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TWO CENTS

CITY AMBULANCE SLOW ON CALLS, POLICE CHARGE

Rikhoff Orders Thorough Investigation of Report of Delays in Serious Accidents Here.

SPECIFIC CASES CITED

Train Crashes Into Auto—Private Machine Arrives First.

Upon complaints of delay in city hospital ambulances reaching accidents, Police Chief Herman F. Rikhoff 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 ambulance 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 headquarters, said he notified city hospital when the emergency left. The police auto skidded into a parked auto of Harold Patterson, 1157 English Ave., when it arrived at the crash. Ten minutes later Lieutenant Winkler, who reported the case to Rikhoff, stated that Detective Golishoff 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. Aland, 35, of 825 Melkel 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 police, 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 investigation, revealed for the first time that the hospital has been placed on "free telephone call basis." He said he made the arrangement with the telephone company when operators demanded 5 cents when citizens called for an ambulance from pay stations.

Dr. Cleon A. Nafe, hospital superintendent, said he would make an immediate investigation. He said that he realized that persons have had difficulty in reaching the hospital. He said it was because several 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 11:35 and the ambulance left three minutes later. Police said the call went in at 10:40 and the ambulance arrived at the scene 11:05.

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're smogs. There's a difference between a fog and a smog.

A smog, according to J. H. Armstrong, 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 untraced. It was the result of a warm atmosphere this morning being 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.

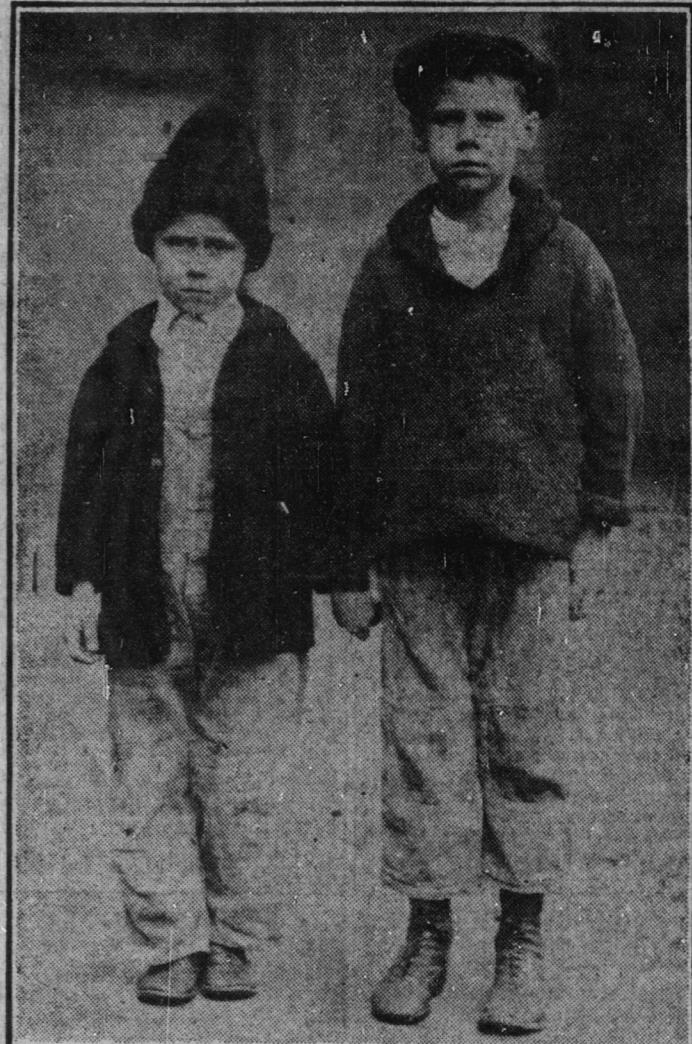
Vote to Meet Wednesday

Rainbow Division Veterans Association will hold regular meeting at 6 p. m. Wednesday at the courthouse, followed by bowling at Recreation Alleys, R. E. Murphy, secretary, announced today.

HOURLY TEMPERATURE

5 a. m.	24	10 a. m.	23
6 a. m.	21	11 a. m.	21
7 a. m.	20	12 (noon)	22
8 a. m.	19	1 p. m.	21

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 Cincinnati police Saturday night in a candy store. They said their

LEGISLATORS ON ARRIVAL DISCUSS RACE IN SENATE

Contest Between Nejdl and Daily for Pro Tem. Presidency Holds Attention.

WHITING MAN HAS POST

Favored by Van Orman as Administration Candidate, Say Leaders.

The close race between Senator James J. Nejdl, Whiting, and Senator 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 lobbies today for the opening Thursday of the Seventy-Fourth Indiana General Assembly.

Both Nejdl and Daily constituents claim enough votes for election, and both factions declare two or three votes either way will settle the race.

Nejdl is the administration candidate, and as such is regarded as having the "post." It is known that F. Harold Van Orman, Lieutenant Governor, wants Nejdl and this fact is influencing some Senators.

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

Senator Murray S. Barker, Thorntown, may be a compromise candidate, it is said.

Harry G. Leslie, Lafayette, administration candidate for speaker of the House, arrived at the Seervin 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 had a "closed season" on legislation.

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

"I am not a candidate for anything," Pittinger said.

Other arrivals were John C. Sherwood, Mitchell and George W. Freeborn, Kokomo, both considered as candidates for caucus chairman; Senator Walter S. Chambers, Democrat; John Sweeney, Tell City, Democrat; Rowland Hill, Carthage, and Will Brown, Heron, Republican, arrived at the Claypool.

Lines are being drawn today in "block" meetings for the party caucuses Wednesday night. Ku-Klux Klan members were meeting at the Lincoln.

Representative William A. McMinn, Elwood, will nominate Charles M. Clark, Joint Representative from Marion and Johnson Counties, for the House speakership, it was reported. Clark claims to have a strong following for the speakership.

FIRE DRIVER IS CLEARED

Chamfer Ordered Reinstated by Board of Safety.

On testimony strongly in his favor from twenty-one of twenty-four witnesses, Chauffer J. H. Miller of Fire Station 13 was exonerated of charges of reckless driving by the board of safety today. Miller was ordered returned to active-duty.

Twenty-one witnesses testified Miller was driving under twenty miles an hour when his truck skidded and damaged three cars parked on Washington St., near Illinois St., Dec. 16, when responding to a fire alarm. Thirteen witnesses estimated the speed at more than twenty miles.

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

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CONFIRM APPOINTMENTS

Real Estate Board Directors Approve Committees.

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

Gates will announce committees at the board's luncheon Wednesday at Chamber of Commerce. An attorney and three members of the appraisal board were to be selected, Henley T. Hottel, executive secretary, said.

M'Coy VERDICT PROBED

Attempt to Tamper With Jury in Case Is Alleged.

By United Press LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 6.—The county grand jury will be called on today to investigate an attempt to tamper with the jury that last week returned a manslaughter verdict against "Kid" M'Coy, charged with the murder of his sweetheart, Mrs. Theresa Morris.

Three persons have been summoned to testify, according to the district attorney's office.

FORBES WITNESS HEARD

Defense Claims Defendant Didn't Know Contractors.

By United Press CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—Col. Charles R. Forbes didn't know anything about the Pontiac Construction Company when he decided to accept bid of that firm on the Veterans' Hospital at Northampton, Mass., attorneys for the defense in the Forbes-Thompson fraud trial claimed today.

The Government contends Forbes, former director of the Veterans' Bureau, awarded the contract to the Pontiac firm because he had been bribed by John W. Thompson, St. Louis contractor.

Col. Edward S. Walton, in charge of construction for the Army, testified for the Army, that Forbes opened the Pontiac bid, found it the most favorable, and then asked who was interested in the tragedy

'I GUESS THE JIG IS UP THIS TIME'



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.

By United Press SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 6.—Public interest in the fate of Bernard 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."

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MORE DECEMBER FIRES

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The defendants in the contempt proceedings are:

Councilmen Otto Ray, William E. Clauer, Heydon W. Buchanan, Thompson and John E. King; Corporation Counsel James M. Oden, City Attorney William M. Bosson and City Clerk John W. Rhodhammel.

Would Strengthen Order

Attorney R. Robinson, attorney for Claycombe, upon hearing of plans of the Shank faction to have Thompson preside at a meeting tonight, prepared a new order, restraining Thompson or any one except Claycombe from acting as council president. He said he would present this to Judge Leathers this afternoon.

Corporation Counsel Oden and other attorneys for the Shank faction immediately laid plans to secure a writ of prohibition from State Supreme Court prohibiting Leathers or any other county judge from keeping Thompson from acting as council president.

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