

## STREET CAR EMPLOYEES STRIKE

## DRAB SKIES PREVAIL AS CITY FETES

Slight Showers Tend to Dampen Holiday Spirit.

## BUSINESS FIRMS CLOSE

Fireworks Boom, Picnics, Patriotic Observances Held.

Foreboding clouds overhanging Indianapolis' belated Independence day celebration today.

Transportation facilities to centers of the observance were partially crippled by the street car men's strike.

This and the threat of rain, which sporadically developed into slight showers, tempered the holiday's traditional gaudiness.

Fireworks boomed throughout the city.

Business stood still. Only public places open were Criminal Court, the county prosecutor's office, the Indianapolis Livestock Exchange and the general delivery window at the postoffice from 8 a. m. until noon.

## Women Take Part

Law observance was the keynote of an address by Secretary of State Frederick E. Schottmeler at a Circle Theater demonstration sponsored by patriotic organizations, the Local Council of Women, the Seventh District Federation of Women's Clubs and the Indiana Photoplay, Indoors. The movie, "Barbara Frietchie," was shown.

Indiana Spanish War Veterans held a picnic at Brookside Park. Elks and their families had a picnic at Walnut Gardens. G. A. R. veterans were to hold a reunion at Ft. Friendly this afternoon.

Fireworks displays will light the skies tonight.

More than 2,000 soldiers, their families and friends participated in a patriotic demonstration in the Assembly Hall at Ft. Benjamin Harrison which began at 11:30 a. m. Brig. Gen. Dwight Aultman made the principal address, the fort band played, and Capt. Thornton Chase

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## Primary Committee to End Session Tuesday

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, July 5.—Constitutional authorities were privately consulted by the Senate Primary Investigating Committee today on whether the committee has the power to cite Francis X. O'Connor, Philadelphia magistrate, to the Department of Justice and to make public names of contributors who gave more than \$500 to the Anti-Saloon League.

The committee will hold its final session here tomorrow, when decisions may be reached upon both issues.

## COUPLE ROBBED OF \$92

Police Believe Stranger Swindled Two in Eye Examination.

Fear of police that an operator of an optical swindle is in the city was expressed today following report of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Manning, aged couple of 50. Hamilton Ave., that they had been robbed of \$92.

Mrs. Manning said a strange man about 30 came to their home Saturday and insisted that she and her husband knew him. He gave his name as Dr. Hoffmeyer. Examining her eyes, Hoffman said she needed glasses. After saying they would cost \$8, he took a roll of bills, totaling \$92 from her hand and left leaving two pairs of cheap glasses, she said.

## EIGHTEEN DIE ON FOURTH

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 5.—Eighteen deaths, resulting from drowning, violence and accident, was the week-end toll in the Southwest, according to a check up today. No firearms fatalities were reported.

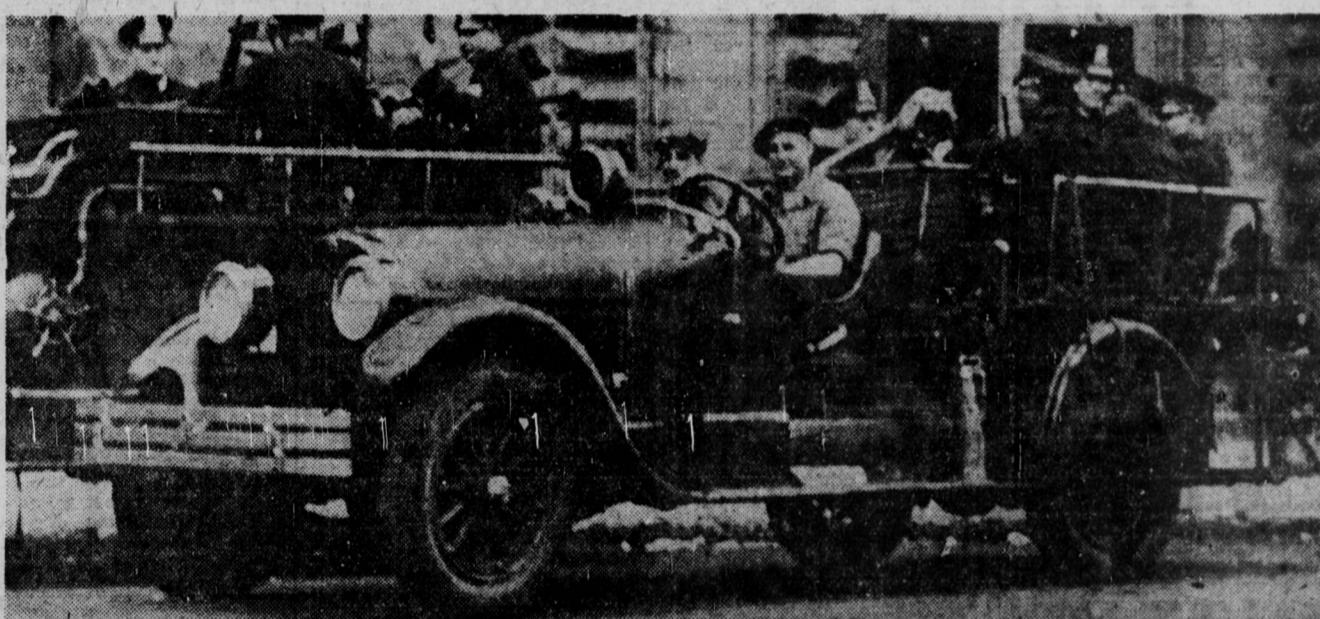
## HOURLY TEMPERATURES

6 a. m. .... 72 8 a. m. .... 73  
7 a. m. .... 73 9 a. m. .... 74  
10 a. m. .... 76

## Police Ready as Walkout Starts



Group of strikers in McLean Pl. after being routed from picket positions around the street railway company's McLean Pl. barns.



Riot cars manned by police equipped with shot guns, belts bulging with ammunition, and steel helmets, in readiness at police headquarters. Old fire-fighting vehicles were utilized as riot cars.



Persons awaiting street cars at Illinois and Washington Sts.

## NEARLY 100 UP IN CRIMINAL COURT

## No Holiday Spirit as Arraignment Is Held.

No holiday spirit prevailed in Criminal Court this morning when nearly 100 persons were arraigned before Judge James A. Collins.

While most of the defendants were at liberty under bond, thirty-six men and four women, who have been held in the county jail awaiting trial were led to the courthouse by deputy sheriffs.

All of the defendants pleaded not guilty. Judge Collins said he will endeavor to hear their cases in July. Court will adjourn July 31 for four weeks.

## Nine Escape From Blaze

Nine persons were forced to flee, scarcely clad, when fire of undetermined origin damaged the home and garage of S. J. Martz, 2449 E. Thirty-Fourth St., late Sunday.

Sherman Goatley, son of Martz, discovered the fire in the garage, aroused the other members of the family and tried to save valuable tools in the garage.

Mrs. Martz, who is blind, was taken from the house by her two nephews, Victor and Garvey Frizzell.

Mrs. Victor and Mrs. Garvey Frizzell carried their small sons, junior, fifteen months, and Lawrence, 5, to safety. Mrs. Arthur Harvey, daughter of Mrs. Martz, sent in the alarm.

Damage will amount to several thousand dollars, it was said.

Myron Foss, Engine House 21, tore the ligaments from his right hand when a sharp wire ripped open his hand.

## FIREWORKS ARRESTS

Six Charged With Shooting Off Crackers Too Soon.

Six men were charged today with violating the city code governing premature fireworks explosions.

C. M. Catton, barber at 1008 E. Washington St., told police some one placed several fire crackers inside his revolving electric sign and the explosion broke it. Damage was \$8.

## NEW YORK FACES WALKOUT ALSO

## Subway Workers Scheduled to Quit Tonight.

By United Press

NEW YORK, July 5.—The threat of a strike of subway workers which would paralyze New York's transportation will crystallize at midnight, either by becoming effective or through settlement by arbitration.

Officials of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, which operates the principal subways and elevated lines of Manhattan and Brooklyn, will announce at noon their decision on a proposal to arbitrate demands of motormen and switchmen for increased wages.

"In the face of a Federal Court injunction, which not only forbids a strike, but specifically enjoins any, one having knowledge of the order from interfering with the operation of cars, a number of the employees of the Indianapolis Street Railway were induced to strike at 4 o'clock this morning.

"Other employees, who remained loyal to the public interest and obeyed the Federal Court order, manned the early cars as usual and there is every indication that the company will be able, with their efforts, to maintain street car service as usual.

## Promulgated at Meeting

"The strike order, which was promulgated at a meeting called by the organizers and officers of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees, was brought about through the persistent efforts of two officers of the Amalgamated Association, who came into Indianapolis where there was no branch of their organization and where there was no difficulty between the men and the company.

"At a series of meetings arranged by these organizers, and through personal efforts among our men, a limited number of motormen and conductors were induced to form a local branch of the Amalgamated Association. Ignoring the provisions of their contract, which calls for the strike, the men have proclaimed.

"I've got a car and am willing to use it," a striker volunteered.

Soon a number of automobiles were carrying strikers to points near the car barns.

Many workmen walked about the streets awaiting the appearance of

## Forecast

Mostly fair tonight and Tuesday, except possibly scattered thunder showers; not much change in temperature.

TWO CENTS

Walkout Starts at 4 A. M., When 400 Men at Meeting Vote to Take Action.

## POLICE SQUADS ARE MOBILIZED

No Violence—Eighty Per Cent of Cars in Operation.

A strike of Indianapolis Street Railway employees who are members of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees went into effect at 4 a. m. today.

The strike was decided on at a meeting of 400 car men at union headquarters in Plumbers Hall, Washington and Alabama Sts.

Police Chief Claude F. Johnson mobilized the entire police force immediately and organized riot squads. Fire Chief Jesse Hutsell ordered all city firemen on duty.

Harry Boggs, union president, said 80 per cent of the union's 1,050 members quit work. There are approximately 1,400 street railway employees.

Robert L. Todd, street railway president, declared holiday schedules were being nearly maintained despite the strike.

## No Violence

Though police dispersed several crowds of strikers, no violence was reported the first hours of the walkout.

The men seek recognition of their union and wage increases.

A survey showed approximately 80 per cent of the scheduled cars operating. At the W. Washington St. car barns thirty-one of forty-three scheduled cars were running at 9 a. m.

J. P. Tretton, street railway superintendent, at 10 a. m. said 80 per cent of the cars scheduled left McLean Pl. barn, 85 per cent of the scheduled cars left W. Washington St. barn, 70 per cent of the scheduled cars left Louisiana St. barn and that all the scheduled cars left Highland Ave. barn.

## Aims of Workers

The aims of the strike, he said, were:

Reinstatement of the sixty-five men released by the street car company for joining the union.

Recognition of the union.

Increase in pay sufficient to satisfy the men until a permanent agreement can be arrived at through arbitration.

Harry Dykes, Department of Labor representative, began efforts to settle the strike by arbitration as soon as the walkout was voted.

He requested Mayor Duvall to call company officials and employees together for a discussion of differences.

Duvall, however, refused to intercede until Judge Robert C. Baltzell rules on whether strikers are violating a Federal Court injunction. Efforts to bring the groups together might be in contempt of court, he said.

"As mayor of the city I am taking no sides, but I am eager for a peaceful settlement," he said.

"There must be no violence. Police will be instructed to protect property and take drastic steps at the first show of trouble."

## No State Action

Governor Jackson was informed of the strike by The Times.

He said no State action in connection with it had started and that as far as he knew there would be no strike.

Todd informed Chief Johnson the Street Railway Company has no intention of importing strike breakers.

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## Police Patrol Streets

Patrolling streets in automobiles, police prohibited congregating. Order will be maintained and property protected, Chief Johnson declared. Bidding for sympathy, the strikers showed no disposition toward violence.

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motormen and conductors who had not attended the meeting.

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## Crowd Dispersed

The strikers moved along without argument.

The first E. Washington St. Audubon Rd. car, scheduled to leave the corner at 4:04 a. m., did not move until 4:16 a. m. However, it was said the regular motorman took the throttle.

A number of inspectors appeared at the corner immediately before the automobile bearing the policemen.

Small cars, filled with policemen, were patrolling the downtown district shortly after 4 a. m. and a number of patrolmen walked about surveying the situation.

As the strikers left the meeting place near Washington and Alabama Sts., they were inspected by a squad of five policemen, who had

driven up in a car.

During the discussion on the proposal to strike, a man who said his name was "Johnson" raised the question whether the temporary injunction issued by Federal Judge Baltzell Saturday was binding upon persons knowing of the injunction.

Boggs announced the next matter for consideration was on the time the strike should take effect.

"Right away" came a number of shouts. "This morning."

A member moved that the time be set at 4 a. m.

The motion was adopted without division.

Boggs announced that a meeting of the union men on strike would be held at 10 a. m. Tuesday at headquarters in Plumbers Hall.

Boggs and other union leaders hastened to the telephone immediately after the meeting adjourned and called the various car barns to inform their fellow workmen that the strike had been proclaimed.

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## WHAT HAPPENED IN LONDON ON JULY 4, 1776

By Milton Bronner  
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LONDON, July 4.—On July 4, 1776, the liberty bell in Philadelphia pealed dramatically as a new nation was born.

The American colonies—the richest of Great Britain's colonial possessions—had thrown off the British yoke. In Philadelphia there naturally was great excitement and rejoicing.

But what happened in London on this most important day in the world's history?

There was not the slightest ripple that reflected the daring step taken

by the American colonists. "Business as usual" prevailed.

The King's Levee An examination of the yellowed files of the British newspapers of that date reveals only these rather dull bits of news:

King George III., against whom the American rebellious spirit was mainly directed, held a levee.

London society, composed mainly of royal sycophants, flocked around him, but unlike the levees of British royalty today there was no mention of Americans being received at court.

The King had come to London

from Kew a few days previous. In a meeting with the privy council, the cases of several convicts at Newgate prison awaiting the death sentence were reported to him and July 5, he returned to New, his country home, blissfully unaware of the action taken by the Continental Congress.

"War News"

In the July Fourth edition of The Public Advertiser of London, there was only one paragraph dealing with conditions in America and it tended to give the impression that the rebellion was being suppressed instead of being fanned by the immor-

tal pen of Jefferson, the author of the Declaration of Independence. This paragraph read: