

DIPHTHERIA CASES SHOW DECREASE**Only 3 Reported for Month of August So Far.**

Indianapolis has been free of cases of diphtheria during the present month than in any August in the annals of the health department.

So far only three cases of the malady have been reported, the books of Elmer Johnson, chief clerk to the board of public health, show.

The total number of cases for the year, so far, is far less than the number for the same period last year.

Until the present date this year 115 cases have been reported, while 298 were recorded in the corresponding time last year.

Diphtheria has been on the downward trend in Indianapolis for a number of years, having dropped as follows: 1917, 1,500 cases; 1918, 885 cases; and 1919, 430 cases.

Health officials believe the fact that rains have kept dust down most of the year and that many persons susceptible to diphtheria were taken away by the influenza epidemic, have something to do with the fewer number of cases.

FIRED BECAUSE HE ASKED RAISES?

Women Protest Against Dismissal of Carroll.

The education committee of the League of Women Voters at its meeting today in the Chamber of Commerce headquarters, decided to call upon the board of school commissioners to give reasons for the failure to re-employ Daniel Carroll of the Arsenal Technical school's faculty.

The women, in their protest, felt their entire investigation had pointed to no reason for the dropping of Mr. Carroll except his activities in the campaign for higher salaries.

In the discussion of the "Tech" situation, members of the committee made such demands as that the proposed increase can be placed at the door of the citizens of the city, who have realized the inadequacy of teachers' salaries and have not assisted in righting the wrong.

Rejection was expressed that their own organization had not assisted in securing the higher salaries, instead of leaving the campaign entirely to the Teachers.

On the other hand, however, the pensioning of the teachers, after the salary matter had been adjusted, showed a lack of co-operation between school authorities and teaching staff which, the women feel, needs to be righted.

A letter from E. G. Griffen, superintendent of the city schools, answering a number of questions proposed by the educational committee, was read and discussed, and a statement will be formulated in the next few days on the information it contained.

Miss Alma Sickler, president of the league, announced the addition to the education committee of Mrs. George M. Bartlett.

Mrs. Bartlett will take Miss Sickler's place on the committee.

Charles Coffin Home From Foreign Trip

Charles F. Coffin, president of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, arrived in Indianapolis today, back from a two month visit in Europe, where he went to deliberate on the joining of the chamber to the conference of the International Chamber of Commerce, held in France. Following the conference Mr. Coffin made quite an extended tour of France, Belgium and Italy.

Belgium, France and Italy are getting back to normal in the order named," said Mr. Coffin.

"People don't want to get down to hard work."

"This is one of the biggest factors in holding back readjustments in the country."

Mr. Coffin will address a membership meeting of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, Wednesday evening, when his wife, home, lunch will be had in his honor and in honor of Fels M. McWhirter, treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce, who made the trip to Europe with Mr. Coffin.

A meeting of the board of directors of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce will be held soon.

Next Sunday Mr. Coffin will address the Business Men's Bible class of the Central Christian church.

Raub Named Member of National Council

Edward B. Raub, a member of the governing committee of the Indianapolis Board of Trade, and formerly president of the board, has been named national councillor to represent the Board of Trade in the chamber of commerce of the United States.

The national council of the chamber of commerce of the United States serves as an advisory body to the national chamber's board of directors, and consists of one representative from each of the commercial and industrial organizations making up the national chamber's membership.

The counsellors also act as chairman of the delegations representing their organizations.

Holds Wife's Name in Hand and Drinks Acid

William Moser, 29, who has been living at the home of his mother, Mrs. Susie Moser, 1232 Bridge street, tried to commit suicide yesterday by drinking carbolic acid.

Physicians at the city hospital say his condition is serious.

Despondency because of a quarrel with his wife is believed to have been the cause for the attempt.

Moser and his wife, Martha, formerly lived at Brownsburg, where they separated, and came to Indianapolis.

By Moser's side when he was found was a card on which was written the name and telephone number of his wife.

To Suspend Court During Encampment

Judge T. J. Moll of Superior court, room No. 5, announced today that he will hold no court during the week of Sept. 20, because of the G. A. R. encampment.

The court has extended the use of its courtroom for the use of the veterans, and the members of the committee has accepted the invitation.

Judge Moll will begin the next term of court on Sept. 8.

Jury trials will begin in October.

WANAMAKER FUNERAL HELD

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 23.—The funeral of Mrs. John Wanamaker, who died in New York last Friday, was held here today from her country home, Linchhurst, Jenkintown, near here.

FIRST BIDDER, COAL 5 CENTS

If there is any person in Indiana who desires to make a return on his money that would make the celebrated "get-rich-quickly" Charles Ponzi of Boston look up as a first-class piker, the opportunity is knocking at his door.

In a letter received today by John W. McCardle, vice-chairman of the public service commission, a citizen of Wilkinsburg states he has a 6,000-acre tract of land which he is offering for sale.

The letter follows:

MR. MCARDLE,
DEAR SIR:

Kindly accept the liberty a stranger is taking in writing you.

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