

## 500 MILES OF CITY'S PAVING BAD

Commissioner Reports That Streets and Alleys Must Be Rebuilt Because Shank Administration Let Repairs Go.

## BRIDGES SAID TO BE IN DANGEROUS SHAPE

Appropriation of \$100,000 Received as Share of Gas Tax Is Recommended as Means of Financing Work at Once.

From 500 to 800 miles of streets and alleys are completely broken down and will have to be rebuilt from the bottom up because of insufficient repairs during the Shank administration, according to reports of George Woodward, streets superintendent, to Mayor Duvall, made public today.

Many bridges over White River, Fall Creek and Pleasant Run are in dangerous condition, according to the report.

**Appropriation Low**  
Appropriation of the \$100,000 the city received as its share of the State gasoline tax to the streets department is recommended as a means of financing repairs at once. The report asserts that the 1926 appropriation to maintain streets is \$123,599 below the sum allotted in 1924.

"The most effective road work is done during the spring of the year," according to the report. "The ground at that time contains sufficient moisture to permit scarifying. Grading and shaping is likewise much easier, and, above all, the roadway will pack under ordinary travel. Such work, however, if to be undertaken on a larger scale than our present budget permits, will have to be planned now."

**Waving Floor**  
On the Harding St. bridge the floor waves up and down under loads, but the causeway is still open to traffic, the report asserts. The floor of the Twenty-First St. bridge across Fall Creek is bad, and similar conditions exist at the Raymond St. bridge over White River and the W. Michigan St. bridge across Eagle Creek.

Nearly every bridge across Pleasant Run requires repairs, according to the report, while a number of passageways across the Canal and Fugate's Run are in dangerous condition.

Only \$2 per block is allowed under the budget to maintain the thoroughfares, according to the report.

**Schoolboy Struck**  
Earl Welding, 6, of 4260 Rockwood Ave., was injured while on his way to school today. After leaving an auto driven by his mother, Mrs. Nellie Welding, at Fortieth St. and Capitol Ave., the boy was struck by a truck driven by Luther Lee, 2454 Bellefontaine St.

## MATERIAL DEALERS HOME SHOW GUESTS

Record Breaking Crowd Expected to View Fifth Annual Exposition at State Fairground.

Men who supply materials used in the construction of homes were special guests at Indianapolis million-dollar home show today.

Today was designated as "Lumber, millwork and material men's day."

At the fifth annual Home Complete Exposition, being held this week under the auspices of the Indianapolis Real Estate Board at the Manufacturers Bldg., State fairground.

The show was opened at 6 p. m. Saturday night and an attendance of 8,000 broke all previous opening night records.

With the sunshine and spring weather, J. Frank Cantwell, exposition director, expected the attendance to jump above the 12,000 mark today. He has predicted an attendance of 125,000 for the entire show.

**Open All Week**  
The exposition will be open every day this week from 11 a. m. until 10:30 p. m.

Because of the extremely crowded conditions in the evenings, the word has been passed along that the time for persons to attend the show is in the afternoon.

The building is riotous with color and the lighting effect has been pronounced "delightful." The entire ceiling of the building is covered with a canopy of orange and white cloth and the sides and columns are draped with the same colored materials. Rows and rows of lights hang below the draperies.

Practically every booth placed in the structure by exhibitors from 100 cities in the country represents a typical home-like scene to some degree.

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## Boots' Bob Latest Thing in Women's Hair Dress



Beauty Expert Predicts 'Singe' Will Be Popular Fad Here.

Girls, the latest is something that'll have every girl in Indianapolis talking. It's Boots' bob.

Boots, of Times comic page prominence, is in New York for a gay old time with Edgar Martin, the artist who draws "Boots and Her Buddies." Her haircut is a sensation. Here she is with her face turned from you. But she'll surprise you tomorrow when she turns around.

In fact, her haircut may involve Miss Indianapolis. For Miss Alma Cecilia Stults, manager of the L. S. Ayres & Co. beauty-parlor shop, thinks it's a smart bob. "It's just the first step this side of a complete singe," Miss Stults said, "but it's nifty and it's a big weight off one's mind. I've seen it and it's cool and easily kept neat. Hair dressing styles naturally are getting closer to the goal women aimed at when they first started bobbing their hair. The goal was comfort. But they only took the first step. This was relief from the burden of hair they had worn so long and did it up quite nicely for a while. "Then a few brave souls got a shingle-bob. That was more like it. "And now," Miss Stults said, "Boots has paved the way. I wouldn't be surprised at anything. For that matter, much less Indianapolis women and girls taking it up quickly. Doubtless it will gain wide popularity."

## FEARS FELT FOR AIRMAN

Commander of Madrid-Manila Flight Is Missing.

**By United Press**  
BAGDAD, April 12.—Captain Estevez, commander of the Madrid-Manila-Tokio flight, who failed to arrive here yesterday from Cairo with his comrades, still is missing at 2 p. m. today. No news has been received. Captains Callarza and Loriga plan to depart at dawn Tuesday on the next stage of their flight.

## BROWNING, BRIDE, LEAVE

"Honeymoon House" Deserted for New York.

**By United Press**  
COLD SPRING, N. Y., April 12.—The "honeymoon house" of Edward W. Browning was deserted today—perhaps for good.

Browning, the dapper 51-year-old millionaire, left Cold Spring on a train during the morning, apparently bound for New York, and a short time later his bride, the former Frances Heenan, 15, whom he married Saturday, drove away from the fifteen-room castle with her parents. Traders were advised that there would be no further orders.

## NAVY AIR BILL PASSED

First Legislation Since Mitchell Episode Acted On.

**By United Press**  
WASHINGTON, April 12.—The Butler bill authorizing a five-year building program for the naval air service was passed today by the House by a vote of 271 to 29.

The measure is the first aviation legislation resulting from the controversy created by Col. William Mitchell. Under the bill the Navy will have 2,260 planes and two dirigibles, each three times the size of the Shenandoah, at the end of the five-year period.

## BLOCK FIRM FINED

Ten Dollars Penalty For Alleged Advertising Violation.

Criminal Judge James A. Collins today fined the William H. Block Company \$10 and costs for violation of the State advertising law. The company is alleged to have advertised for sale Winkie Winkle shirts, which were alleged to have not been such. The prosecution was brought by Byron K. Elliott, attorney for the Better Business Bureau. Attorney for the Block company indicated he would appeal to the State Supreme Court. The Block company denied an intention to falsify advertise any shirts.

## Chokes Ostrich to Death

**By Times Special**  
BOSTON, April 12.—Although he admits he was drunk, William C. McIntyre refuses to confirm the report that he leaped a seven-foot wire fence and choked an ostrich to death.

Arrested as the slayer of "Governor," a big male ostrich at the Franklin Park zoo, McIntyre told the police he had a dim recollection of having engaged in a terrific battle with someone, but that he could not recall whether the opponent was an ostrich. "My mind was a blank for two days and I don't even know where I was when the bird was killed," he told authorities.

The arrested man, however, admitted that a handkerchief and an overcoat found inside the ostrich pen were his, furthermore, he is wearing an ugly scar on his forehead which might have been inflicted by a fighting ostrich.

## WIFE, LOVER ADMIT GARY DEATH PLOT

She Asked Husband and Father of Her Five Children to Take Walk to Park—There Sweetheart, Shot Him Down.

## WIFE, HYSTERICAL, BEGS MAN TO CONFESS CRIME

Twice Mate Avoided Fatal Ambuscade, Sniper Tells Police—Slipped Away From Factory, Fired and Then Went Back to Work.

**By United Press**  
GARY, Ind., April 12.—While a hysterical woman today pleaded with him to admit that he slew her husband for her love, W. A. Donaldson, 33, admitted to police that he shot and killed Joseph Mullins last Thursday night so that he and Mrs. Mullins would be free to carry on a "love affair."

Donaldson made his confession while Mrs. Mullins sobbed, admitting her part in the affair, and begging him to confess that he fired the fatal shots, after the murder had been planned by the two.

## The Plot

"We worked this thing out together," he said. "Virginia and I planned to kill him last Tuesday night. She was to take him walking and I was to shoot him. But Mullins insisted on going another way. The same thing happened again Wednesday night. But then on Thursday we went to the park and selected the exact spot at which I would stand to kill him. Then we planned on how Virginia would get him to the place. "Thursday night I went to work at 4 o'clock. Then I slipped out of the mill at 7:30 and went to the tree in the park where we had agreed the murder would take place. "Virginia and Mullins came along. I fired. Mullins went down. Then I fired some more. Virginia ran away screaming. We had planned for her to do that. "Then I went back and slipped back to work. No one missed me. In the presence of her five children Mrs. Mullins, a gray-haired woman, admitted an illicit love affair of several years' duration with Donaldson. Donaldson, a roomer in the Mullins home at the time of the killing, at first denied the woman's story. "You know every word of it is true," Fred Mullins, eldest son of the family, hurled back at Donaldson. The son made a lunge at Donaldson, but was restrained by officers.

Mullins was shot as he walked through a downtown park with his wife. Suspicion turned to Donaldson when it was learned he had taken out a \$3,000 insurance policy on Mullins' life and gossip spread of the illicit love affair. "Then I went back and slipped back to work. No one missed me. In the presence of her five children Mrs. Mullins, a gray-haired woman, admitted an illicit love affair of several years' duration with Donaldson. Donaldson, a roomer in the Mullins home at the time of the killing, at first denied the woman's story. "You know every word of it is true," Fred Mullins, eldest son of the family, hurled back at Donaldson. The son made a lunge at Donaldson, but was restrained by officers.

## TWO HELD FOR NEW BEER SALE

Test Case Expected in Gary Arrests.

**By United Press**  
GARY, Ind., April 12.—Two men were under arrest here today charged with violating the State prohibition law, because they sold the malt tonic beer sanctioned by the Federal prohibition department. The men arrested were George Piamnos, candy store proprietor, and Paul Remmanas, a clerk. They were to be called for trial in city court today.

It was expected that a continuance would be asked to permit their attorneys to prepare fully for the trial, the first test of sale of the tonic in Indiana. Gary druggists have not put the tonic on sale, although large orders have been placed with wholesalers for the malt tonic. Dry leaders raised a violent protest over the proposed sale by drug stores and the proprietors decided to wait until legality of the sale under the Wright bone dry law was determined.

## BISHOP TO SPEAK HERE

Mass Meeting Tuesday to Promote New Evangelical Church.

Bishop L. H. Seager of Le Mars, Iowa, will speak at a mass meeting of the Evangelical denomination Tuesday, at 7:45 p. m., at First Evangelical Church, East and New York Sts.

The meeting will be in the interest of the new Broadway Evangelical Church, Broadway and Fifty-Sixth St. Evangelical League of Christan Endeavor, of the Indiana conference, has pledged \$10,000 to the project, according to the Rev. J. H. Rilling.

## City Starts Anti-Dirt Battle



Miss Velma Duncan (left) and Miss Eleanor Blizard, "cleaning up."

Annual Clean-up Campaign Sponsored by Junior C. of C.

War on dirt, trash and rubbish was started today.

Under direction of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, sponsoring the annual clean-up, paint-up campaign, city departments, civic organizations and other bodies united in giving Indianapolis a "spring cleaning." The campaign will end April 24.

At noon the campaign officially opened when Mayor Duvall and other city officials pushed a mammoth brush on the south steps of the Monument.

## Assistant Pushers

Other persons assisting in pushing were Horace E. Carey, head of city fire prevention committee; Dr. Herman G. Morgan, city health board secretary; William Henry Harrison, campaign executive committee member; C. August Schrader, general chairman, and Harmon E. Snoke, Junior Chamber secretary.

The huge brush which sweeps a forty-inch swath was made by the

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## BURBANK TO BE LAID TO REST WEDNESDAY

### What Wizard Did for World

Here are a few of the "miracles" Luther Burbank performed at his experiment station in Santa Rosa:

Developed the "Burbank potato," now universally grown, more productive and nourishing than the earlier kind.

Evolved a new type of wheat that added millions of bushels a year to the world's crop.

Brought forth the California gladioli, with 100,000 different shades.

Made corn grow to a height of eight feet, with ten to fourteen ears to a stalk.

Removed the spines from castus and made the plant bear pears.

Removed the seeds from the orange, developed a stoneless plum and a seedless grape.

Originated the beautiful Shasta daisy.

Produced the aramantus, or "mitten fire," his proudest work among the flowers.

Gave perennial growth to a species of rhubarb, increasing the size of the stalk from the thickness of a pencil to that of a man's wrist.

Produced 2,000 new varieties of plum and prune trees.

Developed a new species of the torch lily and evolved a new camassia, a beautiful blue flower.

Developed fruit trees that stood freezing weather in blossom.

Developed seedless apples, and a walnut with a paper-like shell that can be crushed between the fingers.

Produced a mulberry tree with leaves ten times as large as ordinary mulberry leaves. This increased the output of silk and lowered the price.

Caused a walnut tree to reach 100 years' growth in ten years.

Changed the colors of thousands of flowers, including the California poppy, which he changed from yellow to crimson.

### California Town Plans Open Air Tribute to Great Naturalist.

**By United Press**  
SANTA ROSA, Cal., April 12.—The quietude of death hung over the "Valley of the Moon" today, as Santa Rosa and vicinity prepared to bury Luther Burbank, its first citizen and a man beloved around the world.

Flags were at half mast and there was a spirit of reverence in the air, particularly in the vicinity of the Burbank home within which the body of the great naturalist lay.

Death came to Burbank at 12:13 a. m., Sunday, ending a two weeks' illness, brought on by a heart attack and nervous disturbance.

**Open Air Funeral**  
On Wednesday, Santa Rosa will do him homage in a great open air funeral service.

There will be a reading of the famous tribute Robert Ingersoll delivered for his brother, and the ritual of the Masonic lodge to which Burbank belonged. Dr. Caleb S. Dutton, a Unitarian minister, will assist.

That will end the service. Burbank's last written words were another statement on his beliefs, an effort to clear up the cloud of misunderstanding.

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## DAWES MAY GET REVENGE TODAY

### See Tie Vote in Brookhart-Steck Contest.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—After long and tedious debate, the Senate is prepared to vote on the Brookhart-Steck election contest at 5 p. m. today.

The outcome is in doubt and there is a bare possibility of a tie vote in which case Vice President Dawes would have the opportunity of making the decision. During the 1924 campaign when Senator Brookhart was a candidate for re-election in Iowa, he demanded in a public statement that Dawes be removed from the Republican ticket. The result was that thousands of Republicans deserted Brookhart and voted for the Democratic candidate, Daniel F. Steck.

Brookhart was given a certificate of election but Steck protested to the Senate that he was the actual victor. After examining and counting the ballots, a Senate committee declared Steck won by 1,420 votes. Many technicalities relating to the marking of ballots are involved. The Senate is about to vote on this report.

**HOURLY TEMPERATURE**  
6 a. m. .... 30 10 a. m. .... 39  
7 a. m. .... 30 11 a. m. .... 42  
8 a. m. .... 33 12 (noon) .... 45  
9 a. m. .... 37

## BUTLER TELLS HOW POLITICS RUNS POLICE

### Officers Answer to Ward Bosses Instead of Safety Heads.

**By Smedley D. Butler**  
Police and politics. Few realize the significance of that alliance. Few understand the problem that confronts every police official in a corrupt American city. I soon saw that complete divorcement of police and politics would be a heroic task. For political control of the police was agreeable to those Philadelphians who, because of wealth, social position or other influence, were virtually immune from successful prosecution.

Here is how it worked: The police department is divided into districts. These districts are exactly the same as the city wards. Each police district is commanded by a police lieutenant; each ward is controlled politically by a leader, responsible to the city gang.

**Ward Leaders' Boons**  
Prior to this administration, police lieutenants had been assigned according to the wishes of the ward leaders—if the ward leaders were friendly with the mayor and the administration. If the ward leader was on the outs with the mayor, an unfriendly police lieutenant was assigned to harass the political leader.

Thus, when relations were friendly, the lieutenant was under the thumb of the ward leader, taking his orders from the latter rather than the superintendent of police or the director of public safety.

Under the lieutenants were police sergeants. Under the ward leaders

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## WOMEN ASK FOR TIGHTER PROHIBITION

Sixty-Five Welfare Leaders

Besiege Senate Investigating Committee, Opposing All Proposed Amendments to Dry Act.

## ONLY FEW TESTIFY; 'GRILLING' IS BLAMED

First Witness Tells Solons of Plans for Feminine Mobilization for Law Observance—W. C. T. U. President Hails Volsteadism.

**By United Press**  
WASHINGTON, April 12.—A corps of sixty-five women welfare leaders besieged the Prohibition Senate Investigating Committee today pleading for retention of the Volstead Act and the Eighteenth amendment in its present form.

The room had to be cleared of spectators to permit the dry witnesses to be present as the days opened their case.

The sixty-five were sworn in a body by Acting Chairman Harrell, Republican, Oklahoma.

## One-Minute Witnesses

Mrs. Henry Peabody, Beverly, Mass., chairman of the national committee for law enforcement, the first witness, read the name of witnesses listed to testify one minute each.

"We have a strong feeling that the women ought to be represented by the men who hold our views," Mrs. Peabody said. "We represent the home, the church and the schools."

"We are opposed to all prohibition amendments. Instead we stand for strengthening of law enforcement."

A petition signed by 16,306 residents in Jersey, "mostly women," presented by Mrs. Peabody pleaded for retention of prohibition.

## Asks How

Senator Reed, Democrat, Missouri, wet, asked Mrs. Peabody how she

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## THIESING CASE GOES TO JURY

Closing Arguments Heard in Murder Trial.

A jury started deliberations this afternoon to determine the guilt or innocence of Herbert Thiesing, charged with first degree murder.

Closing arguments were made by Deputy Prosecutor Jason L. Stark and Defense Counsel Frank Baker in Probate Court before Special Judge John W. Holtzman. Judge James A. Collins asked the trial be concluded in Probate Court because he had several cases to dispose of today in Criminal Court.

Thiesing was tried for the fatal shooting Jan. 2 of Oda Varnad, alias John Cook, 43, in the poolroom operated by Raymond Hoffbauer at 1609 Ludlow Ave. Thiesing denied he intentionally killed Varnad. He said he stumbled while entering the poolroom and the revolver was discharged. He said he intended to frighten those inside by making them believe the place was being raided.

## Who Is the City's Most Unique Woman?

Who is the most unique woman in Indianapolis?

What woman holds the most unique job or does the most unique work, for which she receives pay?

Perhaps she is a business or professional woman. Perhaps she is a housewife with an unusual sideline which helps build the family fortune.

Whoever she is The Times and the Business Women's Department of the Indianapolis Woman's Department Club desires to find her before the Indianapolis Women's Exposition opens at the State fairground, May 17.

So The Times, in cooperation with the department club division offers a prize of \$100 to this most unique woman. The contest is an advance feature to call attention to the great variety of work of an unusual sort which Indianapolis women are doing.

The contest opens today and ends at midnight, May 8. The Times will announce the winner as soon thereafter as the judges, to be announced later, complete their work. The prize will be awarded at the women's exposition.

Any Indianapolis woman over 15 years of age may enter the contest herself or her name be entered by a friend.

An additional prize of \$10 will be given to the person who first suggests the name of the woman the judges decide is the most unique.

Here is how to enter a woman in the contest: Address your letter to the Unique Woman Contest Editor, Indianapolis Times.

Give the entrants full name and address. Tell in detail what the entrant does that you think is unique, where she does it and some of her accomplishments. Remember it must be something for which she is paid in money. Enclose her picture, if you can get one.

The judges will be chosen by the executive board of the exposition, composed of Miss Louise A. Ross, general chairman; Miss Gledit D. Anderson, assistant chairman; Mrs. Felix McWhirter, president of the department club; Miss Geraldine Hadley; Mrs. Lillian Stone Harrison; Miss Nell Allemon; Miss Jessie E. Boyce and Miss Lucy E. Osborn.

Watch The Times for developments in the contest.



A butcher's success is always steak.