

## JOY-RIDING TAXI TURNS FLIP AT RIVERSIDE PARK

Two Girls Hurt, Two Men Escape Injury and Another Arrested in Accident.

### BOOZE CAUSES SMASHUP

A joy ride of the pre-dry day variety ended disastrously at 2 o'clock this morning on a lonely road west of Riverside park.

Two women were painfully injured, one man is under arrest and two men escaped injury in the crash which ended the party.

The taxi in which the five were riding turned over on the Cold Springs road, a half mile north of Thirtieth street. The taxi crashed as hard as it had been kicked by "white mule," which, the police said, filled an important role in the party.

When the police reached the scene the machine was badly wrecked. Their diagnosis of the case was that it first had veered from the road and hit a big boulder, a piece being chipped from a large stone along the road.

### TRIPPED OVER SEVERAL TIMES

The automobile apparently then jumped back on the road, chose a path leading down a steep hill instead of one into Riverside park, turned over three or four times and landed at the bottom of the hill in a heap.

Mrs. Frances Hinton, 24, of 421 East New York street, was taken from the wreckage suffering from severe injuries to her head, neck and hip. Mrs. Pearl Butler, 19, Linden hotel, suffered bruises and sprains. The male escorts escaped injury and gave their names as Bruce Campbell, 25, of 336 South Drovers street and Harry Van Arsdale, 19, of 850 West New York street.

Wilbur Matlock, 29, of 461 Massachusetts avenue, employed by the Yellow Taxi company, is under arrest on a charge of operating a blind tiger, drunkness and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor. He was slightly hurt.

### SUPPLIES BOOZE TO JOY RIDERS

Matlock supplied the liquor for the party, the police charge, giving as their source of information the men of the party. They gave Matlock \$8.00 to buy liquor, and he purchased a quart of white corn whiskey, also known as "white mule," the police said. A bottle almost empty was found in his pocket, they added.

While Police Sgt. J. Houston was investigating the accident, Capt. Reed learned from the taxi company that they had sent another automobile to the scene of the accident. The automobile had taken all victims to a rooming house at 421 East New York street. Lieut. Ball was sent there to investigate and he was at the rooming house when Sgt. Houston and his squad arrived. When Sgt. Houston and his squad arrived at the scene of the accident, all the victims had been taken away.

The police received first information of the accident from the husband of Mrs. Butler, who called at his hotel and said his wife had telephoned him that she had been injured in an automobile accident on the Cold Springs road. The accident had occurred at the intersection of the road to be, and the police investigation began.

## WAR CHIEF AIDS ARMENIAN PLEA

Relief Work Spurred by Native General's Appeal.

Workers of the Marlon County Near East Relief organization returned to their task with renewed vigor today as a result of the strong appeals made by Gen. Mesrop Azgapanian, an Armenian, who served with the Russian army in the war, at the Y. M. C. A. big meeting at English's theater yesterday afternoon and at Roberts Park M. E. church last night.

From captains, workers and committee officers of the county organization met at the Y. M. C. A. today to lay plans for following up the advantage gained through the general's eloquent plea.

Gen. Azgapanian declared Armenia is the only friend starving Armenia can turn to in the whole world. He told of the exploits of the Armenian soldiers in the early days of the war and of their stubborn courage in "carrying on" after the Bolshevik plague had destroyed the Russian army. It was Armenians, the speaker said, who kept the Turks from the rich Bakou oil fields, on which Germany depended for fuel.

The Marlon county committee has undertaken to save the lives of 2,000 Armenian orphans.

## 29 BANDITS DIE; TOOK 17 WOMEN

Mexican Troops Execute Captives After Mine Town Raid.

HERMOSILLO, Mexico, March 1.—Twenty-nine men and one woman, the bandits who raided the Camp Los Torres mine last week and abducted seventeen women of Mexican miners were summarily executed Sunday following their capture by Carranza troops, it was reported here today.

Fifteen of the kidnapped women were rescued. Two died as the result of brutal treatment they received. Twenty-eight of the bandits were shot and their leader was hanged to a tree.

## Wood and Poindexter Arrange for Debate

CHICAGO, March 1.—Leonard Wood and Senator Poindexter of Washington have arranged a joint debate to be held March 29 at Pierre, S. D. Wood, campaign manager announced here today. Wood will make a second tour of South Dakota, it was announced.

Wood speaks this afternoon at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, following an inspection of Camp Custer. He will speak in Detroit tomorrow and in Battle Creek Wednesday.

## McNamara Mentioned for Labor Portfolio

LONDON, March 1.—T. J. McNamara, M. P., financial secretary of the admiralty, probably will be named Sir Robert Horne, minister of labor, if Horne is advanced to the post of president of the board of trade to succeed Sir Auckland Geddes, the Daily Mail said today. Geddes, it was understood, probably will depart soon for Washington to become ambassador to the United States.

## Know a Good Joke? Here's Your Chance to Go to Show Free

Lew Dockstader Wants to Get Two Best Laugh Producing 'Lines' in Indianapolis.

Big gobs of soap and water were being splashed over Lew Dockstader's face when a Times' reporter entered his dressing room at Keith's.

Lew was washing off the redness of his nose as he held out his wet and slippery right hand to the reporter.

His big figure was covered with a comfortably sized pair of B. V. D's. "Excuse my appearance," said Dockstader, as the last red stain left his stage nose and that member became natural again. "I am not a ballet dancer, as I have too much gay window."

We laughed. "Where do you get your jokes, Lew?" the reporter asked.

Dockstader glanced toward a little carry-me-around typewriter.

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Lew even laughed when he repeated it. Lew is using one of the latest jokes on his Keith's audiences here, which he has just pounded out on his typewriter.

He uses it on his encore and he always gets many of those, this veteran minstrel man.

AND HERE'S HOW HIS LATEST GOES.

Lew draws out his watch, looks at it and tells his audience that he is late to a banquet and so must not tarry in front of the curtain too long.

"It's going to be some banquet," declares Lew. "It's a banquet in honor of Admiral Sims, given by Josephus Daniels."

And everybody laughs.

In being reminded about his minstrel days, Dockstader said:

"We actors used to howl and kick about the minstrel parades at noon. But, gosh, they did me a world of good. After sleeping in a close study sleeper, I would crawl out, get into the parade, breathe in the fresh air and the scent of delicious some-cooked grub. It was those parades in my minstrel days that gave me my fine health of today. No joking, that's the truth."

HE'S LOOKING FOR GOOD JOSES.

As the famous minstrel man and humorist began adjusting his tie he said to the reporter:

"I want to get hold of the two best Indianapolis jokes. I want 'em sent in and I will read them from Keith's stage on Thursday night."

Lew has hundreds and hundreds of jokes, but he wants the two best Indianapolis jokes.

So get him.

Write 'em out.

Mr. Dockstader and Manager Eggleston of the Keith theater of Indianapolis will give a pair of seats each to the winners for Thursday night.

Send in the jokes.

All jokes must be in the office of The Times by 9 a. m. next Thursday.

Get the best joke out of your system. Send it in at once.

Lew will pick the winner.

Political jokes are excluded.

## SEN. BANKHEAD, ALABAMA, DIES AT AGE OF 78

Long Public Career of Veteran Congress Member Ends in Capital.

### SERVED PUBLIC 40 YEARS

WASHINGTON, March 1.—United States Senator John H. Bankhead of Alabama died here today at the age of 78 years.

Senator Bankhead was born at Moscow, Ala., in 1841. He was graduated from the University of Alabama in 1863 and from the law university in 1865, where he studied law.

He was elected from the Tenth Alabama district and was a member of the sixty-first and the present congress. He was a democrat. His home was at Jasper, Ala. He was first elected a congressman in 1880. In 1907 he was elected a senator. He has served continuously practically forty years.

Several weeks.

Senator Bankhead died shortly before 1 o'clock at his residence on Columbia road. He had been ill for several weeks and his illness weakened his heart, which caused death. He had apparently been very comfortable for the last few days and the end was unexpected.

## COMES TO LIFE IN TOMBSTONE

Prosecutor Thought Dying Ready for Stormy Trial.

TOMBSTONE, Ariz., March 1.—After two days of drowsy quiet, disturbed only by the braying of donkeys, the cawing of crows and the occasional chug of an automobile, Tombstone sprang into life again today with resumption of the Bismarck deportation trial.

Both sides promised this would be the stormiest week of the trial to date. It is expected to see completion of the jury and taking of evidence.

Tombstone is still gossiping over the recovery of "Bob" French, county attorney. French, believed to be dying of cancer, gave Tombstone a shock by rising from his bed and walking to court.

He explained that Al Turner, coupman and "miracle man," had cured him, removing the cancerous growth from his face by an application of some salve, the formula for which Turner is said to have obtained from Indians. French's physicians had insisted an operation was necessary, but now the aged lawyer says he's almost well and will be able to proceed in the trial this week.

## Real Estate Men Form New Concern

A new real estate firm has been formed by Chester W. Henry and J. Edward Robins with offices at 155 East Market street. Mr. Henry has been with the firm of B. M. Balvo, the formula for which Robins has been associated with J. G. McCullough for twelve years. They will do a general real estate business. Both are members of the Indianapolis real estate board.

## Illness Halts Tour of Mme. Tetrassini

NEW YORK, March 1.—Mme. Luisa Tetrassini, operatic and concert star, was to arrive here today to undergo medical treatment for the illness which caused her to cancel her concert tour at Erie, Pa., yesterday.

The star's manager has canceled all engagements for the next few weeks. She has been under the care of physicians for several days.

## Houghton Balloon Wins Naval Flight

ROCKAWAY POINT, L. I., March 1.—The naval hydrogen balloon, commanded by Lieut. Houghton, which landed near the light, Canada, reported today as the winner of the navy's endurance flight which started from here Saturday.

Two other balloons landed safely at Canton, N. Y., and Orleans, Vt. The latter stayed the air thirty-one hours. The craft depended entirely on the wind for power during the flight.

## Burglar Caught in Act, Says Policeman

Herbert Dodge, alias Ralph Jackson, is under arrest today on a charge of larceny. He was arrested by Patrolman J. E. Houghton, who saw him in the act of breaking into a grocery conducted by Nick Kerk, at Patterson and Michigan streets.

It is said he admits the charge and also that he entered the building Feb. 10 and took \$35 from the safe.

## Noted Jurist Dead

NEW YORK, March 1.—Justice Philip Henry Dugro of the New York state supreme court died here today.

## 'I Can't Think of Anything But My Dead Boy,' Says Marshall

CHICAGO, March 1.—Walking through the lobby of a hotel here, a newspaper reporter chanced to see Vice President Marshall and asked him for an interview. The vice president attempted to speak, but his voice broke and tears came to his eyes.

"Please, not now," he said gently. "I can not think of anything but my dead little boy. Mrs. Marshall is upstairs now, crying, as she has been since we lost Morrison several days ago. We both had to get away from Washington because—we could not bear to remain and look at his toys."

The vice president and Mrs. Marshall expect to leave for Phoenix, Ariz., today.

# PROGRESSIVES BREAK WITH G. O. P. STANDPATS; 21 RY STATES FIGHT RHODE ISLAND 'WET' SUIT

## HUGHES ASKS RIGHT TO KILL STATE'S PLEA

Rhode Island to Fight Back, Contending Commonwealths Must Act Separately.

### DECIDE WISCONSIN CASE

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Twenty-one prohibition states, represented by Charles E. Hughes, former supreme court justice, today announced to the supreme court their intention of fighting the efforts of Rhode Island to have the eighteenth amendment and the Volstead law enforcement declared invalid.

As the court met Hughes asked permission to file briefs for the states which backs the contentions of the federal government that the Rhode Island suit should be dismissed. Rhode Island, it is understood, will oppose the suit on the grounds that it must be filed by the attorney general's office of the various states and not Hughes.

The states represented are Delaware, North Carolina, Kentucky, Louisiana, Indiana, Alabama, Maine, Arkansas, Michigan, Florida, Oregon, Kansas, West Virginia, Nevada, Nebraska, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Utah and Arizona.

The wet forces sought to advance an appeal from a Kentucky federal court decision, holding constitutional prohibition valid. The suit was brought by the Kentucky Distilling and Warehouse Company.

## RULES FIRM CAN MAKE 2.5 PER CENT BEER

MILWAUKEE, March 1.—Federal Judge F. A. Geiger today ruled in favor of the Milwaukee Products Company in its motion for an injunction restraining the federal prohibition officials from interfering with its manufacture of 2.5 per cent beer, under the Mulberger state law.

The damage to the building is estimated at \$250,000. Many of the inmates of the sanitarium suffered heavy personal loss.

The flames were discovered near their way out of the storage room near an air shaft on the second floor. In a few minutes the fire was roaring through the shaft.

Virgil Ramer of Peru, Ind., and P. E. Lewis, an undertaker of Bushnell, Ill., did heroic rescue work. Had it not been for them at least would have been killed. While they were making their way through the premises clad only in negligee they learned that a number of invalids were still in their rooms.

The two men were carrying out the five persons from their smoke-filled rooms on the upper floors.

Among the patients who suffered heavy personal property loss were Mrs. H. L. Kramer, one of the founders of the institution, who lost \$20,000 worth of jewelry and other valuables, and Mrs. Joseph W. Keenan of Detroit, who lost clothing and jewelry valued at \$15,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Sutton of Indianapolis were among those who got out of the building. They lost clothing and other effects.

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## RUFFE ARRESTED, BUT WHAT OF IT?

Police Didn't Get the Dice, So Gambling King Should Worry.

Rufe Page, negro republican politician, who has the reputation of possessing a charmed life so far as conviction is concerned, has been arrested again for operating a gambling house at 1317 North Senate avenue. John Overton, negro, also manager, also has been arrested on a charge of operating a gambling house, and twenty-one negroes were arrested in the place for gambling.

But there is the secret: The police didn't get the dice and money. It is a rule in police court that dice and money are necessary as proof of a craps game, consequently, Rufe stands a very good chance to get away with it again, probably with apologies from the city administration.

It all happened at about 3 o'clock Sunday morning. The police decided to raid a Saturday night game of "African dominoes" they say was conducted in Rufe's place. Lieuts. Shubert and Bell and Sergeants Johnson and Deiter, with a squad, visited Page's place. They listened and they heard voices cooing the "bones" to "seven" and "eleven."

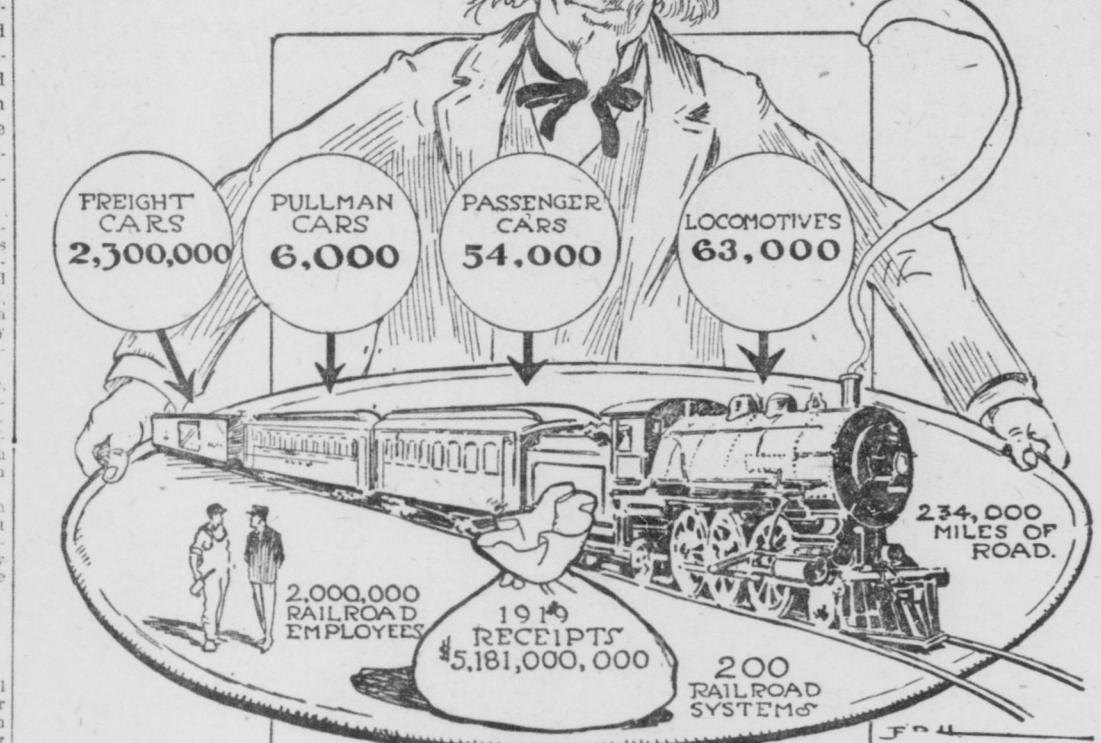
Then they attempted to break down a side door. After making considerable noise they found the door couldn't be broken, so they decided to go around the front. By this time any dice or money which may have been present were gone.

The police have no way of proving that the twenty-three negroes weren't talking in their sleep.

Consequently, Rufe, who is out on a cash bond, isn't worrying. Rufe has learned that he usually doesn't have anything to worry about anyway.

## U. S. Turns Back Most Valuable Property in World to Private Owners After Holding It Two Years

WASHINGTON, March 1.—The most valuable aggregation of property in the world was returned today to the hands of its private owners after two years in the hands of Uncle Sam. The railroads of the United States, whose book value is approximately \$19,000,000,000, include almost one-third of the total railroad mileage of the whole world. Out



of 729,845 miles of rail on the earth, the railroads of the United States comprise 233,899 miles.

Compared to this, Russia's mileage of 48,932 (1916) is inconsiderable, and Russia has the second largest railroad mileage in the world. Canada has only 37,434 miles; France, 31,938; Germany, 39,990, while the British Isles have only 26,280 miles.

Uncle Sam hands back to the private owners a total of 200 railroad systems, with a vast equipment of locomotives, cars and equipment. These include 62,759 locomotives, 53,315 passenger cars, 6,000 Pullman cars, and 2,209,540 freight cars of all kinds.

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## ROADS HERE NOT REDUCING

Same Forces Will Continue for Present, Say Officials.

No reductions have been made in the Indianapolis working forces of the railroads, which were returned to private ownership today. In offices of most lines it was said no changes are contemplated.

Views of division superintendents and other officials seemed to be that the railroads have been employing no more than necessary under government control, although there were rumors in railroad circles that there would be drastic cuts in the number of employees. There is a death of good shopmen, they say.

J. W. Conely, superintendent of terminals of the Pennsylvania line, said he has been asking a draft on his office for clerical help by other offices of the company where a shortage exists. Some reductions in the number of employees may be possible when the line regains normal running conditions, but for the present all the help employed it needed, he said.

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## Child Falls 2 Stories; Only Slightly Hurt

Eugenia Kent, 4, daughter of Mrs. Maud Kent of the Levlans Hotel, 129 South Illinois street, today was recovered from a fall from the second story window of the hotel to the sidewalk below. The child was rushed to the City hospital, where an examination showed that she was only slightly injured.

## Passengers Taken From Reefed Ship

BOSTON, March 1.—The sixty-four passengers on the Levlans Hotel, 129 South Illinois street, today were taken off by rescue tugs and steamers in a blinding snow storm, according to a radio received here by the Levlans today. The transfer was effected without a mishap, the message stated.

## SUCCUMBS

The architect had worked on plans to make a playground on the roof of the new building, and if we can not buy land for a playground at a reasonable price, we may as well use this method, although we would much rather not do it."

The petition of Lewis says: "We do not respectfully suggest to your honor that the imperious, if not more entitled to as much freedom and opportunity to play as the children of wealthy parents living, for example, in the neighborhood of school No. 66, on Maple road, is just where the school should be."

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## HOLDS NAVY NOT UNDER SHIP LAW

150 Vessels Sold Without Registry Provision.