

BOY, ANGERED AT FATHER, ADMITS HE STARTED FIRE

Alexander Box Company
Plant Destroyed With
\$14,000 Loss.

Thomas Pearson, 15, colored, 1129 Hiawatha St., today faced a charge of arson. He is said by police to have confessed he set fire to the Alexander box factory, Hiawatha St. and Indiana Ave., Sunday night. The fire caused a loss estimated at \$14,000.

The boy had been carrying lunch for his father, employed as a porter in the factory, for 10 cents a week. A month ago he asked for a raise, which his father refused. The boy confessed he tried to fire the plant at that time, but failed, police say. He is alleged to have admitted he broke a window in the rear of the factory and tossed a lighted match into a pile of shavings Sunday at 6:30 p.m.

Five automobile trucks were taken out of the building by neighbors before they were damaged. The building was 110 feet long and 100 feet wide. The buildings were owned by Alex Alexander, 517 W. Morris St. Warren S. Smith, one of the owners of the factory was driving his automobile across the Fall Creek bridge at Indiana Ave. and discovered the fire.

AUTO TURNS OVER; 2 HURT

Local Women Injured In Wreck North of City.

Mrs. Myrtle Wengler, 921 Buchanan St., and Miss Ethel Hutchinson, 1040 Lambert St., are suffering today from bad cuts received when their car turned over one-half of a mile south of Carmel on the Range line road Sunday. Extent of the injuries has not been determined.

The car was driven by Mrs. Katherine Arbogast, 1040 S. East St. She said that in passing another car she attempted to use the brake but her foot hit the accelerator. She ditched the car to avoid another. The car turned over.

HELD ON BAD CHECK

Walker State Turned Over to Vigo County Sheriff.

Charged with issuing fraudulent checks in Indianapolis, Columbus and Terre Haute, Walker State, 27, today was turned over to Fred Armstrong, sheriff of Vigo County, by Judge James A. Collins in Criminal Court. State jumped a \$4,000 bond in Terre Haute where he was also charged with embezzlement, police say. He also is wanted at Columbus for violating parole, according to officers.

INJURED IN SAFETY ZONE

Driver Arrested After Two Women Are Struck.

Miss Lucy Alexander, 224 Blake St., and Miss Anna Weaver, 1512 Yandies St., were slightly injured today when struck by a car driven by Orville Strupe, R. P. C., Box 72, at Pine and Washington Sts.

Strupe was arrested on charges of assault and battery and driving through a safety zone.

Portland Firemen Winners

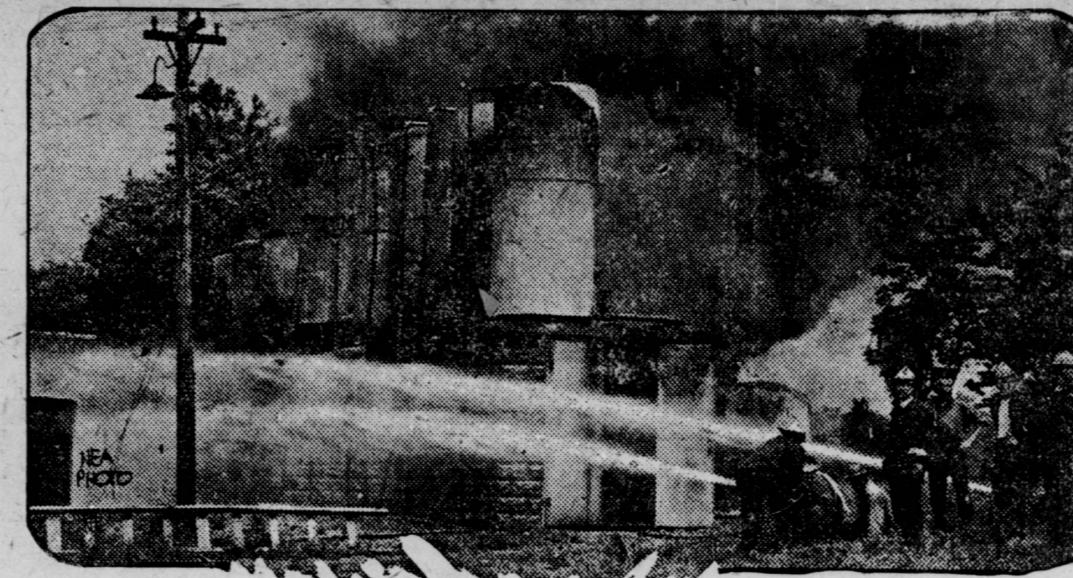
PORTLAND, Ind., June 25.—Portland is proud of her volunteer fire fighters today. They copped second prize in the truck race and hose laying contest at the firemen's convention at Decatur. They won first prize in the uniformed drill contest.

Duro Breeders to Picnic

Members of the Indiana Duroc Breeders Association are planning for their second annual picnic at Broad Ripple Tuesday. Features will be playing, feasting and entertainment, according to Dale F. Morgan, secretary.

"Peeping Tom" Escapes

A "peeping Tom" was surprised and pursued early today by Whorton Clinton, 1014 S. East St. He escaped.



Into the Maw of the Inferno

FIRE RECENTLY DESTROYED 23,000 GALLONS OF GASOLINE AT THE PLANT OF THE OHIO REFINING COMPANY, BOND HILL, NEAR CINCINNATI. THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND GALLONS OF "GAS" WERE ENDANGERED, AND WERE SAVED ONLY BECAUSE FIREMEN PLAYED WATER ON TANKS.

'Polecat Perfume' Wrecks Snub Pollard; 'Children of Dust' Is a Dream Gem

By WALTER D HICKMAN
"POLECAT PERFUME" caused our comical friend, Snub Pollard, not only to bury his ambitions but his clothes.

I have seen many animals used in screen comedies, but it remained for Pollard's "California or Bust" to introduce "polecat perfume."

Pollard and his comedy assistant nearly had to resort to a barrel, but a sheet or two answered the purpose. This new comedy idea is on view at the Apollo this week. Also on view is that old veteran of proper melodrama, "Westbound Limited." In the Pollard movie there is a cyclone, a really funny one. While the wind is blowing a house away Pollard is taking a quiet little nap. He then decides that Kansas cyclones are not to his liking and that California sunshine is the thing for him. So the trip overland begins in a flivver. The scene at the auto camping park is a scream. It is there that Pollard runs on to a new brand of perfume.

This Snub Pollard comedy is slapstick, but it is crowded full of many laughs. The tollgate episode is just about as clever a hoakum scene as one would expect to find any place.

There is a corking good comedy idea when Pollard is introduced to California sunshine. It turns out to be rain. Even the orange crop is unfriendly.

The serious part of the bill is a melodrama, "Westbound Limited," a railroad story. Ralph Lewis, who did so much with "The Third Alarm" is the chief actor. He is the heroic engineer.

Here is good melodrama from the old school all dressed up in 1923 movie style. There is a sensational fire scene with a great fast train spinning over the tracks. Oh, there are many thrills in this melodrama. It is wholesome and interesting.

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The story is a simple affair—it concerns a wealthy girl and her two sweethearts. One is wealthy, the other is not. Even when they were children, they played pirate and buried a \$20 gold piece in a public park. This little game of childhood has great bearing upon the adult life of these three characters.

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