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Forecast

PARTLY cloudy and somewhat unsettled tonight and Sunday. Somewhat colder to night with lowest temperatures near zero.

EIGHTY DIE OBSERVING CHRISTMAS

Pistols, Automobiles and Bad Liquor Take Many Lives.

SIX DIE IN INDIANA

Fifty-Three Are Traffic Accident Victims.

By United Press
Celebration of Christmas, the day of peace and good will, cost eighty lives in twenty-seven American cities, a survey made today by the United Press revealed.

Fatalities in cities and towns not included in the survey will probably bring the figure over the 100 mark.

The automobile was responsible for the major portion of the toll, fifty-three persons having lost their lives in traffic accidents.

The gun was the second heaviest offender, thirteen persons having been shot to death.

Liquor ranked third, only seven deaths due to liquor poisoning being reported, although many cities told of hospitals having numerous cases of persons suffering from the effects of the bad alcohol.

Outstanding in the results of the survey was the reduction of serious accidents from burning Christmas trees, due largely to the substitution of the electric light for the old-fashioned candle. Only two major accidents of this kind were reported, while in past years there have been many. New York City went through Christmas day for the first time in history without a fire due to a burning Christmas tree.

SHORTRIDGE TO BE SOLD BY PRESENT BOARD

Bids Will Be Received at Special Session Wednesday Morning.

Bids for the sale of the present Shortridge High School site and property, North and Pennsylvania Sts., will be received at 11 a. m. Wednesday, at a special meeting of the Indianapolis school board.

Charles E. Yoke, president, announced today.

If possible the board will go over the bids and complete the sale at the same meeting or at a later special session before Jan. 1, Yoke said.

This will be the last official move of the present board in carrying out the building program. The new board takes office Jan. 1.

Advertising for bids on the school will be completed by Wednesday, Yoke said. The property has been appraised at \$636,000. Proceeds of the sale are to be used in financing the erection of six new elementary school buildings.

The Shortridge site is said to be ideally located for downtown purposes and has a full block frontage in Pennsylvania St. and 163 feet in Michigan and North Sts.

Yoke said allegations made by Kay K. Ward, building contractor, who filed a petition for a temporary injunction to prevent the present board from executing contracts with architects for the grade school buildings, that part of the Shortridge site could not be sold by the board, were false.

"The entire tract of land is the property of the school board and can be dispensed with as seen fit by the board," Yoke said.

Judge Clinton H. Givan, Superior Court, dissolved a temporary restraining order against the board Thursday, following a hearing.

REPORT SHOWS SMALLPOX GAIN

1,000 Cases of Contagious Disease in State.

Approximately a thousand cases of contagious diseases have been reported in Indiana during the week ending Dec. 19, according to the weekly morbidity report of Dr. H. W. McKim, epidemiologist for the State board of health.

Smallpox showed a marked increase for the week, 114 cases having been reported as against only 34 for the preceding week. Fifty-seven of the cases reported were in Indianapolis.

Scarlet fever remains the most prevalent disease, 272 cases being reported, as against 274 for the preceding period. Vanderburgh County reports thirty-six cases, Elkhart County twenty-three, Marion twenty-nine and Wabash sixteen.

Other contagious diseases reported in the State: Chickenpox, 105 cases; whooping cough, eighty; measles, seventy-seven; diphtheria, fifty-nine; influenza, fifty-two; and pneumonia, twenty-three.

CYCLIST ARRESTED

Ray Watson, 26, R. R. P. Box 188, was arrested on a charge of going thirty-five miles an hour today on a motorcycle on Southeastern Ave.

Eggs, Not Yeggs, After Jan. 1

By Times Special

T. WAYNE, Ind., Dec. 26.—William Moeller, whose term as police chief ends Friday, will immediately go to work on his poultry farm and his chickens will do extra time to bring his income up to par. A new device has been installed at the poultry farm, an alarm tripping off an electrical switch each day at 4 a. m. Immediately powerful lights in the chicken houses are illuminated and the biddies, fooled into believing it is daylight, arouse themselves and go about their morning work. The result is increased egg production.

C. L. GIBBENS TO SPEAK

Lecturer Will Talk to Boys Sunday on "The Track Meet."

"The Track Meet" will be the topic of C. L. Gibbens, lecturer, who will address boys from 10-18 years Sunday at 2:30 p. m. at the Y. M. C. A. Russell Berg will draw cartoons and Ralph Klare will give a reading.

DOPE DIVISION ACTIVE

7,000 Narcotic Peddlers and Addicts Rounded Up.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—With a force of less than 300 officers, Col. D. Knott, chief of the Government Narcotic Bureau, has rounded up more than 7,000 dope peddlers and addicts this year. It was learned at the Treasury Department today. Records of Colonel Knott show that 95.6 per cent of the cases taken into court resulted in convictions that carry prison sentences of more than a year.

BURSAR TO VISIT HERE

University of Pennsylvania Official to Call on Alumni.

Sparta Fritz Jr., bursar of University of Pennsylvania, will visit Indianapolis Jan. 1, 2, in an effort to establish closer relations between local alumni and the institution. Bowman Elder, 891 Hume-Maneur Bldg., a Pennsylvania alumnus, said the university, founded by Benjamin Franklin has an enrollment of 9,469 students and is seeking to raise \$45,650,000 before its 200th birthday in 1940. More than \$5,500,000 has been raised.

DEFENDANT TO PLEAD

Robert Blair Will Answer Charge of Postal Theft.

Robert Blair, alias Bert Mason, who is indicted here on charges of postoffice theft, will be arraigned Wednesday before Federal Judge Robert C. Baltzell.

Blair is alleged to have robbed postal sub-station No. 27 of seventy-five money order blanks in 1922, which, authorities charge, he cashed in various parts of the country.

He was brought to Indianapolis last week, following his arrest in New York by Postal Inspector William C. Eile and police there.

3,282 FAMILIES RECEIVED AID

Christmas Clearing House Reports Work.

A total of 3,282 needy Indianapolis families aided this Christmas through efforts of the Christmas Clearing House, it was reported today by Herbert S. King, chairman. "The busiest season in its history," was the way officials of the clearing house termed this year's activity. Names of 4,760 needy persons were turned, as against 4,057 last year. Of this year's list, 1,478 were found on the lists of other organizations and were eliminated, doing away with a 30 per cent duplication, and making possible more extensive aid elsewhere.

Seventy-seven different organizations made use of the clearing house. Everyone of the 865 Santa Claus letters received, which bore the sender's name, was answered with a present, King said. King thanked local firemen, Boy Scouts, and individuals for their cooperation.

WALK CAUSES ARREST

Wanted Man Strolls Right Past County Jail.

By United Press
WARSAW, Ind., Dec. 26.—Five minutes after Sheriff Maloy was notified to be on the lookout for Virgil Ward, 25, he spied Ward walking past the county jail and arrested him.

Ward was taken to Columbia City, where he was wanted for the theft of a diamond ring and a gold watch.

IN LAST 24 HOURS

Six persons have been in automobile accidents in Indianapolis.

TOTAL INJURED THIS YEAR: 2,283
TOTAL DEATHS THIS YEAR: 70

BARLEYCORN AND POLICE 'TOO PALLY'

Whisky Can't Be Running-mate for Cops, Says Mayor.

NEWLY NAMED MEN

Records of Next Appointees to Be Scanned.

"Old John Barleycorn may be a cheerful running mate for Indianapolis police, but they've got to find another partner on their beats."

This was the edict of Mayor Shank today, following suspension over Christmas of two of the forty-eight new policemen Shank and board of safety members appointed recently. Trials of the two officers will be held Tuesday.

Third Charged

Patrolman Walter Lyons, 964 S. Alabama St., is the third of among the forty-eight officers named recently to face charges of drunkenness.

Lyons is said to have been drinking while riding in an auto that figured in an accident at Twenty-First St. and Capitol Ave. Christmas Eve.

Patrolman Clyde Hinds, 1229 N. Holmes Ave., was alleged to have tried to shoot out street lights.

To Scan Records

"Believe me, I've ordered the records of all the new men we're examining for the force to be placed under the microscope," said Shank. "We're taking no more chances on these babies."

"Why, it's unfair to their friends for these men to get drunk and raise the devil when we've gone out of our way to give them good, steady jobs." Appointment of about twenty more policemen is expected at board of safety meeting Tuesday.

Additional hard luck followed Lyons. He was fined \$1 and costs by City Judge Dan V. White on charge of failure to stop at a boulevard. Fine of \$5 on an assault and battery charge was suspended.

JUMPS THROUGH GLASS; FLEES

Prisoner Escapes Jail at Noblesville.

By Times Special
NOBLESVILLE, Ind., Dec. 26.—Cecil Hendrickson, 19, alleged auto accessory thief, who attempted to shoot an officer when arrested, dashed out of jail today when Deputy Sheriff Will Dickover brought him his breakfast.

Hendrickson ran into the sheriff's residence and finding all doors locked, jumped through a window, breaking the sash and glass.

Mrs. Julia Walker, colored, housekeeper at the sheriff's residence, grabbed Hendrickson as he ran through the house. She seized his sweater and held on to him until a section about a foot square tore loose.

ANDREWS TAKES RUM ROW TOUR

Dry Czar on Coast Guard Inspection Trip.

By United Press
WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 26.—Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Lincoln Andrews, in charge of prohibition enforcement, was to embark here today for an eight-day inspection cruise of the southern rum front which will take him as far as Havana.

The cruise, which also will combine the features of a diplomatic mission, will proceed by leisurely stages down the coast and back, with stops at Charleston, S. C.; Savannah, Ga.; and Key West, Fla., on the outgoing trip, and Miami and Jacksonville, Fla., on the return trip, which is due to end at Savannah Jan. 4.

HEAVY PENALTY GIVEN

Youth Fined \$250 and Costs on Three Serious Charges.

Alex Henderson, 21, colored, 519 Spring St., was fined \$100 and costs and sentenced thirty days in jail today by Judge Dan V. White on a drunk charge. He was also fined \$100 and costs on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon and \$25 and costs for assault and battery. Henderson is alleged to have drawn a revolver on Leon Williams, colored.

HIDES ARE STOLEN

Police Watch for Sale of Edinburg Goods Here.

Local police were asked by Edinburg (Ind.) authorities to watch for the sale or pawning of stolen hides in Indianapolis. An Edinburg store was entered and 300 muskrat hides, forty-five possum hides, thirty-five skunk hides and a cat hide, taken.

CITY, NATION SHIVER IN NEAR ZERO TEMPERATURE

THEY LIKE COLD WEATHER



Skaters flocked to lagoons in Garfield Park and the South Grove golf course today. Above: Left to right, Lee Stout, 2172 N. Harding St., and Edward McNay, 2012 N. Harding St., at South Grove.

NEW DEATH AT HOSPITAL PUTS TOLL AT SEVEN

Man Struck by Auto Christmas Dies From Hurts—Two Other Victims.

Death of Ed Johnson, 30, address unknown, at city hospital today, brought the toll of Christmas accidents in the city and State up to seven.

Johnson was struck by an auto at Merrill St. and Virginia Ave. James Conlin, 829 S. East St., said to have been the driver, was arrested later at his home. The same auto also struck and injured Miss Sarah Atkins, 32, of 516 Drovers St. She is recovering.

Clarence Edwards, 42, of Coofeen, Ill., rooming at 1236 E. Tenth St., was fatally injured here when he was struck by a Union traction car at Massachusetts and College Ave. Edwards, who was deaf and dumb, walked into the path of the car, police were told.

C. G. Strickland, 40, colored, 1142 E. Nineteenth St., was instantly killed when he walked in front of a Monon locomotive at the Nineteenth St. crossing.

Three Killed

Three hunters were killed when their auto was struck by an interurban at Scottsburg. They were, John McWilliams, 21, Ward Burch, 26, and Earl Burch, 12. The three had started on a Christmas hunting trip and a few minutes after they left home their auto was struck at a crossing and demolished.

Rame Morrell, 30, died from a broken neck at Bloomington received when his auto skidded on an icy road and overturned.

Ed Sample, 56, and his wife, 52, of Knightstown, were seriously injured when their auto collided with another machine on the national road near Greenfield.

On Way Here

They were on their way to take Christmas dinner with relatives in Indianapolis.

Everett Byrd, 12, is at the point of death at Kokomo. He was run down in the darkness in front of his home by a truck driven by his brother.

Steve Jackson, 54, of 622 Ogden St., is suffering with a fractured skull received Christmas eve when he was struck by an auto while standing in a safety zone at Liberty St. and Massachusetts Ave. Mrs. C. A. Wright, 58, of 707 E. Forty-Ninth St., was also injured. The driver fled.

BANDITS SHOOT AT TAXI DRIVER

Robbed of \$2 by Fares Who Refuse to Pay Bill.

Rudolph Claffey, 2660 Manker St., taxi driver, today told police two colored men, who he had driven to Twentieth and Yandes Sts., Friday night robbed him of \$2 and his watch.

Claffey said when the men alighted, one fired at him, the bullet going into the seat cushion. Another shot was fired through the window of the car.

Louis Bostic, 131 S. West St., grappled with a colored burglar in his room. Patrolman Cross fired three shots at the man, who escaped.

First Lady Gets Fur Coat

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Coolidge got a new fur coat for Christmas. Part of it came from the game preserves of the former czar of Russia.

The coat was the gift of the Fur Manufacturers and Merchants' Association.

The carcass came from Austria and the platinum fox fur from Russia. A special permit was required from the Soviet government to authorize its shipment to the United States.

KUO AND WIFE SLAIN, REPORT

Heads Carried Through Mukden Streets, Rumor.

By United Press

TOKIO, Dec. 26.—Mukden, according to reports, celebrated Christmas by carrying the heads of Gen. Kuo Sing Ling, enemy of Chang Tso Ling, and Kuo's wife, through the streets.

The couple were slain reportedly because "they resisted capture." After the gruesome parade the heads were hung over the main gate of the city.

Kuo, a henchman of the "Christian general," Feng Yu Hsiang, had recently made progress in his drive against the Mukden warlord, Chang.

But some advisers indicate that he suffered a reverse earlier in the week. The Tokio message relating the alleged decapitations are unconfirmed.

YANKS FIRED ON

Americans Did Not Respond to Fire, Dispatch Indicates.

By United Press

LONDON, Dec. 26.—A Central News Tien Tsin message Christmas eve, reported Americans in the city fired upon, but indicated the incident was not grave since the Americans did not respond. On the other hand, the defenders of the Italian quarter were reported to have answered the fire of retreating Li Ching Lin stragglers killing two Chinese while one Italian was wounded.

SHIPS SENT TO CHINA

Five Destroyers Ordered From Manila, Navy Announces.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Dispatch of five American destroyers from Manila to Chinese waters was announced by the Navy Department today.

Belief was expressed that it was an ordinary shift of personnel, as no word of danger to Americans in China has been received.

SERVICE BOOTH NEEDED

Oil Inspector Cites Need of Municipal Station Downtown.

Establishment of a municipal information station for strangers and visitors to Indianapolis at Washington and Illinois Sts., will be suggested to Mayor-Elect John L. Duval by Harry Willis, State oil inspector, he said today.

"There's no place for travelers to receive proper information about the many perplexing questions that arise when they come to Indianapolis," Willis said. "An information booth open night and day would pay in dollars and cents. The city would be advertised as cordial to visitors and their trade would pay the cost of the improvement."

SHANK REGIME LAYS 150 MILES OF PAVEMENT

Present Administration to Review Accomplishments Tuesday Night.

Approximately 150 miles of streets were built during the Shank administration, nearly three times the mileage of the previous administration, figures at city hall showed today.

The thoroughfares were constructed under direction of the board of works and city engineer's department. Reports of those branches of city government at the annual dinner Tuesday night will show the present board has built more than fifty miles of alleys.

Sixty miles of sewers have been laid to care for the rapid growth of the city and 100 miles of water mains provided fire protection and convenience to residents of new sections of the city.

During their four years of service the board of works has approved 1,200 contracts for improvements.

The Shank administration has marked final settlement of the \$14,000,000 south side track elevation project and the flood prevention movement. Both propositions now are almost ready for the breaking of the ground. Mayor Shank will hear Tuesday night.

The work was performed under handicap of reduced force of engineers during the last few months of the administration. Only one street draftsman was on duty and practically the entire staff of inspectors was dismissed because funds were refused by city council.

Republican members of the board were Charles E. Coffin, president, and William H. Freeman. Dr. M. J. Spencer was the Democratic representative.

Less Appropriation
The street commissioner's department, under Martin J. Hyland, directed by the board of works cared for a greater mileage of streets on nearly \$100,000 less appropriation during the previous administration. The budget of John P. Walker, street cleaning superintendent, under the board, was considerably less than in former years.

Board representatives recently dedicated the Oliver Ave. and Kentucky Ave. bridges across White River, built in record time. The new municipal garage the board built is considered a model of its type of architecture.

STRIKE PEACE HOPES RISING

Coal Region Sees Settlement Soon.

By United Press

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Reports from the anthracite coal mining districts today told of increased hope that the coal mine strike which has been in progress sixteen weeks would end early in the New Year as a result of plans for renewal of the wage conferences between the miners and mine owners.

The committees representing the two sides of the controversy will meet in New York Tuesday, probably at the Union League Club. Plans for the meeting have been completed and the negotiators are expected here some time Monday.

Further Mercury Drop Tonight Likely, Says Weather Man—One Man in Hospital as Result of Cold—Potato Prices Boosted.

NO RELIEF IN SIGHT; MAY CONTINUE INTO NEXT WEEK

Sixteen Below Reported at One Point in Middle West; Rivers Frozen Over for First Time This Year—State Also Suffers.

Indianapolis and the nation shivered in a near-zero wave which brought the coldest weather of the season today.

"There is no relief in sight," said J. H. Armstrong, Government meteorologist.

The cold wave will continue over Sunday, he said, and temperatures may go below zero.

He warned shippers to prepare for as low as 10 degrees below.

One man was in city hospital as a result of the cold.

Wholesale potato prices jumped 25 to 50 cents a hundred pounds because the temperature drop had slowed shipments, commission merchants said.

One death was reported in the State. Daniel Shearer, 49, of Lexington, fell into a bonfire he had built for lumbermen to keep war min a woods.

Potatoes were rather scarce at any price, they said. One carload of apples on consignment was damaged badly by freezing.

Michigan potatoes sold at \$6.50 to \$6.75 for a 150-pound sack, wholesale price. Idaho potatoes were \$4.75 for a 100-pound sack. Early Ohio potatoes sold at \$5.50 for a 120-pound sack.

Other food stuffs on the city market were not damaged by the cold, because most of the material had been shipped in before the freeze. Only the fruits and vegetables coming in late by express ran a risk of being frozen, market standholders said.

Cold Victim

Otis Holloway, 65, who lives in a hut in the Minnesota St. dumps was in city hospital suffering from the extreme cold.

Patrolman Shaw found Holloway near his shack early today in a half frozen condition. His arms and legs were stiff. Holloway had been beaten. His clothing torn.

Police investigated on the theory he might have been the victim of an attack. He is dazed and unable to explain why he was beaten.

King County found Holloway only four days ago, tightened his frigid grip early Christmas morning. Afternoon saw the mercury slowly sliding until 4 p. m. when 20 was registered. At midnight the thermometer showed 11 above. A brisk wind added to the discomfort of those returning home from Christmas celebrations.

The low mark was reached at 3 a. m. when 5 above was recorded. At 9 p. m. it had climbed back to 8 above.

Cold Is General
Indianapolis was not alone in the cold wave. United Press dispatches reported as low as 14 degrees below zero in the Middle West. The Chicago weather bureau forecast even colder weather tonight.

At 7 a. m. the temperature at Duluth, Minn., was 16 below zero. Devil's Lake, N. D., reported 14 below; Madison, Wis., Lacrosse, Wis., and Charles City, Iowa, registered 10 below, while the rest of this forecast area reported temperatures slightly above and below zero. In St. Paul, it was 12 below and Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., reported 16 below.

Prince Albert, Sask., registered 22 below zero and Winnipeg, Man., 18 below. At other points in Canada, it is 28 below, the weather bureau stated.

Tonight there will be a further drop when the thermometer will show from 5 to 10 below zero as far south as the northern sections of Illinois and Indiana, the Chicago weather bureau forecast.

Ten Dead
Of the ten traffic deaths in Chicago area during the past twenty-four hours, nearly all were attributed to the cold wave, slippery streets and blinding snow.

Scores of scantily clad persons were driven into the intense cold of St. Paul by a fire which swept an apartment building early today. Ambulances helped hurry the shivering victims to places of shelter.

The cold may last through next week. The weather bureau at Washington forecast for next week as follows:

Ohio Valley and Tennessee—Quite cold weather first half and moderating temperature latter part of week and general snows over north and south or rains over south portion latter part of week.

Region Great Lakes—Quite cold weather first half and moderating temperature latter part of the