

# "SVENGALI EYES" OF PREMIER MUSSOLINI ARE RULING ITALY

Times Writer Declares Prime Minister Must Use Hypnotic Power.

This is the first of a series of articles by William Philip Simms, special NEA and Indianapolis Times writer, who declares that since Napoleon has the world produced such an outstanding character as this humbly-born man who rose over night from obscurity to rule a nation.

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS  
NEA Service Writer.

ROME, May 14.—Is Benito Mussolini, prime minister of Italy, a strange, new kind of Svengali? Had he been playing the role of Trilby—an entire nation under the spell of this strange man's eyes?

Tonight I interviewed Mussolini and I confess I am inclined to believe this more than half true. From the moment I entered his amazing office in the new Foreign Affairs building here I had this feeling, a sensation I remember having only once before.

That was when I interviewed Mme. de Thebes, the celebrated sorceress of Paris, now dead, in her mysterious room hung all round with black velvet and lighted only by the glow from crystal globes used in her practice of Black Magic.

I have interviewed kings and emperors, presidents and princes, premiers, dictators and all manner of men and women, but Mussolini impressed me as none of these impressed me.

He's "Different" Statesman

I mean he is different from any statesman I ever saw, as different as night from day. I have talked with political leaders whose profundity impressed me more, whose ideas seemed to me to be fundamentally more sound than those whose hands I would prefer to see placed the destiny of my own land.

But I have seen none other anything like Mussolini, the man with the hypnotic eyes, "black magic" statesman of Italy, the man who stares at citizens of his country, from king on down the line, and they all sing to his bidding—like Svengali made Trilby sing in the romance which every one has read.

Does Mussolini realize his hypnotic power? He must. The first thing that met my eyes as I came ashore at Brindisi, way down in southern Italy, was a billboard picture of the Fascist leader, a picture so extraordinary that it held me spellbound until I could make out what it was all about. The head was inclined forward just a trifle and from under beetling brows two enormous black eyes, the whites showing all round, huge, exaggerated eyes that stared straight at you and into you and through you precisely like the hypnotic stage pictures of Wilton Packay as Svengali.

Pictures Seen Everywhere.

Over Brindisi I kept finding myself snatched from the ambush of a fence and wall by those two eyes. I could well imagine the effect this might have on the ignorant and less sophisticated peasants of the country.

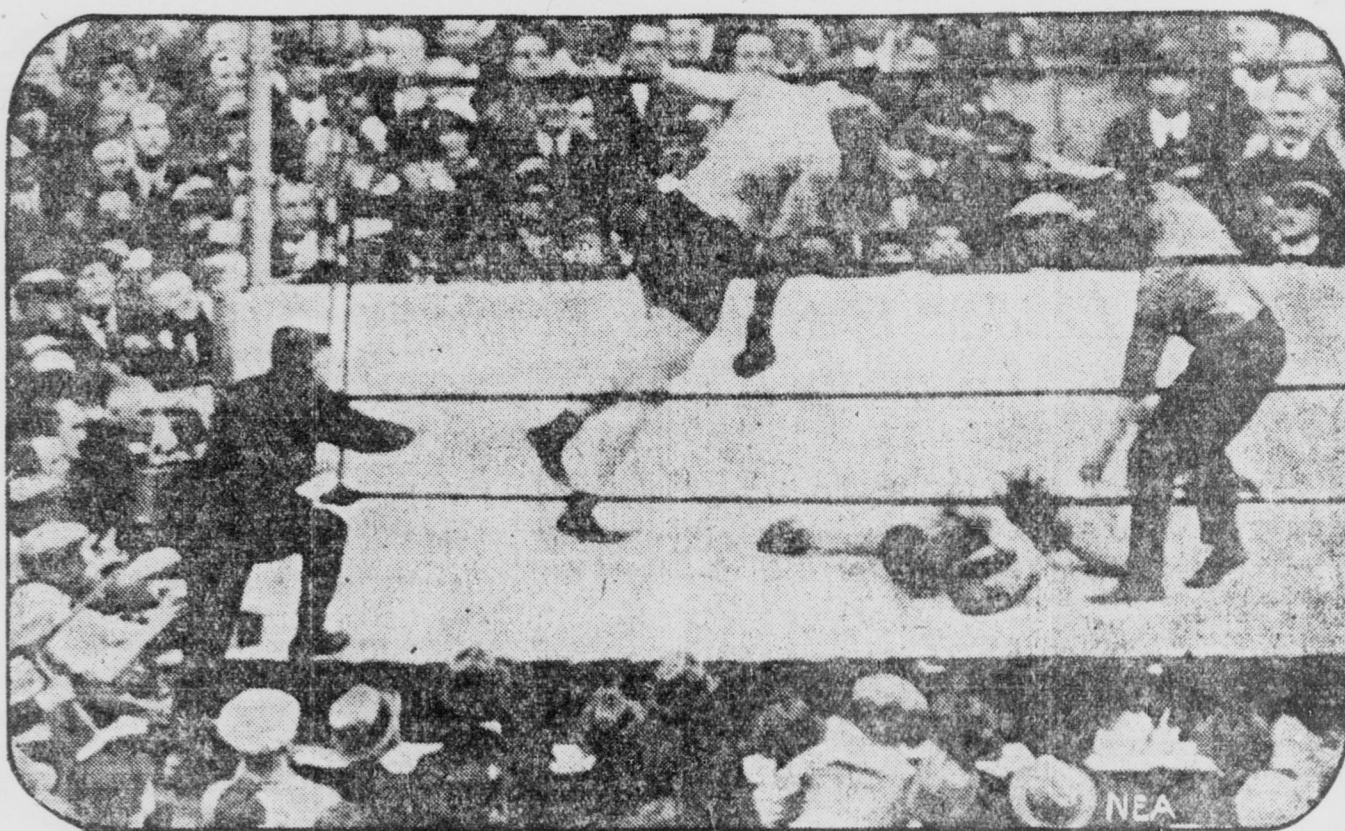
My sole object in coming to Italy was to see and talk with the remarkable owner of those eyes—the man who had turned Italy, almost overnight, into an armed camp ready to do his bidding—the man who marched on Rome with a powerful army at his back and "took" it without firing a shot, took it and forced the king to do his will—the man who dissolved Parliament and made his word supreme.

For that is what Mussolini did and nobody is more keenly aware of this fact than Mussolini himself.

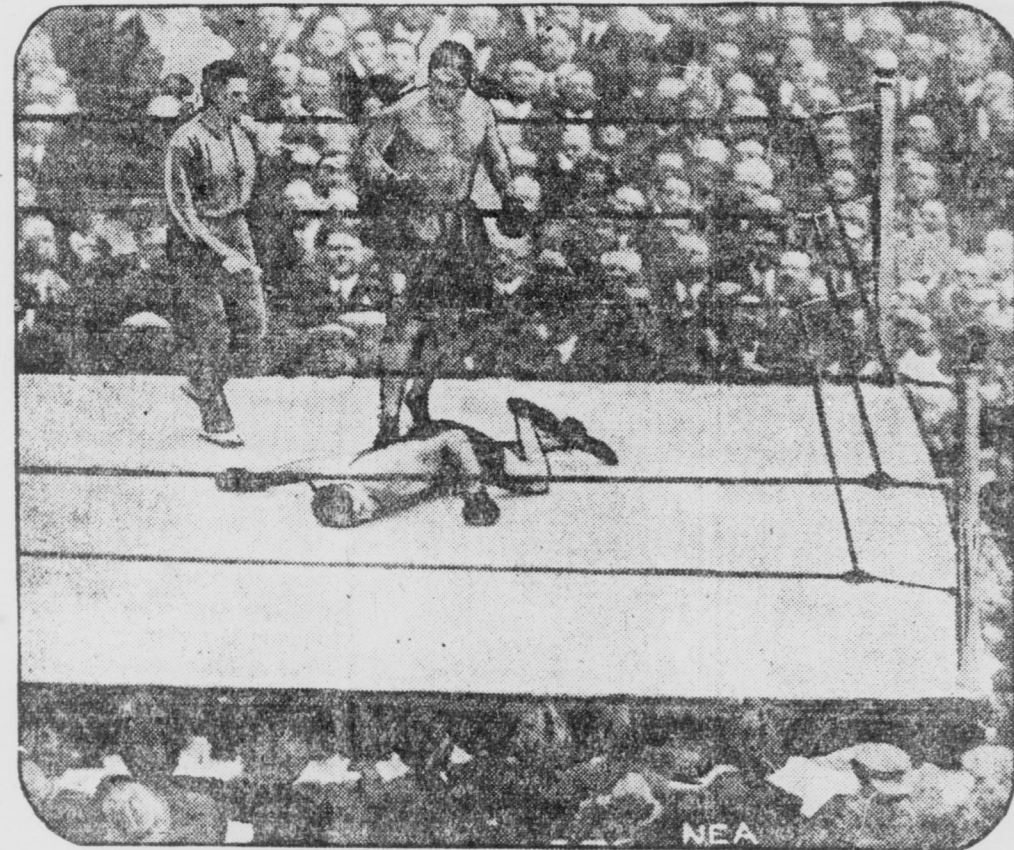
He openly boasts that he has but to wave his hand and 100,000 "Black Shirts"—Fascist soldiers—will snap into action and obey his slightest word.

NEXT: In Svengali Mussolini's workshop, Simms will give you a "close-up" of this statesman with the hypnotic stare.

## First Pictures of Saturday's Fights in Which Willard and Firpo Scored Knock-Outs



FORMER CHAMPION JESS WILLARD FORCED FLOYD JOHNSON TO SURRENDER AFTER ELEVEN ROUNDS OF FIGHTING BEFORE 60,000 PEOPLE IN THE NEW YANKEE STADIUM AT NEW YORK. THE YOUNGER MAN FOUGHT GAMESLY, BUT THE BELL SAVED HIM IN THE NINTH, AND IN THE ELEVENTH HE WAS FLAT ON HIS FACE AND OUT AS THE GONG SOUNDED. HIS CHIEF SECOND TOLD REFEREE JACK APPEL THAT JOHNSON COULD NOT CONTINUE. PICTURE SHOWS THE SCENE AFTER THE LAST BLOW, JOHNSON ON THE FLOOR OF THE RING AND WILLARD CALLED THE WINNER.



ARGENTINE'S GIANT LOOMED AS A POSSIBLE CONTENDER FOR JACK DEMPSEY'S WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT CROWN WHEN HE SCORED A KNOCKOUT IN THE THIRD ROUND OF HIS BATTLE WITH JACK MAULIFFE 2ND., OF DETROIT, AT THE NEW YANKEE STADIUM, NEW YORK. LUIS FIRPO DROPPED HIS OPPONENT WITH TWO RIGHT UPPERCUTS. PICTURE SHOWS MAULIFFE FLAT ON HIS FACE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE RING, WITH THE BULKY SOUTH AMERICAN TOWERING OVER HIM, THE REFEREE DECLARING FIRPO A WINNER.

### POLICE COMBING CITY FOR CLEWS IN PETTY THEFTS

Short Change Artists, Hold-up Men and Burglars Are Busy.

Thieves and short change artists operating during the week-end caused police to push investigations today. Addison Ester Gurte, cashier at the Everett Seed Store, 227 W. Washington St., was the victim of a short change expert. A stranger presented a \$100 bill for change Saturday afternoon. She gave him four \$20 and two \$10 bills. He then asked for ten \$1 bills. She counted the money and he seized the ten ones as well as the other money and disappeared.

Two colored men held up and robbed James Vooris of Morgantown, Inc., at the canal and Ohio St. Vooris said the thieves took \$12.50.

Cress Ferguson, 437 Blake St., told police he was held up and robbed of \$1.05. He gave the officers the names of the two men whom he alleges robbed him at New York and Blackford Sts. He said the two bandits got out of an automobile and covered him with a revolver.

Following Ferguson's complaint, Willie Carey, 25, of 323 Kentucky Ave., and William Ford, 23, of 943 W. New York St., were arrested on the charge of robbery. Each was held to the grand jury in city court under \$1,000 bonds.

A purse containing \$80 was left lying on the counter of the Childs grocery store at Thirtieth and Illinois Sts., by Alva Smock, 641 W. Thirtieth St. The purse disappeared, Smock told police.

A show window of Harry Denker, 112 Prospect St., was smashed, and a suit valued at \$40 taken.

A purse containing \$3 was taken from Mrs. H. E. Henry, 1112 Central Ave., while she was shopping at the city market Saturday night.

Eleven chickens were missing from the hen house in the rear of the home of Sarah Bader, 2302 Madison Ave.

Diamond Ring Gone

Dave Rosenberg, 1009 Broadway, said he lost a diamond ring valued at \$300 at the city market, Saturday night.

A floor mat and dash light were stolen from the automobile of F. M. Coleman, 1951 Broadway, parked at the Murat Theater, Saturday night.

A. T. Young, 1617 Kelly St., reported a thief took his eye glasses. Detectives today were searching for the four men who got out of an automobile at Washington St. and Sheffield Ave., Sunday night. The automobile, owned by Ralph Atmire, 4251 Hancock St., had been stolen.

Two young men ran when Ralph Robinson, 2629 Southeastern Ave., discovered them removing a tire from an automobile belonging to Dr. J. V. Gans of Richmond, Ind.

Nightwatchman Fred Fraily for the Worm Packing Company, Ray and Dakota Sts., saw a man jump through a forced window in the garage Sunday night. Today six spare tires, valued at \$198, were missing from as many cars.

Miss Antoinette Campbell, 822 Harrison St., reported theft of a \$150 diamond ring.

G. W. Young, 1008 E. St. Clair St., said \$53 was stolen from his home.

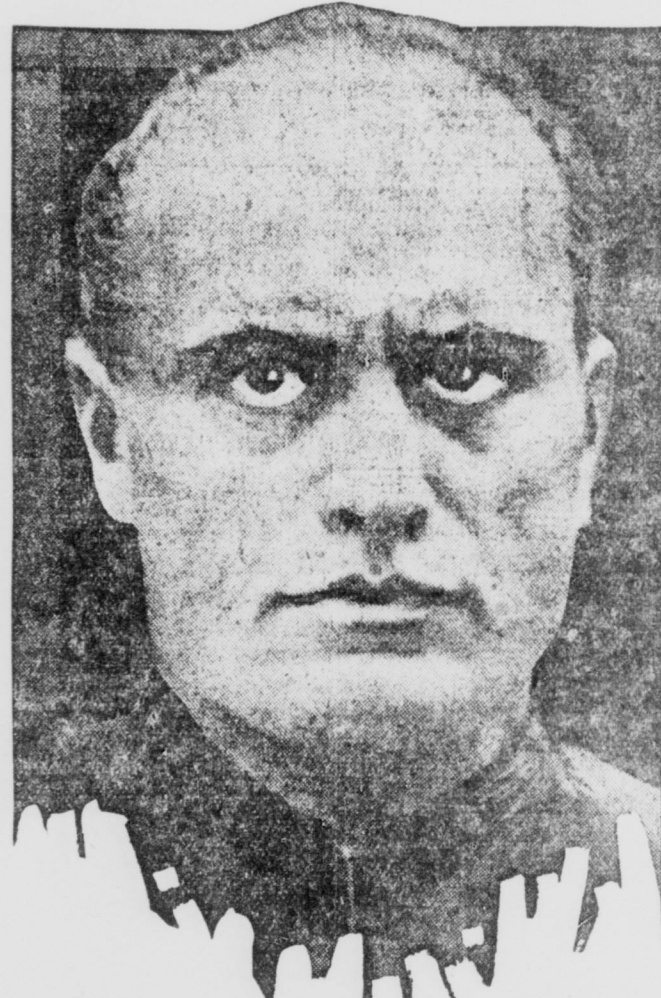
Merchants Incorporate

Articles of incorporation for the Wayland-Walker Company of Indianapolis, retail merchants, capital \$10,000, were filed today. Directors: Earl C. Wayland, William A. Walker and Charles F. Ulrich.

Writer to Talk

Cynthia Pearl Maus, writer and young people's worker, will address a rally of young people at the Third Christian Church, Broadway and Seventeenth Sts., Tuesday night. She will speak under the auspices of the Bethany Park Assembly.

### Hypnotic Orbs Wield Power



BENITO MUSSOLINI AND HIS SVENGALI-LIKE EYES

### PASTOR'S BODY TO BE RETURNED HERE

Rev. R. E. Neighbor Will Be Buried in Crown Hill.

Rev. R. E. Neighbor, 81, Indianapolis Baptist minister who died while visiting his son, R. W. Neighbor, in Portland, Ore., Friday will be buried in Indianapolis.

Funeral services were held in Portland at 2 p. m. today. The Rev. J. Villars, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church here, who went to Portland following the death of the Rev. Neighbor, officiated.

Funeral services will be held here at the First Baptist Church followed by burial at Crown Hill probably Saturday afternoon.

For more than forty years the Rev. Mr. Neighbor was a resident of Indianapolis. He was a leader in the Baptist denomination work in Indiana since 1880, having served as recording secretary of the Indiana Baptist convention and State mission board continuously for thirty years.

He was ex-pastor of the College Avenue Baptist Church and of churches in Elkhart and Seymour, Ind.; Mt. Vernon, Ohio and St. Charles, Ill.

Cult Case Held Up

ST. JOSEPH, Mich., May 14.—Taking of testimony in the grand jury investigation into the House of David was held up today due to the absence of Judge H. Dingeman.

Board Discusses Rules

Rules for operation of the new State teacher's training law were presented to the State board of education today at a special meeting. The board was expected to adopt them with minor amendments.

Bomb Suspect Quizzed

NEW YORK, May 14.—Lieutenant George, chief of New York's bomb squad, questioned witnesses today to pin the charge that Noah Learner, implicated in the Wall Street explosion.

### SELF-DEFENSE IS PLEA IN SLAYING

Alleged Rum Runner Killed in Terre Haute Gun Duel.

By United Press  
TERRE HAUTE, Ind., May 14.—Self-defense will be the plea of William Evans, 40, member of an alleged whiskey ring in jail today on a murder charge following a gun battle with Harry Murphy, 35, alleged rum runner and faction leader in the west end in which the latter was instantly killed.

Some weeks ago the two men, said to be working together in the transporting of illicit liquor into Terre Haute, dissolved partnership. The break was said to have been the result of Murphy having been "gyped" out of a large sum of money by Evans.

Another theory is that Murphy, a former policeman, had been sentenced to death for "aqualing" by a strong liquor ring of which Evans was a member.

Murphy found Evans on his second visit to the soft drink bar of Richard Arkwright Sunday and the fatal shooting followed after Murphy is said to have fired three shots. Murphy was killed by nine bullets from Evans' gun.

Road Bids Asked.

The State highway commission will receive bids Tuesday on nearly twenty miles of bituminous macadam and surface treatment roads in five counties. The new roads Allen county, 4.27 miles; Lawrence county, 2.1 miles; Monroe county, 2.25 miles; Wayne county, 4.04 miles; and Wells county, 5.96 miles.

Postal Clerks Name Delegates

Albert Greathach and Karl L. Simpson will represent Local No. 130 at the annual convention of the National Federation of Postoffice Clerks at El Paso, Texas, Sept. 3. They were elected at a meeting at the Denison Sunday. Thirteen new members were initiated.

400 Miners Strike

By Times Special  
TERRE HAUTE, Ind., May 14.—Four hundred miners were on strike today, protesting against action of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad in removing one of four trains serving mines in this locality. Four mines are idle.

### WEEK-END RAIDS HOLD MANY FOR LIQUOR VIOLATION

Thirty-Seven Men and Two Women Charged With Drunkenness.

Following a series of raids during the week-end, many persons were scheduled to appear in city court today to answer charges of operating blind tigers or violating the gambling laws.

Thirty-seven men and two women were charged with drunkenness.

Lee Shelton, 45, of 419 N. Minkner St., was charged with operating a blind tiger. Sergeant Cummings said he found white mule whisky and empty containers at the Shelton home. The same officer found a half pint of white mule whisky at the home of Alex Visechuk, 1610 Wilcox St., he said.

Home Brew Seized

Eight quarts of home brew on ice and some empty Gordon gin bottles caused the arrest of Ruth Pash, 35, colored, 1428 Mill St., on a charge of operating a blind tiger.

Lee Enley, 40, Altona Piersfield, 40, both of 113 W. Ohio St., and Frank Shaffer, 23, of Chillicothe, Ohio, were arrested on vagrancy charges in a raid at the W. Ohio St. residence. Lieutenant Johnson searched the place and removed a buzzer system which he alleges was used to give the alarm in case of a raid. Two trap doors were found in the house, police said. The place has been raided many times, according to police.

Archie Young Held

A series of raids was made on alleged gambling games. Sergeant Wilson and squad raided the place of Archie Young, colored, 523 1/2 Indiana Ave., and arrested Young on a charge of keeping a gambling house. Eighteen men found in the place were arrested on charges of visiting a gambling house.

When Lieutenant Winkler and a squad raided the home of Gus Slets, colored, 2350 Yandes St., Slets was charged with keeping a gambling house. Nine colored men and two white men were caught in the raid.

Clayton Murphy, a nurse, 1140 N. Capitol Ave., was arrested today on a charge of operating a blind tiger. The arrest was made by Lieutenants McGee and Stoddard, who alleged that Murphy was the owner of a whiskey still found in a raid.

RUSSIA REJECTS BRITISH ULTIMATUM

Soviet Reply to Note Proposes Arbitration Conference.

By United Press  
LONDON, May 14.—Russia has rejected the terms of the British ultimatum in the view of Lemid Krassin, interviewed by the Daily Mail's Berlin correspondent.

Krassin, head of the soviet trade delegation, is coming to London to wind up affairs of that organization. The Russian reply to the British note, which demanded satisfaction on the subjects of seizure of British trawlers, executions of the clergy was handed a representative of Great Britain Saturday. It is understood to propose a conference at which Russo-British differences can be ironed out.

Bar Falls; Workman Hurt

When an iron bar rolled off a truck at the Golger & Peters Iron Works, 1700 Madison Ave., today, Adolph Granneman, 30, of 2817 Brill St., was slightly injured. He was taken home.

Summer Sign

Here it is, the first of the year! A fifty-foot garden hose, valued at \$15, was missing today from the yard of C. F. Kane, 2412 E. Washington St.

### TWO STORES BOMBED IN CHICAGO MILLINERY WAR

Even Gold Coast Butterflies Object to Paying Stores' Rent With Purchase of One Hat.

By United Press  
CHICAGO, May 14.—A price war turned fashionable North Shore millinery shops into a feminine paradise today.

Rival milliners after bombs were thrown resorted to price slashing to wipe out competitors. Where women, lovely woman, a short time ago crowned her crowning glory with a chapau costing up to \$25,—vanity considered — there appeared in windows cards proclaiming "any hat in the store \$5."

Two or three more zealous stores cut to \$3 on the same basis.

The "price war" started among "gold coast" establishments primarily because there were too many of them. Even wealthy North Shore butterflies objected to dusting enough gold off their wings to pay a store's rent for a week.

As cut after cut were announced two stores were bombed. Police attributed the blasts to sympathizers of rival concerns.

The bombs also blew the prices down further, climaxing today in the \$3 minimum.

The stores are crowded by mobs of bargain-hunters.

English Writer Will Speak Here Tonight

Hugh Walpole, brilliant writer and literary critic, will speak tonight at Caleb Mills Hall on "Books and Friendship."

Some of Mr. Walpole's recent books are "The Young Enchanted," "The Cathedral" and "The Green Mirror," all of which are creating unusual comment in literary circles.

He ranks among the foremost English novelists and is admittedly one of the greatest living authorities on modern English literature.

Mr. Walpole has been brought here by the professional women's branch of the Woman's Department Club. Miss Mamie Larsh is president of the branch. Miss Maude Canfield has been chairman of the ticket committee; Miss Florence Coffin and Miss Lena Meehan have had charge of publicity.

ROBERTSON RITES SET FOR TUESDAY

Rev. W. O. Trueblood to Conduct Services.

The Rev. W. O. Trueblood, pastor of First Friends Church, will conduct funeral services at noon Tuesday for Asa P. Robertson, 50, who died Sunday at the Methodist Hospital. Services will be at the home of Mrs. Dawson Standish, 407 E. Thirty-Third St.

Mr. Robertson was owner and manager of the Auto Exchange Garage and Sales Company, 326 N. Delaware St.

He was born in Noblesville, Ind., and lived in Indianapolis sixteen years.

Surviving him are the widow, Mrs. Clara Robertson, and three brothers, Charles and Murray Robertson of Indianapolis and Ralph Robertson of California.

Mr. and Mrs. Robertson lived at Ravenswood.

Myrtle B. Hayes, Alleged Forger, Accused by Manville.

By United Press  
NEW YORK, May 14.—Further light on business activities of Myrtle B. Hayes, under indictment of forging Charles M. Schwab's name to a note for \$25,000, is expected to be cast by a note of new charges brought by Charles B. Manville.

The latter founder of Johns-Manville, Inc., says Mrs. Hayes and other women with whom she had been associated, "lured" him into business deals involving large sums of money and "stung" him. He mentions an alleged oil stock swindle.

MRS. HELENA HERGEL DIES

Funeral services for Mrs. Helena T. Hergel, 58, who died Saturday at her home, 459 Goodlet St., will be held at 9 a. m. Tuesday at St. Anthony's Catholic Church. Burial will be in St. Joseph's cemetery.

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A thief entered a garage owned by Norman Born, 1601 Wilcox St., and carried away a tire valued at \$15 and tools valued at \$35.

### VISITING CHURCH OFFICIALS GUESTS OF CITY PASTORS

Conferences Preliminary to Presbyterian Assembly Under Way.

Leaders of the Presbyterian Church, including Dr. Lewis S. Mudge, stated clerk, and Walter I. Clarke of the publicity department of the General Assembly, were the guests of Presbyterian pastors at a luncheon today at the University Club.

The pre-assembly conference will get underway Tuesday. City church executives will be in conference Tuesday as will the committee on evangelism at the Second Presbyterian Church.

Other important pre-assembly conferences will be held Wednesday.

The General Assembly will open Thursday. Important business will be the election of a moderator.

Today's morning session of the Board of Home Missions at the Lincoln was devoted to the hearing of a proposed plan of organization for the Presbytery and the Synods. This report will be considered at the general assembly meeting.

The remainder of the day was devoted to committee meetings.

At the Claypool the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions considered reports to be made to the General Assembly.

### TWO ARE INJURED IN TRAIN WRECK

B. & O. Express Crashes Into Freight at Medora.

By United Press  
SEYMOUR, Ind., May 14.—Two men were injured when the Baltimore & Ohio fast steel express, westbound from Cincinnati to St. Louis, collided head on with an eastbound freight train at Medora early today.

The freight train was standing at Medora. The crew, which was not on board, first thought the headlight of the express was that of an automobile. When they discovered the mistake, they attempted to stop it with flares.

The train crashed into the freight at approximately thirty-five miles an hour, observers declared. John Williams, engineer, and Basil Barlow, fireman, both of Seymour, Ind., jumped just before the crash. Barlow hit a concrete culvert, breaking both legs above the knees.

Besides the engines, which were badly wrecked, four steel coaches were damaged and seven of the twenty-two freight cars were demolished.

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### UNCLE SAM SAYS:

Service for Tourists

Visitors to the Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado, this summer will find available during July and August free nature guide service, which has become so popular a feature in other national parks. Plans to the work contemplate the giving on successive evenings an illustrated talk at different hotels in the park and in the nearby village of Estes Park, also leisurely field trips, on which flowers, trees, birds and animals will be identified.—Interior Department.

Cooking With Honey

Honey can be used in cooking in place of sugar. It is desirable to know not only how it compares in sweetness, but also how much allowance must be made for the water which it contains. Assuming a cupful of good honey to measure one-half pint, it should weigh about twelve ounces. Of this nine to ten ounces, roughly speaking, is sugar. In making cake one should substitute honey for sugar, cupful for cupful, and for each cupful of honey use one-fourth cupful less of milk or other liquid which the recipe calls for.—Office of Home Economics.

Oriental Trade Increasing

The Orient now claims a fifth of the entire foreign trade of the United States. The proportion of American trade with the East has nearly doubled since 1913. Heavy exports of silk from Japan and China; rubber and tin from the Straits settlements; wool from Australia; tea, shellac and manganese from India, increased our imports from the Orient from \$21,785,000 in 1921 to \$53,972,000 in 1922.—Department of Commerce.

More Farmers' Mutuals Needed

The 2,000 existing farmers' mutual fire insurance companies are now carrying aggregate risks of between seven and eight billions of dollars at an average annual cost for losses and expenses of a little over 25 cents a year for each \$100. Of this average cost, about three-fourths goes to pay losses and one-fourth to pay expenses of operation.—Department of Agriculture.