

LENTEN SERVICES IN CITY CHURCHES BEGIN WEDNESDAY

Distribution of Ashes Marks
Period of Penance Among
Catholics.

Lenten services will begin in Protestant and Catholic churches Wednesday, Ash Wednesday. The Lenten season, the forty days preceding Easter, is spent in penance.

Palm not distributed on Palm Sunday are reduced to ashes, which are distributed in all Catholic churches on Ash Wednesday. This distribution is made with these words. "Remember man, for dust thou art and into dust thou shalt return."

Weekly services at St. Catherine's Catholic church will begin at 7:45 p.m. Wednesday, when the Rev. Al Deere will preach on "God of Mankind."

Services will be held each noon except Saturday at Christ Episcopal Church on Monument Circle. Dr. James D. Stanley, rector, will open the season with a communion service at 10:30 Wednesday morning, followed by a noon meeting, beginning at 12:45 and lasting thirty minutes. Dr. Stanley will also preach at 8 o'clock Wednesday night. Thursday noon Dr. Lewis Brown of St. Paul's Church will conduct the service.

FRANC STILL WEAKENS

Financial Authority Blames Fall on
World-Wide Speculation.

PARIS, March 4.—The French franc continued to weaken today, with the dollar at 24.10 and the pound sterling 105.50.

A government financial authority said continued fall of the franc was due to world-wide speculation.

Other financiers claim the latest slump is due to the month-end need of industrialists for foreign currency.

Business Insurance Topic
"Business Insurance" will be discussed before the Indianapolis Association of Credit Men at luncheon Thursday at the Clarendon by F. L. Bridges of the Bridges-Dickinson Company.

Prisoner Is Held as Traction Car Bandit



WILLIAM GLLIS

Detectives say that William Ollis, alias Walsh, alias James W. McGrath, held in Portsmouth, Ohio, was one of the bandits who held up a Martinsville interurban near Maywood, Ind., Jan. 30, 1923.

SEVENTEEN SMOKE NOTICES ARE SENT

Three New Orders and Fourteen Seconds in List.

Three new first notices of smoke violation and fourteen additional second notices have been sent out by H. F. Templeton, assistant chief smoke inspector.

First notices: K. P. building, Farnam Ice Cream Company, and Denison Hotel.

Second notices: Plaza Apts., Menno Flats, Guarantees building, Banquet Mills Company, Fairmount Glass Works, Bankers Trust Company, John Heron Art Institute, Methodist Hospital, Graylyn Hotel, Steinhardt building, Indiana Dental College, Summers Furniture Conpany, Nickle Plate Rail road building, and the Indiana Mirror Manufacturing Company.

JOHN C. DAVIS RETURNS

John C. Davis, reported missing from his home, 215 W. Twenty-Fifth St., Feb. 15, returned home today. He had been in St. Louis, Mo., on urgent business. It was reported to police Davis was reported missing after he failed to return home from work. He is an automobile salesman.

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DOHENY GETS BIG REFUND IN TAXES

Oil Magnate Returned \$40,039.04 During 1923.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, March 4.—E. L. Doheny, who loaned former Secretary of the Interior Fall \$1,000,000 was refunded \$40,039.04 in taxes in 1923.

The millionaire oil man was one of 263,220 persons who got tax drawbacks from the Treasury totaling \$123,592,820.40 in 1923 on claims of excessive taxation, according to a report made public by the House Ways and Means Committee.

The largest refund was \$9,268,548.60, made to Whitney Payne, Lewis Cass Ledyard and Lewis Cass Ledyard, Jr., executors of the estate of Oliver H. Payne of New York.

Depositors, it is understood, will receive less than 40 cents on the dollar. Losses total about \$100,000.

FROM FAR AND NEAR

Miss Alice Gibson, New York farmer, spent a night in a jail cell rather than pay what she said was 30 cents overcharge in taxi fare.

Poverty drove Raymond Smith and wife, New York, to attempt suicide. Death mocked them. They only had money to buy poison enough to make them sick.

Two Martin bomb planes have arrived at Omaha and will bomb gorges in the Platte River. The gorges are ten feet high and a mile long in several places.

Traffic Policeman Edward Schimel, Chicago, helped Erlene Berry, Joliet, Ill., out of a traffic jam. At the half-way point he knew her name; at curb he got her address; today they were to be married.

Prof. Monia, teacher of dress design, in St. Augustine, Fla., decided to double-track the railway's entire line in Florida and build a freight line around Miami.

Turkey will reject America's claims for damages for American property destroyed in the Smyrna fire.

The whole national Government of the United States is unstable and cannot even maintain its existing standard of well being," former Governor James Hartness, Vermont, declared at Hartford, Conn., Monday.

Mrs. Mollie Newbury, owner of the Boston store, Chicago, carries \$3,000,000 life insurance, more than any other woman.

Attorney General Daugherty at Miami, Fla., today branded without foundation the rumor he was sending a statement to President Coolidge that might be regarded as important.

Without opiates. The genuine bears signature of

Chas. H. Fletcher.

Advertisement

PLEA FOR MERCY MADE TO MCGRAY BY GLADYS ELLIS

'Life Has Been Cruel to Me,'
Girl Slayer of Prison
Matron Writes.

Coincident with announcement by Judge James A. Collins of Criminal Court that the arraignment of Gladys Ellis, confessed slayer of Miss Louise Richards, 70, matron-teacher at the Indiana Woman's Prison, will be postponed until Thursday to allow her father to hire counsel and consider entering a plea of insanity, Governor McCray received a letter from Miss Ellis asking clemency.

She based her plea on the ground that she has "not had a fair chance," and repeated that she would "rather go to the electric chair than back to the woman's prison," where life-termers are confined.

"As God is my judge," said the letter, "I never thought Miss Richards would die. All I wanted was my freedom. Life has been cruel to me. I hope and pray I can have a pardon with a jail sentence."

Governor McCray has no jurisdiction until after a conviction.

The girl confessed to police she killed Miss Richards Feb. 25. She was captured in a taxicab next day. The Marion County grand jury returned an indictment charging first degree murder Monday.

Miss Richards' \$10,000 estate was opened when a will was filed Monday with Probate Judge Mahlon E. Bash. A bequest of \$100 is left the Livingston Presbyterian Church. Two thirds of the estate is left a sister, Antoinette Richards Starkey, of Pasadena, Cal., and the remainder to a niece, Mrs. Anne Starkey Glover of Las Cruces, New Mexico.

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