

## COUNCIL MAY ADD FIFTY POLICEMEN AS COMPROMISE

Granting Half of Demand  
Made by Rikhoff Considered.

Demand of Police Chief Herman Rikhoff for 100 additional men may be compromised with addition of approximately fifty men, it was indicated today.

Although city council is not ready to act officially tonight on Rikhoff's request, preliminary surveys of other cities have shown that Indianapolis police costs will be above the average if the Rikhoff program is carried out. At present the city is operating its police force at a cost lower than a number of other cities.

Cities comparable to Indianapolis in size have not the "top heavy" force of superior officers, preliminary reports reaching Walter W. Wise, council president, indicated today.

Rochester, N. Y., with a population of 300,000, has eight captains, the same as Indianapolis, but has only eight lieutenants, compared to 21 for Indianapolis.

Milwaukee has only one captain and nine lieutenants and has a traffic force of 68 men, compared to 83 for Indianapolis. Milwaukee's population is 555,000.

Indianapolis now has fifteen police for each 10,000 population, compared with twenty-three in Washington D. C., and twelve in Columbus, Ohio. Newark, N. J., paid \$4.61 per capita for its police force, while Columbus, Ohio, paid only \$2 and Indianapolis, \$3.

### Car Fare Question

The question of increased car fare for Indianapolis still remained before the council today, although members of the Republican majority doubted whether the question would come up tonight. Lack of jurisdiction of the council has been cited for refusal to take any action.

Whether a resolution to refer the matter back to the mayor and Taylor Groninger, corporation counsel, would be adopted was to be discussed at a Republican caucus late today. Mayor Shank said Saturday he would not take any part in the fight.

Important changes in traffic regulation are provided in ordinances scheduled to reach the council tonight. They include extension of restricted parking zone to Senate Ave., New Jersey St. and Michigan St., leaving Georgia St. the present southern boundary.

### Fire Measures Up

Another ordinance would eliminate center parking in Market St. between Pennsylvania and Delaware Sts.

Measures to safeguard life and property from fire hazards are to come before the council from the office of Francis F. Hamilton, building commissioner.

They provide smoke tower fire escapes on all new buildings four stories or more high, and require in case of all elevator shafts with fire-proof material in present buildings four stories or more high.

## From Far and Near

Archbishops Hayes and Mundelein who are to be elevated to the cardinalate, arrived in Rome today.

President Coolidge cut short an audience granted Anton Lang, christus of Oberammergau, when the passion players made a plea for United States aid in Germany.

Six police characters were held in St. Louis today in connection with murder of Harry Noble, superintendent of transfer company.

Four persons were killed in week end accidents in Chicago.

President Coolidge is the favorite over Hiram Johnson in the betting on outcome of North Dakota primary Tuesday. Little opposition expected in endorsement of McAdoo on the Democratic ticket.

Thorough clean-up of all government departments, public ownership of railroads, tax reduction and other progressive reforms are promised by La Follette candidates for delegates to Republican national convention. An aggressive campaign against Coolidge has been launched.

King Victor of Italy bestowed the insignia of the collar of annunciation upon Premier Mussolini during the formal annexation of the city of Fiume to Italy.

Bills in equity asking for receiver ship and injunction to stop further exploitation of California naval reserve leased to E. L. Doheny were filed in Federal Court at Los Angeles today.

Supreme Court today held the Federal Trade Commission in pursuing an investigation could not enforce blanket demand for all correspondence and other data in possession of company being investigated.

## ROAD BIDS DUE TUESDAY

Macadamizing Program Cut by Reduction in License Fees.

Bids for improvement of 105 miles of State highways will be received Tuesday by the State highway department. Thirty miles require bituminous macadam surface, while seventy-five miles stipulate surface treatment. Due to the \$3,000,000 auto license fee cut, the macadam program for 1924 has been reduced 50 per cent, while the surface treatment program will be 10 per cent less, according to John D. Williams, director.

### Collection Plates Stolen

The "hardest-boiled" thief made his appearance Sunday. He took ten silver collection plates, valued at \$75, from the Downey Avenue Christian Church, according to E. J. Lewis, 5309 E. Washington St., custodian.

## U. S. Army Fliers Start Circle of Globe

Cruiser Planes Take Off at Los Angeles on Epochal Journey.

By United Press

CLOVER FIELD, Cal., March 17.—Leaving the field in a perfect "take off" the three United States Army airplanes commencing a flight around the world, sped into the air at 9:32 a. m.

Heading his fliers, Maj. Frederick L. Martin, in ship No. 1, was the first to take off. The big air cruiser sped down the field for 100 yards and in a slight rise at the west end of the field and "took the air" with assurance and steadiness.

Closely behind him was ship No. 3, with Lieut. Leigh Wade at the "stick." Last to leave was Lieut. Lowell Smith in ship No. 2. Each of the junior officers handled his plane with all the certainty of their commander.

### In "V" Formation

Flying in V-shaped formation, with Major Martin's cruiser in the van, the trio of the army air service's finest planes circled the field twice, turning to the south and back over their starting point. Then, gaining 500 feet elevation, the air cavalcade was away, headed toward Sacramento, the first stopping place on their epochal voyage.

As they passed over the crowd of observers peered over the side and waved to the cheering crowd while the shouts of the well-wishers below rose in volume as if to almost penetrate the steady purr of the giant Liberty motors and be heard by the fliers themselves.

Shortly afterward fliers started a score of escort planes manned by pilots from San Bernardino, San Diego and the local field skinned into the air and were away, following Major Martin and his men. Some of the escort craft will accompany the world-around voyagers as far as Seattle.

Start of the flight was delayed more than two hours because of unsettled weather conditions which for a time threatened to cause postponement of the "take off."

A fourth plane was to follow shortly. The airmen will fly northward and westward to cross 30,000 miles of territory and twenty-three countries on their journey, which it is expected will take four months.

"We have implicit confidence in our planes," Maj. G. L. Martin, commanding the world flight, said just before the start.

"God willing, we will be back in Los Angeles next September."

Tonight the airmen were to sleep in Sacramento. On Tuesday they fly to Vancouver barracks, Washington, and on Wednesday complete the first main leg of their flight by landing in Seattle.

Haste has no part in the flight plans and the airmen may not take off from Seattle before April 1, Major Martin, a native of Indiana, said.

Time will be given for the fourth plane, which is to be piloted by Lieut. Erik Nelson, to have its final tests and catch up with the air caravan at Seattle.

Personnel of Flight

Besides Major Martin, the Air Service officers taking part in the world flight are:

Lieut. Lowell H. Smith, Lieut. Erik H. Nelson, Lieut. Leigh Wade and Lieut. Leslie Arnold, Lieut. Leclar Dechazeul.

The last two named are alternate pilots who will proceed to Alaska and remain there until the planes finally take off across the Straits.

The planes leaving Cloverfield today will be almost completely changed before they again appear here. At Seattle they will acquire pontoons, making them amphibious. When reach Calcutta the landing gear again will be changed.

New Airplanes at Constantinople

Near Constantinople the world planes will be provided with new engines which will again be replaced at London.

The principal points to be touched by the fliers are: Seattle, Wash.; Prince Rupert, B. C.; Sitka, Alaska; Chicagooff, Island of Attu; Minato, Japan; Osaka, Japan; Shanghai, China; Hong-Kong; Bangkok, Siam; Calcutta, India; Bagdad, Mesopotamia; Bucharest, Romania; Belgrade, Serbia; Vienna, Austria; Paris, France; London, Eng.; Kirkwall, Orkney Islands; Iceland; Greenland, Labrador, Montreal, Quebec; Washington, D. C., and thence westward across the continent to the starting place.

### TWO HELD IN ACCIDENTS

Police Make Arrests After Autos and Street Car Collide.

Two persons are under arrest today and two others are recovering from injuries resulting from auto accident Sunday.

Miss Mary Griffin, 20, of 824 S. Senate Ave., was released on her own recognition. She was arrested after Mrs. Josephine Place, 66, of 903 Albany St., was struck at Troy Ave. and Albany St.

An automobile in which Charles Walker, 311 N. Kealing Ave., was riding and driven by William Kurrausch, and a street car on which Harry Kurrausch, 29 E. St. Joseph St., was motorman, collided at Virginia Ave. and Albany St.

Walker was cut about the face and neck. Baxter and Kurrausch were arrested.

### LECTURES FOR MOTHERS

Film, "Well Born," Will Be Shown by State Board.

Dr. N. Maude Arthur, State board of health, will give a series of lectures in Indianapolis next week on the care of the expectant mother, it was announced today. The film, "Well Born," recently released by the U. S. Child Bureau, will be shown.

The lecture series is a vanguard to a two-weeks' campaign in May when examination of school children will be made throughout the city in cooperation with the Indianapolis board of health and private agencies.

Surviving: the widow, a son, Howard, and daughter, Rose Ann.

18,000 Believed Delinquent

By United Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind., March 17.—South Bend police today began arresting auto owners who have failed to purchase 1924 license plates.

It is estimated that 8,000 owners have failed to buy plates.



## SIXTEEN MINERS DIE IN ACCIDENTS IN TWO MONTHS

Total for January and February, 1923, Reaches Only Twelve.

Sixteen miners have been killed in Indiana this year by mine accidents, according to records submitted today at the State industrial board. The total in 1922 for the same period, January and February, was only twelve.

Accidents occur frequently and are often fatal to workers, records indicate. During January, 538 men were injured, two losing part of a limb. The February toll was 615 accidents.

In 1923 the parallel tolls were 623 and 513.

Responsibility for the majority of mishaps rests upon the companies, in the opinion of Calry Littlejohn, chief inspector, State department of mines.

### Mine Boss's Duty

He says:

"The mine inspectors can not visit the working places of the men in the mine except at very infrequent periods; hence, it is the duty of the mine boss to see and to enforce all laws for the protection of each man working in the mine."

"The greatest number of fatal accidents in mines during the past year were due to the fall of slate, rock and coal. The total number was twenty-seven. The majority of these could have been avoided by proper tramping of the working places."

"The mine management cannot be held blameless if it fails to enforce these precautions by such means and methods as will compel observance of them."

The next greatest number of mine fatalities occurs on haulage roads. Responsibility of a large portion of these deaths rests on the companies, Littlejohn believes.

### Companies Blamed

"Too often, thoughtless, careless young men and boys are employed as trip riders and couplers," he points out. "I think this is a mistake upon the part of the mine management."

Eight shot-fires were killed during 1923 by suffocation due to after-damps by dust and powder explosions, dangerous illegal shots, tampering of shots with coal slack or dust.

Littlejohn again holds the companies partly responsible for the fatalities. He says:

"The mine management cannot escape its portion of responsibility for this sacrifice of life. The law respecting the employment of shot-fires is wholly in the hands of the mine manager."

Six inspectors are employed under direction of Littlejohn.

### Pep Meeting for G. O. P.

A pep meeting for all Republican candidates will be held tonight at the Irvington Republican Club at the club hall, 204 S. Audubon Rd.

## Mexican Beauty Goes Into Movies



## CITIZENS POINT TO FAVERS SHOWN IN STREET CAR CASE

Belief Exists That City Has Been More Than Lenient With Company.

Some citizens who are not inclined to sit idly by and watch the Indianapolis Street Railway Company get an increase in fare with "no questions asked" are pointing out that the city has been more than lenient with the utility in the last six or seven years.

The street railway company has put figures which it says show it to be in great need of financial relief before the city administration and various civic organizations. Council has been asked to adopt a resolution favoring increased fare. So have civic clubs. Several of the civic clubs have replied in the negative in a recent vote.

The city administration apparently favors the car company, such statements as have been issued leading to this conclusion. Mayor Shank has been non-committal. City council may have a resolution supporting the increase before it tonight.

### Councilmen Give Reasons

If such a resolution should come before the council several councilmen are known to have decided to vote against it for these reasons:

1. The street railway company has had many favors from the public since the war.

2. The council has absolutely no power to say whether or not the street railway shall have higher fare, so why should councilmen incur criticism by acting one way or the other?

One councilman known to be determined not to be put in the position of favoring more money for a public utility said he believed the company should live up to some of its present legal and moral obligations to the city before it asks further favors.

Among the "good turns" the city has done the street car company in the last few years, because it was recognized the utility's financial condition was not strong, are:

City's Favors

1. City has been lenient in requiring company to rebuild worn-out and sometimes dangerous tracks to repair track paving.

2. City has not insisted upon extensions of lines, orders for which were placed upon the board of works books years ago.

3. City council eliminated jitney bus competition.

4. Park board prohibited busses from operating upon the section of Madison St. designated as a boulevard and taping one of the street rail way's "short hand" territories.

By each of these moves the city saved money for the car company and caused the public to suffer loss in transportation service, officials pointed out.

## MERRY TIME IS HAD BY ALL IN STUDENT AFFAIR

Youths Decide to See 'Chorus Girls' Despite Orders—Police and Dean Called.

By Times Special

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., March 17.—An order said to have been issued by the manager of a road show here, that the girls should not go riding with Wabash College students, is believed by police to have been the cause of a riot at the show Saturday night.

About 250 students "rushed" the show, declaring they would see the girls anyway, and a count today shows there were several bloody noses, blackened eyes, knocked-out teeth incurred in the fracas when the students came in contact with clubs and rocks used by the stage hands in stopping the onrush. A stage hand is known a broken hand.

A riot call was sent to police headquarters and the whole force responded. The dean of the college was rushed to the show in an automobile and addressed the students before order could be restored and they agreed to leave the theater.

It is believed the students became incensed by the order which they declared applied only to them and not the Crawfordville youths.