

## FACTS BACK UP DYING STORY—REMY

### SURVEY SHOWS CITY ENJOYING GOOD BUSINESS

Even Brighter Outlook Seen for Next Year—Freight Volume Gains.

### UNEMPLOYMENT LESS

Collections Improved, Says Association Secretary.

Indianapolis is doing a normal volume of business, and the outlook is bright for 1926, a survey showed today.

"Business conditions are as good here as in other cities of similar size, and in many instances better than in other centers," said Joseph A. Keble, R. G. Dun & Co., mercantile agency district manager.

"Although 1925 started off slow, things have picked up considerably the latter half and people are buying freely. Volume is greater than before the war, but overhead is much higher, reducing the profits. Adjustment of overhead costs will be gradual.

### Less Unemployment

"There is less than 10 per cent unemployment in the city, according to a recent survey of sixteen large factories. Labor situation is much better than last year."

Keble said everyone is optimistic about 1926. He said the improvement in agricultural conditions, especially the bumper corn crop in Indiana, was largely responsible for the pick-up in industry.

A. D. Pendleton, Pennsylvania Railroad division freight agent, said October shipments in this section showed an increase of 18 per cent over October, 1924.

### Railroads Busy

"Movement of freight, both incoming and outgoing, from Indianapolis is good in all directions," Pendleton said. The Pennsylvania has put on an extra class of service on foodstuffs from the South.

John B. Reynolds, Chamber of Commerce secretary, said: "Business conditions have improved materially in every line in the past sixty days. The outlook for 1926 is very gratifying."

"Indications are merchants will do a heavy holiday business this year," said V. L. Wright, Indianapolis Association of Credit Men secretary.

"Collections show a decided improvement. Indications are there will be a steady increase in volume of business next year."

### INDIANA WOMAN HURT ESCAPING

Injuries May Cost Life of West Baden Girl.

By United Press  
AKRON, Ohio, Nov. 12.—Attempt to escape from the woman's detention home here may cost the life of Alma W. Beatty, 20, West Baden, Ind.

In a break for liberty, Miss Beatty was held on a statutory charge, leaped from a third floor window of the home and landed, crushed on the pavement below. She suffered a fractured skull, two fractured wrists and internal injuries.

### WATER RATE CUT ASKED

South Bend Files Lower Schedule With Commission.

The city of South Bend filed a new schedule of lower water rates with the public service commission today.

In a petition the city asked that it be allowed to decrease its rate from 20 cents a hundred cubic feet on the first 500, to 15 cents a hundred on the first 10,000.

### FLAPPER FANNY SAYS

Some fellows feel that lip-stick is bad taste.

### BUYING SHOES FOR SEVENTEEN



Here are Mr. and Mrs. William Koziol of Omaha and their seventeen children. They are, top row, left to right: John, Leon, Kate, William Jr., Rose, George, Virginia, Louis, Elizabeth and Adeline. Bottom row, left to right: Mrs. Koziol, Lucile, Dorothy, Bernice, Loretta, Marie, Joseph and Francis. More children would make American homes happier, according to Mrs. Koziol. The Koziols own their home and are providing each child an education.

### MERCY SLAYER'S JURY DISAGREES

#### Mother Pleads Guilty to Slaying 7-Year-Old Daughter.

By United Press  
SANDUSKY, Ohio, Nov. 12.—Mrs. Mary Keller, who confessed she slew her 7-year-old daughter Mary to "protect her from a life of poverty," pleaded guilty to a charge of first degree murder when arraigned here today.

The middle-aged mother, who was determined "Mary would be permanently fortified against the sufferings I have gone through," was returned to the Erie County jail to await trial.

A special jury will be impaneled and the trial held at an early date, authorities said.

Mrs. Keller confessed she poured acid down the girl's throat and threw the body in a swamp.

#### MERCY IS MOTIVE

Man Confesses He Killed "To Accommodate Victim."

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—Another "mercy murder" was uncovered today. Joseph A. Pickard, 25, confessed he shot Joseph F. Stein, a fellow employee at a hospital here, to accommodate him.

Pickard said Stein had wanted to die for some months because of dependency, but lacked courage to kill himself, and finally asked Pickard to shoot him as a favor. Stein was shot through the heart and died instantly.

### TREAT ELEVEN FOR DOG BITES

Rabies Epidemic Over State, Says Health Officer.

An epidemic of rabies in Indiana is becoming serious, Dr. William F. Kig, secretary of the State board of health, declared today as eleven people from Richmond applied at the Pasteur laboratory for treatment.

They were bitten by a dog about three weeks ago. Those treated were Mrs. Anna Hudson and her four children, Howard, Rosemary, George and Philip; Harry Wood and his two daughters, Elizabeth and Ruth Ellen; Henry A. McDonald and Mrs. Frank Boyer and her daughter, Mary Irene.

Thirty persons have taken rabies treatment this month, Kig said.

He recommended that dogs be muzzled or not permitted to run at large except under leash.

### TERMS REACHED WITH ITALIANS

Debt Funding Arrangement Is Agreed Upon.

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—Treasury Under-Secretary Winston, secretary of the American debt funding commission today announced an agreement for funding the \$2,138,000,000 Italian debt to this country had been reached. The announcement followed a conference of American commission members with President Coglioglio. A formal statement of the terms of the settlement will be issued at 4 p. m. Winston said.

HOURLY TEMPERATURE	
6 a. m.	50
7 a. m.	51
8 a. m.	51
9 a. m.	52
10 a. m.	52
11 a. m.	52
12 noon	53
1 p. m.	54

### Sign Warns Away Office Seekers

ORDERS of office seekers are frequenting the places of business of the councilmen-elect in hopes a word may be said to John L. Duvall, mayor-elect.

To forestall the tide, Dr. Austin H. Todd, new councilman, has placed a sign in his office waiting room, at 2623 Clifton St., as follows:

"Owing to the absence of John L. Duvall, Dr. Todd does not know what consideration will be given him and cannot make and give appointments. So please govern yourself accordingly."

### RAINFALL DUE TO CONTINUE

But Friday Should Be Fair, Says Bureau.

Rain which started at 2 a. m. is due to continue today and possibly through the night, according to the United States weather bureau. Friday should be fair and colder, the forecasters say.

Total rainfall to 7 a. m. was .72 of an inch. The rain is general from the Gulf Coast to the Great Lakes. November rain to date has been heavy, J. H. Armstrong, meteorologist, said. The total is 2.92 inches, while the normal for the month is only 3.52 inches.

Flood stages have been reached on the lower parts of White River.

### FLAMES FOLLOW TUNNEL WRECK

Scores Fighting Fire in Train Ruins.

By United Press  
BOWLING GREEN, Ky., Nov. 12.—Fire is raging in the mile long Louisville and Nashville railroad tunnel between Gallatin and Nashville, Tenn., following a wreck in the tunnel in which a passenger train crashed into a caboose and a string of freight cars, according to information received here this afternoon.

Scores of men are attempting to fight the blaze, which is virtually inaccessible due to the wreckage and smoke, advices said. No one was reported injured.

The passenger train was en route to Cincinnati. Timbers in the tunnel have burned away. The passenger train was pulled to safety.

### FUND CAMPAIGN IS MORE THAN HALF FINISHED

Total of \$407,079 Reached in Drive, Reports Show.

A total of \$407,079.92 has been raised in the Community Fund campaign, it was announced at a noon luncheon of drive workers today at the Claypool. Donations reported for the day were \$98,787.97. The total is well over the half-way mark in the drive.

"Our workers are not disheartened by weather," said Homer W. Borst, executive secretary of the Community Fund. "They have learned that they get more money when it is raining than when the sun shines."

Fred Hoke presided. He urged the workers to keep at the job until the full quota of \$650,000 is raised and the giant clock at Kentucky Ave. and Washington St., which registers the daily progress of the fund strikes 12.

Ernest G. Hesser, school music director, conducted singing that preceded the business session. Miss Lorie Krull was at the piano.

The largest report submitted by division chairmen was by Dick Miller, head of the special gifts committee, who added a total of \$76,672 to the general fund.

### PROBE ALEXANDRIA FIRE

At Least One Arrest Expected Soon In \$25,000 Blaze.

By United Press  
ALEXANDRIA, Ind., Nov. 12.—Arrests are expected today as a result of an investigation of the \$25,000 fire at the Lippincott Glass Company plant recently.

Representatives of the State fire marshal's office have been here for the past several days gathering evidence.

### WIDOW BARES NAVY'S COLLUSION ATTEMPT

Mrs. Lansdowne, Testifying for Mitchell, Charges Effort Was Made to Suppress Her Criticisms.

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—A story of attempted collusion in the Navy's investigation of the Shenandoah disaster was told to the Army court-martial trying Col. William Mitchell today by Mrs. Margaret Lansdowne, pretty widow of the commander who lost his life with thirteen others in the Ohio alrship wreck.

Mrs. Lansdowne's testimony was submitted by Mitchell in an attempt to prove that the Navy "tried to white-wash" the Shenandoah "incident," and that making this charge on Sept. 9, therefore was not misconduct for which he was on trial.

Appearing before the Army court-martial, Mrs. Lansdowne charged:

1. That she had received a communication alleged to be from Capt. Paul Foley, judge advocate of the Navy court investigating the Shenandoah, which suggested what she

2. That this statement would have

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### BODIES OF FOUR TAKEN OUT OF WRECK DEBRIS

Seven Still Imprisoned in Tangled Ruins of Trains Which Collided.

### MANY ARE BADLY HURT

Injured List Expected to Mount Up to Score.

By United Press  
NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Nov. 12.—Two Pennsylvania railroad passenger trains, No. 6, from Pittsburgh and St. Louis, and No. 166, from Washington, D. C., plowing their way to New York under reduced speed through a heavy fog today, collided two miles from Monmouth Junction, N. J.

Four hours after the collision four were known to be dead, seven others were still imprisoned in the wreckage while rescue crews worked furiously with acetylene torches to cut through the steel coaches and release them.

### Many Injured

Seven were known to be in hospitals more or less seriously injured and this list is expected to swell to twenty when all are accounted for.

Two cars were wrecked and the private car of Benjamin McKeen, retired vice president of the road, was damaged. McKeen, on the train, was not among the injured.

### Majority in Berths

While most of the passengers still were in the berths, there was a crash, the cars creaked and crumpled and in a moment the air was filled with cries of injured. Many were pinned in their berths by the crumpling of the two cars on the Washington train.

Relief trains, and doctors and nurses were sent to the isolated scene. Many were treated for shock and were able to proceed during the day to New York.

### NO ONE FROM HERE

Several Indianapolis Persons on Train Before Wreck.

There were probably no Indianapolis persons on Pennsylvania train No. 6, which passed through here from St. Louis at 7:30 a. m. Wednesday, according to J. C. Millsap, division passenger agent.

One Indianapolis man was in the Pullman, but he got off at Pittsburgh, Millsap said. Several day coach passengers from here left the train at Virginia points, he said.

### FIVE INJURED

Street Car and Interurban Crash During Dallas Fog.

By United Press  
DALLAS, Texas, Nov. 12.—Five persons were injured here today when an interurban car collided with a street car in a suburban section. The accident occurred in a heavy fog.

### BUSINESS CRIME MEETING TOPIC

Indiana Credit Men Open Conference Here.

"The growing wave of commercial crime has reached proportions which call for energetic measures of self-protection by business men," declared E. B. Morgan of Chicago, Ill., at the tenth annual conference of the Indiana Association of Credit Men at the Severin today.

The two-day conference opened this morning with a welcome by E. C. Johnson, association president. Letters from Andrew W. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury and Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, endorsing the movement for better protection of credit men, were read.

United States Senator Irvine L. Lenroot of Wisconsin and J. Harry Tregoe, secretary-manager of National Association of Credit Men will speak at a banquet at the Columbia Club this evening.

"My Word Is Law in Indiana," "I've Got Out of Worse Scrapes Than This," Stephenson's Alleged Remarks, Keynote of Prosecutor.

### READS GIRL'S STATEMENT; CITES ITS SUBSTANTIATION

Why Did Gentry, the Nurse Maid, Go on Trip if Madge Went Voluntarily? Is Challenge Hurlled in Bitter Condemnation of Defendants.

By John L. Niblack and William L. Toms

CIRCUIT COURTROOM, NOBLESVILLE, Ind., Nov. 12.—"Madge Oberholzer is dead. She would be alive today were it not for the unlawful act of three men. They have destroyed her body, they tried to destroy her soul and in the last few days they have tried to dishonor her character."

Twelve men—eager, all attention, the jury who will fix the fate of D. C. Stephenson, Earl Gentry and Earl Klineck some time Saturday—heard these words today.

Prosecutor William H. Remy of Marion County was giving the first speech in the closing argument which will bring to a close the long, weary trial of the three men charged with the murder of Miss Oberholzer.

Remy was to be followed by Ira Holmes for the defense. Sixteen hours of argument have been fixed by Judge Will M. Sparks. Then the judge will instruct the jury and the twelve men will retire to decide the verdict.

### "No Defense"

Remy charged that the defendants had no defense.

"Why did they not make an opening statement then?"

"If Madge Oberholzer went on that trip to Hammond of her own free will, why did Gentry go along—Gentry, the nurse maid with his bottle of witch hazel?"

Remy assailed the witnesses who appeared for the defense as members of the "gang who helped Stephenson believe his word was law in Indiana."

"His word may be law in Marion County, but may not be in Hamilton."

Remy branded Klineck as a deputy sheriff whom the people of Marion County had to pay to protect Stephenson.

The youthful prosecutor took as his text Stephenson's remark, quoted in Madge's dying statement: "I have been in tighter fix before and gotten out." Time and time again he referred to it sarcastically.

### Remy's Text

"Wouldn't it be interesting to hear what that tight place was? I'd like to know if he has ever been in a tighter place than now. It would be an interesting story to hear," Remy asked the jury.

"I have been in a worse mess and got out. I am the law," he said on the trip from Hammond, drinking all the way. I suppose he got to feeling pretty big after he had been drinking. With this girl writhing on the cushions beside him. No medical aid except the tender services of Gentry with his bottle of witch hazel and Stephenson with his bottle of milk. A fine pair of medicines those two are!" Remy said sarcastically.

### The Charge

The trio are accused of getting Miss Oberholzer drunk the night of March 15, putting her in a Pullman stateroom on a Hammond (Ind.) train, which Stephenson and Gentry also occupied, attacking and biting her and refusing her medical aid after she had taken poison in a Hammond hotel. The State claims to have established both the theory of "psychological murder," and actual murder in that her treatment shortened her life and that she was recovering from the poison, until an infected wound caused a relapse.

"We have proved the following facts," said Remy, summing up his case. He finished his summary with the statement:

"The delay shortened her life, gentlemen of the jury. It is the law in this State and every other State, if you are dying and every day or one hour, and some one shoots you through the head, be's guilty of murder just the same as if you had been well, because you have a right to the last ten minutes, and even the last ten seconds, of your life, and the law says you have."

"This case is as complete a case as has ever been made in this State. The statement of this girl, and completely corroborated unless you want to take the word, the unsupported word,—of men like Rigdon, who have been up here visiting Stephenson in jail—the old strong armed gang Stephenson relied on when he said 'I am the law' to come out here and swear him out anyway, any how."

"If Madge Oberholzer was the kind of a girl she said she was, she would never have taken poison in the first place. If she were the

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### LEADERS HEAR DUVALL IS TO MAKE CHANGES

"Regular" Headquarters Registers Joy at Appointment Rumors.

Gloom yielded to joy at Republican "regular" headquarters today as alleged tidings filtered in from one of the stopping places of mayor-elect John L. Duvall, who has been in seclusion out of the city, that there will be a readjustment in appointments.

"I've got the straight dope," said John Bankett, colored, Coffin leader. "When Duvall comes back there's going to be changes in the line-up. We're not worrying."

J. F. Rainier, city assessment bureau head, expressed similar confidence.

George V. Coffin, Republican city chairman, was said to be out of the city, but William H. Armitage, Mayor Shank's political director, received a steady stream of callers all morning.

### "Political Suicide"

Duvall was warned by a prominent chieftain he was "committing political suicide," by fleeing and refusing to face the music, it was said at headquarters.

Duvall is in an Indiana city, forty miles from Indianapolis, is the latest rumor. Previously nominated were Danville, Pekin and Chicago, Ill. and Louisville, Ky.

Several parties of Republicans were said to be seeking Duvall in those cities.

Some party workers expressed the belief Coffin had gotten in touch with Duvall and halted future Klan-indorsed appointments.

### Wray Qualified

Duvall's reported declaration that he desires to appoint a city engineer thoroughly qualified technically is believed to work to the advantage of H. G. Wray, track elevator engineer.

M. N. Beebe, present assistant city engineer, backed by the Klan, is considered an engineer of considerable practical experience, but he has not had university training.

Armitage is seeking reappointment of Frank C. Lingenfelter. No new appointments have filtered through from Duvall since announcement Wednesday, he had named L. V. Schneider as his secretary.

### BANDITS TAKE \$40,000 JEWELS

Minneapolis Diamond Merchant Robbed by Pair.

By United Press  
MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Nov. 12.—Two bandits today robbed E. M. Kaufman, diamond merchant, of jewels valued at \$40,000 in an elevator of a downtown office building.

### Million Dollar Letters

List of prize winners in the contest for the best letters in answer to the question, "What would you do with a million dollars?" appears on the back page today.