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ter at Post office, Indianapolis.CHURCH FACES  
WAR FOR LIFE  
IN RED RUSSIAChallenge is Most Sweeping  
Since Struggle Against  
Pagans in Rome.

## FAITH OF MANY REELS

Soviet Batters at Bulwark of  
Religion; Aims for Land  
Without God.EDITORIAL NOTE: This is the first of a  
series of articles to be written for The Times and  
NEA Service by Jerome Davis, a mem-  
ber of the faculty of the Yale University  
Divinity School, who has spent the sum-  
mer investigating conditions in Russia.BY JEROME DAVIS  
Written Especially for The Times and  
NEA ServiceRussia is a great laboratory of relig-  
ious experimentation today. Hundreds of religious sects are compet-  
ing for allegiance of the people and  
all have to go up against the Lenin-  
cult and the worship of Communism as  
a religion.Never since Christianity first was  
struggling with the pagan patriotic  
faith of Rome has it been so chal-  
lenged as by Bolshevism.Never before in the history of the  
world has a great government con-  
trolling one-sixth of the land sur-  
face of the earth proudly proclaimed  
itself atheistic.Today Russia is attempting to dis-  
place religion by science. It is not  
only a negative but a positive at-  
tack. They would not only banish  
the gods from the skies, but usher  
in Communism on the earth.

## Churches Stay Open

The Bolsheviks are too wise to  
close churches. The metropolitan  
bishop of Leningrad told me that no  
just criticism could be made against  
the Bolsheviks for interfering with  
the worship of God.Indeed, he admitted that the Bol-  
sheviks encouraged the church to do  
welfare work, some times even giv-  
ing it financial aid. The various  
Protestant missionaries accorded  
high praise to much of the Bolshe-  
vik policy.Under the czar they did not have  
the right or organization. At present  
they are enjoying full freedom.  
National religious conventions are  
regularly held and converts are be-  
ing numbered by the thousands.There are also religious groups  
such as Dukhobors, the Evangelical  
Molokans, and the New Israelites who  
accept Communism while retaining  
their faith in God.

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lowers of the Christ are born:TOMORROW: What Americans  
are doing in Russia.

## The Best Face to Snap, Photo Men Say



A face they love to snap! That's what photographers of the Pacific Coast have decided, after looking over 1,000 photos of western beauties, at their convention in Los Angeles. Jean Smith, of Venice, Cal., shown here, they decided, was the most photographically beautiful girl of all the contestants. So Jean is smiling her appreciation of the honor, just to show how she won the contest.

RADIO FIGHT OF  
LABOR IS WONChain of Stations Across  
Nations Now Planned.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 12—A chain of cooperative farmer-labor owned and operated broadcasting stations across the continent is the plan of the Chicago Federation of Labor, just completing two years of its experiment with WCFL, the only labor-owned station in the world.

E. N. Nockels, general manager of WCFL, is seeking to sell the radio idea, the entire American labor movement and is asking State federations to assess themselves \$1 a year to a member to enter the air field on a grand scale. WCFL, now called the "voice of labor," is about to expand and join with the Iowa Farmers' Union in the construction of a great station near Elgin.

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TOMORROW: What Americans are doing in Russia.

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## THREE FIREMEN HURT

One Man Killed, Speeding to  
Home Endangered by  
Flames.

By United Press

OCEAN CITY, N. J., Oct. 12.—An area eight blocks square was a smoldering mass of debris today, after one of the most disastrous fires in local history.

Thirty buildings were razed, causing a loss of approximately \$4,000,000. Among them were three big frame hotels, shops, business houses, a garage, two motion picture theaters, many board walk concessions and the Hippodrome pier.

Three firemen were injured severely by glass and flame, one of them perhaps fatally. Emil Landbach of Ocean City was killed near Mays Landing, N. J., when his automobile skidded and overturned while he was on his way to the fire. He had heard that his home was in danger.

The fire started at 7 p. m. and within a short time several frame buildings were ablaze. A shift in the wind at 11 p. m. helped check the blaze. Fireproof buildings along Asbury Ave., the main business section, also aided in checking the flames.

At midnight fire fighters from a dozen cities who answered the call for help had the blaze under control.

Relief measures for the scores dispossessed were under way today. The fact that many lives had not been lost in the fire is attributed to the fact most of the cottages, boarding houses and hotels in the path of the flames practically were deserted for the winter.

The population of Ocean City has shrunk from 100,000 to but little more than its winter time 8,000.

The fire is believed to have been started by some one who threw a lighted match into a pile of rubbish under the board walk.

ALLEGED WIFE SLAYER  
FACING SECOND TRIALJury Fails to Agree on John Schmidt  
Case at Rockville.

By Times Special

ROCKVILLE, Ind., Oct. 12.—John Schmidt, Shepardsville, will go on trial for his life a second time in the Parkersburg Circuit Court here in November. The climax of his first trial, which started last week, came late Tuesday afternoon, when the jury reported inability to agree after deliberating twenty-four hours.

Several months ago Schmidt's wife, Julia, was shot dead. She had alighted from a buggy in which she was riding with her daughter, Margaret, to pick up a decoy package on a road just north of Syndicate.

To conceal from Mrs. Schmidt immoral relations Schmidt is alleged to have had with Margaret and another stepdaughter, was advanced by the State as a motive for the slaying. The defense, however, suggested that a former husband of the woman was guilty.

## ACTRESS FILES APPEAL

Dorothy MacKaye Charges Error by  
Court in Death Trial.

By United Press

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 12.—Dorothy MacKaye, actress, has filed an appeal from her conviction of concealing information in the death of her husband, Ray Raymond, charging error by the court.

Miss MacKaye was sentenced to from one to three years in the penitentiary on the charge. Raymond was killed in a fist fight with Paul Kelly, screen juvenile, who was sentenced to from one to ten years in the penitentiary on a charge of manslaughter.

## CHICKEN THIEF GETS LIFE

Theft Fourth Felony on Which Man  
Is Convicted.

By United Press

BUFFALO, N. Y., Oct. 12.—Because Edward Orchard's theft of 112 chickens was his fourth felony he must serve the remainder of his life in prison.

Orchard, who is 38, hoped to evade the Baumes "Fourth Offense" law by claiming he stole only seventy-one chickens, which would have constituted petit larceny.

Hayes suggested such a party would "cause the bosses of the old political parties to grant legislative concessions."

The delegates went on record as favoring action designed to limit the injunctive power of courts of equity. President William Green asserted every effort would be made to obtain legislation toward this end.

Child Dies of Burns

By United Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Oct. 12.—Elizabeth Howe, 8, is dead today when her clothing became ignited while she stood near a bonfire. She was a twin daughter of Fred Howe, local business man.

German Plane to Fly to Azores

By United Press

WARNEUNDE, Germany, Oct. 12.—The Heinkel biplane D-1220 planned to take off today for the Azores. The plane will carry Hans Menz as pilot, a mechanic and a passenger. The machine is a single motored hydroplane.

POINT OUT FIRE TRAPS

Inspectors Issue 253 Orders to Elim-  
inate Hazards.

Fire Prevention Chief Horace

Carey today announced inspectors

issued 253 orders to correct fire

hazards and inspected 1,743 yards

and buildings Monday.

Capt. Harry Gould was in charge

of inspections. Forty firemen were

assigned by Fire Chief Jesse Hutsell

to aid in inspections during fire pre-  
vention week. Harry Davis, Charles

Brooks, B. Lynch, Charles Seekamp,

George Stapp and Fred Wagner di-  
rected the work.

Eggs-Ecuted!

By United Press

DULUTH, Minn., Oct. 11.—

Pelican Jack and Alex Ribic, lumberjacks, agreed to have

eggs for dinner, but Pelican

Ribic insisted they be boiled,

he was killed with an ax.

The story of the killing was

brought from the lumber camp

Tuesday by Tony Hasperlin,

an eye witness. He accused

Pelican Jack of hitting Ribic

with a double bitted ax, killing

him almost instantly. Pelican

Jack was arrested.

Dust Off Your Monocle,  
Doc; and Your Ideas, Too

BY GLADYS CRAIG

HE New York doctor who declared that the typical young woman office worker has "a poor carriage, flat chest and prominent abdomen" certainly never made a tour of Indianapolis offices.

Over the United Press trickled that statement of Dr. Wade Wright, assistant medical director of the Metropolitan Life Association. Right with it came an assertion of F. L. Rowland of Lincoln, Neb., an office manager, that stenographers are hard to discipline after they are married and that the average period of service for young business women is three years, after which they marry.

To which dozens of Indianapolis stenographers replied the polite equivalent of "raspberries."