

MR. FIXIT is at your service at the City Hall. Write to him, care of The Times. He will get action.

PARTLY cloudy and colder tonight with heavy frost if sky clears; Saturday, fair.

WIDOW OF LANSLOWNE IS WITNESS

Naval Inquiry Court Is Told Dead Commander Protested Fatal Western Trip of Dirigible Shenandoah.

REITERATES CHARGE OF POLITICAL MOTIVE

'My Husband Believed Big Ship Should Not Have Been Used to Show Taxpayers Where Money Goes,' She Says.

By Paul R. Mellon
WASHINGTON, Oct. 9.—

Commander Zachary Lansdowne protested "as vigorously as any naval officer can without insubordination" against the order of his superiors sending his airship, the Shenandoah, westward into the Ohio storm which wrecked it and killed fourteen of its crew, his widow told the naval court of inquiry here today.

Dressed in mourning black, Mrs. Margaret Ross Lansdowne reiterated her charges that the Shenandoah's trip was inspired by "purely political motives" and said her statements had been substantiated by the record of the inquiry thus far.

Mrs. Lansdowne cited a letter written by her husband Aug. 4, 1925, protesting against the long westward voyage and suggesting that a trial trip be taken to Detroit, to test any possible deficiencies in the ship.

Cites Navy Reply
She also mentioned the reply of the Navy bureau of navigation refusing her husband's request on the ground that the department could see no reason for such a trial trip.

Reading from a brief prepared statement, Mrs. Lansdowne also said that her husband sought to have the trip postponed because he knew violent storms were frequent in the Ohio region at that time of year.

"This protest also was overruled by the department," she said. "My husband believed that in as much as the Shenandoah was the only Navy dirigible suitable for war use, it should confine its activities to war maneuvers entirely," Mrs. Lansdowne told the court.

Entirely Political
"He did not believe such a ship should be used for the purpose of showing the taxpayers how their money was being spent."

"Immediately after the wreck, I made a statement in the press that the trip of the Shenandoah was ordered by the Navy Department in spite of the protests of my husband and purely for political motives."

"The official correspondence which has been recently placed before this board entirely confirms that statement."

Shank denies 'dry' debate
Says Challenge Restricted to Shumaker.

Mayor Shank is willing to debate on prohibition, but his challenge is restricted to the Rev. Edward S. Shumaker, Indiana Anti-Saloon League superintendent, he said today.

Shank denied a report that he would argue the question with the Rev. C. T. Wilson, general secretary of the board of temperance, prohibition and public morals of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who has headquarters at Washington, D. C.

"If they paid me as much as they pay him, I might consider the debate," said Shank. "But that man Wilson is a professional. That's his job. Besides, what does he know about conditions in Indianapolis and Indiana?"

The idea of matching Shank and Wilson was conceived by the Rev. Jesse P. Bogue, pastor of the North Methodist Episcopal Church, Thirty-Eighth and Meridian Sts.

"When I obtained the promise of Mr. Wilson I thought I found a man that would take Mayor Shank on his own terms," Dr. Bogue said, when formed of Shank's refusal to debate. "Dr. Wilson is just as apt at dueling tactics as Mayor Shank, and he also has the goods."

WILL CONSIDER BIDS
The building and grounds committee of the Indianapolis school board will meet with board members at 2 p. m. Monday to consider the bids on the Washington and Jefferson high schools.

Indiana Banana Soothes Anguish of Losing 'Buck'



Left to right, James and Charles Welch and John Pesut.

STATE'S STAGE SET FOR TRIAL OF STEPHENSON

Venire Called and Other Preparations Made to Hear Case Monday.

By Times Special
NOBLESVILLE, Ind., Oct. 9.—With the drawing of 100 names by Hamilton County jury commissioners Thursday afternoon to furnish prospective jurors, preparations are complete for the murder trial of D. C. Stephenson and his two aids, Earl Klink and Earl Gentry.

The trial will begin Monday in Circuit Court here before Special Judge Will M. Sparks, Rushville, Ind. The three defendants are held in jail here on change of venue from Marion County, charged with murdering Miss Madge Oberholzer, one of Stephenson's neighbors, in Irvington, Indianapolis suburb.

Jury Big Task
Getting a jury is expected to take the better part of a week. Hearing evidence, attorneys' arguments and deliberation of the jury will take two additional weeks, it is said.

Under the Indiana law the following verdicts can be returned: Death penalty, life imprisonment, two to twenty-one years imprisonment, or not guilty. In addition there is a possibility of a deadlocked jury, with a subsequent retrial.

In addition to the murder charge Stephenson is held on numerous charges, including conspiracy to kidnap Miss Oberholzer, malicious mayhem, assault and battery and conspiracy to burn his home, which caught fire after his arrest.

The Charge
According to the dying statement of the victim, she went to Stephenson's home the night of March 15, at his request and was forced to drink something. The three defendants then put her on a Pullman car to Hammond, Ind., and took her to a hotel, it is charged. The next day she obtained poison and took it, which caused her death a month later.

The law under which Stephenson is held for murder is one which makes a person liable for the death of one if he care if he refuses to get medical aid, which the dying statement charges Stephenson refused to do, although she screamed for a doctor.

Miss Oberholzer was a graduate of Butler University, and a member of a leading college sorority.

THROWN INTO GLASS

Man and Wife Hurt in Auto Truck Crossing.

William Davey, 427 N. Capitol Ave., driving an auto west of Casino Gardens on the Lafayette Road early today, was struck by a truck, in which were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Simms, 724 N. New Jersey St.

Both Simms and his wife were thrown through the wind shield. Mrs. Simms was injured about the legs and body and Simms was slightly injured on the head. Davey's car was thrown seven feet.

NINE DRIVERS ARRESTED

Six Autoists Alleged to Have Been Going Too Fast.

Nine auto drivers, six of them alleged speeders, were slated at city prison during the past twenty-four hours.

Those slated were: Claude Bowen, 35, of 708 N. Alabama St.; Floyd Merz, 24, of Ravenswood; Fred Hinchman, 35, of 416 Grand Ave.; E. Miller, 38, of 1216 N. Rural St.; A. Murray, 28, of 109 N. Cole St.; and Charles Reed, 25, of 4037 Boulevard Pl.; charged with speeding.

Three drivers were charged with violating minor traffic ordinances.

THIRD TILT OF CLASSIC RAINED OUT

Postponement of Today's Game Favors Senators, Giving Bluege Chance to Recover and Johnson Time to Rest His Arm.

'FAIR AND COLDER' SATURDAY FORECAST

Pirate Chief Disappointed—Hoped to Have Ray Kremer Beat Harris Squad and Gain All-Important Edge.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Oct. 9.—

Third game of the world's series between Washington and Pittsburgh was postponed today because of rain.

The decision upon the postponement was made by Judge K. M. Landis after he had conferred with representatives of the two clubs and had been advised by the umpires that the field in Griffith's stadium would not be fit to play upon even if the rain, which fell steadily throughout the morning ceased by game time.

Bluege Recovering
The postponement favors the Senators, as it gives Oscar Bluege, the Washington third-baseman who was hit in the head by a pitched ball yesterday, at least another twenty-four hours to recover. It also gives Walter Johnson and Stanley Coveleski, the veteran twirlers of the world's champions, an extra day to rest their arms.

Bluege was recovering from his slight injury today and will be in the Washington line-up tomorrow.

Third Game Saturday
Manager Bill McKechnie had hoped that the game could be played today as he had Ray Kremer all ready to shoot at the Senators and was confident that the Pirates would win the third game and get an all-important edge on the series.

The third game probably will be played tomorrow, as the official prediction is "fair and colder" with rising temperature for Sunday's game.

SUSPECTS SLAY TWO SHERIFFS

Ohio Officers Killed While Attempting Arrests.

By United Press
COLUMBUS, Ohio, Oct. 9.—Two Ohio sheriffs were slain during the night while attempting to arrest alleged law violators.

Sheriff Fletcher Collins of Vinton County was shot and killed by George Steele, Jackson County farmer, while attempting to arrest Steele on a speeding charge.

The bullet-riddled body of Sheriff George Kellum of Brown County was found along a highway near Georgetown, Ohio, today. Kellum was believed to have been shot by two negro bootleggers for whom he had warrants.

The program begins promptly at 9 p. m. over WFBM.

The Victor Herbert Ensemble will repeat its earlier success over the air.

Cello Solos
Constantin Bakaleinikoff, director of the Circle Theater orchestra, will play two cello solos with Bonar Cramer at the piano. Cramer will be heard in a piano solo.

Glenn Friermood and Mrs. Friermood will be heard as vocal soloists. G. A. Grubb, whistler, with Mrs. Gertrude Butz at the piano, will entertain.

The Times also is to present the Garrett Quartet of the Mt. Paran Baptist Church in a group of negro spirituals.

Eggleston will tell about "Love Behind the Footlights."

Champion to Be Shown
May Walker Oille Homestead, champion butter cow of the United States, is on exhibition. May Walker in 1922 produced 4,371 gallons of milk, which made 1,523 pounds of butter. She is an 8-year-old Holstein, the property of the Minnesota Holstein Company, Austin, Minn.

Cattle judging contests, dinners and banquets are on the program. Railroads are giving a reduced rate from all parts of the United States for the affair, and it is expected will bring 50,000 visitors to Indianapolis.

Club Gives Dinner
New Members of Hoosier Athletic Organization Guests.

About 150 new members of the Hoosier Athletic Club were entertained at dinner Thursday night, at the clubhouse. Don Miller was toastmaster and talks were given by Harold J. Hampton, president; George Lipps, physical director and Ernest Hoelscher, swimming coach. Members and their guests danced in the newly decorated ballroom, and Misses Hannah Leah Miller and Jeanne Sherer gave feature dances.

Women Officers Practice for Deadly Bandit War



Leona Poppiano and Rachael Bray.

"Shoot to kill!" This is the motto of Policewomen Leona Poppiano and Rachael Bray. They are partaking in target practice at orders of Mayor Shank. Mayor Shank ordered practice for all police. A range has been established in the 'sement of the police station. Capt. Roy Pope and Capt. Barrett Ball are in charge. Police to hold their jobs must make a score of 40 out of a possible 50 in ten shots.

HOURLY TEMPERATURE
6 a. m. 45 10 a. m. 40
7 a. m. 44 11 a. m. 43
8 a. m. 44 12 noon 45
9 a. m. 41 1 p. m. 44

flakes also were falling in the center of the lake region, where the mercury registered 37.

The southern half of the State had warmer weather, temperatures being around 50 along the Ohio River.

Below Normal
A mark of 44 was registered here at 7 a. m., 7 degrees below normal and 5 degrees below the mark for the same hour Thursday.

The mercury started a downward trend after 7, registering 40 at 10 a. m. This was a new low mark for the season. The thermometer climbed back to 45 at noon.

While Indiana is experiencing zippy weather, areas west of the Mississippi are being visited by killing frost, according to J. H. Arrington, meteorologist.

Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa and northern Missouri are included in the frosty region. Dodge City, in the south of Kansas, had a temperature of 32, while Concordia, in the same State reported a mark of 30. Farther to the north, in Duluth, Minn., three inches of snow covered the ground.

Blinded by Snow
Heavy snowfall at Shell Lake, Wis., blinded D. B. Brockton, a dairy man, and he was run down and killed by a Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha passenger train. His wife was on the train.

The snow was general over the northwest, being reported from points as far south as Madison, Wis., near the Illinois line. St. Paul had one inch of snow. Omaha, Neb., reported the thermometer at 30 above. Lincoln had frost and 36 above.

The low temperatures are the result of the arrival of autumn, coupled with a downdraft of cold air from the region of the Dakotas, where an area of high pressure holds sway, according to Arrington.

Coal Dealers Busy
Coal dealers in Indianapolis reported an increased demand for their product as a result of the mercury slide, and clothing merchants were kept busy supplying shivering citizens with warm garments for the cold months.

Farm crops are all well out of the way, and will not be injured by frost, it is reported. In fact some cold, dry weather would help the corn.

City market stand owners are still receiving vegetables from Indianapolis and vicinity, but the supply is not large. The first few frosts will end the garden season.

The usual date for killing frosts in Indiana is about Oct. 18, the weather bureau says. However frost usually is experienced before now.

Temperature may reach 35 here during the night, it was said, providing skies are not cloudy.

CITY MANAGER FORM IS URGED

Politics Responsible for Poor Appointments.

Adoption of the city manager form of government was urged by Leonard V. Harrison, civic committee secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, in an address Thursday night before the Layman's League of All Souls Unitarian Church.

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Plans for the mission meeting, Oct. 18 to 25, were drafted by the league.

INDIANA HAS FIRST SNOW OF SEASON

Flakes Reported at Both Warsaw and Ft. Wayne in Northern Section of State.

CITY MAY HAVE HEAVY FROST

Casualty Results From Wisconsin Storm—Mercury Drops Here.

Snow in the northeast part of the State, falling temperature in Indianapolis, and a prediction of heavy frost brought Indiana a sharp realization today that winter weather is at hand.

Cloudy skies and a slight rain Thursday night kept frost from the city, according to the United States weather bureau. But the outlook for tonight seems to indicate clear skies, which would allow a heavy frost.

The first weather casualty of the season was reported from Wisconsin, where a man, blinded by snowfall, was run down by a train.

Ft. Wayne and Warsaw had the first snow of the season in the State. Ft. Wayne reported snow at 7 a. m., with a temperature of 34, while

BALLYHOO OF CIRCUS SELLS FLORIDA LAND

Mob Psychology Employed to Get Customers—'Spotters' Used.

Note: This is the eleventh of a series of articles telling the truth of conditions in Florida as found by a representative of The Indianapolis Times.

By Harold Keats
MOB psychology is selling land in Florida.

Every trick known to every kind of salesman, from the circus ballyhoo to the oil stock promoter, is employed to take advantage of and foster it. It would be impossible here to tell half the methods used by the salesman to obtain customers and make them buy.

Long before a stranger has reached his destination he is apt to be spotted and sized up, sometimes by a pretty girl riding the bus or train with him who finds out what he is going south for and just about how much he is willing to pay. These are the "bird dogs" or spotters of the subdivision men and they obtain a commission on sales to their victims.

An indication of the methods used is given by the persons doing the selling. For the most part they are men who have never sold land before—stock and bond salesmen, traveling salesmen, clerks seeking their fortune, school teachers, or youths who have never done anything. Good real estate men, accustomed to weighing prices against values as determined by the standard factors of land value, can not see worth in the Florida land and, lacking faith, can not sell it.

Most of the managers of the big developments have been recruited from among sales managers of big

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EARTHQUAKE IN EAST

Minor Damage Is Done in New Hampshire.

By United Press
MANCHESTER, N. H., Oct. 9.—A slight earthquake shock was felt in several sections of New Hampshire at 8:55 a. m., today. In the vicinity of Ossipee, the shock was distinct. It sent people scurrying into the streets and caused minor damage to property.

FLAPPER FANNY says

I know a fellow who won't buy a dinner but he will drive you out to a fork in the road and spoon.

CLUB GIVES DINNER

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City Boys Learn How to Eat Pawpaw in Correct Manner.

By Ross H. Garrigus

EN, fifteen, twenty years ago—well anyhow when I was a boy—our gang about this time of the year was wont to slip out to Learners' woods, near Kokomo, find ourselves a pawpaw bush, shake it and then—

Oh boy! When Washington lost Thursday, I said to myself there was only one thing to assuage my despair and that would be a pawpaw. So I city-marketed.

After inquiring at two stands, I found some. I got a whole bucket full for a dime and buried me with it.

For those who don't know what a pawpaw is—it's the Indiana banana.

Some say they are too sweet. But nothing could be too sweet after losing a buck on Washington with the price of coal where it is.

The inside of a pawpaw—you city folks, who have never roamed nature's woods—is about the size of a sweet potato. It's yellowish in color and has a pungent odor.

There are many traditions about them. Some say, if eaten when the moon isn't just right they are poisonous. I ate mine when the sun was shining.

I found that I'm not the only one who eats them. The market man told me he sells about two bushels a day. Farmers bring them in.

"There's no fixed rule for eating pawpaws," I told James and Charles Welch, 922 Fletcher Ave., and John Pesut, 521 W. Pearl St., who wanted to be initiated.

"But here's the best way: 'Select a nice fat one; break it in the middle; bury your face in it; secure one large mouthful; come up for air, and by tongue and teeth remove the seeds. Then shut both eyes and gulp twice.'"

BLAST KILLS WOMAN

Tried to Start Fire With Gasoline—Husband Critical.

By Times Special
GARY, Ind., Oct. 9.—Mrs. Mark Krieheluek was dead today and her husband was in a critical condition as a result of Mrs. Krieheluek trying to start a fire with gasoline. An explosion followed.

CLEVELAND MAN PUT AT HELM OF LEGION

John R. McQuigg Elected National Commander—Rowdyism of Delegates Assailed.

By United Press
OMAHA, Neb., Oct. 9.—John R. McQuigg, Cleveland, Ohio, today was elected national commander of the American Legion at the seventh annual convention.

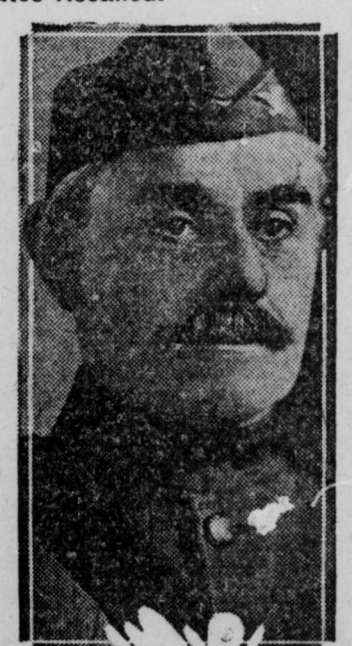
McQuigg was chosen on the first ballot over Edward E. Spafford, New York City, and Howard P. Savage, Chicago. The name of Gen. John J. Pershing, which has been mentioned, was not submitted.

The following vice commanders were elected: Joseph Y. Cheney, West Palm Beach, Fla.; Hugh E. Davis, Bartlettville, Okla.; Vincent A. Carrell, Philadelphia; Ray Littlefield, Rhode Island; J. A. Howell, Ogden, Utah.

Conduct of Legionnaires at the convention was criticized severely prior to election by Francis J. Good, chairman of the resolutions committee. Good declared the Omaha convention was the worst in the point of rowdyism and misbehavior of any in the history of the Legion.

He presented a resolution asking that future convention be limited to three days and that efforts be made to prevent rowdyism. Amended to read four days, the resolution was voted down. The three day proposition will be voted on later.

Cold, dismal weather, had "frozen out" a great bulk of the delegates and less than 10,000 remained on the scene.



John R. McQuigg