

DRY AGENTS "CLEAN UP" EVANSVILLE

50 BODIES ARE TAKEN FROM MINE

Hope That Life Exists Among Workers Still Below Is Abandoned.

FRESH CREWS DESCEND

Cause of Blast Fatal to 60 Yet Undetermined.

By United Press
BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 11.—With estimates of the deaths running as high as sixty, fresh rescue crews went into the depths of the Overton No. 2 mine today in search of additional bodies of miners killed in a gas explosion.

All night long workers, stimulated by cups of steaming coffee, cooked at small stoves set up at the mine mouth, labored to remove some of the debris and at noon had brought the bodies of seven whites and forty-five negroes to the surface.

Officials of the mine believe that two whites and some negroes still remain below.

No Hope of Life
Groups of sorrowing relatives of the miners remained on the scene. It was bitter cold.

There was no hope that any of the miners still below the surface are alive.

The cause of the explosion has not been determined.

Five were seriously injured and only fifteen escaped alive. Estimates of the number in the mine at the time of the blast varies from ninety to 100.

Blast Story Told

T. C. Yarbrough, one of the miners, who managed to escape alive, told of the excitement that prevailed when the explosion rocked the mine.

"There was a tremendous crash and deafening concussion, which knocked us to our knees," he said. "Eleven men working near me were thrown into a panic. We ran into the second layer, but were prevented from going farther by the air fan. So we returned to the air vent and stayed there until the rescue crew came upon us."

The officers fired when Perkins broke from them and ran, after they had arrested him on a charge of being a fugitive from a forgery charge at Bloomington, Ind., they testified at the inquest Thursday.

STEPHENSON TO FILE HIS MOTION

Hearing on Retrial Plea Will Be Saturday.

Attorneys representing D. C. Stephenson, convicted by a Noblesville, Ind., of murdering Miss Madge Oberholtzer, Indianapolis, expect to file a motion late this afternoon asking a retrial, they said today.

Judge Will M. Sparks will come from his home in Rushville, and the ex-Klan leader will be brought under guard from his job as chairmaker at the Indiana State Prison for the arguments, which will be heard Saturday.

If overruled by Judge Sparks, the defense will carry its fight for a retrial to the Supreme Court, it has been announced. If Judge Sparks should be convinced by the defense that he erred and orders a retrial, Stephenson probably will be held in the Noblesville jail until the trial.

PLAN LOAN FOR DUVALL

New Mayor Will Find \$500,000 Needed for Treasury.

City officials are aiding in plans to draft a temporary loan of \$500,000 for the Duvall administration to pay salaries and current expenses, it became known today.

The loan would be for at least five months until city taxes are received.

TO PLAN NURSES' HOME

Methodist Hospital Committee Will Meet to Select Site.

John N. Carey, chairman of the building committee for the new \$300,000 nurses' home of Methodist hospital, contemplated by trustees, announced a meeting next week to select a site.

Santa Claus Is Kept on the Jump

Folks Who Want to Help Needy Families Are Numerous.

THE Times Santa Claus feels like the old lady who lived in a shoe and had so many children she didn't know what to do. Only The Times Santa has so many good Brownies he doesn't know what to do. Good old generous Indianapolis! If The Times could print twice as many families a day, there'd be twice as many Brownies calling in to help these needy folks this Christmas, wanting to provide Christmas baskets, toys, warm clothing, and personal cheering. Ain't it a grand and glorious feeling?

The Times Santa has nine orders for old couples and families of two and three. Never mind, these orders will be filled pronto, for reinforcements are coming up, and The Times Santa is digging into the list to help out folks who didn't ask for the family they wanted in time. But we'll have loads and loads of families who won't have any Christmas without you, good Brownies, so keep right on calling Main 3500 for Santa. Every day we are printing a fresh list and descriptions of families who can't count on Christmas extras, whose Christmas cheer has been cut off their budget because of illness, lack of work, unforeseen emergencies that have taken their all too small savings. Families of little tots hopelessly expecting old St. Nick to climb down their chimneys, or in their windows Christmas eve. All these families are recommended to us through the Christmas clearing house, which works each year to see that all families have their share of Christmas joys and that there are no duplications. The families are listed by number, and when you have found the family you want to play Santa Claus to this Christmas, giving yourself the pleasure of giving them pleasure and bringing the sparkle back to their eyes, call The Times Santa Claus, and the name and address of the family will be given you. Then the rest of the job is all yours. The Times leaves it entirely up to you to take care of your family.

Will one of the needy families described on Page 2 today be yours this Christmas?

METHODIST NURSES RESIGN IN PROTEST

Sixty Leave Hospital Because of Long Hours, Says Class President—Only 15 Out, Reports Superintendent.

Methodist Hospital authorities today said they consider as strikers a group of nurses who resigned from the hospital force in protest against the hours of work.

Sixty upper-class nurses have resigned, according to Miss Grace Whitner, senior class president, because they are forced to work twelve hours in short shifts.

Dr. George Smith, superintendent, said only fifteen nurses had failed to report for work today and said he expected many of that number to return.

The hospital will not be crippled and sick will not suffer, he said.

Miss Frances S. McMillan, Nurses Training School superintendent, said eight of the nurses had resigned. All who quit will be considered strikers, she said.

Upper class nurses threatened to walk-out Nov. 14 when the present work schedule went into effect, but were urged by staff doctors to wait until trustees act, Miss Whitner said. The board Nov. 23 notified the nurses the new schedule would be given a longer trial.

Later the nurses mailed protests to Indianapolis Methodist ministers. Hospital authorities said the girls

PUSH ROAD BODY CASE, IS VERDICT

Legislators Give Views in Symposium Conducted by Times.

AGAINST EXTRA SESSION

Strong Element Has Confidence in Commission.

Twenty-five early replies to a symposium conducted by the Indianapolis Times' to determine the attitude of members of the Indiana General Assembly with respect to the State Highway Commission reveal the following general facts.

1. That almost one-half of the Legislators believe there is basis for a thorough and immediate settlement of the charges brought against that body.

2. That a strong element has thorough confidence in the commission.

3. That a large number believe there should be no additional delay in the trial of members of the commission on indictments returned by the Marion County grand jury.

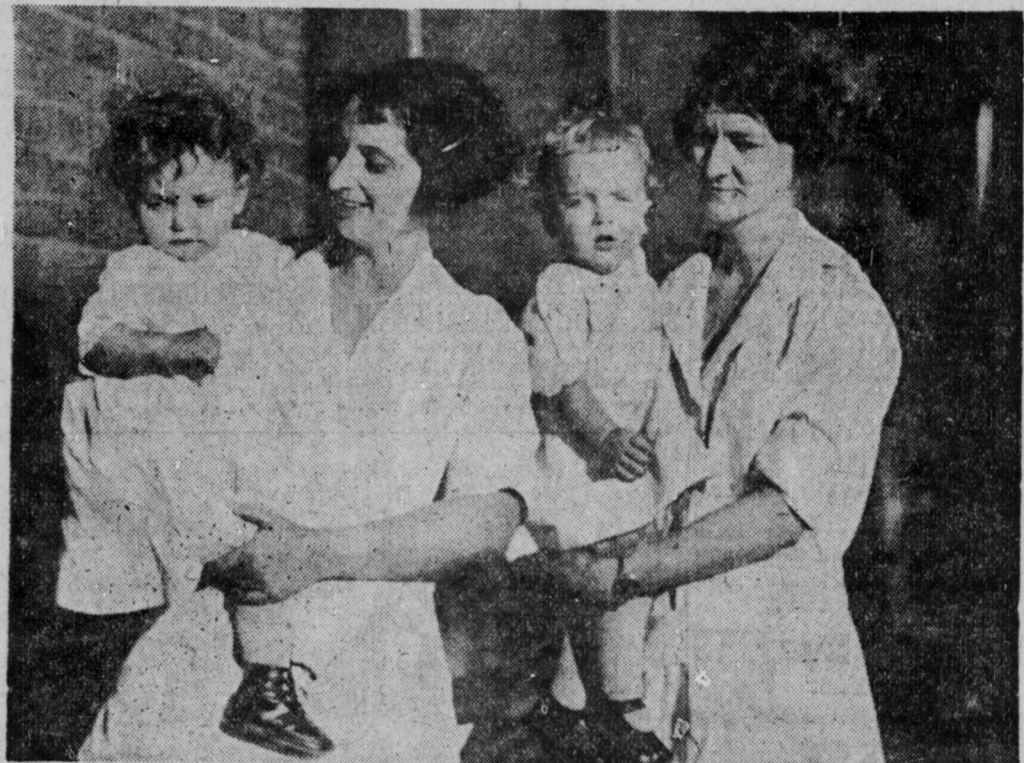
4. That less than 25 per cent of the Legislators are willing to go so far as to favor a special session of the Legislature to investigate the body.

Nineteen legislators oppose the special session, while five favor it, if necessary.

Ten expressed satisfaction with the commission while nine condemned it. Five were neutral.

Those openly opposing a special session were: Senators Robert L. Moorhead (R.), Howard A. Cann (R.), L. G. Bradford (R.), George L. Saunders (D.), Joseph W. Cravens (D.), C. Leroy Leonard (R.), Will Brown (R.), J. Francis Lochard (D.), and William T. Quillen (D.). Representatives Mrs. Elizabeth H. Daugherty (R.), Oliver P. La Fuzze (R.), T. A. Gottschalk, Speaker Harry G. Leslie (R.), J. G. (Turn to Page 2)

SCORES ARE HEROES IN RESCUE OF BABIES FROM FIERY HOME



Above: Left to right, Miss Martha J. O'Connor and Miss Helen Doyle with two of the babies they rescued. Below: Ruins of the St. Elizabeth's Orphanage.

AH, MAYOR WAS 'KIDDING' SHANK IS UNDECIDED

Wouldn't Leave Indianapolis for \$10,000 Manager Job.

"You bet I told them about the city manager proposition," said Mayor Shank today upon his return from Cincinnati, where he addressed Rotary Club members on Thursday.

However, Shank admitted he was "kidding" when he said he'd take the job a \$10,000 a year.

"Why, I wouldn't leave Indianapolis for that!"

HOURLY TEMPERATURE
6 a. m. 36 10 a. m. 47
7 a. m. 37 11 a. m. 51
8 a. m. 39 12 (noon) 55
9 a. m. 43

Has Not Picked New Park Board Member.

Mayor Shank said today he had reached no decision as to whom he will name to succeed Emsley W. Johnson on the city park board. Johnson will take the place of Charles A. Bookwalter, board president, whose resignation, submitted Thursday on account of ill health, will take effect Dec. 19.

SUPERIOR JUDGE QUILTS
Governor Jackson today received formal notice of the resignation of Lenn J. Oare, judge of the St. Joseph County Superior Court No. 2. Several applications for the appointment have been received.

St. Elizabeth's Orphanage

Near Beech Grove Is Destroyed by Fire.

Twenty-one babies, ranging from 2 weeks to 3 years of age, rescued from St. Elizabeth's orphanage, Churchman Ave. and Bradbury St., destroyed by fire Thursday night, were safe today in a two-story house on Twenty-Sixth St., near St. Vincent's hospital.

It was their fourth home since the fire. They were first taken to the home of Mrs. Carl Bailey, across from the orphanage. They were later taken to the St. Francis hospital where they spent the night. They were removed to the north side home today.

It is not known how soon the orphanage will be rebuilt, according to Father Bernard Sheridan, in (Turn to Page 10)

POISON TAKEN BY COUNCILMAN

Buchanan Tells Police He Drank Potion by Mistake.

Heydon W. Buchanan, city councilman and undertaker, was recovering at his home today from drinking embalming fluid early today. Buchanan was recently appointed Democratic member of the board of safety under Mayor-elect John L. Duval.

Buchanan told Motorpolice men Tague and Ferguson that he had been feeling badly and mistook the fluid for medicine.

STABBER AGAIN ACTIVE

Appearance of "Phantom" Reported in Bridgeport.

By United Press
BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 11.—Another appearance of Bridgeport's "phantom stabber" was reported to police at noon today.

They believed maniac who has attacked more than a score of young girls here during recent months, last night drew his stiletto on Alice Driscoll, 16, as she was walking to her home. Alice screamed and ran. She slipped and fell to her knees just as her attacker's stiletto sank harmlessly through her heavy coat. Alarmed at her outcry the stabber sped away.

Thirty-Nine Are Taken in Federal Net as Raiders Descend on City With Warrants—Visit Follows Long Investigation.

SCORE OF U. S. MEN JOIN IN BIG EFFORT

One of Series of Drives Made in State—No Notice Given to City or County Authorities—Expect More Than Fifty Arrests.

By Times Special
EVANSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 11.—Twenty Federal prohibition agents today started one of the biggest clean-up drives in Indiana in the last three years. It is expected that more than fifty persons will be arrested in raids on about thirty-five soft drink places and private residences.

Thirty-nine men and women had been arrested up to 12:30 p. m. Among those arrested was Peter Zerkelbach, city policeman, found in a lunch room. Zerkelbach said he saw officers raiding the place and went in to help them. He was held.

Raids Continue
Fred Measer Sr. and Mrs. Fred Measer Jr., father and wife of Fred Measer Jr., Republican notary in the city election last spring, charged with election fraud, were arrested. Young Measer, custodian of the courthouse, was expected to be arrested later. Raids were continuing, with twenty-six persons yet to be apprehended. Among those arrested half a dozen were old violators, some having been arrested earlier in the week by county authorities.

The biggest haul occurred when a squad returning from Princeton ran on to an automobile with 190 gallons of alcohol, which, it was charged, Ingram Reid was bringing from Chicago.

Every available agent in Indiana arrived here this morning and started on a series of raids, expected to end Saturday, under direction of Group Chief George Winkler.

The raiders made their headquarters in the Federal Bldg. here and started the first raids without giving notice to either city or county authorities.

Negroes Arrested
An automobile containing 190 gallons of alcohol was found deserted on the street by the Federal men and two negroes had been arrested at an early hour.

Under the direction of Deputy Administrator A. R. Harris, weeks have been spent in preparation for the raids. Agents have purchased liquor in a number of places in the last three weeks and all evidence is now in the hands of Federal authorities at Indianapolis.

Agents have orders to seize all liquor and apparatus that can be found, despite the fact that the evidence has been obtained.

It is thought the persons will be arraigned following their arrest before a United States commissioner and bound over to the Federal grand jury.

One of Series
This is one of the series of drives to be made in Indiana by the prohibition department in its efforts "to clean up Indiana." It will be the termination of a daily campaign for the last month in the hills and outlying districts in southern Indiana.

This will be first sizeable clean-up since reorganization of the Federal dry forces. The last big raid was made about three years ago when agents descended on Gary and arrested more than fifty persons.

FOREIGN AIR POWER TOLD

Central America 'Tied Up,' Court Informed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Plans and schedules of foreign owned air companies which have obtained control of air ways surrounding the Panama Canal, were retailed by Maj. George V. Strong, of the Army General Staff at the court-martial today, of Col. William Mitchell. "Strong declared that a French company had obtained exclusive air concessions in Guatemala, and that a German concern had 'tied up' the best Central America-to-United States airway with bases in Key West, Cuba, Mexico and Colombia."

WIFE-SLAYER CONVICTED
Life Imprisonment Faced by Tell City Man.

By Times Special
CANELTON, Ind., Dec. 11.—Joseph Schoenberger, 43, of Tell City, Ind., today faced life imprisonment at the Indiana State Prison. A jury late Thursday found him guilty of second degree murder in connection with the death of his wife in a drunken brawl.

JOHN BULL AND TURKS TALK WAR

Threats of Hostilities Come Out of Scrap Over Mosul District.

BATTLE JESTURE MADE

English Boats Ordered to Dardanelles, Report.

By Times Special
GENEVA, Dec. 11.—Threats of war came out of the British-Turkish scrap for control of the rich Mosul oil district in northern Mesopotamia today.

British naval crafts have been ordered to the Dardanelles from Malta, in a preparedness posture, it is reported here.

Turkish delegates to the League of Nations hearing on the dispute refused to attend the session yesterday and further sessions have been postponed indefinitely.

The spokesman of the Turks is quoted as saying that Turkey would abide by no decision contrary to Turkish interests.

"WE'LL FIGHT"
British Colonial Secretary Gives Country's Sentiments.

By Henry Wood
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GENEVA, Dec. 11.—"If war is forced on us England will maintain her rights as she has always done," declared Colonial Secretary William S. Amery, in an exclusive interview with the United Press today. He was discussing the situation surrounding the League of Nations efforts to reach a decision as to the future control of the Mosul district.

"The British government," he continued, "is not pursuing an aggressive policy, is not seeking fresh territorial responsibilities nor a war, but if war is forced as a result of responsibilities already assumed, she will fulfill her duty."

OBSERVANCE OF STATE'S ENTRY IN UNION HELD

Schools and Organizations Celebrate Indiana Day.

State-wide observance of Indiana's admission into the Union as the nineteenth State, effected Dec. 11, 1816, was held today.

Patriotic, civic and historical organizations throughout the State and Indianapolis public schools were to hold exercises commemorating the event. The ceremonies were to be conducted in accordance with a proclamation of Governor Jackson, setting aside Dec. 11 as Indiana Day.

Exercises Held
Exercises were held in all schools this morning. In the elementary schools the children arranged their programs consisting of talks on the history of Indiana, special group features and songs.

In the high schools, like programs also were given. At Shortridge, C. B. Coleman, director of the State historical bureau, spoke. Dr. James A. Woodburn, Indiana University, professor of history, and president of the State Historical Society also talked.

Annual Conference
The seventh annual Indiana history conference which will be held under the auspices of the Society of Pioneers, Indiana Historical Society and State historical bureau, opened its two day session at the Claypool today. The business meeting, and historical exhibition were held at the hotel. The session Saturday will be held jointly with the history section of the State Teachers' Association at the University Club.

Dixon Ryan Fox, professor of history at Columbia University, and a member of the board of Governors of the New York Historical Society will speak on "Civilization in Transition" at the annual dinner of the Society of Indiana Pioneers at the Claypool Saturday night.



The girl who can say good-bye properly seldom has to.

Have You Sent in Your News Story?

The Times will pay its readers for the most interesting stories of actual happenings.

A news item is any account of an actual occurrence that has not been printed before and that interests people.

The Times will pay \$10 for the best news item turned in each day by a reader. The first prize winning story will appear Monday.

In addition \$1 will be paid for each other news story sent in by a reader in connection with this contest and printed in The Times.

The story or account must be TRUE and must be presented in such a way that Times reporters can verify the facts. Use names and addresses.

Each item must be not longer than 300 words.

News stories must be written on one side of the paper only.

Tell about any unusual or interesting occurrence in your neighborhood or that has come to your attention. It need not be important so long as it is interesting and so long as it ACTUALLY HAPPENED.

Address your manuscript to the Story Editor of The Times.

Send in your news article and then read how Barbara Hawley learned to be a reporter in

'The Love Dodger'

Starting in The Times Saturday