

BUSINESS HEADS IN CHICAGO SAY 1925 PROMISING

Leaders Believe Coming
Year Will Be Era of
Prosperity.

By United Press
CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—Business leaders of Chicago believe 1925 will show marked progress over 1924. They forecast a year of unusual prosperity, many of them declaring, however, that new energy and sound business principles must be applied to bring the prospects to fruition.

W. R. Davies, president of the Chicago Association of Commerce: "After a year of excellent progress the new year promises to be much brighter."

James Simpson, president of Marshall Field & Company:

"The United States is entering upon a new era of industrial expansion that promises prosperity for many years to come. We may expect this expansion to be healthy and stable and to be comparable in its results to the period of prosperity which followed the election of President McKinley in 1896."

O. E. Bradfute, president American Farm Bureau Federation:

"Farmers feel that things are getting better. They are improving the quality of their products and sending them to the markets in a more salable condition. There is real improvement in the economic condition of agriculture, which promises great things for the future."

Leads Mitchell, president of the Chicago Stock Exchange:

"I see nothing to stop the new year from being one of excellent prosperity."

Samuel M. Hastings, president of the Illinois Manufacturers' Mutual Casualty Association:

"Nineteen twenty-five will be a year of recovery and prosperity."

UNION TRACTION IN RECEIVERSHIP

Anderson Court Appoints
Company President.

By Times Special

ANDERSON, Ind., Jan. 1.—The Union Traction Company today was operating under the direction of the Circuit Court here, as the result of being declared in receivership late Wednesday by Judge W. A. Kittner on the petition of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company.

Judge Kittner named Arthur W. Brady, president of the company, as receiver.

The Westinghouse company in their complaint alleged that the traction company owed them \$74,192 and was otherwise heavily indebted and in imminent danger of insolvency. The traction company filed a general denial.

BALTZELL DECIDED ON?

Dispatch Says He Is Picked for Indiana Federal Bench.

Judge Robert C. Baltzell, Princeton, will be nominated Federal judge for Indiana by President Coolidge as soon as A. B. Anderson, present judge, is advanced to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals at Chicago, according to Washington dispatches. Coolidge let it be known he had decided to appoint Baltzell after receiving a report from Attorney General Stone, it is reported.

Baltzell's appointment will follow immediately after the Senate confirmation of Anderson's nomination by Coolidge. It is expected the changes will take place Friday.

SHANK DEFENDS PLAN

Mayor Says Pay Boost Would Not Affect Taxes Until 1926.

Increasing pay of police and firemen \$15 a month will not mean any boost in the city tax rate before 1926, Mayor Shank pointed out today in answering some criticism of the proposed increase.

At the same time, Shank showed city taxes for 1925 had dropped from \$1,087,500 to \$1,051,000, a surplus of \$36,500 in the general fund this year is due to rigid economy in which the city government operated below estimates, Joseph L. Hogue, city controller said.

Board of safety members have the pay increase under consideration. General approval has been voiced by leading business men.

GAS STATION HELD UP

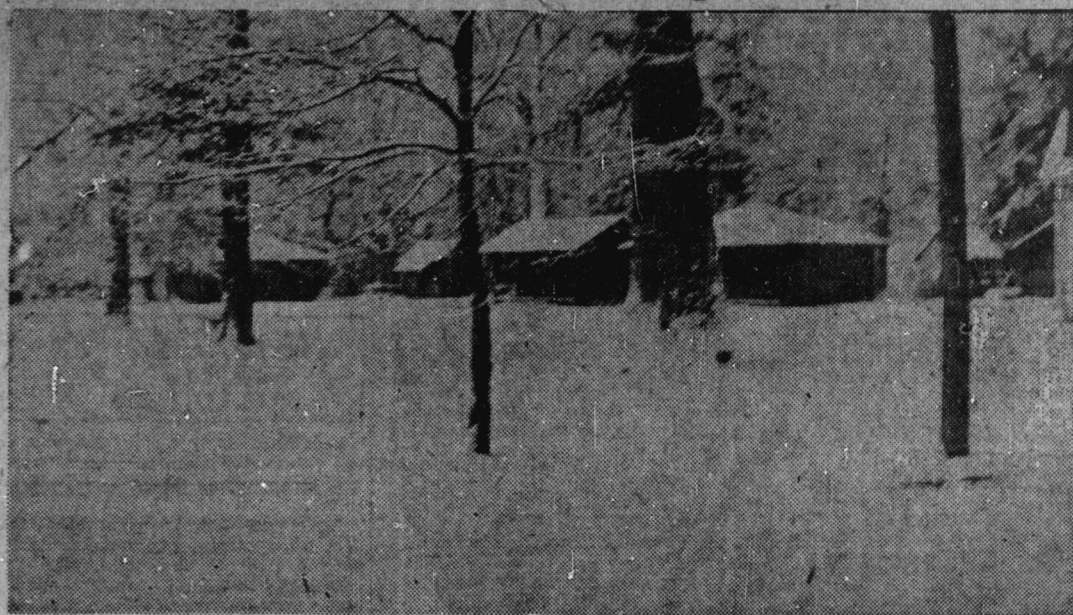
Bandits Escape With \$70 in Robbery at Noblesville.

By Times Special
NOBLESVILLE, Ind., Jan. 1.—Two masked bandits late Wednesday night held up the filling station at the Standard Oil Company here and escaped with \$70. Glenn Beaver, 35, was forced to open the cash register and safe. Among the loot were \$70 in cash and a license number.

Fullerton Strikes Workman

David Lee, 55, colored, 647 N. Douglas St., a laborer working on the new Banner Furniture Company building, was injured early today when a piece of angle iron carried by another workman fell several feet and struck him on the head. He was sent to the city hospital.

State Parks Become More Popular in 1924



TURKEY RUN SCENE DURING SNOW STORM.

DEPUTY SHERIFFS LEAD IN SEIZING NEW YEAR BOOZE

Total Liquor Confiscations
in City Less Than Three
Quarts.

Deputy sheriffs led all other raiding officers in Indianapolis New Year's Eve in the amount of liquor seized. At that, they obtained only two and a half quarts, according to Sheriff Omer Hawkins. Police and Federal officers seized less than a half pint.

A man who gave his name as Harry Watson, 35, of 1921 N. Delaware St., but who the sheriff said was Vern Hutto, 30, of 2154 N. Pennsylvania St., was arrested at Liberty Beach and charged with operating a blind tiger. The sheriff said he had two quarts of Canadian Club and a half pint of white mule. Franklin C. Burton, 29, of 802 N. Sherman Dr., also was charged with operating a blind tiger, at the same place. Deputy Sheriff Clausen and Petty said he had a half pint of white mule.

At the Severin, Federal Officers Holman and J. C. Thompson and Policemen Kegriss and Fleming arrested Guy Courin, 24, of 2924 Kenwood Ave. They said he had a very small amount of liquor. "Ducky" Holmes, 40, of 30 E. Vermont St., was charged with having a third of a pint of liquor at the Jack-O-Lantern Cafe, 416 N. Illinois St., by Harn Fischer, special officer. Police charged Fred Rouse, 27, of 2726 N. Meridian St., with vagrancy, intoxication and disorderly conduct. Miss Billie Blackstone, 27, colored, was charged with assault and battery, resisting an officer and intoxication.

FIGHTS IN RESTAURANTS

Five Men Attack Two Who Refused to Give One a Dime.

Clair Weaver, 414 E. Eleventh St., manager of the lunch room at Highland Ave. and Tenth St., and Ernest Brown, 1520 E. Tenth St., a customer, were attacked in the lunchroom by five men early today. One asked for a dime. When both Weaver and Brown refused the men struck them and ran. James Brown, 547½ Kentucky Ave., was charged with assault and battery by police who investigated a fight in the restaurant at 9 Kentucky Ave. The officers say Alfred Woodward, 541 Holly Ave., and a party told them they were eating and Brown ordered them out stating they were making too much noise. He struck Woodward, police were told.

AUTO THEFTS WITNESSED

Driver Gives Police Number of Car Used by Suspects.

Ralph Noble, 3514 N. Capitol Ave., told police while he was driving on Meridian St. he saw three men stealing from parked cars. He obtained the license number of their auto. Police are investigating. A brick was tossed through the front window of the Pete Nomias restaurant, 148 N. Delaware St. Pork chops and steak valued at \$5 were taken. Mrs. Carrie M. Yates, 720 E. Fifty-Second St., told police china, ware, tools and phonograph records valued at \$22 were taken from her home. Gus Banister, 328 W. South St., reports a rifle valued at \$60 taken.

RAILROAD TO PAY CITY

Brownstown Wins Judgment When Trains Fail to Stop.

By Times Special
SEYMOUR, Ind., Jan. 1.—Brownstown, county seat of Jackson County, has been awarded judgment for \$300 against the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company for failure to stop certain passenger trains there. The suit was filed last summer after a new schedule had been put in effect by the railroad company.

MARITAL SPREE AIRED

Woman Can't Remember All of Her Husbands.

By United Press
SOUTH BEND, Ind., Jan. 1.—The matrimonial road has been full of chuck holes for Sarah Brown here. Her first adventure was with Ora Drako, eleven children were born. Since his death Sarah, now 54, has been to court seven times with her domestic troubles and each time the judge has freed her from them. Judge is now considering her plea for divorce from James Brown, 66. So numerous has been her husbands that she could not remember all the names while on the witness stand.

Turkey Run State park proved, increasingly popular with Hoosiers during the year. Said visitors for 1924 totaled 76,538, an increase of more than 7,000 over 1923, figures compiled by the land and waters division of the State conservation department show.

Through park earnings it was possible to purchase an additional area of 235 acres north of the park and adjoining, all timbered land and necessary to the proper park development.

McCormick's Creek Canyon Park had 13,036 paid visitors compared to 10,615 the previous year. Clifty Falls park had an attendance of 31,993 visitors, first recorded attendance.

The department secured the affirmation of the State's claim to the navigability of Lake Wawasee, hence the State's ownership of the bed of the lake and the control thereof by the department.

Ownership of the State to the bed of the Wabash River in Vigo County, was established and hence ownership of the coal underlying the river. Issued permits to companies to mine the coal and collected royalties for State amounting to \$13,334.83.

With divisions of fish and game and engineering, defeated a project known as the Matchett Ditch which contemplated making a drainage ditch of the Tippecanoe River for a distance of twenty-two miles.

FISCAL YEAR PROPOSED

City Officials Discuss Law to Change Financial System.

A bill providing that the fiscal year of all city departments start July 1, instead of Jan. 1, is expected to be fostered by city officials at the coming session of the Legislature. By the change, Joseph L. Hogue, city controller, pointed out that the necessity for making temporary loans to tide the city over until the first installment of taxes would be eliminated. James M. Ogden, corporation counsel, is investigating legal steps.

For the saving of interest alone would be \$20,000 a year, based on loans of the general city and the board of health.

ACTORS ATTEND FUNERAL

Services Held for Kate Ellmore, Vaudeville Star.

Representatives of the National Vaudeville Artists' Association came from Chicago today to attend the funeral of Mrs. Kate Ellmore Williams, 320 N. Illinois St., Mrs. Williams, known professionally as Kate Ellmore, was a director of the association.

The Rev. F. S. C. Wicks, pastor of All Souls Unitarian Church, had charge of services. The body was to be cremated. The ashes will be taken to the Williams home in Northport, L. I., Friday afternoon by Mrs. Williams' husband and vaudeville partner, Sam Williams. Mrs. Williams died Wednesday at the Methodist Hospital following an operation ten days ago.

HOOSIER LADS WINNERS

Awarded Scholarships in Home-Lighting Contests.

Joe Kelly, 14, of Martinsville, Ind., and John P. Crawford, 14, of Kokomo, Ind., were winners of scholarship prizes in a national home-lighting contest for high school students sponsored by public utilities over the State. Each of the boys received a \$600 scholarship in any standard institution of higher learning in the United States. Kelly was a page to Governor Emmett F. Branch when Branch was Lieutenant Governor. Crawford has won a number of prizes for literary compositions.

URGE PSYCHIATRIC WARD

State Board of Charities Gives Out Legislative Program.

Progress in clinics for diagnosis and study of mental and nervous diseases long sponsored by the State Board of Charities, is again urged in its legislative program published today. It urges establishment of a psychiatric ward at the Robert Long hospital. Continuation of the committee on mental defectives is urged with sufficient appropriation to allow progress in the study of problems of insanity, feeble-mindedness and epilepsy.

POLICE BUSY IN 1924

Made Twice as Many Runs as Preceding Administration in 1921.

Police reports compiled by telephone operators Fred Loucks, Harley Reed and C. O. Johnson, show police made twice as many runs in 1924 as in the last year of the preceding administration in 1921. In that year, motor teams made 10,602 runs. The last run made at 11:50 Wednesday night made 22,128 runs in 1924.

HONOR AS FIRST SPEEDER IS CLOSE

Police Say Distinction Goes
With Arrest at 12:30 A. M.

C. W. Collins, 24, of 1341 N. Illinois St., has the distinction of being the first citizen to be arrested in 1925 on a charge of speeding. He was slated at 12:30 a. m. and was closely contested for the honor by Russell Meyers, 21, of 516 N. Garfield Ave.

Motorcycle Officers Trempe and Bushong made a thrilling chase to capture Walter Ryeman, 17, of 1914 N. Talbott Ave., who is charged with speeding, vagrancy, resisting arrest and vehicle taking. Trempe said they followed him for a mile on W. Washington St. at forty miles an hour, and he finally swerved around a corner, down a terrace and struck a light pole, wrecking the car owned by Ernest Knefer, 1914 N. Talbott Ave. Ryeman ran and Trempe later found him crouched on a front porch and arrested him. Others held on speed charges:

Sam Workman, 46, of 2802 E. Twenty-First St.; Sam Graves, 22, of 2853 Station St.; Herbert Mayer, 28, of 248 W. Morris St.; Mark Hadley, 18, of Hadley, Ind.; Byron Francis, 28, of 904 Union St.; C. L. Gates, 32, of 437 Temple Ave.; Harry Patterson, 27, of 2109 Ringgold St.; Alvin R. Williams, 21, of Brownburg, Ind.

NEWSPAPERS VALUABLE

Union Opposes Increase in Second-Class Mail Rates.

Opposition of the International Typographical Union to the proposed increase in postal rates on second-class mail to meet proposed increase in wages of postal workers, is based on the conviction that newspapers and magazines are invaluable as an educational agency, according to James M. Lynch, president.

To curtail their circulation, by adding to their cost, would hamper education seriously, Lynch said. He added that the union favors higher pay for postal employees, and that postal service was not meant to be self-sustaining.

POULTRY EDICT ISSUED

Effort Made to Stop Shipment of Diseased Fowls.

The State livestock sanitary board has issued an edict against sale of any poultry known to have been exposed to or having contracted any disease, and requiring shipment of healthy fowls in thoroughly disinfected cars.

Dr. R. C. Julien, State Veterinarian, left for Washington, D. C., today to confer with Federal officials on the poultry disease situation, which has resulted in a strict embargo against affected poultry on the Atlantic seaboard. Dr. Julien said the disease has not been reported in Indiana.

CITY REJECTS OIL BIDS

Used Material to Be Sold at Public Auction, Jan. 5.

Five bids for 275,000 gallons of road oil have been rejected by the board of works of high price. The bids will be readjusted.

A quantity of used material, including several tons of sheet copper, street machinery, and five miles, was ordered sold by the board at public auction, Jan. 5, at city hall. Ray Wright, city purchasing agent, is in charge.

AFTER TWO-SCORE YEARS

Democratic Sheriff Takes Office at Noblesville.

By Times Special
NOBLESVILLE, Ind., Jan. 1.—Hamilton County today had its first Democratic sheriff in forty years. Charles Gooding, Democrat, succeeded Frank Sherrick.

Even Robbers Celebrate

VINCENNES, Ind., Jan. 1.—Robbers joined in the celebration of the arrival of the New Year Wednesday by stocking themselves with \$300 in clothing from the Kroeger Specialty Company's store here, police reported today.

Gant Indicted

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 1.—Joseph R. Gant, former president of the defunct Centropolis State Bank, was under indictment here today on charges of forgery in connection with the disappearance of \$625,000 of the bank's funds. Gant, who is ill in a sanatorium here, is under \$50,000 bond.

J. C. McCLOSKEY ELECTED HEAD OF COUNTY FATHERS

Commissioners Follow Usual
Custom—New Officials
on Job.

The apples were on incoming county officials at courthouse today.

A barrel of apples was "on tap" in the county commissioner's office. They were sent by C. O. Sutton of Perry Township, Republican, commissioner, who succeeded Albert Hoffman of Bridgeport.

"Why, I remember the time when we only passed out apples, but older, too," said John Kitley, retiring president of the commissioners. "But we had to cut the cider out," he sighed.

Following a reception to friends, a short business session was held.

John C. McCloskey, 731 E. McCarty St., was elected president, following the commissioners' custom of giving the office to members on the board longest. Appointments were then read.

George G. Schmidt, who succeeded John J. Griffith as county surveyor, was the first to receive a gift. It was a box of flowers. His office was filled with friends.

James Wilson, Thomas Mathews, Alfred Ferguson, and Robert F. Wands, were announced as roadmen by Schmidt. Miss Violet Tax will be his stenographer.

Sheriff Omer Hawkins, who succeeded George Snider, said he was going to keep up the good work that Snider did as sheriff.

"I'm for law enforcement and intend to carry it out to the limit," said Hawkins. Cigars and apples were passed out by Hawkins to all visitors.

NEW TELEPHONE DIRECTORY READY

Deliveries to Residences
Will Start Friday.

Delivery of new January telephone directories will begin Friday through the residential section, according to Paul P. Baker, directory supervisor of the Indiana Bell Telephone Company. Nearly 80,000 books will be delivered to stores, offices, factories and homes by a crew of 200 men and a fleet of large trucks.

Thousands of new telephone numbers, especially on the north side, are listed due to change in telephone equipment, many manual telephones having been replaced by automatic instruments.

Subscribers are requested to have the old books removed when the new books are delivered. All old telephone lists prepared by business men and housewives should be carefully checked with the new book in order to avoid delay in making calls. Approximately forty tons of paper were used in the issue and the work of preparing the directory required about five months. Baker hopes to complete delivery of the directory in a week.

As usual the Smiths are stronger numerically than any other name in the directory. More than 600 Smiths and a large assortment of similar names, such as Smiths, Smithies, Smithson, Smyth, Smythe, Schmidt, Schmid, Schmitt and Schmitz, are included.

WILMETH BEGINS PLANS

Asks Friends Who Sponsor Candidacy to Call on Him.

A series of meetings with his supporters in his campaign for mayor of Indianapolis will be held by Judge Delbert O. Wilmeth, he announced Wednesday in a letter sent his workers.

"You are one of the first 7,000 voters who have endorsed in writing my candidacy for mayor of Indianapolis," the letter said. "I would be pleased to have your assistance as a volunteer worker in the campaign."

"I am arranging to be at my office, 35 S. Alabama St., on Saturdays during January from 2 to 8 p. m. If convenient for you to call during that time I shall be very glad to talk over future plans with you."

IDENTITY IS UNKNOWN

Woman Who Falls Unconscious Taken to City Hospital.

The identity of a woman who fell unconscious on the sidewalk near 114 N. Oriental St. Wednesday afternoon had not been learned today.

She was reported in a serious condition with heart disease at city hospital. The woman is about 50 years old, is 5 feet 8 inches tall, rather stout, fair with blue eyes and light bobbed hair. She wore a blue dotted dress and a high collar. Mrs. Agnes Donald, 3124 Delos St., and Mrs. Joseph Flowers, 144 N. Arsenal Ave., saw her fall.

Had Dream—Injured Nose

A nightmare caused Raymond Worley, apartment 2, at 435 E. New York St., to nurse an injured nose today. Police said that he fell out of bed early today.

Dog!

By Times Special

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 1.—"Skinny" pet dog, burned to death in the fire that destroyed the Young Car Company, rested in peace today.

He was given a public burial in a real casket Wednesday with ten children as pallbearers.

While Wild Waves Whisper



AT LAST WE KNOW WHAT THE WILD WAVES WHISPER. AT LEAST VERA LEE FISHER SAYS THAT THEY ARE GREAT AT WHISPERING THE ANSWER TO CROSS-WORD PUZZLE. FOR HERE SHE IS SHOWN FLOATING ON A SCOOTER AT PALM BEACH AS SHE WORKS OUT A PARTICULARLY TOUGH ONE.

\$12,875,619 TOTAL IN STATE EXPORTS

Three-Month Figures of Department of Commerce Places
Indiana Eighteenth.

Indiana maintained its eighteenth place in the relative standing among the different States in merchandise exports when it attained figures of \$12,875,619 for the quarter ended Sept. 30, 1924, according to statistics of the Department of Commerce. It superseded North Carolina, which dropped several places, and gave way in turn to Minnesota, whose export trade for the three months took an amazing jump.

Automobiles, lard, hams and shoulders and bacon continued to be the principal export commodities for the quarter under review. Automobiles and parts were shipped to the extent of \$2,810,327; lard followed with \$1,772,888 and then came hams and shoulders with valuations of \$1,660,813. Bacon was exported to the amount of \$1,086,173, and ores, metals and manufactures of, except machinery and vehicles, totaled \$1,034,255.

First ten States included in the tabulation, and the amounts of their foreign shipments, are: New York, \$175,909,180; Texas, \$163,205,839; Pennsylvania, \$71,834,632; Illinois, \$70,755,613; California, \$54,374,555; New Jersey, \$49,852,174; Louisiana, \$46,470,823; Michigan, \$39,715,774; Ohio, \$31,071,984, and Massachusetts, with \$27,702,448. Oregon, just ahead of Indiana, acquired trade figures of \$13,186,084, while Missouri, runner-up, was about \$3,000,000 shy of Indiana's figures.

Grand totals for the first nine months of the year give Indiana exports of \$41,552,510, and nineteenth place in the entire list of States. Although Indiana lagged behind North Carolina to the amount of approximately \$1,500,000, it clearly topped Missouri, its nearest competitor, by well over \$8,000,000.

LEON TROTSKY IS REPORTED KILLED

Conflicting Rumors of Death
and Vacation Unconfirmed.

By United Press
LONDON, Jan. 1.—An unconfirmed report is in circulation in Bucharest, based on advices from Rensselaire, that Leon Trotsky, Russian minister of war, has been assassinated, according to press dispatches here.

The Daily Telegraph's Berlin correspondent says it is instantly reported there that Trotsky "has been completely crushed and is interned in a Moscow palace."

Direct Moscow dispatches to the United Press yesterday said Trotsky is on vacation in the Crimea, partly shorn of his power because of his differences with the Central executive committee of the soviets.

KIWANIANS HEAR HAYNES

Inventor Urges Broadening of College Curricula.

Broadening of college curricula was advocated by Elwood Haynes, inventor of one of the first automobiles, of Kokomo, Ind., in an address before the Kiwanis Club Wednesday. Haynes was introduced by Dr. William Lowe Bryan, president of Indiana University. Bryan spoke briefly on the value of training in meeting life's problems. "Some students have great organizing ability, great stamina and powerful executive qualities," said Haynes. "They should not be restricted in their progress in college because they have no taste for law, language or the classics. The curriculum should be arranged to meet their needs."

VETS GET DATES MIXED

Time for Filing Disability and Bonus Claims Confused.

Midnight Wednesday was last date on which World War veterans could show disability existed, according to J. H. Ale, sub-district manager of the Veterans' Bureau, 600 Meridian Life Bldg. Advance announcement of this led many men to believe that this date was the deadline on the bonus and compensation, but such is not the case, said M. D. Cummings, chief of cooperation section. There has been a last-minute rush to file claims and more work has been done in the last week than in the previous month. Greatest number of cases has been tuberculosis and nervous diseases. More than 18,400 cases have been handled through this office since it was opened.

'GOLDEN' FRIENDS WED

Evansville Couple Culminate Half-Century Acquaintance.

By Times Special
EVANSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 1.—Oldest honeymooners on New Year's day here today were William J. Large, 88, and Mrs. Anna E. Schultz, 75, who married Wednesday as the culmination of a fifty-year friendship.

TROLLEY CARS CRASH

New Year's Celebrators Are Injured at Wilkesbarre, Pa.

By United Press
WILKESBARRE, Pa., Jan. 1.—Fourteen persons were injured, none seriously, early today when two trolley cars of the Wilkesbarre railway company crashed. The majority of the injured were New Year's celebrators.

ONE KILLED, TWO MORE MAY DIE IN WELCOME FOR '25

Girl Thrown on Red Hot
Stove in Burning Home,
Police Told.

New Year's eve and morning brought with it a wave of crime in the colored belt today, resulting in one killing and two brutal attacks that may result in deaths.

Police say when they arrived at 1533 Mill St. early today they found Miss Fredonia Fuqua, 24, colored, lying side of the red-hot stove on which she was said to have been thrown by Mack Price, 31, colored, with whom she had been living. The house was on fire and police called the fire department to extinguish the blaze. Price is also charged with cutting the girl. She was sent to the city hospital, where her condition was said to be critical. Price escaped.

Police say they do not believe the story told them by George Rodgers, 28, colored, 1301 Martindale Ave., that he was playing in fun with Boyden White, 27, colored, Thirteenth and Lewis Sts. Rodgers said at the city hospital after being shot, it is said, by White. Sergeant Sheehan, who investigated, believes the men argued over a craps game. White escaped.

William Frye, 34, colored, 811 W. Michigan St.,