

CITY INSURANCE RATE HINGES ON AUTO-FIRE DRIVE

Voshell Urges Efforts to Cut 10-Year Average; Campaign Planned.

Every effort to reduce fire losses should be made if Indianapolis hopes for a favorable showing in the ten-year period survey in 1933. This plea was made today by Fire Chief Harry E. Voshell, who is planning a fire prevention celebration next week in accordance with the national-wide observance. The National Board of Fire Underwriters uses the survey in determining fire insurance rates.

Fire Losses Gain
"Now is the time to think about cutting our ten-year average. A good showing can be made by exercising caution throughout the entire period. Indianapolis should be proud of its record in the past, but we are not willing to stop at the present rate," Voshell said. Fire losses in the United States have shown steady gain since 1903, jumping from \$145,000,000 in 1903 to \$535,000,000 in 1923.

Voshell asked the entire citizenship to cooperate in observance of fire prevention the year-round.

Table Shows Causes
Indianapolis fire loss in 1927 was \$813,454, making a per capita loss of \$2.04. The per capita loss was cut from \$3.87 in 1921.

With the view of informing the public as to the usual causes of

Held as 'Kidnap Farmers'



When police brought three members of the Capellano family from Bourbonnais, Ill., to Chicago, they were identified by the abducted Billy Ranieri, 10, as the keepers of the "kidnap farm" at Bourbonnais, where Billy was held while abductors tried to collect huge sums from his father, a Chicago contractor. Left to right they are Antoinette, her father Andrew, and her brother, Tony.

fires Voshell compiled the following table showing causes of blazes this year. They are:

Gasoline	39
Overheated stoves	27
Oil stove explosions	27
Gasoline stoves	15
Bon fires	15
Burning meat on cook stoves	15
Fireworks	11
Electric smoothing irons	11
Spontaneous combustion	11
Grass	11
Trash	10
Defective wiring	7
Cigarettes	6
Hot motors	4
Incendiary	4
Matches, boys and children	4
Paper and rags	4
Defective fuses	4
Furnaces smoking	3

WALTONITES OF STATE TO MEET

Judge Landis to Speak at League Banquet.

More than 1,500 reservations have been made for the venison dinner of the sixth annual convention of the Indiana Izaak Walton League, to be held at Shrine Temple, Ft. Wayne, the night of Oct. 18, Charles L. Biederwolf, Supreme Court clerk and president of the State organization, announced today.

The convention will be two days, starting Oct. 18. Former Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis, big league baseball czar, is to be the banquet speaker. During the afternoon, at the sessions at the Anthony Hotel, Dr. Henry Beecher Ward, president of the national organization of the Izaak Walton League and member of the University of Illinois faculty, will speak. His subject will be "Stream Pollution."

Director Richard Lieber of the State conservation department, will tell of his work in the State. At the conclusion of the convention the delegates will motor to Pokagon State Park and inspect the pleasure center.

FEARS FREE MASONS

BERLIN, Oct. 5.—Gen. Eric Von Ludendorff, former quartermaster general of the German army, is reported to have appealed to President Von Hindenburg for help against Free mason lodges which he claims have "passed a death sentence upon me and my revelations of their pernicious methods."

ROGERS IS AIR LEADER

New Conference Head Selected by State Department.



'LEAGUE OF NATIONS' RAISES CANADA CROPS

Farm Prizes Won by Contestants of Four Nationalities.

CALGARY, Alberta, Oct. 5.—That success in farming in Canada is not bound by any nice limitations of nationality, was strikingly demonstrated in the grain and good farms competitions conducted by the Calgary Board of Trade.

The prize for the best all-round farm in the district was awarded to Tosef Cavosky of Cochrane, Alberta, who emigrated from Hungary a few

years ago. This competition also won the highest honors for a standing field of oats.

The second prize winner was Oscar Anderson from Sweden. The

third winners, Wright and Bond of Irricana, Alberta, were from the United States; while the fourth, R. Ness, of de Winton, Alberta, was from England.



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