

## RAP CORONER'S BLUNT REBUKE TO PARENTS

Calling Playing in Streets  
'Criminal Neglect' Strives  
Friends of Slain Boy.

### FORMAL PROTEST MADE

Coroner Paul R. Robinson was characterized as "heartless" by neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. August Stoeffler, 3131 Indianapolis avenue, today.

His statement that the parent who allows a child to play in the streets is guilty of criminal negligence brought forth a formal protest from the neighbors.

The statement was made after the 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Stoeffler was killed by a motor truck on West Thirty-second street, while hanging to the truck and coasting on roller skates, Saturday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Stoeffler have been so deeply affected by the coroner's statement that they demand an apology from him.

They are particularly aroused by the statement of the coroner that "hereafter, accidents of this kind, where it is shown the driver of the motor vehicle is absolutely blameless, I am going to order the parents held by the police and will ask the grand jury to investigate."

The coroner added: "It is certainly nothing more nor less than the greatest criminal negligence for parents to allow their children to play in the streets."

The blunt statement of the coroner is unacceptable, declared Harry W. Wall, 1345 West Thirty-first street, and himself the father of six children.

"The entire neighborhood has the deepest sympathy for Mr. and Mrs. Stoeffler," he said, "and feels that the least Coroner Robinson can do is to send a letter of sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Stoeffler."

"His CHILDHOOD DAYS FORGOTTEN."

"It seems that he has forgotten his childhood days," Wall added, stating that he voiced the sentiments of the neighbors.

"Would any parents be guilty of sending their children into the streets to be murdered? Does Coroner Robinson expect the parents to lay off from work, or mothers to leave their babies at home alone and take the older children back and forth to the streets? In fact, their reflection upon Mr. and Mrs. Stoeffler is to be done to better conditions?"

"In respect to Mr. and Mrs. Stoeffler, I will say there are no parents in the city who have provided a better playground for their children than they have. Their yard is used by the neighborhood children. An inspection of this home will back up my statement."

"I would suggest that the school board notify all teachers of public schools to tell the children about staying on the sidewalks while going to and from school, especially at street crossings. Also the police department could lend a helping hand by stopping children of any misconduct on their part."

The Stoeffler boy was the third child fatally hurt in street accidents in the present month, and the fourteenth child fatally hurt in the last twelve months.

NOTHING PERSONAL IN HIS WARNING.

Dr. Robinson, when informed today of the feeling of the neighbors, said he had not intended his statement as any warning to other parents, but he was careful to keep their children off the streets.

"I realize that people can't keep their eyes on their children at all times, but every effort should be made to keep them from playing in the streets. I have noticed Bellefontaine street and Churchman avenue, particularly, in the last few days. Sometimes there are so many children playing in the streets that it is difficult for a motor car to travel."

## NO MORE LOANS, HOUSTON SAYS

Secretary to Stay Further  
European Credits.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—The United States will make no more loans to European nations.

This was announced this afternoon by Secretary of the Treasury, C. D. Hoover. While the treasury still has authorization to make loans to the extent of half a billion dollars to the allied nations, he said he would not be used.

Secretary Hoover also announced he would oppose vigorously any efforts to secure participation of the United States in the proposed allied loan to Germany.

## New Orleans Coffee Plant Swept by Fire

NEW ORLEANS, March 10.—Fire which for some time threatened to destroy an entire square in the business district today, wrecked the plant of the American Coffee Company and an adjoining warehouse. Another large warehouse was damaged.

## Bottomley Has New Rap for Uncle Sam

LONDON, March 10.—Under the headline, "Another Talk to Uncle Sam," the Daily Express newspaper, John Bull, again attacked America today. The paper accuses the United States of holding out from the burden of reconstruction, arguing that it would be of great benefit to Germany unless America bears her full share in rehabilitating Europe.

## THE WEATHER

Local Forecast—Unsettled with rain tonight and Thursday; temperature above freezing.

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8 a. m.	43
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12 noon	45
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8 p. m.	97
10 p. m.	98
12 noon	99
2 p. m.	100

Sun sets today, 6:46; rises tomorrow, 6:52; sets, 6:57.

One year ago today, highest temperature, 49; lowest, 29.

Additional weather reports on market page.

## When Traveling Don't Do This!

Clarence Pollock, Sparksville, Ind., placed his suitcase on the floor of the union station while he purchased his railroad ticket. It disappeared. The case and contents were valued at \$50.

## Forty Hurt in Fog; Chicago, Not London

CHICAGO, March 10.—A heavy fog in Chicago hampered traffic today. Forty persons were slightly injured when two street cars collided in the mist.

## Socialists Form New Cabinet in Sweden

LONDON, March 10.—Dr. Branting, socialist leader, has formed a new Swedish cabinet, said a dispatch from Stockholm today.

## Seven Carried Out of Burning Residence

BUFFALO, March 10.—Firemen saved seven persons from death early today when fire swept through the home of Edward Michael in the fashionable residential district of Delaware avenue, causing damage estimated at \$50,000.

## French Coal Strike to Cut Down Trains

PARIS, March 10.—The railway lines are considering a reduction of passenger service because of the coal strike in the coal fields in the department of the north. A mass meeting of the miners was called for today.

## Illinois Steps Out With Insanity Boom

CHICAGO, March 10.—Insanity in Illinois is on the increase, according to Dr. Edward Foley of the Dunning state hospital for the insane. He reported the hospital has 3,340 patients, a record number, and believes other asylums in the state will show the same increase.

## Federal Grand Jury Delays Coal Report

No report was made today of the results of investigations made by the federal grand jury which has been engaged for the past three months in conducting a probe of the coal industry in Indiana.

## Moore and Benham Seek Renominations

Merrill Moore, 2020 North Pennsylvania street, filed a declaration of his candidacy for re-nomination on the republican ticket for congressman from this district in the office of the secretary of state today.

John S. Benham of Benham, Ind., filed notice of his candidacy for re-nomination on the republican ticket for congressman from the Fourth district.

## Verdict Stands in Child Neglect Case

The appellate court today affirmed the decision of the Marion county juvenile court in which Ivan F. Hummel, former Indianapolis insurance man, was fined \$200 and sentenced to serve 30 days in jail. Hummel recently was brought back from Florida to face an indictment charging bigamy. In the case which was affirmed today he was charged with neglecting his three children.

## Dismisses Charge of Stealing Auto

On a motion of the state, Judge James Collins of the criminal court today dismissed an indictment against William Elliott, charged with receiving a stolen automobile.

It was explained to the court that the state could not prove that the automobile alleged to have been stolen in the indictment was concealed by Elliott.

Joe Hartman, who was alleged to have been involved in a similar transaction, was found not guilty by the court several days ago.

## Defeats Amendment to Cut Army 73,000

WASHINGTON, March 10.—The Dent amendment to the army reorganization bill, which would decrease the size of the army from 220,000 to 147,000, was defeated in the house today by a vote of 65 to 73.

An amendment offered by Representative Jones of Texas to reduce the size of the army to 175,000 was defeated by a vote of 50 to 22.

An amendment by Representative Harold of Oklahoma, fixing the combatant strength of the army at 150,000 was defeated without a record vote.

## Kiddies, Here's Chance to Write About Your City and Win Prize

A CAMPAIGN, designed to teach the school children of Indianapolis the many advantages of living in Indianapolis will soon be started by the board in charge of arrangements for the convention of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World, to be held here June 6 to 10.

The campaign will be carried on through The Indiana Daily Times.

This campaign is part of the general movement of the board to "sell" the city to itself by making known the many natural advantages the city enjoys. All of the campaigns will lead up to the convention of the Associated Advertising Clubs.

"Indianapolis already is taking on a different feeling," Felix M. McWhirter, chairman of the convention board, said today. "We hope to make Indianapolis the best appreciated city in America and of course it is necessary that we reach the school children of Indianapolis with our message."

The school campaign will be supervised by a committee consisting of Mrs. Ovid Butler Jameson, E. U. Graff, superintendent of schools, and W. C. Bobbs.

Preliminary plans for the campaign among the schools are being mapped out by the committee. Every school child in the four upper grade schools of Indianapolis will be asked to write an essay on the advantages of Indianapolis. The convention board will award cash prizes for the best essays.

Further details will be announced by The Times in later issues.

## OIL INSPECTOR FORCE STICKS TO GOVERNOR

Chief and 13 Men Work on  
After 'Graft' Is Knocked  
Out by Law.

### DESK IN STATEHOUSE

On Oct. 1, 1919, the old oil inspection department, as a result of an act of the legislature, went out of existence, after it had been denounced as a graft by republicans and democrats alike.

Today, Marion Caldwell, who was the head of that department, sits at a desk in the statehouse and thirteen of his inspectors are inspecting oil in the state.

Mr. Caldwell has not left the statehouse, although his "fee grabbing" department was supposed to have gone out of existence five months ago. He has a desk in room 35 in the basement.

This room adjoins the state veterinary department. Employees of that department said that he is not connected with that department, but that "he only has a desk here."

Records in the office of the auditor of state do not show that Caldwell is on the state payroll in any capacity. He is not employed at the statehouse, but the Goodrich administration has given him desk room from which he is directing a movement to have the old oil inspection department, in which the employees were given the right to put into their own pockets every cent of the fees collected for the inspection of oil regardless of the amount, brought back into existence.

There is nothing in the office of auditor of state to show that Mr. Caldwell is renting desk room from the state and nothing can be found in the laws of the state to authorize the use of space in the statehouse by persons not in the employ of the state. If it is possible, however, that the "second" program of the Goodrich administration contemplates the use of the statehouse as an office building. In this case it might be well for persons who are unable to find office space elsewhere in the city to apply to the governor. The statehouse is crowded, but it might be possible to find room for others, especially if they desire to use the space in the city to bring about a condition by which they may collect "fees" later on.

Mr. Caldwell has a nucleus around which he can rebuild his old department. A few months ago he was removed from the office in which he "only has a desk" is the food and drug department out of which the thirteen inspectors who formerly worked under his direction were removed.

### RECEIVE SALARIES, REGARDLESS OF FEES.

These thirteen inspectors are very busy. They are receiving salaries regardless of the amount of fees collected. Under the present law they receive only \$125 a month, regardless of the amount of fees collected. But then they receive traveling expenses. If 7 cents a mile above their actual salaries. One of the inspectors who was formerly under the direction of Mr. Caldwell, recently received \$180.64 as traveling expenses for one month.

Records in the auditor's office show there are twenty-six oil inspectors on the payroll of the state. On Sept. 13 Harry E. Atkinson was at that time (Continued on Page Two)

## CLUB MANAGER DIES SUDDENLY

J. Ch. Schlee of Athenaeum  
Victim of Heart Attack.

J. Ch. Schlee, 42, manager of the Athenaeum club, died suddenly at his home, 1124 North Tacoma avenue, early today.

He suffered a heart attack shortly after leaving his club at 10:30 a. m. later.

Mr. Schlee was married only three weeks ago. His wife, before marriage, was Marie Michels. His first wife died more than twenty years ago.

Mr. Schlee had been manager of the Athenaeum since 1914, having come here from Montreal, where he was assistant manager of the Ritz-Carlton.

## SENATE OPENS RADIO TO PRESS

Action Result of 'Colored' Dispatches From Far East.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Radio stations are authorized to transmit press and commercial dispatches under a resolution adopted by the senate today.

The measure was designed particularly for news service to the far east, where it is alleged that the reports are "colored" by foreign powers.

Senator Polk of Washington introduced the resolution. A amendment by Senator King, Utah, provides messages shall be sent not less than the cost of the service. A "low press rate" is provided for.

## WEST VIRGINIA'S SUFFS DELIGHTED

Ratification Before Nightfall  
Seen After Train's Race.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., March 10.—With the arrival here this morning of State Senator Jesse A. Block after a record-breaking trip across the continent, the climax to the suffrage fight in the West Virginia legislature was imminent.

Suffrage supporters predicted that with Block's vote, which would break the deadlock in the senate, West Virginia will ratify the amendment before nightfall.

Hundreds of suffragists were gathered in the station when the senator arrived, and he was given a loud demonstration, which was continued along the route to his hotel.

The senator made the following statement: "I am glad that I will have the pleasure of casting my vote for the suffrage amendment and also to greet the fourteen fellow members who stood together solidly to hold the special session together until my arrival. It is that that drives the credit for any good that may come of my vote, because it was only the courageous stand taken by them that made it possible for my ballot to be counted."

## Illinois University President Resigns

URBANA, Ill., March 10.—President Edmund James Jones has tendered his resignation to the board of trustees. He had been president of the University of Illinois fifteen years.

## FLAMING AIRPLANE DROPS IN INDIANA

AIRMAN LOSES  
LIFE IN FALL  
AT NEW PARIS

Government Mail Aviator, 28,  
Crushed Beneath Machine—  
Cleveland Man, Belief.

### 3 KILLED IN FLORIDA

CHICAGO, March 10.—Plunging down from the clouds with his plane in flames, a government air mail aviator on the Chicago-Cleveland route, believed to be Pilot C. W. Stoner of Cleveland, was burned and crushed to death today six miles west of New Paris, Ind., according to a telegram received here from Goshen, Ind.

The gasoline tank exploded when the mail plane, a Stinson, was incriminated, the plane being totally destroyed by the flames.

Barriers said the pilot evidently was heard circling around in the fog in an evident attempt to pick out a good landing place. They said the engine missed several times and finally stopped.

Stoner was 28 years and had been in the mail service six months. He was unmarried.

MIAMI, Fla., March 10.—Three air men were killed last night when their mail plane fell near Miami. The victims were Pilot Charles Sims and Mechanics Earle and Blanchard.

## SCHOOL BOARD IRREGULARITIES TO BE PROBED

Disregard of Rules Blamed  
for Complications Before  
Accounts Body.

As a result of alleged irregularities and a supposed carelessness in handling business matters of the school city, the state board of accounts will be asked to make a thorough investigation of the irregularities of the school city.

This year many seekers of heavy cars came to the show with definite ideas concerning the kinds of cars they wanted. After clearing up certain features they are ready to buy.

"The public is getting to know automobiles just as in other days it knew horses," said an exhibitor. "A few years ago a gentleman who couldn't tell a good horse when he saw it was not considered well informed. The same thing is true today. A few days ago there were fewer novices among buyers each year. Usually a prospective buyer looks the car over, asks a few questions concerning features in which it differs from other cars of its class and announces his decision."

When the high-priced cars are selling it goes without saying that less expensive cars are also being sold. The high-priced cars seem to have found an inexhaustible market in Indiana.

Trucks and tractors are engrossing the attention of business men at the show and every exhibit is crowded with visitors throughout the day. Possibilities of the tractor as an inexpensive and efficient farm worker are winning proper appreciation, exhibitors say.

The business which is attracting more attention this year than ever before, possibly due to the fact that manufacturers have given more thought to beautiful lines than in former years. The great showroom affords a picturesque scene with its rows upon rows of graceful, highly polished cars against the background of Mr. Zimmerman's interesting painted scenes and its throngs of gay and well-dressed visitors.

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CLOSELY STUDIED.

Most of the marvels of modern invention are to be seen within the walls of the building. Speed cars, stripped to show the engine at work, various tests of window breakers, of Chinese, Japanese, airplane demonstrations afford scientific instruction for all persons of a studious bent. Exhibitors are delighted by the interest shown in the latest inventions. They are inspected and discussed. Such an attitude on the part of the public marks the beginning of a new era for automobile shows, they say.

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Musical entertainment features of the show were fortunately chosen. Janet Adler's girl orchestra enlivened the affair, and the minstrels offer diversion for visitors when they tire of walking about the hall.

Theatrical folk will be guests of the Rotary club at the show tomorrow. Yesterday the retail shoe dealers, attending the state convention, paid a visit to the building.

## 11-STORY DROP CALLED MURDER

Crime, Not Suicide, Suspected  
at Detroit Hotel.

DETROIT, March 10.—Police here today were investigating circumstances surrounding the death of Charles N. Rogers, St. Louis, Mo., killed in a fall from an eleventh story window of the Tuller hotel, Monday.

The theory of suicide has been displaced by a new hypothesis that three men arrested for another crime had entered the Rogers' room to rob him and in a fight had thrown him out of the window.

Frank W. Hopper, George A. Brown and William Cardinal, who occupied a room near that occupied by Rogers, were arrested yesterday on suspicion of the robbery of the Miles theater when the cashier Mrs. T. J. Ryan was beaten and robbed of \$5,100. The police later took the theory of their connection with Rogers' death.

## Light Vote Cast at New Hampshire Polls

CONCORD, N. H., March 10.—Gen. Leonard Wood's native state will send him four pledged delegates-at-large to the republican convention, according to returns today from yesterday's primaries.

Despite the announcement of the secretary of state of postponement, owing to impassable roads, the primaries were held. The voting was light. At midnight not more than ten thousand votes had been counted.

## Your Chickens Lay? Here's Their Value

Laying chickens are worth just exactly \$2.42 and six-sevenths of a cent each today.

This appraisal is not based on possession value, but theft value.

When J. H. Morgan, 2412 Roosevelt avenue, went to the coop in the rear of his home this morning to feed his seven chickens they were gone. He told the police they were worth \$17.

J. P. Anderson's grocery, 801 Division street, was robbed during the night. Tobacco, chewing gum and \$3 in cash missing.

## SALE OF AUTOS ENLIVENED BY BIG EXHIBITS

Show Increases Demand as  
Business Men Mingle in  
Annual Crowds.

Sales recorded at the Indianapolis auto show in the Manufacturers' building at the state fair grounds today bore out predictions that the enterprise would prove a great business success at a successful educational and amusement enterprise.

Exhibitors of high-priced cars were made happy by sales in the first two days of the show. Usually cars of this class are not sold before the end of the week. Buyers preferring to give the entire day careful consideration before buying.

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## FREE AMERICAN, U. S. TO Mexico

'All Possible Measures' for  
Villa Captive Demanded.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—The United States embassy at Mexico City has been instructed to urge the Mexican government to take "all possible measures" to secure the release of Joseph A. Williams, an American engineer, recently captured and held for ransom by Francisco Villa in an attack on a train near Chihuahua.

Special legislation even in April would remedy the situation, as urgent present measures at this institution will be taken.

Mayor Jewett declared that there are thousands of people in the city who have no other place to go when they are injured or sick, except the City hospital, (Continued on Page Two.)

## DAVIS EVASIVE ON PRESIDENTIAL BOOM

LONDON, March 10.—John W. Davis, American ambassador to Great Britain, was noncommittal today upon the presidential boom which has been started for him by West Virginia democrats.

He will have to consider the matter before I make any statement," he said. He added he had not received the cablegram the West Virginia democratic committee is reported to have sent him asking him to make his attitude on the presidential boom.

A dispatch from Parkersburg, W. Va., said the state democratic convention had endorsed Mr. Davis for the democratic nomination for president.

## Smoking Girl Causes Sensation in Restaurant of U. S. Senate

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Feminists here today are hailing Miss Mary Winsor of Haverford, Pa., as the Susan B. Anthony of the "Smokes for women" movement.

In defiance of the senate rules committee, Miss Winsor, who is a relative of the aristocratic Winsors of Massachusetts, smoked two cigarettes yesterday in the senate restaurant.

She announced that she would call on Senator Moses, chairman of the committee, to demand equal rights for women in the capitol.

More than a stir was created when she lit her first cigarette in the senate restaurant.

Waiters rushing to intercept her puffed away as she stared coldly at her and continued to blow smoke in the air.

## New Declares Freda Lesser Killed Herself

CITY OFFICIALS  
TO PLAN FIGHT  
FOR HOSPITAL