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Fair tonight followed by increasing cloudiness Saturday, somewhat higher temperature.

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FAIR THROUGHS ARE BOOSTED BY CITY DAY

Mayor, Other Officials and Indianapolis Public Are Honor Guests.

PARADE ON SCHEDULE

Civic Groups Take Part in Downtown Procession to Swell Crowd.

Today was Indianapolis day at the Indiana State fair.

City officials and employees and residents of the city and county were the honor guests of the fair board.

The day started with a downtown parade and will close tonight with a special program in the coliseum at the final horse show of the 1928 fair.

With only one more day left, the attendance this year is 4,302 behind last year after the paid admissions totaled 48,668 Thursday while on the same day last year they were swelled to 54,417.

State fair officials, however, were hopeful that the special entertainment on the program today and the exceptional offering in auto races Saturday afternoon would bring in enough paid admissions to finally overcome the deficit and exceed last year.

Rain Only Once
They were delighted over the daytime weather this year, which has been cool and without rain. One evening during the week there was a slight rain and the evenings have been slightly too cool to draw a large night attendance.

The Indianapolis day parade formed at 1 p. m. (daylight saving time) on Ohio St., between New Jersey and Alabama Sts. The city hall closed at noon to give officials and employees a chance to participate in the parade and be early in the afternoon line of fairgoers.

Approximately sixty floats have been entered in the parade by various Indianapolis business firms and civic organizations. A first prize of \$100 is offered for the best float; second, \$75; third, \$50, and fourth, \$25.

Slack to Speak on Radio
The parade is under sponsorship of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Mayor L. Ert Slack spoke over WLS, one of the radio stations that has been broadcasting daily events of the fair, from the Administration building.

Judging of livestock closed today as it did in other departments. The final Grand Circuit program was held this afternoon on the race track.

A large crowd of buyers and spectators were to attend the annual sale of prize winning cattle in the Coliseum at 1 p. m. The cattle are auctioned off to the highest bidder.

The remainder of the program today consists of vaudeville this afternoon and evening, the rodeo this evening, horse pulling contest and horseshoe pitching in front of the grand stand during the day, band concerts and the Johnny J. Jones carnival shows in the midway.

James O. Jarvis of Spades, was winner of the Old Fiddler contest Thursday. H. J. Cook, Terre Haute, was second and Morris M. Crowe, Spencer, was third. The following will compete for the State prize Saturday: Joe Seaburg, Albion; Tom Riley, Marion; Marshall Cliburn and Jarvis.

Auto Races Saturday
Thirty-six dirt track racers will roar around the mile dirt track at the fairground Saturday morning, qualifying for the five events that will be held in the afternoon. The cars will be given an opportunity to make one lap against time from a flying start. The trials will be open to the public.

The eight fastest cars will start in the afternoon in the ten-mile race, the next fastest group in the second ten-mile race and the third in the last ten-mile race. Prizes will be given to the first three cars in each consolation race and a twenty-five-mile race in which the fastest cars of the other events will compete.

Jackson Day Observed
Governor Ed Jackson and members of the last Legislature were guests at the fair Thursday. In the evening eleven girls were given awards for being the best cooks at the Girls' School of Home Economics held during the fair.

The prize winners were: Misses Alice Reed of Scottsburg; Marian Crane, Thornton; Esther Smith, Tipton; Helen Dittmars, Dekalb County; Irene Roller, Warrick County; Elsie Van Huss, Parke County; Martha Stevenson, Monroe County; Marion Kersy, Marion County; Dorothy Fowerbaugh, Huntington County; Christine Burris, Putnam County; and Kelta McCoy, Tippecanoe County.

STAR'S EX-MATE WED
Constance Talmadge's Husband Marries in Paris.

PARIS, Sept. 7.—Miss Lela Emery of New York and Capt. Alastair MacKintosh, former husband of Constance Talmadge, film actress, were married at noon today.

BROADMOOR JOB SUSPECT TRAPS HIMSELF IN QUIZ

Reputed Deputy Sheriff Is Revealed as Chicago Bail Jumper.

Possibility that St. Louis police have a second suspected member of the Broadmoor Country Club hold-up gang in their custody grew today when Ben Boratti, arrested Wednesday morning with Charles Phayer, 40, gave suspicious answers to continued questioning by the Missouri detectives.

Detective Donald Tooley of Indianapolis was in Jefferson City, Mo., to ask Governor Sam A. Baker to honor extradition papers for Phayer, issued Thursday by Governor Ed Jackson and sent to St. Louis by air mail.

Phayer was indicted in Indianapolis on an auto banditry charge Thursday after four Indianapolis business men, victims in the holdup of May 30, partially identified him as one of the bandits and after E. W. Wisler, 1840 N. Meridian St., identified a \$350 watch in Phayer's possession as the one stolen from him at the club.

Seek Higher Bond
Other developments at St. Louis today included a request by St. Louis police that the judge of the Court of Criminal Corrections fix Phayer's bond at \$100,000. It now is \$20,000.

Phayer has declared he will resist extradition, but his hopes were given a setback by refusal today of Sidmund Bass, leading St. Louis criminal lawyer, to take his case.

The St. Louis authorities were about ready to release Boratti when word came from Chicago that he is wanted for jumping a bond several months ago, which he admitted. He had said Thursday he was a deputy sheriff from El Paso, Texas, on route to Mishawaka, Ind., to visit his mother. He said he had stopped off in East St. Louis to visit an old friend, Mrs. Carrie Stevenson, and met Phayer through her.

His Stories Conflict
Today he declared he was on his way to Chicago to give himself up on the bond. Boratti declared he could not recall when he had been in Indiana last.

Against this the St. Louis authorities weighed the fact that the Indianapolis business men had all declared they could not recognize Boratti as resembling one of the bandits.

Boratti was wanted in Chicago on a charge of robbing a gambling joint. St. Louis officers said. Boratti said this was untrue, that he had "just been arrested with a couple of other fellows on suspicion."

Machine Gun Seized
While Tooley was going to see Governor Sam A. Baker at Jefferson City, St. Louis and East St. Louis police continued the search for friends of Phayer. Phayer said he got Fisher's watch when he and seven others divided spoils of a craps game they operated in East St. Louis for several weeks. He said the watch had been wagered by some gambler whom he did not recall.

St. Louis police declared the car in which Phayer and Boratti were arrested belonged to "Bernie" Shelton, member of the Shelton gang of southern Illinois massacre fame. They raided the Shelton house and found a machine gun, a thousand rounds of ammunition and a number of small arms in Mrs. Stevenson's bedroom. They could not locate Shelton nor the woman, who is the widow of a bootlegger killed in a gun battle a year ago.

BASEBALL TODAY
AMERICAN LEAGUE
(First Game)
Philadelphia, 000 001
Boston, 000 000 000
(Pha.) Grove and Cochrane; (Bsn.) Ruffing and Hofmann.

(First Game)
Washington, 020 00
New York, 000 000
(Wash.) Hadley and Ruel; (N.Y.) Zachary and Collins.

Detroit, St. Louis, Cleveland and Chicago not scheduled.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
(First Game)
Boston, 000 000
Philadelphia, 101 00
(Bsn.) Edwards and Taylor; (Phal.) Bengue and Davis.

Brooklyn and New York not scheduled.

POISON SCORES BY BOOZE OUT OF TANK CAR

Young Boys Find 'Mint,' but Deaths and Illness Follow.

VICTIMS MADE BLIND

Fear Epidemic Will Strike Another Community From Deadly Cargo.



Charles Phayer, 40, held at St. Louis as one of the Broadmoor Country Club bandits.

BAN GAMES ON SCHOOL DAYS

State Board Will Enforce Rule.

The state board of education today started a move rigorously to enforce the rule prohibiting high school athletic contests except on Friday night and Saturday.

Roy P. Wisehart, State superintendent, was authorized to arrange with the Indiana State High School Athletic Association for that organization to take charge of enforcing the rule for one year.

Athletics were called a "crime against society" by Dr. E. C. Elliott, Purdue University president, during discussion of the rule at the board meeting.

The rule providing high school athletic events shall not be held during school hours and only on Friday nights and Saturdays has been violated widely over the State, board members declared.

Many schools have been holding basketball games on week day nights and football games on week day afternoons.

The State rule does not apply, however, to games and tournaments immediately under control of the State Athletic Association. This exempts the State basketball tournaments from the week day contests ban.

HAGUE COURT GAINS IN POWER, RECORDS SHOW

249 Treaties Outgrowth of Arbitration.

GENEVA, Sept. 7.—The ever-increasing jurisdiction of the League of Nations permanent court of international justice was demonstrated today in a report of the secretariat on recent international disputes that had been settled.

The secretariat reported that 249 treaties had been signed providing that all disputes, which necessitated arbitration, had been settled by the Hague court.

Twenty-eight states have signed a clause accepting the compulsory jurisdiction of the Hague court in settlement of disputes.

KELLOGG GUARDS WAR PACT ON LEVIATHAN

Suitcase With Draft Follows Secretary Everywhere.

ABOARD THE S. S. LEVIATHAN, Sept. 7.—The suitcase containing the American draft of the anti-war treaty caused Secretary of State Frank B. Kellogg considerable worry today as he attempted to rest while sailing toward home.

The Secretary is keeping the suitcase containing the draft on which are inscribed the agreements of fifteen great powers, constantly in view.

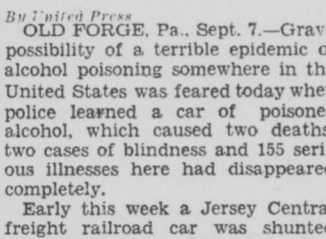
It is moved wherever Kellogg is likely to remain, members of his suite following the Secretary about the decks. Often the Secretary may be heard to remind members of his party: "Do you have the suitcase?"

AIR DERBY LEADER IN OKLAHOMA CITY

Earl Rowland Keeps Ahead in Cross-Nation Race; Dake Second.

ACCEPT GIFT OF RAUH MEMORIAL

\$200,000 Home Given Schools for Library.



Among the early leaders in Class A planes of the New York-to-Los Angeles air derby were the fliers pictured above. At the top are Mr. and Mrs. Theodore W. Kenyon of Boston, and below, left to right, are Ted Toney, Pittsburgh; W. H. Emery, Bradford, Pa.; Earl Rowland, Wichita, Kan., and Robert Dake, Pittsburgh. Dake and Toney are co-pilots. Rowland was leading the field as the third day of the Class A division race began from Kansas City.

OLD FORGE, Pa., Sept. 7.—Grave possibility of a terrible epidemic of alcohol poisoning somewhere in the United States was feared today when police learned a car of poisoned alcohol, which caused two deaths, two cases of blindness and 155 serious illnesses here had disappeared completely.

Early this week a Jersey Central freight railroad car was shunted onto the Ontario & Western siding here. A group of eleven small boys used it to play "railroad." One discovered the tap on the tank car open.

One whiff of the contents and the eleven boys became business men. There was no mistaking the alcoholic odor.

Among those who purchased the alcohol and drank were Alek Hydralk and Andrew Govel. They died a few hours later.

George Machick drank a concoction whose base was made up of the alcohol and went blind. Mrs. Mary Knopp was partly blinded.

Then came reports from all parts of the city of strange sudden illness. Physicians traced all the cases, numbering 155, to the alcohol.

Peace officers descended to where the car had been on the siding. Strangely enough, between the time of the alarm and the time the police arrived, the car had been put back on the main line and taken away.

No Record of Car
There was no record here to whom, and where from the car had been consigned and there was little chance to trace it. Authorities believed the car contained a poisonous alcohol known as "number six," which contains a great quantity of wood alcohol and that it was being shipped to a bootleg distillery for redistribution.

Inasmuch as owners of the alcohol can not be found there was no prosecution on that score and no one in Old Forge wanted to prosecute the eleven boys who discovered the car.

None of the 155 made ill was in serious condition today.

As soon as the sun went down, they slipped over to the dairy and stole all the milk bottles they could carry. Then they went back to the tank car and began drawing out alcohol. They made a few sales at 25 cents and 50 cents a quart.

But it is not often that alcohol can be obtained so cheaply in Old Forge and within a few hours word got about that some kids down by the yards were drawing it out of a tank car and selling it. Between dust and dawn the boys did a land office business.

FAMOUS LIFER ENDS 52ND YEAR IN PRISON

Jailed at 15; Spent Thirty-Eight in Solitary Confinement.

BOSTON, Sept. 7.—Jesse Pomeroy, who probably has spent more time behind the bars than any man in America, today ended his fifty-second year of imprisonment.

The famous lifer entered prison as a 15-year-old boy.

Thirty-eight of Pomeroy's prison years were passed in solitary confinement.

After Pomeroy had confessed to the murder of two children, he was sentenced to be hanged. Because of his youth, however, the sentence was commuted to life imprisonment.

RUSH PARALYSIS SERUM
14 Die in Winnipeg Schools From Infantile Epidemic.

WINNIPEG, Manitoba, Sept. 7.—Serum was rushed here by special train from Toronto today to aid in the fight against infantile paralysis, which thus far had taken a toll of fourteen lives among school children.

Hourly Temperatures
7 a. m. 53 11 a. m. 68
8 a. m. 54 12 noon 72
9 a. m. 61 1 p. m. 74
10 a. m. 64

ATTORNEY WITH TRAUGOTT ON EASTERN TRIP QUIZZED; WRATHY AFTER GRILLING

Scharffin Denies Any Knowledge of Store Fire; Declares Shoulder Broken in Car Crash.

SCOFFS AT REPORT HE WAS BURNED

Fire Underwriters' Prober Returns From New York, Intimating He Has Found Important Information.

Pursuing fresh clues in the \$100,000 Traugott clothing store explosion of Aug. 26, officials today interrogated Paul Scharffin, attorney, in the office of Prosecutor William H. Remy, for more than two hours.

Scharffin is the attorney who says he accompanied Edward Traugott, partner in the store, to New York City, the day of the explosion.

George L. Pugh, investigator for the National Board of Fire Insurance Underwriters, just has returned from Pittsburgh and New York, where he checked the stories of their movements before and after the explosion told by Traugott and Scharffin. Pugh said he had obtained evidence which might turn out to be important, but declined to give it out.

Scharffin says his shoulder was dislocated and broken when his car, in which he and Traugott were returning to the city after hearing of the explosion while in New York, crashed near Storeytown, Pa., a week ago Thursday. He came angrily out of the prosecutor's office.

Refuses to Make Statement
He declared he knew nothing whatever about the fire and therefore there was no occasion for him to make a statement.

Before he went before the prosecutors, he had answered sharply a question about a report that he had burns on his shoulder as well as the other injuries.

"That's all bull," he ejaculated. "If you don't believe it, examine the X-ray pictures they took of my injuries at Methodist Hospital."

Prosecutor Remy refused to comment upon the interview with Scharffin, which at times was so loud that it could be heard distinctly in courthouse corridors.

Remy Hints of Clues
Remy did remark that "things will be happening around here all day, but they will be on the quiet. They will be of an informative nature for this office."

At various times Pugh, Deputy Prosecutor John L. Niblack, Fred L. King, legal adviser of the arson department of the fire marshal's office; Deputy Fire Marshal Harry E. Gates, Detective Brickley and John Willis, Criminal Court investigator, sat in on the questioning of Scharffin.

Earlier in the day Pugh, Gates and Brickley had conferred with Detective Chief Jerry Kinney.

Jury to Get Evidence
The prosecutor plans to start presenting evidence on the first to the county grand jury about the middle of next week, it was learned.

Detective Chief Kinney said that progress was being made and that things looked much brighter for an ultimate solution of the mystery of how clothing in the store was soaked with gasoline how a skylight was broken out with a padded brick, and how Harold Libowitz came to be in the rear of the store.

Libowitz, 22, of 39 N. Jefferson Ave., charged with arson in connection with the blast, was reported slightly improved at Methodist Hospital today. He is under guard there under \$25,000 bond, suffering from burns received in the explosion.

Deputy fire marshals said they were informed it might be necessary to amputate one of Libowitz's feet.

CATS INHERIT \$9,000

Woman's Will Provides Trust Fund for Pets.

BOSTON, Sept. 7.—An unnamed number of cats have been provided for life under a provision of the will of the late Charlotte Sutton, filed for probate today, which established a trust fund of \$9,000 for the pets.

4 HELD IN DEATH RING

Man Sick in Hospital Shot; Nab Two Women.

DEL RIO, Texas, Sept. 7.—Four persons, two of them young women, were charged with the murder of E. C. Young of Beeville, who was shot to death as he lay on a hospital bed recovering from an appendicitis operation.

CRUSHED BY BOULDER

Dam Worker Killed When Rock Falls.

DEL RIO, Texas, Sept. 7.—Zac Fauburg, 27, of Valley Wells, Texas, was crushed to death near here today when a huge rock fell on him. He was working on a dam on Devil's River. His wife and two small children survive him.

FIRE SUSPECT'S BROTHER SUES

Asks \$10,000 From Marshals After Arrest.

Deputy State Fire Marshals

George W. Myers and Rollin Gran-ger today were charged with having exceeded their authority in causing the arrest of Bertram Libowitz, 39 N. Jefferson Ave., in a suit for \$10,000 damages filed against the officials in Superior Court four.

Libowitz was arrested Wednesday night at Methodist Hospital and held in city prison until early Thursday morning, when the fire marshals complained to police that Bertram Libowitz prevented them from entering Methodist Hospital room of his brother, Harold, 22, Harold is charged with arson in connection with the Traugott clothing store explosion. He is suffering from burns received in the blast, Aug. 26.

The Libowitz suit, filed by Attorney Ira M. Holmes, attorney also for Harold, charges the fire marshals had no more authority than ordinary citizens to force their way into the sick man's room, because the law provides that they can not make arrests, and if they desire to question any one, they must subpoena him. In case the witness fails to respond to the subpoena, the only way they can get action against him is through a court order.

Libowitz was discharged on the charge of resisting an officer when the deputy marshals failed to appear against him in municipal court Thursday afternoon.

The suit alleges his arrest was "false and malicious" and his "credit and reputation" have been injured.

NOTIFIES SELF; ACCEPTS

Head of New Party Alone Stages Ceremony.

OMAHA, Neb., Sept. 7.—Occupying dual role of notification committee and nominee, Dr. Henry Hoffman notified himself Thursday night that he had been nominated President on the Progressive ticket, and then, in an address to an audience consisting of three casual onlookers and several newspaper reporters, accepted.

Hoffman, who organized the party here last summer, had invited numerous persons to attend.

BETS ODDS ON HOOVER

Two to One He'll Carry Al's State, Wagers Denverite.

DENVER, Sept. 7.—Clarence Hamlin, Republican national committeeman for Colorado, said today he had wagered \$500 against \$1,000 that Herbert Hoover would carry New York State in the presidential election this fall.

BURNS HOUSE TO GET DRY

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—Henry Cloud, Negro, was drenched in a cloudburst. To dry his clothes he built a bonfire on the floor in his room. He was jailed for arson.

ANGOLA OFFICIALS EXTEND SEARCH TO NEIGHBORING COUNTIES

ANGOLA, Ind., Sept. 7.—Officials today continued to probe the murder of a man believed to have been Thomas Burke, whose charred body was found in the ruins of a barn near here more than a week ago.

Detectives, it was reported have extended their search to nearby counties in the hope of discovering additional evidence in the case.

Digs for Virginia Relics

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Sept. 7.—Charles H. Callahan, past grand master of Virginia Masons, has won permission to excavate around an old school building here, which he believes was built in 1785 and attended by notables including Robert E. Lee.

WIFE OBJECTS TO DIET THAT NEVER COST ANYTHING

UNIONTOWN, Pa., Sept. 7.—Mrs. Charlotte Walker was granted a divorce from her husband, Vivian, when she testified he insisted that all the food samples in their home should be the grocery samples left at his store.

NOMINATED FOR SENATE

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Sept. 7.—Fredrick G. Walcott defeated William E. Blodgett for the nomination for United States Senator at the Republican State convention today.

BANDITS USE POLITICS

NEWARK, N. J., Sept. 7.—Two bandits used political arguments to conceal their nefarious trade when they entered two restaurants, objected to pictures of one of the presidential candidates, went behind counters to tear down the pictures and then help up the proprietors. They obtained \$35.

DEATH CHAIR PUTS END TO MOSQUITOES

One Night's Toll Amounts to Quart of Pests.

NEW YORK, Sept. 7.—Death sentence has been pronounced and nightly is being carried out by electrocution at the home of Mrs. Genevieve Williams at Whitestone, L. I.

She has installed an electric ray, invented by L. A. La Costa, Cleveland, which draws the mosquitoes within its range and then kills them. A suction fan gathers up the dead mosquitoes.

One night's execution was one quart of mosquitoes.

HOLD FOUR IN SHOOTING

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Sept. 7.—Four Negroes are held here for questioning in connection with the shooting in Danville, Ill., Tuesday of Fred C. Doehring, railroad detective. The officer was seriously wounded as he started to question a strange Negro.

CONTINUE MURDER QUIZ

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Corner Paul Humphrey has conducted an inquest on the dead man's body, but has not returned a verdict.

TIMES TO HELP RADIO FANS OF CITY CONQUER INTERFERENCE

THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES, with Indianapolis radio dealers and jobbers, will institute a new radio service for the thousands of Indianapolis listeners-in.

Starting next week, The Times, cooperating with these groups, will place an experienced radio interference man in the field. His sole duty will be to locate and check interference in the city.

For several months radio interference has taken a strangle hold on several sections of the city and in many instances reception has been ruined.

The Times and the dealers and jobbers realize that it will be impossible to cleanup all interference, but an honest effort will be made to clear the air of many major cases that are causing considerable trouble over large areas.

Listeners are asked to write to the Radio Department of The Times, reporting interference, giving a complete description, as near as possible, of the interference, including the time it starts, how long it lasts and at what frequency it is received with most volume.

These letters will be published in the interference columns of The Times Radio page and listeners living within a certain radius of the first report will be asked to report on the same or similar interference.

In this way a check will be made to find if the trouble is located in the complainant's receiver or if it covers an area of several blocks. Then The Times Interference Man, with his specially equipped car, will get on the job, locate the trouble and suggest a remedy to the offender.

THE interference man of The Times will not repair electrical devices that he finds are causing trouble, but he will suggest how it can be done and leave it to the honor of the offender to make the corrections.

Individual cases of interference will not be serviced, as The Times believes there is enough major trouble, covering several blocks, in various parts of the city to keep the interference man busy for several months. After this is cleared, individual cases will be taken up in the order in which they have been received.

Electric lines and transformers sometimes cause interference over large areas, and are blamed by most listeners for giving all the

interference. Such is not the case. Many so-called interferences are to be found in individual sets or appliances in the home. The Indianapolis Power and Light Company and other public utilities have offered The Times interference man 100 per cent cooperation.

Therefore, we are asking those who have radio interference to report it to The Times Radio Department by letter.