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## Forecast

AIR tonight and probably  
Sunday. Rising temperature.  
Lowest tonight 25 to 30.

TWO CENTS

# GARY MAYOR AND 54 OTHERS CONVICTED OF CONSPIRACY

## SEVEN GERMANS DIE UNDER FRENCH MACHINE GUN FIRE

Workers at Krupp Plant Resist Confiscation of Automobiles.

*By United Press*  
BERLIN, March 31.—Seven Germans were killed and twenty wounded when French troops at the Krupp works, near Essen, turned machine guns on workers today, according to a special report to the *Lokal Anzeiger*.

The French were attempting to confiscate automobiles at the Krupp plant, according to the report, and the workers resisted.

The troops opened fire, raking the ranks of the workers with machine gun bullets.

French troops approached the Krupp this morning under orders to seize autos stored there.

Sirens sounded and workmen dropping their tools poured from the building saying they could not permit the French to enter.

The troops then placed machine guns in position, according to the report, and opened fire, killing seven and wounding twenty.

### FRENCH SEIZE MONEY

Ten Billion Marks and 400,000 Francs Taken.

*By United Press*  
MAYENCE, March 31.—The French today seized ten billion marks and 400,000 French francs which were being transferred from the Frankfort branch of the Reichsbank to Welsbaden.

This is the second largest seizure of German funds since occupation of the Ruhr began.

The confiscation is believed by Germans in the occupied area to constitute inauguration of further repressive measures by the invaders.

Today's seizure follows a decree by General Degoutte that German workers in the occupied zones must obey French orders and go to work or be deported. There are more than 500,000 workers in the Ruhr alone.

Stricter curfew laws were imposed upon several towns in the Rhineland.

## MERCURY MAKES NEW LOW RECORD

Warmer Weather Is Promise of Forecaster for Sunday.

While practically all womankind was rushing to the shops to get Easter clothes, the cold weather record for this time of the year was broken. The temperature went to 13 degrees above zero at 6:30 a. m. today.

Following a light snowfall Friday night, Meteorologist J. H. Armington said he was not certain that Easter would be unbroken by snow, but that the women need not worry, as there would be nothing more serious than light flurries, and probably not even that. The temperature will rise to about 25 by tonight and will continue to rise slowly Sunday, Armington said.

Temperature in Indiana Friday night ranged from 18, along the Ohio River, to 5 at Angola. Record-breaking temperatures were reported throughout the Ohio and Mississippi valleys.

### COLD SWEEPS EAST

Frigid Weather Will Continue Over Easter Sunday.

*By United Press*  
WASHINGTON, March 31.—An Easter cold wave swept across the eastern part of the country today.

Unusually low temperatures were reported from many cities and the weather experts predicted it would continue cold throughout Easter Sunday.

### FOSTER TRIAL RECESS

Arguments to Michigan Jury Will Be Started Tuesday.

*By United Press*  
ST. JOSEPH, Mich., March 31.—Arguments to the jury in the William Z. Foster trial will be started Tuesday. Court recessed over the Easter holiday upon completion of cross-examination of the defendant.

On the verdict in this case, hinges the fate of thirty-two others, accused with Foster of violating the Michigan syndicalist law.

### Hourly Temperature

Forecast for Indianapolis and vicinity is fair tonight and probably Sunday. Rising temperature. Lowest tonight 25 to 30 degrees.

### HOURLY TEMPERATURE

6 a. m. 13 10 a. m. 18  
7 a. m. 14 11 a. m. 19  
8 a. m. 17 12 (noon) 22  
9 a. m. 18 1 p. m. 22

## The First Easter



## LAUNDRY BILL OF CITY BOOSTED BY SMOKE NUISANCE

Dr. I. H. Derby Tells Engineers Extra Cost Is \$1,500,000 a Year.

Indianapolis' laundry bill is increased \$1,500,000 yearly by the smoke nuisance.

That is what Dr. I. H. Derby, of the Republic Croceting Company, told the Indianapolis branch of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. Friday night at the University Club.

### Cities Health Figures

Dr. Derby said there are twenty-six cases of respiratory diseases to 1,000 persons in a smoky atmosphere and only sixteen to 1,000 in a non-smoky atmosphere.

Thomas A. Marsh, combustion engineer, Chicago, said furnaces with large combustion spaces under the boilers must be used to allow the gases to unite with the air, to prevent smoke.

A. W. Cole, professor of steam engineering at Purdue University, estimated that production of smoke costs Indianapolis \$2,500,000 annually.

### To Cooperate With Club

T. Neil Winnie of the Indianapolis Light and Heat Company, and Frank F. Hamilton, city building commissioner, also spoke.

A committee of the society will be appointed to work with a Science Club committee to formulate a smoke abatement code and suggest a city ordinance.

## H. A. SHAEFER IS SUED FOR DIVORCE

Wife Alleges Non-Support and Asks Alimony.

Mrs. Muriel Schaefer, 1607 Park Ave., today filed suit for divorce from Herman A. Schaefer, in Superior Court. Schaefer is a partner in the Schaefer Brothers Creamery Company, 1855 E. Thirty-Eighth St.

The complaint states Schaefer was married Nov. 21, 1922, and separated March 14, 1923, when Mrs. Schaefer alleged her husband rented a room for her at 1610 Broadway, moved her furniture into it and gave her \$10. Since then he has refused to live with her or support her, she charged.

Mrs. Schaefer, in her suit, asserted her husband has an income of at least \$6,000 annually, asks the court to award such alimony as it sees fit.

She also asks \$1,000 as a "reasonable" fee for her attorneys.

She alleges her husband told her that he did not love her, that he had made a mistake in getting married and that if she had any pride she would not stay where she was not wanted.

Mother Says Daughter Did Not Kill Man

Police Hold to Theory That Girl Shot Contractor Then Self.

NEW YORK, March 31.—"Helen didn't do it. My girl never had a gun and she wouldn't have known how to shoot Burnham."

Mrs. Harry L. Zeigler, 538 Riverside Dr., today persisted in her statement that her daughter, Helena, 26, did not kill Frederick W. Burnham, contractor, and herself at the Grand Central Terminal Thursday.

### SHOPLIFTING IS ALLEGED

Three Colored Women Held While Police Investigate.

Detectives today attempted to ascertain the value of goods alleged to have been stolen from downtown stores by three young colored women arrested Friday night.

Those arrested gave names as follows: Dixie Hartwell, 713 N. Senate Ave.; Mattie Douglass, 20, of 712 N. Senate Ave., and Lois Williams, 26, of 713 N. Senate Ave.

### RAIL MEN INCORPORATE

Association Will Protect Interests of Working Men.

Incorporation in Indiana of the United Association of Railway Employees, an organization to protect interests of railway working men, was filed today at offices of Ed Jackson, secretary of State. Directors are Robert S. Baldwin, St. Louis; Henry A. Beck of Chicago; Arthur Henry of Detroit; Louis C. Johnson of Toledo and Christ of Indianapolis.

### Help! Cop Is Robbed

A thief entered the garage of Patrion Forest Swank, 1226 Standard Ave., and took the license plates off his automobile.

## 'Rats,' Replies County Official to Arguments of 'Pied Piper'

Recent revivals in keeping official records at the courthouse, following charges that various transactions were not "a matter of record" probably saved the life of many rats that overturn chairs in courtrooms and otherwise carry on after judges have do about it."

A persistent salesman besieged the board of county commissioners to buy some of his rat poison.

"We don't know there are any rats here," said Harry Tutewiler, member of the board.

"Rats? I've seen some around here

big enough to carry away a calf," said the salesman.

"Well, it's not on record that there are any," replied Tutewiler. "If some taxpayer will lodge an affidavit with the county auditor that there are rats around here we will hold an investigation to find out why, and what we can do about it."

### Trunk Opened—\$120 Gone

A thief broke open a trunk in the home of Granville Dawson, 1437 Massachusetts Ave., and took the license plates off his automobile.

Police were told.

## Officials Held in Booze Ring Verdict

Seven Minor Defendants Acquitted in Federal Court—

Judge Not Expected to Impose Sentence for Several Weeks—Wife of Clyde Hunter Collapses.

Fifty-five defendants in the Gary liquor conspiracy case, including Roswell O. Johnson, mayor of Gary; Dwight M. Kinder, prosecutor of Lake County; William H. Olds, sheriff; William M. Dunn, city judge; Clyde Hunter, former prosecutor, and Lewis E. Barnes, former sheriff, were found guilty by a jury in Federal Court today.

Seven minor defendants were acquitted.

Sentence probably will not be imposed by Judge Ferdinand A. Geiger until late in April or early in May.

The maximum penalty is two years in prison and a fine of \$10,000 on each of the four counts of the indictment.

### Eight Days for Motions

Attorneys for the defense were given eight days in which to file motions in arrest of judgment, for new trials, etc. These motions will be ruled on April 20, Judge Geiger announced.

The jury reached a verdict at 9:28 a. m. after being out six hours. It was said the jury was unanimous from the start as to the existence of a conspiracy, the greater part of the time being taken up in considering the guilty or innocence of individual defendants.

### Mrs. Hunter Collapses

After the verdict Mrs. Clyde Hunter collapsed. It was half an hour before she was able to leave the courtroom.

There was an air of tension throughout the corridors long before the courtroom opened. Defendants who had laughed and joked throughout the trial wore worried expressions as they stood in little groups conversing in low tones.

When word went around that no verdict had been reached by 8 o'clock an air of hopefulness became apparent, but it died away when the rumor began to circulate that the jury was on the verge of agreement. The best a majority of the defendants hoped for was a disagreement.

### Lairy Makes Statement

Mayor Johnson refused to make a statement after the trial, and slipped away as soon as possible.

M. B. Lairy, attorney for Johnson said:

"At the time of my employment and ever since, I have felt that Mayor Johnson had made a good faith effort to enforce the law against the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor in Gary, and that he was in no way in connivance or collusion with any of the other defendants by which the law could in any way be violated or avoided.

### Naturally, I am disappointed."

The trial lasted seventeen days and was one of the hardest fought cases ever tried in Federal Court. Originally there were seventy-five defendants. Of these five pleaded guilty, seven never were arrested, and the case against one, Stanley Kosowski, was bolstered by the Government at the completion of its evidence. This was sixty-two to face the jury, the largest number in the history of the local Federal Court. In the Terre Haute election fraud case more than 100 defendants were named in the indictment, but a vast majority of these pleaded guilty.

### Beginnings in 1921

The case had its beginnings in 1921 during the trial of the South Bend-Gary liquor conspiracy case involving twenty-six defendants. Of these five pleaded guilty, seven never were arrested, and the case against one, Stanley Kosowski, was bolstered by the Government at the completion of its evidence. This was sixty-two to face the jury, the largest number in the history of the local Federal Court. In the Terre Haute election fraud case more than 100 defendants were named in the indictment, but a vast majority of these pleaded guilty.

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## DIVORCE SOUGHT AFTER 41 YEARS

Wife Alleges Cruelties in Suit Filed Here.

More than forty-one years after her marriage, Mrs. Amanda E. Beswick, of Southport, today filed suit for divorce from John Henry Beswick, of Columbus, Ind., in Superior Court. The complaint says the Beswicks were married Sept. 2, 1881. They separated Feb. 10, 1920, when Beswick drove his wife away from home and would not let her return, the complaint charges.

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## WAR FRAUD RECORDS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Two Buildings Burned at Bolling Air Station.

*By United Press*

WASHINGTON, March 31.—War contract records of vital importance in connection with Federal investigations of alleged war frauds now in progress were destroyed by a fire which burned two buildings at Bolling Field air station here today.

Evidence in these records will be impossible to duplicate, air service officials said.

## VOLIVA FINED A PENNY

Overseer of Zion Convicted on Criminal Libel Charge.

*By United Press*  
CHICAGO, March 31.—Wilbur Glenn Voliva, overseer of Zion, was fined one cent today by Judge Jacob Hopkins following conviction on charges of criminal libel.

The fine was imposed after the court overruled motions for a new trial.

The charge was brought by Rev. George Nelson, pastor of an independent church at Zion. He claimed Voliva had called him an "old goat" and other such names.

## COLD PREVENTS OPENING OF CITY MARBLE TOURNEY

Cold weather again prevented the opening of The Times marble tourney.

Scores of boys and girls attending Schools Nos. 41, 42 and 44 were disappointed when they awoke this morning to find the ground covered with snow. There was no possibility of marble players being at their best with the temperature down in the direction of zero.

The opening elimination game, called off today, will be played at 10 o'clock.

Besides, the winner will be given a fine bicycle.

## HEINLINE GETS 30 DAYS

Garage Owner Fined \$100—Amos Hubbard Charges Dropped.

John Heinline, owner of a garage at 1825 Shelby St., was fined \$100 and costs and sentenced to thirty days in jail. He had pleaded not guilty to charges of operating a blind tiger by City Judge Delbert O. Wilmett today. Blind tiger charges against Amos Hubbard, 2001½ Shelby St., were discharged.

Lieutenant John and squad arrested the men March 8 after