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CLOUDY and colder to-
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ture about 8; Wednesday, fair
and cold.

TWO CENTS

INDIANAPOLIS, TUESDAY, DEC. 22, 1925

MENACE FOR NEW SCHOOL PLANS SEEN

Incoming Board Members
Express Approval of Re-
straining Order.

HEARING SET THURSDAY
Givan to Act on Permanent
Injunction Plea.

Parents who have fought for
years to get their children out
of portable school buildings
and half-day classes today fore-
saw the doom of their hard-won
school building program in
statements of new members of
the school board, who will take
office Jan. 1.

The three new members expressed
approval of a temporary restraining
order against the present school
board continuing with its building
program, granted by Superior Judge
Clinton H. Givan Monday afternoon.
"The new board members are in
favor of the school building program,
but the program must be carried out
in an economical, legal and business-
like manner," Theodore Vonnegut,
who is spoken of as president of the
new board, said today.

"We do not believe that the man-
ner in which the school board has
gone about carrying out the building
program has been correct. From
what we have observed of the school
board's business policies, since we
have been elected, we are in favor of
the restraining order against the
board, if the facts will confirm our
opinion that the board's operations
have not been strictly businesslike."

Charles W. Kern and Mrs. Lillian
Sedwick, the other two new mem-
bers of the board, said they felt as
Vonnegut did.

The temporary restraining order,
keeping the present board from
executing contracts with architects
for constructing six new elementary
buildings, was issued on a petition
filed by Kay K. Wark, 3270 McPherson
ave., building contractor. In the
petition, Wark said the resolution
selecting the architects was pre-
sented and adopted at the board
meeting Dec. 8, and the rules of the
board demand that any resolution
calling for expenditures of more than
\$100, must not be finally passed un-
til the succeeding meeting after its
adoption.

Judge Givan announced that the
hearing on the petition for a perma-
nent injunction will be held Thurs-
day.

Thomas Garvin, work's attorney,
today asked Judge Givan to set the
date of the hearing later than Thurs-
day. Judge Givan refused.

It was learned that Adolph Em-
hardt, board member, said to be con-
sidered as attorney for the new
board, was the only member who re-
ceived notice of the hearing in the
court Monday. Emhardt signed the
receipt of notification.

William H. Book, business di-
rector, said he was not aware of the
action until a copy of the order was
head to him by a deputy sheriff in
his office.

Two Have Rules

It is said that Book and Emhardt
are the only persons who have
copies of the board rules, quoted by
Wark in his complaint. Book said
he has the original book of rules
and that it has never left his pos-
session.

Attached to the complaint were
copies of the contracts for the six
elementary schools, held by school
board members only.

The original hearing date, set out
in the restraining order, was Jan. 24.
Following a visit of Joseph Daniels,
acting school board attorney, to the
court, it was said "an error had been
made" and the date was changed to
Dec. 24.

Board to Defend Self

Book named in the complaint
along with the five regular
board members, said today that the
school board will defend itself
against the permanent injunction.

Wark said he did not have
interest in school board building in
a business way, but wanted to see
the building program carried out in
the proper manner.

Fred Bates Johnson and Charles
R. Yoke, present board president,
will become the minority faction of
the new board.

The question as to whether or not
a permanent injunction, if issued,
will affect the new members, was
being discussed in school board
circles today. Vonnegut said he did
not know "the legal side of this ques-
tion." Book said that since the
school board is a continuing corpora-
tion it also will tie the hands of the
new members, if issued by Judge
Givan.

SECRETARY REINSTATED
Police Chief's Aid Made Lieutenant
—Woman Is Appointed.

'Shortest' Day Brings Joy and Woe

But Tonight City Can Get
Longest Sleep—Just
Before Christmas.

"Yes, today's the shortest day in
the year."
Mamma tells it to Papa and Papa
passes it on to the kids at breakfast.
In theory the sun rose at 7:04 a.
m. and is slated to disappear at
4:23 p. m.

"Well, it sure is the shortest day
for me," said a street car rider,
thumbing over the casualties among
the dollars listed in his bank book.
"The balance is \$1.02 after my wife
finished her shopping and I haven't
begun!"

No Grace to Cashiers
Indianapolis bank presidents today
announced there would be no grace

to cashiers found short.

"Take it from me, you'd better be
long even on the shortest day in
the year," a hard-boiled head banker
advised his staff.

Husbands were especially cheerful
on this shortest day. They hoped
the evening repeat would find the
pie crusts reasonably short.

Then the short days were not
compelled to stare fake phone calls
when the checks arrived for lunch-
eon. They just said off-hand:
"Why, it's the shortest day of the
year and I'm celebrating it."

Short-change artists moaned the
fact that county fair season is over
but warmed to their work in smaller
establishments.

Not to Appear "Shorty"

Mayor Shank denied at sunrise he
would appoint "Shorty" Burch
mayor for the day, but advised all
patriotic citizens to celebrate the
shortness by attending a Tom
Thumb show tonight.

And then tonight. All available
records show it is the longest
nocturnal period for 1925, and In-

diapolis will take the opportunity
to get a good healthy snooze before
sitting up to watch Santa Claus
come down the chimney. That is,
all Indianapolis except those few un-
fortunates who have to "sit up with
a sick friend." They'll probably get
extra sleep.

NEW DUNES BUY
IS ANNOUNCED

State Secures Waverly
Beach for Park.

Purchase of Waverly Beach, near
Michigan City, at a total cost of
\$181,612.50, declared the key point in
the State's plans for the Dunes Park,
was announced today by Charles G.
Sauer, assistant director State con-
servation commission.

The tract has 4,000 feet frontage
on Lake Michigan and contains
Mounts Calm and Holden, two of the
principal dunes.

Sauer said work on the park
would start early in the spring and
that it would be opened to the pub-
lic next summer.

The land was purchased from A.
Murray Turner, Peter Meyn, Carl
Kaufman of Hammond, Ind., and
Ralph Vechtan of Chicago. Sauer
said the men turned the land over
for what they actually paid in.

Sauer said that 370 additional
acres will be obtained soon, making
a total of 1,000 acres under contract.

THREE FLEE FROM JAIL
Escape via Ventilator in Newcastle
Bastille.

NEWCASTLE, Ind., Dec. 22.—
Harley Taylor, 23, sentenced for
liquor law violation; Arthur Hatch,
28, alleged forger and Fox Evans,
22, escaped jail her Monday night by
paying open a ventilator and dropping
into the basement.

The escape was discovered this
morning.

HOOSIER ROBBED
MILWAUKEE, Dec. 22.—Mrs.
Helen Antowski, Hammond, Ind., re-
ported to police here today that her
purse, containing \$25.10, had been
stolen by a purse snatcher.

SEEK "HIT AND RUN"
By Times Special
GREENCASTLE, Ind., Dec. 22.—
Police today are seeking the driver
of an automobile which collided with
a car driven by Frank Thompson of
Valparaiso, seriously injuring Mrs.
Thompson and her small son.

HUSBAND FOUND DEAD
By Times Special
ROCHESTER, Ind., Dec. 22.—Mrs.
Ann Alexander will take office as
city clerk here the first of the year
as a widow. She found her husband
dead in bed Monday.

HUGE LOSS, 2 HURT IN STATE FIRE

Portland's Main Business
Building Burns in Early
Hour Blaze.

\$500,000 DAMAGE SEEN

Store Proprietor Seriously
Burned in Rescue Work.

By United Press
PORTLAND, Ind., Dec. 22.—
Two men were injured, one se-
riously, and losses estimated at
between \$500,000 and \$750,000
were done in a fire which early
today swept Portland's busi-
ness district.

The Weller Bldg., Portland's larg-
est structure, was completely de-
stroyed and shortly before noon only
a tangled mass of masonry and steel
marked the spot where a few hours
before a four-story, brick, stone and
iron building had stood.

A janitor in the Weller Brother's
department store discovered the
blaze shortly after 6:30 a. m. in an
elevator shaft.

Before the fire fighting apparatus
of the city could reach the scene
the flames were beyond control.

Manager Burned

James Limley, manager of the
shoe department of the Weller store,
was burned seriously about the body
and face in his efforts to save part
of the store stock.

Richard Hartford, an attorney who
occupied a suite of offices on the
third floor, suffered from minor
burns and from inhaling smoke. He
was rescued by firemen a short time
before the walls of the building col-
lapsed.

About twenty-five physicians and
lawyers had offices in the building.
The only articles saved from the
building were an old doctor's ac-
count book and a few surgical in-
struments.

The libraries of all attorneys hav-
ing offices in the building were
burned, as was the entire stock of
the department store, and its fix-
tures.

Store Loses \$200,000

Officers of the Weller store placed
stock loss alone at more than \$200,-
000, only a part of which is covered
by insurance.

The law libraries, furniture and
equipment for physician's offices
was estimated to have been worth
at least \$150,000.

The building was worth at least
a like amount.

DECATUR IS THREATENED
Garage Burns at Second Indiana
—Town With \$12,000 Loss.

By United Press
DECATUR, Ind., Dec. 22.—Fire
today destroyed the P. B. Hebble
garage with a \$12,000 loss.

Fourteen automobiles burned.
The blaze threatened the down-
town district.

The fire started when a tank of
denatured alcohol exploded.

WHISKY FOUND
IN AUTOMOBILE

State Officer Aids in Liquor
Drive.

State Motor Policeman Charles
Bridges aided city and Federal
agents drive to dry up Indianapolis
Monday night when he arrested on
a charge of transporting liquor,
Norbit Stiller, Louisville, Ky., and
seized eighteen gallons of Scotch
whisky, he said he found in Stiller's
machine.

The arrest was made on State Rd.
1, north of Franklin.

Bridges said an Indianapolis busi-
ness man will probably be implicated.

WOULD ABANDON LINE
Street Railway Company Petitions
Service Commission.

Declaring it is losing more than
\$1,000 a month through operation
of its Pershing Ave. street car line,
the Indianapolis Street Railway
Company today petitioned the pub-
lic service commission for authority
to abandon the route.

The line, which extends for about
four blocks along Pershing Ave. be-
tween the Emerichville bridge and
Tenth St., is in need of repair and
to place it in satisfactory condition
would entail great expenditure, the
company declared.

BUDGET BOARD TEST
Constitutionality of Law to Be At-
tacked.

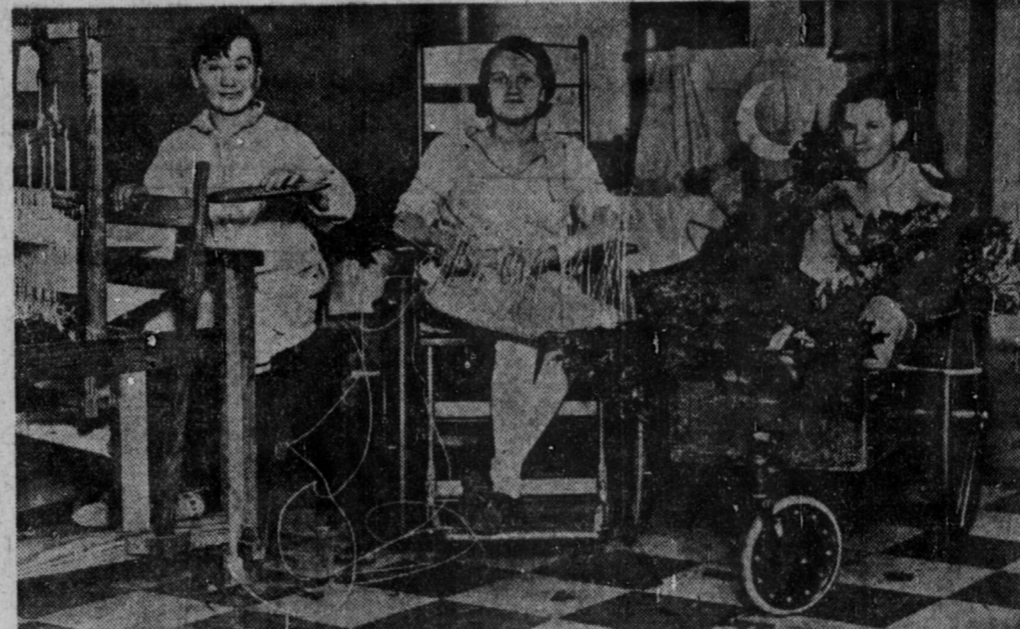
Constitutionality of the 1925 act
creating the State legislative finance
committee is to be tested in a suit
being prepared in behalf of a num-
ber of State officials whose salaries
have been slashed.

The suit will be brought by a
taxpayer.

WILL THEY BE 'BLUE'?

THE end of the road, the long
weary road of life, is for-
n and destitute when you've
come to it all by yourself. When
you're old and alone, and there are
no young folks to bring the Christ-
mas to you that you used to bring

CRIPPLED CHILDREN AT RILEY HOSPITAL MAKE GIFTS IN CLASS



Little patients in the Occupational Therapy Ward, Riley Hospital, working on Christmas decorations.

VAUNTED STRENGTH OF WETS IS A MYTH

Drys Win Prohibition's First
Test Vote in New Con-
gress.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The
boasted increase in strength of the
wets in Congress was put on the
scales today in prohibition's first
test vote of the session and found
sadly wanting.

The House, 139 to 17, defeated an
elimination amendment to the pro-
posed appropriation of \$250,000 for
the "purchase" of evidence by dry
agents.

The amendment would have for-
bidden the use of "fraud, deceit, or
falsehood in procuring evidence,"
against suspected violators.

The amendment was offered by
Representative Tucker, Virginia,
Democrat.

More than anything else, the
practice of agents in "trapping" per-
sons into violating the dry law had
been denounced by speakers in the
House. Instances of the expenditure
of large sums for "parties" have
been criticized strongly.

APOLOGY FREES POLICE CAPTAIN

Sumner Begs Court's Par-
don—Dismissed.

Capt. Charles "Buck" Sumner,
special investigator for Police Chief
Herman Rikhoff, today was purged
of contempt of court charges arising
out of the primary election last May,
when he apologized to Judge Clinton
H. Givan, Superior Court Four.

Sumner was fined \$75 and sen-
tenced to seven days in jail Jan. 13,
1925, when he was convicted of con-
tempt of court in connection with a
restraining order preventing Indian-
apolis police from arresting Horse
Thief detectives for carrying guns
at the election polls. Givan issued
the order against Chief Rikhoff and
others May 5, on petition of Charles
L. Kiddle, then president of Marion
County Council, Horse Thief Detective
Association.

BODIES OF DEAD
COVER PLAINS

Hsiang Forces on Yangtsun
Front Weakening.

By United Press
LONDON, Dec. 22.—Troops of Feng
Yu Hsiang, fighting nearly a fort-
night on the Yangtsun front, were
reported by the Daily Mail's Yangt-
sun correspondent today to be weak-
ened. It was reported to have
suffered tremendous losses in his
hitherto vain efforts to dislodge the
Li Ching Lin troops. The corre-
spondent pictured the plains as
covered with dead.

MERCHANTS ARE WARNED
Told to Bank Money—Safe Crackers
Feared.

Detective Inspector Jerry Kinney
today warned merchants to bank
their money as a protection against
safe crackers during the Christmas
season.

The warning was issued after the
Sink and Edwards Company, 908
Roanoke St., was burglarized and
an electric drill valued at \$105 and
a wedding set valued at \$35 taken.
Kinney pointed out the tools might
be used by yeggs.

RESIDENT IS THREATENED
Police to Arrest Loiterers in Neigh-
borhood.

Police Capt. Fred Drinkut today
ordered arrest of persons congregat-
ing in the 500 block on W. Twenty-
Ninth St., after a colored resident
received threatening letters and
phone calls and appealed for pro-
tection. Police are watching the
place closely.

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five members of Eagle Creek divi-
sion 248 of Horse Thief Detective As-
sociation wearing guns and badges
in the crowd Monday night. Basil
Boeber, 3134 W. Michigan St., who
said he was a captain of the organiza-
tion and in charge, said he came
there on request of D. J. Kinney,
2850 Paris Ave. Kinney said he
asked the men to come there to aid
police.

RECEIVER NAMED FOR BUS AND
STATION COMPANIES.

Fred I. Jones, named receiver of
the Indiana Red Ball Lines, Inc., and
the Union Bus Station Company, to-
day said he would file a petition in
Probate Court for authority to ask
the public service commission for in-
creased fares. Receiver was named
Monday by Probate Judge Mahlon H.
Bash.

The Madden-Copple Company
brought suit against the Union Bus
Station Company, and the Automobile
Equipment Company against the
Indiana Red Ball Lines. Both peti-
tions alleged each defendant was
heavily indebted to the plaintiffs.
The suits are friendly ones and there
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240 Gallons of Whisky, 15-
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By United Press
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 22.—Dry
holidays in Kansas City are expected
as a result of fifty-eight raids staged
during the night. Armed with 200
search warrants, sheriff's, prosecu-
tor's and police liquor squads, ar-
rested 138 persons, and seized 240
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beer, thirty gallons of alcohol, 697
gallons of wine, 133 barrels of whisky
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BUTLER QUILTS MARINES
But Philadelphia Don't Want a Re-
tired Officer.

By United Press
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 22.—
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ines to continue as Philadelphia pub-
lic safety director.

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from Mayor Kendrick the announce-
ment that Kendrick did not want
him to serve, if his status would be
that of a retired officer.

OUT-OF-TOWN CROWDS POUR INTO STORES

Tractions, Busses and Autos
Bring in Holiday
Shoppers.

Traction and bus officials today
estimated more than 13,000 per-
sons daily come from surrounding
towns to shop in Indianapolis dur-
ing the holiday season.

Estimating an average expenditure
of \$50 a person, \$650,000 would be
spent here daily by out-of-town
Christmas shoppers. It is estimated
Indianapolis has a shopping popula-
tion of 2,000,000 drawing from a
sixty-mile radius.

Joseph A. McGowan, Terre Haute,
Indiana, said he had seen 5,000
Christmas shoppers use the traction
lines and 1,500 use the Traction Bus
Terminal daily.

Between 1,000 and 1,500 Christmas
shoppers use the Union Bus Terminal
each day, Fred I. Jones, president,
said.

Todd Stoops, Hoosier Motor Club
manager, said at least 5,000 persons
come in their own automobiles to
Indianapolis daily to shop.

Traction lines have been forced to
put on trailers or extra cars on prac-
tically every line into the city.

HIGHER FARES TO BE SOUGHT

Receiver Named for Bus and
Station Companies.

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LEGAL FIGHT OVER SHELBY
Opening Looms.

Injunction proceedings to prevent
the board of works from routing
Shelby St. via Bates, Maryland and
Cruse Sts. to Washington St. were
deemed likely today.

South side residents, annoyed at
heavy assessments, with the board
to route Shelby St. straight to Wash-
ington St., contending the cost would
be much less.

Councilman John E. King at coun-
cil Monday night introduced an or-
dinance amending the thoroughfare
plan to allow for wishes of the south
side constituency so that Shelby St.
would be opened straight through
from Bates to Maryland St., and
widen from Maryland St. to Wash-
ington St.

POSTAL RECORDS FALL
More Than Million Pieces of Mail
Handled One Day.

A new high record was established
in the Indianapolis Postoffice Mon-
day when 1,000,822 pieces of mail
were handled, an increase of 236,24
per cent over last year. Postmaster
Robert H. Bryson announced today.

Wreaths, Rugs and Baskets for Christmas Gifts Produced.

Regular Little Santa Clauses!
Children in