

AUTO TOLL  
FOR EIGHT  
MONTHS 52Slight Increase in Deaths  
Over 1925 Shown by  
Figures for City.

## 13 KILLED IN AUGUST

Traffic Inspector Plans In-  
tensive Campaign.

Slight increase in the death toll from automobile accidents in Indianapolis the first eight months in 1926 was revealed today in police accident prevention bureau statistics.

Fifty-two local persons have been fatally injured in traffic accidents to date this year, while seventy-four were killed here during the entire year 1925.

Of the fifty-two killed this year, fourteen were children.

If the present rate of auto deaths continues the total for the entire year of 1926 will be seventy-five lives.

**An Increase**

But the recent months of this year have shown an increased death toll.

There were thirteen persons killed in auto accidents during August.

Traffic Inspector Lester E. Jones, stirred by the heavy toll for the past month, plans an intensive accident prevention campaign for the remaining four months in an effort to hold the figure below the 1925 record.

There were 578 traffic accidents in August, and 4,415 for the eight months. The 1925 accident total was 8,753.

Death reaped heavy toll through auto accidents in the last four months last year, after beginning the school term. Intensive work among school children on opening of school is planned by Sergts. Frank Owen, Eugene Shine and Trafficman Oscar J. Quiesler. Higher grade students will be named "traffic policemen" to aid smaller children in crossing intersections and to warn them of dangers.

**"Hit and Run" Drivers**

Heavy toll for August was attributed to the large increase of accidents where drivers struck persons and drove on. Seventeen "hit and run" drivers were arrested in August.

Arthur M. Dinsmore, city prosecutor, plans to tighten the grip on traffic law violators, asking judges to impose heavy fines and sentences where the law provides.

Automobiles kill an average of sixteen persons daily in larger cities of the United States, United Press dispatches state. New York is the most dangerous for pedestrians and motorists and New Bedford, Mass., the safest, according to dispatches.

So far this year, 569 persons have been killed in and around New York. Only two met death in New Bedford.

ELEVATION EFFORT  
HITS MONEY SNAGOnly 2-Cent Levy in 1927  
Budget, Realtors Told.

An effort of Indianapolis Real Estate Board members to obtain rapid action on elevation of the Belt Railroad tracks between English Ave. and New York St. today struck a financial snag.

Despite the assurance obtained at a meeting of the realtors today in Mayor Duval's office that the Belt Company will present plans for the improvement within the next ten days, city officials pointed out that the 2-cent levy in the 1927 budget for elevation will suffice only to pay the city's share of elevation in progress on the Belt tracks between Michigan and Thirteenth Sts., and on the C. & W. and Pennsylvania lines, at State Ave. and Cruse St.

Track Elevation Engineer M. N. Bebe said he tried to obtain a 4-cent levy, but that it was cut to 2 cents.

## FLAPPER FANNY

The female of the specie is  
more lavish than the male.NEAR DEATH  
AT INDIANA  
SANITARIUM

Senator W. B. McKinley

Illinois Solon Shows Slight  
Improvement, Says  
Physician.

By United Press  
MARTINSVILLE, Ind., Sept. 1.—

Senator William B. McKinley of Illinois, critically ill in a local hospital, was somewhat improved this morning, Dr. Robert H. Egbert, attending physician announced after an examination.

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TEN CENTS  
ON DOLLARFederal Employees at Wash-  
ington Must Chip in  
for Indiana.

## TO AID JIM AND ART

Walb and Delegation Ar-  
ranged It Long Ago.

By Roscoe B. Fleming  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—

The Jim Reed senatorial campaign committee comes into Indiana, it may find some potent material in the "inside" story of the visit of Indiana's leading Republicans, steered by State Chairman Walb, to Washington last June.

That meeting, it will be recalled, was engineered by Walb in the hope of cementing the split between Senator Watson and the White House for campaign purposes. The delegation visited the White House and had its picture taken with the President standing between Watson and Robinson, and with Presidential Secretary Everett Sanders, one of Watson's enemies, in the group.

Will Andy Speak?

Walb also called on Secretary Mellon and Vice President Dawes to remain to speak in Indiana during the fall campaign. Dawes probably will do so, but the delegation waits in vain for acceptance from Mellon, who later riddled the Watson-Dawes plan for farm relief, saying it would relieve English wage-earners instead of American farmers.

But, it is just becoming known, all this wasn't the most important business the delegation had here. At a secret meeting, it was decided to call upon Federal office-holders from Indiana for 10 per cent each of their salaries for two years, as contributions to the Watson-Robinson campaign fund for the fall elections.

**Civil Service Excluded**

It is understood that workers in the civil service are excluded, but there remain many well-known Hoosiers who owe their positions to the pulling of political wires, and total amounts of their contributions would make a substantial campaign fund alone, without reference to the sums which might be raised by reaching the federal employees stationed in Indiana.

At the meeting, a well-known Washington lawyer, formerly of Indiana, said to be a lobbyist here for large interests, was said to have pledged himself for a large contribution.

**Chance for Explosion**

Collections from the Federal workers here is said to be under way. So far as is known the collectors have not approached Postmaster-General New, ancient enemy of Watson. At least there have been no reports of an explosion in the tower of the Postoffice Department Building on Pennsylvania Ave., where New has his office. Nor, it is understood, have the collectors ventured to approach Sanders.

Humor is seen in the situation, in that most of the Federal workers here, who are on the collectors' lists, are appointees of President Coolidge, whom Watson has been alternately apologizing for and criticizing, both in Washington and at home.

**U. S. GRAND JURY  
TO MEET SEPT. 13**

Several Affairs Slated for  
Consideration.

The Federal grand jury will convene Sept. 13, United States District Attorney Albert S. Ward announced today. Call for the grand jury and petit jury will be issued immediately.

Officials are attempting to determine whether or not the grand jury can investigate alleged irregularities in the State Highway commission's disposal of used war materials. Further investigation of alleged liquor activities in Vincennes, Ind., and Knox County is expected to comprise a part of the grand jury's duties.

Alleged bribery of Federal Court witnesses by Wilbur J. Keeney, former special investigator for the office of Prosecutor William H. Remy, also is slated for grand jury consideration. Keeney has been sentenced for contempt of court.

**OUTDOOR ADS, SUBJECT**

Chicago Man Will Speak at Club  
Luncheon Thursday.

James D. Sims, of Chicago, business analysis manager for the western division of the General Outdoor Advertising Company, will speak Thursday noon at a luncheon of the Indianapolis Advertising Club at the Spink-Arms on "Advertising to the Outdoor Age."

Sims has been connected with the advertising business for the past nine years. There will be a special display of poster and bill boards in charge of L. R. Bauers. Prizes for the Advertising Club golf tournament will be awarded by Maxwell Droke, president.

THIEF GAGS  
WOMAN AND  
ROBS HOUSE

Mrs. Maude Fischer

Man, Watching Two Weeks  
for Negro Burglar to Re-  
turn, Was Sleeping.

After keeping nightly vigil for two weeks for a Negro burglar to return Bert Laurie, 1122 Sterling St., was asleep at 4 a. m. today at his home when the burglar did appear.

The man entered an upstairs window, came downstairs, gagged Mrs. Maude Fischer, Laurie's housekeeper, in her bed and took a total of \$50 from the dresser and from Laurie's clothes.

Entrance was gained by removing a screen from a front window over the porch. Grant Leatherman, a half-brother of Laurie, was asleep in the room entered. Leatherman is blind and deaf.

**Selected Room**

The Negro apparently was acquainted with that fact and selected this room for his second-story work.

He then passed to the rear bedroom, occupied by Grant Fischer, 19-year-old son of Mrs. Fischer. The youth did not awake. The burglar came down the rear stairs, through the kitchen and into the bedroom of Mrs. Fischer.

Here Laurie was on guard on a couch, but had fallen asleep. He had taken this position each night since the Negro attempted to enter Mrs. Fischer's bedroom about two weeks ago, she told police.

The man approached the bed and Mrs. Fischer asked if it was her son. Clamping his hand over her mouth he said:

"If you call him, I'll shoot him."

**Gagged With Handkerchief**

The man then took a handkerchief, which Mrs. Fischer had over her head because of a headache, and used it to gag the woman. This done, he looted the house.

About \$22 belonging to Mrs. Fischer was taken from the dresser and approximately \$28 from Laurie's clothes. Laurie was not awakened until long after the burglar left, when the frightened woman gained courage enough to go to the couch and arouse him. She was almost prostrate, and was highly nervous today.

Mrs. Fischer said she is sure she can identify the man. She is positive that he is the same Negro whom she saw attempting to enter her bedroom two weeks ago. She described him as being large and powerful, wearing dark clothes and a dark cap.

**SHOWERS PREVENT GAME**

No Baseball at Toledo Today—Don-  
He-Header Thursday.

By United Press  
TOLEDO, Sept. 1.—The second game of the Indianapolis-Toledo series scheduled today was postponed by rain. A double-header will be played Thursday, first game at 1:30 (12:30 Indianapolis time).

**SPEED DISTANCE CALLS**

Faster Service Offered If Party's  
Number Is Given.

Faster long-distance telephone toll service to practically all State points was inaugurated today by the Indiana Bell Telephone Company.

Subscribers remain at the phone as in local calls after giving his number and that of the party he desires to talk to, under the new plan, according to Phil M. Watson, division commercial manager. It is necessary to know the number of the other party, else calls are handled as formerly. Only one operator is required.

**HUGE CABLE IS LAID**

World's Fastest—3,400  
Miles Long.

By United Press  
NEW YORK, Sept. 1.—The American end of what is to be the world's fastest cable was pulled ashore at Rockaway Beach today by Western Union cable engineers.

The first section of the cable, 3,400 miles long, was laid in May at Penzance, England. When the cable is put in operation it will be capable of eight times the present transatlantic speed, because of the introduction of permalloy, a new metal alloy sheathing.

**SCORE DIE IN WRECK**

BARCELONA, Spain, Sept. 1.—The Barcelona-Valencia train was wrecked today, according to first reports. Twenty persons were killed and thirty-six injured. The wreck was attributed to recent rain storms.

FIRE, AFTER  
EXPLOSION,  
KILLS BABYCleaning Mixture, Being  
Used in Home, Ignites—  
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## GIRL, 14, ALSO INJURED

Attempts to Reach Child Are  
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**BABY PARADE STAGED**

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**BRIDE TRIES SUICIDE**

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