

# TRACTION COMPANY ORDERS SIGNAL FOR FATAL CROSSING

## THREE NARROWLY ESCAPE INJURY AS CAR UPSETS

No Casualties Result When  
Two Autos Collide—  
One Turns Over.

Two automobiles collided and one turned over Friday night at Fletcher Ave. and Laurel St. Charles Joyce, 1234 Hoyt Ave., drove one car and William Wiese, 51 N. Keystone Ave., the other. Wiese's car turned over. William Wiese, Sr., and Mrs. William Wiese were in the automobile. No one was injured.

John Brown, 531 Bright St., was driving west on North St., near Pennsylvania St., Friday afternoon when a sack lying on an exhaust pipe caught fire. He turned to pull the burning sack off the pipe and the truck he was driving collided with a car parked at the curb. The automobile owned by Roy Schultz, 1118 W. New York St., was badly damaged.

Oliver M. Percy, 2402 N. Capitol Ave., was under arrest today on charges of drunkenness, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor and unlawful possession of firearms. The arrest was made Friday by Lieutenant Hudson, following an accident at Capitol Ave. and Fourteenth St.

## TWO MENTIONED FOR COMMISSION

Wampler and Stump Con-  
sidered for State Job.

Frank Wampler, former president of the Indiana Bell Telephone Company, and Albert Stump, local attorney, were being mentioned today as possible successors to Glenn Van Auken, a Democratic member of the public service commission, whose resignation is in the hands of Governor McCall.

Wampler has many years of experience in public utility affairs. He resigned as president when the telephone company started a new fight for further rate increases.

Stump has been actively engaged in Democratic politics. He has been a speaker in recent campaigns.

## MORSE ACQUITTED OF FRAUD CHARGE

Three Sons and Four Other  
Men Also Freed.

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—Charles W. Morse, shipbuilder and financier, charged with defrauding the shipping board on war-time contracts, was acquitted by a jury of the District of Columbia Supreme Court here today.

The three sons of Morse and four other men held under the same indictment were also acquitted.

## FRIENDSHIP IS DESCRIBED

Harding Officiated at Funeral of Lo-  
cal Woman's Brother.

The death of President Harding brought unusual sadness to Mrs. Kate Foppiano, 349 N. Liberty St., as the President was a personal friend of her brother, the late Pietro Cuneo of Upper Sandusky, Ohio. About ten years ago Mr. Harding officiated at the funeral of Mr. Cuneo. Mrs. Foppiano first met Mr. Harding then.

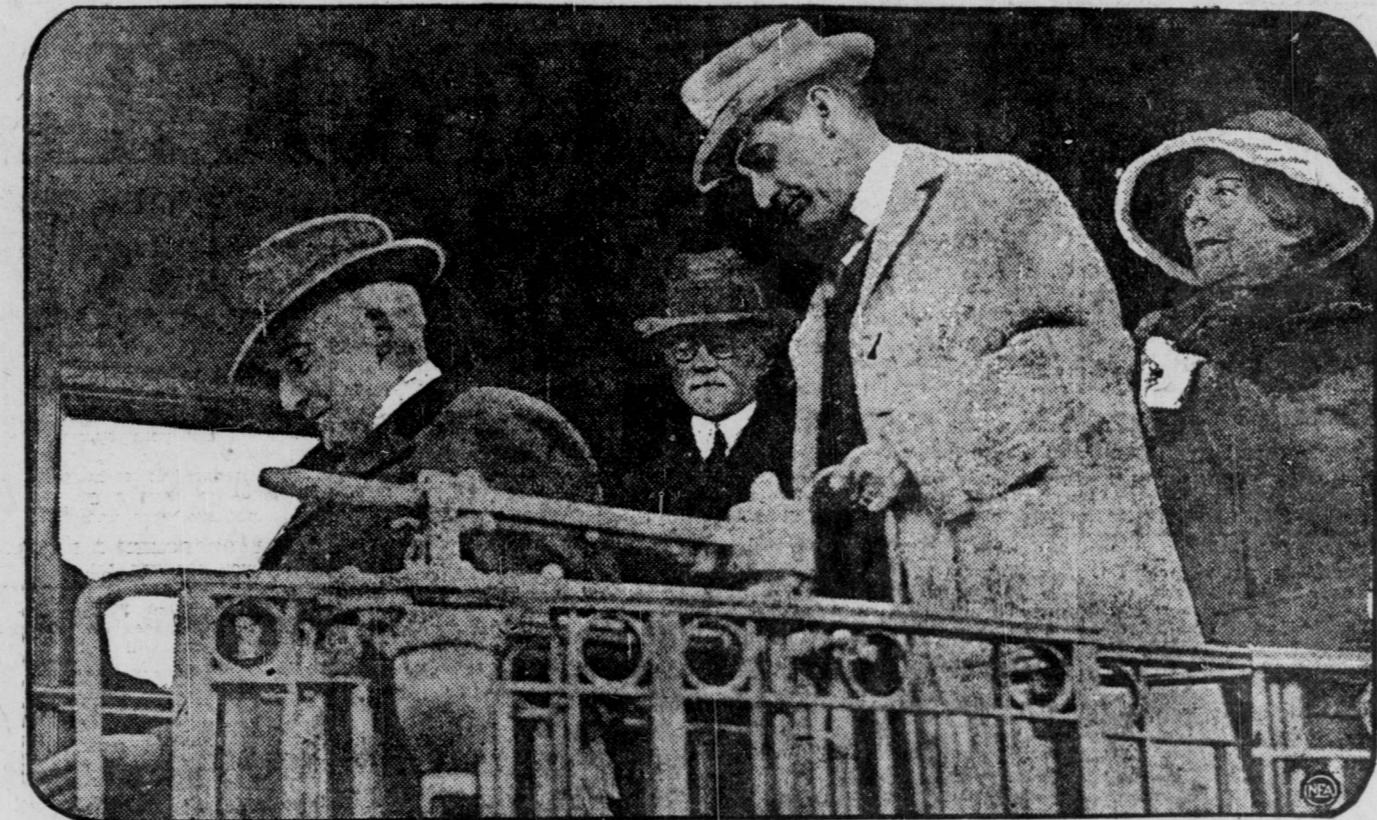
Mr. Cuneo for forty-six years published a Republican newspaper in Upper Sandusky. He became close friend of both Mr. Harding and William McKinley, who appointed Mr. Cuneo American consul at Turin, Italy, a position he held for many years. His son, S. A. Cuneo, a publicity man for Mr. Harding at Washington, D. C., during the presidential campaign, now is publicity man for Roy Haynes, prohibition director of the United States.

Walkers in City  
Raymond C. Hoffman, 19, a student at University of California, and his sister, Miss Gene Hoffman, 21, a student at California State Normal, both of Oceanside, Cal., arrived in Indianapolis today walking en route to New York. They left Oceanside May 1, they said. They make their way selling pictures of themselves.

Bond Issue Authorized  
The state board of tax commissioners today authorized issuance of \$320,000 in bonds for construction of four county unit roads in Elkhart County. Roads and amounts are: Melvin C. Ulrey road, \$64,000; James E. Proudfit road, \$56,000; Jesse G. Sailor road, \$126,000, and the Leonard Kaufman road, \$74,000.

Missing Boy Sought  
Mrs. John Clevenger, 2438 N. Main St., Kokomo, appealed to Indianapolis police today to find her son, George Clevenger, 15, and James Mounsey, 18, a burglar entered the residence of Bert Williams, 538 Roanoke St., today. A suit of clothes and a pair of

## Last Snapshot Taken of Warren G. Harding



PRESIDENT HARDING, DR. SAWYER, HIS PERSONAL PHYSICIAN, PRIVATE SECRETARY CHRISTIAN AND MRS. HARDING ARE SHOWN LEAVING THEIR SPECIAL TRAIN AT SAN FRANCISCO, ON HIS TRIP THROUGH OREGON AND NORTHERN CALIFORNIA. THE PRESIDENT WAS TOO SICK TO GREET THE THRONGS OF PEOPLE CONGREGATED AT EVERY STOPPING PLACE. THIS IS ONE OF THE LAST SNAPSHOTS TAKEN OF MR. HARDING AND WAS TAKEN AS THE STRICKEN EXECUTIVE WAS GOING TO THE PALACE HOTEL TO GO TO BED. THE PHOTOGRAPH WAS RUSHED EAST AND TO "THE TIMES" BY AIR MAIL, FOLLOWING THE PRESIDENT'S DEATH THURSDAY NIGHT.

## GRAVE PROBLEMS FACING COOLIDGE AS NEW EXECUTIVE

International and Domestic Affairs as Well as Politics Near Crisis.

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—Three grave problems faced Calvin Coolidge as he took over the duties of the thirtieth President of the United States today.

1. The international situation—with European conditions generally becoming steadily worse, what will the United States do to stave off a final crisis?

2. Domestic affairs to continue and complete the task begun by President Harding of settling America's own house in order after the great dislocation of the war.

3. The political situation with an open season for all presidential candidates now foreseen as the result of Mr. Harding's death.

The international situation is described by officials and diplomats as the most serious since 1914.

Mr. Coolidge comes into office with every nation interested in the present European crisis looking to the United States for aid or guidance. Every foreign chancery is wondering what effect the ascending to the presidency of Calvin Coolidge will have on American foreign policy.

Faces Ruhr Crisis  
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Another question of international policy which has had an important reflex in the American political situation is President Harding's advocacy of this country's participation in the world court. Will Mr. Coolidge support the world court as strongly as did Mr. Harding, it is asked here today.

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Diamonds valued at \$80,000 were stolen from a safe on the ship Bos-  
well, which arrived in New York from South America Friday.

Max Linder famous French

## RATES FOR WATER IN CHICAGO LOWER THAN INDIANAPOLIS

Consumers in Windy City Pay 62½ Cents for Service Which  
Costs Local Citizens \$1.50, Times  
man Finds.

Note—This is the last of a series of articles on why Illinois utility rates can be reduced while Indianapolis utilities are asking for increases.

By FELIX BRUNER.  
She approached the information desk at the water office in the Chicago city hall. She was apparently "peev'd."

"I want to know," she said, "why I have to pay \$3.45 a year for water. My neighbors don't pay that much."

The man at the desk examined her bill and carefully explained to her that the rate was correct for her house and that the houses of her neighbors must be smaller.

The rate that consumer was complaining about was not \$5.45 a quarter, as Indianapolis consumers might expect, but \$5.45 a year.

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The house of the woman who complained may have been a very small one, for most of the Chicago rates are higher, but not a great deal. For a two-story house twenty-seven feet wide, with all ordinary equipment except a hose, the flat rate is \$9.50 a year. If it is on a fifty-foot lot the rate is \$3 higher or a total of \$12.50. A similar service in Indianapolis costs \$20.50 a year, and the water company wants to increase it.

Meter rates in Chicago are ex-  
pected to be higher.

The cost of water mains many times over, because of higher rates.

Chicago is on Lake Michigan and has an assured available water supply. But engineers have said the Indianapolis supply also is adequate with wells used only to carry peak loads.

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## FROM FAR AND NEAR

Christine Hedin, past 100 years old, died at her home in Ironwood, Mich., Friday.

General Gouraud, military governor of Paris, halted all music in the French capital Friday in tribute to the dead President Harding.

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Bert Williams Misses Clothes

A burglar entered the residence of Bert Williams, 538 Roanoke St., today. A suit of clothes and a pair of

Safety Device to Be Installed at Cost of \$800 Following  
Death of Eight Persons in Thirteen Years—

Another Danger Spot Cited.

Thee T. H. I. & E. Traction Company will install an automatic signal bell at the N. Tibbs Ave. interurban crossing, where Mrs. Mary Coy was killed last Tuesday, an interurban demolishing her automobile, Robert L. Todd, president, announced today.

An order for the signal has been sent to Louisville, Ky. It will cost \$800 to install the signal of the most modern type.

The Times called attention to the need for protection at the crossing after the accident. Eight persons have been killed at the place in thirteen years.

Signal To Motorman

Whenever the signal bell rings, a light will automatically flash in the car, telling the motorman that the crossing is warned of the approaching car. Should the light fail to flash it is the duty of the motorman to stop his car at the crossing and investigate.

The signal will be ready in about three weeks, Todd said.

Mrs. Una Marie Coy Jordan, 3518 W. Michigan St., daughter of Mrs. Coy, said today that she earnestly hoped Councilman Walter W. Wise will succeed in getting through city council two ordinances which he intends to present Monday night.

Ordinances Require Watchmen

"Something should have been done long ago," Mrs. Jordan said. "It was impossible for my mother to see that interurban coming until the hood of her machine was on the track."

Wise's ordinances would require the Big Four railroad and the traction company each to maintain a watchman at the crossing, which has seven tracks, from 7 a. m. to 7 p. m. daily and owners or occupants of corner lots to keep trees trimmed. The second measure also would prohibit any shrubbery, hedge, vine or tree more than three feet high within twenty-five feet of a corner.

Warning Out of Order

Motor Policemen Owen and Paul of the accident prevention department discovered another dangerous traction crossing at Sherman Dr. and Sixteenth St. It is on the Union Traction line to Newcastle. Buildings on each side obstruct all view of the track. The signal device there is supposed to flash a light and ring a bell.

"We watched three or four trains pass," said Paul, "and not one of them either flashed the light or rang the bell. If that is not fixed soon, somebody is going to be killed there."

The trafficmen reported traction officials promised to repair the devices.

Albert J. Beveridge was being mentioned today as a possible Republican candidate for President in 1924. The death of President Harding has thrown the field open to presidential possibilities.

Friends of Beveridge pointed out that he is progressive, but not too much so. It was said he might be a compromise between the faction represented by such men as Senators La Follette, Brookhart and Magnus Johnson, and the element of the party as represented by such men as Senator James E. Watson and Senator Henry Cabot Lodge.

Beveridge served two terms in the United States Senate as a Republican. He was a progressive candidate for Governor of Indiana in 1912, but was defeated by Samuel M. Ralston. Ralston again defeated him in 1922 when Beveridge was a Kansan candidate for the Senate.

It is understood Beveridge has indicated to his friends he still has political ambitions. He was a close friend of Theodore Roosevelt and a leader in the element headed by Roosevelt. Beveridge is now in Europe.

Work will be started on a high-voltage transmission line from the super-power plant of the Indiana Electric Corporation near Terre Haute to Indianapolis, it was learned today.

The public service commission authorized a securities issue of \$4,083,000 mainly for the purpose of providing for the cost of this line. The company also will construct high tension lines to Sullivan and Clinton.

The Indianapolis line will be connected with the Merchants Heat and Light Company distribution system. It will carry 132,000 volts and will be suspended on steel towers. The other lines will carry 66,000 volts each. The line to Indianapolis will be seventy-five miles long.

It is estimated the cost of the transmission lines will be \$3,679,672. Work has been under way for some time on the power plant. It is situated on the banks of the Wabash River, where it is close to a coal mine and also has water for condensing purposes.

Securities authorized include \$29,500 of common stock, \$400,000 of preferred stock and \$2,760,000 of bonds.

Biggars Arrested as Vagrant

Wade Biggars, 2178 Drexel Ave., was arrested today on charges of vagrancy. Police say they believe he is connected with the robbery of a suit of clothes belonging to Ed Nohrs, 2547 Northwestern Ave., found later in a pawn shop.

Clothes, Valued at \$45, Missing

Mrs. John Hanrahan, 629 E. Twelfth St., today reported to the police that a red silk dress, silk hose and another dress, all valued at \$45, were taken from her back porch.