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TWO CENTS

Forecast

UNSETTLED tonight and
Sunday, with rain and
possibly snow; colder Sunday
afternoon or night.

U. S. STARTS STATE ROAD BOARD QUIZ

District Attorney Ward Says
He Is Ready to Investi-
gate Muddle Concerning
Highway Commission Sale
of War Materials.

GRAND JURY CALL IS ASKED BY WASHINGTON

Government Official States
Facts Are Before Him and
He Will Study Them
During Holidays—'Too
Busy' Short Time Ago.

Federal investigation of the
State highway commission sale
of war machinery was started
today.

United States District At-
torney Albert Ward said:

"Now I'm ready to look
into the highway commission
trouble."

Ward said he had all the informa-
tion before him and expected to go
into the situation during the
holidays.

Grand Jury Call

Along with this, came word that
Attorney General Harry Sargent
had telegraphed Ward to call the
Federal grand jury as soon as
possible to consider a certain case.

Ward did not link the two in-
cidents together, but it is thought
that Washington authorities have
ordered the investigation.

The Federal grand jury will as-
semble in Indianapolis Jan. 12, and
will go into session the following
day.

Ward, prior, had said he "didn't
have time to investigate the case
but would get to it as soon as pos-
sible."

Six men are now under indictment
in Marion County Criminal Court
on charges of conspiracy to embezzle.
They are Earl Crawford, highway
commissioner; John D. Williams,
commission director; George Bartley,
former garage superintendent; and
George Whaley, M. L. and Victor
Goldberg, junk dealers.

The indictment bonds that the
War Department ordered war ma-
terials and machinery to be dis-
tributed in various States for road-
working purposes and that it was
not to be placed on sale privately.
It was charged that more than
\$6,000,000 worth of such machinery
was received in Indiana and the
prices received from the sale of a
large part of it was barely sufficient
to pay freight charges.

Symposium Taken

A symposium conducted by The
Indianapolis Times in connection
with calling a special session of the
Legislature to investigate the com-
mission, showed that seven Repre-
sentative and Senators favored a
special session, while forty-one were
opposed.

It also showed that three were
neutral. Seventeen favored the high-
way commission, thirteen opposed it
and twenty-one were neutral.

Several months it was disclosed
that operatives from the United
States Department of Justice had
been in Indianapolis checking up on
affairs of the commission. Ward at
first denied knowledge that such an
investigation was in progress, but
later admitted it had been brought
to his attention.

The Marion County indictment
against members of the commission
and their associates has been for-
warded to Ward, who, in turn, had
sent it to Washington. It was re-
turned with instructions to do as
he saw fit.

M'NAMARA PLEA FILED

Iron Worker Takes Appeal to Su-
preme Court.

Attorneys for John J. McNamara,
official of the local iron workers' union convicted of conspiracy to
commit blackmail, filed an appeal to-
day in Supreme Court. McNamara
is out on bond pending decision on
the appeal. If the conviction is sus-
tained he will be compelled to serve
one to five years in prison.

4 MORE SHOPPING DAYS

ANYTHING ELSE, GIRL?

BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Challenge for Santa Claus Helpers

Let's Make It a Hundred
Families We've Helped
This Christmas.

COME on folks. Let's make it
a hundred by Christmas day.
When this was written more
than sixty needy families had been
put in touch with kind-heater Santa
Claus assistants who will see that
they have a happy Christmas. This,
through The Times Santa Claus de-
partment.

And since then more families have
been checked off the list with as-
surance that there will be no empty
stockings for them since.
That's the way it goes for the
Santa Claus Editor. He just gets the
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HEALTH BOARD WINS VERDICT OVER DR. KING

Injunction, Preventing Try-
ing of Secretary, Is
Killed.

Members of the State board of
health were preparing today to
press charges against Dr. William
F. King, secretary of the board,
following a court decision in favor
of the board members by Circuit
Judge Z. E. Dougan at Danville,
Friday.

Judge Dougan sustained a de-
murrer filed by the members of the
board, thus in effect overruling an
injunction against board members
issued by Circuit Judge Clinton H.
Givan of Marion County. The in-
junction prevented board members
from trying Dr. King. The board
members took a change of venue to
Henricks County.

King was charged with discharg-
ing health board employees without
the knowledge and consent of the
board, and with obtaining money
from the United States Census Bu-
reau for services while drawing a
salary from the State.

One of the members of the board
said that the charges against Dr.
King had been put in the hands of
an attorney and that legal proce-
dure will be used in bringing the
board secretary to trial before the
board members.

As far as I am concerned, I have
nothing to say," was Dr. King's only
comment.

SALARY SLASH RULING MONDAY

Hearing Held on Finance
Committee Action.

Judge Harry O. Chamberlain will
rule Monday on a demurrer to a suit
to enjoin the State auditor from pay-
ing \$6,002 a year salaries to mem-
bers of the public service commis-
sioners, following a hearing today in
Circuit Court. Alvah J. Rucker, at-
torney for Lowell H. Patterson,
plaintiff, contended the State finance
committee named by Governor Jack-
son had a right to reduce the com-
missioners' salaries to \$5,000 a year
each.

He argued the committee had au-
thority to cut the salaries of all
State employees, high and low.
Rucker cited a number of briefs
which were referred to Judge Cham-
berlain for consideration.

Attorney General Arthur L. Gil-
liam declared the committee's act in
cutting the salaries was unconstitutional.
He declared that State offi-
cers elected to office were not to be
considered the same as "employees"
who were appointed to their posi-
tions.

SPEEDING TRAIN LEAVES RAILS

10 Pennsylvania Passengers
Sent to Hospital.

ALTOONA, Pa., Dec. 19.—Speed-
ing down a mountain into an
open switch at Bennington,
ten miles west of here, Penn-
sylvania train No. 32, eastbound for
New York, left the rails early to-
day. Ten injured persons were
brought here to hospitals by a relief
train. They included five passen-
gers, the engineer and fireman. One
passenger suffered the loss of a leg,
road officials reported.

Black Face Act Costs \$300

BURBON, Ind., Dec. 19.—A
"black face act" cost Joseph Tedro, aged
trapper near here, \$300.
Two youths with faces black-
ened with burnt cork, entered his
home and forced him to give up
the money he had ob-
tained in the sale of pelts.

TWO STORES LOSE \$1,200 IN JEWELRY

Window Smasher Hurls
Brick Through Glass in
Downtown Shops—Time-
pieces, Other Small
Articles Taken.

WESTERN UNION GIRL GIVES POLICE CLEW

Woman Finds Pearl Neck-
lace, Dropped on Street—
Other Robberies and Hold-
ups Reported to Police
Department.

Windows of two downtown
jewelry stores were smashed
early today and jewelry worth
approximately \$1,200 taken.
A padded brick was used in
both instances.

Watches and other small jewelry
valued at \$900 was taken from the
window of the Eward Jewelry Com-
pany at 26 Monument Pl., accord-
ing to Harry Eward, 1124 N. New
Jersey St., manager.
Six watches, worth \$384.50, were
taken from the window of the Ham-
ilton Jewelry Company, 9 N. Meri-
dian St., S. Seka, 1441 Fairfield
Ave., president of the company, said.
Police said the same man is be-
lieved to have done both jobs.

Seen By Girl

A slight clew was obtained from
a Western Union girl.

She said as she came to work
about 6 a. m. this morning, a rough-
ly dressed man stopped her in front
of White's cafeteria and tried to pre-
vent her from passing him. She de-
fied the man.

Eward said the robbery was dis-
covered shortly after 6 a. m. when
a woman found a pearl necklace on
the street which the robber had
dropped.

Bandits Lose

Two holdup men fared badly early
today when they attacked Jerry Hol-
lowell, colored, 3505 N. Pennsylvania
St. Hollowell told police the men
knocked him down near his home
and searched him, but he had nothing.

Curry Patterson, colored, 33, of
2430 Northwestern Ave., told police
that he was riding his bicycle at
Twenty-First and Northwestern
Ave., when two white men held him
up and took \$25 from him.

The Standard Oil filling station,
Massachusetts Ave. and North St.,
reported \$57 taken from the safe.
A burglar "jimmied" a window at
the home of Mrs. L. J. Husbands,
321 E. Thirty-Sixth St., visiting in
Florida, and took a \$5 gun.

Martin Dobson, 2209 Central Ave.,
said two men took a set of mechan-
ical tools from his auto valued at \$75.
Miss Lucille P. Witt, 2603 Brook-
side Ave., reported a \$20 pistol
stolen. Miss Hellen Wurtz, 538 Ful-
ton St., said \$15 and checks valued
at \$65 in a purse were taken.

Mrs. Ada Vestal, 2855 Highland
Place, reported her hen house raided
and thirty fowls valued at \$40 taken.
Mrs. Anna McKinney, 20 E. Le
Grande Ave., said \$45 was picked
from her pocket downtown. Miss
Mary Coleman 638 Madison Ave., re-
ported a similar loss of \$5.

FALL, DOHENYS LOSERS AGAIN

Rehearing Denied on Validity
of Indictments.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The
District of Columbia Court of Ap-
peals today denied Albert B. Fall,
Edward L. Doheny and Edward L.
Doheny, Jr., a rehearing on the
validity of the bribery indictments
returned against them. The court
recently held the indictments valid,
reversing a lower court.

EX-MINISTER INDICTED

Federal Jury Alleges He Swindled
Hundreds of Clergymen.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 19.—Among
thirty-eight indictments rendered
here by the Federal grand jury is
one against William E. Rutledge,
former Baptist minister of Kirk-
wood, Mo., charged with having
swindled clergymen throughout the
country of \$275,000 by means of a
fake oil project.

Rutledge is alleged to have pro-
moted wildcat drilling operations by
advertising through the preacher's
magazine, which he edits. About
2,000 ministers are thought to have
been swindled.

HOURLY TEMPERATURE

6 a. m. 24 10 a. m. 33
7 a. m. 27 11 a. m. 36
8 a. m. 27 12 (noon) 35
9 a. m. 20 1 p. m. 38

Badge Saves Life of Man Who Proves Boast He Wouldn't Cringe to Bandits



Michael J. Bowers Wearing Badge Which Saved His Life.

HUNT FOR FIRE BUG CONDUCTED BY STATE MEN

Four Out of Eleven Recent
Blazes Here Incendiary,
Says Report.

A fire bug is at work in Indian-
apolis and was responsible for at
least four recent fires, according
to reports of investigators in the
office of State Fire Marshal Alfred
Hogsten.

Police Chief John J. O'Brien has
referred eleven recent fires to the
office for investigation.
Four of six recent fires in vacant
houses are unquestionably of inci-
endiary origin, the reports show.
One probably was caused by sparks
and the other was of undetermined
origin.

Those reported of incendiary ori-
gin: 915 E. Fourteenth St., Nov. 17,
\$1,000; 1519 Columbia Ave., Dec. 4,
\$125 (probably by children); 914 E.
Pratt St., Nov. 13, \$500, and 311
Toledo St., Nov. 30, \$200, (probably
by children).

Officials believed vacant ho-
use at 262 S. Temple Ave., destroyed Dec.
4, \$2,200, was caused by sparks.
Origin of fire at 1325 N. Illinois St.,
Dec. 3, \$350, was unknown.
Fires in vacant dwellings to be
investigated: 506 Ogden St., Dec. 17,
\$75; 339 Minerva St., Dec. 15, \$400;
412 Bright St., Dec. 16, \$500; 5095
Pleasant Run Blvd., Dec. 15, \$1,500,
and 22 W. Michigan St., Dec. 14, \$50.

PULL BOXCAR AROUND CIRCLE

Legionnaires Advertise in
Membership Drive.

Staid business men, and those
unwilling to toll, assumed the role of
horses today to pull a French box
car about the Circle and downtown
streets to advertise the American
Legion's city-wide campaign for new
members.

On the freight car were many
"veterans" whipping their comrades
to greater transportation achieve-
ments.

S. A. Bishop, Seventh district com-
missioner-elect, today received an
offer from Mayor Shank of a concert
Tuesday noon on Monument Circle
by the Police and Firemen's Band to
boost the campaign. It was accepted.

"Tell the boys for Lew Shank to
join the Legion if they are eligible,"
Shank's letter read.
Bishop also announced a big mem-
bership dinner at 6 p. m. Monday
at the Y. M. C. A., where additional
plans for the drive will be discussed.
Many were enrolled today.

DEATH CLAIMS RICH CONVICT

Rector Johns, 60, Had Slain
at Least Five.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 19.—
Rector Johns, 60, released from At-
lanta Federal Penitentiary three
weeks ago, is dead here. John, a
wealthy real estate dealer, was in-
dicted in Indianapolis in 1923, for an
alleged violation of the Federal in-
terstate motor act. He had served
ten months of an eighteen months
sentence having been released on
account of ill-health. His death
ended perhaps as turbulent a career
as any Kentucky ever had. He had
slain at least five men, according to
official records and was twice tried
for bank robbery before being sent
to Federal prison for complicity in
the Ne-Walsh-Louisville automobile
theft conspiracy.

FIRM OFFICIAL ENDS LIFE

TOLEDO, Ohio, Dec. 19.—Robert
Theobald, vice president of the To-
ledo Scales Company was found
dead today a bullet wound in his
head. A verdict of suicide was pro-
nounced by Coroner Charles Hensler.

Not So You Can Notice It

By United Press
BERLIN, Dec. 19.—Ger-
mans today found morn-
ing papers jubilantly
proclaiming that the Amer-
ican Congress had abo-
lished prohibition. The dis-
patches which bore sensational
headlines were sent from Paris.
The press pointed out glee-
fully that if the report were
correct, chances of prohibition
throughout Europe had received
a severe set-back.

FIRE 'WAVE' CONTINUES

Twenty-Five Alarms Answered—
Losses All Small.

Firemen answered twenty-five fire
alarms in the last twenty-four hours
ending early today, reports at fire
headquarters show.
Heaviest loss suffered was when
sparks on the roof of the Indiana
Auto Parts Company, 604 N. Capitol
Ave., caused a \$50 damage.

WILD DRIVER IS CAUGHT

Deaf-Mute Runs Amuck in London
Streets.

By NEA Service
LONDON, Dec. 19.—The record
for irresponsible driving was prob-
ably set when George Brown took
his latest auto spin. Brown, who is
deaf and dumb, was charged with
being drunk, driving his car with-
out lights, swerving and failing to
stop when signalled.

JAP COPIES BIBLE

Entire Book Written on Single Page
of Paper.

By NEA Service
TOKIO, Dec. 19.—Dr. Ishizuka, a
Japanese Christian missionary, has
made a complete copy of the Bible
on a single strip of paper about 110
inches long and 30 inches broad. The
text is in Japanese and contains
more than 1,000,000 characters. The
strip can be read only with the aid
of a magnifying glass.

SCHOOLBOOK COST LIFE

Girl Runs Back to Get It, Struck
by Hack.

By Times Special
WINCHESTER, Ind., Dec. 19.—A
forty-year school book cost the life
of little Mary Grow here, Friday
night.

After she had safely boarded a
school hack, she got out and ran
back into the schoolhouse to get the
book. As she came out, the hack
backed against the building and
killed her.

FATE SAVES CHILDREN

Driver Killed in School Hack Ac-
cident on Saturday.

By Times Special
LIGONIER, Ind., Dec. 19.—Fate
today saved scores of children's
lives.

The second section of the Twen-
tieth Century Limited, speeding six-
ty miles an hour struck a school
hack this morning.

Guy Alberr, 38, the driver was
killed.

He was the lone occupant for it
was Saturday.

PLANE FALLS; 2 HURT

United States Army Aviators Injured
in Ohio Crash.

By United Press
ZANESVILLE, Ohio, Dec. 19.—
Sergeant Lawrence Stiles, Saginaw,
Mich., was injured, probably fatally,
and Lieut. James Hewings, Boston,
Mass., was seriously injured when
their plane, en route from Phillips
field, Aberdeen, Md., to McCook field,
Dayton, Ohio, crashed five miles west
of here today. Stiles' back was broken.

MINERS ARE ENTOMBED

Thirty Make Way to Safety After
Explosion.

By United Press
LONDON, Dec. 19.—Handicapped
by a fire, four rescue parties are
working to save several men still en-
trapped a mile away from the open-
ing of the shaft at Barinohinwood
colliery. An explosion trapped the
men. Thirty miners made their way
to safety after the blast.

COURTS HANDICAP SPEED WAR, POLICE CHARGE AS NEW DRIVE IS LAUNCHED

Police Sergeant in Charge of Traffic
Control Cites Leniency in Six Cases
—Four Admitted Guilt in City
Court.

10-MILE-AN-HOUR ORDER IS ENFORCED IN BUSINESS ZONE

Corner Cops to Be Cautioned Against
Hurrying Up Autos—Patrol Rides
Given Two Alleged Flagrant
Violators.

With a youth and two girls, probably fatally injured in a
speed tragedy Friday, battling against death in the city hos-
pital, Sergt. Frank Owens, in charge of motorcycle police, said
he was handicapped in his efforts to slow traffic by leniency of
city judges.

Police Chief Herman F. Rikhoof said he would confer with
the courts and ask stiffer penalties on speeding charges.

At the same time, police at his order were enforcing an
ultimatum that speeding downtown must be stopped at all costs.

Motorists will be arrested who
drive faster than ten miles an hour
in the downtown district. Autos
must not go faster than five miles
an hour at street corners, he said.

To Ride Wagon

Penalty for flagrant violations will
be a ride in the patrol wagon.

Two drivers were ridden Friday
night and forced to provide bond.
Eighteen others were arrested.

Owens in his charge pointed to
the city court records which showed
that Judge Delbert O. Wilmeth had
suspended judgment against:
Louis Blair, R. R. L. Box 344, who
pleaded guilty to thirty-eight miles
an hour.

Elmer Miller, 237 Parkview Blvd.,
who pleaded guilty to thirty-two
miles an hour.

Paul C. Carpenter, 5210 Pleasant
Run Blvd., and Ira Ratty, R. R. M.,
who pleaded guilty to thirty-five
miles an hour.

Woods Carpenter, 4830 N. Meridian
St., who pleaded not guilty to doing
forty-six miles an hour.

Dr. John K. Kingsbury, 72 N.
Irvington Ave., Owens said, was dis-
missed on a charge of thirty-four
miles an hour.

Owens said speed laws cannot be
enforced unless the courts cooper-
ate.

Lewis Schneider, recently trans-
ferred from the speed squad to the
traffic squad, will be put back on
his force Monday, Owens said.

Blame Officers

Rikhoof blamed traffic policemen
for speed in the downtown district.

Traffic officers have waved
frantically to motorists to hurry
them up, he said.

Rikhoof said enforcement of the
five mile an hour rule would be
up to the discretion of the officer,
but that he would instruct them not
to let drivers go over ten miles
an hour.

One-Way Rule Hit

One-way traffic on N. Meridian St.
during the rush hours was also un-
der fire.

Secretary of State Frederick E.
Schortemeler said he had received
many complaints and will ask At-
torney General Arthur L. Gilliam
whether he has authority to inter-
vene.

Citizens told Schortemeler the one-
way rule is illegal. The Indiana mo-
tor statute confers certain enforcing
powers on the secretary of State.
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DAWES PLAN CONDEMNED

Misgivings Expressed in Germany
Openly for First Time.

By United Press
BERLIN, Dec. 19.—Misgivings as
to the feasibility of the Dawes plan
were expressed for the first time
openly today by a government of-
ficial. Speaking in the Reichsrat,
the government spokesman said that
funds from taxes were unavailable for
Dawes' plan payments in 1927
and thereafter. Revenue from other
sources would be necessary, the
speaker added, contending that in-
dustrial taxes, already heavily ad-
ded, must be reduced.

ALCOHOL IN MACHINE

Owner and Driver of Auto Sought
by State Police.

State Policemen Jarrett and
Bridges today sought two men said
to be the owner and driver of an
auto deserted Friday night near
Traders Point with a cargo of
seventy gallons of alcohol.
The officers said they first saw
the liquor car near Lebanon and
gave chase, but were outdistanced.
When they caught up with the ma-
chine at Traders Point it crashed
into the ditch. The men fled.

SUPPLY BILL UP IN HOUSE

Speedy Passage of Tax
Measure Is Senate Plan.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—With
the \$325,000,000 tax reduction bill
passed and sent to the Senate, the
House today began consideration of
the \$867,852,000 treasury-postoffice
appropriation bill, first of the regu-
lar Government supply measures.

Leaders hope to pass the big ap-
propriation bill before next Tuesday
when the holiday recess begins. The
House will continue to concentrate
upon these and other supply bills
until they are all passed.

Senator Smoot, Utah, Republican,
and other Administration leaders,
laid speedy passage plans through
the Senate of the tax bill.

President Coolidge is anxious the
bill be in his hands early in March,
so that he can sign it by March 15,
making the extensive reductions ap-
plicable on this year's incomes.

CAR COMPANY CUTS DEFICIT

Finances Improve, Report
for November Shows.

Monthly financial report of the
Indianapolis Street Railway Com-
pany, filed today, shows recent con-
dition of the company much im-
proved. The company just has
been allowed a 2-cent transfer
charge.

During October the company's
depreciation reserve account was
reduced from \$107,459.91 to \$9-
742.25, and the latter figure was out
to \$87,300.99 during November, the
report shows. When the company
asked to double its charge for trans-
fers particular attention was called
to the condition of the depreciation
reserve account.

October receipts totaled \$432,
116.75, as against \$418,399.09 for the
same month in 1923. November re-
ceipts were \$408,100.55, as against
\$400,559.29 the same month in 1923.

FLAPPER FANNY

