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the United Press AssociationLAW CLAMPS  
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CAPONE AIDSArmy of Agents Sweeps  
Down on Notorious  
Chicago Heights.

## POLICE FORCE SEIZED

Smashing Blow Struck at  
Rule of Beer Czar in  
Spectacular Raid.

By United Press  
CHICAGO, Jan. 7. — Chicago Heights, built by steel and demoralized by alcohol, awoke today to find its leading gangsters in jail, its police department under fire and its entire local government temporarily dispossessed by a combination of federal and county authorities.

In the most spectacular raid in the history of Illinois, the town of 25,000 inhabitants, birthplace of gangland and scene of scores of gang murders, virtually was sacked by twelve squads of Chicago police and 100 federal agents who swept through its business and residential districts, seeking the fountain heads of vice and crime which have made the suburb more notorious than Cicero.

Twenty-five men seized in the raid, including Oliver J. Ellis, alleged pay-off man for a liquor and slot machine syndicate which controlled millions of dollars in gambling concessions in Chicago's steel town neighbor. Among those held were racketeers and beer chieftains said to be underlings of Scarface Al Capone, lord of Chicago's gangland, whose virtual rule of Chicago Heights has existed since the abdication of the notorious Johnny Torrio.

## Seize Alcohol Depot

John Stege, deputy commissioner of police, said the raiders had seized men who would aid in the solution of several of the sixty-two murders which have occurred in Chicago Heights since it became the hub of the alcohol war.

Stege said he believed murderers of Leroy Gilbert, Chicago Heights' chief of police, who was slain a few weeks ago, now were in custody. The distributing depot of one of the district's largest alcohol rings also was seized.

Terrified citizens, surprised by the raid, saw armed squads patrolling every street.

They saw their own police officers taken into custody on their beats.

They saw private homes entered and occupants removed under arrest.

Twenty homes were entered by force and the equipment of guns, ammunition and gangster paraphernalia seized.

## Chases Through Streets

Street pursuits after those who sought to escape served to throw the quick city into even greater confusion.

The raiding squads struck simultaneously, as had been planned by George E. G. Johnson, United States district attorney, and William E. Russell, Chicago, commissioner of police.

The raiders gathered at dawn in the south side of Chicago. Warrants based on evidence secured over a month's investigating by federal agents, were distributed and the procession started for its first objective—the Chicago Heights' police station.

There, Deputy Commissioner Stege demanded the keys for the city hall and the jail.

He ordered out of the jail three women and two men, remarking: "We'll need all the room we have in a few minutes."

"Who are you and what do you think you're doing," demanded a desk sergeant.

Police Chief in Cell

Chicago Heights' new police chief, John Costello, was shoved into a cell. One by one as they were reported on their beats or at the station, the entire city police force was seized.

By that time the raids were progressing throughout the city.

Far from the stench of the steel mills the raiders came to the Ellis home, a large country estate surrounded by a high iron fence. Within a building in the rear were 423 slot machines, nine telephones, and a list of names and addresses which were expected to prove important evidence against Ellis and his aids.

Whisky, alcohol and beer also were confiscated.

## Arsenals Are Taken

Ellis confessed that \$400,000 in cancelled checks which were placed before him represented slot machine profits for fourteen months. He implicated several others, some of whom, agents said, might lead the investigation into Chicago's municipal buildings.

In the homes of the men arrested officers found ten loaded double-barreled shotguns, sixteen revolvers, 500 rounds of shotgun ammunition, and several hundred cartridges.

The luxurious home of the Plasas, reputed gang leaders, was surrounded; Nick and John Piazza and four of their henchmen were arrested. These men and Sam and Tony Costello, agents said, may lead to the solution of the city's latest gang killing, that of Joseph Martino.

The Martino and the Gilbert slayings were the latest of more than thirty killings which have occurred since Chicago Heights became the center of the war over rich beer and alcohol privileges in 1920, a few months after prohibition went into effect.

## He Can Whistle



Distinction of being the nation's youngest whistler is the unusual claim of Cyril Porter Dickson Jr., 10 months old, of Denver. Cyril starts high and shrill early in the morning and spends much of his time whistling away, his parents say.

PASTOR WARNS  
OF 'GIRL PERILS'Irreligious One Is Called  
Most Dangerous Type.

Young men, beware of the irreligious girl, for she is the most dangerous type!

That is what Dr. Frank Lee Roberts, pastor of the Central Avenue Methodist Episcopal church, said Sunday night when he preached on "Dangerous Girls."

In addition to the "irreligious girl," who, Roberts said, "turns her back on God and because of this is not qualified to build a home or be a mother," there are four other "dangerous types."

These are: "The clinging vine," the "jealous," the "gimme" and the "smart girl."

"Run from the clinging vine type of girl," Roberts said. "She will flatter her suitor and tell him what a strong protecting man he is. But after the marriage she will prove to be utterly helpless, a drag upon her husband's energies and nerves."

"The jealous woman is pleasing to the man with ego," she makes a terrible wife and becomes worse with the years."

The "gimme" type puts her husband through the traces to keep her supplied with everything she wants, Roberts said. The "smart" girl is not the intelligent one, but the type that "likes to do shady things that deaden her moral sense and smother her character."

This is the first of Dr. Roberts' six services to be devoted to discussions of the American home.

## VOLCANO TAKES TOLL

Many Dead in Chile, Reports Indicate.

By United Press  
SANTIAGO, Chile, Jan. 7.—An unreported number of deaths and injuries were indicated today in dispatches from Puerto Varas, telling of the eruption of the volcano Calbuco.

The eruption, accompanied by strong earthquakes, awoke natives at 3 a. m. They fled from their homes to find three craters emitting smoke and flames.

FOUR DENY GUILT  
IN PETTIS ROBBERY

Four Indianapolis men captured in the round-up of those alleged to have conspired in the \$6,000 robbery of the Pettis dry goods company store, Dec. 27, pleaded not guilty in criminal court today.

They were Dodder Delatore, Martin (Dick) Prather, Thomas Hindman, Negro, and Dewey Bryant.

Bond of each of the four was set at \$25,000.

Federal authorities were aiding police in the effort to bring here from Chicago James Martin, alias

Wilson, and Benjamin Salkin, to face trial for their alleged part in the robbery.

James E. Burke, the other robbery suspect arrested in Chicago, did not fight extradition and was returned here Sunday by Detective Claude Johnson. He was grilled by detectives today.

Martin and Salkin, according to word received by Police Chief Claude M. Worley from Chicago, are planning habeas corpus action to prevent their return.

often stopped at Steve's stand for his bag of fresh roasted peanuts. But if you think Steve's going to upset the destiny of nations by telling you whether the President-to-be like his goobers hot or cold, well, medium or rare roasted, you have another thing coming.

"BEST not to talk too much in this business," says Steve, a speculative eye upon the big house beyond the iron picket fence. "Big men don't talk much. Steve don't talk much."

LIGHTER TAX  
LOAD SOUGHT  
FOR SCHOOLSBusiness Director to Ask  
Different System on  
Bond Issues.

## CITIZEN NOW HIT HARD

Whole Burden May Fall  
in Single Year on  
Taxpayers.

Indianapolis citizens will be relieved of the burden of excessive school taxes in any one year, caused by bonded indebtedness retirement, if the legislature looks with favor on a bill being prepared by Albert F. Walsman, school business director.

This bill would prevent issuance by the school city of other than serial bonds. It was drafted as a means of preventing recurrence of a situation such as the Indianapolis schools will face in 1939-1940, when \$4,520,000 in bonds will mature.

Walsman said members of the general assembly, with whom he has conferred in regard to the bill, have not decided whether to confine its provisions to the Indianapolis school city, or make it apply to all school corporations of the state.

## Borrow Falls Heavily

Serial bonds are those maturing over a definite period of time, with regular, equal annual payments.

In the past, Walsman said, many issues have been floated by school boards with the principal maturing in one year, that year conveniently set for a time when a new school board would be elected.

responsibility of raising funds for their retirement. The bill would prevent this embarrassment of future administrations.

This would be accomplished by providing that all bonds issued must be serial bonds, extending over a definite period of not less than three years nor more than twenty-five years.

As a further precautionary measure, provision is made that no serial payment of any issue for any one year may be more than \$100,000.

## Would Lessen Burden

Thus a \$1,000,000 issue could not be extended for only three years, with annual \$333,000 payments, the minimum time permitted for such an issue under the bill being ten years, with \$100,000 retired each year.

The bill would become effective July 1, 1929. No sinking fund would be provided for bonds issued after that date, the bonds being retired only by serial payments as they become due.

Under Walsman's administration, the school city is entering into a program of retrenchment, with the intent that ultimately bond issues will be necessary only for extraordinary programs, such as new high schools. All elementary buildings would be financed directly through tax levies.

Under the old system of issuing large bond issues, the entire principal becoming due in one year, twenty or thirty years later, the city is forced to pay 80 cents interest on every \$1 of bonds.

Cuts Interest Cost

By providing shorter maturity dates, extended serially over several years, the interest cost is reduced materially. This method has been adopted by Walsman.

"After careful study of sinking funds in Indiana and other states," Walsman said, "I am of the opinion that the sinking fund idea is impractical. It sets up a large sum of money against which a dishonest official could make drafts for some time without detection, and also hoards the taxpayers' money, obtaining small interest, when the taxpayer could be using the money until the actual maturity date."

"Issuance of bonds for elementary buildings should be no more necessary in Indianapolis than would be issuing bonds by villages and small towns to equip one room of a school."

## King of Promoters Dead



Here's one of the best pictures ever taken of Tex Rickard, noted promoter of big sports events and "America's modern P. T. Barnum," who died Sunday at Miami Beach, Fla. STORY ON PAGE ONE.

BUSINESS LEADERS  
MAY RULE CHICAGO

By United Press  
CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—Proposals for an interesting experiment in municipal government engaged the attention of business leaders in the city today.

The proposition was that Chicago turn its affairs over to a board of executives who would administer its finances the same as finance committees administer the affairs of United States Steel or the General Motors Corporation.

Chicago, as a corporation, is larger than either of those of those two companies, and a group of business men, bankers, attorneys, manufacturers, and financiers, believe that the city's only salvation lies in adopting big business methods.

Silas H. Strawn, prominent attorney, started the movement and enlisted the support of numerous other men of high standing in the business and professional world, including Julius Rosenwald and Marshall Field.

Mayor William Hale Thompson was among the first to manifest open opposition to the plan. Its other opponents include Alderman John Couchlin and Albert R. Brunker, chairman of a business men's organization which already had set out to clean up the city through co-operation with the new law enforcement officials elected in November.

Under the Strawn plan engineers would be placed in charge of public works, bankers at the head of expending bodies, and prominent lawyers over legal departments.

Over all the experts, whose salaries would be paid by the corporations "loaning" them to the city, would be a general executive.

Strawn believes that the big corporations would be glad to pay the salaries of \$20,000 or \$30,000 a year, in the hope that they would save money in the long run through reduced taxes under a strictly business administration.

Williams Funeral to Be Held Wednesday

Deceased Was Head of Peerless Foundry Co. of Indianapolis.

Funeral services for William G. Williams, 74, will be held at 2 p. m. Wednesday from the home, 25 North Dearborn street. Mr. Williams, who was the president of the Peerless Foundry Company of Indianapolis, died at 5 a. m. Sunday at St. Vincent's hospital of bronchial pneumonia after an illness of three days. Burial will be in Crown Hill cemetery.

Mr. Williams was born at Springfield, Mass., in 1854. He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce and was interested in several other Indianapolis projects in addition to the foundry company.

Surviving are five nieces, Mrs. Catherine J. Wilkins, Miss Edna Wilkins, Mrs. Elizabeth N. Watts, Mrs. Ruth M. Spencer and Mrs. Marie Ellis; and one nephew, William H. Fisher, all of Indianapolis.

CLARK ON AIR TONIGHT

Butler Director to Talk on Athletics From WFBM.

Enthusiastic support of organized athletics results in development of pep and spontaneous personality on the part of the supporter, George L. Clark, athletic director of Butler university will argue over the radio tonight.

Clark will speak over WFBM at 9:30.

His favorite President? Again Steve proves that his twenty years as peanut purveyor to Presidents have taught him much.

All nice fellows—very nice fellows—all in different ways," he said. "Wilson he very nice fellow; Harding he swell guy. Taft, great old boy; Roosevelt, one mighty nice guy; Coolidge, all right, and this Hoover, say he's grand. He eat three or four bags peanuts to once."

STEVE has seen all the First Ladies, too. He "can't remember" whether they all bought peanuts and popcorn and cracker-jack of him or not.

But many a passerby has seen Mrs. Coolidge stop for a bag of peanuts for the White House squirrels when returning from a walk.

"Queen Marie? Sure, I saw the queen. I've seen 'em all," says Steve, pouring some popcorn into the hopper. "Give me American ladies every time."

One knows that locked within Steve's breast is many a tale of the great who have entered the nation's most famous gate for the past twenty years. But try'n' get 'em out!

"Beeg men don't like to have all the things they say told," says Steve, offering a bag of peanuts to one who is neither a President nor a First Lady. And that seemed to be that.

"You can say this," says Steve. "Eat lots of peanuts and popcorn and get to be President. Makes you smart!"

CITY TO OPEN  
CRUSADE ON  
SMOKE EVILDrive Against Nuisance to  
Be Launched About  
January 15.

## NEW ENGINEER ON JOB

Combination Expert to Be  
Chosen Soon; Barton in  
Line for Post.

An intensive drive against the long prevalent smoke nuisance will be begun about Jan. 15 by the city building department.

Building Commissioner William Hurd plans a city-wide smoke abatement campaign through the new combustion engineer, who will be chosen by the safety board within a week or two.

The \$3,000 a year position created in the 1929 appropriation ordinance probably will be filled by Frank Barton, 6125 Buckingham drive, the only person who took the recent engineering examination to qualify for the post.

Barton conferred with Hurd and Mayor L. Ert Slack today relative to the abatement program, preliminary to his appointment. He made a grade of 93 on the test, which requires a passing mark of 70 per cent.

## Barton to Get Berth

Being the only applicant for the position, it is likely that he will receive the appointment. He has taken some Purdue university extension courses, which are said to qualify him for the post.

"Now that we have the position of combustion engineer under the new budget, we expect to start smoke abatement in earnest. All specifications for new heating and power equipment must pass through the hands of the combustion engineer and conform to requirements of the city building code," Hurd said.

"We shall make every effort to abate smoke in Indianapolis. This is a problem of long concern to the public. It can not be accomplished in a day, however."

Club to Co-operate

As present heating and power equipment become obsolete, it will be replaced with modern type plants.

Hurd said he planned to co-operate with the Woman's Department Club smoke abatement committee in abating the smoke nuisance.

"If it becomes necessary, we will order arrests of violators of the code," Hurd warned.

## JOB OUTLOOK GOOD

Conditions Better Than Last  
Year, Says Davis.

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Secretary of Labor Davis believes the man or woman now out of work has a much better chance of employment than at this time last year.

"Although there is the slight decline in employment which usually follows the holidays," Davis said today, "employment conditions are generally good and I look for them to be increasingly better throughout the year."

"Opportunities for work are much more numerous now than at this time last year."

Jumps 135 Feet; Lives

By United Press  
NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Alexander Christ, 45, jumped 135 feet into the East river from the Manhattan bridge Sunday and was still alive early today. Christ said he had intended to commit suicide. He is not expected to recover.

Girl Motorist Killed

By United Press  
LA PORTE, Ind., Jan. 7.—Miss Helen Bloomberg, 19, a local stenographer, was killed instantly when the automobile she was driving, after skidding on wet pavement, crashed into a car driven by Berlyn Casbon of Boone Grove. He was not injured.

DOOMED PAIR GETS  
NEW HOPE OF LIFE

By United Press  
FRANKLIN, La., Jan. 7.—A new trial for Mrs. Ada Bonner Le Boeuf and Dr. Thomas Dreher, condemned murderers of Mrs. Le Boeuf's husband, James, was the goal of defense attorneys today.

Taking advantage of the week's stay of execution granted by the state supreme court Saturday, defense counsel announced they had uncovered new evidence indicating that the illicit lovers were convicted by a jury intimidated by threats of mob violence.

Ten jurors were said to have made affidavits to the effect that they would not have recommended the death penalty for the defendants if

they had not been afraid of a mob which gathered at the time of the trial.

Evidence of this alleged intimidation will be presented to the federal court at New Orleans in an application for a writ of habeas corpus, pending arguments for a new trial.

If the move is successful the hanging date, originally set for last Saturday, may be advanced several months or canceled altogether.

Mrs. Le Boeuf was prostrated on her cot in the county jail. Dr. Dreher appeared heartened and spent a part of Sunday visiting with the wife, whom he is alleged to have deserted for Mrs. Le Boeuf, and his two daughters, Polly and Dorothy.

## Heads Council



Edward B. Raub (above) was re-elected president of city council unanimously at a special meeting at noon today. Raub is a Democrat and one of the two councilmen not involved in the 1927 council scandals, which resulted in election of seven new members.

Robert E. Springsteen, Democrat, the other councilman who went through the 1927 furore unscathed, was re-elected president pro tem. today.

NO FRILLS FOR  
INAUGURATIONSimple Rites When Leslie  
Takes Office.

Simple ceremonies will mark the inauguration of Governor-Elect Harry G. Leslie at the statehouse next Monday, it is announced by Charles L. Biedewolf, supreme court clerk and chairman of the committee in charge.

No \$4,000 appropriation for gold badges and the like has been made this year by the Republican state committee. That was the amount said to have been expended when Governor Ed Jackson took office four years ago.

This time there is to be no inaugural ball, either.

Governor Leslie will be introduced by Dean Stanley Coulter of Purdue university and will deliver his inaugural address after the oath of office is administered by Chief Justice Clarence R. Martin of the supreme court.

A platform will be erected in the grounds of the statehouse and seats provided for members of the legislature, the Republican organization, and others. The public is invited, Biedewolf said.

Mrs. Leslie and the children will be seated on the platform with the Governor, and Miss Genevieve Brown and Edgar D. Bush also will be there. Miss Brown will take the oath as supreme court reporter and Bush as Lieutenant Governor.

## FOX SALE UPHELD

High Court Denies Plea to Halt Liquidation in Bankruptcy.

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—James L. Boyle, trustee in bankruptcy for Frank H. Gordon, Bangor, Me., dentist, who proposed a \$300,000 silver fox farming scheme in which more than 3,000 persons invested, was denied by the United States supreme court today a review of his suit to cancel the action of Maine state courts in disposing of Gordon's foxes under corporation insolvency proceedings.

Van Orman to Call the Senate to Order

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Following the adjournment, adjournment will be taken until Monday, Jan. 14, when Governor-Elect Harry G. Leslie will be inaugurated, and, after a brief inaugural address, deliver his formal message.

Bush to Take Office

Inaugurated at the same time, Lieutenant-Governor Ed Bush will take over the senate gavel, while wheels of the legislative machinery gather momentum.

Tuesday the Lieutenant-Governor will announce the makeup of the forty-nine senate committees and three joint committees.

If precedent is followed, the Speaker will announce house committees Monday.

With the rapid passage under suspension of the rules of a bill appropriating probably \$100,000 to defray expenses of the assembly, grease will be provided for the gears and the lawmaking machinery will start on its eight-weeks run.

## BLAST WRECKS HOME

Sheriff-Elect and Family Escape. Windows Shattered.

By United Press  
MARLO, Okla., Jan. 7.—A dynamite explosion wrecked the home of A. W. Williams, sheriff-elect of Stephens county, Williams and his family escaped injury.

The windows of the Cumberland Presbyterian church adjoining the Williams home were shattered by the explosion.

## Gary Memorial Church Burns

By United Press  
WHEATON, Ill., Jan. 7.—Fire today destroyed the Gary Memorial Methodist Episcopal church, a \$250,000 structure which the late Elbert H. Gary, former chairman of the board of the United States Steel Corporation, erected in memory of his father and mother.

LEGISLATORS  
TUNE UP FOR  
8-WEEK GRINDGavels Will Bang in House  
and Senate Thursday  
Morning at 10.

## CAUCUSES WEDNESDAY

Speaker Job Is in Doubt;  
Many Plums Will Be  
Handed Out.

BY ROBERT BEARD  
Fifty senators and 100 representatives were preparing today to move on the legislative halls of the statehouse, where, for sixty-one days, beginning next Thursday, they will weigh, reject and enact new laws for the government of more than 3,000,000 Hoosiers.

Gavels will bang in the senate and house of representatives at 10 a. m. Thursday. The grist will be presented next spring in an unimposing cloth bound volume, labeled "Acts of 1929, passed at the seventy-sixth regular session of the general assembly."

But formalities of organization must precede the feeding of fodder into the legislative hopper. Introduction of bills will not begin until next week.

Caucuses on Wednesday

Overshadowing the importance of Thursday's formalities are the party caucuses scheduled for Wednesday night. Republican and Democratic senators and representatives will meet in four separate caucuses. Republicans, holding an 80 to 20 majority in the house, and a 38 to 12 advantage in the senate, will choose their leaders, the Speaker of the house and the president pro tem of the senate.

For the former honor, seven Republican representatives are contesting: James M. Knapp, Hagerstown; J. Glenn Harris, Gary; Frank E. Wright, Indianapolis; George W. Freeman, Kokomo; John W. Chamberlain, Terre Haute, and Truman G. Murden, Cass county.

For president pro tem of the senate, James J. Nejd, White, and Denver C. Harlan, Richmond, are in a close race. Nejd won the post two years ago by one vote in caucus.

Democrats Make Gestures

Democrats meanwhile will be going through the motions of nominating candidates for the two posts, the senator and representative receiving the respective nominations automatically becoming minority leader in the two houses.

Joseph M. Cravens, Madison, senate leader in 1927, probably will be named again unless last-minute