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GENERALLY fair tonight and Tuesday; rising temperature predicted.

TWO CENTS

## DEPOT MEN AID STEPHENSON CASE

### KLAN SCORES HEAVILY IN POLITICAL PLUM PASSING

#### MITCHELL SETS OUT TO PROVE HE WAS RIGHT

Colonel Offers to Back Up Charges of 'Criminal Negligence.'

#### STATEMENTS WERE TRUE

Shenandoah to Used as His Princip' Example.

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—Col. William Mitchell today set out to prove his charges of "incompetency, criminal negligence and almost treasonable administration of the national defense by the War and Navy departments," before his court of generals.

Representative Frank Reid, Illinois, Republican, announced to the court the defense was ready to prove its case and "convince Col. Mitchell's accusers of their error."

"We will prove his statements were true," said Reid.

His evidence, Reid declared, will show the giant dirigible Shenandoah was faultily constructed and operated, and that politics was responsible for its trip West, where it crashed in Ohio, killing fourteen.

Reid said the accident to the PN-9-1 in mid-Pacific on its flight to Honolulu would be used in support of Mitchell's charges.

Reid said: "The War Department was guilty of almost treasonable administration due to the fact that up to 1923 there were in Hawaii no plans for the employment of the air service in the aeronautical protection of the islands."

"The War Department was guilty of almost treasonable administration in that the air units in the Philippines in 1923 were disorganized, scattered, untrained and poorly equipped."

### TWO COUNTRIES DICKER ON DEBT

'Double-Header' Negotiations Are Under Way.

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—"Double header" debt funding negotiations were under way at the Treasury Department today. After a joint session of American and Rumanian commissions on Rumania's \$46,500,000 war debt at 10 a. m. a recess was taken until 3 p. m. when the American commission was to meet Italy's.

### ATTEMPT AT ATTACK FAILS

Woman Screams and Man Takes to Heels.

A woman screams today frustrated an attempted attack, according to reports to police.

Geneva Gresham, 1229 Beville Ave., said she was going home alone, when, in front of 1104 Beville Ave., a man grabbed her. He struck her several times, according to her story, but when she screamed he took to his heels. He left in a large closed car, parked near by.

Miss Gresham was taken to city hospital. Police are investigating.

Walter Payne, 30, colored, 761 Indiana Ave., is held under \$10,000 bond, charged with criminal attack and burglary.

Police say Payne has been identified as the colored bandit who attacked Mrs. George Gandell, 1805 Exeter St., in her home. Detectives also say Miss Edith Baker, 1024 W. Eighteenth St., identified Payne as the man who attacked her. He was arrested Sunday. Police said Payne has served two prison sentences.

### HOLIDAYS TO BE 'DRY'

Federal Prohibition Will Be on Watch for Liquor.

Holiday spirits will be somewhat lacking this year with Federal prohibition agents on the lookout for Thanksgiving and Christmas liquor supplies.

Deputy Administrator Ansel R. Harris said that every source of supply will be watched.

### BUS LINES TO START

Two feeder bus lines will be started Tuesday by the Indianapolis Street Railway Company. It was announced today. Two buses will be used on the E. Tenth St. route and one on the English Ave. line.

Mayor-Elect Duvall Names Eighteen Members of Next City Administration—Coffin Also Remembered in Appointments.

#### NEW POLICE CHIEF TO DRIVE OUT GAMBLERS

Lieut. Claude Johnson Says Law Violators Will Have Hard Time—Huttsell to Be Fire Head—Brother-in-Law Controller.

A drive to run all gamblers out of Indianapolis when he becomes chief of police in January was promised today by Lieut. Claude Johnson, following announcement of his appointment by John L. Duvall, mayor-elect.

The Klan scored heavily in eighteenth appointments announced in a letter said to be from Duvall, who has been in seclusion some place out of the city since election.

Appointments known to have been favored by the Klan were: Chief of police, Claude Johnson; inspector of police, Arthur McGee; corporation counsel, Charles J. Orblson; park superintendent, George S. Elliott; assistant park superintendent, Harvey Bedford; city controller, William C. Buser; Duvall's brother-in-law; board of safety, Oren E. Davis.

Appointments known to have been favored by the George V. Coffin faction of the party were: Fire chief, Jesse C. Huttsell; traffic supervisor, Claude Worley; city attorney, John K. Ruckelshaus; street commissioner, George Woodard.

Other appointments: First assistant fire chief, Kenneth Burns; second assistant fire chief, Roy Phillips; inspector of detectives, Jerry Kinney; director of recreation, Jesse McClure; market master, Earl Garrett; board of safety, O. D. Haskett and Heydon W. Buchanan.

Notified

Although the appointees have not received official notification they believed the announcements in the letter are official.

Failure of Coffin, Republican city chairman, to dictate more appointments was the principal topic of conversation among city hall employees.

William Armitage, Mayor Shank's political general, was ignored, although he supported Duvall.

"He has a few more appointments left, and I may get some of them," Armitage commented.

Johnson also said a drive will be made on prohibition law violators and all other forms of vice.

Asked if he contemplated any changes in the department he said he would have to confer with Duvall before making any announcement.

Silent On Changes

"At the present time, I do not think of any changes," he said.

Johnson declined to state what types of gambling and what gamblers he would take action against.

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### FUND EFFORT GAINS GROUND

Total for Drive to Date Given as \$143,219.54.

A total of \$90,639.54 in contributions for the Community Fund, reported at a noon luncheon of fund workers at the Claypool today, brought the total for the drive, which started Friday, to \$143,219.54.

Reports of the special gifts committee show that all their contributions to date have averaged 20 per cent more than last year.

Herman P. Lieber, chairman of the mercantile division employees, reported the following firms, all of whose employees have contributed: People's Outfitting Company, L. E. Morrison & Co., J. C. Hart Shoe Company, William Laurie & Co., Mooney-Mueller-Ward Drug Company, Pettit Shoe Company, Looney-Nash Motor Company.

Allen T. Burns of New York, treasurer of the American Association of Community Organizations, spoke.

### MOTORCYCLEMAN HURT

Injured When Machine Crashes Into Auto in Chase.

Motorcyclist Phil Miller was injured today when Harry Skaggs, 1331 W. Twenty-Fifth St., being chased by Miller and Motorcyclist G. A. Record, stopped suddenly. The motorcycle smashed into the auto and Miller sustained torn leg ligaments.

Skaggs was charged with improper driving and speeding.

#### DRYS INDORSE PINCHOT DART AT PRESIDENT

Coolidge to Be Called Upon to Correct 'Wet' Conditions.

#### COPY TO WHITE HOUSE

Anti-Saloon League Stands Behind Governor.

By United Press  
CHICAGO, Nov. 9.—Indorsement by the Anti-Saloon League executive committee of the charges of Governor Gifford Pinchot, Pennsylvania, that the national administration is responsible for nonenforcement of prohibition, was announced today.

A copy of Pinchot's speech together with a letter from the league asking correction of conditions will be sent President Coolidge, it was announced.

Assistant Treasury Secretary Andrews' announcement that the Government alone could not enforce prohibition was refuted by Pinchot with the declaration:

"This nation is able to enforce its laws whenever officials determine it shall be done."

By the permit system, Federal authorities completely control manufacture, storage and transportation of liquor, he said, charging Treasury Secretary Mellon with promiscuous issuance of permits.

"But cabinet officers, judges, congressmen, senators, have been breaking the law," he said. "Is it any wonder that when these men set the example of disrespect for law that the criminal classes follow them?"

Former Governor Neff of Texas said enforcement must come from education—"education of the courts, if you please."

"One word from Washington will educate all our courts and wake them up to their responsibility," Neff declared.

### RIVERS UP AS RAIN IS HEAVY

No Serious Rise Expected Here, However.

HOURLY TEMPERATURE

6 a. m.	26	10 a. m.	33
7 a. m.	27	11 a. m.	35
8 a. m.	27	12 (noon)	38
9 a. m.	30	1 p. m.	42

Heavy rains during the first part of November have brought Indiana rivers up to high stages, the United States weather bureau said today.

White River stands at ten feet, here, and is rising. No serious rise is expected, here, however.

There is a possibility of the lower west fork of White River near Edwardsport reaching a dangerous stage if rains continue much longer, bureau officials said.

Total rain for the first eight days of the month was 2.20 inches, contrasted with a normal fall of .95 inch for the period.

Temperature was 12 degree below normal at 7 a. m. the mercury standing at 27. Forecast is for fair weather tonight and Tuesday, with rising temperature.

### PRATER TRIAL IS POSTPONED

Judge Hines III—Remy Also Asks for Delay.

By United Press  
NOBLESVILLE, Ind., Nov. 9.—Trial of Edward Prater, 16, charged with killing Forest Van Devere, Indianapolis street car conductor in an attempted hold-up, which was to have started today, was postponed due to the illness of Judge Fred E. Hines.

### BODY MYSTERY REMAINS

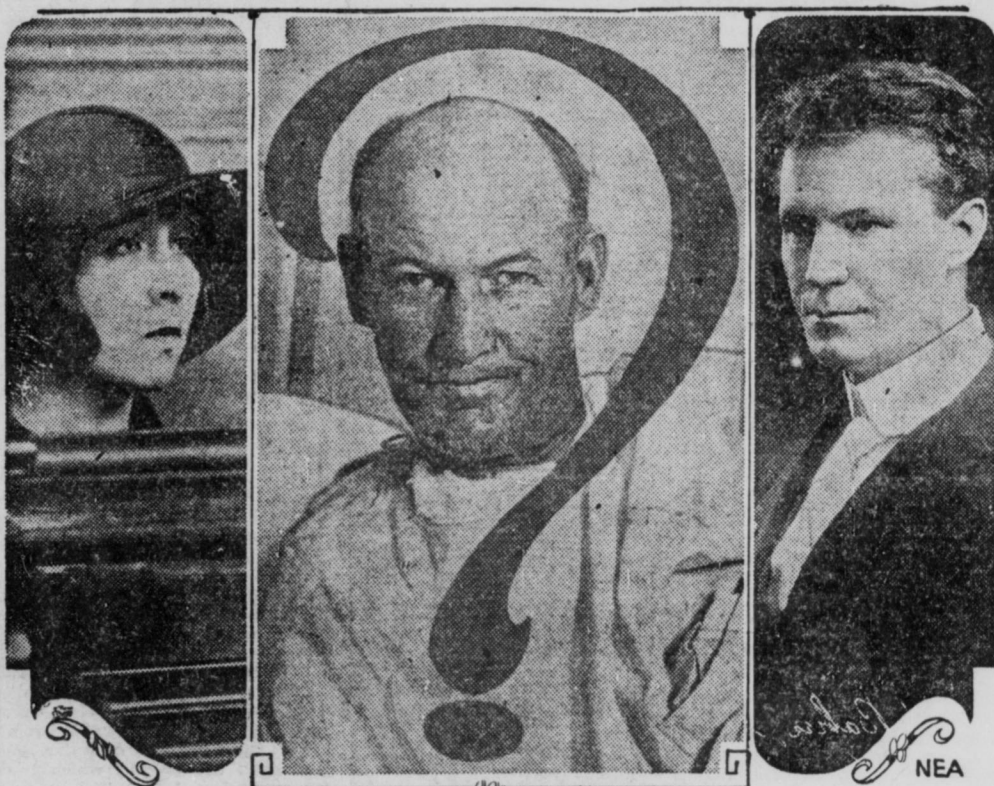
Black Mask in Pocket Brings About Bandit Theory.

The mystery surrounding a man's body found on the pilot of a Pennsylvania Railroad locomotive Friday night, remained unsolved today. The body was sent to the coroner of Hendricks County Sunday. A man's head, found along the tracks near Bridgeport Saturday, thought to be that of the man, was being held today by Deputy Coroner William Doeppers.

### SEEK MISSING GIRL

Police have been asked to search for Miss Elizabeth Emery, 18, of Thirtieth St. and W. Riverside Dr., who disappeared from her home Saturday. She was wearing a brown coat and green hat.

### IS KILLING EVER JUSTIFIED?



Left: Mile. Stanislaw Umiska. Center: Dr. Harold Blazer. Right: Dr. Harry J. Haiselden.

#### Question Is Near Decision by a Colorado Farmer Jury.

By United Press  
LITTLETON, Colo., Nov. 9.—The question of whether the taking of a life ever is justified stands near being decided by a jury here today.

Attorneys here are fighting for the freedom of Dr. Harold Blazer, 62, who killed his daughter Hazel, 32, an imbecile and cripple. When the fight is concluded a jury composed mostly of farmers will decide the question.

Blazer, obviously nervous, took the stand at 10:15.

He testified Hazel was born normal, had spinal meningitis, was left "a hopeless invalid," and that her illness left her without a mind, "as far as I could tell."

"She was absolutely helpless, could neither talk nor feed herself, but I got to understand her when she wanted things," Blazer said.

"She had a mouth but we had to feed her masticated food with a tube or spoon."

"Both legs and feet and her hands were that of a child of 5 or 6 years old. Her body was better developed, but very much deformed by a double (Turn to Page 13)

#### How Jury Spent Sunday

By Times Special  
NOBLESVILLE, Ind., Nov. 9.—The D. C. Stephenson jury, which has not been separated since it was sworn in to try the case ten days ago, had a very quiet Sunday. They attended Sunday school and preaching services at a local church, took a walk in the afternoon for exercise and braved the elements for an hour pitching horseshoes.

#### MORNING BLAZE DESTROYS HOME

Workman Discovers Fire at 4 a. m.

Fire early today destroyed the five-room one-story home of James Edwards at 1647 E. Troy Ave.

Edwards, employed at the Beech Grove Big Four Railroad shops, discovered the fire at 4 a. m. when he went into the kitchen to start a fire in the heater. The room was in flames.

He barely had time to awaken his daughter, Mrs. Estelle Sommers and his granddaughter, Betty, 2, when the entire house was ablaze. Loss was estimated at \$5,000. Overhauling of the kitchen stove is believed to have been the cause.

### BANK HEAD'S MOTHER DIES

Mrs. William W. Woollen Was Pioneer Resident.

Mrs. William Watson Woollen, 83, who died today at the family residence, 1628 N. Pennsylvania St., was one of the pioneer residents of Indianapolis and was prominent for years in the city's social life.

She was the widow of the late William Watson Woollen who died in 1921. Two children, Mrs. Maria Hyde and Evans Woollen, president of the Fletcher Savings and Trust Company, live in Indianapolis.

A son, Harry Woollen, lives in Los Angeles, Cal.

Mrs. Woollen was born near Indianapolis, and came here as a child. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and secretary of the Indiana Pioneer Society from its organization in 1917, until she resigned last December. She belonged to the Indianapolis Woman's Club for half a century, and was a member of other clubs.

Funeral services will be at 2 p. m. Wednesday at the home, with Dr. Matthew Smith and Rev. M. L. Haines in charge. Burial will be in Crown Hill.

### EX-MAYOR TO PRISON

Former Bicknell City Head En Route to Leavenworth.

William Callahan, ex-mayor of Bicknell, was taken to Leavenworth today with four other prisoners.

Convicted in Federal court in the Bicknell liquor conspiracy case, he was sentenced two years and fined \$1,500. Two weeks ago he lost an appeal.

### TWO GIVEN SENTENCES

Criminal Judge James A. Collins today fined Earl Crall \$100 and costs and sentenced him to six months on the Indiana State Farm on an assault and battery charge. Willis Clark was fined \$25 and costs and sentenced four months on the Farm on a charge of unlawful possession of an automobile.

### SERIOUS AND SEMI-SERIOUS

THE NEWS of the city, State, nation and world, fully and accurately told.

EDITORIALS that interpret the issues of the day, always constructively and fairly.

NELSON'S Right Here in Indiana, gives the close-up on folks and things we are all interested in.

DR. GUNN'S sermon for today contains a lesson for all of us.

MARKETS reflect the prosperity of the country and commodity prices.

In The Times Every Day

### STAUNTON, VA., FIRST NAMED A CITY MANAGER

Survey Shows 321 Municipalities Have Business Directors.

By Earl Spairing,  
Times Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—The city manager form of government, of which Indianapolis will talk much during the next year, originated in 1908.

The little town of Staunton, Va., took the first step, the mayor and council passing an ordinance that year creating the office of "general manager" and delegating to this new official "all administrative detail and responsibility."

Sumter, S. C., adopted the first city manager charter, 1912.

The new municipal government form first attracted popular attention in 1913 when Dayton, Ohio, shortly after its disastrous flood, offered General Goethals, of Panama Canal fame, the city manager job at \$25,000 per year.

At the time of the last general count, in 1923, there were 167 city manager cities with more than 5,000 population in the United States and 303 commission-governed cities.

Michigan City First

Michigan City was the first municipality in Indiana to appoint a city manager. Horace Bowen was appointed at a salary of \$5,000 per year, Oct. 1, 1922.

Michigan has upward of thirty-five municipal governments. Illinois has six.

Grand Rapids, Mich., with a 1920 census population of 137,634, is the largest city in Michigan to name a manager. Fred H. Locks was appointed in 1918 at \$6,000 per year.

Cleveland, Ohio, with almost a million population, is, of course, the largest city in the country to have a manager. Cleveland adopted the plan almost two years ago, soon after Akron, Ohio, (at that time the largest in the list), had abandoned it. Akron, with a 1920 population of 208,435, adopted the manager plan in 1920 and abandoned it by election in 1924.

Headquarters in Kansas

The City Managers' Association, with headquarters in Lawrence, Kan., claim that only seventy-seven cities have ever abandoned the manager plan after once adopting it.

Nashville, Tenn., among these cities, is the largest next to Akron. Others range in population from 1,000 to 2,000.

Seventy-one cities have abandoned the commission form of government after once adopting it. Of these, thirty-four appointed city managers.

The City Managers' Association claims that in all 321 American cities now have city managers. This number includes villages, towns and cities.

Gateman at Union Station Says No Outcry Made Nor Unusual Incident Happened on Night Miss Oberholtzer Alleged Kidnaping.

### GIN PARTY IN HOTEL ROOM DESCRIBED BY POLITICIAN

Stenographer Also Says Alleged Victim Came to Defendant's Offices—Fist Fight in Courtroom Averted When Attorney Charges Perjury.

By John L. Niblack and William L. Toms  
Times Staff Correspondents

CIRCUIT COURTROOM, NOBLESVILLE, Ind., Nov. 9.—No outcry or unusual incident at the ticket gate of the Indianapolis Union Station attracted the attention of David Giblin, 927 Bates St., Indianapolis, night gateman, the night of March 15, Giblin testified this morning in defense of D. C. Stephenson, Earl Klinek and Earl Gentry on trial here on charges of murdering Miss Madge Oberholtzer.

Giblin's testimony was part of the evidence defense attorneys are presenting in an effort to show that Madge was a willing participant in the trip to Hammond and that her acquaintance with Stephenson was much more extensive than she admitted in her dying declaration.

Reporters Heard

Giblin followed newspaper reporters who testified they saw little evidence, if any, of brutality on Madge's body as she lay in the morgue.

Ralph Rigdon, one of Stephenson's politicians, testified to seeing Madge in Stephenson's room at the Washington Hotel, where gin was served, and Miss Maxine Elliott, 18, of 2003 N. Harding St., Stephenson's stenographer, told of seeing Miss Oberholtzer come into Stephenson's office four or five times during the legislative session.

Fred Kemper, 3627 Winthrop Ave., night station master at the Union Station, also testified.

"On March 15 did any persons pass through your gate without tickets?" Giblin was asked.

"No, sir, there was not."

"On that night was there any outcry or demonstration that attracted your attention?"

"No, sir, there was not."

On cross-examination Giblin told Prosecutor William H. Remy that he didn't know Stephenson, Klinek or Gentry.

The witness said that if the men went to Chicago on the Monon they went through his gate. He admitted he did not pay any attention to faces.

Prosecutor William H. Remy brought out that the sick or injured could be taken up to the train in an elevator, and that it would also be possible to enter the Pullman through entrance on Capitol Ave.

Many in Depot

Kemper testified that there were many people in the depot the night of March 15, including twelve station employees, and also an Indianapolis policeman. He heard no outcry, either, he said.

"Do you know Stephenson or Gentry?" Remy asked.

"No, sir, I don't."

"Just a minute," said Remy, rising and walking over to the defense table.

"I'll direct your attention to this gentleman here," he said, indicating Stephenson.

"Did you see him at all that night?"

"I did not."

Both Pleased

Both State and defense attorneys seemed satisfied with the reply.

Miss Elliott, a pretty little girl with sparkling eyes, on cross-examination, named legislators, politicians and women who came to Stephenson's offices during the assembly session.

She said Miss Oberholtzer always went into Stephenson's private offices when she called, and that on several occasions they left together.

It is expected the trial will continue until next week, as Prosecutor Remy has a flock of rebuttal witnesses.

A fist fight between Rigdon and Ralph Kane, State attorney, was averted narrowly after Kane had accused Rigdon of coming into the court "with the express purpose of committing perjury for Stephenson."

Describes Party

Rigdon who lives at Fountainview and was former solicitor for the Republican State committee, said he went to Stephenson's rooms in the Hotel Washington one afternoon during the legislative session and found Miss Oberholtzer there.

"A bottle of gin was on the table. Mr. Stephenson poured it out in three glasses. We only had one apiece. I was there about five minutes, I judge," he said.

Rigdon said Stephenson and Miss Oberholtzer left together.

The defense also attempted to prove through Rigdon that Ann J. Smith and Griffith Dean, Oberholtzer's attorneys, attempted to black mail Stephenson.

Rigdon said he saw Smith in Stephenson's offices shortly before publication of the article.

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### BANDIT GETS \$10,000

Hold-Up Man at Detroit—Dresses as a "Rustic."

By United Press  
DETROIT, Nov. 9.—A "rustic" bandit escaped with \$10,000 cash from a Detroit Savings Bank branch after a hold-up today.

### DUVALL INCOME SHOWN

Report to State Accounts Board Gives Salaries and Fees.

Mayor-elect John L. Duvall, as Marion County treasurer received \$63,397.61 in fees and salary during 1924, a report on file with the State board of accounts shows.

### BUS LINES WARNED

Can Not Discontinue Operation Unless Commission Notified.

Clyde H. Jones, public service commissioner, today warned bus companies not to discontinue operation of any busses without notifying the commission. He said complaints that the Red, White and Blue Bus Company had discontinued its 6 a. m. bus from Lafayette and Indianapolis, would be investigated.

### NEW BRIDGE IS WRECKED

High Waters Sweep Away False Work of Structure.

By United Press  
PETERSBURG, Ind., Nov. 9.—A two months' delay in construction of the new bridge over White River here is in prospect today as a result of flood damage to the false work of the new bridge.

### OFFICIALS HEAR BELL EVIDENCE

Rate Hearing Will Start on Monday.

Mayors and city attorneys from approximately twenty cities sued by the Indiana Bell Telephone Company conferred with Taylor Groninger, special public service commission counsel, today.

Groninger acquainted them with evidence to be presented at the Bell rate hearing which starts Monday.

The hearing follows a year's investigation by the commission to establish the value of the company's property for fixing of rate schedules in Indianapolis and sixty-three other cities.

### FLAPPER FANNY SAYS

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