community. There  
is a tendency these days to overlook  
the church and its important work,  
think only of amusements, business,  
sports and those things which, after  
all are minor when compared to  
Life Eternal. The churches will, with  
special programs, try to call your at-  
tention to the Bible and your efforts  
and thoughts back to the church.  
Meetings are also being planned in  
various churches over the county for  
the same period and it should be an  
occasion of great profit and great ad-  
vancement. We all want this to be  
the best city and county in the state  
and one thing necessary to achieve  
that is right living. We ask you again  
to assist in making the January two  
week revival a real one.If auto insurance to protect the pub-  
lic is so good a thing that one believes  
the state should undertake the insur-  
ance, why not go on and have the  
state build and sell and repair the  
car also, sell spare parts and do the  
painting. An insurance policy on  
every car to protect the public may be  
a fair requirement. But that does not  
establish a presumption that because  
the state requires such a policy it  
should also furnish the insurance or  
repair automobiles. The state is form-  
ed for doing the social, collective  
things that the individual cannot do.  
It is not properly a seller of commod-  
ities or services. It should not do in-  
to business and rob one or many of  
their chance to develop industries.  
However desirable insurance may be,  
selling insurance is no more a proper  
function of government than the print-  
ing of newspapers, the shoeing of  
horses or the selling of automobile  
tires. No man with a job, or a home,  
or a farm, or a business of his own,  
wants the government to step into the  
industrial field.In speaking of the speedy mobiliza-  
tion of the troops General Kirschner  
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Department.General Kirschner, at this time is  
making plans for beginning his annual  
inspection of the various troops in theTWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY  
From the Daily Democrat File  
Twenty Years Ago This DayDecember 11, 1905—Dr. H. E. Keller  
has received patent on incubator and  
will manufacture here.The Elks contract for concert by  
"Rooney Boys" December 21st, pro-  
ceeds to go to Charity.Clover leaf announces change of  
time for all trains, effective January 1st.David Waggoner leaves for St. Louis  
to work at plumber's trade.Marion Andrews is home from three  
months in Oklahoma and Kansas.Miss Carrie Craig assumes position  
as bookkeeper at the Carroll offices.  
John Crawford is visiting Fort  
Wayne friends.Governor Hanley orders examination  
of records in all state offices.

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Big Features Of  
RADIO  
Programs Today

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FRIDAY'S RADIO FEATURES

WEAF, New York, 492, 8 p. m. (E.  
S.T.)—Billy Jones and Ernest Hare.WGY, Schenectady, 380 and WJY,  
New York, 405, 8:15 p. m. (E.S.T.)—  
Musical comedy.WOC, Davenport, 484, 9:45 p. m.  
(C.S.T.)—St. Ambrose choir.WCS, Jefferson City, 441, 8 p. m.  
(C.S.T.)—Boonville artists.WSB, Atlanta, 428, 10:45 p. m. (C.  
S.T.)—Minature symphony from the  
Radio exposition.

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CONGRESS TODAY

(By United Press)

Senate

Not in session.

Privileges and elections committee  
meets on Nye appointment.

House

Considers tax reduction bill.

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Ed Vancil, of Van Wert, Ohio, was  
a business visitor here today.Father Max Benzinger, of Hessen  
Castle, was a visitor here today.

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Present him or her with a  
Parker Fountain Pen for Christ-  
mas.

11.14.15.16.17.21.22.23

Hear Ted Rogers and his  
"talkin'" banjo at Masonic  
hall, Sat. Nite, Dec. 12. 2904

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With a happy Christmas  
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A fine line of these cards.

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Choice of the best perfumes—Coty's, Djer-

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A SET

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and it is a pleasure to show you.

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Smith, Yager &amp; Falk

DRUG STORE

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every church in Decatur will hold

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INDIANA GUARD  
IN FINE SHAPEAdjutant General Says 4,753  
Men Could Be Mobilized  
In 18 HoursIndianapolis, Dec. 11.—(United  
Press)—If war should be declared on  
the United States the 4,753 members of  
the Indiana Guard could be mobilized at  
their home stations in less than 18 hours.This statement was made to the  
United Press today by Adjutant W. H.  
Kirschner.General Kirschner said that the Indiana  
National Guard is in better condition  
today than any other time in the  
history of the state.The morale of the various units is  
said to be exceptionally high, and the  
type of men now enlisting is of the  
highest class.In speaking of the speedy mobiliza-  
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state. This inspection will be started  
immediately after the first of the year,  
I was said.At the present time the head of the Indiana  
military organization is just com-  
pleting his annual inspection of ar-  
mories over the state. In practically  
every instance the armories are found  
to be in extraordinary good condition,  
it was said.

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T. A. GOTTSCHALK  
EXPLAINS STAND

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE)

of slowing up our Good Roads Pro-  
gram."I believe that the people generally  
feel that the Highway Department, at  
the present time, is as efficiently man-  
aged as can be expected of a govern-  
mental department and I share this  
belief. They may have technically vi-  
olated some law in disposing of some  
of the surplus war material from the  
Federal Government yet it seems to  
me that they showed good business  
and judgment.

Respectfully yours,

"T. A. Gottschalk."

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Col. Fred Reppert is home from  
Cleveland where he attended their  
first big stock show and says it was  
a real success.Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Beery will leave  
Wednesday for Los Angeles, where  
they will visit relatives for some time.Mrs. W. A. Kuebler will leave Mon-  
day for Los Angeles, to enjoy the  
winter with her daughter, Mrs.  
Schmitt.

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COUNTY  
BANK  
SAVINGS  
DEPARTMENT

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A Savings Account

Deposit One Dollar or as much as you care to in our

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age daily deposit and you'll lay the corner stone for aChristmas Fund and a Savings Account at the same  
time.We have a very simple and convenient plan for our de-  
positors and want to help you in building up a Savings  
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