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AUTO TOLL FOR EIGHT MONTHS 52

Slight Increase in Deaths Over 1925 Shown by Figures for City.

13 KILLED IN AUGUST

Traffic Inspector Plans Intensive 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.

Forty-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 Serfis. Frank Owen, Eugene Shine and Trafficman Oscar J. Quessler. 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 SNAG

Only 2-Cent Levy in 1927 Budget, Realtors Told.

An effort of Indianapolis Real Estate Board members to obtain rapid action on elevation of the Bell Railroad tracks between English Ave. and W. 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 Bell 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 Bell tracks between Michigan and Thirteenth Sts., and on the C. I. & W. and Pennsylvania lines, at State Ave. and Cruse St.

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

FLAPPER FANNY SAYS



The female of the species is more lavish than the male.

NEAR DEATH AT INDIANA SANITARIUM



Senator W. B. McKinley

PAY TAPPED TEN CENTS ON DOLLAR

Federal Employees at Washington Must Chip in for Indiana.

TO AID JIM AND ART

Walb and Delegation Arranged It Long Ago.

By Roscoe B. Fleming

Times Staff Correspondent WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—If 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 up 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.

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

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Strikers Fired on in Cotton Mill Dispute.

By United Press MANVILLE, R. I., Sept. 1.—Thirty-five members of the 1933 Field Artillery, National Guard, arrived by motor truck from Providence early today to reinforce eleven State police, who Tuesday night battled five hundred strikers of the Manville Jencsen cotton mill.

All of the eleven troopers were cut by stones hurled by the strikers, and five of the strikers, according to police, were wounded when the troopers returned fire which they said came from the crowd.

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By United Press

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 1.—The long, continuous drama of sorrow, which ruined his life and that of Evelyn Nesbit is described by Harry K. Thaw in his autobiography, "The Traitor," now ready for distribution here.

Advance copies of the book revealed it to be an incoherent, rambling account of the murder of Stanford White, the architect, and the subsequent doings of Thaw and his bride, Evelyn Nesbit, over whom he killed White.

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Man: Husband to Rescue

Man: Uses Pitchfork to Defend His Wife.

When Oscar Droke, 39, of 2554 Bluff Ave., threatened Mrs. Delta Reeder, 2458 Bluff Ave., with a knife Tuesday night, her husband, James, 52, came to the rescue with a pitchfork. Droke was sent to city hospital for treatment.

Droke was fined \$10 on a drunkenness charge and judgment withheld on drawing deadly weapons charge.

Municipal Judge Paul Wetter dismissed assault and battery charge against Reeder.

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.

Huge Cable is Laid

With By World's Fastest—3,400 Miles Long.

Outdoors 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 Spinx-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 posters and bill boards in charge of L. R. Bowers. Prizes for the Advertising Club golf tournament will be awarded by Maxwell Droke, president.

Hourly Temperatures

6 a. m. 65 10 a. m. 72

7 a. m. 70 11 a. m. 74

8 a. m. 70 12 (noon) 76

9 a. m. 70 1 p. m. 80

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Forecast

Unsettled tonight and Thursday, with local thunderstorms; not much change in temperature.

TWO CENTS

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FIRE, AFTER EXPLOSION, KILLS BABY

Cleaning Mixture, Being

Used in Home, Ignites—

House Destroyed.

GIRL, 14, ALSO INJURED

Attempts to Reach Child Are

Futile.



Mrs. Maude Fischer

Man, Watching Two Weeks for Negro Burglar to Return, 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, gassed Mrs. Maude Fischer, Laurie's housekeeper. In her bed and took a total of \$60 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.

Then passed to the rear bedroom, occupied by Grant Fischer, the 19-year-old son of Mrs. Fischer. The boy did not awake. The burglar came down the rear stairs, and the girl's clothes. Hall was burned when he wrapped a blanket around the girl.

In the meantime, the flames had spread. John Williams, 62, Negro, 1423 N. Riley Ave., for whom the boy was named, attempted to reach the boy by wrapping a blanket around his head and crawling on the floor, but was driven back by the smoke and flames.

William Barefield, Negro, also failed in an attempt to reach the boy.

Damaged \$2,500

The home, a five-room cottage, was destroyed. The damage was \$2,500.

Firemen were forced to run a hose from Sixteenth St. to prevent spread of flames to other houses. The boy's body, burned beyond recognition, was recovered when the flames were extinguished.

Dr. J. H. Hatfield, 340 N. Emerson Ave., gave the girl, Sarah, first aid and said she was suffering from second degree burns. She was taken to city hospital.

"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 Lourie'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.

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.

Shows Prevent Game

No Baseball at Toledo Today—Double-Header Thursday.

By Times Special

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 system, according to Phil M. Watson, divisional commercial manager. It is necessary to know the number of the other party, else calls are handled as formerly. Only one operator is required.

Burglar Uses Key

Sam Stewart, Apt. 7, Pine St. and Fletcher Ave., today reported that of clothing and jewelry valued at \$150. Entrance was gained through use of a pass key, police said.

Feast Today; There Is a Reason

By United Press TEKUMA, Neb., Sept. 1.—Ray Carson and Thomas Nelson today feasted on chicken, heavy steaks and pie. There's a reason.

A State Supreme Court date ordering them to start a jail sentence on a bread and water diet for violating the prohibition law is expected tomorrow. They will start their sentences immediately.

The farmers, who sold liquor at a country dance, appealed their case but lost. The sentence calls for the two to serve twenty days on a bread and water diet, then twenty days on regular prison fare and then twenty remaining days on bread and water again.

Score Die in Wreck