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## Mussolini Gives Plan of 'Empire'

Premier Reveals for First Time His Comprehensive Idea of Getting Italy Place He Feels She Should Hold in the World.

### PROGRAM DOES NOT INCLUDE CONQUESTS

Imperialism Means Com-bative Attitude, However, if Needs Be, to Make His Nation, Politically and Economically, a Leader.

By Thomas B. Morgan

Copyright, 1925, by United Press. ROME, Dec. 21.—Premier Benito Mussolini, in an exclusive interview with the United Press today, told of his aspirations for an "Italian empire."

But he was careful to explain that "when one speaks of an 'imperial Italy,' no definite territorial conquest is alluded to, but rather an attitude of mind, the rule of virile conduct, combative, if needs be, which Italy must observe in great international problems."

The interview, the most comprehensive Mussolini has ever granted, occurred in the Chigi palace and covered a wide range of topics. Ease, grace and composure marked the manner of the Fascist leader as he talked.

#### Two Meanings of Empire

"What is your opinion regarding an Italian empire, alluded to several times in your speeches? What would be the political, geographical, military and economic aspects of the empire?"

Immediately he explained: "The word empire," he said, "has more than one meaning in the Italian language. It may mean a form of government, and more especially that marvellous state organization which in the early centuries of the Christian era dominated the world from Rome. But empire also means force, might, dominion, command. Empire, as the will to life and to power, is at the base of all living

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## Avenue Lights Are Dimmed for Spell

Resort Proprietors Carry Out Order to Exclude White Persons—Reporters Told to Leave Cafe.

The lights on Indiana Ave. are dimmed, at least temporarily.

Anyone who is looking for excitement in Indiana Ave. cafes and dancing resorts is seeking in vain, because the proprietors are carrying out the order of Police Chief Rikhoff, issued following an auto accident early Friday which resulted in the death of Norman O. Barthel, 20,

One Poolroom

Shortly after 11 p.m. Friday the reporters patrolled the Avenue to North St. and found things quiet, with the exception of a poolroom in the 500 block in Indiana Ave., south of the Hollywood Cafe. Here they made arrangements to buy liquor from colored loungers. The men offered to produce anything the reporters "had any taste for" within twenty minutes.

The reporters then went to the Hollywood Cafe, 532 Indiana Ave. After being carefully surveyed by the door man at the head of the stairs, they were allowed to buy tickets and admitted.

Directly behind the doorman was George ("Gamie") Abrams, manager.

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## U. S. MISSIONARY SCHOOL BOMBED

American President Narrowly Escapes in China.

By United Press

PEKING, Dec. 21.—Foo Chow advises today said that a bomb had been exploded at the Foo Chow College, an American Board of Missions institution there. The American president, William Beard, narrowly escaped.

The students union had announced a week of anti-Christian and anti-foreign demonstrations culminating on Christmas day. The police in Peking are guarding the Methodist mission and similar institutions.

## 3 MORE SHOPPING DAYS

Reformatory Prisoner Can Go Home For Thirty Days.

Governor Jackson today approved a thirty-day Christmas parole for Paul Cookman, serving a one-to-five-year sentence in the Indiana State Reformatory following conviction on a vehicle-taking charge in the Madison Circuit Court.

The parole was recommended by reformatory officials and by Ray Gibbons, Madison County Republican chairman, a railroad inspector for the public service commission.

SIX BANDITS GET \$5,000

Cashier of Liberty Music Hall, St. Louis, Is Robbed.

By United Press

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 21.—Six bandits shortly before noon today held up the cashier of the Liberty Music Hall and escaped with \$5,000.

### Girls Injured in Auto Crash



Miss Dorothy Woodstock

### Alarm Clock to Be Gift of Santa

Fraternity Will Take Christmas Cheer to Ten Families.

**S**HE wants an alarm clock? Now what do you suppose a little old lady of seventy-five wants with an alarm clock? But anyway that's what she wants—that and a load of kindling. And that's what she's going to get for Christmas, 'oo, besides the basket of goodies and personal things to please a little old lady.

Hers is one of the ten families to be provided for by the members of the Phi Kappa Delta Fraternity, of which Donald Ball, 4046 Rockwood Ave., is president. Last year the fraternity took an equal number of families to care for through

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### WOMAN CHANGES MIND; DAYLIGHT BANDIT CAUGHT

Disobeys Order and Runs Out Front Door—Detectives Catch Man.

Mrs. Clara Karras, clerk in the Worth Leather Goods Store, 304 W. Washington St., changed her mind today when a bandit, in a day-light hold-up, told her "to get back in the back room."

Instead she ran out the front door and called Detectives Noble Allen and Harry Hillman who were walking past. They caught the bandit in the store. He gave his name at Thomas Gunwell, 53, of 42 N. Senate Ave. He was charged with robbery.

Mrs. Dorothy Woodstock, 21, of 2541 Shelby St., who received a broken arm and leg, is conscious at intervals, while Miss Catherine Forte, 18, of 1103 E. Washington St., suffering from a fractured skull, has regained consciousness. Robert McArdele, 1655 Park Ave., also had regained consciousness, but was still in a critical condition, city hospital attached said.

Mr. Karras said she was alone in the store when Gunwell with a handkerchief over his face and carrying a policeman's billy, entered and said:

"Money."

She handed him a cigar box. "That ain't all," he told her. The cigar box contained \$24.

She said she knew Gunwell was a former watchman in the neighborhood.

Unjust construction had been put on several phases of the accident, according to Charles F. Woodstock, father of Dorothy. He declared his daughter did not drink and that it was unreasonable to believe that a bottle of liquor found by police near the crash wreckage could have been in the car and escaped breaking.

Mrs. S. E. Poynter, aunt of Miss Forte, said that her niece, who lives with her mother at Mrs. Poynter's home, was not in the habit of staying out late at night.

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### SMOG CAUSES TWO CRASHES

Motorist, Blinded by Lights, Strikes Wagon.

Smog caused a "bright lights" accident today.

F. E. Pappet, 824 W. Twenty-Ninth St., turned off Capitol Ave. at Twenty-Second St. and was blinded by the headlights of another auto. His car crashed into a city dump wagon driven by Noah Bowman, colored, 850 N. West St.

No arrests were made.

Fred Zwicker, 3209 Washington Blvd., was knocked out of a delivery truck he was driving and ran over by the rear wheels of his own machine when it was struck from the rear by another auto driven by Walter Adams, 1223 W. Thirty-Second St. at Thirty-First St. and Indianapolis Ave.

Zwicker turned north and Adams could not see because of the smog.

### FATE MOCKS AS TRACTION KILLS

Local Victim Said He'd Never Die on Tracks.

Two weeks ago, A. E. Bevan, 29, of 1224 Park Ave., his wife and Miss Pearl Brandenburg, out driving, came to a railroad track.

Mrs. Bevan was nervous. "Don't worry. I'll never be killed on a railroad," said Bevan, slowing his car.

Today he drove his auto in front of a Union Traction freight car on the outskirts of Kokomo, Ind. and was killed.

He was alone in the auto.

Mrs. Bevan's mother is dying in New York City.

When police went to the home to notify her of her husband's death, she thought it was word of her mother's death.

The widow is the only survivor. Bevan was a representative for a New York firm. He had been all over the world.

SCHOOL MEETING DEC. 29

Regular Meeting Tonight Postponed Because of Rule.

Because there are five Tuesdays in this month, there will be no regular meeting of the Indianapolis School board Tuesday night. Meetings are held on the second and last Tuesdays, when there are more than four Tuesdays.

The next regular meeting will be Dec. 29, the last one for the present school board.

The board will meet in special session Dec. 24 to consider bids on additional heating apparatus of the Potter Fresh Air School.

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His shots missed.

### CHRISTMAS BOOZE WAR IS ORDERED

Chief Rikhoff Tells Police to 'Dry Up' Sources of Liquor After Nineteen Week-End Intoxication Arrests Are Made.

### WILL CONFER WITH DRY SQUAD LEADER

Lid to Be Clamped on Tightly as Administration Prepares to Leave Office, is Word—Old-Timers Said to Be Back.

Police and Federal dry agents today started their annual drive to stop the flow of Christmas liquor on orders of Police Chief Herman F. Rikhoff.

Rikhoff acted when slates showed nineteen persons arrested on intoxication charges Sunday; one-half the total number placed under arrest.

Deputy Federal Prohibition Administrator A. R. Harris said Federal agents will watch all public places during the holidays.

Police arrested nine alleged bootleggers over the week-end. Deputy sheriffs held five.

Rikhoff said he would confer at once with Capt. William Paulsell, dry squad head, and formulate plans for an intensive campaign against bootleggers.

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To Guard Record

"I have always tried to keep Indianapolis dry during the holidays since I have been in office and prohibition has been in effect. I do not intend to allow the good record the department has made the last few years to get any black marks, even though I am to leave office Jan. 1," said Rikhoff.

It is certain that the nineteen persons arrested on intoxication charges are buying that stuff somewhere here and I am going to dry up the sources.

"I intend to call Capt. William Paulsell into my office today and effect some arrangement with him as to how the police will work

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### TRACTIONS BUY BUS COMPANY

Two Lines Purchase Inter-City Safety Coach.

Sales of the Inter-city Safety Coach Company, one of the pioneer motor bus systems in Indiana, to the Union Traction Company and the Indiana Service Corporation was approved today by the public service commission.

The Union Traction will take over the Inter-city lines from Indianapolis to Peru and the other interurban line will assume control of the remainder of the Inter-city lines, between Peru and Ft. Wayne.

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Whether the Ku-Klux Klan will penetrate far into the city hall faction of the G. O. P. will be decided at board of safety meeting Tuesday, it was believed by politicians today.

Mayor Shank and Joseph L. Hogue, city controller, favor reinstatement by the board of former Lieutenant Arthur B. McGee and Harvey W. Bedford, Klan political leader. Board members and other Shank generals have opposed the action.

Four new policemen will be named by the Board Tuesday, it was said at the city hall.

Another move is in progress to re-instate Admiral Harris, colored patrolman, dismissed by the board for assault and battery and conduct unbecoming an officer.

SCHOOL MONEY ASKED

Final Payment for Restoration of Griffin Building Sought.

Dr. Henry N. Sherwood, state superintendent of public instruction, today asked Governor Jackson to make the final payment of \$10,000 from his emergency fund for construction of a new joint grade and high school building at Griffin, levied by a tornado last summer.

Jackson already had turned over a similar amount for restoration of the school and promised the remainder when the necessity arose.

BANDITS ARE FIRED ON

Citizen Misses Mark When Burglars Enter Home.

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