

# PHILLY POLICE REORGANIZED TO BAN VICE

## Scrap Police Districts After Suspending 21 in Department.

By United Press  
PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 31.—Reorganization of Philadelphia's police department in an attempt to rid the city of the corrupt ring of graft and vice started today.

Mayor Harry Mackey and Harry Davis, director of public safety, took out charts of the city's peace force and started realignments which will scrap the plan of honeycombing police districts and political wards. The new system will be put in operation immediately after the national election next week, Mackey said.

This action came after a special grand jury yesterday had reported twenty-one high police officials were "unfit to hold office in the municipal government." All twenty-one are now under suspension.

### Veterans Under Fire

When Mackey took office he brought about a realignment of the city police, making the police districts coincide with the ward political lines. There has been sharp criticism. Each ward leader is a police captain and many critics of the administration have contended that this led to graft and insecure police work.

The suspension of the twenty-one police officials was the major strike of the crime investigation inaugurated by District Attorney John A. Monaghan, who has delved deeply into the report that thousands of dollars have been turned over by gangs and racketeers to police for protection.

The grand jury has reported finding some patrolmen, whose salaries were nominal, having wealth estimated at from \$200,000 upwards. Very flimsy explanations have been given.

The twenty-one men suspended yesterday were among the veterans of the police department. No rank was respected as the grand jury returned its critical recommendations.

### Seek Boo Boo's Boxer

This morning there were new faces in the positions vacated yesterday. Captain Joseph Lestrang, who commands the "mystery squad," was appointed to one of the three inspector vacancies.

Meanwhile the investigation into the crime situation in the city of "brotherly love" carried on today.

It is expected the district attorney's office will present an indictment of aggravated assault and battery against William (Sailor) Friedman, boxer, held by New York police.

Friedman is charged with beating Louis Elifman, who claimed the lighter had committed the act at the orders of Max (Boo Boo) Hoff, to prevent Elifman from testifying of the national bootleg ring's activities before the grand jury.

Extradition papers will be taken out for the boxer if a grand jury returns an indictment.

### PAY GREGORY TRIBUTE

Rotary club members paid tribute to the late McCutcheon Gregory, club member, by raising and standing silent for a short time at the club luncheon at the Claypool, Tuesday. Lieutenant Colonel H. Edmund Bullis of Washington talked on his visits to Sarawak, the land of the white rajah, and British North Borneo.

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# Who's Boy Friend Now?



Claire Windsor

By United Press  
LOS ANGELES, Oct. 31.—Claire Windsor, screen actress, was granted a final decree of divorce from Bert Lytell, film player, in superior court Tuesday. They were married at Juarez, Mexico, in May, 1925.

"I'm through being a one-man woman," the actress said.

"Boy friends? Yes, just as long as they are plural."

## 'BUNION DERBY' ENDS AT LAST

### 'Jonah Isaiah' Toots Horn in New York.

By United Press  
NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—A stooped and bent old man, hatless and barefooted, wearing long robes and a flowing white beard, plodded into New York Tuesday.

He was the last of the C. C. Pyle "bunion derbyists," who started from Los Angeles March 4 on a transcontinental footrace. Although christened John B. Nash, he went by the name of "Prophet Jonah B. Isaiah" of Emoryville, W. Va.

Jonah wore few clothes, but was covered with many placards, most of them proclaiming he was for Gov. Alfred E. Smith. He had started from Los Angeles with 97 cents and had stopped frequently along the route, it developed, to campaign for Smith. When he finally arrived here he had \$17.

The prophet's first move was to break up a Hoover ranch in Union Square, where he was arrested for disorderly conduct. Hailed before a judge, he proudly exhibited papers which proved he had been pronounced insane.

As he left the courthouse a crowd began to gather.

Lifting his lips a long fish horn which he carried suspended from his shoulder, the prophet blew lustily, then walked away.

### 5 REPORTED MISSING: FLEES INSANE ASYLUM

#### Boys Leave Home for New York; Girls Sought.

Five persons were reported as missing today.

Leaving a note that they were en route for New York, Raymond Smith, 15, of 4201 Jackson street, and John Persinger, rural route 2, box 728, disappeared from their homes Tuesday.

Margaret Brodie, 18, of Owensboro, Ky., and Sallie Hardwick, 18, Lexington, Ky., left Lexington Monday to visit an uncle of Miss Brodie, Robert Espey, 3750 Salem street, Monday. They have not been heard from since.

Michael Shea, 33, of 621 North Tacoma avenue, went motoring Tuesday and failed to return home.

John Bevel, 28, of 1454 Brookside avenue clad only in his night clothes, escaped from the Central Hospital for the Insane Tuesday night.

### Urges Casting of Ballot

By Times Special  
UNION CITY, Ind., Oct. 31.—To cast an intelligent ballot on election day is a duty of citizenship that no one who has the privilege to do so, should evade, said Paul V. McNutt, Bloomington, newly elected national commander of the American Legion, addressing a joint meeting of veterans, Rotarians, members of the Chamber of Commerce, men and women's professional clubs, and the public, who were guests of the Orville N. Stover post of the American Legion here Tuesday night. Fred A. Wiercking, Bluffton, department commander of the Indiana legion, also spoke.

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# CLEAR STREETS FOR HALLOWEEN GAYETY TONIGHT

## Many Social Events on Calendar to Celebrate Goblin Day.

For exactly one year a band of goblins, witches and kindred spirits have been brewing a potion of revelry.

Tonight—Halloween—it will be served to Indianapolis, and the city will be on parade to aid the spirits in their annual celebration.

The merry-makers will have virtually the entire downtown section to themselves, for as the result of a police order motor vehicles will be barred from many downtown streets.

### Streets to Be Closed

Scores of parties, masquerades, civilian balls and other festivities are on the program. Literally tons of confetti, noise makers, false faces, Jack o' Lanterns and other Halloween accessories are stored in shops, homes and clubs ready for the celebration.

To prevent vandal gnomes and their civilian henchmen from destroying property in Halloween pranks, police today and tonight are working on twelve-hour shifts. Already several unruly celebrators have broken milk bottles and windows and smeared motor car windshields with soap.

The following downtown streets will be blocked off to all traffic except street cars:

Washington from Pennsylvania to Illinois; Illinois, Washington to Ohio; Ohio, Illinois to Pennsylvania; Pennsylvania, Ohio to Washington Monument Circle, with the exception of the northeast segment, also will be free of traffic.

### Legion Dance Arranged

Thousands will attend parties in clubs and civic halls that have been dressed up in Halloween colors.

Perhaps the largest single group of celebrators, 3,000 strong, will attend the annual marl grass ball of the Bruce P. Robinson American Legion post in Tomlinson hall.

Many prizes for costumes will be given, and an old fiddlers contest and special music will feature. Dancing will continue here until 2 a. m.

The Columbia Club, where 300 will be entertained, has prepared one of its most important social events on the year's calendar, the annual witches and goblins mask ball.

### Ball at Athletic Club

At the Denison hotel the McGuffeys will hold their annual Halloween festival. Games, stunts and prizes will be on the program. A special feature on tonight's general program will be the annual masquerade ball given by the Murat Temple Mystic Shrine in the Egyptian mosque. The guest list is limited strictly to Shriner and their ladies.

The Big Ten Club will entertain with a party in Redmen's hall, North and Lee streets.

Preparations have been made by the Indianapolis Athletic Club to entertain one of the largest guests lists in the history of its annual Halloween ball.

### ASKS FOR G. O. P. GIFTS

#### Small Donations Are Sought for Campaign Fund.

"When a citizen contributes a dollar to a cause, he immediately becomes interested in its success," said a statement issued Tuesday by Felix McWhirter, chairman of the state finance committee of the Hoover-for-President clubs.

McWhirter urged public response to the drive for small contributions from the rank and file of Hoover supporters.

### POLICE BOOST ASKED

#### Increased State Personnel Sought in Budget.

More officers, more men and a salary raise for himself caused a \$276,364 boost in the budget requests for the next two years filed with the board of accounts Tuesday by Robert Humes, state police chief.

The budget total, as filed, is \$632,440. If granted the number of officers will be increased from twenty-eight to fifty. This will cost \$90,000.

Three additional lieutenants are asked, bringing the total to ten, costing nearly \$21,000. An assistant chief at a \$3,000 salary is also asked. The chief would boost his own salary from \$5,600 to \$4,000.

Adjutant General William H. Kershner asks \$891,120 for his department, an increase of \$320,277.98. The additional funds are for maintenance, insurance and the like. A \$1,000 salary raise for himself and \$600 increase for the assistant adjutant general is asked.

The crime identification bureau requests \$67,781.50.

### SELECT CLUB SLATES FOR ANNUAL ELECTION

#### Two Groups Presented Tuesday at Meeting.

Two tickets today were before the Universal Club for the club's annual election Nov. 27. The two groups nominated were presented Tuesday noon at the club's regular meeting in the Columbia Club.

They are: The Hercules ticket, submitted by Earl Z. Sigmom, chairman, included Jesse E. Hanft, president; Berg King, vice-president; Byrl Campbell, secretary-treasurer; Louis Mass, sergeant-at-arms; P. B. Smith, C. H. Norman, George Martin, Edgar Haynes and Robert St. Pierre, directors.

The Apollo ticket, submitted by Berg King, chairman, included P. B. Smith, president; Dr. W. E. De Kyne, vice-president; Willis Thompson, secretary-treasurer; C. H. Norman, sergeant-at-arms; George Woody, Leon Joyce, Lester C. Nagley, John Geiger and William Rodgers, directors.

Dr. C. J. McIntyre, amateur bee culturist, spoke on "Bee Culture" at Monday's meeting.

# Heads Club



John Hanger, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hanger, 39 South Dearborn street, as president of the De Pauw chapter of the Oxford club will act as host for the National convention of the Oxford Club of America to be held at Greencastle, Nov. 31 and Dec. 1. Twenty-five universities will be represented.

## WOMAN BANK BANDIT AND 2 PALS SOUGHT

### Kidnap Cashier in Attempt to Open Vault; Foiled by Time Lock.

By United Press  
SANDUSKY, Mich., Oct. 31.—A woman bandit, who held the wife of the cashier of the village bank at Argyle at bay with a revolver and her two accomplices, who took the cashier to the bank early this morning and attempted to open the safe, were sought by authorities today.

W. H. Prentiss, a cashier, reported that at 2 a. m. the trio entered his home, forced him to dress and while the woman remained with Mrs. Prentiss, took him to the bank.

The safe was operated by a time lock and could not be opened. The two thugs then took Prentiss to the home of Mrs. Don Herdell, assistant cashier of the bank, Prentiss said. When Herdell answered the summons, he struck one of the robbers with his fist. Prentiss struck the other, just as Herdell slammed the door.

Thus left alone with the two maulers, Prentiss broke away from their grasp and ran. He was shot and wounded in the leg.

### LESLIE CITES RECORD AS 'GRAFT KILLER'

#### Defends Career in Legislature at Elkhart Rally.

By Times Special  
ELKHART, Ind., Oct. 31.—Harry Leslie defended his legislative record before Elkhart county voters here Tuesday night.

He claimed credit for killing the "Stephenson graft measure, that board of education bill," and said he helped defeat the "ripper bill."

"Those were the days," Leslie said, "when action was demanded rather than fine phrases, felt slippers and luminous halos. It was my privilege to scourge the grafters from the legislative hall, where I had the honor to reside. That was a part of the day's work."

The nominee is in Kosciusko county today. He will speak at Warsaw tonight.

# PAIR PREPARING THRILL SLAYING DEFENSE PLANS

## College Youths May Seek to Be Tried Separately on Murder Charges.

By United Press  
ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 31.—Formulation of defense plans today occupied the time of George Harsh Jr., and Richard Gallogly, charged with the murder of two men in holdups here.

The two former Oglethorpe students conferred with their attorneys. Their trial has been set for Nov. 13. It was rumored that Harsh, who is charged with the actual murders, would plead insanity. No announcement was made by his attorneys, however.

Attempts are being made to have the two tried separately. Harsh has admitted the murders, police say, while Gallogly was said merely to have driven the automobile used in the robberies.

Harsh and Gallogly were transferred from the city jail to Fulton tower, the county prison, Tuesday.

Harsh was placed in a cell occupied by Clinton S. Carnes, ex-treasurer of the Baptist mission board charged with embezzlement, and Fred Fair, convicted murderer of a policeman.

Fingerprints of Harsh were sent to Milwaukee Tuesday for identification in the murder of a grocer there last September.

Police here, however, are inclined to doubt that Harsh was connected with the murder.

They said he apparently was willing to tell everything, but that he denied any knowledge of the Milwaukee murder.

### HUNTING ON INCREASE

#### 58,978 More Licenses Issued During Past Year.

Resident fishing and hunting licenses increased 58,978 during the last fiscal year, according to the annual report of George N. Mannfeld, superintendent of the fish and game division of the state conservation department.

The total for the year was 321,257, of which 301,204 were resident licenses. The nonresident licenses fell off 844, due to the increase in cost from \$1 to \$2.50 made by the 1927 legislature.

There were 2,631 arrests and 2,472 convictions of game law violators during the year. Fines and costs totaled \$55,021.81, which goes to the public school funds.

### BRAZIL HEARS STUMP

#### By Times Special

BRAZIL, Ind., Oct. 31.—"The policies of government should be made with the definite purpose of stimulating agriculture, not for the assistance of agriculture alone, but in order to furnish a market for the products of agriculture," said Albert Stump, Democratic nominee for United States Senator, here Tuesday night.

# Honor Matron



A program in honor of Mrs. Nettie Ransford, most distinguished of Indiana Order of Eastern Star members, will be given Friday from 4 to 6 p. m., in the Masonic temple. The program is to celebrate Mrs. Ransford's ninety-third birthday anniversary, and is being sponsored by the 1928 city matrons of the order.

Mrs. Ransford is past most worthy matron of the order's general grand chapter, and has held many other high offices in the order, among them grand matron of Indiana and grand secretary of Indiana, which post she has held for the last thirty-seven years.

A pageant will be staged at 7:30 p. m. by members of Queen Esther chapter.

### RITCHIE SPURNS STRATON DEF

#### Governor Rejects Debate Challenge.

By United Press  
BALTIMORE, Md., Oct. 31.—Governor Alfred C. Ritchie has declined a challenge to a debate issued in Kansas City Tuesday night by the Rev. John Roach Straton, pastor of Calvary Baptist church, New York.

Ritchie, at the Al Smith meeting Monday, said of Dr. Straton, "I hope he loves his God as much as he does his publicity."

When Straton's attention was called to the Ritchie speech, which was largely a reply to the charges made by the pastor, Dr. Straton issued an open letter challenging Ritchie to debate on "The Fitness of Governor Smith to Be President of the United States."

Ritchie showed the challenge, said: "The Rev. Dr. John Roach Straton does me honor, but I can not accept his challenge. Governor Smith accepted a challenge from him to debate, but Dr. Straton backed down. How do I know he would not back out on this one to me?"

### SHOOT AT PROWLER

#### C. A. Hanna, 3525 Graceland Avenue, Believes He Shot a Prowler at His Home Early Today.

His wife saw the man attempting to open the window and called him. Hanna obtained his revolver. He saw the man running in the direction of a vacant lot. Hanna fired three shots at the prowler as he dodged behind a garage and escaped.

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