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Fair tonight and Saturday; much colder tonight, with lowest temperature about 22.

GUNS HALT 8 CONVICTS IN GETAWAY

One Escapes in Sensational Dash for Liberty at State Reformatory — Disappears in Cornfield, Despite Rain of Bullets.

TRY IS MADE AFTER THANKSGIVING DINNER

Nine, Being Returned to Cells, Gain Roof Near Wall by Elevator Shaft in New Building — Spied by Guards.

PENDLETON, Ind., Nov. 27.—Frank Burns, 22, of Portland, Me., prisoner at the Indiana State Reformatory here, was at large today, following a successful dash for liberty Thursday afternoon.

Eight other prisoners were halted by rifle fire of the guards.

Just as the prisoners were marching back to their cells, following a Thanksgiving Day dinner and program, Burns led the eight into a new dormitory under construction near the prison wall. The nine gained the roof by way of the elevator shaft.

Guards patrolling the wall saw the men and commanded them to halt. Eight obeyed but Burns rolled down the roof to the administration building, crawled to the prison wall and dropped thirty feet to the ground. He ran into a nearby cornfield and disappeared as guards opened fire.

Prison officials said a posse of officers had been sent out to scour the country here, but had been unsuccessful.

Burns was sentenced for burglary from Anderson.

TWO SLAIN IN DURKIN SEARCH

Police Sergeant and Taxi Driver Shot to Death.

CHICAGO, Nov. 27.—Sergeant James Carroll and Ben Custer, a taxi driver, were killed and another policeman and civilian were severely wounded here today by four men.

First reports were that the leader of the band was Martin Durkin, the "sheik desperado," who had killed a Federal officer and a policeman in two sensational shooting escapades.

Carroll and Patrolman James Henry were on guard in a saloon on South Halsted St., on a tip that Durkin was in the neighborhood. Near 4 a. m., there was a rap on the door. It was opened and four men rushed in and started shooting. Carroll and Custer fell dead and Henry and Gus Seldner dropped, severely wounded. The quartet escaped.

WOULD MARRY HIM

South Bend Girl Infatuated With "Martin Durkin."

CHICAGO, Nov. 27.—After being introduced to a man whose name was given as Martin Durkin, Anna Epperson, 20, South Bend, Ind., fell in love with him and told him that she was going to marry Durkin.

"I know he is a murderer," the letter said, "but we all have our faults."

Epperson became alarmed and got into communication with Chicago police, who arrested Anna and several men.

The man whom she was going to marry was Sam Albano, Albano was released when he said it was only a joke about his being Durkin. Anna and two men were due in morals court late today.



Ukelele's 'Plinkity Plank' Lands Two Youths in Jail

And Now They're Charged With Being Bold, Bad Hold-up Men.

MUSIC hath soothed the savage beast these many years. Today it helped the law to place Stanley Skinner, 20, of 1727 Hoyt Ave., and Clyde Austermiller, 17, of 2018 Hoyt Ave., "the boy with the smile," in jail, charged with being the bandits responsible for twelve hold-ups of motorists on country roads, in the last three months.

Skinner was to be married in a week and the two lads planned to quit their crime career Jan. 1, police said.

Their arrest came from the love of:

"Plinkity plank and oodle-doodle-doo."

When, as detectives charge, they held up Kenneth Simms, 5938 Broadway, and Edward McDermott, 3355 Park Ave., and robbed them of a diamond ring, watch and \$4.50 in money, they dropped a ukelele and a saxophone, belonging to the victims, in their getaway. They went back to look for the instruments. A. F. Diney, farmer, living near the scene of the hold-up, saw them and gave the license number of their car to State Policeman Clark, who notified detectives.

Arrests followed. A large amount of jewelry, alleged loot, was found at Skinner's home.

Detectives Brickley and Finerman say the youths confessed.

The arrest will result probably in freedom for Edward Moore, 24, city, held in connection with the hold-up of Miss Olive Wells, 2619 N. Illinois St., and Lowell Welch, 164 N. Alabama St. The lads, police said, confessed to this robbery.



Clyde Austermiller



Stanley Skinner

SORROWING EMPIRE HONORS ALEXANDRA

Four Kings and Nine Princes March in Funeral Cortege to Westminster Abbey.

LONDON, Nov. 27.—Royalty, nobility and commoners today joined in a vast tribute to Queen Mother Alexandra, braving a wind and snow storm to witness in reverent silence the martial pomp that marked an empire's sorrow.

From midnight on, men and women stood outside Westminster Abbey, where the popular queen mother was given an unprecedented funeral service in point of size.

Thousands in mourning garb gathered in the heart of London along the funeral route to see her casket pass, honored by the dirges

of military bands and forces of the British army, navy and air service. In the night the route was silent, save for the tramp of sentry feet.

After dawn, snow laid a carpet of white along the funeral path.

Behind the great gun carriage which bore the casket through lanes of sorrowing Britons, four kings and nine princes, of four nations, all relatives, marched in profound grief. Queens of the four countries went to Westminster by another route in a carriage, where the service started at 11 o'clock.

Within the ancient abbey strains of Queen Alexandra's favorite Psalm, "The Lord Is My Shepherd," waited down from the choir as benediction. His words, "He leadeth me beside still waters," were a fitting finale to a life which had been marked by the beauty of peace and generosity.

The usual Anglican ritual was used, except the committal, which will be said tomorrow in the interment services at Windsor, where Queen Alexandra will be buried beside the body of her husband, King Edward.

Chopins Marche Funebre, marked the departure of the Abbey mourners, which included the entire cabinet, members of the diplomatic corps and parliament.

The casket remained. And from 1 p. m. until tonight the humble of the land passed Alexandra's bier.

MURDER ANNIVERSARY

Mrs. Helen Hager Wheelchel Met Death Two Years Ago.

Two years ago tonight Mrs. Helen Hager Wheelchel, 22, pretty widow, was kidnapped near her home, murdered, and her body thrown from the Big Four bridge near Ben Davis.

Mrs. Wheelchel's father, Francis M. Hager, lives at 1554 Appleton St.

The third trial of John Thomas Shaw, colored, charged with her murder, is set on open Jan. 21 at Martinsville.

A new trial was asked after his conviction here, and change of venue taken to Martinsville, resulting in a hung jury.

C. OF C. NOMINATES

Names of Candidates on Ticket One for Directors Given.

Names of candidates on ticket No. One for directors of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce in 1926, were announced today. Election will be held Dec. 8.

Those nominated were: At large, Scott R. Brewer and Paul Q. Richey; civic affairs, William J. Mooney Jr.; freight and traffic, G. M. Williams; industrial, Harold E. Best; retail, Albert S. Goldstein; and wholesale, Ferd L. Hollweg.

MANY PERSONS FLEEING

Chinese General Resists Revolt Against His Power.

PEKING, Nov. 27.—Mukden reports today said the Manchurian war lord, Chang Tso Lin, had assembled 10,000 troops before his palace and had declared his intention to resist the revolt against his power. Many high persons are fleeing from Mukden.

Meantime, the enemy of Chang, General Kuo Sung Lin pushed his forces from Shan Hai Kwan toward Mukden, hampered, however, by wrecked bridges and torn up rails.

TRAIN CRASH IS FATAL

Driver Instantly Killed, Son Escapes Injury.

By Times Special
SPRINGFIELD, Nov. 27.—Peter Sponbauer, 50, was instantly killed Thursday night when the auto which he was driving was struck by a fast Big Four train here. His son, Ferdinand, who was riding with him, was uninjured.

JULIETTA TO SHUT DOORS NEXT MONTH

Arrangements Completed by Superintendent to Move 224 Patients to State Institutions and Their Homes by Dec. 31.

STATE'S CHALLENGE ANSWERED BY COUNTY

Indiana Village of Epileptics to Get 41 Patients — Insane Hospital and Infirmary to Take as Many as Possible.

Removal of the 244 inmates from Julietta, county insane asylum, will start in December, Dr. Benjamin S. Potter, superintendent, announced today.

Marion county commissioners said they will close the institution after Dec. 31.

The county council refused to include an allowance for the operation of Julietta for 1926 and the commissioners would not recommend any funds.

County officials contend it is the State's responsibility to care for its insane.

Potter said forty-one epileptic patients will be sent to the Indiana Village for Epileptics at Newcastle, Ind. Others will be sent to the county infirmary and as many as possible at the Indiana Central Insane Hospital. Potter said. The remainder will be returned to their homes, he said.

"We mean business and unless the State agrees to take over the institution in the meantime, we will not alter our plans," said John McCloskey, president of the commissioners.

"We can't open the doors at Julietta and turn those unfortunate out, but we can place them in some responsible place."

The last Legislature passed a bill accepting Julietta as a gift from the county. Governor Jackson vetoed it.

GERMANY WILL ENTER LEAGUE

Reichstag Also Votes for Security Pact.

BERLIN, Nov. 27.—The German Reichstag today took two far-reaching steps towards insuring peace in Europe when the Government was authorized to sign the Locarno security treaties and to apply for membership in the League of Nations.

The Locarno pact was brought up for final reading and by a vote of 300 to 174 the Government was authorized to sign.

By a vote of 278 to 183, the Government was authorized to apply for League membership.

Motions for lack of confidence by both the nationalists and the communists were defeated.

MELODY TREAT FOR AIR FANS

Times to Broadcast Its Weekly Program.

There will be plenty of melody on the air tonight when The Indianapolis Times broadcasts another program over WFEM, Merchants Heat and Light Company, from the Severin.

Schepp's New York Orchestra, a group of players of real dance music, will play.

The Paramount Four, Indianapolis prize-winning quartet, will sing on this program. John B. Reynolds, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, who acted as one of the judges in the recent Keith-Albee quartet contest, will introduce the four singers.

Al Hoffmeister has prepared a program of popular songs which he will sing. Raymond Cork will be at the Baldwin Grand.

TWO TO REFORMATORY

Third Man Arrested Falls to Appear and \$1,000 Bond Is Forfeited.

James Bradley, 27, colored, and Will Harris, 28, colored, \$11 Pettit John St., each were fined \$100 and costs and sentenced one to two years at the Indiana Reformatory today by Criminal Judge James A. Collins on charge of transporting liquor.

Charles Jackson, colored, 830 N. West St., arrested with the two, failed to appear in court and his \$1,000 bond was forfeited by Anna Jarmon and Nelson Wells.

Feel Bad? Ah, You Ate Five Pieces

If you ate more than four pieces of turkey, duck or chicken Thanksgiving you're due to feel bad for several days.

This was the warning of Dr. Herman Morgan, city board of health secretary today. "The normal person should eat from one to four pieces, according to the appetite," he said. "More than four pieces causes a lesser or greater degree of pain conditioned on the general constitution of the individual."

For hundreds who reported a post-Thanksgiving drowsiness he recommended mild exercise, rest and relaxation.

"And for that sleepy feeling, I guess there is nothing better than sleep," he said.

DUVALL SAYS JOB SPIGOT IS CLOSED TIGHT

No More Appointments Until December, Latest Word.

John L. Duvall, mayor-elect, said today, through L. V. Schneider, his secretary, that he would announce no more appointments until December.

But Mayor Shank said he had been informed reliably that the line-up on five police captains had been decided. Shank said Fred Drinkut and Fred Simon are sure to be re-appointed captains and that Harley Reid and Edward Schubert, former captains, will recover their rank.

George F. Winkler, new Federal prohibition enforcement agent, also is slated for a captaincy, according to Shank.

"News" to Winkler
Winkler, however, said his prospective appointment was "news" to him.

Shank also said the pressure for appointment of Claude Worley, Marion County Criminal Court investigator, as chief of police, with the skip for Claude P. Johnson, is growing under supervision of Judge James A. Collins and George V. Coffin, Republican city chairman.

Later Than Usual
Duvall was later than usual at the county treasurer's office. His appearance was awaited by a long line of job seekers.

The political day is to end with a Ku-Klux Klan meeting at Calvary Baptist Church, Twenty-Third St. and Roosevelt Ave. tonight, where it is said a report of the political committee is to be received.

FLOOD PROGRAM WORK FAVORED
Elevation Official Says County Won't Cause Delay.

County authorities have assured him they will no longer delay flood prevention plans, Harry B. Dynes, South Side Trunk Elevation League vice president, said today.

Dynes said he told the officials, who have held up payment for bridge approaches at Oliver Ave. and Kentucky Ave., and then sought delay confirmation by the board of works of the flood prevention resolution, that their action blocked track elevation program.

Under the contract with the board of works, the Belt Railroad is required to begin track elevation work only when the flood prevention contract has been ratified.

Patrolman Suspended
Admiral Harris Charged With Unbecoming Conduct.

Patrolman Admiral Harris, colored, 2019 Alford St., was suspended today by Acting Captain Ralph Dean on charges of unbecoming conduct.

Sergeant Woolen and squad said they were called to the home of Wayne Carr, colored, 22 W. Eleventh St., who said Harris had beaten him when he found him with Bovey Thomas, colored, 626 E. Wabash St.

BUS PROTEST IS FILED
Truck Operator Charges Another Line Using Same Terminal.

Howard E. Swisher, operator of a motor truck line between Indianapolis and Logansport, filed a protest with the public service commission today against Ora McNamara of Galveston, whom he charges with unlawfully operating another truck line between the same termini.

McNamara, Swisher charges, has never obtained a certificate of convenience and necessity.

ACCOUNTANTS INCORPORATE
Articles of Incorporation for Haight, Davis and Haight, accountants, 812 Hume-Mansur Bldg., were filed today with the secretary of State. Capital stock will be \$25,000. Incorporators are Frank J. Haight, Indianapolis; Arthur M. Haight, Omaha, Neb.; and Frank H. Davis, Indianapolis.

BOWMAN SEEKS NEW BUS ROUTE

Petition Filed for Ravenswood Line.

A. Smith Bowman, president of the Peoples' Motor Coach Company, today petitioned the public service commission to establish a new motor bus route between Monument Circle and Ravenswood, making three applications he now has on file.

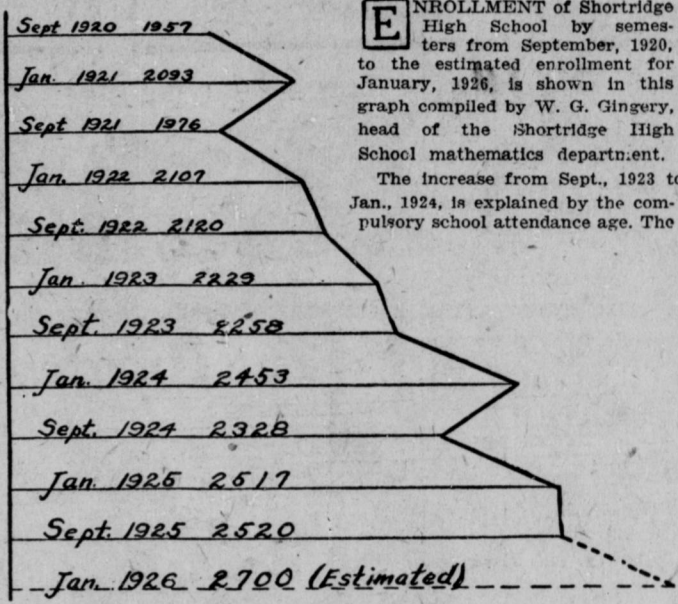
Bowman's application proposes a route which follows the course of his old Guilford Ave. line, denied by the commission. The new route follows: From the Circle east on Market St. to New Jersey St., north to Ft. Wayne Ave., northeast to Central and Boulevard, east to Park, north to Sutherland, northeast to College, north to Thirty-Fourth, east to Guilford, north and east to Bellefontaine, north to Sixty-Third, east to Ravenswood Beach Rd., and return by the same route.

HEARING MAY BE LATER
Attorney's Illness Might Cause Delay in Stephenson Case.

Rearing on a demurrer to the suit for \$9,535 support money filed against D. C. Stephenson, now serving a life term of the Indiana State Prison for the murder of Miss Madge Oberholzer, may not be heard Saturday in Superior Court One because of the illness of Ira M. Holmes, Stephenson's attorney. Holmes is sick at his home with a severe cold, it was reported.

Mrs. Nettie Stephenson Brehm, alleged wife of Stephenson, is seeking to collect the money for the support of Florence C. Stephenson, alleged to be Stephenson's daughter.

Graph Shows Attendance Problem at Shortridge



Shortridge High School enrollments by semesters.

increase from Sept., 1924 to Jan., 1925, is due to many students from other Indianapolis high schools transferring to Shortridge when it seemed probable that a new Shortridge would be erected at Thirty-Fourth and Meridian Sts.

An enrollment of 2,700 is expected in Jan., 1926. Shortridge's capacity is 1,800 pupils and unless immediate action is taken toward building a new school, half-day sessions will be established the first of the year, it is said.

BROWNSBURG MAN DIES
Auto Accident Fatal to Victim at Hospital Here.

John A. Bibbs, 57, of Brownsburg, died today from a fractured skull, at St. Vincent's Hospital as result of an accident at Brownsburg, Nov. 23.

Hospital attaches said Bibbs was knocked from a wagon when it was struck by an automobile.

FOUR ARE DROWNED
Father, Mother, Two Children, Perish in Submerged Auto.

By United Press
BROOKLYN, N. Y., Nov. 27.—Mistaking a pier for the approach to Brooklyn Bridge, Michael Gentile of White Plains, drove his touring car at top speed until it plunged over a string piece into the East River, drowning a father, mother and two children.

Gentile freed himself after the car had sunk. The dead are Antony Bellatoni, his wife, Dominica, their daughter, Edith and son, Anthony.

Will Allow Lesser Plea
Boy to Be Permitted Manslaughter Charge.

Edward Prater, 16, whose trial for the murder of Forest Vandevere, local street car conductor, is scheduled to open Monday at Noblesville, Ind., will be permitted to plead guilty to manslaughter. Prosecutor William H. Remy said today. Prosecutor Remy went to Noblesville this afternoon to confer with Judge Fred E. Hines relative to the case.

Mrs. Van Devere, wife of the deceased, had written a prosecutor Remy asking him to let the boy plead guilty to the lesser charge.

Remy said if Prater is permitted to plead guilty to manslaughter he probably would extend the same opportunity to Lawrence Cottell, 15, held in jail here on an accessory charge. Manslaughter sentence is two to twenty-one years.

BRIAND CALLS IN CAILLAUX
Fallen Leader Is Offered Cabinet Post.

By United Press
PARIS, Nov. 27.—Aristide Briand, the "man of the hour" in France, engaged for a second time this week in trying to form a cabinet, caused considerable surprise this afternoon when he summoned Joseph Caillaux, former finance minister, into conference.

Caillaux's refusal to quit public life led to the unseating of the regime of Premier Paul Painleve, to which a successor is being sought. Four French political leaders have failed in the task.

It is deemed likely that if Briand succeeds in forming a cabinet, Caillaux will be offered the finance portfolio.

Recalled to the task he surrendered earlier in the week, following yesterday's failure of M. Herriot to construct a ministry, Briand was believed to be in a position to present his cabinet, the eighth in his career, to parliament next Thursday.

TRANSFER CASE RESET
Hearing for Increase to Be Heard Week Later.

The public service commission has postponed until Dec. 9, the hearing on application of the Indianapolis Street Railway Company for authority to increase the charge for transfers from 1 cent to 2 cents. Hearing originally was set for Dec. 2.

NEW BREACH OF SCHOOL PACT CITED

Board Officials Charge Meisse Failed to Request County Auditor to Put Off Certification of Shortridge Bond Issue Remonstrance

DELAY ASKED BY TAX ASSOCIATION DIRECTORS

Dunn Says Law Requires Him to Put Matter Before State Body at Once—Two Who Signed Protest Live Out of City, Check Shows

Another violation of agreement by Harry Meisse, secretary of the Indiana Taxpayers' Association, was charged today by board members when County Auditor Harry S. Dunn announced he would certify at once to the State tax board the remonstrance filed by the association against the \$1,200,000 bond issue for the new Shortridge high school.

Directors of the association had agreed to seek a delay in certification of the remonstrance and had told Meisse to request Dunn to hold up the certification, school officials said.

Frank D. Stalnaker, president of the taxpayers association Wednesday instructed Meisse to have the remonstrance held up until after the meeting of the association directors and school board Tuesday, at which it is hoped a compromise may be reached.

Failed to Act
Meisse, school officials said, had not delayed certification of the remonstrance.

Dunn said he was required by law to certify the ordinance at once, according to William H. Book, school business director.

School board members at the meeting Tuesday will insist directors of the Taxpayers' Association appear before the tax board and request withdrawal of the remonstrance, which will delay construction of the new Shortridge building and block the 1826 grade school building program, Book said.

No School Children
At least ten of the eighteen persons who signed the remonstrance do not have children of school age, Book pointed out. Two persons on the list do not have children and do not reside within the city limits.

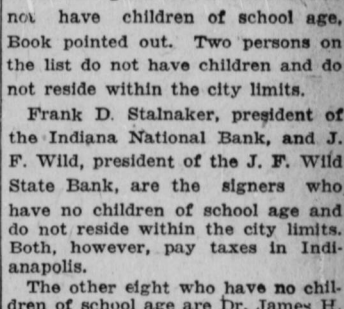
Frank D. Stalnaker, president of the Indiana National Bank, and J. F. Wild, president of the J. F. Wild State Bank, are the signers who have no children of school age and do not reside within the city limits. Both, however, pay taxes in Indianapolis.

The other eight who have no children of school age are Dr. James H. Taylor, 618 Hume-Mansur Bldg., John W. Holtzman, 1541 Consolidated Bldg.; Fred C. Gardner, secretary-treasurer of the E. C. Atkins Company; Martin M. Hugs, 404 Indiana Trust Company; J. P. Frenzel, president of the Merchants National Bank; Fred A. Sims, 1603 Merchants National Bank Bldg.; James Disette, 3176 N. Pennsylvania St., and Henry H. Hornbrook, 3257 N. Pennsylvania St.

Meisse, who presented the remonstrance, also has no children of school age.

It is expected that at the meeting of the Indianapolis Federation of Community Civic Clubs tonight, each (Turn to Page 31)

FLAPPER FANNY says



The dry law finds wine for idle hands to brew.