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Forecast

Cloudy tonight and Friday; probably rain. Not much change in temperature.

DALE RETURNS HOME, ARRESTED

HENRY FORD SUSPICIOUS ABOUT CRASH

Injured Billionaire Considers Theory to Kill or Hurt.

RECOVERY. PROGRESSES

Patient Guarded in Own Hospital.

By United Press
DETROIT, March 31.—Encouraging reports came today from the hospital suite where Henry Ford, a hit and run automobile driver, is recovering from injuries sustained Sunday night.

Word was sent from the bedside at 6 a. m. that Ford had passed a comfortable night, and this was followed later by word sent out by Dr. T. D. McClure, chief surgeon of the hospital, that his early morning examination showed "no new complications had developed." This was believed to refer to the possibility of pneumonia, gravest danger, according to medical men, which besets a victim of such an accident as Ford suffered.

Seek Car Occupants
While Ford is being given every care by a dozen nurses and physicians fluttering about his six-room suite, authorities of Detroit and Dearborn, as well as Federal officers, were trying to determine the identity of the occupants of the car who, either accidentally or intentionally, crowded the \$500 coupe made and driven by the world's richest man, off the road and down an embankment and sped away.

There was lots of talk of a deliberate plot to take the motor maker's life. At least one man close to Ford believes that the injuries to his chief was not the result of casual accident. Ford himself suspects that some one tried to injure or kill him. He has pronounced the circumstances "suspicious." But police and Federal authorities are open-minded.

Four Men Held
Reports that "many arrests" had been made were denied by Detroit and Dearborn police—the latter having charge of the investigation—and by Federal officers. Four men were held by the Federal authorities on an unrevealed charge, but they denied the arrests had anything to do with Ford.

Dearborn police told the United Press that "what we want to do is to determine if we can who it (Turn to Page 11)

TERRORIZERS ACTIVE IN 2 CITY NEIGHBORHOODS

One Raps on Windows, Stalks Into Homes—Another Beats Man When Caught at Door.

Two mysterious terrorizers have been in action in two different sections of the city recently, police said today. A man was beaten by one of the prowlers.

Mrs. Anna Fertig, 923 E. Maryland St., reported that the man has the entire neighborhood in fear, and women are afraid to stay alone at night.

She said the man has been prowling between houses, and that he knocks on windows and sometimes breaks the windows. Frequently he walks on the porch, rattles the door knob, but never opens the door, even if it is unlocked, she said.

Negro Attacked
30 years old and his clothing varies, she told police.

Describe Antics
"He just makes faces and runs," declared Mrs. Fertig, who described the man as about 30 years old and dressed in overalls and cap.

Carl Bunch, 926 E. Maryland St., chased the intruder three blocks Wednesday night after he discovered the "peeper" at his dining room window.

"Tuesday evening I saw the man nonchalantly resting in my porch swing," said Mrs. Mary Funk, 961 E. Maryland St. "When he saw he was observed, he disappeared, but later reports show he was still in the neighborhood."

Walks Into Home
Mrs. Elizabeth Burris and her daughter, Mrs. Guy Chatman, 927 E. Maryland St., declare he strolled into their kitchen Wednesday night, after making faces through a window another part of the house, earlier in the evening. He said nothing and a few seconds ran out.

Mrs. Isabel Adams, 919 E. Maryland St., also observed the man's antics.

Police said the man probably is a mental. Strict watch will be kept on effort to apprehend him. He has confined his visits to the 300 block on Maryland St.

Henry Raiser, Negro, 67, of 920½ Colton St., the Lincoln Flat, was taken to the city hospital Wednesday night, where a bad cut over his right eye was dressed. Raiser told

Tries to Save Woman, May Die

By Times Special
HAMMOND, Ind., March 31.—Henry Newman, 35, who had turned in his resignation effective today as a railroad crossing watchman here because the duties were shattering his nerves, was in a hospital near death instead.

Wednesday he leaped five feet to knock Mrs. Anna Smith, 59, from the path of a locomotive. Both were struck and she may die also.

Newman received a Carnegie medal two years ago for saving the life of Mrs. Flynn Sawyer at the same crossing.

Work whistles sounded today at coal mines in the central competitive field for what is expected to be the last time in months.

At midnight tonight, the agreement under which 150,000 miners in Indiana, Illinois, Ohio and western Pennsylvania have operated for the past three years will expire. Miners have held out for a continuance of the existing \$7.50 a day wage, but operators demand a reduction.

Some to Continue
Union officials declared today that the shutdown would not be complete. Many operators in the district have agreed to continue work on the basis of the expiring contract until a new agreement can be negotiated.

Operators' representatives, however, declared that the percentage of mine capacity which will remain in operation will be negligible.

No Strike Ordered
Union officials declare that no strike order has been issued by President John L. Lewis. They declare that the suspension of mine activities will constitute a "lockout" and not a strike, since miners have agreed to work under existing conditions pending a new agreement.

Operators, however, declare that mines will reopen when the wage scale is lowered.

United Mine Workers officials, including Lewis, are reported as "out of the city" at headquarters here.

LOCAL STUDENT HONORED
By Times Special
LEBANON, Ind., March 31.—Word was received here today that Miss Ocie Higgins of this city had been adjudged the best singer at the divisional contest of the National Federation of Music Clubs. Miss Higgins is a Butler student at Indianapolis.

Each Stork Visit Costs Dad \$100,000
By United Press
LOS ANGELES, March 31.—Every time the stork arrives at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. White it means another \$100,000 for Mrs. White. By a prenuptial agreement, White promised to pay his wife this sum for each child, he revealed yesterday in filing answer to an income tax suit for \$251,120.

White, a British subject of Tampico, Mexico, is fighting attempts of the Government to collect taxes claimed due on property in Los Angeles.

Two children have been born to the Whites, the father said in his affidavit. To make good his marriage pact he said he formed a Los Angeles corporation valued at \$200,000 in the name of his wife, who is American born. White said he had no earnings in this country.

DIES UNDER TRACTOR
By Times Special
PETERSBURG, Ind., March 31.—Waldo Young, 21, of Frankfort, was crushed to death here Wednesday when a tractor he was driving fell from a bridge on a State road near here.

FLIERS IN VENEZUELA
By Times Special
PUERTO CABELLO, Venezuela, March 31.—The United States Army's Pan-American flight squadron was here today after a flight from Port of Spain, Trinidad. A relief plane from France Field, Panama, joined the three which flew from Trinidad. The fliers motored to Caracas.

HOURLY TEMPERATURES
6 a. m. 44 10 a. m. 51
7 a. m. 44 11 a. m. 53
8 a. m. 47 12 (noon) 55
9 a. m. 49 1 p. m. 57

ARMITAGE TIGHTENS HIS GRIP

More Shake-ups Likely as Boss Coffin's Power Diminishes.

WILL BACK SHANK IN '29

Trotter, Shaneberger Are Doomed on Works Board.

Indications that William H. Armitage, political boss during the Shank administration, is in control at city hall again and that a big general shake-up there is due were strengthened today.

Armitage admitted that he is building up a political organization to back Lew Shank for mayor in 1929.

More Changes
Lem H. Trotter will be removed from the board of works, Roy C. Shaneberger, board president, may be removed and Oren S. Hack, Democratic member, will remain, Armitage said.

"Of course, all this is according to rumor," he said, but refused to deny that he now is "the man behind the throne."

Coffin Slips
"It looks to me like Coffin's hold is broken," Armitage declared. "How do you think I'm sitting?"

He referred to George V. Coffin, Marion County Republican boss, who, since the beginning of Mayor Duval's administration, has been city hall boss.

"No member of the Shank works board will be appointed in Trotter's or Shaneberger's place," Armitage declared. "That would be a foolish move on Mayor Duval's part. But you can be assured that they will be good men, politically and otherwise."

Other Changes
He intimated that other changes would take place soon.

"The mayor should have made a general house cleaning when he fired Oberleas," he asserted. "Then there would have been one big wave of publicity and all would have been over."

City Engineer Chester C. Oberleas was ousted Monday by Mayor Duval. Oberleas declared that "Armitage and his gang of asphalt men" had fired him because he had placed concrete on a "fair basis" with asphalt as a street paving material.

According to reports at city hall, Street Commissioner George Woodward and R. Walter Jarvis, parks superintendent, will be removed in the general shake-up.

FOUR KILLED IN MINE
Remainder of 300 in Pennsylvania Pit Escape After Blast.

By United Press
JOHNSTOWN, Pa., March 31.—All but four of more than 300 miners trapped in the Pennsylvania Coal and Coke Corporation's mine at Ehrenfeld, Pa., by an explosion escaped alive, a final checkup of survivors indicated today.

Four bodies were taken from the mine late yesterday.

Two men, knocked unconscious by the blast, were saved by rescue crews. The others were able to escape unaided.

LEAGUE'S EFFORT FAILS
Article of Proposed Convention Will Not Reduce Armies.

By United Press
GENEVA, March 31.—Prospects of reduction of the size of Europe's armies were further dimmed today when the League of Nations preparatory commission adopted the first article of the proposed disarmament convention.

The signatories to this first article would undertake to limit the total number of their military effectives with the colors and the total number of officers, and also to limit the period of service, but it was admitted the program would not impose any reduction in the size of armies.

Duty to Remove Dearth, Is Final Plea to Senate

Vote on Impeachment Likely to Come Late Today.

HEAR FINAL ARGUMENTS

Move for Secret Ballots on Impeachment Fought.

Appealing to their sense of duty as representatives of the people to remove Judge Clarence W. Dearth from the bench of the Delaware Circuit Court, Representative Milton J. Sallwasser, La Porte, gave the opening speech of final arguments of the House board of managers in the Dearth impeachment trial before the Indiana Senate today.

"You are here as the chosen representatives of the people," Sallwasser told the Senators. "It is for them that you are exerting your power to impeach and your duty under the Constitution. Under the sanctity of your oath you must remember the undisputed facts in this case and, dealing out justice, impartially remove Judge Dearth."

Attorney Moses B. Lalry followed with the opening speech for the defense. He compared the trial of Dearth, whom he contended is innocent, to that of Jesus before Pilate.

Last speaker of the morning session was Representative William Henry Harrison, Indianapolis, for the prosecution.

Vote Likely Today
Big guns of both prosecution and defense were to be heard in closing this afternoon. The final speaker for the House managers will be Chairman Delph L. McClure, and for the defense, Attorney Frederick Van Nuy.

It is expected that all speeches will be completed by 4 p. m., and the Senate ready to vote to sustain or reject impeachment. Vote will be taken on each charge and two-thirds (Turn to Page 11)

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BALMY SPRING DAYS BRING FORTH LAST SUMMER'S FISHING TACKLE



Spring is here and Edward Reaser, 14, of 1332 N. Capitol Ave., is taking every advantage of the balmy season. The picture shows the youth waiting for a "nibble" at a favorite spot on Fall Creek, near Northwestern Ave. His dog also is waiting patiently for a "bite."

LOBBYING HINDERED 'HONEST JOHN'S' INSPECTIONS, SAY COUNTY OFFICIALS

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McGregor Facing Call on Carpet for Rare Visits to Sunnyside.

Investigation of reports that John McGregor, county building inspector at Sunnyside Tuberculosis Sanatorium, where \$350,000 worth of new structures are being erected, was seldom on duty during the Legislature, is being conducted today by county officials. McGregor was attending the Legislature supporting the salary increase bill for county commissioners, it is charged.

County councilmen were to investigate the situation and prosecute William H. Remy said he would ask commissioners and councilmen to bring McGregor before them to explain. It is known that McGregor was at the buildings only two or three times some weeks during January and February.

\$200 a Month
The buildings are units to Sunnyside. Construction was started Aug. 13, 1926. McGregor was appointed with a salary of \$200 a month by Commissioner Cassius L. Hogle and Charles O. Sutton. Formerly he was county road inspector at \$25 a month.

The buildings are being erected by the State Construction Company, Thomas Kessler of Eden, Ind., is superintendent of construction and L. D. Elliott, assistant. Harrison & Turnock, architects, who drew the building plans may be called in the investigation.

Statements from Elliott and Kessler have been obtained by persons interested in the situation.

Made Complaint
Kessler's statement, it is known, sets out that McGregor was at Sunnyside only a few times during the legislative session. Kessler said (Turn to Page 13)

SECOND VACATION MISHAP REPORTED

Schoolboy's Leg Broken Playing Ball.

The second "spring school vacation" accident of the week was reported today by Dr. L. L. Bullett, of 6007 College Ave., who said his son, John, 12, pupil at School 70, received a broken right leg while playing ball.

John is an ardent ball player, his father said, and was "covering the bag" in a back-lot game Monday when an older player lunged onto him in a determined slide for the base.

Police were gratified that only two accidents to children have been reported this week.

Spring Vacation Accident Score
In 1925—Two children were killed and fifteen injured during spring vacation.
In 1926—One child was killed and seventeen injured during spring vacation.

This week:
Killed 0
Injured 2

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Editor Foe of Judge Dearth Seized by Sheriff When He Goes to See Sick Daughter.

IS RELEASED ON BOND

Faces Indictment Returned by County Grand Jury, Charging Libel.

By Times Special
MUNCIE, Ind., March 31.—George Dale, editor of the Muncie Post-Democrat, came home Wednesday night because of the illness of his daughter Mary and was arrested today by Sheriff McAuley on a criminal libel indictment.

He was released at 11:30 a. m. on \$3,000 bond, after being held in the sheriff's office two hours and a half. Seizure of newboys selling Dale's paper, Feb. 19, on orders of Circuit Judge Clarence W. Dearth, who did not like things the paper said about him, resulted in Dearth's impeachment trial in progress before the Indiana Senate at Indianapolis.

Dale has stayed out of the State, spending most of his time at Ft. Recovery, Ohio, just over the Indiana line, since his indictment a month ago.

By Van Ogle
This is the indictment which Arch Hamilton, grand jury foreman, testified before the Senate was prepared by Van Ogle, attorney for Dearth, at Dearth's orders before the grand jury heard evidence against Dale.

Dearth returned home at 6 o'clock Wednesday night, but was not arrested until 9 this morning. McAuley took him to the sheriff's office until the bond was arranged. Those who signed the bond were:

J. E. Smith, Thomas Hedgeland, George E. Bruns, Francis Brady, Samuel Webb, E. W. Barrett, insurance man; Charles C. Cray, farmer and John Watson, former city engineer.

Another warrant still stands against Dale, a bench warrant issued by Dearth, charging contempt of court.

"This being arrested on a warrant issued before the Senate is no new experience for me," Dale said.

It was said his daughter's illness was not serious.

Meanwhile Mrs. Dale was in Indianapolis attending the Dearth trial. Dale was in Washington, D. C., at the time he was indicted.

Hearing of the action of Judge Dearth, he refrained from entering Indiana, asserting he did not believe he could have a fair trial as long as Dearth remained on the bench.

Muncie authorities sent a warrant to Ohio for Dale's arrest. He was arrested and released on bond, but extradition was not attempted by the Dearth faction.

RETURN IS EXPLAINED
Mrs. Dale at Dearth Trial Here Says Husband Worried Over Daughter.

While Mrs. George Dale, wife of the editor of the Muncie Post-Democrat, sat listening to the closing arguments in the trial of Circuit Judge Clarence W. Dearth in the State Senate this morning, she received a long distance phone call from her daughter, Elizabeth, telling of her husband's arrest. She remained calm.

Mrs. Dale said she had told her husband not to return, but that her worry over their daughter Mary's illness caused him to overrule this advice.

"If Judge Dearth is impeached we will have nothing to fear," she declared. "Should he return to the bench I imagine he will try and keep by himself in jail forever. He will not succeed, however, for the Muncie citizens are aroused."

"Given an honest trial before a fair judge I feel that Mr. Dale will not be found guilty on any indictment that was prepared by Van Ogle."

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First Spelling Bee Tests in City Set for April 7

The first tests in the Indianapolis public grade schools for entrance in the great State Spelling Bee will be held April 7.

These tests will be held in every fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade on that day under rules formulated by Acting Superintendent of Schools Thornton and his committee of teachers and principals.

If there should be any doubt as to the winners in any room, there will be an oral test on April 11.

So, boys and girls, get ready for these tests which may send you, finally, to the National Spelling Bee in Washington in June.

The Times has arranged for this spelling bee in Indiana to determine the representative of this State who will compete in the National Spelling Bee.

The Times will send the State champion and a chaperon on this trip and make it possible for Indiana to participate in this great national event.

The National Spelling Bee is now recognized as one of the great educational events of the year. It has stimulated interest in spelling in the schools. It has won the indorsement of the leaders of educational institutions.

When the State champions meet at Washington, they are greeted by President Coolidge and are shown the points of national and historic interest.

There will be a trip to the home of George Washington. There will be journeys through the capitol, the White House, the great Government buildings. That trip will be a liberal education for every boy and girl who wins by merit and study this great opportunity.

Of course the winning of a national championship is always a great event. But to win the national spelling championship also carries with it a prize of \$1,000 with other prizes to those who win second and third places.

The National Spelling Bee and the Indiana Spelling Bee, which will be held in Indianapolis in May, will be conducted along the same lines as the old-fashioned spelling bee of the day of the little red school house.

The spelling bee was a thoroughly American institution and for years had its place in the calendar of every community. Out of those bees came the men and women who gave direction and character to the Nation.

The Times, cooperating with newspapers in more than twenty other States, will conduct the national championship. The State championship will be under the direction and auspices of The Times.

The start comes April 7. Get out the spelling book. The best speller will be found and started on the way to the National Bee and possibly national honors.