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## INDUSTRY HEAD IN CONFERENCE AT WASHINGTON

George Sloan Discusses Strike Situation With Board

## STRIKERS FIGHT MILLS REOPENING

Copyright 1934 by United Press) Washington, Sept. 10.—(U.P.)—The nationwide textile strike reached a crisis today, with possibilities of early peace hanging on conferences in Washington.

President George A. Sloan of the cotton textile institute gave his answer to a union proposal at a meeting with the federal mediation board.

Sloan's conference with the board recessed at 1 p. m. until 3 p. m. Sloan gave no indication whether he might recede from his previous announced refusal to accept the union arbitration plan.

From scattered sections of the nation came reports of hundreds of strikers returning to work despite activities of "flying squadrons." More than 3,000 national guardsmen in both states were protecting mills.

New England strike ranks appeared to be remaining intact. In addition 300 workers joined in Maine. The extent of southern sections was uncertain.

Sloan came by airplane from New York for his conference with the mediation board. He previously had termed the union proposal "utterly impossible from every standpoint." Strike leaders were given until 6 p. m. to take or reject the plan for mediation.

## Joint Pot Luck Supper Tonight

The Knights of Pythias and the Pythian Sisters will hold a potluck dinner tonight for their families. The dinner will be followed by a dance in the local lodge rooms. The Pythian Sisters will also hold their first meeting since the summer vacation.

## Berne Florist In Wreck This Morning

Emil Nagel, well known Berne florist and hatchery man, escaped serious injuries at 5:30 o'clock this morning when he lost control of the car he was driving and turned over on the detour on state road 27, north of Decatur.

Mr. Nagel was enroute to Fort Wayne. He lost control of the car on the detour, turning the machine over twice. The car was badly damaged. Mr. Nagel received minor injuries.

## Hoboe Finds This Is "No Soft Town"

As Police Arrest Panhandler Saturday

Hoboes are finding to their own sorrow that Decatur is not a "soft town," despite the grape-vine messages that have been going the rounds in hobo camps that "if you want to be fed stop in Decatur."

A transient is alleged to have been advised this when he told tramps in a Cleveland hobo camp that he was contemplating a trip west. He told a Decatur lady this story last week when, after giving him a dime, she inquired why he happened to stop in Decatur.

Mr. "John Doe," a "resident" of practically every city in the United States, is cooling his heels in the Adams county jail as the result of taking this advice too literally, Saturday night.

City officials and police have appreciated the extent of the depression and unemployment and have attempted not to be too hard on the "down-and-outers." For several years they have maintained a transient room in the municipal plant where tramps could get a little warmth during cold, winter nights. Last winter, when it was found that tramps were beginning to make Decatur their winter headquarters, a one night rule was put into effect at the city plant.

## Is Sentenced For Contempt Of Court

Archie Smith is serving a ten day sentence in the Adams county jail, imposed Saturday by Judge Huber M. DeVoss in the Adams circuit court after a finding of guilty of contempt of court. The contempt charge arose from divorce proceedings instigated against him by his wife, Gladys Smith, on April 11, 1934.

Smith was ordered to pay to the county clerk for the support of wife and children during the divorce proceedings, the sum of \$5.00 a week. Since that time he has paid only \$2.00 to the clerk.

## PROMINENT MAN DIES AT BERNE

Fred G. Eichenberger Dies Sunday Morning; County Council Member

Fred G. Eichenberger, 71, of Berne, member of the Adams county council and owner of the City Bakery at Berne, died at his home at 8:50 o'clock Sunday morning. Mr. Eichenberger became ill three weeks previous to his death. A postmortem was held Sunday afternoon and death was attributed to general peritonitis caused by abscess.

Mr. Eichenberger was born in Switzerland May 30, 1863, a son of Fred G. and Susanna-Gammetter Eichenberger. He came to this country with his parents, when an infant. His parents settled in Ohio. He moved to Berne when twenty years old and resided there since that time with the exception of two years when he operated a restaurant in Decatur.

He started in business as a restaurant proprietor, operated a grocery, and at the time of his death owned and operated the City Bakery, in partnership with his son, Victor Eichenberger.

Mr. Eichenberger was a member of the Adams county council, having been named to that office following the death of William Baumgartner three years ago. He also served as a member of the Berne town council from 1909 to 1913, and was a former member of the Berne board of education. He took an active part in the Berne Reformed church and served as deacon and elder for many years.

He was married June 1, 1892 to Sarah Burgholder who survives, together with the following children: Victor, Berne; Edward of Dixon, Illinois; Esther, at home. One son, Harold Eichenberger.

## Zimmerman Funeral Rites Held Sunday

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon for William J. Zimmerman, 71, prominent Kirkland township farmer and former county and township assessor, who died in Chicago Friday morning. Services were held at the Zimmerman home near Peterson and at the Beulah Chapel church. Burial was in the Pleasant Dale cemetery.

## ELDEST SON OF PRESIDENT SAFE

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## As Rescue Ship Watched Survivors Near Safety



Passengers on the deck of the S. S. Monarch of Bermuda watch a gripping life-death battle as survivors of the liner Morro Castle row towards them in a lifeboat battling a heavy sea, off the New Jersey coast. The Monarch was one of the rescue ships that rushed to the aid of the liner.

## SAMUEL KRILL DIES SATURDAY

Root Township Resident Dies Following An Extended Illness

Samuel Frank Krill, 72 year old retired farmer, residing in Root township, five miles northwest of Decatur, died at his home at 12:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon, following an extended illness. Death was due to cancer. Mr. Krill had been ailing for a number of years although his condition did not become serious until last Wednesday.

Mr. Krill was born in Wells county on August 20, 1862, a son of John and Sophia Krill. His wife, Sarah J. Ritter-Krill preceded him in death 13 years ago.

Surviving are a son and three daughters, Ralph S. Krill of Root township; Mrs. Frank L. Miller of Monroe township; and Mrs. Earl Reber and Mrs. Ernest Merica of Root township. Nine grandchildren also survive. Four brothers are deceased.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the Zwick funeral home on North Second street and at 1:45 o'clock at the Methodist Episcopal church with Rev. H. R. Carson officiating. Burial will be made in the Decatur cemetery.

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## Contract Signers Slowing Up Work

Homer W. Arnold, county corn-hog compliance officer, stated today that the failure of contract signers to have the weigh bills for hogs sold since the count was made, is slowing up the work of his committee.

Instructions from Lafayette are to the effect that if a man does not have his weigh bills he should be instructed to get them and bring them to the county office of the corn hog control association; that back trips are not to be made unless the signer agrees to bear the expense.

## BERNE CHURCH HAS FESTIVAL

Berne Reformed Church Annual Mission Festival Was Held Sunday

About 50 members of the Decatur Zion Reformed church attended the annual mission festival held at the Berne Reformed church Sunday. The girls choir of the local church contributed two musical numbers to the program held in the afternoon.

A similar program will be held in the Decatur church, Sunday, October 14.

Three programs were held at Berne Sunday with Rev. J. L. Conrad, pastor of the Berne Reformed church presiding. Rev. E. A. Katterhenry, pastor of the Salem Reformed church at Cincinnati, Ohio, was the chief speaker. Student Nelson Bixler, of the Mission House Seminary in Wisconsin and a former resident of Berne, gave a short talk in the afternoon on "The Use of Hymns in Choir."

The afternoon program was devoted to music. All the surrounding Reformed churches contributed music. The C. E. choir of the Bluffton church sang two numbers. A mission festival will be held at the Vera Cruz church next Sunday. Another program will be held at the St. Luke's Reformed church, Sunday, September 23. Bluffton will hold its mission festival Sunday, October 21.

## Studabaker Rites Held Here Sunday

Funeral services for David B. Studabaker, 40, who died at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Philip Obenauer, in this city Thursday evening were held Sunday afternoon at the Obenauer home on North Fourth street with Rev. H. R. Carson, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church officiating. Burial was made in the Decatur cemetery.

## NEW PASTOR AT U. B. CHURCH

Rev. H. W. Franklin Will Succeed Rev. C. J. Roberts Here

Rev. Charles J. Roberts, pastor of the Decatur First United Brethren church for the last two years was returned to his former charge at Galveston, Indiana, in the closing session of the St. Joseph conference meeting at Lafayette Lake, Sunday. Bishop H. H. Potts of Indianapolis announced that Rev. H. W. Franklin, pastor of the United Brethren church at Fulton would replace Rev. Roberts.

Rev. Roberts was very well liked by members of his congregation, ministers and residents of the city. He is now president of the ministerial association and dean of the Decatur Daily Vacation Bible school. He is chairman of the nominating committee of the conference. This committee names officers and boards of the conference. Rev. Roberts is also a member of the Decatur Lions club.

This year the local church will pay more than \$1,000 of the principal of the debt on the church, the first reduction in five years.

Rev. Franklin, who will come to (CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO)

## MAINE VOTERS CAST BALLOTS

General Election Today; Ten States To Hold Primaries This Week

Washington, Sept. 10.—(U.P.)—Maine voters today opened a week-long national political festival with general election to be followed by primaries in 10 states where new deal prestige is due for new lustre or embarrassing tarnish.

Maine bolted the Republican party in 1932 for the first time, electing Louis J. Brann, a Democrat, governor and selecting Democrats to two of the state's three seats in the house of representatives.

Brann is running again, opposed by Alfred K. Ames. Senator Frederick Hale, Republican, is battling for re-election against F. Harold Hubbard, Democrat. Brann is given the edge as polls open.

Republicans laid extraordinary siege to Maine in the campaign ended last week. National party figures streamed into the state to plead for return to the party fold.

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## AT LEAST FIVE DIE IN WRECKS OVER WEEK-END

Scores Of Others Are Injured In Traffic Accidents In State

## TWO VICTIMS OF BUS-AUTO CRASH

Indianapolis, Sept. 10.—(U.P.)—Warm sunshine which culminated a week of cool, rainy weather, attracted motorists to Indiana highways over the week end, resulting in at least five deaths in traffic accidents.

Scores of others were injured and one Hoosier was killed in an airplane accident at Dayton, O.

Two men were killed and four others were injured at Indianapolis in a collision between an Indianapolis-South Bend bus and two automobiles.

Alvie Hamilton, 40, was killed in the crash and his brother, Burl, 37, died later.

Those injured, all passengers of the bus, were Mrs. J. H. Guthrie, 29, South Bend, and her daughters Benita Ann, 9, and Sue, 4, and Miss Margaret Phaffman, 24, Indianapolis. L. C. Richard, 30, Plymouth, driver of the bus, was unhurt.

Two men were killed near Alexandria when their automobile was struck by a truck and overturned during a heavy fog. Jesse E. Williams, 20, and Howard McKenzie, 27, both of Alexandria were the victims.

Alfred Taylor, 60, was killed instantly when struck by an automobile on state road 44 while walking near his home at Rushville.

The Hoosier victim of the airplane accident was Arnold Haas, Cass county farm youth, struck by a propeller while visiting the flying field.

Nine persons were injured, one seriously, in a head-on automobile collision on state road 19, north-east of Rochester. They were Mr. and Mrs. Warren Gonsler, their son, Russell, and daughter Myrtle, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tobia.

## SCHOOL PUPIL DIES SUNDAY

Catherine Brown, Decatur Senior, Is Victim Of Pneumonia

Catherine R. Brown, 18 year old Decatur high school student, and a resident of Decatur all her life, died at her home at 910 Russell street Sunday night at midnight, following a short illness. Death was due to pneumonia.

Miss Brown became ill Friday night, August 31. She suffered from a cold which developed into pneumonia. She had not been well for the past four weeks and had recently undergone a minor operation for the removal of her tonsils.

The deceased was a member of the senior class of the Decatur high school and would have graduated from the school in the spring. She was a mid-year student and would have completed the four year course at Christmas.

She took an active part in the activities of the First Evangelical church and in school.

She was born in Decatur on July 5, 1916, a daughter of Luther and Mary Presdorf-Brown. Surviving besides the parents are the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Gottlieb Stauffer, Charles, Florence, Frederick, Rosemary, Naomi and James.

A brother and a sister are deceased. A grandfather, Edward Presdorf of Bluffton, also survives.

Funeral services will be held (CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO)

## Lions Club To Meet At Park

The regular weekly meeting of the Lions club will be held Tuesday evening at 5:30 o'clock, at the Hanna Park west of town. In case of rain, the meeting will be held at 6:30 o'clock at the Central School Building. Members are asked to note the change in time if meeting is held at the park.

## Plan Meeting At Monroe Friday

At 7:30 Friday evening, September 14, a meeting will be held at the high school building at Monroe that will be of great interest to cattle owners in Adams county. County Agent Archbold has arranged to have Dr. H. Busman, inspector in charge of the Federal Bureau of Animal Industry, to explain the voluntary federal plan for the eradication of Bang's disease, commonly known as abortion. In this meeting first hand information of the plan can be secured from the man in charge of the work in this state.

The plan in relief calls for one free blood test of the herd and indemnity to be paid for diseased cattle by the federal government. For grade cattle the government will pay \$20 per head plus salvage and for pure bred cattle that are duly registered, \$50 per head plus salvage. The signer also agrees to place his herd on the state plan for control of Bang's disease.

## TWO CONVICTS KILLED DURING ESCAPE EFFORT

One Other Seriously Wounded; Guard Shot By Fellow-Guardsmen

## FOUR PRISONERS INVOLVED IN PLOT

Joliet, Ill., Sept. 10.—(U.P.)—A daring escape plot was frustrated at the state penitentiary today after a bloody encounter between prisoners and guards.

Two convicts were killed. One convict was seriously wounded and one guard was shot by his fellow-guardsmen.

The victims were: Frank Bellinger and Fred Barry, convicts killed.

Frank Spuder, convicted kidnaper, seriously wounded.

William Pentowski, guard, shot down as he was used as a shield between the convicts and other guards. Pentowski was hit in the right arm but probably will recover.

Four convicts participated in the plot which entailed a daring plan to commandeer a supply train coming into the prison yard. In addition to the two dead and one wounded Warden Frank D. Whipp said Joseph Donahue was among those attempting to escape and was described as "the ring leader."

Donahue and the three followers began their coup by overpowering Pentowski near the clothing workshop. They sought from him the keys to the workshop so they could obtain clothes other than the prison garb.

Pentowski, however, had no keys. Holding him as hostage, the quartet went to a tunnel through which trains entered the prison yard.

There they lay in wait until the first train came along. Donahue attempted to board the engine.

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## PROBE STARTED TO DETERMINE FULL DETAILS

Exact Total Uncertain; Many Questions Remain To Be Answered

## EXPLOSION ROCKS SHIP AGAIN TODAY

Asbury Park, N. J., Sept. 10.—(U.P.)—The proud liner Morro Castle, death trap for nearly 200 men, women and children, smouldered on the beach of this pleasure resort today.

Authorities ashore labored to care for the living and dead among the 558 aboard when swift and deadly flames raked the holiday cruise ship from stem to stern in one of the most ghastly sea disasters of modern times.

The federal government began a searching investigation to determine whether the terrible sacrifice of human life could have been averted or minimized.

It was impossible to count casualties exactly, because of the scattered points at which survivors reached shore or bodies were washed up. An unofficial compilation by the United Press indicated the following:

Passengers Identified dead, 68. Missing or unidentified, 46.

Crew Identified dead, 13. Missing or unidentified, 50. Total believed dead, 177.

While this total was subject to correction from hour to hour, it would indicate that a total of 381 passengers and crew survived. Duplications and partial, incomplete or "double" identifications caused some discrepancies.

(Note: above list is subject to revision.)

Investigators' stories of what happened aboard the Morro Castle, after she suddenly burst into flames early Saturday morning while returning to New York from a Havana cruise were contradictory.

Inquirers sought these answers: 1. Why there was at least 45 minutes delay in sending out the S. O. S.

2. Why the passengers were not given the alarm earlier and assembled on deck for safety.

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## Harry Isler Is Free Under Bond

Harry Isler of Bluffton is free under bond on a charge of petit larceny following the granting by Judge Huber M. DeVoss of his request made Saturday for more time to make his plea. Isler was arrested on August 7 on a charge of driving away from a local sale with a cow which was not paid for. He was released without bond from the Adams county jail that night to quiet his mother who became temporarily insane with grief.

## Visiting Fireman Says Decatur Is Well Equipped For Fire Fighting

"Decatur has a fire department adequate for all its needs," said Henry Taylor, assistant fire chief of New Orleans, who is visiting many friends and relatives in and near Decatur.

Mr. Taylor has a billion dollars worth of property in the commercial district of New Orleans under his direct supervision. Mr. Taylor came to Indiana as a delegate to the National Firemen and Policemen convention which will be held in Indianapolis this week. With him are his wife and two daughters, Grace and Katherine. Miss Virginia Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Miller of West Adams street, who has spent three weeks visiting relatives in New Orleans, returned north with the Taylors.

Like the sailor who spent his vacation rowing in the lake in Central Park, Mr. Taylor dropped into the local fire department to inspect its equipment. "The equipment here doesn't compare to that of our department, but Decatur hasn't the tall buildings and fire hazards of New Orleans," Mr. Taylor continued.

"New Orleans has not had a serious fire for more than eight years," Mr. Taylor continued.

"Years ago, when we had the old horse drawn fire wagons, I can remember blazes which caused us to stay at the scene of the fire for two days before we could get it under control."

"Today our equipment is a model for the United States. It can take care of any blaze originated in a building six stories or less. Owners of high buildings and skyscrapers are required by law to install hose connections on every floor. Just before I came north we had a fire in a pent house on top of a 32-story building. We rushed the hose up an elevator and had the fire out in less time than it took us to get there."

Mr. Taylor gave the impression that the thrills of the old "fire-eaters" had disappeared with introduction of science into fire fighting.

John M. Evans, the present chief of the New Orleans force is the third chief in the history of New Orleans. Mr. Taylor gave the chief credit for establishing and building up their model fire department as well as putting through the constitutional amendment which doubled (CONTINUED ON PAGE FIVE)