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Forecast

MOSTLY unsettled tonight and Sunday; probably showers or thunderstorms; not much change in temperature.

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STEPHENSON TRIAL MAY BE DELAYED

Attorney Demands Case of Edward Prater, Charged With Murder, Be Taken Up at Opening of Noblesville Term of Court.

INMAN SAYS HE WILL FIGHT POSTPONEMENT

Judge Fred Hines Thought to Favor Giving Local Youth, Alleged to Have Killed Street Car Conductor in Hold-up, First Hearing.

With State, defendants and court all ready to start the trial of D. C. Stephenson, ex-Klan leader, and his aids, Earl Klinek and Earl Gentry, on murder charges at Noblesville, Oct. 12, Frank P. Baker, local attorney, today threatened to disrupt plans when he wrote a letter to Circuit Judge Fred Hines demanding trial on that date for Edward Prater, local youth, also held in the Noblesville jail on murder charges.

"My client has been in jail since Jan. 8, much longer than Stephenson, and therefore should be tried first," said Baker. "One of the Stephenson argument, Judge Hines said that my client could be tried first if he asked. I have only been waiting until this term of court opens next Monday to request it."

Inman, chief defense counsel for Stephenson, said the defense in his case is all ready to start Oct. 12. "I will insist on Stephenson and the other two being placed on trial Oct. 12," he said when told of Baker's action. "I think Mr. Baker should have started his action sooner than this, as Judge Hines has already fixed his calendar with Stephenson's case coming up a week from Monday."

Prosecutor William H. Remy said the State is ready to try either Prater or Stephenson. "It makes no difference to me," he said.

In the meantime, Judge Hines, the only man who can settle the issue, is at Bloomington for the week-end to attend a football game.

Prater Only 16
Prater is charged with murdering Forest Van Devere, 807 Elm St., conductor on a Lexington Ave. street car. He is 16 years old, and at the time of his arrest lived with his parents at 1637 De Lott St. Lawrence Cottle, indicted with Prater, is held here in jail, having asked no change of venue. Van Devere was fatally shot during an attempted robbery at the end of the line one winter evening.

"Prater is held in solitary confinement in the Noblesville jail, while Stephenson is given the freedom of the whole building," said Baker, in stating reasons why the former should be tried first.

PRISONER'S IDENTITY TO BE INVESTIGATED

State Farm Officials Think 'Substitute' May Be Serving Term—Sheriff Says He's Right One.

Suspicion by Indiana State Farm officials that one of their prisoners, Anton Costa, serving a ninety-day sentence on liquor charges from Marion County Criminal Court, is a "substitute" for the real prisoner, resulted in an investigation being started today by Sheriff Omar Hawkins and Prosecutor William H. Remy.

Remy said he knew nothing of the case at all, but is "intensely interested" in the matter. Hawkins declared he knows Costa personally, and if he can see the prisoner he will know at once if anyone has been tricking the State. Ex-Sheriff

Pigs Is Pigs, Says Mayor
"How to raise hogs."

Mayor Shank was asked to speak extemporaneously on that highly technical topic by the mayor of Greencastle, Ind., Friday night.

"Say, they had me going for a while," said the mayor. "I don't know a thing about hogs, but I finally found out to get a good sow, find another hog and then just start raising hogs."

Violets and Fruit Trees Bloom

Noblesville, Ind., Oct. 4.—Mrs. Homer Beals picked a bunch of violets from her flower garden Friday afternoon. Bert White and Elmer Irvin, farmers, have peach and apple trees in bloom.

FLORIDA WILL MAKE EFFORT TO BUY PRESS

Real Estate Customers Must Pay \$25,000,000 Advertising Bill.

Editor's Note: This is the sixth of a series of articles telling the true conditions in Florida, as found by a representative of The Indianapolis Times.

By Harold Keats
FLORIDA will endeavor to influence American newspapers and magazines this winter in an effort to stave off the inevitable chill in her boom for at least another season. Every device known to modern advertising is being employed to keep the golden flood from the North pouring in.

This is the only State in America where almost every city levies a direct tax on the land for advertising. It averages \$5 per capita and yields a total of about \$6,000,000. Add to this the millions paid by individuals and corporations for their own promotions and the vast sums spent by cities and private business for the hundreds of newspapers and magazines special editions and a conservative estimate would be \$25,000,000 the land buyer in Florida this winter must pay back to the owners for their expense in just getting him on the ground.

Would "Direct" Press
That Florida's business men think they can buy favorable press comment for their State was shown by Herman Dunn, president of the Florida Development Board, the State Chamber of Commerce, at its recent meeting in Panama City, when he said:

"The State's great need of the next three months is not only to continue to hammer home its appeal to outsiders, but to give direction to what is inevitably going to be written and said about Florida in 1925."

"The board estimates that the Florida (Turn to Page 10)

JUDGE NOT TO QUIT JOB NOW

But Moll Says He May Retire at End of Term.

By United Press
MILLIAM MOLL, Oct. 3.—Judge T. J. Moll of the Indianapolis Superior Court may retire from the bench at the end of his term in January, 1927, but he has no intention of resigning at present, he declared here today.

"I intend taking the Florida bar examinations at Tallahassee on Oct. 15," he said.

"I may leave Indiana when my term as judge is completed and come to Miami to practice law because the climate in Florida has proved so beneficial to me."

BOY HUNTER WOUNDED

Squirrel Hanging on Belt Fired at By Another Man.

By Times Special
ENGLISH, Ind., Oct. 3.—Kenneth Grant, 19, was in a serious condition from shot wounds received while hunting. He had brought down a squirrel and hung it on his belt. Noble McMahon, another hunter, saw the squirrel and fired. Twenty-five shot took effect in Grant's body.

GRAVEL PIT SALE O. K.

Judge Approves Action of Receiver for Company.

Judge Clinton H. Givap of Superior Court Four today approved the sale of the gravel pit of the Eaton-Kaster Gravel Company for \$39,000. The pit, which includes forty acres, a plant and equipment is situated at Morris St. and Eagle Creek.

Daughter of Former Illinois Governor Weds Albert Madlener.

By United Press
CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 3.—Chicago society motored to the county estate of former Governor Frank O. Lowden, near here today, to attend the wedding of Miss Harriet Lowden to Albert Madlener of Chicago.

The ceremony at 4 p. m. was to be held out-of-doors, along the bank of Rock River.

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FOKKER PREDICTS BIG AIR FUTURE



Ten-passenger, three-engine Fokker plane here with the Ford reliability fliers. Inset, Anthony H. G. Fokker.

Dutch Designer Foresees Skies Thick With Winged Taxies.

The airplane industry in America eventually will surpass the automobile industry, Anthony H. G. Fokker, Dutch airplane designer and one of the foremost authorities on aviation in the world, declared Friday night in connection with the Ford airplane reliability flight. Fokker broadcast a talk on aviation from the Indianapolis Times studio at the Severin Friday night.

Fokker said there is nothing alarming in the fact that Europe has outstripped America in commercial aviation.

"Commercial flying in Europe was the natural outcome of the war," Fokker said. "After the war Europe found itself in possession of hundreds of airplanes and of flying fields already constructed and in operation. It was natural that these planes and flying fields would be put to commercial use. In America there were few planes and few flying fields. Development was necessary on this side."

Fokker said he is finding a tremendous interest in aviation in the United States. He declared the success of the air mail has opened the eyes of business men to the possibilities of air transportation.

"The success of commercial air transportation is not dependent on subsidies," he said. "All that the airplane interests ask is that suitable landing fields be provided near cities. Commercial air operations can not afford to invest money for landing fields and for ground organizations, but with these taken care of we can operate planes without assistance."

Harbors Cited
Fokker said he believed the Government or municipalities should furnish landing fields. He pointed out that the United States has spent enormous sums for harbor improvements to facilitate water shipping and contended that air transportation deserves the same kind of consideration.

Fokker warned cities thinking of providing landing fields that the first necessity is that the fields be easily accessible. They should be within a very few minutes of the heart of the city, he said.

"There would be no object in flying from Indianapolis to Chicago in two hours if it took an hour to get from Indianapolis to the landing field and another hour to get from the landing field to Chicago," he said.

Fokker said he saw within the near future a sky filled with airplanes, not only operating as regular freight and passenger lines, but as taxis.

No Schedules
"There will be an enormous development in the air taxi business," he said. "In the near future it will be possible for a person to go to the flying field and obtain an airplane and pilot on a moment's notice, just as we can call a taxi now. One of the best features about airplane service is that planes do not have to run on schedules."

Fokker estimated that there are now 2,000 airplanes in the United States outside the military and naval service. Most of these, however, he said, are old and not fit for regular commercial use. He estimated that within two or three years as many as 1,500 planes will be traveling regular routes, carrying mail, passengers and freight.

Fokker has an airplane factory in New Jersey and is planning to establish another at Kansas City.

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Monday Last Day to Register
Today and Monday are the last days for registration. If not registered, a voter otherwise qualified will not be allowed to ballot in the city election, Nov. 3.

The city clerk's office at police station, Alabama and Pearl Sts., will register citizens until 5 p. m. Monday. It will not be open Sunday.

Chief Deputy John E. Ambuhl estimated today that 130,000 people have registered, either by voting in the primary last spring or by attempting to do it this fall.

Other registration places: Republican headquarters, second floor K. of P. Bldg., 216 218 Massachusetts Ave.; Democratic headquarters, fifth floor National City Bank Bldg., 108 E. Washington St.; and citizens' school committee, 209 People's Bank Bldg.

MAIL STEAMER SINKS
Crew and Passengers Save Lives in Rowboats.
By United Press
LONDON, Oct. 3.—The captain and five missing members of the crew of the French mail steamer Attala landed at Gorey on the Jersey Isles today after eleven hours in an open boat.

The remainder of the crew and two sole passengers—both race horse owners—previously had reached the shore, rowing for three hours through the rock-studded sea. The Attala was submerged at high tide, after foundering on the rocks. Three race horses, crated, were drowned in the disaster.

HOLD-UP OF BANK FOILED AT DANVILLE

President Pulls Gun on Bandit When Thief Drops Guard in Eager-ness to Get Money.

ROBBER FLEES MINUS MONEY

Man Handcuffs Two Other Employees as They Enter Singly.

A daring attempt to hold up the Danville State Bank, Danville, Ind., by a lone bandit, was frustrated this morning by the bank president, Oliver M. Piersol.

The bandit entered the bank some time in the night through a back door, and hid until Raymond Percy, assistant cashier, appeared at 8 a. m. to open up. Thrusting a gun in Percy's face, the bandit who was dressed in blue jumpers and disguised with a handkerchief over his face, forced the employee to lie on the floor of a back room, after he had been handcuffed.

Fifteen minutes later Hardie M. Powell, cashier was given identical treatment with a second pair of handcuffs. Fifteen minutes later, President Piersol arrived, and was ordered to open the vault, which he did.

President Pulls Gun
In his eagerness to open a drawer in the vault, the bandit temporarily slackened his guard over Piersol, who drew his revolver, whereupon the bandit fled as Piersol vainly attempted to disengage the safety on his weapon.

Home talent is suspected by the bank officials, who did not recognize the would-be robber, however. Both sets of handcuffs are new, and are expected to furnish a valuable clue.

Bandit Young
The bandit appeared to be a youth. He weighed about 130 or 135 pounds and was about 5 feet 7 inches tall, the victims said.

After each step of the apparently carefully planned affair the youth looked the front door of the bank, preventing townspeople from gaining admittance.

The police here were notified of the hold-up and Captain Fletcher dispatched Lieut. Walter Claffey and emergency squad to the National Rd. west of the city to watch for an auto in which the bandit was said to have fled.

Inspector of Detectives Jerry Kinney, who is hunting for the bandit, was used in the escape. A car of that type was stolen here Friday night, he said.

Three Gangs Here
Three hold-ups here Friday night brought the total of successful robberies to a dozen within the past week.

Police believe three separate bandit pairs are at work. One pair holds up motorists, loots them and steals their automobiles. Another pair specializes on business places and the third set robs after gaining the confidence of their victims.

Police are hunting the owner of an auto used in holding up Doyle Moore and Philip Carroll, both of Franklin, Ind., early today.

The two men said they were walking on Senate Ave., near Washington St., when the hold-up occurred. (Turn to Page 10)

The Times Sworn Statement

MADE UNDER THE POSTAL LAW
Statement of the Ownership, Management, Circulation, etc., required by the Act of Congress of August 24, 1912, of The Indianapolis Times, published daily, except Sundays, at Indianapolis, Indiana, for Oct. 1, 1923, State of Indiana, County of Marion, ss:

Before me, a notary public in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared Wm. A. Maybourn, who having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the Business Manager of The Indianapolis Times, and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the Ownership, Management and Circulation of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in Section 443, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form, to-wit:

1. That the names and addresses of the publisher, editor, managing editor and business manager are:
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of October, 1923.
(SEAL)
W. B. NICEWANGER, Notary Public.
My commission expires January 29, 1925.