

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-axes 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 \$6,000 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

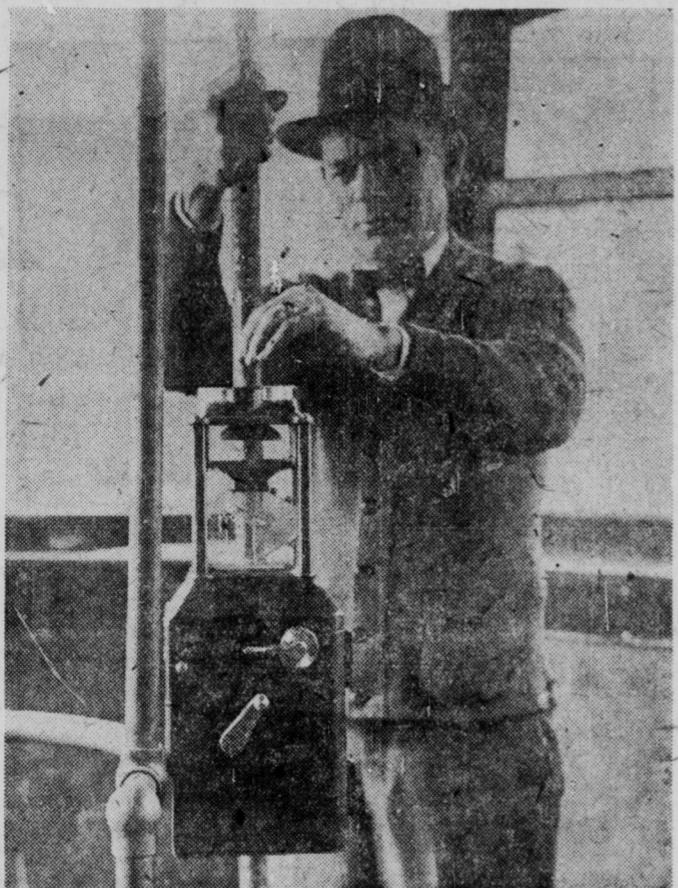
Other contenders for the place were Homer Kimberlin, secretary of the State board of accounts; William F. Bohne, former secretary to Albert J. Beveridge, and a man named Pike from Muncie. Now Pike was just a "piker," so far as getting the job was concerned, and Bohne didn't prove much better with his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

McCordle 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 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 sheikish name of Jean 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. Johnsbury, 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 freighted Prots 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, 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-seven 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 Colombo, with Neapolitan emigrants to the United States aboard, collided in port with the English freighter Diamond, but it was expected the Colombo 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 died here just twenty-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 too far around 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 reading, 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, has sailed for Haiti as head 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 by 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 Cantlon, Metta Davis, Elizabeth Denny, Nell Dunkle, Bertha Du Cluse, Margaret Hildebrand, Lillian Jaschka, Mary 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 Duval.

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

Republicans were: Theodore R. McNeil, 492 Congress Ave.; Arthur G. Hueber, 418 E. Iowa St.; Joe Stutman, 21 S. Colorado Ave.; Albert C. Magenheimer, 2020 Bellfontaine St., and Carl W. Mackey, 534 Highland Ave.

The Democrats were: Mowry Johnston, 1950 E. New York St.; Harry E. Voorhees, 616 Woodlawn Ave.; Thomas Harrison, 6520 Ashland Ave.; Harry E. Shipman, 1946 W. Michigan St., and Dennis Reilly, 1409 E. New York St.

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

Stenographer Named

Lois Reeves was named a stenographer in the police department.

Frank Hougham, a graduate of Purdue University and father-in-law of Boynton J. Moore, city council president, was appointed sign-in 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.

Patrolmen, first-class, are: Arthur Redford, Karl Kimberlin, John Davidson, William Miller, James Franks, James B. Wells, Joseph Okey, Robert DeVault, William Roeder, Roy Banks, Paul Miller, Harry Wenz and Fred Brennan.

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.

Despite the cold, young Braugh, who is an expert swimmer, was able to keep on the surface until his companions found a clothesline and hauled him to safety.

LAD ESCAPES DROWNING

Falls Through Thin Ice While Skating.

By United Press

MONTICELLO, Ind., Dec. 29.—Robert Braugh, 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Braugh of this city, narrowly escaped death here Tuesday when thin ice upon which he was skating gave way, hurling him into the water.

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OUR BOARDING HOUSE

MARYANNA POWSOWA

CASABA DE YUCCA

POP SOFFALUS!!

YAMMA GAMMA SIK

MUHGLUM BOOLA ?

GOW WOPPA

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GENE AHERN

THEY WANT TO KNOW WHERE TO APPLY FOR CITIZENSHIP PAPERS

Widow and Accused



CENTRAL AMERICA UNION DECLARED ONLY PEACE HOPE

Nicaraguan in Washington Seeking Aid of Congress for Plan.

By William Philip Simmons, 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. Sequiera 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 the parties 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."

"The grand jury's lame report shows far more plainly the serious truth than anything more drastic we have ever alleged," Adams said.

The committee urged that public meetings be held over the State and groups formed to aid in the appeal to the Legislature.

SAYS JEWS AWAKENED

Cincinnati Rabbi Pleads for Old Tradition 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 Kirshbaum Community Center, 2314 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. 19.

NAME SUCCESSOR TO MRS. BLAKER

Registrar to Act in Place of Late College President.

—By Ahern

At a recent meeting of the boards of the Teachers' College of Indianapolis and of Butler University, Mrs. Blanche E. Mathews, registrar of the Teachers' College, was appointed to act in place of the late president of the college, Mrs. Eliza Blaker.

"Mrs. Blaker indicated that she wished this appointment," commented Mrs. Evans Woollen, president of the board of the Teachers' College, "and it is entirely fitting, as Mrs. Mathews, affiliated with the school for twenty-seven years and Mrs. Blaker's closest associate, of course is thoroughly familiar with every detail of the work."

It was also decided at the meeting that Butler University with which the Teachers' College has been affiliated, the two exchanging students and credits, should continue this affiliation at least another year.

WATER CASE PUBLISHED

Recent Decision Issued as Advertising Material.

Such a triumph was the Indianapolis Water Company case, recently decided by the United States Supreme Court, that the decision as written by the justices is now being published in pamphlet form and sent out as advertising matter by the firm of Sanderson & Porter, New York, Chicago and San Francisco engineers who aided the company to triumph over the decision of the Indiana public service commission.

The booklet also contains the dissenting opinion of Justice Louis Brandeis, which roundly condemns the majority finding that "spot replacement costs" determine utility values.

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

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

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.

The Tomlinson Hall will be the scene of gyrations by Earl Brooks of Indianapolis, State champion Charlestons dancer, who will be one of the attractions at the dance given by Irvington 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 be in the attempt to obtain a filling