

# FIRE PERILS STATE BUILDINGS, WITHOUT INSURANCE

## FEW POLICIES ARE TAKEN OUT ON STRUCTURES

\$45,000,000 Property Is Virtually Unprotected Against Flames.

### PREMIUMS DETERRENT

Remedial Efforts So Far Fail; Repair Fund Suggested.

Besides a few small policies carried directly by the institutions, the State of Indiana has no fire insurance upon the \$45,000,000 worth of State-owned buildings, it was disclosed today.

Attention of State officials was directed to the insurance problem by the loss of \$1,500 in a roof fire at the Governor's mansion on Fall Creek two weeks ago.

Various movements have been started by State organizations to develop plans whereby State property might be insured at a small premium, but all of these attempts have come to naught, Louis Bowman, State auditor said.

Although several of the buildings are of fireproof construction, they house equipment, valued in millions of dollars, which is inflammable.

**No Action by Committee**

An audit made in September, 1926, by Bowman in order to determine the value of State buildings showed \$36,591,204 in buildings and \$8,482,447 in equipment. Since that time, however, Bowman said, the State has added more than \$1,000,000 to its holdings, none of which is protected by insurance.

In an effort to devise some means whereby protection could be obtained, a committee headed by Dr. F. L. Ross of Richmond was appointed by the State institution section of the State conference on social work.

The appointment was made at the October conference in La Porte. The committee has not met.

Individual members of the committee were asked to devise methods whereby State insurance could be obtained.

"Research on the insurance problem has revealed that it would cost the State a very large sum for premiums on the protection and this in a measure has been a deterrent," Bowman said.

The auditor is working on a plan to be submitted to the next Legislature which will enable the State to carry its own insurance.

Bowman proposes that the Legislature appropriate \$20,000 to be deposited in State banks to bear interest, as an insurance fund.

**State Fund Suggested**

In event of a fire or other disaster to any of the property the interest on this fund would, if the damage was not too great, provide for the repair. If the damage would be too great that the cost of repairs would cut into the principal, the Legislature would make up the deficit by an appropriation.

"In this way the State would not have to pay large premiums to the insurance companies and there would be a reserve fund adequate to pay for any repairs necessary as a result of disaster," Bowman said.

The State situation is similar to that of Marion County. The Times disclosed several weeks ago that the county is permitting insurance policies to lapse because county officials failed to appropriate money for premiums or create an insurance reserve fund.

**PRAISE STATE HOSPITAL**

Research Work Advances Institution's Standing in Nation.

Praise for the research work accomplished by the Central Indiana Hospital for the Insane, which has probably advanced it further than any similar institution in the Nation, was voiced by Dr. Albert E. Sterne and Dr. C. E. Cottingham during discussion following a pathological clinic at the hospital Tuesday night.

The clinic was part of the program of the Indianapolis Medical Society.

**Hold Up by Two Negroes**

While Motorman George Hall, 28, 617 Tecumseh St., and Conductor W. L. McCoy of 924 Highland Ave., rested at the end of the Indiana Ave. car line, Fourteenth and West Sts., Tuesday night, they were held up by two armed Negro bandits. A watch valued at \$55, some tokens and \$20 in change were taken.

**Don't Blame Food for Indigestion**

When pain and discomfort follow a meal, don't blame the food and decide to go on a diet. Nine times out of ten indigestion, acidity, flatulence and heartburn are caused by excess stomach acid and food fermentation.

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## Casting Players Is Important Step in Production of Motion Pictures



Before players are accepted for a picture, they must be interviewed and take the test for type that directors insist upon. Here Conrad Nagel is being tested for a part in a Warner Brothers production. Evidently Conrad has to prove here that he's earnest and in a hurry.

This is the second of a series of twelve articles treating movie-making from the inside. Tomorrow: How the Extras Are Handled.

By DAN THOMAS  
NEA Service Writer

**HOLLYWOOD, Calif., April 18.**—One of the most important features in the production of a motion picture is the selection of the characters—"casting" it is called in celluloid circles.

For this job each studio maintains its own casting director and his assistants. Aiding them very materially is the Central Casting Bureau, through which all "extras" are secured.

In the usual routine the star or stars are the first ones selected. This generally is done by the producer or director, rather than the casting director. The task is often simplified by the fact that the story has been written for a particular actor or actress. In other instances much difficulty arises over the fact that the star desired is tied up in some other production. In that case a substitute must be selected.

**Two Types of Stars**

Many of our pictures today have no stars—that is, the picture itself is featured above any particular player. The leading members of the cast in such instances are called "featured players." In Hollywood there is a definite line drawn between a star and a featured player.

A star must be big enough to carry a picture on the strength of his, or her, name alone. A featured player, while his name has box office value, is not expected to be the prime factor in drawing the crowds.

There are the title of the film and one or two other "names" to help out. For example, Colleen Moore is a star. Her name brings them in. Evelyn Brent is a featured player. Her name merely adds strength to the attraction.

In the field of featured players the casting director nearly always has his choice of several persons for each part. There is always more than one to fit almost any type of characterization. Here, too, the director often takes a hand and a dozen or more persons are often given screen tests for a single part.

**Tests Are Costly**

These tests seemingly are a part of the unnecessary waste that goes on in every Hollywood studio. Every test given costs the company between \$50 and \$100. Yet many directors insist upon giving tests to each prospect, despite the fact that they have seen them upon the screen numerous times.

If they are unfamiliar with a player's work, it is a simple matter to get a film or cut-outs from a film in which the player worked. And in nine out of ten cases a player is far more realistic in an actual scene than in a test.

Next come the "bit" actors—players who have small, unimportant roles. Each casting director has on his desk a Standard Casting Directory containing classified photographs of free-lancers. Most of them also have photographs of players on contract to other companies.

All studios loan their players when they can't keep them busy at home. With the aid of his directory and other lists, the casting director summons half a dozen persons of the type desired and then makes his selection.

Another aid to the casting director is in the great body of managers and agents who inhabit the picture colony. These men earn their living by securing work for their clients. They are in constant touch with all studios watching for every part which they might secure for one of their players.

**SERVICE SHOP ROBBED**

Owner Reports Loss of \$300 Worth of Batteries.

Robert McCoy reported to police today that burglars took \$300 worth of batteries from his service shop, 135 W. Sixteenth St., Tuesday night.

During a four hour absence of the family, burglars entered the home of E. S. Howe, 43 S. Gray St., and took clothing valued at \$50.

Principal Eva Wiles reported School 12, McCarty and Chadwick Sts., entered Tuesday night and some tools taken.

**Win Interstate Music Test**

The Arsenal Technical high school male quartet composed of Vincent Haines, first tenor; Daniel Shatlock, second tenor; Ira Hopper, baritone; and William Jones, bass, won first place at the Music Supervisors National Conference in Chicago Monday. Quartets from twenty-five other States competed.

## SENATE PROBES CUBAN CHARGES

Investigate Accusations of Despotism.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Senator Shipstead (Farm-Labor), Minneapolis, today lined up support for his resolution calling on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to investigate alleged chaotic conditions in Cuba.

Shipstead offered the resolution Tuesday. It directs the committee to establish whether the Platt Amendment enacted by Congress in 1901 as a condition to Cuban liberty, is being violated in the island republic.

The resolution recites complaints of Americans in Cuba that they are being deprived of property without legal right and that the present Cuban regime is a virtual dictatorship marked by assassinations, farcical court procedure and denial of citizens' elementary rights.

Power of subpoena would be granted the investigating body, under the resolution. The committee would report its findings to the Senate.

**PRECINCT BOUNDARIES MUDDLE INTO COURT**

Barred Candidate Files Suit Testing Election Board Power.

Marion Superior Court Four was called on to settle confusion regarding authority of county commissioners to change precinct boundary lines, and the election board's authority to veto such changes.

Ralph E. Jones, attorney for Jesse A. Evans, 1324 N. Olney St., filed suit to mandate the election board to recognize his filing in the Eighteenth precinct of the First ward, the precinct he filed in after the changes were ordered.

After filing closed the election board voted the changes, throwing out the filing of Evans, along with other candidates.

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**Daily Comment**

**Babe Ruth Spent Million**

Babe Ruth, home run king of the world, admits that he has spent and given away a million dollars. He tells how he gave a taxi driver in New Orleans a thousand dollar bill, but the Babe has learned the folly of his liberality. He is saving his money now and says that he saved \$200,000 last year.

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## PLAN LINCOLN DRIVE

Fifty Campaign Captains Will Meet Thursday Night.

Plans for the Indianapolis campaign for the Lincoln Memorial in Spencer County will be perfected at a meeting at the Claypool Thursday night.

A. M. Glossbrenner, city chairman, will preside, and Vice Chairman Fred Hoke will deliver the principal address.

Fifty men, who will be team captains during the drive, will attend. These men will form a group of 450 voluntary solicitors, who will start operations here May 10.

**LARGE VOTE IS URGED**

City Clerk Boyce Issues Public Statement.

City Clerk William A. Boyce, Jr., today urged a large vote in the coming primary to "dispell the doom of political selfishness and corruption" in a statement on behalf of the Independent Republican Voters' League.

"With the filing of 122 declarations of candidacy for delegates to the Republican State convention yesterday, our county-precinct organization is more nearly complete than we have ever had it before," Boyce said.

"The mandamus suit filed on behalf of Jesse A. Evans in Superior Court, Room 4, this morning in an effort to obtain equity and justice for some of our precinct committee candidates who were thrown out on a hair-line technicality is further evidence of our determination to wage a successful campaign for a new blood Republican county-precinct organization that will not permit its county chairman and election board representatives to hide behind legal technicalities in order to overthrow the desires of the rank and file of the party."

**TWO PERSONS MISSING**

Police today searched for Albert William, 16, who ran away from his home near Danville, Ind., Tuesday. The youth is a ward of the Board of Children's Guardians.

Ed Phillips, 50, left his home at 535 W. Twenty-Eighth St., with \$80 on his person and has not been seen since, a son told police.

**Check Dandruff**

Youngsters usually get dandruff at school; promiscuous use of combs, towels, etc., brings it on. At the first sign of it, go after it with Listerine, the safe antiseptic. You simply douse it on full strength and massage the scalp vigorously. Keep the

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## THREE BANDITS GET \$97 FROM TRUCK DRIVERS

Rob Laundry Wagons: Flee From Police Squads in North Side.

Three bandits in a Whippet coach held up three laundry truck drivers on the north side this morning, obtaining \$97 loot and escaped from more than half a dozen squads of police who hunted the north section of the city.

Motor Policemen Roeder and De Vault sighted the bandits shortly after the third hold-up at Fifty-Second St. and Keystone Ave. and chased them four miles at a fifty-mile-an-hour speed, but were eluded.

The bandit car, speeding east on Fifty-Second St., nearly collided with the police car headed north on Keystone Ave. By the time the police had turned around the bandits were speeding south on the Allison Rd.

The police pursued them to Keystone Ave. and the Allisonville Rd., where several other roads intersect, and were unable to find out which route the bandits had taken before they were out of sight.

Gordon F. Dickie, 1211 N. Gale St., driver for the Crown Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company, was the first victim. He parked in the 2000 block on Ruckle St., when the bandit car stopped beside him. Three men jumped out one flourishing a gun and took \$20.

Fifteen minutes later the same men held up John F. Morris, 2034 Bellefontaine St., Excelsior Laundry Company driver, in front of 3125 Sutherland Ave.

Morris was just getting out of his truck when two of the men seized him and grabbed \$28. The third bandit remained at the wheel of the machine.

The third hold-up was at Manlove Ave. and Forty-Ninth St. Eugene Golden, 747 Terrace Ave., Progress Laundry Company driver, was robbed of \$51.

The three hold-ups occurred within a forty-five-minute period. One bandit was described as 35 and work a dark suit and black soft hat. Another was said to be about 27, and no definite description was obtained of the third.

The blue Whippet was stolen from Pennsylvania and North Sts., Tuesday night, Carrie A. Grice, 520 W. Twenty-Eighth St., reported to police early today.

**START EVALUATION OF STATE INSULL HOLDINGS**

Tax Board Fixes Values on Indiana Utilities.

The State tax board today began the valuation for taxation purposes of the Samuel Insull utility holdings in Indiana.

The valuation of the Gary Railway Company was set at \$1,547,258, an increase of \$234,160 from 1927.

The company's earnings have increased and its stock is now paying 8 per cent dividends, it was brought out.

The East Chicago Gas Company valuation was increased from \$50,000 to \$80,000. The Kokomo Gas and Fuel Company figure was boosted from \$373,400 to \$392,000. The Public Service Pipe Line Company, Gary, valuation was set at \$500,000, the same as last year.

Attorney William McNerny, South Bend, and a corps of assistants represented the Insull interests.

**Seek English Channel Gold**

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## Leads in School Play



Paul Davis, left, and Charles Bell have the leading roles respectively of Alaric and Mrs. Chichester in the comedy, "Peg o' My Heart," to be presented by the Cathedral High School Dramatic Club Friday night in the school auditorium.

Three other "girls" will complete the feminine cast. They are: Thomas Carey, Peg; Myles Sweeney, Ethel, and Daniel McDuffee, the maid. The male roles are taken by Edward Fillenworth, Jerry; Edward Burkert, Christian Brent, and Carl Friedman, lawyer.

## U. S. AND ITALY TO SIGN PACT

Arbitration Treaty Ready for Signatures.

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, April 18.—An arbitration treaty with Italy will be signed at the State Department at noon Thursday by Secretary of State Kellogg and Ambassador De Martino, it was announced today.

The treaty is a second of a series now being negotiated with various governments and essentially is similar to the French pact signed here Feb. 6.

The first article refers to the Bryan conciliation treaty and provides that all disputes of whatever nature not otherwise composed will be submitted to a conciliation commission.

Article two provides for obligatory arbitration of justiciable questions, which the two governments cannot settle by diplomacy or conciliation.

The third article lists four exceptions to arbitration, including questions of domestic labor involving rights of third parties, the Monroe doctrine and Italy's obligation under the League covenant.

**Finds Tooth of Mastodon**

ANDERSON, Ind., April 18.—Omer Cassell found a mastodon tooth buried near the Big Four railroad tunnel here. The tooth is six inches long and three inches wide.

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## BIRGER IS SANE; DIES THURSDAY ON GALLOWS

Doomed Gangster Loses in Final Court Battle to Cheat Noose.

BENTON, Ill., April 18.—Defeated in every move to avert execution, Charlie Birger, southern Illinois gang lord, faces death on the gallows Thursday. His sanity hearing which extended his life from Friday the 13th, until he was resented, came to a sudden conclusion Tuesday afternoon and it took the jury only twelve minutes to agree that Birger was as sane as ever.

The defense which had claimed it would call a dozen or more witnesses—and perhaps a few alienists—to prove that this gangster's mind had become unbalanced since he was first sentenced to die, presented a weak case. It offered the testimony of Gleason, barbecue stand proprietor, to support its point.

When the verdict came in Circuit Judge Charles Miller sentenced Birger to hang at 10 a. m. Thursday.

Birger was convicted of hiring two young henchmen, Harry and Elmo Thompson, to assassinate Mayor Joe Adams, of West City, during a bitter gang war with his rivals, Carl Earl and Bernie Shelton over the southern Illinois bootleg trade.

**Birger's Friend Held**

By Times Special  
HAMMOND, Ind., April 18.—Claude Bauman, 30, who says he is a friend of Charlie Birger, notorious Illinois gangster sentenced to hang Thursday, is held by police here. He is wanted in Illinois on a murder charge.

Police say Bauman has thirty-two buckshot wounds in his back and head. They believe the wounds were suffered six months ago.



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