

# Autos Take Twelve Lives in Indiana; Two Die Here

## MOVE AGAINST STECK ROUSES INTEREST HERE

Prediction Regarding Unseating Recalls Reed Quiz in St. Louis.

Prediction in a dispatch from Des Moines, Iowa, that Senator H. D. Stephens (Dem) of Mississippi would introduce a resolution in Congress for the unseating of Senator Dan Steck (Dem) of Iowa, was viewed with interest by Hoosier politicians today.

Steck was given the Senatorship last spring when Senator Smith W. Brookhart (Rep) of Iowa, was unseated in a Senate contest.

### Illegal Fund, Charge

According to the report from Des Moines the Mississippi Senator will charge "an alleged improper distribution of funds given Senator Steck by the Senate for attorney's fees in the election contest decided in his favor last spring."

It was recalled here that during the investigation of Indiana elections by Senator James A. Reed in October, Milton Elrod, Indianapolis, former editor of the Fiery Cross and Klan publications in thirty-two States, testified that he had been sent to Iowa by Hiram W. Evans, Klan Imperial Wizard, and William H. Zumbro, Washington political and legal adviser of the Klan, to gather data to be used in the unseating of Brookhart.

### Klan Interested

According to Elrod, who testified that Reed was at St. Louis, Klan officials were greatly interested in the seating of Steck.

Zumbro was active in the seating of Senator Mayfield of Texas, on whom a contest was waged because of his avowed Klan connection.

### Introduced Watson

In one of the sessions of Reed's Indiana investigation Walter F. Boscott, former grand dragon of the Klan in Indiana, who was deposed because he refused to "go down the line" for Senator James E. Watson of Indiana, admitted that he had introduced Zumbro to Watson.

The Des Moines dispatch stated that of \$15,000 received by Steck for attorney fees \$5,000 went to Zumbro, according to the Mississippi Senator.

## DALE TO FIGHT IT OUT, HE SAYS

Home Fired on a Second Time—Faces 90-Day Sentence.

*By Times Special*  
MUNCIE, Ind., Dec. 6.—George R. Dale, Muncie's fighting editor, who announced several days ago he was ready to quit, today declared he will fight it out with his enemies to the finish.

Dale laughed Saturday when Judge Clarence W. Dearth sentenced him to ninety days at the Indiana State farm and fined him \$400 on a criminal libel charge. He said he would appeal to the State Supreme Court.

A few minutes after he returned home a bullet was fired through the front window, the second assassination attempt within ten days and the sixth attack within a month.

Police Chief Arthur Jones announced a guard would be established at the Dale home.

The criminal libel charges resulted from a published story in Dale's paper in which Raymond Warner was characterized as "having been mixed up in liquor law violations and the theft of an automobile and that because of his Ku-Klux Klan membership he escaped prosecution."

### Proposes Curb on 'Kidding' Ministers

*By United Press*  
MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 6.—The fun that is made at the expense of Protestant ministers on the stage and movie screen will be curbed if some of the clergy have their way.

Dr. George Reid Andrews, chairman of the committee on drama of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, will read a report when the executive council of that body meets here next Wednesday calling upon management of the stage and screen to delete all caricatures of the clergy, some of which are considered offensive and "out of place." Dr. Andrews will recommend cooperation with Will Hays, the movie czar, in a campaign to remove the caricatures from movies and similar steps will be taken with directors of legitimate theaters.

### PHONE PETITION FILED

Similar in Requests to Requests for Electric Light Merger.

Another merger petition, similar in some respects to the one involving the Indianapolis electric utilities, has been filed with the Indiana public service commission. It calls for the joining of seven telephone companies in western Indiana into the Associated Telephone Company.

Carl H. Mote, Indianapolis attorney who represents the Insull interests in the pending electric merger here, is given as president of the Associated Company. Financing is to be brought about in a somewhat similar manner as that desired in the local petition.

Companies involved in the telephone merger include the Wolcott Telephone Company, Wolcott; Western Indiana Company, Goodland; Starke County, North Judson and San Pierre Company, Mt. Ayr; Klonidke, St. Joseph; Lapaz; and Lakeville, Lapaz; Bremen Home, Bremen, and Tyner, Tyner.

## Chaplin Picks 'Em Too Young, Ex-Wife Says



Mildred Harris

*By NEA Service*

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 6.—If you take the word of Dr. Mildred Harris for it, the trouble with Patient Charlie Chaplin—he of the unfortunate romances—is too much sweet 16.

Mildred, who was Mrs. Chaplin No. 1, prescribed as follows for Charlie, in connection with the prospect that his break with Mrs. Chaplin No. 2, the former Lita Grey, will lead to divorce and again make the philosopher-comedian one of the country's outstanding eligible bachelors:

Frequent doses of reflection and cogitation.

Avoid youth and beauty. Choose as Mrs. Chaplin No. 3 a woman of maturity, and of mental brilliance to match his own.

Bargain for the quiet moods of 30, say.

Don't marry Merna Kennedy.

Briefly, as Mildred sees it, the clown who laughs through tears, whose humor is tinged with the gray of that sadness which the true philosopher ever has, must stop, look and listen, and apply some of this same philosophy to the business of mating as well as the business of clowning.

Mildred, too, was in the "sweet 16" class when she married Charlie; a girl in what the story writers de-light to call "the dewy, budding time of life"—the wine of youth tingling within her, sparkle in her eye, a lift in her feet. Youth, youth, youth!

A few months of marriage, a baby son who died, then came the crash and divorce.

"It is not strange that Lita couldn't understand Charlie," said Mildred. "I doubt if any young girl could understand Charlie Chaplin I know that I did not."

"I am very sorry about the break between them, because I know what it must mean to Charlie to be with out his babies. I feel sorry for Lita, too, although I never had met her."

"I have heard that if Lita divorces Charlie, he may marry Merna Kennedy, his present leading lady. I sincerely hope that he doesn't. I know that more dismal unhappiness would come of it."

Mildred Harris is older now. Almost a decade has gone by since her blonde youth captured the million-ai-re movie star.

It's from the wisdom she has culled from this near-decade more

## GILLION RULES ON GUARD FUND

Tells Kershner, Who Will Get Doughboy's Dough.

What to do with the doughboy's drill, when he is fined for missing drill and similar infractions of discipline, was the problem faced by Adj't. Gen. William H. Kershner, who in turn "passed the buck," according to Army parlance, to Attorney General Arthur L. Gilliom.

Gilliom settled the question in an opinion sent to the adjutant general's office. The question arose from a query of Cary Forkner, Madison County auditor, who wanted to know how to handle the money from fines of Battery B, 150th, F. A., Elwood, Ind.

It was ruled that the money from enlisted men should be held by the county for the battery or company fund, and that from officers sent to the adjutant general for general use by the Indiana National Guard.

## Takes Poison; Ditto Taxicab to Hospital

*By Times Special*  
BOSTON, Dec. 6.—After writing three letters, including one entitled "My Last Will and Wishes," Lydia Lindgren, grand opera star, swallowed poison in her suite at the Coplay Plaza here today. She then called a taxicab and rode to the city hospital, where her name is on the danger list. Hospital physicians said she was comfortable, however, and that she probably would recover.

Her husband, Raoul Quirze, operatic tenor, who is now at the Hotel St. Andrew, New York, was notified. Police stated that one of the three letters which Miss Lindgren wrote before taking the poison was addressed to Otto H.

Aroma, 35, and Clair Denerett, 19,

of New York.

## RITES WILL BE HELD TODAY FOR ELIZA A. BLAKER

Hundreds View Body of Veteran Educator at Teachers College.

Funeral services for Mrs. Eliza Blaker, 72, president of Teachers College of Indianapolis and pioneer in kindergarten education here, will be held at the residence, 2327 N. Alabama St., this afternoon. They are to be private and in charge of the Rev. Jean S. Milner, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church. Burial will be at Crown Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Blaker died at her home Saturday afternoon. Her body lay in state Sunday afternoon and evening in the lower hall of the college building, Twenty-Third and Alabama Sts. Hundreds of friends filed through to pay their last respects to her unselfish service and the place was banked high with floral tributes.

### Bronchitis Attacks

Suffering from an attack of bronchitis, Mrs. Blaker left her work at the school last Thursday. Friday the attack became severe, but she rallied, only to suffer fatal relapse late Saturday afternoon.

Born in Philadelphia, March 5, 1854, she was educated in the public and normal schools of that city. She immediately specialized in kindergarten work, which became her life-

long interest. Free kindergartens of the city are closed today to honor what she has accomplished.

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### Shirts Blame

Moore threw blame for elimination of shirts for policemen in the 1927 budget upon City Controller William C. Buser and Leonard V. Harrison, civic affairs committee secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

"Public opinion demands the removal of these efficient women whose work cannot be done by others," Moore said.

### Crucial Battle Sees

The last and most crucial battle of the filling station war probably will take place when the council attempts to pass the ordinance to rezone oil stations the south approaches of the Delaware St. bridge over Fall Creek. The measure to rezone Forty Sixth St. and College Ave. for a business block also is scheduled for final consideration.

Enraged property owners have battled against the two maneuvers for many weeks.

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Coming to Indianapolis, upon invitation of a citizens' committee interested in kindergartens education, she opened the first kindergarten in the city in the Handley & Robert's Academy, now the site of the Indianapolis Athletic Club. The work was extended and a college for kindergarten teacher training established. In 1933 this became the Teachers' College and during its forty-four years, 22,000 women have registered there.

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