

# 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 \$500,000 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 the repair. If the damage would be great that the cost of repairs had 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 council 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 yesterday night.

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

### Held Up by Two Negroes

While Moorman, 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.

Even the worst attacks, however, are quickly stopped by taking May's Wonderful Remedy, which instantly neutralizes the excess acidity, stops fermentation and soothes and heals the acid-inflamed stomach lining. Make a special point of getting a bottle of May's Wonderful Remedy from your druggist to day, and so follow the example of thousands of men and women all over the country who used May's Wonderful Remedy to end indigestion and allied stomach troubles.

With May's Wonderful Remedy to day, you can eat whatever you fancy without fear of pain or discomfort to day.

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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. Read tomorrow. How the Extras Are Handled.

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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 Shatuck, 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.

### Babe Ruth Spent Million

Babe Ruth, home run king of the world, admits 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.

Many famous men have thrown away fortunes, but those who save regularly are the ones who are happy and care-free when they grow old. We suggest that you save a definite amount each week at the City Trust Company.

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CITY TRUST CO.  
Dick Miller, President  
108 E. Washington St.

### PLAN LINCOLN DRIVE

Fifty Campaign Captains Will Meet Thursday Night.

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

A. 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 "dispel the doom of political selfishness and corruption," in a statement on behalf of the Independent Republican Voters' League.

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 boundaries, 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 vetoed the changes, throwing out the filing of Evans, along with other candidates.

### ORDERS DRIVERS STOP

Car, Bus Men Must Give Right-of-Way to Police.

Answering a letter sent to the Indianapolis Street Railway Company by Police Chief Claude M. Worley, Superintendent James P. Trotton enclosed a copy of orders sent all car and bus men of the company and the Peoples Motor Coach Company demanding they stop at once and give the right-of-way to police and emergency automobiles.

Dismissal will result if the order is not obeyed, Trotton's letter stated. He pledged cooperation with police in safety measures. Worley's letter had been sent when it was reported to him that a street car was a contributory cause in the recent emergency car smash-up.

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

### THREE BANDITS

### GET \$97 FROM TRUCK DRIVERS

Rob Laundry Wagons: Flees 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 Alton 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 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 Railroad Company was set at \$1,547,258, an increase of \$224,160 from 1927.

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

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### TWO PERSONS MISSING

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Seek English Channel Gold

By United Press

NEW YORK, April 18.—Harry L. Bowdoin, a diver, is organizing an expedition to recover \$15,000,000 in gold out of the steamship Egypt which was sunk during the World War in the English Channel.

### Check Dandruff



### In Children

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 dose it on full strength and massage the scalp vigorously. Keep the

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