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CLOUDY tonight with prob-
ably rain or snow, followed
by fair Tuesday, not much
change in temperature.

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PAVEMENTS ICY, POLICE ARREST 26

Officers Say Speeders Brave
Death as Well as
Fines.

NONE KILLED IN CITY

But Three Fatalities Are Re-
ported Over State.

Twenty-six automobile drivers who, according to police, braved not only fines but death on icy Indianapolis streets, were arrested on speeding charges during the week-end.

Police said it was remarkable that no one was killed in Indianapolis. There were dozens of minor accidents in which cars bumped together or crashed into curbs and poles, crushing fenders and breaking off wheels. Broken windshield glass at many corners ruined tires.

Three Dead in State

Three persons were killed in accidents elsewhere in Indiana during the week-end.

The snow, which started about 5 a. m. Sunday and continued in flurries and heavier falls off and on during the day and night, totalled 1.5 inches this morning.

The United States Weather Bureau predicted rain or snow tonight, followed by clear weather Tuesday. Temperature should be about the same as Sunday night, with lowest near freezing, the observers said.

Low temperature during the night was 30 at 8:15 p. m., while the mark at 7 a. m. was 33, just about normal. The snow fell throughout the State, but was not very heavy anywhere.

Among the twenty-six alleged speeders was Howard Curry, 15, of 130 Pleasant St., arrested by Motorcyclist Huggins. He was also charged with being under age. Motorcyclistmen Chawood and Mase, investigating a crash, arrested Blaine Miller, Jr., 16, of 3433 Washington Blvd., on a charge of driving under age.

Others facing speeding charges: Virgil Bear, 20, of 1434 W. Thirty-fourth St.; Wesley Bullock, 20, of 25 N. East St.; Dan Kepner, 22, of 3313 E. Washington St.; George W. Dickey, 41, of Kokomo Ind.; Ruckle Smelberger, 27, 3324 Northwestern Ave.; Richard Higgins, 18, of 2403 N. Talbot Ave.; Merle Bennett, 23, of 1728 Broad way; Harvey Hudson, 30, of 653 Congress Ave.; Arthur Basesy, 24, of 534 E. North St.; Henry Webb, 35, of 850 N. Meridian St.; Harry Langdon, 23, of 725 N. Delaware St.; Russell Bosart, 28, of 5728 Yowell Ave.; Mrs. Gordon A. Grant, 32, of 3008 W. Michigan St.; M. F. Courtney, 23, of 1141 River Ave.; Edward Wreck, 24, of 495 N. Linwood Ave.; Jerry Morris, 22, of 2026 N. Olney St.; B. Baty, 46, of R. R. M.; R. L. Husson, 29, of 5507 College Ave.; Roscoe Willis, 22, of 742 Drexel Ave.; Lon Kellams, 29, of 3011 W. Washington St.

George Bennett, 17, of 3002 Eng. Ave.; M. E. McDonald, 30, Plainfield, Ind.; J. H. Whitlock, 26, of 1338 Ashland Ave.; Charles Chevrolet, 18, of 23 W. Thirty-sixth St. and Purcell Jones, 25, Bedford, Ind.

Ray McCarty, 34, of 1229 Prospect St., was held on charges of driving while intoxicated and vehicle taking. Elmer Yates, 25, of 930 E. Georgia St., was held on charges of assault and battery and driving without proper brakes.

Baby Injured
Paul Frederick, one-year-old son of Oden Frederick, 1513 Shelby St., was injured about the head when his father's auto collided with one driven by Theodore Rebennack, 1112 S. Belmont Ave., at Troy Ave. and Carson St. The baby was taken to the city hospital for treatment.

E. E. Ballard, 24 1/2, Massachusetts Ave., Apt. 19, slipped while boarding a street car and broke his left arm at the wrist.

Daniel McCummary, living at the College of Missions, Irvington, was taken home injured about the head when an auto driven by Charles Mount, 1021 Lexington Ave., struck (Turn to Page 13)



If ignorance is bliss, plenty of flappers should never be unhappy.

He-Mannequins Appear

By Times Special
LONDON, Nov. 30.—"He-mannequins" appeared today at the London male fashion show. Latest inspiration of tailors, while young "men-about-town" sipped cocktails and talked critical about the "creations."

Trousers remain wide. Coats are a trifle less close. Overcoats are military. Double-breasted waistcoats disappeared, though double-breasted jackets maintained their popularity.

ARMY AND NAVY BUNGLES CITED BY COMMITTEE

House Investigators Find
Mitchell Is Right in His
Charges.

By William J. McEvoy
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WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—A charge that the high commands of the Army and Navy have retarded aviation development, concurrence in many of the criticisms voiced by Col. William Mitchell and recommendation for a single department of national defense are the salient features of the report of the House aircraft committee, as drafted, it was learned today.

Besides obtaining approval of his proposal for a merger of the national defense organizations, Mitchell will receive the committee's wholehearted support for his charge that the nation is without an adequate defense system.

The committee will disagree with testimony by high ranking officers that the United States is on a parity with other nations in air strength and that lack of funds has caused inadequacies that may exist. In relative air standing the United States will be ranked not higher than third nor lower than fifth. Official figures will be cited to show that only 10 per cent of expenditures during the last five years have gone toward new and remodeled planes.

The report will bristle with criticisms of the high commands for their lack of recognition of air power and charge that the Army and Navy have been backward in realizing the possibilities of aviation as a combat arm.

FATHER KILLS OWN SON

Lad Dies After Being Accidentally
Shot on Hunting Trip.

By Times Special
WINCHESTER, Ind., Nov. 30.—Sadness enshrouds the home of Chester Calce here today.

Chester, 12, died from gunshot wounds re-lived when his father, aiming at a rabbit, slipped, and the charge tore a hole in the boy's side.

PRATER GIVES REMY

Youthful Bandit Gets Short
Sentence in Return for
Information.

By Times Special
COBLESVILLE, Ind., Nov. 30.—Edward Prater, 16, of 1637 Deloss St., Indianapolis, escaped the electric chair today by telling Prosecutor William H. Remy about conditions in two Indianapolis pool rooms.

The youth was sentenced to two to twenty-one years at the Indiana State Reformatory on a plea of guilty to manslaughter. He was charged with the murder of Forest Van De Vere, Indianapolis street car conductor, in a hold-up last January.

Prater admitted he had looted around poolrooms in his neighborhood.

Three Murders

"Three murders have been committed by boys during the last few months and they all hung around poolrooms," Remy said. Prater, after being sentenced, made a long statement under oath, which Remy will use in a probable investigation.

Mrs. Van De Vere, widow of the slain man, was not in court. She had interceded for the youth, asking that he not be sentenced to death. The case was venue from Marion County. The lad had been in jail here since last spring.

Prater appeared in court with a new necktie, his shoes shined and his clothes freshly pressed.

Attorney Frank Baker entered his plea of guilty for him.

Mother Happy

Mrs. William Prater, the youth's mother, a sister and brother were in court. The mother appeared happy that her son faced probable release in two years.

Judge Fred E. Hines passed sentence.

Lawrence Cottle, 16, of 1537 Deloss St., Indianapolis, Prater's alleged accomplice in the hold-up, is in Marion County jail, awaiting trial Dec. 15, on charges of being an accessory.

GARY NOW 'FIRST' CITY

Bigger Than Indianapolis in Area, After Annexation.

By Times Special
GARY, Ind., Nov. 30.—Gary's annexation of thirteen square miles, by action of city council in a secret meeting, brings its total area up to sixty-four 1/2 miles.

This makes Gary the largest city in Indiana, outranking Indianapolis, in territory.

BUSSES VIE WITH CARS IN CIVILITY

Courtesy by Drivers and
Street Railway Employees
Marked.

RESULT OF HOT FIGHT

Children, Old Persons Get
Especially Attention.

Competition in courtesy! Business of bus drivers stopping in the middle of a block to let elderly persons off in front of their homes because it is raining!

Sight of street car conductors actually helping mothers with babes in arms off and on!

This is one of the results of the battle of rubber tired and iron wheeled conveyances for supremacy on Indianapolis streets.

The Indianapolis Street Railway Company started it several years ago when the late Dr. Henry Jameson became head of the street railway directors, with the express idea of bettering the public feeling toward the utility.

Started at First

A. Smith Bowman, president of the People's Motor Coach Company, wrote courtesy into his policy from the minute he invaded the transportation field Dec. 18, 1923.

Every two weeks Bowman has a meeting of his drivers and stresses his policy of loyalty to the company and courtesy to the public.

One-seventh of Bowman's passengers are school children. Drivers are instructed to take special care in handling them. Bowman points to the practice of many mothers who send very young children for a couple of round trips in the bus of an afternoon when they need a rest.

Efforts by Railway

The Street Railway Company continues to make special efforts to drill the idea of courtesy into employees. Signs are posted in conspicuous places in cars asking that any discourteous treatment be reported at once to company officials. Of recent times it is no unusual sight to see a street car halted while the conductor assists a blind man, aged person or some child to safety.

Both street car and bus employees are drilled in safety first ideas and traffic laws and regulations.

MINERS AWAIT

'PEACE' REPLY

Pinchot's Proposals Accepted by Workers.

By Times Special
HARRISBURG, Pa., Nov. 30.—The scale committee of union anthracite miners was to convene at 4 p. m. today to receive any reply anthracite mine operators may make to their acceptance of Governor Pinchot's "peace plan."

Miners Sunday accepted the proposals for ending the strike and it is up to the operators to decide whether there shall be an immediate resumption of production.

It was announced that the miners stood ready to meet the operators in joint conference at any time to reach an agreement.

Resumption of mining would follow as soon as possible after such an agreement and would be speeded, but the fact that one of the Governor's proposals provides for settlement of the wage dispute by a board of arbitration.

CHAPMAN WRIT

BATTLE STARTS

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CHARGES CHICKEN; HURT

Man Collides With Fence Post Injuries May Be Fatal.

By Times Special
LOANSFORT, Ind., Nov. 30.—Henry Bandow, 50, is lying at the point of death in a hospital here today as the result of colliding with a fence post while chasing a chicken.

Winter, But It Didn't Last



Sara Bartle, 5, of 3818 N. Illinois St., and Norman Thompson, 4, of 3844 N. Illinois St., were among Indianapolis children who took advantage of the snowy streets early today.

BUT THOMPSON SAYS COUNCIL IS NOT SANTA

City Officials Hope to De-
plete Municipal
Coffers.

Ben H. Thompson, city council president, today believes the old proverb "if you give them an inch, they'll take a mile," holds good in municipal affairs.

Thompson with holiday good fellowship, Saturday announced the end of the councilmanic rebellion and said the special meeting tonight would clean up ordinances hanging fire, particularly an appropriation of \$4,200 to the street cleaning department.

The result was that administration officials have swamped the city controller's office with proposed city laws designed to extract money from the coffers. Here are some of the "gimme" requests:

Bond issue of \$900,000 for flood prevention; \$30,000 for the city's half of the Meridian St. bridge across the canal; \$13,000 for canal bridge at Blackfoot St.; \$61,000 for connecting link paving of Floyd Ave.; \$11,000 for fire engine house site at Illinois and Forty-sixth St.; \$10,000 for judgment received by the Columbia Construction Company; \$4,200 to street cleaning department, and \$2,000 to the city engineer's department.

"But they'll find city council is not Santa Claus," Thompson predicted.

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APPOINTMENT IS MADE

New Membership Secretary at Chamber of Commerce.

Appointment of Charles N. Barr of Des Moines, Iowa, as membership secretary of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce to succeed Morris E. Floyd, whose resignation became effective today, was announced by John E. Reynolds, Chamber secretary. Floyd has gone to a New York concern.

Barr, formerly membership secretary of the senior Chamber and executive secretary of the Junior Chamber of Commerce at Des Moines. For thirteen years he was a teacher.

STEPHENSON TO FILE REQUEST

First Retrial Plea to Be Made
to Judge.

Request for a retrial of D. C. Stephenson, serving a life term in Indiana State Prison for murder of Miss Madge Oberholzer, Indianapolis, will be filed with Judge Will M. Sparks soon, though no definite date has been fixed. It was announced today by Eph Inman, chief defense attorney.

Charges that Judge Sparks, who presided at the trial, erred in admitting certain evidence for the State and in refusing to admit defense testimony, that he made a reversible error in refusing to read to the jury some of the 161 instructions the defense offered, and that the verdict is against the law of murder, probably will be cited to Judge Sparks as reasons why he should order a new trial.

In case the judge refuses, the transcript will be taken to the Supreme Court for review. If the higher tribunal decides there was reversible error, the lower court will be ordered to hold another trial. The transcript of objections alone covers ninety-six pages.

'MA' DEMANDS FOE QUIT JOB

Publisher Charged With
Serving Drinks to Guests.

By Times Special
AUSTIN, Texas, Nov. 30.—Governor "Ma" Ferguson today requested by letter the resignation of Amos O. Carter, Ft. Worth Record-Telegram publisher as a director of West Texas Technical College. Carter is said to sympathize with the movement to impeach her.

In her letter Governor Ferguson said she understood Carter "littered up a building in the old-fashioned bar room way, providing a bar with a foot rail and the saw dust on the floor," and that behind the bar, you had a man dressed in the old-fashioned bartender white apron style.

"I am informed you invited some two or three hundred guests and to those who came, you dispensed drinks, that were, to say the least, stimulating." The letter also charged Carter with giving away souvenir cans "in which there was a hidden vial, some thirty inches long that contained approximately one pint of beverage."

SHOPLIFTING CHARGED

Veldah Lamberton, 30, of 21 W. Sixteenth St., an alleged shop lifter, was arrested today by Quigley-Hyland Detective Agency operatives in a downtown store, and charged with petit larceny.

STOVE BREAKS LEG

William Strenge, 26, of 725 N. Capital Ave., is suffering with a broken leg today received Saturday at 1228 N. Alabama St., when a stove which he and Orville Horton, 1278 W. Twenty-sixth St., were carrying, fell.

HOURLY TEMPERATURE

6 a. m.	32 1/2	10 a. m.	35
7 a. m.	33 1/2	11 a. m.	37
8 a. m.	34 1/2	12 noon	41
9 a. m.	34 1/2	1 p. m.	42

NONPARTISAN SURVEY BOARD TO BE NAMED

Duval Says Business Men
Will Suggest Changes in
Government.

Mayor-Elect John L. Duval today indicated his committee of five men to survey and suggest improvements in the present municipal government will be non-partisan.

At his home, 6242 College Ave., Duval received several Republican leaders in the morning. He was to be at the county treasurer's office in the afternoon.

"For instance, I have in mind a manufacturer, a Democrat, who was a \$75 a month bookkeeper when I came to Indianapolis," Duval said. "I wish the business men I appoint to survey with a view of improving efficiency."

Duval said he had entrusted investigation of suitable committee members to L. V. Schneider, his secretary, and indicated Schneider would occupy a position of greater responsibility than have mayor's secretaries in the past.

Conferences and consideration of appointments will occupy Duval's time this week.

SCHOOL BOARD ASKS CITIZENS TO ATTEND

Want Shortridge Backers to
Go Before Tax Session
Saturday.

Representatives of organizations and citizens interested in the fight on the remonstrance against the new Shortridge High School were urged by Indianapolis school board members today to appear in a body before State tax board Saturday at 9:30 a. m.

The remonstrance, filed by the Indiana Taxpayers' Association, will be heard at that time.

School officials believe hundreds will be present.

Ask Inspection

Charles R. Yoke, school board president, and William H. Book, business director, asked John J. Brown, tax board chairman, to have the board's engineer examine the plans and specifications for the new Shortridge. Book said the purpose was to prevent delay on the remonstrance.

Brown told Book that Walter T. Horne, tax board engineer, already was at work on the plans and specifications.

The Science Club at a meeting at noon adopted a resolution declaring that the taxpayers' association has done "serious injury to Indianapolis schools" and urging that the remonstrance be withdrawn.

E. L. Godsmith was named chairman of a committee to investigate the State tax board. A delegation will attend the hearing, it was decided.

Preliminary plans to bring the question before Shortridge High School students were to be worked out by teachers. The faculty plans to have the question of school development presented to each English and public speaking class.

Parents to Meet

Looking toward definite support of the school board, it was learned that meetings of various committees of the Shortridge Parent-Teachers' Association will be held this week.

Members of the school board, Taxpayers Association directors and remonstrance signers will meet in conference at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday to discuss the remonstrance.

THREE ARE KILLED

By Times Special
FEZ, Morocco, Nov. 30.—Three persons were killed, twenty injured, to airplanes damaged and part of French aviation headquarters destroyed by a cyclone Sunday.

ONE DIES; SCORE ESCAPE

Engineer Killed; Twenty School Children Escape Death.

By Times Special
IOWA CITY, Iowa, Nov. 30.—Tom Murphy, 53, engineer of the third of four locomotives, was killed and a score of school children in a passenger coach attached to a Rock Island freight train narrowly escaped death today, when the train was derailed on a sharp curve near here.

MINISTERS ARE WARNED

Georgia Methodists Required to Abstain From Tobacco.

By Times Special
MACON, Ga., Nov. 30.—A warning to ministers who "smoke on the sly," was issued Sunday to delegates attending the north Georgia conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, south. Ministers are required to take a pledge that they will abstain from tobacco.

SEVEN NATIONS TO SIGN

Locarno Treaties Get Signatures
Tuesday.

By Times Special
LONDON, Nov. 30.—Statesmen representing Germany, Great Britain, France, Belgium, Italy, Czechoslovakia and Poland will sign the Locarno treaties at the foreign office Tuesday while movie cameras record the incident. The treaties amount to a charter of peace for western Europe.

NEW BOARD SECRETARY

Real Estate Organization Names
Successor to Hotel.

Robert MacGregor, a realtor, has been named executive secretary of the Indianapolis Real Estate Board to succeed Henley T. Hotel, who becomes real estate manager of Washington Bank and Trust Company Dec. 10.

For several years MacGregor has been active in real estate circles, Frank E. Gates, president, said.

WIFE DEAD; MATE SHOT

Authorities Probe Tragedy in Clinton
Home.

By Times Special
CLINTON, Ind., Nov. 30.—Authorities were trying today to place responsibility for the tragedy in which Mrs. Millard Clinton, 45, died from bullet wounds and her husband is suffering of a bullet wound in the brain.

It is believed that Mrs. Clinton, suffering from a mental aberration, shot her husband and then fatally wounded herself.

'DAMN ROT' EXPUNGED

Mitchell Juror's Remark Is Stricken
From Record.

By Times Special
WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—On motion of Representative Frank R. Reid, counsel for Col. William Mitchell, the jury of generals trying Mitchell for "misconduct" today expunged from its records the "damn rot" incident of last Friday. Brig. Gen. Edwin L. King, a juror, applied the epithet to Reid's tactics during cross-examination of a prosecution witness.

He Doesn't Mind Being Mayor

SOMETIMES I say I wouldn't like to be here four more years, but really I would," said Mayor Shank today.

Department heads had briefly reviewed Shank administration accomplishments of four years in cabinet meeting.