

PUSH ON IN BIG EFFORT FOR C. OF C.

Workers Report 602 New
Members at First Lunch-
eon of Drive.

EXPECT TO REACH GOAL

Mayor Favors City Help to
Get New Industries.

Civic workers obtained 602 new
members of the Chamber of Commerce
on the first day of the "Indianapolis
First" membership drive, it was re-
ported at the first luncheon meeting
of the campaign today. Leaders of
the movement seek 2,000 new mem-
berships.

Headed by A. Kiefer Meyer, a
special committee reported 217 mem-
berships.

Division reports:
A, captained by M. K. Foxworthy,
94; B, captained by O. B. Iles, 95; C,
captained by Frank E. Gates, 98; D,
captained by E. J. Wunch, 89.

Nicholas H. Noyes, chamber pres-
ident, announced he will name a com-
mittee to make the "Indianapolis
First" movement a permanent part
of the Chamber program.

Favors City Aid
Taxpayers of Indianapolis would
not oppose a municipal appropriation
to a fund to bring new industries to
this city, Mayor Duval declared at
city hall.

"In St. Louis, the city council ap-
propriates annually \$75,000 for this
purpose and there business men ap-
prove, because they know the money
is returned to them in greater pros-
perity," Duval said.

"The Chamber of Commerce must
be able to offer financial inducements
in the way of lots and other conces-
sions if we hope to bring factories
now in other cities to Indianapolis.

"Our administration is prepared to
go all the way to help the Chamber
of Commerce in this 'Indianapolis
First' movement."

The message of Indianapolis First
will be carried emphatically to all
citizens this week, for church bells
and factory whistles will sound forth
for two minutes at 3 p. m. each day.

Miller Makes Statement
"Every citizen who hears the
whistles blow and the bells ring, will
know that this has something to do
with Indianapolis First," said Dick
Miller, campaign chairman. "When
you hear the whistles blowing and
the bells ringing, start thinking
about Indianapolis First, then start
talking about it to your neighbors;
then both of you hustle out and do
your part to help make Indianapolis
First."

Dan Weigle, civic evangelist,
spoke between acts at Keith's, Mon-
day night.

NINE ROBBERIES BELIEVED SOLVED

Two of Four Brothers Said
to Have Confessed.

Confessions of members of an al-
leged bandit ring of four Negro
brothers led to solution of nine ro-
bberies, police believed today.

In one of the robberies a Negro
woman was wounded in the leg and
another, a white woman, was choked.
John Murray, Log Cabin barbeque
proprietor, robbed of \$738 Sept. 20,
identified two of the men as the
bandits who held up his place, police
said.

Inspector Claude M. Worley said
the total loot was \$1,500, according
to the confessions. Those held:
Chester, Luther and Olden Mitchell,
2005 Alford St., and Virgil Mitchell,
2013 Alford St.

FLAPPER FANNY SAYS:



Among other taxes is that the
fisherman puts on your credul-
ity.

Witchery



Franklin Crane

"Sonia, you combine all
the witchery of a woman
with the charm of a little girl," de-
clared Franklin Crane to
Sonia Marsh.

"Where did you get
your wisdom?"

"I don't know. Born
with it," answered Sonia.

Was Sonia as wise as
she thought she was?

There was no doubting
Sonia's witchery and
charm. The dashing, hand-
some, dissolute Crane lost
his heart completely over her.

Was Sonia wise in sur-
rendering to Crane? Sonia
went through mental and
physical hell for him.

Get the answers your-
self from

"SONIA"

The most entrancingly
interesting serial story
newspapers have printed.

Sonia Starts in The Times
Friday, Oct. 1.

Girl Hides Admirer, Feeds Him Bananas

GREENEVILLE, N. H., Sept. 28.—
How 15-year-old Myrtle Sargent con-
cealed her admirer behind a secret
panel in her brother's bedroom and
kept him on a diet of bananas and
water for two weeks, was revealed
in court here.

Her admirer, Grover Jolly, 40, of
Keene, pleaded not guilty to serious
charges and was held without bail
for the grand jury.

SEPTEMBER RAIN SETS NEW RECORD

9.33 Total Fall for Month in
City.

A new record for September rain-
fall has been set this year in In-
dianapolis, the United States
Weather Bureau announced today
after rain of .44 of an inch for the
twenty-four hours ending at 7 a. m.
had brought the total fall for the
month to date to 9.33 inches. The
previous record was in 1896, when
9.17 inches of rain fell during the
month.

School 47, was closed this morn-
ing because work on the heating
plant was not completed. Technical
High School and three grade schools
dismissed Monday, were reopened
after heating plants were put into
operation.

Indiana generally had cold, rainy
and cloudy weather Monday night
and consequently there was no frost.
A chill atmosphere prevailed this
morning, the thermometer register-
ing 50, or 7 below normal, at 7. Low
temperature for the night was 48 at
midnight.

The whole Midwest is experiencing
the cold spell, which is expected to
last here through Wednesday at
least. The rain, likewise, is due to
continue.

BATTLE IN SANTO DOMINGO

HAVANA, Sept. 28.—The town of
Santo Domingo, in Santa Clara prov-
ince, was under military guard to-
day, local Liberal newspapers re-
ported, after a political gun fight
in which several persons were se-
riously wounded. It was estimated
that 400 shots were fired.

WILL-SEE MUSSOLINI

ROME, Sept. 28.—Sir Austen
Chamberlain, British Foreign Min-
ister, has an engagement to confer
with Premier Mussolini Oct. 4, ac-
cording to reliable information
here. The meeting place was not
disclosed.

DEMOCRATS OPEN FIGHT ON MACHINE

County Speakers to Help
Rid Government of
'Stephensonism.'

HIGH COST IS CITED

Chairman Keach Points Out
Platform Pledges.

A ringing appeal to help rid
Marion County of "Stephensonism"
will be sounded this evening by Le-
roy Keach, Democratic county chair-
man, in a conference with Demo-
cratic county speakers at county
headquarters.

The speakers are to be instructed
to give the people of Marion County
the truth about the situation at the
courthouse and city hall, to stress
the fact that taxpayers are paying
the cost of "Stephensonism" through
higher taxes due to county and city
governments having been organized
for political machine purposes rather
than governmental efficiency.

"We will stand squarely upon the
platform which all Democratic coun-
ty candidates have signed," said
Keach. He referred particularly to
these pledges:

TAXATION
"The amount of taxes per capita
collected in Marion County has in-
creased extravagantly since the
present machine has seized control
of county affairs. Inexcusable and
wanton expenditures of public funds,
such as has prevailed under the
present control, means high taxes.

Machine or game politics is wholly
responsible for this merciless hold-
up of the taxpayers. The people
cannot complain of high taxes so
long as they continue in power a
machine whose sole purpose is to
maintain power through the squan-
dering of public funds, the furnis-
ing of protection to law violators,
the encouragement of public grafting
and the mismanagement of public
affairs. The natural result of such
machine rule is intolerable govern-
ment and 'Stephensonism'.

"Seventy-eight per cent of all taxes
collected for the general fund is paid
out in salaries to county employes,
gang political workers, many of
whom are being appointed solely as
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Apartment Chilly? Tell Health Board

Landlords who fail to keep apart-
ments warm can be warned and then
arrested under the amended statutes
of 1926, according to Deputy Prose-
cutor John L. Niblack. Such action
has been taken in Wisconsin and
other States, but no case of this
kind is on record in local courts.

The law is one of the statutes gov-
erning health and sanitation. It
provides that when a place is al-
lowed to become uninhabitable, be-
cause of endangering health, it
should be reported to local health of-
ficers. Warning will be given the
landlord and if the situation isn't
remedied he will be brought into
court. Penalties of fines, not to be
less than \$25 nor more than \$100, or
imprisonment, from ten to thirty
days, are provided.

LOCAL COMPANY LOW
Bids Received for Paving of Forty-
Second St. Stretch.

A low bid of \$25,869.67 was of-
fered today by the Cunningham Con-
struction Company of Indianapolis to
the State highway commission on
paving four-fifths of a mile of Forty-
Second St., north of the Indiana
State fairground, with concrete. En-
gineers' estimate on the project was
\$21,550.15 for paving.

The commission also received bids
today on eighteen new bridges, two
bridge repair jobs and three grading
projects scattered over thirteen coun-
ties. Total cost of the bridges will
be about \$600,000, unofficial tabula-
tion of bids showed.

BANISTER SLIDE FATAL TO GIRL

Falls Six Stories—Dies
Hours Later.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Sept. 28.—A
sudden wind to slide down a stair
railing cost Miss Gladys Baker, 20,
her life.

Miss Baker jumped astride a
banister on the sixth floor of an of-
fice building here Monday night,
lost her balance, and while a girl
friend looked on, plunged six stories
down the narrow stairway shaft,
slighting a concrete floor. She
was still conscious when picked up.
She died early today.

**Where, Oh, Where Is
Our Philanthropist?**

KEWANEE, Ill., Sept. 28.—Ke-
wanee is puzzled today over the dis-
appearance of John Cooper—its
cherished philanthropist—after
checks for \$75,000 from his \$9,000-
000 "inheritance" were returned "in-
sufficient funds."

The \$75,000 was a gift from Cooper,
until a few weeks ago a laborer,
to his townfolk, for a memorial
church and nurses' home.

Cooper, after many weeks spent
in attempting to lay his hands on
the estate claimed to have been left
to him by his grandmother in Vir-
ginia, announced from the pulpit of
the First Presbyterian Church Sun-
day that he had deposited checks in
two Kewanee banks for the construc-
tion of the new church and nurses'
home.

The checks were drawn on a De-
troit bank, which he said held the
first \$200,000 of the estate.

The Kewanee bankers found that
Cooper did not have an account in
the Detroit bank and today the
checks were forwarded there for
identification.

GREEK CABINET QUILTS

New Crisis Faced by Government of
General Condylis.

ATHENS, Sept. 28.—The cabinet
formed by General Condylis after his
recent overthrow of former Premier
Pangalos resigned today.

FLOOD SMASHES LEVEE

Thousands of Acres of Rich Iowa
Land Inundated.

FT. MADISON, Iowa, Sept. 28.—
The basis of Green Bay bottom,
stricken by flood water from the
Skunk River nearly two weeks ago,
was the scene of a new trouble to-
day as the flood waters of the river
tore a 100-foot gap through the pro-
tecting levee and inundated addi-
tional thousands of acres of fertile
farm lands.

Scores of farmers, summoned to
the defense of the levee, stood help-
lessly by and watched the torrent
wipe out a fill of sand and green
corn.

SCHOOL HEARING IS SET

Board Will Review \$1.09 Levy on
Oct. 6.

State tax commissioners today set
the morning of Oct. 6, for reviewing
the \$109 Indianapolis school city
levy, which was remonstrated
against by the Indiana Taxpayers'
Association.

On the day preceding, it was an-
nounced, the tax board will review
the Marion County levy, the levy for
Washington Township outside of
the city and the Center Township,
civil and school levies.

The Wednesday hearing will begin
at 9:30 a. m. and Thursday's hear-
ings will begin at 9 o'clock and con-
tinue through the afternoon.

DEMPEY DODGES N. Y.

Defeated Champ and Wife Delay
Their Visit.

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—Changing
plans at the last minute Jack Demp-
sey and Mrs. Estelle Taylor Demp-
sey will not arrive in New York un-
til midnight. They were expected to
be here at noon.

Gene Normile, Dempsey's business
manager, was asked if the former
champion was bashful about expos-
ing his battered face in daylight, and
he replied:

"No, he's getting over that now
and his face doesn't look so bad. He
must have been detained on busi-
ness."

NO JOB, NO DONATION

Discharged Employes Relieved of
G. O. P. Pledges.

Every citizen has a silver lining.
Sixteen discharged employes of the
city engineer's department today re-
affirmed their belief in that proverb
when they learned that no effort
would be made to collect \$10 they
pledged to the Republican county
campaign last year.

Although reason for dismissals
was said to be the arrival of the dull
period of the year, many of them
were said to have been out of touch
with the George V. Coffin political
machine.

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ANCIENT CITY FOUND

Believed To Be One of World's
Earliest Civilized Towns.

CHICAGO, Sept. 28.—An ancient
Sumerian city, believed to be one
of the earliest of the world's civilized
cities, has been discovered by the
Field Museum-Oxford University ex-
pedition to Mesopotamia, according
to word reaching museum officials.

The city was partly destroyed by
fire more than 5,000 years ago, the
excavators say. The "lost city of
Oplis," mentioned by ancient Greek
writers, is the object of the expedi-
tion.

QUICKSAND CHEATED
LYNN, Mass., Sept. 28.—As he
was being drawn down to his death
by quicksand, James H. Mattocks
of this city was rescued by police
today in a swamp near St. Joseph's
Cemetery.

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STEPHENSON PLOT BARED BY EDITOR

Adams, Vincennes G. O. P.
Publisher, Says, He Will
Show How D. C. Ruled.

HEAD OF COMMITTEE

Investigation Carried on for
Months.

Revelation of a gigantic super-
government with the State of In-
diana over which David C. Stephenson
at the zenith of his power as
grand dragon of the Hoosier Ku-
Klux Klan held sway was promised
today by Thomas Adams of Vin-
cennes, head of a probe committee
of the Indiana Republican Editorial
Association.

The committee has been delving
for months into the political activi-
ties of Stephenson, who is now serv-
ing a life sentence in the State
Prison at Michigan City for the mur-
der of Miss Madge Oberholzer, an
Indianapolis girl.

Documents of an astounding na-
ture, letters, pictures and other evi-
dence have come into possession of
the committee which show conclu-
sively that Stephenson's word was
law in Indiana, that he manipulated
appointments and forced courts to
do his bidding under threat of po-
litical destruction, Adams said.

More than fifty of Stephenson's
former lieutenants are aiding in the
investigation, according to Adams.

Lieutenants Talk
Some of these former lieutenants
or "kloppers" have made signed
confessions, Adams announced, re-
vealing for the first time the story
of Stephenson's mysterious political
power built on the foundation of the
Ku-Klux Klan organization.

These confessions, according to
Adams, tell of corrupt methods in
the last session of the State Legisla-
ture, of the sale of various bills and
who got the money, and of contracts
made in writing to control the acts
of public officials, both in city and
State government in Indiana.

Evidence in the hands of the com-
mittee, Adams announced, shows
that Stephenson made candidates he
backed "sign on the dotted line" by
drawing up formal contracts to let
him dictate appointments to be made
by them when they took office.

Juries Corrupted
Even the jury system of the State
was corrupted under the evil in-
fluence of the Stephenson system,
Adams asserted. He said informa-
tion had been uncovered that word
was passed out from Stephenson's
office in Indianapolis to "do" or
"don't" in cases in which the Klan
dragon was interested, and that ju-
ries followed these orders.

"Stephenson forced a super-oath
into the vitals of the public officials
and leaders who allied themselves
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\$13,000,000 FOR RUM WAR ASKED

Andrews to Request That
Sum for Next Year.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—Thir-
teen million dollars for the Govern-
ment's dry enforcement fight in the
next fiscal year will be sought by
the treasury department.

Assistant Secretary of Treasury
Andrews, chief of enforcement work,
announced today he would ask the
budget bureau to seek from Congress
this amount, which equals the ap-
propriation for the current year.

Andrews said he is considering
making New Jersey a separate pro-
hibition region because of great en-
forcement problem in that State.

SAYS TRUCK DRIVER HELD

Albert Reed, R. M. Box 195,
New Augusta, Ind., called the police
to Spring and North Sts., where he
staked out a truck as one that
punctured his auto and said the driver
fled after the crash. Lawrence Shaw,
Negro, 920 E. Fifteenth St., said the
vehicle belonged to him and had
been stolen from his back yard.

PRINCE OF WALES BALKS

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 28.—The Prince
of Wales has rebelled against attending
banquets. In declining the invita-
tion of the Society of Auctioneers
and Real Estate Agents, Wales' sec-
retary wrote that hereafter the
Prince would attend only dinners of
national significance or of orga-
nizations with which he was personally
concerned.

ROBBERS ELUDE OFFICERS

PERU, Ind., Sept. 28.—Deputy
sheriffs searching for robbers who
stole \$1,000 worth of auto tires and
accessories from the Harvey Smith
garage at Macy, twenty miles north
of Peru, today lost the trail of the
large truck in which the loot was
carried away.

FAME AND FORTUNE ELUDE GIRL IN BIG CITY

When a girl is 16 and pretty, with
great brown eyes that peer beneath
long black lashes, and has a soft
voice that can pour forth in the
opera-aires of Italy and France,
work behind a soda fountain long
hours daily grows tedious.

That was the reason Grace Bel-
vedere ran away from her home, 434
Kauffman Pl., about nine months
ago, according to her sister, Mrs.
Dominic Spodicia, 610 Stevens St.

Sunday night her mother and sis-
ter heard from her for the first time.
She was in the hands of the Chicago
police. Attracted by the girl's un-
usual beauty, Sergt. W. W. Britton
of the Chicago force, had written
her when he found her walking
about the south side.

She told police there that, shortly
after she ran away from Indian-
apolis, she met a girl named Marie,
who took her to the home of a Mrs.
Susie Strong, in Chicago, where she
was held prisoner for some time.

She escaped to Gary, Ind., where
she worked in a restaurant for
several months. A few days ago
she came back to Chicago. She
would be glad to return to Indian-
apolis and forfeit her dreams she
sobbed.

Relatives here are making arrange-
ments to send her a ticket.

According to her sister, both the
girl and her mother, Mrs. Rosie

Where 43 Are Trapped



Three men were instantly killed and forty-three more were trapped far
below the surface by a cave-in at the G. P. Paabst iron mine in Iron-
wood, Mich. This picture shows relatives of the entombed men grouped
about the mine shaft as the bodies of the three men were brought
to the surface.

NEW TROPICAL STORM ON WAY, MIAMI WARNED

Weather Bureau Says Dis-
turbance of Unknown
Intensity.

MIAMI, Fla., Sept. 28.—
Miami, raising her head from
the ruins from the West Indies
hurricane, was warned today of
another tropical storm of un-
known intensity which is re-
ported heading toward the
south Florida coast, in a mes-
sage received by Richard Gray
of the United States Weather
Bureau from Washington.

"Advisory 10 a. m. there are in-
dications of a tropical disturbance
of unknown intensity centered sev-
eral hundred miles north of Porto Rico.
It is likely moving northwest or
west northwest," the message read.

DON'T TRY TO DRINK FEDERAL EVIDENCE

Booze, which the prohibition de-
partment claims never is good, and
sometimes is rank poison, is fur-
ther poisoned on orders of prohibi-
tion officials.

The latest procedure of the de-
partment here is to place two bi-
chloride of mercury tablets in every
bottle of beer obtained by agents as
evidence. The bottle is then labeled
"poison" and sealed for presenta-
tion to the court when the case against
the party from whom it was bought
is heard.

Throughout the country, prohibi-
tion officials have been placing gaso-
line in confiscated booze to make it
undrinkable, but it is said bichloride
of mercury makes the liquor really
poisonous.

VAN ORMAN IN GOVERNOR RACE

Hoosiers Tired of Snoopers,
Says Paper.

Lieutenant Governor F. Harold
Van Orman of Evansville is going to
run for the governorship of Indiana
in 1928 on a "personal liberty" plat-
form, the Chicago Herald Examiner
declared today.

Van Orman is in Chicago attend-
ing the American Hotel Association
convention.

Van Orman said he would make
the race for the Indiana governor-
ship "if present plans mature," ac-
cording to the Chicago newspaper.

The people of Indiana, Van Orman
is quoted as saying, are disgusted
with methods utilized in enforcing
the Volstead act, tired of snoopers
who invade their homes and com-
pelled that conditions must be re-
medied in a State which has been the
bulwark of Middle West bone-drys.

MILLS TO OPPOSE 'AL'