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Forecast

Mostly cloudy with probably
local thunder showers tonight
and Thursday; cooler.

TWO CENTS

TOLL OF HURRICANE STANDS AT 370

Judge Orders City Police Investigation

FIX STATE TAX RATE 23 CENTS

Officials Decline to Cut Levy

6 Cents as Anti-
ipated.

FIVE CENTS REDUCTION

\$3,000,000 Balance in
Treasury Expected.

Declining, through fear of subse-
quent embarrassment to reduce the
State tax levy to 22 cents, as was
demanded entirely feasible by persons
familiar with State finances, lead-
ers of the Indiana administration
met today and ordered a 5-cent cut
in the 1927 State levy, making the
1927 rate 23 cents.

Even with the 5-cent cut State
leaders anticipate a balance of nearly
\$3,000,000 in the treasury when the
incoming fiscal year ends on Sept.
30, 1927. The 5-cent cut, which was
advocated by many who worked on
the levy problem, would have re-
duced this balance about \$500,000,
still leaving plenty at the end of
the next fiscal year to tide the
State over until the following tax
settlements.

Pay in Less, Belief
In the face of these facts it was
declared by those who met that
Hoosier taxpayers will pay in ap-
proximately \$2,500,000 less next year
than during the current year.

In placing the levy, administration
leaders paid no attention to an item
of nearly \$1,000,000 which will be
returned to the State general fund
at the close of the present fiscal
year, a week hence. This money
will be available for the State's use
during the coming fiscal year and
will actually reduce the needs that
amount.

All reductions were confined to
the general fund levy, which has
stood at 18.1 cents on every \$100
worth of taxable property. The com-
ing general fund levy will be 13.1
cents. The general fund now com-
prises several former distinct funds,
all of which were combined at the
last Legislature on insistence of
Governor Jackson, to permit juggling
and the retirement of an enormous
State debt contracted during previous
Republican administrations. From
the general fund disbursements are
made for all benevolent, penal and
educational institutions; the high-
way commission, vocational educa-
tion and the agricultural experiment
station.

Levies Undisturbed
These levies were undisturbed:
State school fund, 7 cents; soldiers'
memorial fund, 6 mills; teachers' pen-
sion fund, 1/2 cent; Dunes Park
fund, 2 mills; State forestry fund, 1/2
mill, and the agriculture board fund,
2 1/2 mills.

The 23-cent levy was based on a
total State valuation this year of
\$5,307,348,267, which is about \$35,
000,000 greater than last year's total.
Applied to this total, the new levy
is expected to raise \$12,206,896.
This year's 28-cent levy raised \$14,760,389
and it was on these figures that the
State administration relied for its
statement that about \$2,500,000 would
be saved.

More Gas Tax
In addition to the inevitable gog-
ging of next year's balance because
of refusal to make the reduction 6
cents instead of 5, the general fund
will be boosted further through the
return of unused appropriations and
an estimated increase of more than
\$1,000,000 in gasoline tax receipts.

During the past year the gasoline
tax department collected \$7,585,851.
Through increased consumption this
will gain one-eighth, it has been es-
timated. Receipts from sources
other than taxes are expected to
amount to about \$5,000,000.

The State poll tax was fixed at
\$.50, 50 cents for State school pur-
poses and \$1 for revenue.

PRINCETON ATHLETE KILLED
DETROIT, Sept. 22.—Murray E.
Sales Jr., 23, prominent in Detroit
society and a junior at Princeton
University, where he played on the
baseball and football teams, was in-
stantly killed here today when his
machine, said to be travelling sixty
miles an hour, struck a lamp post.

GO BACK FOR EDUCATION.
NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—Fifty
American girls have sailed on the
Lloyd Sabaud liner Conte Rosso for
Naples. They are returning to their
schools in south of France and in
Florence, Italy, after visiting their
parents here.

Gave Beer to Six Indian- apolis Officers, Bootlegger Tells Baltzell.

An "immediate and thorough in-
vestigation of the Indianapolis po-
lice department was ordered today
by Federal Judge Robert C. Baltzell.
When John Cox, 730 1/2 Ft. Wayne
Ave., who pleaded guilty to violating
the liquor laws, gave the judge the
names of six Indianapolis policemen,
who he said visited his place and
were given home brew beer.

United States District Attorney
Albert Ward was ordered to make
the investigation.

The liquor was given the men, not
sold them, with the understanding
he was to be given protection, Cox
told the judge.

Judge Interested
"Did they tell you, you could con-
tinue to operate?" Judge Baltzell
asked.

"Not exactly that," said Cox, "but
they said I'd be protected."

"If information for the indictment
of these police can be obtained they
ought to be indicted," the court
declared, "I'll pass on them."

Edward Little, attorney for Cox,
charged that Ward had not given
his client a chance to tell his story
to the grand jury.

Ward said the grand jury had con-
sidered facts submitted by Little and
found they could not be substantiated.

Promised Leniency
Little declared Assistant District
Attorney Alexander G. Cavins, had
asked for the facts and these had
been presented in written form. He
said Cavins indicated, if Cox would
tell the truth, he would be brought
before the grand jury and leniency
might be shown him.

"This was never done," Little
charged. "He never went before the
grand jury and was not given a
chance to tell his story."

"No," Ward said. "The grand
jury was not able to substantiate the
facts given and decided not call him
in. Henceforth, you shall have an
opportunity to tell the truth."

The last part of the statement was
directed at Cox.

Continuation Ordered
"I want you to continue the in-
vestigation," Judge Baltzell told
Ward. "If we have police officers
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INJURED IN ACCIDENT

**Woman Driver Arrested After Strik-
ing Mrs. Kate Pratt.**

Mrs. Kate D. Pratt, 58, of 5548
Gilbert Ave., had her shoulder frac-
tured and was severely bruised when
struck and knocked down by the au-
tomobile of Mrs. James W. Hamblen,
5430 N. Delaware St. The accident
occurred in front of 5581 Carrollton
Ave. today.

The injured woman was taken to
Methodist Hospital. Mrs. Hamblen
was charged with assault and bat-
tery.

G. O. P. SEES VICTORY

**Senatorial Campaign Committee
Meets in Chicago.**

CHICAGO, Sept. 22.—The Repub-
lican party will maintain its grip in
the Senate and all reports point to
an overwhelming victory in the
coming congressional off-year elec-
tions, the Republican senatorial cam-
paign committee, meeting in Chi-
cago, has declared on the basis of
reports from all sections of the
country.

Five of seven members of the
committee attended the sessions
Tuesday.

CIVIC EVANGELIST

TALKS AT SCHOOLS

**Tells Pupils They Owe Debt to Taxpayers for Giving Them
Means of Education—Urges Boosting.**

"Schools Day" was observed today
by workers of the Indianapolis First
movement.

Dan Weigle, civic evangelist and
Harvey Hartsack, addressed students
of Shortridge High School, while
William P. Evans, former Marion
County prosecutor, spoke at Manu-

TO HONOR NOVELIST

**Tree To Be Planted at Courthouse
Lawn by Officials.**

Governor Jackson and Conserva-
tion Director Richard Lieber will be
principal speakers next Tuesday at
a tree planting on the Statehouse
lawn, in honor of the late Gene
Stanley Porter, Hoosier novelist.
Jackson will issue a proclamation
calling for observance of a memo-
rial week in Mrs. Porter's honor.
The tree will be a tulip, recently
designated as the official State flower.
Plans are being laid for raising \$40,
000 to purchase Lumberlost tract,
mentioned frequently in Mrs. Por-
ter's works.

SNOW IN CALGARY

WINNIPEG, Manitoba, Sept. 22.—
Followed by one of the coldest
spells of weather which has struck
Calgary this season, Sept. 21, the
traditional "last day of summer,"
broke over Calgary Tuesday morn-
ing in a blinding snowstorm.

WOOD OPERATED ON

MANILA, P. I., Sept. 22.—Sur-
geons at the Army hospital today an-
nounced that Governor General
Leonard Wood was successfully op-
erated on for hernia.

STRANGEST TRAFFIC JAM



Here's the strangest traffic jam in any city's history. It shows the remains of a fleet of Miami, Fla. pleasure craft, moored snugly in the Fair Haven canal when the hurricane started, that were carried over into South Miami Ave., there to block the thoroughfare completely.

RED CROSS TOTAL FOR RELIEF FUND REACHES \$5,000

Thirteen Former Hoosiers
Known Dead—Radio
Boosts Donations.

With receipts of checks amount-
ing to \$2,500 in the morning mail,
the Indianapolis Red Cross fund for
relief of sufferers in the Florida
hurricane mounted to \$5,000 today.

Accompanying the contributions
were many letters, expressing sym-
pathy of local citizens for those who
suffered terrible losses in the dis-
aster, according to William Fortune,
local Red Cross chairman.

Largest check received was for
\$500 from the Perfect Circle Com-
pany of Hagerstown, Ind., dispatched
by R. R. Teator. A similar amount
was received late Tuesday from the
Sanborn Electric Company.

Frederick M. Ayres contributed
\$250 while there were seven checks
for \$100 in the morning mail. They
were from Emma Claypool, Frank
M. Favre and Mrs. Favre, C. A.
McCotter, J. L. Kesch, Kahn Tailor-
ing Company, Mrs. Charles F. Sayles
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HOURLY TEMPERATURES

6 a. m.	63	10 a. m.	77
7 a. m.	70	11 a. m.	76
8 a. m.	74	12 (noon)	74
9 a. m.	78	1 p. m.	77

STATE RESTS IN CASE

**Hamrick Defense Evidence Being
Presented Now.**

The State rested its case today
against Jesse D. Hamrick, attorney,
and wife, Della M. Hamrick,
charged with conspiracy to commit
arson, in Criminal Court. The de-
fense began to present evidence in
an attempt to purge the Hamricks
of the charge of burning their
\$14,000 home Jan. 26 on the
Michigan Rd., near Stop 5.

CHINESE CABINET QUILTS

**Does Not Mean Much, as Militarist
in Charge Has Say.**

PEKING, Sept. 22.—The Chinese
cabinet resigned today.

No real authority is attached to
the various cabinets which rapidly
have succeeded each other in
Peking. Civil government is de-
pendent upon the good will of the
militarist, who happens to be in con-
trol of Peking at the moment.

INDICTED FOR MURDER

Boyden White, Negro, now held in
jail at Mansfield, Ohio, as a fugitive
from justice in Indianapolis, was in-
dicted today by the Marion County
grand jury for first degree murder.
White is alleged to have killed
George Rogers, Negro, on Jan. 3,
1925.

SELECTED DELEGATES

Delegates to the annual synod of
Presbyterian Church, to be held at
Vincennes, Oct. 4 to 8, were se-
lected at closing session of the local
Presbytery at Memorial Presbyterian
Church, Tuesday afternoon. Philip
L. Williams, student at Western
Seminary, Allegheny, Pa., was grant-
ed a license as a minister in the
Church.

TELLS HORRORS OF FLORIDA DISASTER

Wisconsin Man, Passing Through on Train, Relates Ex-
periences as Storm Struck Miami Hotel.

Passing through Indianapolis this
noon on a train from Florida, en
route to his home at Racine, Wis.,
J. Jensen, business man of Racine
related a graphic story of the Florida
hurricane.

"I was in Miami investigating
some real estate holdings," said Jen-
sen. "The city was beautiful, every-
thing looked prosperous and I sat
down to write out my favorable re-
port. As I was writing shortly after
midnight Friday I noticed a sort
of heavy blanket of heat that seemed
to descend suddenly. I undressed, al-
though I was almost suffocating, and
in a few minutes was really suffer-

ing. Then a fire engine clanged by
and the air became full of con-
fused, threatening sounds.
"We had been warned that a
storm was brewing from the Ba-
hamas, but had paid no attention to
it. But now, people out in the halls
were calling out. More fire engines,
more confused sounds. Suddenly,
the lights went out. I fished in the dark
for clothes. In the hall outside, ev-
erything was dark. The elevator,
without electricity, was not running.
Everyone was stumbling around try-
ing to find the stairs. I was on the
fourth floor. It seemed an age be-
fore we were on the steps. Some
rolled down. There was screaming
among the women. When we got
down to the lobby, people were
pouring in from the streets. Porters,
bellboys, everybody was calling to the
guests in the hotel, 'Come down, the
building is in danger.'"

"Flashes of lightning lit things up.
It was like a horrible nightmare.
The wind was blowing a gale and
signs were flying against the build-
ing. Rain was pouring in. I got
over in one corner of the lobby and
then the plastered ceiling fell down.
This was in the Tamiang Hotel, a
fine, supposedly strong structure.
People were covered with plaster,
and soaked through. As the lightning
flashed fear increased.

Death Seemed Here
"Every one of us expected any mo-
ment to meet our Maker. Death
seemed imminent. Until about 6:30
a. m. the story raged, then died
down and we had an hour's respite.
We went out in the street. The
sight was awful, with debris too
deep to do anything but climb
around. Then the storm started
again. It raged until 11:30.

"In one lull, two policemen brought
a man into the lobby with his arm
cut off by broken glass. We saw
other policemen going by, clearing a
road for skulking figures, hand-
cuffed together, that we recognized
as looters. There was evidence of
much looting in the stricken city.
Sights were horrible and undescr-
ible. I made my way to the station
but couldn't get out until 8:30 Sun-
day morning. Nothing is exagger-
ated about Miami. It is in ruins, but
so everything in the vicinity seemed.

Little Betting
There was little betting here, and
it was said that most of the money
was being laid by the race track
men in New York.

Promoter Tex Rickard laughed off
rumors that gamblers connected with
the 1918 world's series fixing were
backing Tunney.

"I know that the better fighter
will win this bout," he said.

Philadelphia today thought of lit-
tle excepting flight. The advance
crowds began arriving Sunday. Many
of the visitors are women and girls.

Reading a list of reservations and
of purchasers of flight tickets is like
reading a section of Who's Who.

Judge E. H. Gary of the Steel Cor-
poration has a ticket. Samuel Vau-
clain of the Baldwin Locomotive
Works has bought for himself and
a party—\$2,100 worth of tickets.

Pennsylvania Railroad executives
will attend in a body.

From the movie world are Colleen
Moore and Norma Talmadge and
Charlie Chaplin, Tom Mix and a
dozen other men.

The Roosevelts

Theodore, Kermit and Archie
Roosevelt will represent the family
of the late T. R. who himself was
an ardent follower of boxing.

F. Turbee Davidson, assistant sec-
retary of war, has a seat at the ring-
side.

Flo Ziegfeld, Earl Carroll, Adolph
Zukor and a dozen others represent
the theatrical world.

Tex Rickard said a few days ago
he believed that he would have about
2,000 millionaires present. And of
the people who have less than a mil-
lion there will be some 138,000.

The millionaires will come in spe-
cial trains and private cars and ex-
pensive automobiles, so they are
taken care of.

Hence chief interest centers in
how the 138,000 will get to the fight
and back again.

They will come by special trains
from all points of the compass and
in less expensive automobiles.

PHILADELPHIA HOPES FOR A CLEAR EVENING

Otherwise Big Fight Will
Have to Be Post-
poned.

By M. E. Tracy.
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Sept. 22.—
This was a clear, cool September
day in Philadelphia—just an ideal
sort of day for Jack Dempsey and
Gene Tunney to decide the rightful
ownership of the world heavyweight
championship.

But the weather bureau predicted
showers tonight and perhaps Thurs-
day and every one was hoping that
the bureau would be wrong. Other-
wise, the greatest crowd ever to
witness a sporting event will get a
soaking.

The management of the Dempsey-
Tunney bout—which is expected to
start about 9:30 p. m. Thursday—
has considered the rain question.

If it rains, the fight will be held
the night following.

Should the fight get started and
then the rain come, Jack and Gene
probably will battle right along, re-
gardless of the water, and it is pre-
dicted that the crowd will stay.

200 BODIES RECOVERED

**Twenty City Blocks Are Destroyed
By Storm.**

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 22.—A dis-
patch from the governor of Misiones
to the minister of the interior said
200 bodies had been recovered from
the ruins of Villa Encarnacion.

Twenty city blocks were destroyed
by the storm, according to dispatches
received here.

HAS NO CONNECTION

**Weather Bureau Says Tornado and
Hurricane -- Different.**

There is no connection between
the cyclone, or tornado, which
caused great damage in Paraguay,
South America, and the hurricane,
which has just swept Florida and
the Gulf Coast, officials of the
United States Weather Bureau at
Indianapolis said today.

A tornado, covering an area
usually 200 to 300 yards wide, is
more concentrated, and more de-
structive, while a hurricane may
cover a path fifty to 200 miles wide.

MOBILE DAMAGE \$1,000,000

**No Loss of Life From Storm in
Alabama City, However.**

MOBILE, Ala., Sept. 22.—Prop-
erty damage estimated at a million
dollars was done in Mobile by the
hurricane which struck here Mon-

Death Figure Not Expected to Exceed 400 Mark as Florida, Gulf Get Back to Normal.

PENSACOLA HEAVY SUFFERER

Tornado in Paraguay, South America,
Takes 300 Lives.

With the list of known dead now 370, normal conditions today were
being restored as fast as possible in Florida and the gulf coast, follow-
ing the terrific hurricane which first struck the region early Saturday
and has just spent its force in southern Mississippi.

It was believed that the total death toll would not exceed the 400
mark, and tonight should see an accurate check-up on the number of
lives taken. In the Miami area, 367 were killed, while three perished
near Pensacola.

The dead in Miami proper, placed at 135 Tuesday, was reduced to
ninety-five today.

Vivid Reminders
Wrecked buildings, torn up streets, tangled wires, uprooted trees
and multitudes of funeral services were vivid reminders of the storm's
wrath.

Relief work was being carried on and some rehabilitation tasks had
been started.

Property loss in greater Miami has been officially reported at
\$100,000,000 by insurance adjusters. It was conservatively estimated
that the damage elsewhere would add another \$50,000,000.

Pensacola, Fla., the last of the major cities to be heard from since
it was visited by the full fury of the hurricane, reported by radio today
that it had suffered heavy property damage, but no lives had been lost
within the city. Three were reported dead in Pensacola district.

This word, which came out first in a message from the commandant
of the Navy radio station and later was amplified in a message to New
Orleans from the mayor of Pensacola, relieved twenty-four hours of
anxiety, during which no word had come from the city since a dispatch
late Monday night which showed the hurricane was about to descend
upon it.

Mobile Loss Light
Mobile, in part, communication Tuesday, today was able to give
a full account of its damage. It suffered only slightly, compared to the
heavy losses Florida cities sustained.

A hurricane in South America, independent of the one which has
swept the eastern gulf section, was reported today in dispatches from
Asuncion, Paraguay. It took a toll of 300 lives, the dispatches said.

In Florida, martial law has been lifted.
Miami Tuesday night had electric lights for the first time since
Saturday.

Mayor Sends in Report By Radio

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 22.—Trem-
endous destruction of property by
the hurricane which lashed Pen-
sacola for twenty hours Tuesday was
reported by Mayor Baylies of that
city in a radiogram to the naval
radio station at Algiers, near here
early today.

The commandant of the Pensacola
naval air station reported, three per-
sons were killed by the gale and ex-
pressed the fear that a larger toll
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Death List in Florida Drops

MIAMI, Fla., Sept. 22.—The death
list in south Florida continued to
dwindle today as officials began a
careful check of casualties in the
West Indian hurricane of Saturday.

The toll of lives taken in great
Miami, which Tuesday was reported
at 132, late today was officially an-
nounced at 95 by W. H. Combs, Jr.,
chief of the mortuary committee.
Of this number 16 are Negroes.
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Devastating Cyclone Strikes Paraguay City

day night, but no loss of life oc-
curred.

The wind has subsided and the
barometer has gone up to near a
normal level once more. The city,
however, is menaced by high tides
which threaten floods. Last night
the water was up to the level of the
wharves.

Broken windows constituted the
chief damage to the more substan-
tial buildings and the ones severely
harmd were those of flimsy con-
struction. The tug Echo reached
here after visiting the town of Fair-
hope, between Mobile and Pen-
sacola and reported \$100,000 damage
there but no lives lost.

The highway from Fairhope to
Pensacola is impassable.

REPORT SEVERAL KILLED

**Town of Perido Bay Said to Have
Been Wiped Out.**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—Sever-
al have been killed by the West
Indian hurricane at Lillian and
Seminole between Pensacola and
Mobile and an unnamed town on
Perido Bay has been wiped out, ac-
cording to a message received at
headquarters of the American Red
Cross from Everett Dix, assistant
chairman in charge of disaster re-
lief at Montgomery, Ala.

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