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# LIFE RAFT IS MISSING FROM VESTRIS

## BANK OFFICIAL RETURNS FIRE AT OHIO CITY

Bank Robbers Are Driven  
From Bank Late This  
Afternoon

ESCAPE IN AUTO  
AND HEAD WEST

Ohio City, O., Nov. 13.—Spec-  
ial—An attempt by two bandits  
to hold up B. F. Hoffman, vice-  
president of the Farmers Bank,  
corner of Main and Carmean  
streets in this city at 3 o'clock  
this afternoon, was frustrated  
when Mr. Hoffman returned fire  
from the bandits and scared them  
from the bank.

Two men, dressed in grey suits,  
jumped from an automobile parked at  
the corner and went directly into the  
bank and ordered Mr. Hoffman to  
turn over the money. Mr. Hoffman  
got up and went to the vault and in-  
stead of handing over the money fired  
on the bandits with a shot gun. The  
bandits rushed from the bank into the  
waiting automobile. The third mem-  
ber of the hold-up party stayed in the  
car and had the machine running.

The bandits on seeing that Mr. Hoff-  
man did not intend to turn over the  
money fired their guns, in an effort  
to scare him. The brave bank official  
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Calvary Evangelical Church  
Opens Revival Meeting

An old fashioned Revival Meeting  
opened at Calvary Evangelical church  
last night. The pastor Rev. M. W. Sun-  
derman is his own Evangelist. Last  
night was the first night of the meet-  
ing. A good sized audience was pre-  
sent to the first night. The sermon was  
upon the Baptism of the Holy  
Spirit. Tonight the sermon will be up-  
on "The Sin of Achan."

Congregational singing will feature  
largely in the services each night, led  
by the Evangelist. The message to  
night will be straight from the should-  
ers. Old time, heart searching gospel  
message will be heard each night.

RECEIVER ASKED  
FOR POOL ROOM

Ralph Harnish Asks For  
Dissolution Of His  
Partnership

A suit, asking that their partnership  
be dissolved and that a receiver be ap-  
pointed for the business was filed by  
Ralph Harnish, against William Burns  
his partner operating a pool and cigar  
store on North Second street, known  
as the Home Billiard hall.

The complaint sets out that the part-  
nership was formed on April 10, 1928,  
each partner putting in \$1,250 apiece  
to buy the business and that it has  
been operated since that without a di-  
vision of profits. The plaintiff also al-  
leges that the defendant has not lived  
up to his part of the contract.

The plaintiff asks that an accounting  
of the books be made and the stock on  
hands together with fixtures be sold  
at the order of the court.

The two men came here from Bluff-  
ton last spring, purchasing the busi-  
ness from D. F. Suman. The case was  
filed by A. C. Butcher and the parties  
thereto ordered to appear in court on  
Nov. 23d.

## Indianapolis Man Robbed

Indianapolis, Nov. 13.—(U.P.)—Slug-  
ged and robbed by two negro bandits  
who leaped into his car and hurled  
him from it after beating him, Jack  
Wolmar, 33, Indianapolis, was recover-  
ing today from severe scalp wounds.

The holdup occurred when Wolmar  
slowed his machine for a street in-  
tersection. The negroes leaped on the  
running board and a scuffle began as  
the machine careened from one side  
of the street to the other.

After driving two blocks Wolmar  
was overpowered and thrown from  
the car. The bandits drove away.

## ROLL CALL TO START SUNDAY

### Red Cross Membership Drive Announced For Adams County

The annual Red Cross membership  
roll call will open in Decatur on Sun-  
day, November 18th and continue until  
Thanksgiving day, November 29th,  
it was announced today by Wal Wem-  
hoff, Adams county chairman and di-  
rector of the membership campaign.  
Adams county is expected to furnish  
at least 1,000 members this year. The  
membership fee is only \$1.00.

Committees have been appointed by  
Mr. Wemhoff, to organize the city for  
the drive next Sunday. Appeals will be  
made from the church pulpits, urg-  
ing everyone to join.

The city has been allotted in pre-  
dicts, chairmen for each precinct be-  
ing named in each ward. Mr. Wem-  
hoff made the following appointments  
today:

First ward "A," Dr. Burt Mangold,  
chairman.

First ward "B," C. E. Bell and C.  
E. Peterson, chairmen.

Second ward "A," Mrs. W. E. Smith,  
Mrs. Rachel Mangold, chairmen.

Second ward "B," C. E. Walters,  
Mrs. S. D. Beavers and Miss Adelaide  
Deininger, chairmen.

Third ward "A," M. A. Kirsch and  
Mrs. C. V. Connell, chairmen.

Third ward "B," John W. Tyndall  
and Avon Burk, chairmen.

Business district, Herman Gillig and  
Mrs. Dan Beery, chairmen.

The campaign for members will also  
be conducted at Berne, Geneva and  
Monroe and in the rural precincts in  
the county. The appointment of  
chairmen in these places were not an-  
nounced today. The national cam-  
paign opened Sunday, November 11th.  
The goal of the national organization  
is five million members and Adams  
county is expected to enroll 1,000  
members.

During the past year the Red Cross  
was called upon to extend aid to the  
flood and hurricane sufferers in  
Florida and Porto Rico. Half of the  
money raised through the membership  
drive remains in the local chapter  
treasury and may be used in case of  
any local emergency.

The national chapter of the Red  
Cross adopted the following resolution  
in regards to the membership drive:

"The American Red Cross has ap-  
pealed to the American people for a  
minimum membership of five million  
men and women. An affirmative re-  
sponse to this appeal will serve as an  
endorsement of the work which this  
great humanitarian organization is  
doing today both in our own nation  
and throughout the world. Of even  
greater importance will be the guar-  
antee which such a response will give  
that this service to humanity will con-  
tinue."

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## Vestrus Radio Operator Has "Big Moment" At Sea

New York, Nov. 13.—(U.P.)—"S O S"—  
the "big moment" that is just  
around the corner for every wireless  
operator who sails the sea—came to  
Michael J. O'Loughlin, the Irish chief  
operator on the Lamport and Holt  
liner Vestrus.

It was his responsibility to help  
save 338 persons.

O'Loughlin must have been the man  
at the key, for the chief operator's  
station is the radio room in times of  
emergency on shipboard—the other  
two operators the Vestrus carried were  
probably at emergency stations.

As the ship listed hard over—31 de-  
gress, reports said—operation condi-  
tions in the radio "shack" must have  
been extremely difficult. Acid from  
the emergency batteries, which sup-  
ply power to the transmitter when  
regular power fails in the engine  
room, must have been spilled. As the  
ship rolled and lurched about loose

objects in the room flew about, and  
Loughlin must have had to use his  
feet and elbows to brace himself and  
work his receiver and key.

He rose to the occasion.

The steady drone of his sending as  
he tapped out distress messages was  
clearly readable and never a "repeat"  
was needed by listening ships and  
stations—where receiving operators,  
anxious to catch every word and char-  
acter, were keyed to a high pitch.

For hours, O'Loughlin sat cramped.  
His key, a small thing in itself, was  
sufficient to cause great ships to  
pause in their course, turn about and  
speed to the rescue.

Finally with his main power out of  
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