



**WEATHER**  
Fair tonight and Saturday; not much change in temperature, local frost tonight in north and extreme east.

# DUST STORM CAUSES GREAT DAMAGE

## SAMUEL INSULL NEARS FREEDOM ON HEAVY BOND

Attorneys Are Arranging To Post \$250,000 Bond Today

## ARRAIGNMENT OF INSULL DELAYED

Chicago, May 11.—(U.P.)—Only a few brief technicalities between Samuel Insull and his release from the county jail today as attorney for the time multi-millionaire arranged for the posting of \$250,000 in bail.

When the last \$50,000 of the bond money is turned over to Chief Justice Philip Finne-son of the criminal court, the 74-year-old prisoner will be checked out of jail and will go to St. Luke's hospital.

"He needs a rest, a long rest, after the excitement and strain of the last few days," said his son, Samuel, Jr.

Friends of the former czar of a pre-billion dollar utility empire posted a \$200,000 surety bond for a release on two federal indictments—mail fraud and violation of the bankruptcy laws, and a moment later he was re-arrested and taken to the criminal courts building.

There, Floyd E. Thompson, scheduled property to cover two bonds of \$25,000 each on state indictments charging Insull with embezzlement.

## Delayed To Tuesday

Chicago, May 11.—(U.P.)—The battle of Samuel Insull—fighting with the old square-jawed vigor familiar to this city of his fabulous wealth and triumphs—against the right of the government to bring him to trial was postponed until Tuesday. The delay was ordered by Federal Judge Philip Sullivan after a brief court hearing when the 74-year-old prisoner was brought from the Cook county jail for arraignment on two federal indictments charging mail fraud and violation of the bankruptcy laws.

His attorney, Floyd E. Thompson, a former justice of the Illinois supreme court, attacked what he called "a pretended extradition proceedings" and a "shanghaiing" of Insull from Turkey to the United States.

District Attorney Dwight H. Green asked the postponement in (CONTINUED ON PAGE SIX)

## Regular Legion Meeting Monday

Adams post number 43 of the American Legion will meet in regular session at 8 o'clock Monday night in the Legion hall on South second street. All members are urged to attend a business of importance will be transacted.

## PASTOR GIVEN LEAVE PERMIT

## Rev. Charles Prugh Will Spend Two Months In Europe

Rev. Charles M. Prugh, pastor of the Zion Reformed church in this city, has been granted a leave of absence by the congregation of the local church and will sail May 30 for Germany where he will attend the University of Heidelberg. Rev. Prugh plans to be absent about two months.

The Decatur pastor will sail on the SS President Roosevelt on May 8. The faculty of the University of Heidelberg has accepted his thesis, has been learned, and he will take the examination for the doctor of theology degree.

This is Rev. Prugh's second trip to Germany. He spent the year 1931-1932 in Germany where he completed his residence work at Heidelberg.

Rev. Prugh plans to spend four weeks at the University. He will attend the Passion Play at Oberammergau, and will also spend several days in Switzerland.

During his absence a supply pastor will be obtained for the local church. Rev. Prugh has been pastor here for the last 16 months. Mrs. Prugh and baby will remain here.

## Lose Insull Fight



Looking up the law didn't avail Attorney Floyd E. Thompson (left) and Edward Fleming Thursday. Their plea for a reduction of the \$200,000 bail on federal charges in the case of Samuel Insull deposited utilities czar, was refused by Judge Will M. Sparks. So was a writ of habeas corpus. Meanwhile Insull remains in jail.

## Central Sugar Co. Donates Building

The Central Sugar Company of this city has donated one of the Mexican houses to the Decatur school city, which will be moved to the athletic field and used as a tool house.

The building is 12 by 20 feet, one story high. The school board will move the structure in the next few days to the athletic field, corner Adams and Thirteenth streets and will use it to store tools and equipment.

## MANY ATTEND ART EXHIBIT

## Public School Art Exhibit Attracts Many Visitors

About 350 persons attended the art exhibit of the public schools Thursday evening at the high school building. The exhibit will be open again today from 2:30 to 5 o'clock this afternoon and from 7 to 9 o'clock this evening.

The art show is free to the public. School patrons and those interested in art and art study in the schools are especially urged to attend.

The art work was done under the supervision of Miss Catherine Kauffman, art instructor in the Decatur public schools, and the art teachers in the three grade schools. Each grade and school in the city is represented with a board of paintings and drawings. In addition the manual training and mechanical drawing departments of the high school are represented.

The first and second grades of each of the wards have two boards filled with their art work lining sides of the gymnasium. Each room also has a sand table which portrays the life in a nation or village.

The third and fourth grades have boards which indicate the improvement made in the two years. Central is represented by 12 boards and the opportunity room has two.

The high school has exhibits of the advanced art students. These students have pencil sketches, water colorings, pastels, and crayon drawings. The high school also (CONTINUED ON PAGE SIX)

## Woman Is Fined In City Court

Naomi Meyers was fined one dollar and costs in Mayor George Krick's court last evening when she pleaded guilty to a charge of public intoxication. Otto Ender, who was arrested with her Tuesday night, had his case continued until this evening.

## MAKING PLANS OF CONVENTION

## State C. E. Convention Will Be Held At Fort Wayne

Plans for the 46th Indiana State Christian Endeavor Convention to be held in Fort Wayne, June 21-24 are progressing rapidly under the direction of Leslie Hodel of Fort Wayne, general chairman for the convention. The Porter District Christian Endeavor Union, which comprises Adams, Allen, Wells, Whitley, and Huntington counties, will be host to the four day meeting.

Dr. Vere W. Abbey, M. A., general secretary of the Christian Endeavor, has accepted an invitation to speak on the convention program. It was announced by Miss Elizabeth Cooper of Indianapolis, state field secretary of the Indiana C. E. Union, last Thursday night at a pre-convention rally of the Allen County Union at the Calvary U. B. Church in Fort Wayne. Dr. Abbey, accompanied by Mrs. Abbey, will be home on their first furlough this summer. Miss Cooper brought greetings from the state board and told of the unusual interest being shown in the convention which will feature such speakers as Dr. Daniel Poling, Dr. A. E. Corey, and Prof. J. Raymond Schultz.

Registrations for the district have reached 577, which surpasses the original goal of 550 set for this district. The aim now is to secure 11000 registrations by June. The C. E. Society of the Bethany Presbyterian Church of Fort Wayne, with 65 registrations to its credit, is leading. Wallace Beer of Fort Wayne is registration chairman of the convention.

Committees comprising 185 members have charge of the various phases of the convention. The C. E. societies of Allen county have been placed in charge of the different activities, with a county or district officer as counsellor. Announcements were made at the rally of arrangements made for a big parade which will include several (CONTINUED ON PAGE FOUR)

## JOSEPH COLCHIN DIES THURSDAY

## Well Known Decatur Young Man Dies At Ft. Wayne Sanatorium

Joseph William Colchin, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Colchin of 405 Winchester street, died Thursday night at 12:35 o'clock at the Irene Byron Sanatorium at Fort Wayne. The young man had been a patient at the sanatorium since March 5.

His condition became critical the latter part of February and he was taken to Fort Wayne the first of March. His parents were with him at the time of his death.

The deceased was born in Brooklyn, New York, on September 17, 1910, and had spent practically his entire life in Decatur. He attended the St. Joseph school here, was a member of the St. Mary's Catholic church and of the St. Joseph and Holy Name societies. He was associated with his father in business as a decorator.

Surviving besides the parents are two sisters, Mrs. Othmar Smith of this city and Miss Mary Colchin, a student at South Bend.

Funeral services will be held Monday morning at 9 o'clock at the St. Mary's Catholic church and burial will be made in the Catholic cemetery.

The body was taken to the S. E. Black funeral home this morning and will be removed to the Colchin home at 405 Winchester street to-night where remains may be viewed until time for the funeral.

## Man And Wife Are Burned To Death

Chicago, May 11.—(U.P.)—Trapped in bed in their small apartment, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Anderson, about 60 were burned to death today before firemen could gain entrance. Fire department authorities thought the blaze possibly incendiary. Seven other families escaped the burning building by leaping from windows.

## CORRECTION

Roland G. Poling was elected Republican precinct committee for North Washington, instead of James E. McCullough, as reported in the list published in Thursday's Democrat. Mr. Poling received 14 votes and Mr. McCullough nine.

## AMSTUTZ CASE NEARS FINISH

## Delinquency Trial Nears Completion Late This Afternoon

The state case against Norman Amstutz, charging him with contributing to delinquency was concluded today in the Adams circuit court and given to the jury.

The girl whom Amstutz is accused of encouraging to commit two acts of delinquency is now an inmate of the Indiana Girls School near Indianapolis and was called as chief witness for the prosecution. The prosecution managed, after some difficulty, to elicit testimony from the 14 year old girl which corroborated the complaint.

Several local police officers and J. Earl Cunningham, chief probation officer of Allen county testified for the prosecution. Cunningham stated that the pair went to Allen county and attempted to get a marriage license the day after a subpoena was issued for the girl's arrest in juvenile court.

Amstutz in his testimony admitted participating in one of the acts of which he was accused. He stated he was a boarder of the girl's home. He said he consented to marry the girl after the family had attempted to find a suitable husband for her in order that she could not be sent to the Indiana Girls School.

The girl confessed to Sheriff Burl Johnson shortly after she was arrested several weeks ago to numerous acts of delinquency. She had been on probation under Mrs. Faye Smith Knapp for some time before the arrest.

Amstutz was lodged in the Adams County Jail for a month after his arrest. He has made no attempt to deny the charge, basing his defense on the sympathy of the jury.

Members of the jury are Walter Conrad, John Bollenbacher, Roy Dubach, Leonard Baumgartner, William Strickler, August Schlickman, John H. Peters, Austen McMichaels, Francis M. Stults, Harve Clark John H. Helm, Henry Brown.

## Decatur Girl Will Appear On Program

Miss Martha Elizabeth Calland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ward Calland of this city will appear in a classic toe dance in Jean Ward's Stage Door Frolic at the Shrine Theatre Monday night, May 14, at 8:15 o'clock.

This is the annual frolic and spring revue and the program will include modern routine dancing numbers presented to popular tunes. Duke Baier will direct a 10 piece orchestra as accompaniment for the dancers. Tickets may be obtained from Miss Calland.

## GEORGE KRICK IS CHAIRMAN

## Named Regional Chairman Of Drain Tile Manufacturers

George Krick, president of the Krick-Tyndall Tile Company, has been named chairman of the group committee of the drain tile manufacturers of Indiana and Kentucky, relative to the enforcement of the NRA code for the industry.

There are five members of the committee for the group known as region two. The manufacturers in the two states come under the provisions of the code.

The other members of the committee are: John Glassgow, Portland; Joe Powell, Brooklyn; Nobel Nussbaum, Bremen, Indiana, and Henry Kleymeyer, Louisville, Ky.

An organization meeting of the regional directors was held in Indianapolis recently. The drain tile industry is one of the major industries in the country and matters pertaining to employment and manufacturing are handled by the regional board, of which Mr. Krick is chairman.

## SEEK \$75,000 FOR RETURN OF KIDNAPED MAN

## Attorney Receives Telephone Call Demanding Large Ransom

## WOMAN DETAINED, MEN QUESTIONED

Los Angeles, May 11.—(U.P.)—A demand for \$75,000 for the safe return of William F. Gettle, oil millionaire, was made today in a telephone call purportedly from his kidnapers.

The call was taken by E. E. Noon, attorney appointed to represent the Gettles after the millionaire was abducted from his country estate at Arcadia, Wednesday night.

Noon said he was inclined to believe he was talking to one of the kidnapers or an intermediary appointed by them.

A woman was detained and six men questioned today by officers seeking kidnapers of Gettle.

Immediately after the questioning of the men orders went out for officers to block all roads leading to Mexico.

Officers were stationed along all highways leading south from Los Angeles. They were under instructions to scrutinize all cars and to stop any which aroused suspicion.

The safety of Gettle was placed above the needs of legal justice today. Peace officers for the most part withdrew, leaving the way clear for his abductors to demand ransom.

Sheriff Eugene W. Biscailuz of Los Angeles county was ready to fling an army of officers into the search. He suspended activities to permit negotiations.

Before declaring a truce officers had unearthed two possible clues.

One concerned the identity of a middle-aged, smartly dressed woman who questioned friends of Gettle a few hours before the millionaire was kidnaped by two masked gunmen from the grounds of his palatial estate in Arcadia late (CONTINUED ON PAGE SIX)

## LAY PLANS FOR CHURCH PICNIC

## St. Mary's Catholic Church Plans Huge Picnic June 10

Great preparations are being made for the first congregational picnic of St. Mary's Catholic church, to be held at Sun Set park, Sunday, June 10.

The Rev. Father Joseph Selmetz, pastor, hopes to make it one of the largest congregational picnics ever held in this part of the state.

The board of church trustees has been named as the general committee and H. P. Schmitt, has been selected as chairman for the event, cooperating with Father Selmetz in making the reunion a happy affair for all.

Mrs. Charles Lose was named chairman of the dinner committee. It is planned to serve dinner on the grounds. The Columbian club, an organization composed with the Knights of Columbus council, will have charge of the refreshment stand.

The public is invited to the picnic and those in charge of plans hope to have every family in the community represented. Details are worked out and plans and programs for the picnic will be announced as soon as the committees work them out.

## BULLETIN

Crown Point, Ind., May 11.—(U.P.) Ernest Blunk, correspondence school sleuth, was freed late today of charges that he aided John Dillinger's escape last March 3 from the Lake county jail here.

## Fort Wayne Woman Commits Suicide

Fort Wayne, May 11.—(U.P.)—Mrs. Emelia Stege, 65, committed suicide here early today by drowning herself in a cistern at her home. The body was found by a son-in-law George Bender, several hours after he discovered the cistern lid removed. She had been in ill health for several months.

## Most Charming



Poise, brains, personality, humor and looks — Virginia Eysell (above), 20, brown-haired University of Chicago co-ed, has them all. Twenty male students voted her the "ideal co-ed"; the other thirty co-eds in the contest just didn't figure at all.

## McnABB TALKS TO ROTARIANS

## Judge Clarence McNabb Talks On Probation, Juvenile Court

Judge Clarence R. McNabb of Fort Wayne, addressed the Rotary club at the regular weekly meeting held at the Rice hotel last evening. Probation and juvenile court work were the subjects of Judge McNabb's talk.

"Probation is a social science. It is not a hit or miss proposition. Probation is a real treatment similar to the treatment given a sick person by a doctor," the speaker stated.

Judge McNabb dwelt on the purpose of probation and said that courts evoked it as a cure for evil and a help to society, not alone financially, but morally.

"If criminals are unsafe to have in society then we should cure our delinquents before they became criminals and make them safe for society. It is the task of probation to adjust such people to society so that they will live normal lives and prevent them from becoming enemies of society," declared the speaker.

Probation is invoked in juvenile (CONTINUED ON PAGE FOUR)

## BOTH FACTIONS CLAIM VICTORY

## McNutt And Peters Forces Claim Convention Delegates

Indianapolis, May 11.—(U.P.)—Despite the lack of official tabulations from Tuesday's primary, opposing forces of Gov. Paul V. McNutt and R. Earl Peters today continued to claim victories in election of delegates to the Democratic state convention here June 12.

The convention will name the party's nominee for United States senator, a post Peters is seeking over the opposition of state administration forces.

Claiming some strength from nearly every one of the state's 92 counties, Peters today estimated that he will control 1,500 delegates in the convention.

Votes of 1,076 delegates are required to win the nomination.

In refutation of Peters' claims, Frank McHale, Logansport, administration leader, estimated that no candidate for the senate nomination is assured of more than 45 votes on the first convention ballot.

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## GRAIN PRICES RISE SHARPLY AS A RESULT

## Storm Is Termed Greatest Natural Calamity In Many Years

## DROUGHT COSTS MILLIONS DAILY

Chicago, May 11.—(U.P.)—Grain prices soared spectacularly again today as almost one-third of the nation watched a two-day dust storm blot itself out after causing unestimable millions of dollars in crop and property damage.

The greatest natural calamity in recent years was registered on the sensitive barometer of the board of trade pits immediately after the opening. The long sought goal of 1 wheat appeared imminent as a flood of buying orders sent brokers into a scene of riotous activity.

September wheat opened at 92 cents, up 2½ cents from yesterday's close and almost 16 cents higher than a fortnight ago.

A movement described by professional traders as a "natural reaction," set in the market at mid-session with prices off sharply from their highs but still fractionally above the previous close. Trading was at a tremendous pace with the pits in a turmoil and the galleries crowded to capacity.

Traffic was slowed in and near Decatur Thursday evening by the sand and dust which obscured the vision. Breathing was also difficult for many people because of the dust. The wind which attended the storm did little damage to the trees in the city.

Traces of the sand storm had disappeared this morning. Reports from farmers today that the storm did less damage to the crops than the drought has caused.

Although the huge cloud of sand and grit which had darkened skies over almost 1,500,000 square miles appeared lightening today, strengthening winds in the northwest threatened a recurrence of the plague.

Sharply lower temperatures in the Dakotas and Minnesota accompanied cessation of the storm, but in Des Moines and at other western points sifting dirt still filled the air.

Weather reports offered no hope of rain to break a drought now causing an estimated crop loss of \$2,000,000 daily.

For more than 36 hours arid winds from the plains of western Canada swirled tons of sand and grit eastward. Cattle in parched fields sickened and died as dust blanketed grass and fodder. Thousands of persons suffered seriously from eye and nose irritations, and health authorities warned of the danger of dust carried epidemics of disease.

In Chicago, St. Louis, Des Moines, Kansas City, St. Paul and Minneapolis—everywhere under the grimy blanket—the sun was obscured and visibility limited to less than a mile.

Pilots of commercial airlines climbed to heights of almost 15,000 feet to reach clear air.

Thick layers of gray powder sifted downing window and door cracks, defying every precaution of housewives. Foods were ruined and furniture made unusable without dustings.

Hits Indiana  
Indianapolis, May 11.—(U.P.)—A thin layer of dust, swept out of drought stricken fields of the northwest, settled over Indiana today.

The storm was so severe in Porter county that snow plows were used to clear the Dunes highway of sand blown by a strong wind. Traffic was halted at times because the sand obscured visions of motorists.

Weather bureau officials said the dust storm was one of the worst ever experienced in Indiana. The sun was almost entirely obscured yesterday, and many persons complained that it even was difficult to breathe.

Housewives, who had just finished housecleaning, prepared to start all over again because of the dust which settled in their homes.

Several hundred acres of onion crops in Kosciusko and adjoining counties were destroyed by the high wind which tore young sprouts from the ground.