

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.

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ROME, Dec. 21.—Premier
Benito Mussolini, in an ex-
clusive interview with the
United Press today, told of his
aspirations for an "Italian em-
pire."

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

The interview, the most compre-
hensive 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, mili-
tary and economic aspects of the
empire?"

Immediately he explained:
"The word empire," he said, "has
more than one meaning in the Ital-
ian language. It may mean a form
of government, and more especially
that marvelous 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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A VENUE 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 excite-
ment in Indiana Ave. cafes and
dancing resorts is seeking in vain,
because the proprietors are carrying
out the order of Police Chief Rik-
hoff, issued following an auto ac-
cident early Friday which resulted in
the death of Norman O. Barthel, 20,

U. S. MISSIONARY
SCHOOL BOMBED

American President Narrow-
ly Escapes in China.

PEKING, Dec. 21.—Foo Chow ad-
vices today said that a bomb had
been exploded at the Foo Chow
College, an American Board of Mis-
sions institution there. The Ameri-
can president, William Beard, nar-
rowly escaped.

The students' union had an-
nounced a week of anti-Christian
and anti-foreign demonstrations cul-
minating on Christmas day. The
police in Peking are guarding the
Methodist mission and similar in-
stitutions.

Girls Injured in
Auto Crash

Miss Dorothy Woodstock



Miss Catherine Forte

Condition of the three persons
injured in the auto accident early
in which Norman O. Barthel, 20,
of 140 E. Wabash St., was killed
when his auto, traveling at a high
rate of speed crashed into a street
car at Illinois and Indiana Aves.,
was critical today.

Miss 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 McArdle, 1655 Park Ave.,
also had regained consciousness,
but was still in a critical condition,
city hospital attaches said.

Unjust construction had been
put on several phases of the ac-
cident, according to Charles F.
Woodstock, father of Dorothy. He
declared his daughter did not
drink and that it was unreason-
able 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.

Alarm Clock
to Be Gift
of Santa

Fraternity Will Take
Christmas Cheer to
Ten Families.

SHE wants an alarm clock!
Now what do you suppose
a little old lady of seven-
ty-five wants with an alarm clock?
But anyway that's what she wants
—that and a load of kindness. And
that's what she's going to get for
Christmas, too, besides the basket
of goodies and personal things to
please a little old lady.

Here is one of the ten families
to be provided for by the members
of the Phi Kappa Delta Fraternity,
of which Donald Hall, 4046 Rook-
wood Ave., is president. Last year
the fraternity took an equal num-
ber of families to care for through
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WOMAN CHANGES
MIND; DAYLIGHT
BANDIT CAUGHT

Disobeys Order and Runs
Out Front Door—De-
tectives 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 daylight
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 walk-
ing past. They caught the bandit in
the store. He gave his name as
Thomas Gunwell, 53, of 42 N. Sen-
ate Ave. He was charged with rob-
bery.

Mrs. Karras said she was alone
in the store when Gunwell with a
handkerchief over his face and car-
rying 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 as a
former watchman in the neighbor-
hood.

SMOG CAUSES
TWO CRASHES

Motorist, Blinded by Lights,
Strikes Wagon.

Smog caused a "bright lights" ac-
cident today.

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

No arrests were made.
Fred Zwicker, 3209 Washington
Blvd., was knocked out of a delivery
truck he was driving and run over
by the rear wheels of his own ma-
chine when it was struck from the
rear by another auto driven by Wal-
ter 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 regu-
lar meeting of the Indianapolis
School board Tuesday night. Meet-
ings 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 ses-
sion Dec. 24 to consider bids on ad-
ditional heating apparatus of the
Potter Fresh Air School.

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 Tight-
ly as Administration Pre-
pares 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 ar-
rested on intoxication charges
Sunday; one-half the total
number placed under arrest.

Deputy Federal Prohibition Ad-
ministrator A. R. Harris said Fed-
eral agents will watch all public
places during the holidays.

Police arrested nine alleged boot-
leggers 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.

To Guard Record

"I have always tried to keep In-
dianapolis dry during the holidays
since I have been in office and prob-
ably 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 some-
where 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 commis-
sion.

The Union Traction will take over
the Inter-city's lines from Indian-
apolis to Peru and the other inter-
urban line will assume control of
the remainder of the Inter-city's
lines between Peru and Ft. Wayne.

The purchase price, \$80,000, will
cover two operators' certificates and
eight buses.

PASTOR TO GO ABROAD

Rev. Stanley, Rector-Emeritus of
Christ Church, Leaves.

The Rev. James D. Stanley, rector-
emeritus of Christ Church, and Mrs.
Stanley will sail Tuesday for Eu-
rope on board the steamship Ro-
chambeau.

Dr. Floyd Van Keuren, rector of
Christ Church, said they expect to
spend the greater part of the winter
in southern France. Dr. Vann Keu-
ren urged members of the congrega-
tion to send greetings to them be-
fore sailing.

TRIAL IS CONTINUED

Defendant Reindicted on Three
Specific Charges.

Trial of John R. Ferguson, charged
with involuntary manslaughter, which
was to open today in Criminal Court
was continued until the first week of January
by Judge James A. Collins. A continu-
ance was granted because Ferguson
was reindicted a few days ago on
three specific charges.

Ferguson's automobile is alleged to
have crashed into another at Troy
Ave. and Bluff Rd., resulting in the
deaths of three men.

DAWES IS HONORED

President Nominates Him for Com-
mission of Brigadier General.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Vice
President Charles G. Dawes was
nominated by President Coolidge to-
day to be a brigadier general in the
Officers' Reserve Corps.

Shoppers Crowd Downtown Streets as
City Prepares to Observe Christmas

Christmas Shoppers at Meridian and Washington Sts.

Civic Clubs and Charitable
Organizations Plan to
Spread Cheer.

Preparations for a happy celebra-
tion of Christmas in Indianapolis
Friday have been completed by chari-
table, civic, business organizations,
hospitals and individuals who will
spread Yuletide cheer to the poor
and unfortunate. Business houses
and public buildings will be closed.

Merchants report unusually
heavy shopping this year. For weeks
stores have been crowded with hol-
iday purchasers. Saturday was one
of the biggest shopping days in sev-
eral years, they said.

Churches Busy

Churches will observe Christmas
as a religious festival and have ar-
ranged special services for Christ-
mas and the eve before. Clubs and
social organizations will have parties
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CARRIERS OF TIMES
ATTEND BIG PARTY

Eight Hundred Boys and Girls Enjoy Morning Program at
Circle Theater—Midgits and Picture Are Feature.

Eight hundred boys and girls, car-
riers of The Indianapolis Times, to-
day experienced their greatest in-
roduction to the Christmas holiday
season.

All because the annual Christmas
party to The Times carriers was
given at the Circle Theater this
morning.

Never in the history of Christmas
parties has such a wonderful show
been given.

The all-star lineup of talent was
headed by such artists as Dena
Byrd, organist at the Circle; Ross's
Twenty-Five Royal Midgits, an act
which costs thousands of dollars a
week to present, and a new First

BOARD TO FACE
KLAN QUESTION

Mayor for Reappointment of
Two Policemen.

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 Tues-
day. It was believed by politicians
today.

Mayor Shank and Joseph L.
Hogue, city controller, favor rein-
statement by the board of Former
Lieutenant Arthur B. McGee and
Harvey W. Bedford, Klan political
leaders. 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 su-
perintendent of public instruction,
today asked Governor Jackson to
make the final payment of \$10,000
from his emergency fund for con-
struction of a new joint grade and
high school building at Griffin, lev-
eled by a tornado last summer.

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

BANDITS ARE FIRED ON

Citizen Misses Mark When Burglars
Enter Home.

JONESBORO, Ind., Dec. 21.—Two
hold-up men received a warm wel-
come in making a professional call
at the home of Fred Cline here on
Sunday night.

After the two bandits had taken
a small sum of money from him
Cline seized a revolver and fired
four times at them as they fled.
His shots missed.

NOT SHORTEST BUT
DARKEST DAY HERE

Citizens Grope as Smog Envelops City in Early Hours—
Colder Weather Is Forecast.

Today is NOT the shortest day
of the year.

The harassed weather man made
this announcement to the thousands
who felt their way through the semi-
darkness of what certainly was the
darkest day of 1925.

A native of London would have
felt right at home at Meridian and
Washington Sts.

Shortest Tuesday

But Tuesday the sun will cross
with a bang at 2:37 a. m. the "tropi-
cal capricorn," quoting J. H. Arm-
ington, meteorologist, winter will be
officially welcomed, and the shortest
day of the year will be celebrated.

This morning the sun rose at 7:04
a. m., though it kept itself effectively
hidden after doing so. It will sink
below the horizon at 4:23 p. m. The
time Tuesday is the same in minutes,
but there is a small variation in
seconds.

A combination of fog and smoke
proved unbeatable today. The foggy
condition was general over this sec-
tion, but was accentuated here by
the smoke, Armington said.

The fog partially lifted before
noon, but a general soggy condition
continued.

Sunday Is "Mean"

Sunday was a "mean" day in In-
dianapolis. A combination of snow
and rain fell intermittently and
totalled 1.11 inch for the twenty-four
hours ending at 7 a. m. today.

However, colder weather is due to-
night, with snow included in the
forecast. Tuesday is to be cloudy
according to the forecast, with low-
est temperature Tuesday morning
about 20.

Christmas Day weather as yet is
problematical.
"We can't tell just how it will be,
but can do so about Wednesday,"
Armington said.

HOURLY TEMPERATURE

6 a. m. 38 10 a. m. 37
7 a. m. 38 11 a. m. 36
8 a. m. 36 12 (noon) 34
9 a. m. 37

SNOW BURIES MIDWEST

Transportation and Communication
Facilities Disrupted.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Heavy falls
of snow buried parts of the Middle
West today, disrupting transporta-
tion and communication facilities.

The snow fall was accompanied by
zero temperatures and biting winds,
which added to the misery of the
poor in the larger cities.

The fall was heaviest in Iowa. Six
inches of snow covered the ground at
Council Bluffs.

Weather bureau forecasts indicated
almost continued snowfall all week.

SNOW FALLS IN WEST

White Christmas Forecast in Mis-
souri, Kansas, Oklahoma.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 21.—
Western Missouri, Kansas and Okla-
home will have a white Christmas if
the present weather continues. A
snow storm is reported raging in
Kansas, while Oklahoma reports
furies. A temperature of 22 de-
grees and a cutting wind brought
a light snow to western Missouri.

RUBBER PRICE
QUIZ ORDERED

House Directs Inquiry Into
British Monopoly.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—An in-
vestigation into the alleged manipu-
lation of the price of crude rubber
by British colonial governments was
ordered today by the House. The
interstate and foreign commerce
committee will conduct the inquiry.

ANARCHY IN AMERICA?

House Told by Phillips Prohibition
Will Bring It About.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Ameri-
ca faces a "condition of lawlessness
amounting virtually to anarchy,"
due primarily to constitutional
amendments which have "under-
mined" the Government, Representa-
tive Phillips, Pennsylvania, Republi-
can, declared in the House to-
day.

"We can not expect a citizen to
be law-abiding," Phillips said, "un-
less our laws are reasonable." Phi-
llips condemned the methods em-
ployed in enforcement of the prohi-
bition amendment.

NEW SPEED
WAR AIDED
BY WEATHER

No Arrests Made Sunday by
Motorcycle Police — Be-
lieve Motorists Are Obey-
ing Edict Fast Driving
Must Stop.

SLIPPERY STREETS AND
SNOW SLOW MACHINES

Squad Works Twelve Hours
on Saturday and Nineteen
Drivers Are Taken—
Deputy Sheriffs Get Two
in Country.

Old Man Weather was an
ally in the city's new speed,
war, police said today.
No arrests were made Sun-
day.

Streets were too slippery. Snow,
too, made fast driving hazardous
Sunday morning.

Nineteen Slated

Nineteen drivers, however, were
slated Saturday. One reason was
that the motorcycle squad worked
twelve hours. The two drivers were
arrested by deputy sheriffs after a
chase on county roads.

Sergt. Frank Owens said he be-
lieved motorists were obeying the
warning and were using a lighter
foot on the accelerator.

United States mail trucks will
also fall under the new speed ban.

Owens, after a conference with
Police Chief Herman F. Rikhoff,
asked Postmaster Robert H. Bryson
to tell the truck drivers to slow up,
at least during the holiday season.

The trucks dash down Illinois St.
to Union Station barely under the
speed limit, Owens told Bryson.

"They are dangerous with the
streets crowded with Christmas
shoppers," Owens said.

Charles Pitts, 31 and John Meyer,
34, of Alton, Ill., were charged with
speeding, transporting liquor and
operating a blind tiger.

Charles E. Marcum, 28, of 1611 N.
Rural St., and Merritt R. Davis, 27,
of 2648 Salem St., was slated on
charges of speeding and driving an
auto while intoxicated.

Alleged Speeders

Those charged with speeding only,
were: L. A. Trunkle, 35, of 3445
Winthrop Ave.; Otto Ray, 35, colored,
1443 N. Arsenal Ave.; Charles Pahud,
18, of 3407 Boulevard Pl.; W. R. Gill
Gillespie, 18, of 1201 Newman St.;
Ray Whitaker, 23, of 416 Gladstone
Ave.; Harry Carpenter, 21, of 2023 E.
Minnesota St.; Robert Nelson, 21, of
4141 College Ave.; Harrison Smithson,
22, of 15 E. Ritter Ave.; Theodore
Wilson, 21, of 141 E. Twenty-Second
St.; George Smock, 22, of Church-
mann Ave.; Robert W. Roberts, 26,
of 40 E. Raymond St.; Herman Wild,
25, of 1101 Hammond St.; Clifford
Bernard, 26, of 1415 N. Jefferson
Ave.; Miss Marie Treble, 23, of Edge-
wood Ave.; Emory Jackson, 24, of J.
R. J. Box 14; Edward Brown, 33
colored, 2805 Northwestern Ave.; W.
C. Longworth, 29, of 25 Hampton Ct.;
George Cobb, 26, of Broad Ripple,
and Shelby Cappe, 30, of 914 E. Mar-
ket St., were charged with driving
while intoxicated. Cappe was also
charged with operating a blind
tiger.

\$75,000 JEWELS TAKEN

Ex-Army Officer's Wife Reported
Huge Theft to Police.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Mrs.
William T. Starr, wife of a broken
and former Army officer, today re-
ported to police the theft of jewels
valued at between \$75,000 and \$100,-
000 from her apartment. The jew-
els were taken mysteriously from
her safe during her absence.

FLAPPER FANNY SAYS

HEAVY
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Some girls are so nervous
they can't dance the Charleston
without shaking.

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