

CITY AMBULANCE SLOW ON CALLS, POLICE CHARGE

Rikhoff Orders Thorough
Investigation of Report of
Delays in Serious Acci-
dents Here.

SPECIFIC CASES CITED
Train Crashes Into Auto—
Private Machine Arrives
First.

Upon complaints of delay in city
hospital ambulances reaching acci-
dents, Police Chief Herman F. Rik-
hoff today ordered an investigation
and said if the result warranted, he
would submit facts to the board of
safety with recommendation that the
matter be turned over to the board
of health.

Rikhoff acted after a city ambu-
lance was late in reaching Newman
St. and Massachusetts Ave., where a
Big Four train crashed into an auto,
driven by Carl L. Ott, 50, of 1943
Rural St. Ott was injured, probably
internally, and suffered severe cuts.
J. E. Demaree, 2713 Massachusetts
Ave., in the car with him, was
slightly hurt.

Hospital Is Notified
Operator Loucks at police head-
quarters, said he notified city hospi-
tal when the emergency left. The
police auto skidded into a parked
auto of Harold Patterson, 1157 Eng-
lish Ave., when it arrived at the
crash. Ten minutes later Lieuten-
ant Winkler, who reported the case
to Rikhoff, stated that Detective
Gollmich made three attempts and
talked to three different persons at
the city hospital before he was told
the ambulance was on the way.
Meanwhile Ott and De Maree were
taken to the Methodist Hospital.

Other cases reported to Rikhoff
were:

A forty minute delay, according
to the police sheet, in answering a
call to 804 S. Meridian St., Monday
night, where Garcia McGlynn, had
taken poison.

Saturday, the city ambulance did
not arrive at the Belt Railroad and
S. East St., where James R. Alhand,
35, of 825 Melk St., was run over
by a train and killed, although
police were there half an hour.
Operator Loucks said he notified the
hospital when he got the call. The
railroad company, according to po-
lice, called St. Vincent's Hospital
and an ambulance arrived promptly.
Investigation revealed that the city
ambulance went to Southeastern
Ave., and the Belt Railroad by
mistake.

Phone Calls Free
Rikhoff in announcing the investi-
gation, revealed for the first time
that the hospital has been placed on
a "free telephone call basis." He
said he made the arrangement with
the telephone company when opera-
tors demanded 5 cents when citi-
zens called for an ambulance from
pay stations.

Dr. Cison A. Nafe, hospital super-
intendent, said he would make an
immediate investigation. He said
that he realized that persons have
had difficulty in reaching the hospi-
tal. He said it was because sev-
eral phone lines have been out of
order.

Nafe denied a serious delay in
reaching today's accident. He
stated that the call came in at 11:55
and the ambulance left three min-
utes later. Police said the call went
in at 10:40 and the ambulance ar-
rived at the scene 11:30.

CITY AND STATE CLOAKED BY FOG

First and Worst of Season,
Says Bureau.

Indianapolis had its first and
worst fog of the season today—and
that not only includes 1925, but
clear back through last fall.

"How about the other thick days
in November and December? Aye,
there's the rub. They were smogs.
There's a difference between a fog
and a smog."

A smog, according to J. H. Arm-
ington, Government meteorologist, is
more of a man-created thing. It's
a mixture of smoke from chimneys
and heavy atmosphere.

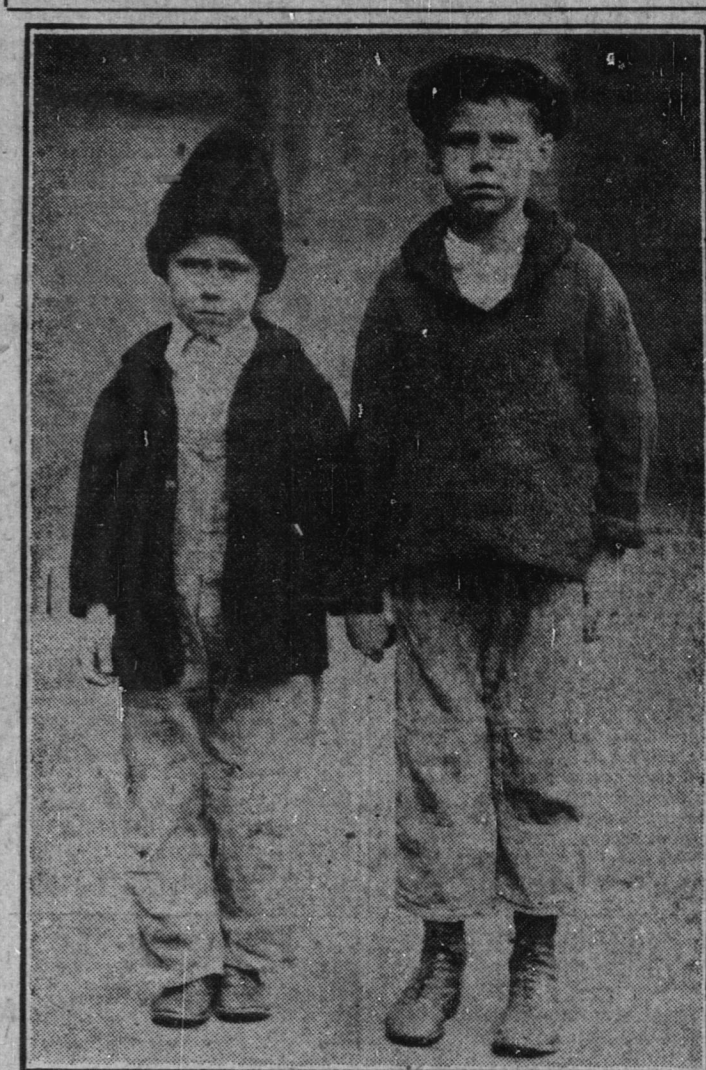
But a fog is a thing of nature un-
trammelled. It was the result of a
warm atmosphere this morning be-
ing chilled by the snow and the ice
on the ground.

The fog was general over the city
and the State. Police said driving
conditions were the worst in the
city history.

Vets to Meet Wednesday
Rainbow Division Veterans As-
sociation will hold regular meeting at
6 p. m. Wednesday at the court-
house, followed by bowling at Re-
creation Alley. R. E. Murphy, sec-
retary, announced today.

HOURLY TEMPERATURE
8 a. m. 24 10 a. m. 28
9 a. m. 21 11 a. m. 27
10 a. m. 20 12 noon 32
11 a. m. 18 1 p. m. 35

LOST LADS STILL HAVE FAITH.



MELVIN LOWNSDALE (LEFT) AND LYNN LOWNSDALE.

MELVIN LOWNSDALE, 6,
and his brother, Lynn, 7,
still believed their father,
Don O. Lownsdale, Indianapolis
electrician, would call for them, as
they played at the Cincinnati (Ohio)
Children's Home; today, according
to a dispatch.

The boys were found by Cincin-
nati police Saturday night in a
candy store. They said their
father had taken them there from
Indianapolis in his automobile
Saturday.

A Times reporter traced the
family here and discovered the
father and boys had lived at 646
Pt. Wayne Ave. for about two
months until Saturday morning.
The father told the housekeeper
he was taking the boys to live
in southern Indiana.

Lemuel A. Pittenger, Selma, known
as administration candidate for
House floor leader, arrived at the
Claypool.

"I am not a candidate for any-
thing," Pittenger said.
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Fire Station 13 was exonerated of
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board of safety today. Miller was
ordered returned to active duty.

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an hour when his truck skidded and
damaged three cars parked on Wash-
ington St., near Illinois St., Dec. 16,
when responding to a fire alarm.
The board estimated the speed at
more than twenty miles.

CONFIRM APPOINTMENTS
Real Estate Board Directors Ap-
prove Committees.

Indianapolis Real Estate Board
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1925 committees by Frank E. Gates,
new president, at luncheon at the
Indiana Athletic Club today.

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LEGISLATORS ON ARRIVAL DISCUSS RACE IN SENATE

Contest Between Nejd and
Daily for Pro Tem. Presi-
dency Holds At-
tention.

WHITING MAN HAS POST
Favored by Van Orman as
Administration Candi-
date, Say Leaders.

The close race between Senator
James J. Nejd, Whiting, and Sena-
tor Thomas A. Daily, Indianapolis,
as president pro tem. of the State
Senate, was the general subject of
conversation between legislators as
they began gathering in hotel lob-
bies today for the opening Thursday
of the Seventy-Fourth Indiana Gen-
eral Assembly.

Both Nejd and Daily constituents
claim enough votes for election, and
both factions declare two or three
votes either way will settle the race.
Nejd is the administration candi-
date, and as such is regarded as hav-
ing the "post." It is known that F.
Harold Van Orman, Lieutenant Gov-
ernor, wants Nejd and this fact is
influencing some Senators.

Van Orman, however, due Wednes-
day, is said to be observing a
"hands off" policy.

Senator Murray S. Barker, Thorn-
town, may be a compromise candi-
date, it is said.

Harry G. Leslie, Lafayette, ad-
ministration candidate for speaker of
the House, arrived at the Severin
and went into conference with his
backers.

"I am not making any aggressive
campaign. Of course I will take it
if chosen," he said. He declared he
was for a "closed session" on legisla-
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BERNARD GRANT

Bernard Grant, Chicago Back-o'-the-Yards Youth, Is
Doomed to Die on Charge of Murdering Policeman,
Has Given Up Hope—Hair Turns White.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 6.—Public interest in the fate of Ber-
nard Grant, penniless "Back O' The Yards" boy, is reviving,
and action was forecast today by the State board of pardons
and paroles within the next few days. Grant's reprieve expires Jan.
16, and he will hang on that day unless Governor Small or the pardon
board takes action.

Grant has given up all hope of
another reprieve.
"I guess the jig's up this time,"
he says. "I'm innocent, but the
courts won't believe it."

COMMUNICATIONS, request-
ing clemency, are begin-
ning to trickle in from all
parts of the country. Approximate-
ly 1,000,000 persons last fall wrote
or wired Governor Small to spare
the boy and this pressure resulted
in a ninety-day reprieve.

Hold Up Action
Small said he wanted to hold
up definite action until the
Supreme Court ruled on the case
of Walter Krauser, convicted with
Grant in connection with the
murder of Patrolman Ralph Soud-
ers. But the Supreme Court re-
cessed until Feb. 3, without taking
action on Krauser's appeal from
the death sentence. Unless another
stay is given Grant or the pardon
board paroles him, the death
sentence will be carried out.

Timothy V. Fell, attorney for
Grant has written the pardon
board for another reprieve. The
board will take the appeal under
consideration shortly, it was
stated.

Hair Now White
Grant, white haired from the
worry and suspense is basing his
fight on the Leopold-Loeb case. He
contends that if the sons of
millionaire families can escape
with jail terms for a confessed
murder, he should be given the
same brand of justice, particularly
as there is considerable doubt
about his guilt. Grant denies
having taken part in the killing.

Seven times Grant has been
within the shadow of the rope.
Small's reprieve is the eighth time
the youth has been granted a stay.

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CONTEMPT CHARGES ARE FILED IN CITY COUNCIL BATTLE FOR PRESIDENCY

Claycombe Charges Majority Faction
Violated Order of Superior Judge
Leathers at Monday Night Meeting
—Stormy Session Held.

HEARING UPON CITATION IS
SET FOR TUESDAY AT 9 A. M.

Stronger Restraining Measure Pre-
pared by Attorney for Minority
Candidate—Thompson Claims He
Is Elected.

Upon an information filed by Lloyd D. Claycombe, claiming
to be president of the city council, Superior Judge James M.
Leathers today cited five councilmen who Monday night elected
Benjamin H. Thompson president and several city officials to
answer charges of contempt of court at 9 a. m. Wednesday.

Claycombe charged the officials violated a restraining order
issued by Leathers Monday afternoon forbidding disturbance
of Claycombe in acting as president.

Claycombe contends he was elected
president early Monday afternoon
when four of the nine councilmen
were suddenly called together by
Walter W. Wise, outgoing president.
The four councilmen are adherents
of the Coffin-Dodson Republican fac-
tion. The five not at the meeting
are backers of the Shank Republic-
an faction, which supports Thomp-
son.

Ignoring Claycombe's frantic rap-
ping with the gavel the five elected
Thompson Monday night.
The defendants in the contempt
proceedings are:

Councilmen Otto Ray, William E.
Thompson, Heydon W. Buchanan,
Thompson and John E. Kane; Cor-
poration Counsel James M. Ogden, City
Attorney William M. Bosson and City
Clerk John W. Rhodhammer.

Would Strengthen Order
Arthur R. Robinson, attorney for
Claycombe, upon hearing of plans
of the Shank faction to have Thomp-
son preside at a meeting tonight,
prepared a new order restraining
Thompson or any one except Clay-
combe from acting as council presi-
dent. He said he would present this
to Judge Leathers this afternoon.

Corporation Counsel Ogden and
other attorneys for the Shank fac-
tion immediately laid plans to se-
cure a writ of prohibition from State
Supreme Court prohibiting Leathers
or any other county judge from
keeping Thompson from acting as
council president.

New Motion Expected
After Ogden, Bosson and Charles
O. Roemer, another majority fac-
tion attorney, conferred with him,
Judge Leathers announced the men
cited will appear voluntarily Wednes-
day morning.

"It is most likely Ogden will file
a motion to dissolve the restraining
order, which will put the case at
issue," he said. "They asked that
the point in dispute as to who is
president be settled before the con-
tempt charges are taken up," said
Leathers.

"I am most willing to drop the
work of the court and do so, be-
cause this is a matter of importance
to the community, and courts were
created to settle such matters. In
the end this election will have to be
settled by me or some other judge
on change of venue, or an appeal to
the Supreme Court, without all this
needless strife."

Judge Leathers expressed the hope
that the better sense of the con-
testants will prevail at the meet-
ing tonight, and no more trouble
will ensue.

Up to Courts in End
"Whatever happens in the courts
will settle it in the end," he said,
"and I am sure the lawyers in the
case, at least, realize that."

Situation Unparalleled
Politicians were active in a
series of conferences to iron out a
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CARL COOK WINS HONOR
Heaton Attendance Prize Presented
at Rotary Luncheon.

Carl S. Cook, won the Edgar M.
Heaton 1924 attendance prize for
100 per cent attendance at Rotary
Club meetings. Frank R. Shephard,
chairman, made the presentation of
a diamond studded Rotary watch fob
at luncheon today at the Claypool.
Prize was established in 1916, by
Mr. Heaton, and since his death has
been continued as a memorial.

Charles B. Dyer gave losing can-
didates for the prize a Rotary lapel
button. Mrs. Mildred Daugherty
Emry, accompanied by Helen Smith
Foits, sang.

Improper Driving Charged
F. M. Lewis, 47, of 863 W. Twenty-
Seventh St., was arrested today on
charge of improper driving and
driving on the left side of the street.

PREMIER FILLS ITALIAN CABINET WITH FASCISTI

Mussolini Now in Complete
Control of Government
Posts.

ROME, Jan. 6.—Premier Mussolini
today faced the country with an un-
divided Fascist cabinet at his back.
Monday night King Victor Em-
manuel received Mussolini and ap-
proved appointment of three Fascist
ministers to places made vacant
by enforced resignations of Liberals.

The Mussolini regime is now in its
third stage. At first, after the march
on Rome, the Fascist collaborated
with Populists, Social Democrats and
Liberals to form a government.

Secondly, they eliminated all ex-
cept the Liberals, headed by the
Marquis Salandra. Thirdly, every

Bloodshed
one except the Fascist has been
eliminated.

End of the forty-eight-hour period
within which Mussolini promised to
"clean up" the political situation
passed almost without other inci-
dents.

Newspapers are beginning to re-
appear on the streets and stands,
but editions are colorless with the
only editorial comment favorably to
Fascism.

Report from Brescia says an op-
position newspaper, Provincia Di
Brescia, was destroyed by fire.
Cameo Cianfara, correspondent
for the Chicago Tribune here, who
was arrested Monday without ex-
planation was released today.

GROCERS TO ELECT
New Plan for Operating Stores to
Be Discussed.

Indianapolis Retail Grocers As-
sociation will elect officers tonight at
Chamber of Commerce, William
Rathner, retiring president, said.

New plan for operating stores un-
der the name "ERGA Stores" will be
discussed.

IN LAST 24 HOURS
Three persons have been in-
jured in traffic accidents in
Indianapolis.

TOTAL INJURED | TOTAL DEATHS
THIS YEAR | THIS YEAR

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