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MERCURY TO 5 BELOW; COLD TO CONTINUE

Slow Rise Is Forecast for Today and During Saturday.

REPORT CITY SUFFERING

City Icest Point in State; Lakes Save Northern Indiana.

HOURLY TEMPERATURES	
THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7 P. M. 12:10 P. M. 4	7 P. M. 12:10 P. M. 4
8 P. M. 8:11 P. M. 3	8 P. M. 8:11 P. M. 3
9 P. M. 6:12 P. M. 2	9 P. M. 6:12 P. M. 2

The most severe cold wave of the winter gripped Indianapolis today forcing the mercury down to a new low mark for the season, 5 degrees below zero.

The low mark was reached at 6:15 a. m. today after a night in which the temperature slowly slipped from 12 above at 7 p. m. It reached 1 below at midnight, struck 4 below at 4 a. m. and continued hovering near that mark until 9 a. m. when a 1 degree rise occurred. By 1 p. m. it had risen to 2 above.

The mercury will rise slowly today, according to J. H. Armstrong, United States weather bureau head. Tonight's lowest temperature should be 5 to 10 degrees above zero.

Slow Rise Saturday

The rise will continue slowly Saturday, but it still will be cold, he said. It will be increasingly cloudy Saturday and more snow is likely.

Indianapolis was the coldest point in the state today, according to the weather bureau reports. The lakes held off the extreme cold from northeastern Indiana, Armstrong said. Terre Haute reported 2 below, the Chicago district 3 below, Ft. Wayne 2 above and Evansville 8 above.

The coldest point on the continent was Bismarck, N. D., 24 below zero. But that mark was a rise from Thursday.

Welfare organizations reported some suffering here, but not an extreme amount. Family Welfare Society officials said they had no cases which could not be blamed especially on the rigid temperature.

Sergeant Thomas Bledsoe of the Humane Society reported a North Dearborn street family cared for by his organization. The husband and three children were sick with scarlet fever and the home was without coal and food.

Coal Is Provided

The Salvation Army records showed two cases. One family, the father at the point of death in a hospital, had only a half bushel of coal to keep warm a mother and seven children. Coal also was provided a family with seven children, four of whom are sick with diphtheria.

The Salvation Army hotel, 26 South Capitol avenue, has been filled to capacity for two nights, some transients being forced to sleep in chairs.

The Indianapolis Street Railway Company records show a 35 per cent increase in street car travel during the rush hour this morning. The cold caused two trolley breaks. One on the College avenue line at Eleventh street tied up service on that line for twenty minutes and one at South and Meridian streets stopped traffic on the Garfield, Stockyards and South Meridian lines for ten minutes.

Trolley Collapses

The cold caused the collapse of nearly a mile of trolley on the Indianapolis and Southeastern Traction line to Connorsville near Morristown and no early cars left the traction terminal. It was hoped to have the line repaired to run a car at 10:10. No trouble was reported on other traction lines. Union station officials stated there were no serious railroad delays, although some trains were running 5 to 10 minutes late.

LINDY OFF FOR FLORIDA

Takes Off Alone; Files to Panama Monday.

By United Press
CURTIS FIELD, L. I., Feb. 1.—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh set out today for Miami whence on Monday he will start a new air venture into Central America.

Flying a Curtiss Falcon open plane, Lindbergh started from this field early today, alone, for the Florida city.

Monday he will open the first airmail route from the United States to the Panama Canal zone.

CRIME QUIZ NEAR CLOSE

Grand Jury at Angola Expected to Hear Last Testimony Today.

By United Press
ANGOLA, Ind., Feb. 1.—Examination of witnesses in the grand jury investigation of Steuben county's crime ring probably will be completed today, according to Theodore Redmond, Kendallville, special prosecutor.

Loot Farmersburg Bank; One of Bandit Trio Is Wounded

Town Marshal Fires at Men, Fleeing With \$1,000.

By United Press
FARMERSBURG, Ind., Feb. 1.—One bandit was wounded seriously and two others escaped after robbing the Farmersburg State bank of approximately \$1,000 here today.

The trio entered the bank and forced Herbert Lathrop, cashier, to hand over the money. When they fled, Robert Mahan, town marshal, who was en route to the bank, opened fire, hitting one of the men.

The injured man was taken to a hospital unconscious and attendants said his condition was serious.

The other two escaped in their automobile, closely followed by authorities and citizens. The bandits soon outdistanced their followers and were said to have headed north.

Several customers who were in the bank at the time of the robbery were not molested.

PASS BILL TAKING STATE INSTITUTION POST FROM BROTHER OF JACKSON

Trustee Control Provided for Feeble-Minded Colony.

The Indiana senate today passed 32 to 15 the Moorhead-Lochard bill which removes the State Colony for Feeble-Minded at Butlerville from the control of James Jackson, superintendent of the School for Feeble-Minded Youth at Ft. Wayne and brother of former Governor Ed Jackson. The bill now goes to the house.

Feeble-minded persons in both the institutions are treated "like hogs," it was charged in the bitter debate on the measure.

The measure provides a special board of trustees for the Butlerville institution and that the trustees shall select a superintendent. At present both places are under direction of the trustees of the Ft. Wayne school.

Half of Teachers Quit

Senator Robert L. Moorhead, Indianapolis, who with Senator J. Francis Lochard, Milan, sponsored the measure, made the charge that inmates at both places are treated like hogs, and blamed present administrative head, of which Jackson is chief.

Only 10 per cent of the feeble-minded in the state are being cared for and that explains the "economy" of the present administration in returning \$340,000 from its appropriations to the state in the past four years, he said.

Moorhead also declared that his refusal to "stand for" conditions at the feeble-minded institutions probably was the reason for his removal from the state budget committee by Ed Jackson when Governor.

Senator C. Olive Holmes, Gary, also argued for the bill, declaring the present administration of the two schools is making no efforts to care for hundreds of applicants for admission.

Half of the veteran teachers of the administration of Dr. Byron Biggs, who was replaced as superintendent by Jackson, have resigned because of conditions under the present regime, he said.

Soldiers Home Bill Passed

Although the present regime has cut down expenses by treating inmates as if they were prisoners in a detention home instead of giving them opportunities to live in the normal life of the community, it has been a "ridiculously expensive policy," he declared.

And while Dr. Biggs spent more for the care of inmates he rode in a Dodge car while Jackson rides in a Packard of Cadillac, Holmes charged.

Sensors Lee J. Hartzell, Ft. Wayne, and Otto W. Koenig, Ft. Wayne, defended the present administration, citing that the per capita cost of caring for inmates has been cut from \$600 to \$700 a year to less than \$300.

The senate also passed, 43 to 3, a bill providing a bi-partisan board of trustees for the Indiana Soldiers and Sailors' home at Knightstown instead of the present board representing patriotic organizations.

The bill is being opposed by some veterans on the ground that it requires the trustees to "farm out" orphans at the home as chore boys or house servants and provides for adoption of orphans without the consent of the living parent.

SHOALS BILL UP AGAIN

Congress Reconsiders Plan to Turn Property to Company.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—By a vote of 13 to 7 the house military affairs committee today decided to reconsider the Madden bill, which would leave Muscle Shoals to the American Cyanamid Company primarily for fertilizer manufacture.

'Black Pigeon'

"Black Pigeon," the big mystery thriller of the year, started in The Times Wednesday. If you missed the first two big installments, turn to Page 13 today and start this amazing story of murder and love. And watch The Times for an announcement of the liberal prizes to be given those who send in correct solutions of the mystery murder around which this fascinating tale is woven.

EXTINGUISH AUTO FIRE

Short Circuit on Car Ties Up Traffic Early Today.

All downtown fire apparatus was called to Ohio and Illinois streets early this morning to extinguish a minor blaze in the automobile of Walter Wire, 638 College avenue. The fire, caused by a short circuit, did little damage. Traffic was tied up several minutes.

SEAL UP PUPIL'S MOUTH

Teacher Stops Talker; Quits Job to Escape Criticism.

By United Press
RIVERSIDE, N. J., Feb. 1.—Miss Louise May, 23, teacher resigned rather than face criticism after she closed the mouth of Frances Nevell, 7, with transparent mending tissue. The girl's talking had disturbed the class.

FISH UP LIFEBOAT

Fate of Trawler Revealed by Nets.

By United Press
NEW LONDON, Conn., Feb. 1.—A lifeboat of the Groton failed to a trawler Seiner, its air tanks crushed by the depths, has been brought up in a fish net on Georges Banks, the coast guard announced here today.

"This seems to indicate pretty definitely that the Seiner was sunk," Commander L. T. Chalker of the base told the United Press.

The Seiner which carried twenty-two men, including Captain Thomas Miller of New York was last reported Jan. 13 at the fishing grounds.

ICE BROKEN IN STREAMS BY POSSES IN SEARCHING FOR TERRE HAUTE GIRL

Despairing Family Turns to Mediums for Aid in Finding Child.

By Times Special
TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Feb. 1.—Dead or alive, Edith Mae Dierdorf, 10, West Terre Haute, missing since Sunday, will be found here, police and others investigating her appearance declared today.

That the child's body will not be found in the Busserson-Maria creek section, about thirty miles south of this city, is the opinion of a posse of 600 men who have searched that area for the last three days.

Tired and discouraged, members of the posse returned to Terre Haute Thursday night, convinced that finding of the child's blood-stained newspaper bag near Busserson creek is not a clue to where her body will be discovered. It is their belief that the bag was placed as a blind.

A thorough search was made of both creeks and the territory surrounding them. Ice was broken in the streams and with water at its present low stage, the searchers are sure they could not have missed the body had it been in the water.

Rewards in the case now total \$1,000, some contributions being as low as 10 cents. Many of those who gave are miners who have not been working for several months, and even a few cents given meant a real sacrifice to them.

Analysis of stains on the newspaper bag shows they were made by human blood, police announce.

Desperate in efforts to obtain a clue to the missing child, the Dierdorf family has resorted to consulting occult powers.

One "seer" said Edith Mae's body would be found in a building on East Wabash avenue here, but was wrong. Another who undertook to solve the case was unable to "concentrate" and refused to give a theory.

Theories advanced regarding the child's fate including one that her body was burned and another that it was hidden in underbrush and is now covered with snow.

TRAINS CRASH HEAD-ON; SIX PERSONS DEAD

Members of Freight and Passenger Crews Are Victims.

TRAGEDY AT CURVE

Mixed Orders Believed Responsible for Wreck in Kentucky.

By United Press
HENDERSON, Ky., Feb. 1.—Six men were killed and another injured seriously near here today when a freight and passenger train of the Louisville, Henderson & St. Louis railroad crashed head-on at a curve.

The victims, members of the train's crews, were killed when the two locomotives overturned and piled on one another after the crash. No passengers were reported killed or injured.

The dead: Bush, engineer; C. Hall, fireman, and J. A. Bell, brakeman, members of the freight crew. The passenger crew: J. F. Carter, engineer; Hewitt Macey, fireman, and M. I. Buckley, brakeman. All were said to be from Louisville.

Charles Root, member of passenger train crew, was injured seriously, and doctors said his chances for recovery were slight.

Although no official statement was given as to the cause of the accident, it was believed mixed orders was responsible.

The passenger train contained five coaches, none of which was derailed. The freight, a twenty-two-car train, also remained on the tracks.

Five of the men were dead when removed from the wreckage and another died in a Henderson hospital.

SALOON LEAGUE FAILS IN PADLOCK EFFORT

Case Against Former Messenger of John L. Duvall Thrown Out.

An Anti-Saloon League attempt to padlock the home of Hays Wilson, Negro, who was messenger for former Mayor John L. Duvall, failed today when Superior Judge Linn D. Hay threw the case out of court.

Wilson and his wife were arrested after a raid on their home at 1448 Martindale avenue two months ago.

Fire Damages Duplex \$1,000

Fire started by sparks on the roof caused \$1,000 damage today to a duplex at 2315-17 North Pennsylvania street occupied by Russell Townsend and J. P. Monaghan.

CLAMP ON CRIME WAVE

"Promotion for Killing Bandit" Is Police Chief's Promise.

By United Press
MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 1.—With orders to shoot to kill and the promise of promotion for every bandit killed, police today sought to stem a crime wave that has resulted in two murders and more than a hundred holdups here since Jan. 1.

"Promotion to the officer who kills a bandit" was the promise made to his force by Police Chief Will Lee. "Shoot, and shoot to kill," he told his men.

DRIVE ON REBELS

Cleanup Campaign Begun in Mexico.

By United Press
MEXICO CITY, Feb. 1.—A drastic campaign against all rebels and bandits in Mexico was announced by the government today.

Airplanes will be used on the more important sections, the announcement said, and the administration hopes to break up all bandit bands by May.

The campaign begins forthwith after two months of effort to pacify rebels through negotiations.

Cal's Mechanical Horse to Be 'Turned Out to Pasture' Soon

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—The White House mechanical horse, the most famous gift to be received by President Coolidge, is to be turned "out to pasture" at Northampton, Mass., after March 4, it is learned.

The machine is to be crated and sent to the Coolidge home at Northampton along with many other personal belongings which are now being removed from the White House.

Two Deaths for One



OLD PLATES ON AUTOS TABOO

Arrest Motorists Without 1929 Licenses.

License plates of 1928 vintage went on the black list today.

A state-wide police drive against motorists who have not equipped their cars with 1929 markers began this morning, under direction of Robert L. Hume, state police chief.

"All drivers who have not purchased new licenses will be arrested on sight," Hume said.

Local police will co-operate in the campaign, which is a departure from the precedent that at least a month and a half would be given motorists to buy their new plates.

The auto license department of the secretary of state's office issued more licenses this year than last, it was learned this morning. However, hundreds of motorists have not yet purchased markers.



\$20,000 LEFT IN CAR

Messenger Forgets Payroll Checks in Subway; Found and Returned.

By United Press
NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—A messenger carrying \$20,000 in checks, the payroll for 200 health department employees, left them in a subway car. A subway guard found them and returned them to the city.

HONEYMOON TRIP DELAYED BY MYSTERY COUPLE, AND PLANS STILL KEPT SECRET

Eat Wedding Breakfast at McConnell Home; Outwit Reporters.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth B. Coulter, radiant with smiles, sat down to their first breakfast as man and wife at 9 this morning at the home of the bride's father, Henry Earl McConnell, 3123 Broadway.

They did not, however, sit down together. The bride appeared after the rest of the family had nearly finished the meal.

The mystery couple, whose romance has become a national interest, because the bride, then Miss Ruth McConnell, 26, a week before Christmas was chased from Rochester, N. Y., to San Francisco, by Dr. D. O. Meeker, friend of Coulter, in an airplane. Coulter, 43, is a railroad treasurer and head of New York interests which class him as several times a millionaire. His home is at Clifton Springs, N. Y.

The wedding, performed at 4:15 Thursday afternoon by the Rev. Edwin W. Dunlavy, pastor of the Roberts Park Methodist church, and an elaborate wedding supper served in the evening, the couple continued to preserve the air of secrecy which has surrounded the whole affair.

It finally was announced at the house that Mr. and Mrs. Coulter would leave for New York Thursday night.

They did not leave. The temperature dropped to below zero and it was not believed likely that Coulter, who travels in a wheel chair due to paralysis following a football accident twenty years ago, cared to be taken into such weather.

So the family enjoyed a leisurely and somewhat sumptuous breakfast in the McConnell dining room this morning.

The wedding Thursday was beautifully simple, according to word which finally filtered through the veil of secrecy. The bride was attended in a blue chiffon gown made by Jean Patou and carried shower roses and orchids. She was attended by her sister Jean and given away by her father.

Mrs. McConnell, stepmother of the bride, was the only woman who was not a guest.

Persons at the McConnell residence continued to be less distasteful over the telephone today, although there appeared to be less distaste for newspaper folks than hitherto. The wedding party seemed to be having a good time at the game of outwitting the reporters and photographers, who have been haunting the neighborhood.

Charles Phayer, alleged St. Louis gangster who is at liberty under \$10,000 bond on a charge of conspiracy in connection with the Broadmoor Country Club holdup of last May, gained another victory in his battle for freedom today when Prosecutor Judson L. Stark announced that the case against Phayer, scheduled for Feb. 5, had been continued indefinitely.

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BEATS LAW IN TILT

Alleged Gangster's Trial Is Postponed.

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ASSASSINATION BALKED

Arrest Man for Attempt to Kill Papal Legate in Spain.

HENDAYE, Franco-Spanish Border, Feb. 1.—A man accused of attempting to assassinate Monsignor Frederico Tedeschi, papal nuncio to Spain, was held by Madrid police today, reliable reports from the Spanish capital said.

He was arrested by a policeman, who saw him level a pistol at the nuncio, who was driving through the park.

WOMAN AND DOCTOR LOVER PAY LIVES ON GALLOWS FOR SLAYING HER HUSBAND

'This Rope Is Too Tight Around My Neck,' Says Mrs. Le Boeuf as Noose Is Adjusted; Goes to Death in Fear.

SAY 'GOOD-BY' BEFORE EXECUTION

'I Hope to Meet You in Heaven,' Doomed Man Tells Paramour in Last Meeting; Protests Hanging on Scaffold.

By United Press
PARISH PRISON, FRANKLIN, La., Feb. 1.—Mrs. Ada Bonner Le Boeuf was hanged today for the murder of her husband. The trap was sprung at 12:03 and she was pronounced dead at 12:17 p. m.

Dr. Thomas Dreher, Mrs. Le Boeuf's paramour, was hanged at 12:33 p. m. from the same scaffold.

Mrs. Le Boeuf's death march was begun shortly after noon.

"This rope is too tight around my neck," she said as the noose was adjusted.

The county inclosure was heavy with cigar smoke.

The executioner sat on the railing of the gallows platform, with his back to the audience.

"Oh, mother, my God," Mrs. Le Boeuf said as she was led to the platform.

As soon as her corpulent body had been cut down, Dr. Dreher was led into the small wooden inclosure and took his place on the metal scaffold. He was pronounced dead at 12:42 p. m.

Thus, nine years after its inception, ended the love affair of the Morgan city housewife and her family physician—the courtship they tried to hide by luring James Le Boeuf into a rowboat on July 1, 1927, shooting him through the heart, weighing his body and dropping it overboard into Lake Fouloude.

Lovers Say Farewell
Half an hour before the noon hour set for their hanging Mrs. Le Boeuf and Dr. Dreher had been brought together in the jail.

"I hope I see you over there," the doctor said.

They shook hands and were returned to their nearly adjacent cells. That was the last sight the lovers had of each other.

Once during the early morning, Dr. Dreher has shouted to his illicit lover in a nearby cell:

"Good-by, Ada. I have made my peace with God. By this time tomorrow I will see you in Heaven. We will have no more trouble there."

His former sweetheart did not reply.

The beads in Mrs. Le Boeuf's hands dropped behind her back as the trap was sprung. Her high-heeled shoes looked strange on the uncouth, rope-bound figure. The woman wore a lavender dress and flesh colored stockings.

Doctor Protests Death
The voice of the Rev. J. J. Rousseau was the only sound in the chamber. Bible in hand, he stood in front of the still figure, praying in a low voice.

A moment's hush—then, the body swung like a pendulum.

Dr. G. M. Horton ordered the body removed. He said Mrs. Le Boeuf had died almost instantly.

A few minutes elapsed. The rope was being adjusted to Dr. Dreher. The doctor walked forth steadily.

"God in heaven knows we don't deserve this," he was saying. "Two innocent souls gone for a crime that were never could commit. God have mercy. God hear our prayers."

The doctor spoke constantly to Marshal, the jailer.

"It's too tight. Do you want me to choke?" he complained.

The trap sprung on this note of protest. Dreher sank to his death. The doctor had proved the stronger of the two victims. His vigorous protestations of innocence were in strong contrast to the moaning fear of the woman he had loved.

Delayed Four Times
The doctor was dressed in the same gray business suit he had worn in his cell. His white shirt and striped tie were neatly arranged.

The hangings ended, the executioner disappeared as quickly as he had arrived.

Five men carried out the doctor's body, as they had removed Mrs. Le Boeuf's a few moments before. Preparations were begun to place both bodies in coffins.

In less than an hour the state of Louisiana had atoned for an illicit romance which had endured nine years. The state had ended a fight for life waged more strongly than any recent, with execution imminent, the couple had gained new hope on life by winning a stay of their sentence.

Their hope faded Thursday night when a court rejected their final plea and the Governor declined to interfere.

Collapse Before Execution
Mrs. Le Boeuf and Dreher were collapsed as the hour drew for their execution.

The former lovers scarcely touched the lunch which was served to them as their last meal.

Moaning in fear of their approaching death, Mrs. Le Boeuf and the doctor who helped her to murder her husband, pushed away the elaborate servings of oatmeal, fried oysters, eggs, hot rolls and coffee. On the brink of doom their appetites failed them.

Mrs. Le Boeuf paced her cell nervously and at times collapsed on her cot and wept. She talked incoherently to the jail physician and to the Negro nurse maid attending her.

Mrs. Le Boeuf had spent a sleepless night. Frequently she prayed.

BAR JOURNALISTIC FRAT
Razz Sheet Draws Ire From University of California Officials.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 1.—The University of California's Los Angeles chapter of Phi Delta Epsilon, national journalistic fraternity, has been abolished from the campus by the university board because of alleged obscenities contained in the organization's annual "razz" sheet, Hell's Heels.

Six students were dismissed and three suspended for participation in the publication of the sheet.

BEATS JAIL BY DEATH
Fights Gun Battle With Sheriffs, Then Shoots Self.

By United Press
NEWCOMB, O., Feb. 1.—Rather than be taken alive and despite his wife's plea that he surrender, Charles Buzzard, 45, steeped in alcohol and ex-convict, engaged Co-shoot county authorities in a half-hour battle here Thursday night which ended when Buzzard fired the last bullet of his revolver through his brain.

Sheriff J. R. Stoffer and a deputy had sought to arrest Buzzard on charges of stealing.

MAPS BEAUTY PROJECT

Development of North Bank of Fall Creek Planned.

Harrison & Turnock, architects, today submitted to Mayor L. Ert Slack a proposed plan for beautifying the north bank of Fall Creek between Central and College avenues.

The program includes construction of a playground, bathhouse, community building, and several landscaped tracts. Slack said the community building will be erected and the tract beautified. He declined to reveal the cost of the program.

ASSEMBLY ADJOURNS

Both Houses Take Recess Until Monday Morning.

Both houses of the Indiana legislature today adjourned until Monday at 10 a. m., after busy sessions.

WANTED 5 STOVES

NOTICE—Florence, large size; A-1 condition. Bargain for quick sale. Dr. 3458-W.

The stove, advertised above, was sold in a hurry—just a few hours after the ad appeared, and six people wanted it. Results, such as this, are reported every day by satisfied users of Times want ads. The Times, with its more than 250,000 daily readers, is sure to find you a buyer for most anything you have to sell.

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