

BOTS in New York with brother Bill paying the bills! Enjoy life with her on The Times Comic Page.

MOSTLY cloudy and unsettled tonight and Saturday; not much change in temperature.

## Hamstringing Butler, Plan

Fighting Marine Tells How Philadelphia Used Double-Cross.

Editor's Note—This is the third installment of General Butler's story of his work as head of Philadelphia police and his dismissal early this year. The articles will appear daily. The Times reserves exclusive rights to the articles in this territory.

By Smedley D. Butler  
With the blare of trumpets and the beat of drums, Mayor Kendrick and a group of Pennsylvania politicians descended upon Washington and the President of the United States on Dec. 6, 1923.

Mayor Kendrick made one of his eloquent and inimitable orations to the President.

"Mr. President," he said, "extraordinary conditions existing in Philadelphia demand heroic treatment."

"Our police force has become demoralized. Banditry, promiscuous sale of poisonous liquor, and lawlessness of all kinds are rampant. Frankly, Mr. President, 2,000,000 people in Philadelphia are awaiting anxiously and hopefully your answer."

On Dec. 13 the answer came—one year's leave of absence, granted by order of the President.

Of all those who accompanied the mayor to Washington to plead so earnestly that I might come to their city, not one supported me openly, or even secretly, during the next two years. None of them fought me openly, but some of them did so in the dark.

Try to Stack Cards  
Immediately after announcement of the President's action the politicians began to try to stack the cards by selecting my immediate subordinates for me.

The mayor urged upon me dismissal of the Superintendent of Police William E. Mills. I didn't act. Mills served well and was superintending when I left Philadelphia two years later.

For my assistant director the mayor advocated appointment of

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## WAR ON DOGS IS CONTINUED

Hazard Keeps Up—Man Bitten on Leg.

The savage dog hazard continued today. Police had two calls before 8 a. m. At the office of the Police and Fuel Company, Lynn St. and the P. & E. Railroad tracks, they found Alva Lova, 112 N. Mile Ave., an employee, bitten in the leg. He said a dog ran into the yard and attacked him.

Motor Policemen Hague and Pett ordered the dog, owned by Joe Weber, 361 Cable St., penned for ten days. Lova was taken to the city hospital.

Police failed to find a dog reported lying in the street at Oriental and Washington Sts., frothing at the mouth.

Police Chief Claude Johnson issued orders to patrolmen to take no chances with vicious dogs.

He ordered owners of dogs to be instructed to pen them and stray dogs taken in tow for the city dog pond. "There will be no drive by this department to bring about a record number of dog deaths, by shooting them," Johnson said. "We do intend, however, to protect citizens, even if we have to use firearms to do it."

## MURDER CASE TO JURY TODAY

Defense Alleges Shooting Was Accidental.

The case of Herbert Thiesing, charged with first degree murder, was expected to start with the jury late this afternoon. Although Judson L. Stark, deputy prosecutor, said he would ask for life imprisonment, it is believed that if the jury finds the defendant guilty he will be convicted of manslaughter, penalty for which is two to twenty-one years in the Indiana State Prison.

Thiesing is charged with fatally shooting Orla Vernard, 43, of 1559 Sheldon St., in the poolroom of Raymond Hoffbauer, 1609 Ludlow Ave. The State endeavored to prove Thiesing shot Vernard while under the influence of liquor. Frank Baker, defense attorney, declared Vernard was accidentally shot.

Baker said Thiesing, thinking the weapon was loaded with blanks, fired into the poolroom to make the men think the place was raided.

WATSON FOR FARM AID  
Addresses Meeting Called by State G. O. P. Chairman.

Need for farm relief was stressed by Senator James E. Watson at a meeting today at the Severin of prominent Republicans, called by State Chairman Clyde A. Walb to discuss the farmer's plight. Senator Arthur R. Robinson also attended.

Tonight Watson will speak at Kokomo. He will return to Washington Saturday.

## 35 MEN MISSING IN BOAT BLASTS ON MISSISSIPPI

One Ship Fired in Dry Dock—Two Others Crash in Midstream.

CAUSES ARE IN DISPUTE

Oil Tanker Disappears With Decks Mass of Flames.

By United Press

NEW ORLEANS, April 9.—The port of New Orleans today recovered from a night of horror and relief workers set about caring for those rescued from a succession of ship disasters that brought death, injury and destruction.

A check-up of hospitals and among the seamen along the docks revealed thirty-four men were still missing from two of the vessels which within twelve hours were rocked by a series of explosions.

Five men who were aboard the O. T. Warring, which was fired in dry dock Thursday, have not been heard from.

Twenty-nine members of the crew of the Dutch tanker Silvanus have not been located since that vessel collided with the Standard Oil tanker Wheeler in the Mississippi River at Point a la Hache, fifty miles south of here.

The Wheeler was beached after the collision with slight damage. The Silvanus was last seen with her decks a mass of blazing oil, helpless in the flow of the Mississippi.

The origin of the fires and explosions was in dispute today. The fire in the drydock was said by the captain of the O. T. Warring to have started from sparks carried by a shore fire. This was denied by company officials, however.

TWO OIL FIELDS ABLAZE

Men Conscripted to Fight Fire in California Tank Farms.

LOS ANGELES, April 9.—All night fire burned in two tank farms of the Union Oil Company—one at Anaheim, some twenty-five miles from here, and the other at San Luis Obispo, 200 miles north—destroying thousands of dollars' worth of oil and tanks and causing losses counted in millions.

Men conscripted from the streets of Brea and Anaheim fought the oil fire there which started Thursday when a lightning bolt struck one of the tank farms.

At San Luis Obispo the fire has been burning more than two days and several hundred men with plows and tractors have thrown up great dykes of earth in their efforts to confine the burning of black oil, and prevent its spreading. Already more than 300 acres are covered by the flaming mass and the black smoke hangs thick for miles around.

The fires thus far have cost four lives.

REPAIR TRAFFIC SIGNALS

Policemen in Charge for Time at Meridian and Ohio Sts.

Traffic direction by police at Meridian and Ohio Sts. will last only until repairs to the automatic signal at that corner are accomplished, Claude McCoy, board of safety secretary, announced today.

It was necessary to remove the old signals to make the repairs.

MONEY SENT SCHOOLS

\$239,729 Receipts From Sale of Meandered Land Distributed.

Distribution of \$239,729.66 to schools of the ninety-two Indiana counties was made today by State Land Clerk Edward Spray from Calumet district meandered land sale receipts for the last ten months. Amounts ranged from \$535.34 for Brown County to \$26,879.31 for Marion County. The apportionment was made on the basis of an enumeration of \$26,654.

## CONDEMNED SLAYER CRIES FOR MOTHER

'I Want to See Her Before I Die,' Says Man Who Killed Officer.

By United Press  
TERRE HAUTE, Ind., April 9.—That aged-old cry of men facing death was echoed once again in the Vigo County jail today by a man doomed to the electric chair—that cry which millions have uttered—"Mother!"

Dreyfus Rhoades, sentenced to die in the electric chair July 19, told a reporter, "I want to see my mother before I die."

He said he was sure she would come to see him, no matter to what prison he was taken to await paying the penalty for killing Detective Simon Caries of Vincennes.

"She always stood by me no matter how much trouble I got into," he said. "And I believe she'll come to me now."

## White River Nears Crest Here



White River over banks at Ravenswood, north of city

## CANCELLING OF TONIC PERMITS IS ANTICIPATED

Shumaker Says He Has Been Given Inside Information.

Early cancellation of permits to manufacture malt tonic beer, issued by Assistant Treasury Secretary Andrews to Pabst of Milwaukee and Anheuser-Busch of St. Louis, is expected by Superintendent Edward S. Shumaker of the Indiana Anti-Saloon League, Shumaker said today.

The withdrawal, he said, will be another victory for the nation's dry forces in one of the biggest fights since enactment of the Eighteenth Amendment. Indiana has played a leading part in the fight, he declared.

Shumaker would not disclose the source of his information, but said he had been informed by a person who had talked directly to Andrews that the "dry car" was surprised at the protests against the order and that about the only thing to do, to preserve prohibition laws, was to cancel the permits.

Shumaker, relenting from a previous stand, said he now believed Andrews issued permits believing the tonic beer would be a "health booster," as its manufacturers claimed, and not a beer.

Shumaker said, nothing is being done to curb sale of the tonic beer in Gary, where three drug gists have ordered large stocks. He thinks the permit cancellation will block the sale.

## THREE DEAD IN ITALIAN RIOTS

London Hears Seven in Clash With Fascist Police.

By United Press  
LONDON, April 9.—A dispatch from Chiasso, Italy, to the Daily Herald today reports three persons killed and many wounded in Mercedese, Calabria, during a clash between Fascist police and the population.

Twenty homes of anti-Fascists in Milan have been wrecked and burned and their occupants beaten, the dispatch says, in reprisal for Wednesday's attempt of a demented British woman to assassinate the premier.



Dreyfus Rhoades

## Rise Due to Continue for Two or Three Days Downstream.

HOURLY TEMPERATURE  
6 a. m. .... 35 10 a. m. .... 41  
7 a. m. .... 37 11 a. m. .... 43  
8 a. m. .... 40 12 (noon) .... 45  
9 a. m. .... 41 1 p. m. .... 45

Following a rise of 3.8 feet Thursday to a mark of 16.1 feet, White River at Indianapolis should reach its crest of the early April flood period before evening, the United States weather bureau announced today. The river is not expected to pass 17 feet, while 18 feet is flood stage.

Upstream on White River the crest of the flood, brought about by heavy rains earlier in the week, was passed Thursday, but downstream a gradual rise for the next two or three days is expected.

Rise Gradual  
Rivers all over Indiana are at flood stage or near that point, and many of them have overflowed their banks, damaging farm lands. The rise was so gradual, however, that all persons were able to escape with personal belongings.

At Elliston, Greene County, on White River, the stage was 21.8 feet this morning, while flood stage is 15 feet. The water is expected to reach 24 feet here. Edwardsport, farther down stream, reported 17.6 feet, 2.6 feet above flood. A mark of 19 feet is anticipated there. The river at Decker, near where it empties into the Wabash was 17.6 feet, just a half foot below flood. It is expected to pass the flood mark today and go up to 20 feet.

The Wabash continues to rise, according to reports. Terre Haute reported 18 feet and Mt. Carmel, farther south, 18.1 feet. Flood stage at both these places is 16 feet.

Over Banks  
Though flood stage has not been reached in Indianapolis, the river is over its banks in several places. At Troy Ave. and Harding St. six inches of water covered the streets.

On the west bank the water is over Raymond St., but no immediate danger was anticipated. The river was making cottages at Ravenswood.

For the first time in two years the street superintendent's department was forced to close gates to about twenty-five sewers.

In northern Indiana streams were high and the Maumee at Ft. Wayne had forced many persons living near the river to leave their homes. Unsettled weather, with some possibility of rain, was the forecast for tonight and Saturday. Little change in temperature is expected.

## END SEEN FOR 20-YEAR WAR

France, Spain Agree to Talk Peace With Krim.

By United Press  
PARIS, April 9.—France and Spain today agreed to discuss peace terms with Abd El Krim and end the war which has waged in Morocco for twenty years.

Negotiations between the European allies have been in progress for some time in an effort to find terms which would be mutually acceptable. The conference is expected to begin within ten days.

## BRITISH STRIKE LOOMS

Miners Reject Proposals of Operators on Wage Schedules.

By United Press  
LONDON, April 9.—Representatives of Great Britain's hundreds of thousands of coal miners today rejected the proposals of the mine operators for settlement of the wages and hours of labor dispute which may result in a general strike May 1.

## SPLIT BETWEEN GOVERNOR, ROAD BODY WIDENED

Highway Commission Ousts McClelland, Jackson's Friend.

Strife between Governor Jackson and the majority faction of the State highway commission reached a climax today with the peremptory dismissal of Howard D. McClelland, chief clerk of the roads body and personal friend of the Governor. Other developments included: Report that Earl Crawford, Democratic member, who was deposed by Jackson effective April 17, will succeed McClelland. Crawford denied the report although it was well founded.

Shake-Up Likely  
Indications that Jackson, in an effort to break up control of the road body, will demand the resignation of Chairman Charles W. Zeigler of Attica, because of his financial interest in automobile timers which have been sold to the commission.

Desperate move by friends of commission, admitting its supremacy is endangered, to retain control. Report that Jackson, if he is able to subvert the commission's faction, will make McClelland director to succeed John D. Williams.

Term Expires

Crawford's term as a member expires April 17. Plans of his friends for reappointment were spurned by Jackson, who named Robert B. Boren of Fountain City as his successor. Crawford and Williams, together with a group of local junk dealers and a former employee of the commission, are under indictment for conspiring to embezzle unused material. There has been no indication of an early trial, although the indictment is more than a year old.

Commission advocates declare the charges against Williams and Crawford are false. Jackson's reason for not reappointing Crawford, however, is known to be based on the charges.

Decision to oust McClelland was reached at a commission meeting on Thursday.

## HOOSIER LAD KILLS FATHER

Says He Beat Parent to Shotgun.

By United Press  
BRATTLE, Ind., April 9.—All his life John Truman Brown, 19-year-old farmer lad, had lived in fear of his father, as had his mother and his ten brothers and sisters. Wednesday night the father, James Brown, ten a younger son away from home, started in on a drinking bout and according to young John terrorized the rest of the family all day Thursday. When he finally engaged in an altercation with the son and started for a shotgun John beat him to the gun and shot him dead.

The youth is held without bail in jail here today awaiting the convening of the grand jury Monday. The boy's mother told neighbors she had kept vigil all night Wednesday while her husband, shotgun in hand, voiced threats of violence.

## U. S. BAN ON MERCURY

April Issue Unavailable Because of "Hatrack."

WASHINGTON, April 9.—The April issue of the American Mercury, edited by H. L. Menckner, has been barred from the mails by the Post-office Department.

## SENATORS HEAR BEER AND WINE PLEA OF LABOR

Committee Told Health of 4,000,000 Menaced by Prohibition.

CITES TRIP OVER U. S.

Found Homes Turned Into Breweries, Distilleries.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, April 9.—The health of 4,000,000 workmen is menaced by prohibition, William S. Roberts of the American Federation of Labor, told the Senate prohibition investigating committee today, presenting labor's plea for beer and light wines.

Roberts announced himself as a personal representative of President William E. Green of the Federation. He pleaded for good beer and wine.

Outlining a 30,000-mile trip he took with the late Samuel Gompers, Roberts said:

"Everywhere there was plenty of distilled liquor, but seldom real beer. We found homes turned into breweries and distilleries, turning out dangerous concoctions which would ruin the health of those who drank them to any extent. They all asked us when Congress was going to realize that manufacture and sale of beer would make true temperance."

Effects of prohibition law, he said, were:

General disregard of the law, including those who made the law. Creation of an army of moon-shiners and bootleggers. One thousand million dollars a year increase in city, State and Federal taxes.

Senator Walsh, Democrat, Montana, dry, acting chairman of the committee during illness of Senator Means, Republican, Colorado, questioned the labor leader concerning how many individual organizations of the Federation had gone on record for beer and light wines.

He said all organizations had joined with the Federation in the movement.

William J. McSorlie, president of the building trades department, and Andrew Puruseth, president of the International Seamen's Union, pronounced what they called the unfairness of the Volstead act to the workmen.

## \$40,000 GIVEN TO RILEY FUND

Arthur Newby Makes Second Contribution.

A \$40,000 gift to the building fund of the James Whitcomb Riley Hospital for Children, by Arthur C. Newby, Indianapolis business man and official of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, was announced today by the special finance committee of the Riley Memorial Association.

A meeting of team workers and leaders in the Indianapolis campaign, which opens Monday, was held at noon at the Claypool.

Newby's latest gift brings the total of his subscriptions to the Riley Hospital to \$100,000, making him the largest individual contributor to the hospital fund. In honor of his previous gift of \$60,000 to the hospital, the joint State executive committee established and named after Newby the out-patient clinic.

## ADAMS FOR ROAD AID

Favors Greater Expenditures by Federal Government.

By United Press  
ST. WAYNE, Ind., April 9.—Predicting the smashing of the Watson-Thurman political machine, Clara Adams, Republican long-term senatorial candidate, Thursday night pleaded for more Federal aid in the construction of roads.

## BARRETT LAW COSTS TAXPAYERS \$268,641

Figures for Administration of City Fund Up to 1924 Compiled by State Board of Accounts Examiners.

Administration of the huge Indianapolis Barrett Law fund cost the city's taxpayers \$268,641.26 up to 1924, State board of accounts examiners have discovered since starting their investigation of the system, it was learned today.

Just who should get the interest from the fund has been the subject of much discussion. County treasurers, ex-officio city treasurers, pocket the interest. Meantime, a deficit in the fund grows, and sooner or later, according to Councilman Edward B. Raub, the taxpayers must meet this deficit.

A deficit existed in 1913 and the Legislature authorized a 1-cent tax



Dr. N. B. Ross, escaped Muncie murderer.

## Tried to Sell City Parking Sign

Police failed to capture an elderly man who attempted to dispose of a city parking sign at the junk yard of Abe Saperstine, 321 W. Maryland St. Saperstine said the man fled when he inquired if he knew it was city property. Police did not learn from where the marker was stolen.

## PROBABLE BELL VALUATION SET

\$30,680,976 Is Tentatively Fixed by Tax Board.

Valuation of the Indiana Bell Telephone Company was tentatively set at \$30,680,976 today by the State tax board. The figure, which is subject to adjustment, represents an increase of \$1,133,894 over last year's tax valuation, which included real estate and other property assessed locally.

Although the Bell operates under a \$35,500,000 rate valuation fixed recently by the public service commission, a \$35,342,389 tax valuation was asked by B. G. Halstead, Bell appraisal engineer. Halstead later said he would be satisfied with a \$27,000,000 appraisal.

Tax board members were unable to agree with Halstead's argument that the Bell is assessed higher than other utilities. Halstead said the company could not earn a fair return this year on the public service valuation, but indicated the company would abide by the decree. He said the tax board's last valuation, \$29,547,082, is excessive and asked it be reduced.

## WRECK IN EAST FATAL TO THREE

Score Injured When Train Leaves Rails.

By United Press  
CAMDEN, N. J., April 9.—Three persons are dead and more than a score are in hospitals seriously injured, as the result of the wreck of a Pennsylvania Railroad train bound for Atlantic City from New York which left the rails near Morris Junction.

## RALLY SUNDAY NIGHT

Attorney Will Give Address at Citizenship Gathering.

Asa J. Smith, attorney, will speak on "Self-Determination" at the fourth of a series of citizenship rallies at the Commercial Bldg., 17 W. Morris St., Sunday evening. An historical film, furnished by the Indianapolis Board of Indorsers of Photoplays, will be shown.

Signature on Letter, Postmarked New Orleans, Received by Times, Identified by State Officials as That of Missing Murderer.

## BLAMES POLITICS FOR LONG STAY IN PRISON

Sister of Muncie Doctor Expresses Doubt as to Whether He Sent Missive—Failed to Return When Parole Was Up.

Hunt for Dr. N. B. Ross, fugitive Muncie (Ind.) slayer, turned today to New Orleans, La., and Havana, Cuba, following receipt of a letter from Dr. Ross by The Indianapolis Times. The letter was postmarked New Orleans.

The envelope bore a return request asking the letter be returned in ten days to Havana.

Hunt for Dr. Ross was started when he failed to return to Michigan City State Prison when a parole expired April 1. The parole was granted so he could visit his aged mother, who was ill here at the home of his brother-in-law, Michael J. Walsh, 3208 E. Thirtieth St. Left Here April 1.

Relatives said he left here on the morning of April 1 to return to the prison. They said he had been much depressed over the death of a doctor friend and feared he had taken his life.

"I can't understand such a letter. Certainly he could not be that far away," said Mrs. Walsh, Dr. Ross' sister.

"He had only his railroad fare to Michigan City. We have worried terribly about him, because he was under such a mental strain. You don't know what one will do when in such a nervous condition," she said.

Mrs. Walsh said the family had no relatives in the South. Condition of Dr. Ross' mother was said to be worse today.

Extension Refused

He was granted a thirty-day parole, Jan. 30. A thirty-day extension was granted, but appeal for a third extension was refused by the State pardon board.

Pardon board employees compered the signature on the letter to Dr. Ross' signature on a pardon plea and said they were identical.

Thomas K. Kaylor, Indiana National Bank cashier, said the signature seemed the same. A handwriting expert at the bank also said the signatures resembled each other.

Ross was convicted of second-degree murder for the slaying of Daniel Linder, Muncie street car conductor in 1909.

The slaying occurred after an argument over a fare.

Thanks His Friends  
In the letter Dr. Ross charged that politics was responsible for keeping him in prison.

The letter:

April 7.  
Dear friends in good old Muncie:

I thank all of you from the bottom of my heart who have used your influence to try to restore me to the arms of my poor old mother. I thank all of you a thousand times. Just think I may never be able to see my poor mother anymore. Then they talk about justice. God help such justice as Indiana hands out.

They admitted to me and to other friends that they were not keeping me in prison on account of politics in Hartford City. That gang of politicians in Indianapolis said that if Pinedy Woolford and Governor Jackson turned me out that Blackford County would vote against them and beat Jackson.

(The next two paragraphs of the letter contained a childish attack on Governor Jackson.)

Yours for Justice,

Dr. N. B. ROSS

P. S.—If you people publish this article please send copy of it to Eugene Debs who is a friend to the poor man and the convict. Just think of it—I had to run away to keep from dying in prison.

F. S.—They are paying lots of attention to me. Governor McCray's blood pressure, but they are not or did not pay any attention to mine, and it was 215 degrees, Dr. N. B. Ross. But it may get lower now. I have been using sashrine.

Authorities Informed  
The Rev. George S. Henninger, pardon board president, said Michigan City officials would be informed at once and authorities in New Orleans and Havana asked to watch for Ross.

If Ross escapes to South America it would be difficult to bring him back to this country, he said.

If he goes to Cuba, however, it will be easy to effect his return, Henninger said.

Possibility that the letter might have been mailed in New Orleans by a confederate of Ross was advanced. The fugitive might have taken this step to put searchers on a wrong track, it was pointed out.

However, as pardon authorities had believed Ross was fleeing to South America, the letter was probably mailed by the doctor himself, it was believed.