

## LETTERS FROM CITY CHILDREN REACH SANTA

"What a Task to Judge These," He Exclaims As He Sees Big Bundle.

Here is another story by Holly Berry, special correspondent of The Times, accompanying The Times' Kirschmidt expedition. She found the letters of Santa Claus and took movie of the kindly old fellow which are now being shown in Indianapolis theaters.

BY HOLLY BERRY

NORTH POLEVILLE, Eskimo-land, Dec. 7.—(By Radio)—Letters—hundreds of them—written by children readers of The Indianapolis Times on the subject "Why I Like Santa Claus," arrived at Santa's palace today by airplane!

We had scarcely finished our noon meal and were preparing to go into Santa's library and read before the fire, when we heard a loud whirling sound over the palace. We have been expecting the letters to arrive for several days, and everyone ran out into the big yard where Santa keeps his enormous herd of wild reindeer, for it was there that the plane would light.

Santa was more eager than any of us and smiled happily when the big bundle of letters was opened on the library floor.

"Some Task," Says Santa

"What a task this is going to be of judge all these letters," Santa exclaimed.

"How much time can I take," he asked, after a pause.

I assured him that he could take all the time he felt was necessary and do it in his spare time, because the good old Christmas patron is so terribly busy now that I feel awfully sorry for him. At least I would feel sorry for him, except that he is always so happy and seems always to have a wonderful time, no matter how busy he is.

Indianapolis children who wrote these letters can rest easily now—there letters are in good hands. Of course, it would be nice to know real soon who won, but after all that doesn't make so much difference. The important thing is to have written to Santa to let him know how much you care for him.

Copies Down Names

While Santa read the first of the letters this afternoon I copied down the following names of Indianapolis children which I found in the books in which Santa keeps the name and record of each one of the 25,000,000 children in the world:

Maxine Henthorn, Mary Henthorn, Frances Bush, Jimmy, Joan and Tommy Connor, Edwina and

A GOOD THING—DON'T MISS IT

Send this ad and ten cents to Foley & Co., Sheffield and George Sts., Chicago, Ill., writing your name and address clearly. You will receive a trial bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar Compound for coughs, colds, croup (spasmodic), tickling throat; also a trial packet each of Foley Pills, a diuretic stimulant for the kidneys, Foley Cathartic Tablets for constipation, biliousness and sick headache. These reliable remedies have helped millions. Sold everywhere.—Advertisement.



Does  
Merry  
Christmas  
Mean  
a Shock After  
January 1st?

What a wonderful Christmas we had—then the postman brought the bad news after the first. Bills! That's when Christmas joy ceases. But we have eliminated that shock from next year. We started a Christmas Savings Account at the Aetna Trust and Savings Co. Now we will pay for our gifts in cash.

Different Plans to Suit Any Saver

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## Lions' Speaker



## TEST LEGALITY OF APPEALS BY UTILITY FIRMS

Intent of New Statute Is  
Argued in Hearing on  
Phone Cases.

Legality and intent of Indiana's newly adopted statute covering appeals from orders of the public service commission was argued in Marion Circuit Court Tuesday.

Judge Harry O. Chamberlin, hearing the second appeal from public service commission orders under provisions of the new statute, is to rule on the question of appeal jurisdiction.

Phone Case Raises Issue

The case was raised when attorneys for six northern Indiana towns appeared to oppose an appeal filed by the Associated Telephone Company of Indianapolis, seeking reversal of the commission's order denying its authority to acquire small independent telephone companies serving the six towns and to issue securities. Carl Mote, Indianapolis attorney, is the promoter of the plan.

Arguments had scarcely begun before Judge Chamberlin when he said he was aware there was some question as to whether the appeal was within the jurisdiction of the court or whether it should have been addressed to the courts in the communities served by the phone companies.

Brief Attacks Appeal

Attorneys for the protesting communities then filed a brief attacking the appeal on the grounds that:

1. "There is no good and valid law operating" giving the Associated Telephone Company the remedy sought, or "giving this court jurisdiction."

2. That the commission's order is not operative in Marion County because properties of the utilities con-

cerned are not located within the county.

3. That at the time options to purchase were given to the associated company, the law was to the effect that the order of the commission was final and absolute; and options and contracts were rendered that when the petition was denied, void; and the utilities are considering no sale of their properties now.

Telephone companies to be acquired under Mote's plan serve Bremen, Nappanee, North Liberty, Walkerton, Wolcott and Goodland.

Passed Compromise Bill

Despite the fact that notification of the hearing on appeal was sent to the commission and the office of the attorney general, no representatives were in court from either of these offices.

Attorney General Arthur L. Gillett announced the opinion that the law was unconstitutional even before its passage, but it went through the Legislature in its closing days as a compromise measure, ending a protracted fight for revision of the utility laws.

Mote promised to file a brief in support of his appeal and maintaining the court's jurisdiction within ten days.

The public service commission order denying the appeal said it "smacks at speculative promotion." The associated company was ordered to pay \$1,542.85 costs for the commission's investigation.

"My conception of the political

## DEFENDANT MAY FACE GIRL-WIFE

Convicted Mother Coming  
to Walser Trial.

By Times Special  
MARION, Ind., Dec. 7.—Arthur Walser, who is on trial in Grant Circuit court here on a first degree murder charge growing out of the death by poison of Clifford Cox, 12, at Fairmount last June, may face his wife, Dorothea, 17, serving a sentence of two to twenty-one years in the Indiana woman's prison at Indianapolis in connection with the death of the boy, her cousin.

Sheriff Jacob Campbell has announced Mrs. Walser will be brought here, but so far prosecuting officials have not stated whether or not she will take the witness stand.

At the time Mrs. Walser, who is a mother, was tried, she declared she had been forced by her husband to give any aid she was guilty of in the slaying of the boy.

## Hot Slide From Hotter

"It's a good idea, if it works," said Harry Miller, headquarters company fireman, New York and Alabama Sts., who was one of the first to try out the new slide invented by H. Stein, 317 N. Jefferson Ave.

The canvas is hoisted on the window ledge of a building and the victim slides down into the arms of waiting firemen, who hold the other end. Tests are being made, and if the invention is accepted by fire underwriters it will be placed into service by the department.



## LEAGUE URGES EQUALITY FOR WORLD NEWS

Press Conference Action to  
Be Sent to All Nations  
From Geneva.

By United Press  
GENEVA, Dec. 7.—The League of Nations today decided to transmit to all Governments, with a recommendation for serious consideration, a resolution adopted by the recent world press conference, demanding equality of treatment for all foreign journalists in the distribution of official news, in transmission of news, in telegraph and telephone rates, and in censorship.

The resolution was introduced at the press conference by Karl A. Bickel, president of the United Press, and was intended to halt discrimination by some governments in favor of "official" agencies.

The council adopted unanimously a report submitted to it regarding the press conference. The report recommended facilitation of telegraphic communication between Geneva and London, emphasizing that London was one of the largest transmission centers for news destined for America and the far east.

In a speech, Mine-Ichiro Adachi, chief Japanese delegate, supported the report, especially that portion of it that asked the League's transit organization to improve telegraphic facilities. Cheng Lo, Chinese delegate, also supported the report.

Senor Urrutia, Colombia, insisted on the necessity for better telegraphic communication between Geneva and London because Latin America was dependent on this route to report all League council and assembly meetings.

## CAROL WANTS UNION

Prince Is Against Divided  
Rumania.

By United Press  
PARIS, Dec. 7.—Former Crown Prince Carol of Rumania wants to bring about the union of Rumanians, not to divide them, a two and one-half column interview in the "Petit Journal" said today.

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situation in Rumania has been explained to you—party fights, internal dissensions, all of which are pulling assunder Rumania," said the Prince. "My conception of the political me to say—repeat it well, that I wish to ignore these fatal quarrels. My task is not to divide, but to unite. I want to realize the union unanimously called for by my people."

## ADVISES AIR MAIL GIFTS

Bryson Points Advantage; Start Service Here Dec. 17.

Attention of the public to advantages of using air mail service for sending late Christmas parcels and letters was called today by Postmaster Robert H. Bryson.

Bryson today received word from W. Irving Glover, second assistant postmaster general, approving Dec. 17, as the date for opening of the Cincinnati-Chicago, by way of Indianapolis, air mail route.

AMUSEMENTS

MOTION PICTURES

**INDIANA**  
"The CRYSTAL CUP"  
with Jack Mulhall and Dorothy Mackaill  
A MYSTERY ROMANCE  
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