

## FIRE INSURANCE RATE REDUCTION ASSURED TO CITY

National Board Concedes  
Lower Classification Than  
Announced.

A reduction in fire insurance rates for Indianapolis of approximately 6 per cent is assured as a result of action of the National Board of Underwriters in notifying Taylor E. Granger, corporation counsel, and E. L. Kingston, chairman of the board of safety, that it would be willing to concede Class 1½ rating to the city.

The concession, it is understood, will be made under certain conditions which will be taken up between Granger and Kingston, today. While the city will not have a classification of 1½ rates, it will pay rates.

Information that the board would cease further resistance to the ruling at the expiration of the period given them, Dec. 6, by conceding the city better classification, reached Granger and Kingston Friday. This action terminates a fight of six years in which the Underwriters left no stone unturned to defeat the city in its campaign for lower rates.

## INDIANA MEN OF SCIENCE TO MEET

Annual Gathering at De Pauw  
Dec. 6-8.

By Times Special  
GREENCASTLE, Ind., Dec. 1.—Scientific men from various parts of Indiana are expected here to attend the thirty-ninth annual meeting of the Indiana Academy of Science at DePauw University, Dec. 6-8.

Papers covering investigations of Indiana scientists in the fields of botany, zoology, chemistry, physics, mathematics, geology and geography, will be read. Dr. Charles A. Behre, of Purdue University, president of the academy, will speak on "Bacteriology and Its Practical Significance."

## GARY DENOUNCES SOLDIER BONUS

Steel Chief Also Attacks Debt  
Cancellation.

By United Press  
NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—Pseudo-philanthropists who are eager to give away other people's money were denounced by Judge Elbert H. Gary when he attacked the soldier bonus and the cancellation of foreign debts in a Thanksgiving season address Friday night.

## COLUMBUS BOY KILLED BY HUNTING COMPANION

Dallas McKinney, 17, Accidentally  
Steps Into Path of Fire.

By Times Special  
COLUMBUS, Ind., Dec. 1.—Stepping in front of his friend's shotgun just as the latter fired at a rabbit, Dallas McKinney, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lott McKinney, was killed Friday when the entire load of the gun tore a hole through his back.

Young McKinney was employed in Indianapolis and was home visiting with his parents. He was hunting with Robert Stewart, 17.

## TYPHOID WAVE SERIOUS

Two Deaths and Fifty-Six Cases Now  
Reported at Ft. Wayne.

By United Press  
FT. WAYNE, Ind., Dec. 1.—With the death of Mrs. Florence Anola Roebel, 19, the epidemic of typhoid fever had claimed its second victim. Dr. John H. Gilpin, city health officer, said today.

Fifty-six persons are now ill with the fever, he reported.

## RALPH TRENT DIES

Supposed Suicide Attempt Failure;  
Succumbs in Hospital.

By Times Special  
COLUMBUS, Ind., Dec. 1.—Ralph S. Trent, whose three-story fall ten days ago is believed to have been a suicide attempt, died Friday at the county hospital.

At the time of his fall physicians believed Trent was under the influence of some drug. Heart reaction, at the loss of frequent use of this drug, was the cause of death, it is believed. He had apparently recovered from effects of the fall.

A wife and six children survive.

## MAN FALLS OFF TRAIN

Found by Crew Lying Along Track,  
He Is Now Near Death.

An unidentified man who could only give the name of "Sturgeon," and who said he fell off of a freight train, was at the City hospital today in a critical condition.

Ray Noppin and T. H. Brewer, both of Newcastle, Ind., a crew on the Newcastle division of the Union Traction, found the man on the right of way of the Peoria & Eastern railroad tracks, seven miles east of the city.

## MARMON SALES SESSION

Sales problems of 1924 will be the principal topic of discussion at the convention of dealers and distributors of Marmion automobiles in Indianapolis, Dec. 10-11 and 12. H. H. Brooks, sales manager, will preside. Walter C. Marmion, president, will make the welcoming talk.

## Beware!

All known crooks found in downtown district will be arrested on sight during the holiday shopping rush. An order to this effect was issued by Police Chief Herman F. Rikhoof. The action was taken, it was stated, to protect merchants and shoppers from pickpockets and shoplifters.

## FIVE EX-PASTORS ON PROGRAM FOR CHURCH'S EVENT

Fiftieth Anniversary Will Be  
Observed Sunday by  
Methodists.

Five former pastors of the Prospect Street M. E. Church, Prospect and Spruce Sts., are on the program for the celebration of the church's fiftieth anniversary, Sunday.

Those who will take part are the Rev. A. F. Zarwell of Cincinnati, the Rev. J. C. Gerlach of Dayton, Ohio; the Rev. W. A. Schuff of Marietta, Ohio; Dr. J. C. Harding of Berea, Ohio, who will preach the anniversary sermon during the morning, and the Rev. C. E. Ploch, retired, of Indianapolis.

At a service starting at 8 p. m., the Rev. H. R. Bornemann, pastor of the New Jersey Street M. E. Church, mother church of the Prospect Street Church, will give greetings.

During a social hour beginning at 8:30 p. m., the Ladies' Aid Society will serve lunch. The evening service will begin at 7:30.

Reminiscences will be given during the afternoon by the four charter members still living: John Blumberg, Mrs. George Gith, Mrs. Marie Pettier and George Hitz.

The first Prospect St. church, a frame building, was completed Dec. 2, 1874 at a cost of \$2,500. A fund to build it was started when a thank offering of \$254 was raised at a public meeting of the New Jersey St. church, then known as the First M. E. Church, in April, 1872. Jacob Traub and Charles Meyer, of the First Church, later pledged themselves to raise \$1,000 each.

The present brick building was erected in 1902, at a cost of \$8,000, after the original building was partially destroyed by fire. The Rev. H. C. Beyer is the present pastor.

## TEACHER ELECTED SCIENCE OFFICER

W. G. Gingery Is Honored at  
Convention Here.

W. G. Gingery, teacher at Shortridge High School, was elected treasurer of the Central Association of Science and Mathematics Teachers at the annual convention in Caleb Mills Hall today.

Others elected: Clarence L. Holtzman, Chicago, president; T. D. Kelsey, St. Louis, Mo., vice president; Ira C. Davis, Madison, Wis., assistant treasurer; Katherine Ulrich, Oak Park, Ill., corresponding secretary. The office of secretary, held by G. W. Warner, Chicago, is a two-year position.

A trip by automobiles through southern Indiana, including Spencer and Bloomington, was a feature of the convention.

The 1924 convention will be held in Chicago.

## MILLION FOR DRAINAGE

New Indiana Districts Embrace More  
Than 128,000 Acres, Report.

Drainage districts organized in twenty counties in Indiana during 1923 to 1924 embrace more than 128,000 acres and involve an expenditure of more than \$1,048,000, according to a 1923 report received today from the division of agricultural engineering.

Consideration of other details would increase the figure to 147,000 acres. In thirty-nine counties no districts were organized, and no data was received from the other thirty-three counties. If the data shown for counties reported applied to all others, the area of all drainage districts established in 1920 to 1923 would be 231,000 acres.

## MARSHAL IS WOUNDED

Accidentally Drops His Own Gun;  
Charge Strikes His Leg.

By Times Special  
FRANKLIN, Ind., Dec. 1.—When he dropped a gun as he was walking out of a theater here Friday night, Marshal C. C. Harrison was wounded in the leg by its accidental discharge.

The wound did not prove serious. He was taken home and will be unable to be on duty for several days.

## FITZSIMMONS IN COURT

Plea of Guilty to Failure to Pay \$5,000  
Taxes Is Expected

Floyd Fitzsimmons, Michigan City boxing promoter, under indictment in Federal court on charges of failing to pay about \$5,000 in admission taxes on tickets to bouts staged by him, probably will enter his plea before Judge Albert B. Anderson early next week. It is understood he will plead guilty. Fitzsimmons conferred with Homer Elliott, United States district attorney, Friday.

## Injured When Struck by Car.

By Times Special  
NOBLESVILLE, Ind., Dec. 1.—Charles Sears, 27, suffered a broken ankle and several severe body bruises when he was struck last night by a car driven by Charles J. Neal of Anderson, Ind., while crossing the tracks of the Big Four railroad.

Sears was taken to a hospital. He was taken to a hospital. He was taken to a hospital.

## 'RIKHOOF' SHIELDED DRIVER AND WIFE, HUSBAND ASSERTS

Statutory Offense Charged  
Against Police Officer by  
Engineer.

Clifford R. Leaf, 503 N. California St., police patrol driver, arrested Friday on a justice of peace warrant from Owen County charging statutory offense, is at liberty today on \$500 bond.

The affidavit was sworn to by Charles D. Patten, 114 S. West St., engineer for the Jessup and Antrim Ice Cream Company, who alleged that his wife, Mrs. Minnie B. Patten, 308 E. Michigan St., had improper relations with Leaf while in Owen County recently.

"I had to go to Owen County to get a warrant, because Chief of Police Rikhoof, Inspector of Detectives John Mullin, Capt. Roy Pope and the office of the board of safety kept putting me off and refusing to do anything," Patten said after the arrest.

## Rikhoof Evades Request

"Mullin put some detectives on the job for awhile, but he said they reported they couldn't find where my wife and Leaf were."

"Then I went to Rikhoof. Rikhoof put me off by saying Leaf had denied the charge and that he was a good policeman, having been on the force for years. Then my lawyer called up the board of safety. Some one there said they couldn't file charges. We'd have to see the chief."

"Last spring, after twenty-three years of married life, my wife said she was tired and wanted to live apart awhile. I agreed. Then one day a woman who said she was Leaf's wife hunted me up and said her husband and my wife had broken up our home."

## Followed Couple, He Says

"It was only when they went to Catawact Falls, in Owen County, that I got a chance to file an affidavit. I never could learn their local address, due to evasion on the part of the police officials."

Leaf denied the charge.

## ALLEGED LOVE TRIANGLE BARED

Husband and Niece Charged  
With Wife's Murder.

By United Press  
MOUND CITY, Kan., Dec. 1.—Frequent complaints against her husband's alleged misconduct were made by Mrs. Ella Scott, according to testimony introduced today at the preliminary hearing of her niece, Arlene Scott, accused with her husband of her murder.

E. R. Peters, employed in the Scott grocery store, said on one occasion Mrs. Scott told her husband: "If you had caught me acting the way I caught you, you would have killed me."

Arlene was standing near by crying at the time, Peters said. Authorities charge a love affair between Arlene and Scott resulted in the alleged murder plot.

## CURTAIN RAISES AT STOCK SHOW

Thirty States and Four Canadian  
Provinces Entered.

By United Press  
CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—The curtain went up today on the world's greatest barnyard show.

To a crashing discord of bellowing, bleating, grunting, whinnying, mooing and stamping of hoofs, the International Livestock Exposition was thrown open to the public.

Approximately 11,000 blooded animals are on display—the greatest collection of thoroughbreds ever gathered together in one place.

Thirty States and four Canadian provinces have entered their prize livestock.

## STATE DEPOSIT INQUIRY

John C. McCord Is Detailed to Probe  
Kendall Fund Status.

John C. McCord, deputy of the State legal department, has been detailed by Attorney General U. S. Lesh to investigate the status of \$90,000 in State money on deposit in the Discount and Deposit State Bank of Kendall, now closed, preparatory to recovery proceedings. Governor McCray formerly was president of the bank. Lesh has been asked to institute proceedings against bondsmen of the bank.

## HOME BREW RETURNED

By Times Special  
FT. WAYNE, Ind., Dec. 1.—Search of autos for booze without search warrants is illegal, Howard L. Townsend, former Supreme Court judge, held today. He sustained a motion of Mrs. Winnie Jamison for the return of several cases of home brew and an automobile seized July 11.

## Woman Is Train Victim

By Times Special  
SOUTH BEND, Ind., Dec. 1.—Mrs. Paul J. Walsh, 60, was struck and killed by a train here Friday. She did not notice the crossing watchman who was blocking traffic.

## "How to Get Better Theater"

The Rotary Club is going to learn about the theater next Tuesday at the Claypool. Miss Vivian Keel, New York, will tell you to get it. "A Better Theater and How to Get It."

## Overcoat Taken by Bandit

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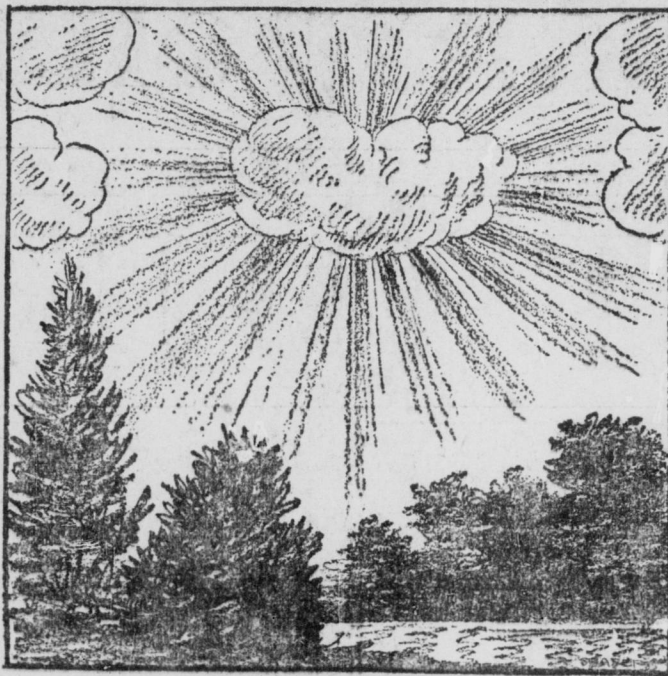
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## PROVERB PICTURE NO. 30—DEC. 1



The answer is .....  
My name is .....  
I live at .....  
City ..... State .....

## FIRST PRIZE \$1,000 CASH

Second Prize .....\$500 Cash	4 Prizes .....\$50 Each
Third Prize .....\$250 Cash	6 Prizes .....\$25 Each
Fourth Prize .....\$100 Cash	8 Prizes .....\$15 Each
Fifth Prize .....\$75 Cash	20 Prizes .....\$5 Each

## RULES GOVERNING CONTEST

Prizes will be awarded for the best and most appropriate answers from among those submitted by contestants. First prize will be awarded to the person submitting largest number of such answers; second prize to the one submitting the second largest number of such answers, etc.

In the event of a tie, care and neatness displayed in preparation of answers will be considered.

Contestants must submit complete set of 60 proverb pictures in order to qualify for any prize.

Answers are not to be sent in until the entire 60 proverb pictures have appeared in The Times.

Only one answer may be submitted for each proverb. Where more than one answer is submitted to any proverb all will be thrown out.

Each answer must be plainly written upon coupon published with each proverb picture. Any illegible will be thrown out.

The last proverb picture will be published Jan. 3, 1924.

Answers must be submitted in one set to The Proverb Contest Editor on or before noon Jan. 10, 1924.

Employees of The Times or members of their families cannot participate in this contest.

The Indianapolis Times will deposit each drawing and correct answer with Mr. Ralph K. Smith, vice president and cashier of the Fletcher American Bank in advance of each publication.

The judges will be Edward J. Gause, president of E. J. Gause, and Judge James A. Collins of the Marion County bench, and George Buck, principal of Shortridge High School.

The decision of the judges will be final in all matters related to the contest.

## M'CRAY RAPS CRY ON UTILITY BOARD

Asking Members to Resign Is  
Derided by Governor.

"You cannot impeach a man's judgment," Governor Warren T. McCray said today when asked about a movement to force the resignation of John W. McCord, Oscar Rattus and Maurice Douglas, members of the public service commission who granted an increase in rates to the Indianapolis Water Company.

"Many people make mistakes for which they should not be held accountable," the Governor said. He derided the idea of demanding the commission's resignations and said he knew nothing about it except what he had read in the newspapers. He referred to the agitation for the resignations as "hysteria."

## WICKS TO PREACH AT ELK MEMORIAL

Indianapolis Lodge Will Honor  
Dead Members.

The annual memorial services of the Indianapolis Lodge of Elks for their members who have died will be held Sunday evening at English's Theater. The principal address of the memorial will be made by the Rev. F. S. C. Wicks, pastor of All Souls Unitarian Church and former local Elk chaplain.

The English Theater orchestra, under the direction of Herman Arndt, will render several numbers. A. B. Hanson, past exalted ruler of the Indianapolis lodge, is chairman of the memorial committee.

Miss Ruth Trevis Spencer will sing several solos, including "Ave Maria" and "Shall I Be Forgotten," the latter accompanied by P. L. Montani, who will also render a harp solo, "Absent." B. V. Young, chaplain, will open the exercises with a prayer and will invoke the benediction.

## CHILD SERIOUSLY HURT BY CAR

MUNCIE, Ind., Dec. 1.—Elsie Conlin, 13, is thought to be in a dying condition at a local hospital, the result of being struck by an auto which she ran in front of while at play. Lee Burton, driver, was held blameless, following an investigation.

## WARRANT IS QUESTIONED

Suppression of Evidence Is Sought by  
Henry H. Slick, R. R. 220.

Police will not be allowed to testify what they found in "the dwelling house of Henry H. Slick, R. R. 220," if a motion to suppress evidence because of insufficient description in the criminal judge Frank A. Symmes.

The premises were described as above. The petition lists the objects to be excluded from evidence as "two trunks, sixty-five quarts of whiskey, one barrel grape wine, one four-gallon jug white wine, three gallons and nine quarts of home brew and eight small whiskey glasses." Slick was charged with 1-1000 law violation Judge Symmes will rule on the motion today.

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## STRUGGLE OVER IMPORTANT JOBS GRIPS CONGRESS

Republican Regulars and Progressives  
Contest for Chairmanships.

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The struggle over the organization of Congress was the week's big news. Republican regulars concentrated their attention on the brakes of the congressional machine. The progressives manifested greater interest in the engine.

In the Senate the chairmanship of the Interstate Commerce Committee provoked the principal contest. Regulars insisted Sena or Cummins, Iowa, stick to the job and, if necessary, forego the honor and the extra \$4,500 that accompany the Senate presidency. Progressives had no objection to Cummins' elevation, but insisted he could not hold both jobs. Make way for La Follette on the Commerce Committee, the committee that deals with railways, they demanded.

## Regulars Win Sidrinish

Regulars won the first sidrinish in the House. They secured Representative Graham, Republican, Illinois, out of the race for majority floor leadership. That job goes to Nick Longworth, regular, Ohio. The regulars want Gillett, Massachusetts, elected Speaker. They can't do it unless they gain support of the progressives, or the Democrats absent themselves.

TEAPOT DOME—Where did the money which enabled him to splurge in New Mexico ranches and electric power plants in 1923 after a ten-year period when he was unable even to pay his taxes? The Teapot Dome investigating committee Friday resumed its search for the answer to this question, and decided it would be best for all to come to Washington to explain. The coincidence that Fall's pocketbook began busting just at the time Harry Sinclair got hold of the Teapot Dome lease interests Senator Walsh, Democrat, Montana, chief inquisitor for the committee.

## Coolidge in Background

WHITE HOUSE FREE-FOR-ALL—Hiram Johnson's entry into the White House sweepstakes may have made it possible for Coolidge to come right into the open and fight, but he hasn't come. His boosters await his message to Congress next week, which they expect to serve as a declaration of his candidacy.

WAR PRISONERS—Will the President play the role of Santa Claus and pass out freedom to the prisoners still jailed at Leavenworth because of so-called crimes during the war? This in question is now being more frequently answered in the affirmative than otherwise.

## Rum Treaty Interesting

RUM TREATY—Will the Supreme Court uphold the constitutionality of the proposed rum treaty with Great Britain? England has heard so much about the court's methods it is not a bit keen on entering into the agreement if there is danger the part of the treaty permitting entry of liquor under seal will be declared unconstitutional.

Meanwhile, without the question being answered, the treaty negotiations continue. American authorities this week demonstrated they will arrest ships outside the three-mile limit if they think it worth while. They thought it worth while in the case of the Tomoka.

## VICTIM SEEKS \$2,850

Evansville Attorney Says He Was  
Defrauded by Man Held Here.

Return of \$2,850 found on Lewis D. Ackley, who postoffice inspectors say is one of the cleverest fraudulent check workers in the United States, has been asked by James T. Cutler of Evansville, attorney, in a petition filed in Federal court. Linus P. Meredith, United States marshal; Citizens National Bank of Evansville, and Ackley were named respondents in the petition. Cutler claims he was defrauded of the amount by Ackley in a scheme similar to the one which he was said to have attempted to work on Miller, Dalley and Thompson, local attorneys, when arrested Tuesday.

## BOLLES 'NOT RESIGNING'

Legion National Adjutant Denies Report of  
Quitting Office.

Lemuel Bolles, national adjutant of the American Legion, today denied reports that he is considering resigning. "Such rumors have been afloat at every convention," he said. "They were probably picked up here. But there is absolutely no ground for them."

Bolles was appointed national adjutant at the first caucus meeting held in Paris in 1919.

The resignation of Edward H. Prell, director of the administration division, was announced at legion headquarters. The resignation becomes effective Jan. 1.

## To Santa

Location of the great toy factory of that most popular manufacturer in the world, Santa Claus, is no mystery to Indianapolis kiddies.

They know his exact address and with implicit faith in Uncle Sam's postoffice department they are beginning to fill the mails with unstamped and stamped letters addressed in round, scrawly, handwriting to the best friend of childhood.

Among the addresses found on letters, beginning to pile up on the desk of Robert H. Bryson, postmaster, are North Pole, Iceland, Greenland, Ind.; General Delivery, Arctic Circle; Snowland; Toyland Headquarters, 726 Klondike Ave., North Pole.

## MERRY WAR OVER JUDGE'S BILL IS RAGING, HO HUM!

'Might Sell Courthouse Some  
Day,' Auditor Says in  
Protest.

Protest against methods of payment for repairs to the courtroom of Superior Judge James M. Leathers was made today by County Auditor Leo K. Fessler when a bill for \$3,000 was handed the county by Judge Robinson, attorney for the judge.

The work was done under mandate after the county council had appropriated the \$3,000 and county commissioners had hesitated to order the work done. The commissioners said eight other courtrooms had received no appropriations.

"I requested Mr. Robinson to have the creditors file their claims in a regular way on the county's claim book, so I could submit them to the commissioners in the regular way," Fessler said.

"Robinson replied that the judge had inspected the work and material and found them all right, and he insists that I pay the amounts."

"It is the most unusual procedure that has been presented to the auditor in the last eight years. I do not know of any law under which I can pay the bills. The law is plain that the commissioners' board is the proper body to build and maintain the Court-house."

"I have not determined, however, to refuse to pay the bill."

"Judge Leathers notified the commissioners that he had practically completed a sale of the old linoleum and furniture, and that, if the sale is completed, he will apply the proceeds to his new purchases."

"It would seem that if a judge can sell the county's property in that manner, he can proceed to sell the county's Courthouse and grounds."

## CHURCH NOTICES

First Spiritualist Church  
608 N. Liberty St.

Between Mass. Ave. and North St.  
Sunday, 7:45 p. m.

Lecture by Rev. Lydia Crane.

Subject:

"THE HEAVENLY GUEST"

Messages by the pastor, Rev. Ruth Van DeBouken. Message services every Wednesday at 2 and 7:30 p. m., conducted by the Ladies' Aid, part of the time devoted to healing. A number of Christmas articles for sale each Wednesday.

All Are Welcome.

Church of Advent

Protestant Episcopal,  
Meridian St. at 31st.

Rev. Clarence W. Bistham,  
Rector, in Charge.

7:30 A. M.—Communion.

9:45 A. M.—Church school.

11 A. M.—Morning service and sermon.

8 P. M.—Evening service and a dress.

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TRAVELING MEN ATTENTION!

The Leading "Big Meeting" (for men only) of the United States, now on.