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Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday, probably becoming unsettled by night; little change in temperature.

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BIG AX DUE TO DESCEND ON MARSHAL

Alf O. Meloy, Coffin Aid, Will Get Meredith's Job, Say Politicians.

TOO MUCH FOR WATSON

Squibb Liquor Affair Said to Bother Senator.

When the term of United States Marshal Linus P. Meredith expires on Oct. 1, he will not be reappointed, according to rumors in Republican political circles.

His place, it is said, has been promised to Alf O. Meloy, a lieutenant of George Coffin and former street commissioner and a holder of various jobs under the Coffin regime.

Whether official Washington will approve of the disposition of patronage to fit the plans of Senators Watson and Robinson, in view of their desertion of the presidential policies is viewed as problematical.

The decision to unloard Meredith long known as the most loyal of Watson's followers, is said to be due to a decision on the part of Watson that Meredith had become too big a load to carry through his campaign and to the further demands of the Coffin machine that it be given local offices in return for its support.

Needed by Robinson

The explanation to Meredith will be that the place was needed by Robinson.

Meredith for years was a faithful servitor of Watson interests in the Sixth district. The job as marshal which pays \$4,500 a year, was his only payment for many years of political servitude to the Watson machine.

It has been known for some months that Meredith was viewed as a burden rather than an asset to the Watson candidacy.

The incident of the Squibb whisky is said to be troubling the Watson followers, for it was Meredith who had charge of the 1,500 cases seized by the Government and it was during his custody of that whisky that approximately \$80,000 worth of it, at bootleg prices, disappeared from the Federal Bldg.

His departure from office is said to have been sealed when the Indianapolis News, now an ardent supporter of Watson, declared editorially that there were "higher ups" connected with the disappearance and that the three Negroes, who were sentenced respectively to four months, six months and a year in prison for stealing the liquor, were not solely responsible.

FEAR LIQUOR CASE

The Watson managers, it is averred, fear that the story of the Squibb whisky may get out to the dry forces of the State, who always have led to believe that Watson is a real friend of prohibition. They fear the embarrassing question may be asked as to why Watson's (Turn to Page 11)

TWO BURN TO DEATH AT GARY

Fifty Others Escape in Boarding House Fire.

GARY, Ind., Aug. 30.—Two men were burned to death, two burned so seriously that they may die, and fifty others narrowly escaped death in a fire which destroyed a rooming house here early today. The dead are Vincent and Alberto Bafalua, brothers, Frank Barbosa and George Shack. They were seriously burned.

The fire started while the men were asleep and reached such progress before any one was awakened that nearly every one in the building narrowly missed death by suffocation.

SPANISH HEIR WORSE

LONDON, Aug. 30.—The Hendaye correspondent of the Daily Express today said the condition of the 19-year-old Prince of the Asturias, heir apparent to the Spanish throne, has suddenly become worse. The Prince has been an invalid for years.

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Boy, 15, Gags Self for Thrill

Latest thrill of juvenile thrill seekers was revealed today when William Tucker, 15, of 215 E. Parkway Blvd., confessed to Detectives Dolbin and Feeney, that he bound and gagged himself and feigned unconsciousness in his home late Saturday.

Tucker was found by Mrs. Ross Sosein, 10 E. Morris St. The place apparently had been ransacked and the boy, who was alone in the house, was found unconscious on the floor. After being revived he told of being the victim of robbers. Questioned by the detectives he told the truth.

"I did it for a thrill," the boy declared.

She's a 'Toothsome' Baby; Has Two of 'Em Already



Marjorie Ann Carter and her two teeth.

She's at least six of seven months ahead of herself, is Marjorie Ann Carter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Carter, 243 N. Keystone Ave., who has two full-grown baby teeth at the age of two weeks.

The baby is perfectly healthy in every way. She is cutting another tooth and they think the teeth are rare and they think the teeth are very pretty, even though there is a question whether or not such early comets can be permanent.

Collections, difficult for several months, are reported cleared up, especially in rural districts.

Farmers Well Off

Farmers are in the best condition in years, it has been my observation. There is a good corn crop, estimated at about 175,000,000 bushels, 72 per cent average crop, which with the splendid wheat yield, should make the purchasing power of the farmer normal or even above average," said William H. Howard, Indianapolis Board of Trade secretary.

Although wheat acreage was smallest since 1916, production was the greatest since war days, averaging 21.5 bushels an acre in Indiana, according to Howard.

L. L. Needler, Indiana Farm Bureau Federation secretary, admitted condition of the farmer is improved.

"The Hoosier farmer is perhaps in a little better condition than he was, but not much better," he said.

"The farmer had trouble saving the fine wheat crop, oats was badly damaged, and corn prospects are average, the yield depending on the frost. The crop will be good. If a

ROOSEVELT, IN TALK HERE, AVOIDS COURT

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Instead, ex-Navy Official Tells Service Club of Hunt in Asia—Takes Slam at Primary Scandals.

Deftly avoiding any reference to the World Court, which he detests, Col. Theodore Roosevelt, former assistant Secretary of the Navy, in a breakfast talk today before the Service Club, related some of his exciting

experiences on a recent trip to Central Asia.

Instead of an arraignment of the court, which he terms the "League Court," Roosevelt plunged into an interesting narration of the capture of several specimens of the Ovis Polii, a rare form of sheep.

Approximately seventy-five members of the Service Club, former service men, were present at the breakfast given in Roosevelt's honor at the Lincoln. Conspicuous among those absent was United States Senator Arthur R. Robinson, a charter member of the club, and on whose invitation Roosevelt consented to speak in Indianapolis on

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COUNTY TAX RATE SET AT 30 CENTS

PLAN SAFETY CONFAB

Industrial Conference to Be Held Here in December.

Plans for the second annual State-wide conference on industrial safety, Dec. 14 to 16, inclusive, were announced today by Dixon H. Bynum, chairman of the Indiana Industrial Board.

Cooperation of Ethelbert Stewart of the United States Department of Labor, has been promised, according to Bynum. Employers and labor leaders will be invited. The meeting probably will be in the House of Representatives chamber.

In addition council will be asked to appropriate \$879,953 to pay bonds and interest coming due in 1927, and special amounts for county institutions.

Ordinances for bond issues totaling \$1,078,000 for improvement of 34,22 miles of county roads next year will be read. Dunn said, and \$182,350 for operation of Sunnyside Tuberculosis Sanitarium next year will be asked.

Dunn said the tax levy for Center Township has been reduced from 7 to 5 cents. The county fund levy has been reduced from 18 cents to 14 cents and the sinking fund levy increased from 10 cents to 11 cents. This is because interest is due on \$200,000 worth of courthouse bonds next year, Dunn explained.

JURY TO PROBE LOANS

Remy Will Present Evidence on High Interest Rates.

Evidence against local loan agencies believed to be violating State statutes will be presented the county grand jury which convenes next week. Prosecutor William H. Remy announced today. Roy F. Hartz, 347 Bankers Trust Bldg., secretary of the Indiana Industrial Loan Association and a representative of the State banking department, conferred with Remy today and pledged cooperation in the securing of evidence.

BANDITS HOLD UP BANK

Escape Wkh \$11,000—Drop \$3,000 in Flight.

By United Press

BUFDALO, N. Y., Aug. 30.—Holding customers and employees of with pistols, four bandits today held up the Jefferson Branch of the Liberty Bank and escaped with \$11,000. In their haste, the men dropped a sack containing \$2,000 in silver. Between \$50,000 and \$60,000 in a locked vault, scheduled to be transferred to the main bank this morning, escaped the hold-up men.

STORM DEAD SOUGHT

By United Press

NEW ORLEANS, La., Aug. 30.—With eleven bodies recovered and estimates placing the total dead from last Wednesday night's hurricane as high as twenty-five, small boats and seaplanes today continued search for victims.

SORORITY INCORPORATES

Incorporation papers for Alpha Theta Pl. a local sorority, were filed at the statehouse today. Officers are

Mary Louise Johnson, president; Bernice Babb, vice president; Betty Glass, secretary; Madge McPherson, treasurer, and Ethel Asmus, sergeant-at-arms.

The speech entrusted to Frank Rose of the Republican speakers' bureau, was given small circulation. There was no effort to make

FAREWELL IS SAID TO VALENTINO

Massed Thousands See Funeral Cortege to Actor's Chapel.

BURIAL AT HOLLYWOOD

Pola Negri and Former Wife, Jean Acker, Weep.

By United Press

NEW YORK, Aug. 30.—Farewell

was said today to Rudolph Valentino.

While thousands gathered in the streets, the body of the motion picture idol, who died a week ago, was carried through New York's theatrical district to the Church of St. Malachy—the "actors' chapel"—and there while scores wept, priests intoned the prayers for the soul of the dead.

Then the body was returned to the gold room of the funeral chapel, where it will wait for the coming of Valentino's brother on Wednesday and eventually will be sent to Hollywood, Cal., to be buried among other greats of the movie world.

WONDERFUL TRIBUTE

Valentino, who came to this country as an Italian gardener and became the screen's greatest lover, was given a funeral such as is reserved only for the highest in the public regard.

Uncounted thousands of men and women—chiefly women and girls—saw the funeral cortege move slowly down Broadway to the church.

Other thousands gathered around the chapel, and were held in line only by 500 policemen, standing shoulder to shoulder and with arms locked.

WOMEN, GIRLS RIOT

Twice as the cortege proceeded

down Broadway the crowd got sufficiently beyond the control of police to stop its progress. Once at Sixty-Sixth St. hundreds of people, mostly women and girls, broke through the line and blocked the way. The cortege was forced to stop, while foot, motorcycle, and mounted police plunged into the crowd and forced it back. At Fifteenth St. there was a repetition of the incident.

As the church was reached Pola Negri was weeping steadily. The pall bearers lifted the heavy casket from the hearse and carried it into the church.

Jean Acker There

Miss Negri, leaning on the arm of George Ullman, Valentino's personal manager, followed immediately, and behind her came Jean Acker, first wife of Valentino, who with damp eyes saw the casket of her former husband and the woman who said she was to have been the same man's third wife, walking falteringly behind it.

Over the casket was a great bouquet of pink roses and smilax, the tribute of Miss Negri.

Thousands watched from the windows of buildings, from roofs and from points of vantage.

On the streets and in the windows most of the watchers were women and girls.

At the church door stood the Rev. Father Edward F. Leonard, priest of St. Malachy's, and his two deacons, the Rev. Fathers William Donahue of the Catholic Actors' Guild and Joseph Conguedo, who came from Valentino's home town in Italy.

Inside the church was filled, each of its 500 seats occupied by some.

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'Welcome Home,' Trudie Says Gotham With Gusto



Trudie Ederle, the plucky girl who was the first of her sex to swim the English channel, laughs, with upflying hand, as she steps literally into the arms of rejoicing New York. Mother, left, laughs, too.

NEW TRY BEGUN TO END LEAGUE CRISIS

Representatives of Fifteen Nations Meet at Geneva to Secure Germany's Entry and Sooth Spain.

By Henry Wood, United Press Staff Correspondent

GENEVA, Aug. 30.—Representatives of fifteen nations met here today in a final effort to solve the problems arising from various claims to permanent membership in the League of Nations council and thereby to permit the Locarno agreements for security and arbitration to become effective.

The ten nations whose representatives compose the council and representatives of Germany, Argentina, Poland, China and Switzerland were represented on the league's com-

mission for reorganization of the council.

The principal business was ex-

pected to be:

1. To secure Germany's immediate entry into the League at any cost.

2. To prevent the creation of additional permanent council seats except one for Germany.

3. To obtain final adoption of Viscount Cecil's project for two or three additional non-permanent council seats whose possessors' would have the right of re-election as semi-permanent members.

4. To prevent Spain from interfering with the above program as she is trying to do by connecting her claim to Tangier with the council.

The Spanish representative on the

commission, M. Palacios, today reiterated Spain's demand for a permanent council seat and insisted that the commission take final action in which she required 15 hours and

MAN BEATS GERTRUDE'S SWIM TIME

Ernest Vierkotter Crosses English Channel in 12 Hours, 42 Minutes.

CONDITIONS ARE IDEAL

Victory Is Third This Month,

Eighth in All History.

By United Press

DOVER, ENGLAND, Aug. 30.—Gertrude Ederle's channel swimming record fell today before the assault of a sturdy German, Ernest Vierkotter, who achieved the crossing from Cape Gris Nez to Dover in twelve hours and forty-nine minutes—one hour and forty-nine minutes less than the time required by Miss Ederle on Aug. 8. Vierkotter was accompanied by a tug.

Swimming conditions