

PARTIES GALORE TO WELCOME NEW YEAR

13 DIE IN FLOODS OF SOUTH; SCANT RELIEF INDICATED

Thousands Homeless and Property Loss in Millions of Dollars.

By United Press
NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 29.—Little relief was in sight today from the floods that have claimed thirteen lives, driven thousands from their homes and destroyed property valued at millions in the South.

While municipal officials, the Red Cross and American Legion volunteers cared for homeless and destitute families in the stricken areas, warnings of continued flood conditions were issued from the weather bureau.

Freezing weather that will slow up the discharge of waters from the hills into the Cumberland Valley was said to be the main hope of checking the rise quickly.

While the heaviest property damage was believed to have been suffered at Nashville, where crops, merchandise and household goods valued at millions have been destroyed, the greatest death toll is believed to have been taken in Arkansas. Six persons are reported to have been drowned in Arkansas, five in Mississippi and two in Tennessee.

Most of the deaths have been caused by motor cars skidding on water-swept roads or being carried away by the force of the floods. Three of the victims were said to have drowned when skiffs capsized while they were attempting to escape from the flood.

The number of homeless has been roughly estimated at 10,000, although there are no definite figures available.

Many rural communities have not been heard from since the rising waters cut off communication. It is feared that their reports will increase the death list.

McCAIN IS SLATED FOR STATE JOB

Delphi Man Due to Succeed Ellis as Commission Secretary Friday.

"High-o-the-merry-o, we're passing out a job."

Such is the song of the Statehouse, and whenever a good position is open reports fly thick and fast regarding "who's who and how come." The latest of these is that Reed McCain, Delphi, Ind., will be appointed to the secretaryship of the public service commission about Friday. That is the public announcement which will be made on that date, although the wise acres have it that McCain has already been informed of his nomination.

McCain will succeed Howell Ellis, who has been raised to the dignity of a commissioner by Governor Jackson. As Secretary Ellis received \$3,600 and his new position pays \$5,000 in salary.

Knows Politicians

Qualifications for the secretary job would seem to depend upon one's acquaintanceship with politicians and members of the Legislature. McCain is said to know two very well. They are J. Glenn Harris, Gary, a veteran member, formerly of Delphi, and Ed Bowen, Republican chairman of the Ninth district.

Now it seems that the commissioners have heard rumblings regarding dire things that may happen to them and their powers at the coming session of the Legislature. When such a storm arises there is nothing like a good friend in that great deliberative body. Harris has been in politics long enough to realize "upon" the value of "friendship." At any rate, the McCain appointment has his backing and approval, it is said.

Other Contenders

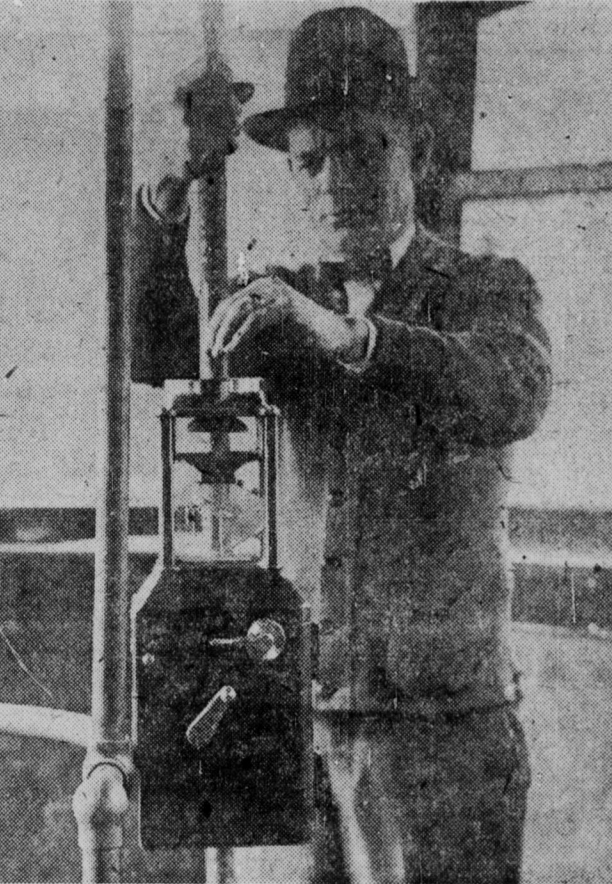
Other contenders for the place were Homer Kimberlin, secretary of the State board of accounts; William F. Bohne, former secretary to Albert J. Beveridge, and a man named Pike from Muncie. Now Pike was just a "piker," so far as getting the job was concerned, and Bohne didn't prove much better with his Beveridge backing. Kimberlin had some show, but McCain was "pretty well known" to use a quotation from Chairman John McCord.

McCord is said to have told one of the applicants to "leave it to me, I'll see the Governor." He did. The Governor learned nice things about McCain—while the other applicant stood fast. McCain, it is said, is an ex-service man. At any rate, McCain appears to have triumphed, and as a result, the public service commission will again be saved.

Doesn't Want Most Beautiful Man

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Dr. John W. Clark, "the most beautiful man in Washington," has been sued for divorce by his first wife. He won the title two years ago at a church fair, but turned down movie offers to stay with his wife and baby. A few weeks later, under the pseudonym of Joan Coursey, he married another girl. He disappeared when the storm broke, and officers who wanted him on bigamy charges haven't heard from him since.

One of New Fare Boxes



One of the new fare boxes which the Indianapolis Street Railway Company will put into use on all lines after Jan. 1, when fare tokens will replace tickets. Passengers will put their fares directly into the boxes. Conductors will make change.

Far and Near

CLEVELAND—There is a man here who has given his wife a box of candy every Saturday for the past forty-one years. J. A. Spitzig of Lakewood, started the habit when he and Mrs. Spitzig were bride and groom. He is a grandfather now. Once he was ill in a hospital for several months but he saw to it that the candy was delivered regularly.

DETROIT—Claiming he lost four fingers in a punch press, while working here in 1923 for the Ford Motor Company, Ernest Bedor, 21, of St. Johnsburg, Vt., has filed a \$50,000 damage suit in Federal Court.

BUCHAREST—Drowning of thirty persons during Black sea storms is reported from the coast. The steamer Astoria foundered off Kavarna with twenty-two persons aboard and the freighter Protos went down en route to Constantinople from Constanza.

BELGRADE—Local newspapers report that President Ahmed Zogu of Albania, planned to proclaim himself king and to marry one of the daughters of the Italian royal family.

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Pending construction of a free bridge across the Missouri river, ferry service may be inaugurated unless tolls are reduced by the owners of a toll bridge across the river here.

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—"What can I do for you?" asked A. L. Lightfoot of a customer in his store. The customer, it developed after a few minutes' conversation, was Lightfoot's sister, Mrs. Emma Spencer, 84, whom he had not seen for fifty-five years.

BUCHAREST—Return of Dr. Hartmann from Paris to Bucharest to observe the results of the operation performed by him on King Ferdinand is imminent, the newspaper Lupta says. Officials were reticent regarding the report.

MEXICO CITY—Great Britain and Mexico have signed an agreement with respect to claims of British citizens against Mexico, in connection with the numerous revolutions and consequent damage to foreign owned property, it was reliably reported here.

GENOA, Italy—The Italian liner Colono, a "Neapolitan" emigrant to the United States, aboard which it was reported the English freighter Diomed, but it was expected the Colono would be able to resume her voyage. Damage was slight.

CHICAGO—Edward Collins, 60, was stricken with a heart attack while kneeling in prayer beside his bed. He was dead when found by his landlady.

WAUKEGAN, Ill.—Mrs. John Peterson, 60, died last night after four hours before she was to have celebrated her golden wedding anniversary.

ST. CLOUD, Minn.—The old story about the "fire in the icebox" came true here. Friction set fire to the insulation of a motor in an electric refrigerator and the refrigerator became, instead, a furnace.

AMES, Iowa—Fat women who are wont to term the scales incorrect when the hand goes just as far as find little solace in the store of an enterprising merchant here. Two scales sit beside each other in the store. The merchant said that invariably the fat leave the first and go to the second to verify the initial finding. And invariably, he said, they weight just as much on one as the other.

MADISON, Wis.—Private garbage concerns may be prohibited from hauling the commodity over the city streets here. The collection and disposal of garbage in Madison is a municipal right and private collectors must follow the city regulations, the attorney general's office has ruled.

NEW YORK—William Beebe, naturalist, had sailed just as word of the tenth expedition of the de-

15 POLICEWOMEN FIGHT DISMISSAL BY SAFETY BOARD

Discuss Legal Steps to Retain Positions—Litigation Planned.

Fifteen policewomen whose dismissal was ordered the board of safety Tuesday were to meet today to discuss legal steps to retain their positions.

The women, it is said, plan to file suit in Marion County Circuit Court to obtain an order mandating the board to retain them.

If their maneuver succeeds, the next step would be submission to city council of an ordinance appropriating funds for payment of their salaries.

Judge Frank J. Lahr of juvenile court is backing the movement to retain the women. He received assurances from councilmen that they would adopt the appropriation ordinance, but was unable a few weeks ago to present it because City Controller William C. Buser opposed the move.

Shifts Ordered

"Lack of budget provision and purposes of economy" was the reason advanced by the board for dismissal action.

Those released were: Emma Baker, Irene Beyer, Anna Bruner, Anna Buck, Mary Cantion, Metta Davis, Elizabeth Denny, Nell Dunkle, Bertha Du Cluse, Margaret Hildebrand, Lillian Jaschka, Mary W. Moore, Mary Moriarty, Cosetta Osborn and Sara Rodgers.

Ten new patrolmen were appointed and other shifts made in the department to conform with the 1927 budget. The appointments go into effect Jan. 1.

Parties Equal

Five of the ten new patrolmen are Democrats and five Republicans. Their appointments are the first to be made under the civil service plan put into effect by Mayor Duvall.

The ten men took examinations and were approved to the board as having made satisfactory grades by John F. White, police civil service board chairman.

Republicans were: Theodore R. McNeil, 942 Congress Ave.; Arthur G. Hueber, 418 E. Iowa St.; Joe Stutsman, 21 S. Colorado Ave.; Albert C. Mogenheimer, 2020 Bellefontaine St.; and Carl W. Mackey, 934 Highland Ave.

The Democrats were: Mowry Johnston, 1050 E. New York St.; Harry E. Voorhes, 616 Woodlawn Ave.; Thomas Harrison, 6520 Ashland Ave.; Harry E. Shipman, 1946 W. Michigan St.; and Dennis Kelly, 1409 E. New York St.

Patrolman Oscar Merrill and Howard Sanders were promoted to bailiffs and Freeman Smock and Horatio M. Brooks, assistant bailiffs.

Stenographer Named

Lois Reeves was named a stenographer in the police department.

Frank Housman, a graduate of Purdue University and father-in-law of Boynton J. Moore, city council president, was appointed sign inspector in the building department.

Robert H. Hathaway, an inspector, was appointed to succeed Mrs. Maude G. Hobson, inspector of weights and measures. Mrs. Hobson resigned to become assistant assessor of Center Township.

DEAF MUTE HURT

GOSHEN, Ind., Dec. 29.—Fred Miller, 31, deaf mute, was in a hospital today suffering from serious injuries received when his auto was struck by a train here Tuesday.

Widow and Accused



CENTRAL AMERICA UNION DECLARED ONLY PEACE HOPE

Nicaraguan in Washington Seeking Aid of Congress for Plan.

By William Philip Simms, Times Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The establishment of a United States of Central America is the only hope of permanent peace and stability in that part of the world, according to Col. Miguel F. Sesequira of Granada, Nicaragua, now endeavoring to secure congressional endorsement here.

"I do not expect to see such a union made effective in a month or a year," the colonel said, "but I believe it a certainty within the next five or six years."

"The first step would be to establish a Central American court of arbitration in Washington, to which Guatemala, Honduras, Salvador, Nicaragua and Costa Rica would appoint delegates. This court would be a permanent agency for reconciling their controversies. Washington would not intervene in any way in the internal affairs of the Central American countries."

"I hope to secure congressional action on a resolution approving in principle the arbitration court plan—also endorsing the union. After which I will return to Central America to work out the rest of the plan. There is a unionist party in each of the five republics. The movement is especially strong in Guatemala and Salvador. In the United States I have found much sympathy for the union, particularly in the Middle West and Mississippi valley, from which sections considerable grain and manufactured articles find their way to Central America. They know a strong, progressive State down there would mean more business."

"There are some difficulties to be overcome, I know. The location of the capital of the union is one of them. I think this should be in Nicaragua. This I say not because I am a Nicaraguan, but because some day a new transoceanic canal will be dug across the isthmus, and that canal will cross Nicaragua. Nicaragua will then become another cross-roads of the world and a great shipping and trade center."

SAYS JEWS AWAKENED

Cincinnati Rabbi Pleads for Old Traditions of Race.

"It is only through holding aloft the old traditions of the Jewish race that the race will continue to be a factor in the development of the world," declared Rabbi James Heller of Cincinnati, Ohio, before the Kinsbaum Community Center, 2214 N. Meridian St., Tuesday night. His subject was "How Will Palestine Solve the Jewish Question?"

"Since the World War there has been a reawakening among the Jewish people," the rabbi said. Mrs. Archibald Silverman of Baltimore, Md., will speak Jan. 10.

Our Boarding House



Many Will Celebrate in Clubs, Hotels and Theaters Here.

"DRY," ASSERTS HARRIS

Police Detail to Watch Downtown District.

At least 10,000 Indianapolis persons will celebrate New Year's Eve in downtown clubs, hotels and theaters.

And it will be a dry celebration, according to Ansel R. Harris, Federal prohibition administrator. All available Indiana agents will be in the city to watch merry-makers, he said.

A special detail of police also will be assigned by Police Chief Claude F. Johnson to patrol the downtown district and outlying cafes.

A "Cupid Party" for members of the Sahara Grotto and their guests will be held at the Chippool. Following dinner at 8:30 p. m., entertainment features in the main dining room, Atrium, lobby and Riley room will proceed dancing in the lobby and Riley room from 10:30 until 2:30 p. m. The Parisian Red Heads and the Pavement orchestra will play.

About thirteen hundred reservations have been made. Davis Y. Byrkit, committee chairman, announced today. Michael F. Scully will head twenty members of the drill team and fifteen of the drum corps, who will act as ushers.

At L. A. C.

Indianapolis Athletic Club members will dance to the music of three orchestras during the dance, starting at 10:30 p. m. and lasting "from then on," as announced by Mrs. Kuhn Martin, club hostess. Twelve hundred reservations have been made for the dinner preceding the dancing in the main dining room and gymnasium. The Strolling Minstrels will entertain in cabaret style during the banquet. George Irish and Emil Seidel, local orchestras, and the Juliettes Tenesters from Harbor Point, Mich., will furnish dance music.

Fifteen hundred reservations have been made for the Columbia Club party and dance, which will last until 3 a. m. E. P. Akin, manager, announced. Special features will last throughout the evening and during the dinner preceding the dance.

Four Orchestras

The Columbia Club celebration will be the largest ever staged in the club. John C. Ruckelshaus, president, said. More than 2,000 will attend. Wallace Lee, entertainment committee chairman said.

The main floor, mezzanine, third and fourth floors and ballroom will be given over to the celebration and diners will be served on all these floors.

The Charles Davis Columbia Club Orchestra will play in the ballroom. The Parisian Red Heads will play in the earlier part of the evening and the Musical Coeds and Collegiates all evening on the other floors.

Dinner dance at the Hoosier Athletic Club will begin at 7:30. Four hundred reservations have been made. The Paramount Frolickers and other entertainers will provide music.

"Till Wee Small Hours"

About 400 members of the Athenaeum will eat their dinner and dance starting at 9 p. m., and lasting until the "wee small hours," according to Richard B. Werner, manager. Ralph Leonard, chairman of the Knights of Columbus dance committee also announced a like number of reservations had been made for a dance lasting from 9 p. m. until 1 a. m. at the K. of C. hall, 1305 N. Delaware St.

Reservations for the dinner-dance at the Severin mounted to about 275 today. William H. Wells, assistant manager, announced. The affair will start at 10 and last until 2:30 a. m.

Koith's Theater will shift its regular 8:15 p. m. evening performance to start at 7:45 p. m. to accommodate an additional midnight show, beginning at 10:45 p. m. and lasting until 12:30 a. m. Gus Shovalter, manager, announced. The regular program plus a special act, in which all the members of the bill will take part, will be given.

Extra Show

Herb Jennings, Palace Theater manager, announced an extra show starting at 11 o'clock and lasting an hour and a half, in which the artists on the bill will indulge in "clowning." The regular one-hour motion picture bill at the Lyric will follow the vaudeville, commencing at 11 p. m. Richard Wright, assistant house manager, said, and dancing will be held in the ballroom until midnight.

Tomlinson Hall will be the scene of gyrations by Earl Brooks of Indianapolis, State champion Charles-ton dancer, who will be one of the attractions at the dance given by Irving Post 38, of the American Legion, Albert F. Meurer, chairman of arrangements, announced. Two orchestras will provide music. Proceeds will be used for benefit of war veterans.

The Riverside skating rink will depart from its usual custom of 10:30 p. m. closing and will remain open until 1 a. m. to the music of Sam Adams' Rink Band. A. W. Colter, general manager, announced. The dance palace will be open until midnight, according to Marvin Thornton, manager. The Casino Gardens will have dancing until 3 a. m. it was announced.

An open house New Year's party for members and families of Shrine will be held at the Murat Temple New Year's day.

Indianapolis Lodge No. 465, Odd Fellow, will give a New Year's party Friday night for members of the lodge and the Fidelity Rebecca Lodge at the Odd Fellow Hall, Pleasant and Shelby sts.

FOUR BANDITS GET \$250 IN HOLD-UP AT COAL COMPANY

Daylight Burglar Ransacks Apartment—Other Robberies Reported.

Four hold bandits today were still at large, after staging a hold-up at dusk Tuesday at the Allied Coal and Material Company, 1007 E. Michigan St. Police, one shot, to show they really meant business, they made away with between \$250 and \$300, police were told.

Another hold-up and several robberies also were reported. A daylight burglar visited Apartment 5, 421 E. Pratt St., Tuesday afternoon and escaped with loot valued at several hundred dollars.

At the coal company, C. D. McClosky, 508 N. DeWille Ave., manager, and L. T. Jessup, 5620 Lowell Ave., clerk, had put the day's receipts in the safe, but had not swung the door shut, when the two men entered.

One flasher in a revolver and another in a knife, both wearing masks, obeyed, they told Lieut. F. Winkler and police squad. The men scooped the money from the safe. One man was sitting at the wheel and another in the rear seat of an auto parked in front.

Shouts at Negro

Suddenly a shot was heard outside. Sam Bowman, Negro, 553 Dorman St., driver for the company, said he was cleaning snow from the scales when one man got out of the auto came towards him saying, "Do you want to get shot?" He fired as Bowman raised the shovel to strike him, police were told. Bowman was not wounded. The four men then left in the auto.

Wesley O. Basey said two men held him up at his home, Woodlawn Ave. and Randolph St., and took \$20.

Losses Given

In the apartment robbery, Mrs. Maughan De Voie reported her loss as dresses and a University of Illinois pin set with pearls, both valued at \$135. Other losses there were: Mrs. Thelma Taylor, \$200 silver muskrat coat; Mrs. Mary Beam, \$25 dress, and Miss Mary Raikes, dresses and a University of Illinois pin valued at \$65.

Mrs. Paul Burdall, 3740 Winthrop Ave., told police that on Christmas day some one stole five \$20 bills.

Leo Sinclair, Crawfordville, Ind., who recently reported his auto and musical instruments stolen, now has reported the auto found, but the instruments, including a saxophone, trumpet and clarinet worth \$365, taken.

Leland Lodge, Columbus, Ind., suspects a man who stole his son's pin valued at \$20 will come here. Indianapolis. He asks police here to watch for him.

PROFESSOR'S BODY GIVEN TO NEPHEW

Burial in Massachusetts—Undertaker Administrator.

The body of Professor Louis Siff, of the University of Louisville, who committed suicide in his room at the Severin, Sunday, was turned over to a nephew, Dr. E. M. Singold, Beaver Dam, Ohio, in Probate Court this morning. Burial will be at Worcester, Mass., as it has been learned that Professor Siff has three brothers and a sister living there.

However, Probate Judge Mahlon E. Bash appointed Harry W. Moore of the firm of Moore & Fisk, funeral directors, 2556 Station St., administrator of the \$29,000 estate left by the professor. This amount, in bonds and cash, was found on the body. It was not thought at first that Professor Siff had any living near relatives.

Judge Bash said that Moore was named administrator because the deceased had no relatives living in Indiana, and the funeral director would be his largest creditors in the State. The professor was believed to have taken his life because of loneliness.

POISON LIQUOR SEEN

Evansville Coroner Probes Woman's Death.

By United Press
EVANSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 29.—Coroner Max Love of Vanderburgh County today was investigating the death of Mrs. Mary Hayes, 25, from whose stomach a quantity of alcohol was taken Tuesday after she died in convulsions.

The coroner said he believed Mrs. Hayes died from effects of poison liquor.

A man alleged to have been at a drinking party with Mrs. Hayes Monday night was questioned, but proved an alibi and was released. The coroner is endeavoring to run down the source of the liquor.

Mrs. Hayes was divorced from her second husband a year ago.

PLAN TWO APARTMENTS

Permits Granted for East Washington Structures.

Frank F. Woolling, real estate operator, Tuesday lost another battle in his attempt to obtain a fill station permit at the southeast corner of Meridian and Thirtieth Sts., before the board of zoning appeals. Woolling threatened to take his case to Circuit Court.

The board granted permits for two large apartment houses to be built by T. B. Brydon at 828 and 828 1/2 E. Washington St. Dwellings will contain forty-eight apartments each.