

## TWO BURGLARS, SURPRISED AT WORK, ESCAPE

Auto Leads to One Arrest After Breaking Glass Arouses Neighbor.

Two burglars were surprised in the pursuit of their "profession" Friday night, but both escaped. Crash of breaking glass in the Freeman furniture store, 1250 Oliver avenue, awakened H. E. Russell of 1248 Oliver avenue at midnight. Hurriedly donning clothing, he investigated and gave chase to a man who fled from the store.

After a block's pursuit, the man jumped into an automobile in which another man awaited. As Russell came up to the two, unable to start the car, fled on foot.

Police were told by William Parker of 1637 West Ohio street, that he had loaned the machine to his brother, Ralph Parker, 34, of 36 Koehne street. Ralph Parker was arrested on a vagrancy charge later in the night and is held for investigation.

**Sees Burglar in Store**

Bart Sloss of 722 West Tenth street, passing the Meyer Lathin grocery at Tenth and Paca streets late Friday night, saw a burglar in the store. The burglar fled with an armload of groceries, including cigars and cakes. Police believe he previously had carried out a load of groceries for several cases of canned goods are missing.

Police here were notified today that a car stolen from a parking place at Tenth and Paca streets and Washington boulevard Dec. 4, and owned by Franklin Dickey of 6034 Broadway, was abandoned by two holdup men at Paris, Ill. The bandits fled after an unsuccessful hold-up attempt at Paris.

**Radio Is Stolen**

A radio valued at \$150 was stolen from the home of Carl W. Rehus of 1695 Riverside drive by burglars Friday night.

Thomas O'Brien, proprietor of a restaurant in the bus and traction terminal building, reported theft of \$10 from a drawer by a thief who evidently was locked into the store Friday night.

A bandit who sat down in the C. F. McColey grocery at 1706 Rockwood avenue Friday night and chatted with the proprietor for ten minutes, flashed a rusty gun and took \$8 in cash.

## UNCOVER GLOWING BODY

**Corpse of Buddhist Monk, Buried 100 Years, Seems Fresh.**

**NANKING, China, Dec. 7.**—A farmer digging near the Chung San mausoleum has discovered the body of a Buddhist monk, which was said to have retained its natural color and flexibility, although it had been buried for almost 100 years.

The monk had been buried about one of the monasteries on the Purple mountain and members of the order who took charge of the body said the face had retained a healthy glow as though the monk were merely asleep.

The body was found in a clay coffin a few feet underground.

## COMBINE DICTOGRAPH DEVICE AND TELEPHONE

**Work on Instrument to Send and Receive Recorded Messages.**

**PARIS, Dec. 6.**—When the French telephone administration perfects "an instrument with which it is now experimenting, it will be possible to talk to yourself by telephone or to talk to a second person without either of your being home to put in or take the call.

The system is operated by means of wax discs at the sending and receiving end. You dictate to a disc and attach it to your phone, giving the number of the person you desire call.

If he is absent, a recording disc on his telephone will record your conversation. In case you have a dozen calls to make, you can have a dozen conversations for each one, one disc will serve the purpose.

## ADVICE NOT SO GOOD

**Frenchman Became Acrobat, Then Second-Story Worker.**

**PARIS, Dec. 6.**—Pierre Dubois took his father's advice too literally and as a result is in trouble with the police. Paul's father told him to learn a profession and in addition a trade to fall back upon when dark days fell upon his profession.

Paul became a professional acrobat. His parents did not know he had learned a trade until he was arrested by the police as an acrobatic second-story man charged with climbing up walls and taking some 150,000 francs from Paris homes.

## ETIQUET IS TAUGHT

**KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 6.**—A "Charm School" for boys has been made up of Boyd Junior high school here. Students are taught how to behave on street cars, decipher railroad time tables, use the telephone, and numerous other "every day" tasks.

Table manners, simple rules of courtesy, answering formal dinner invitations, are among subjects listed to be studied.

## SLAUGHTER BUFFALOES

**MISSOULA, Mont., Dec. 6.**—Once carefully nurtured to prevent the species from dying out, buffaloes are now being slaughtered to relieve over-crowded conditions on the national bison reserve, northwest of Missoula.

W. S. Custer has purchased 100 head of bison. The beasts will be butchered as are any other livestock and shipped to eastern markets where they will provide a novelty on fashionable menus.

## Asks \$1,000,000



R. B. Creager, above, national Republican committeeman from Texas, has filed a \$1,000,000 libel suit against Collier's magazine. The suit is scheduled for trial early in December and is based on a magazine article relative to Creager's part in Texas politics.

## MUELLER RITES SLATED MONDAY

Home, Cathedral Services for Pharmacies' Head.

Funeral services will be held at the home, 2221 North Talbot avenue, at 8:30 a. m. and in St. Peter and Paul cathedral at 9 a. m. Monday for Charles G. Mueller, 60, president of Mueller-Richard pharmacies, who died at noon Friday in St. Vincent's hospital after almost two months' illness. Burial will be in St. Joseph cemetery.

Mr. Mueller was born in Indianapolis and was graduated from the University of Cincinnati. He was a druggist here for forty years.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Lena C. Mueller; three daughters, Mrs. W. C. Brigham, Miss Gretchen Mueller and Miss Katherine Mueller; three sons, Alfred, Charles Jr. and Richard Mueller, Indianapolis, and three sisters, Dr. Lillian B. Mueller and Mrs. Amelia Walsh, Indianapolis, and Mrs. Emma E. Brink, Los Angeles, and two brothers, George H. Mueller, Chicago, and John H. Mueller, Los Angeles.

## FINE PAID BY MINISTER

**Check Lacking Money Backing Leads to Arrest.**

**WABASH, Ind., Dec. 7.**—H. G. Hendricks, 50, Auburn, preacher and insurance agent, has squared accounts with the law here, after issuing a fraudulent check.

A minimum fine of \$1 and costs was imposed on Hendricks in city court, which he paid, and also settled a \$35 garage bill with Arthur Coblenz, who caused his arrest after a check given for the bill failed to bring money.

The accused man blamed a misunderstanding of the amount he had in bank for his troubles.

## OAK TREE IS MEMORIAL

**Planted Near Tomb of Unknown Soldier; Goal of Thousands.**

**PARIS, Dec. 6.**—The million and a half French war dead have been commemorated by a single oak tree which has been planted on the place of the arch of triumph, near the tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

The tree is the lieu of pilgrimage of thousands of persons daily. It is carefully tended, given plenty of water, and if it dies, it will be replaced so that there will always, through time, be an oak tree on that spot commemorating the World war dead.

**Man, 82, Killed by Auto**

**VINCENNES, Ind., Dec. 7.**—Injuries sustained by Jacob M. Berry, 82, when struck by an auto driven by Maurice Riddle, 22, caused his death. Police said Riddle had no driver's license, therefore is subject to prosecution.

## Modernism

**FT. WORTH, Tex., Dec. 7.**—Evidently time have changed at Texas Christian university, for no longer is it deemed necessary by college authorities to publish in the catalogue such regulations as appeared in the 1874-75 catalogue of the institution, which at that time was called Add-Ran college.

"It is required of all students that they neither keep in their possession or use any firearms, a dirk, a bowie knife, nor any kind of deadly weapon," the booklet read.

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## AIR FARES WILL BE LOWERED TO RAILROAD LEVEL

General Reduction By Firms Operating Lines Shows Latest Trend.

**By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance**

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.**—Passenger rates on airlines throughout the country are coming down. Such drastic cuts are being made on some lines that the fares are now comparable to railroad rates.

Pan-American Airways, Transcontinental Air Transport, Western Air Express, Colonial Airways and West Coast Air Transport all have made large reductions. Many believe that within a year or two air passenger fares in the United States will be nearly on a level with rail fares, as they are in Europe.

On Nov. 15, fares on the Transcontinental Air Transport air-mail line were reduced 25 per cent, the trip from Columbus to Los Angeles, including rail and pullman fare on the Santa Fe, and all meals, now costing \$235.

Universal airlines operating in the Midwest, is now selling round-trip flights for one-way fare on its Cleveland-Chicago-Kansas City and St. Louis-Chicago divisions. Passengers must depart Saturday and return Sunday, however.

A number of passenger carrying airlines have discontinued for the winter, among them the Washington-New York line, the Mason & Dixon airline between Cincinnati and Detroit, the Continental Line between Cleveland and Louisville, the Robertson line between St. Louis, Kansas City and Omaha, and the Central Airlines between Kansas City, Tulsa and Oklahoma City. Those with air mail contracts are still operating, however.

## Aerial Potato Race

**ST. LOUIS, Dec. 7.**—An aerial potato race was the feature of an air circus at Parks airport near here recently.

In the potato race, contesting pilots are required after each circuit of the course to land, alight from their planes, pick up a potato and take off again. The pilot who first picks up three potatoes and lands is winner.

It is considered likely that the hearing of commission evidence in the case will continue until Wednesday when adjournment will be taken. The case is not likely to receive any definite action until after the holidays.

## Rescue Planes Damaged

**NOME, Alaska, Dec. 7.**—Two airplanes, starting on a search for Carl Ben Eielson, famous Arctic flier, missing several weeks, were damaged by Eielson has been the feature of an air circus at Parks airport near here recently.

First reports did not state the amount of damage, but indicated no one was hurt. The mishap of one plane was caused by its heavy fuel load and roughness of the field, it was said.

The planes were piloted by Frank Ehlhardt and Joe Crosson.

Ehlhardt has been missing since he left here for Cape North, Siberia, to aid sailors of the ice-bound schooner Nanuk.

## Mexican Plans Long Hop

**MEXICO CITY, Dec. 7.**—Approximately 10,000 pesos have been contributed by state governments and high officials in Mexico toward expenses of a trans-Atlantic flight by Colonel Roberto Fierro, Mexican army ace, next spring. Thirty thousand dollars or 60,000 pesos will be raised, it is hoped, within a few weeks.

Colonel Fierro plans to fly from Mexico City to New York and from there hop to Europe, probably to a point in France or Spain. While in Europe, Colonel Fierro would visit the principal capitals.

## Mexican Roadsters Strike

**VERA CRUZ, Dec. 7.**—Federal troops raided the roundhouse and station of the Mexican railroad here today after the strike of the road's employees at noon Friday, and were allowing no movement of equipment except at the order of the strikers.

## Snow Stops Fire

**PRINCETON, Ind., Dec. 7.**—Glen Ervin used snow to extinguish fire which started around the carburetor of his automobile while he was driving in the business district here.

## Hunter Killed by Shot

**SOUTH BEND, Ind., Dec. 7.**—A shotgun which was being pulled through a fence caught on a strand of wire and was discharged, causing the death of Aidel J. Coddens, 45. He had been hunting rabbits with two relatives.

## Rotary to Hear Ferguson

The Rotary Club Tuesday, at its Claypool luncheon, will hear Ralph S. Ferguson of the American Express Company speak on "Cruises." The district Rotary conference at West Baden has been announced for Feb. 19-20.

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## 'Patriot Slayer' Fights to Avert Killing Penalty

By NEA Service

**BTTE, Mont., Dec. 7.**—Rade Stefanovich, "patriot slayer," is facing trial for his life here for the murder of John Egich, well known leader of the nation of Montenegro.

Stefanovich, according to his confession, was walking down a Butte street singing a Montenegrin national song. He was happy. Then, he declared, Egich, a Serb, spoke the unforgivable insult against Stefanovich's country.

Stefanovich fired into Egich's heart. He continued to pump shots into the fallen man's body.

The Montenegrin says he is willing to die, if he must, for the slaying. "If it was my own father and he said what he (Egich) said about my country I would kill him," he insists.

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## INSULL MERGER AT STANDSTILL

No Action on Motion to Dismiss Taken.

No action on motion to dismiss the \$70,000,000 Insull utilities merger petition was taken by public service commissioners at their conference Friday afternoon.

It was announced at the close of the conference that procedure in regard to the dismissal petition will be discussed Monday. The merger hearing is scheduled for resumption Monday at 10 a. m.

Commissioners declared no action could be taken on the dismissal motion until the Insull attorneys had filed their brief opposing such action. This is expected Monday, they asserted.

It is considered likely that the hearing of commission evidence in the case will continue until Wednesday when adjournment will be taken. The case is not likely to receive any definite action until after the holidays.

## STATEHOUSE MEN'S CLUB SEEKS WORKERS

Another Meeting Called; Rumors of Opposition Reported.

Another call for a meeting of the newly organized Republican Fellowship Club of state employees has been sent out by the officers pro tem.

The meeting will be held in the house of representatives next Monday night. The notices urge that each charter member of whom there are reported to be more than 100, "bring a fellow-worker."

Organization efforts are meeting with some opposition at the statehouse. Rumors are current the organization may be used to boost certain gubernatorial aspirations.

Some vigorously deny these charges and assert that it is purely a social club interested in the welfare of the Republican party as a whole.

## CLAIMS PRIZE FLOCK

**PIPESTONE, Minn., Dec. 6.**—What is believed to be a prize flock of hens is owned by Mrs. Guy Hazelton, near here, who keeps a check on the flock.

According to her records the flock of 175 hens has produced a total of 20,662 eggs in five months, an average of 113 eggs per hen.

## Historical Body to Elect

**ANDERSON, Ind., Dec. 7.**—The Madison County Historical society will meet here Jan. 15 to elect officers and reorganize for the ensuing year. Charles T. Sansberry, president of the society, will attend the Indiana State Historical society meeting at Indianapolis, Dec. 13 and 14. He is vice-president of the state organization.

## Mayor's Job Cost \$400

**ANDERSON, Ind., Dec. 7.**—J. H. Mellett, mayor-elect, spent \$400 for his campaign, his statement filed at the office of City Clerk Ray Hall, disclosed.

## Shakespeare in Dutch

**AMSTERDAM, Dec. 7.**—For the first time Shakespeare's "Much About Nothing" has been produced here in the Dutch tongue.

## Boys Hear Mayor-Elect

**MARION, Ind., Dec. 7.**—More than fifty members attended the Hi-Y Club supper meeting, at the Y. M. C. A. at which Mayor-elect Jack Edwards was the speaker.

## Courtesy

**NEW YORK, Dec. 7.**—Thoughtfulness of a trust company president who took time amid the pressure of business to apologize to neighbors for the noises incident to construction of a Wall Street skyscraper caused considerable comment today.

More than five hundred persons, including J. P. Morgan, received a courteous note from H. E. Ward, president of the Irving Trust Company, asking them to "bear with us as patiently as possible during the noisy weeks that lie just ahead."

## GRUNDY TOUTED FOR KEYSTONE SENATE BERTH

Governor Not to Name Vire: Many Mentioned Possibilities.

**PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 7.**—Speculation over a successor to William S. Vare, whom the United States senate yesterday refused to seat, centered today around Joseph R. Grundy of Bristol, well known for his activities in Washington as leader of the high tariff lobbyists.

It was the general belief in political circles here that Grundy could have the post if he desired it. If the senate is not to his liking, it is certain that his views on the appointment will carry much weight with Governor John S. Fisher.

Governor Fisher has declined to discuss the situation, except to make it clear that he will not attempt to put Vare in the senate by an appointment. When reports that he would name Vare spread last night, the Governor was besieged by newspaper reporters at Reading, where he was attending the convention of the National Guard Association. Fisher declared:

## Will Consult Leaders

"I emphatically deny that I have come to any conclusion concerning a senatorial appointment, and reports that I intend to name William S. Vare are absolutely untrue."

Governor Fisher is expected to make the appointment early next week. Before doing so he will consult with Republican leaders, including W. L. Mellon, nephew of the secretary of the treasury; Senator David A. Reed and State Treasurer Edward Martin, state G. O. P. chairman.

The names of Henry P. Fletcher, former ambassador to Italy, and General W. W. Atterbury, president of the Pennsylvania railroad, figured prominently in discussion here, but well-informed circles here considered the appointment of either out of the question.

## Speculation Is Rife

Others mentioned for the post are Representative George S. Graham of Philadelphia; Samuel S. Lewis of York, former state treasurer; Robert W. Mozilowski of Philadelphia, chief justice of the state supreme court; former Senator George Wharton Pepper of Philadelphia; Owen J. Roberts of Philadelphia, government counsel in the oil scandal cases.

Speaking at the National Guard Association meeting in Reading, Governor Fisher declared he would not permit members of the United States senate, or any other force outside the state of Pennsylvania, to dictate to him in the matter of appointing a senator to occupy the seat denied to Vare.

## MARATHON BANNED

**Legion Is Refused Permit for Dance Marathon.**

There'll be no more dancing marathons in Tomlinson Hall under the approval of the reigning board of works.

This was evident today when the board refused permission to the Irvington Post American Legion to stage another dance marathon. Another Legion post sponsored a marathon dance last year which resulted in considerable public criticism.

Emsey Johnson, John McCloskey and Theodore Dammeyer, members of the board, agreed to grant the permit if the Legionnaires would bring to them a certified statement from the board of health "declaring that a dance marathon is no more injurious than an athletic contest."

The health board last year examined all participants when a contagious disease was discovered.

## Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported to police as stolen belong to:

H. Berle Wilson, Bridgeport, Ind. Ford roadster, 39-542, from Belmont avenue and Washington street.

William Kanouse, Lansing, Mich. Chrysler roadster, 396-007 Michigan, from Indiana avenue and New York street.

James Nolan, 511 North Jefferson avenue, Ford coupe, from Lexington avenue near Virginia avenue.

Sidney Rice, 5896 Washington boulevard, Pontiac coach, 42-869, from Capitol avenue and Ohio street.

Mrs. Ora Barlow, 3420 Prospect street, Nash sedan, 35-059, from Twelfth and West streets.

Irwin Tlithworth, Stop 6 Madison road, Dodge sedan, 59-281, from 801 Kentucky avenue.

Philip Navarra, Greensburg, Ind. Oldsmobile sedan, 274-671, from Greensburg, Ind.

Raymond Bohall, 5109 South State avenue, Ford roadster, 723-000, from Capitol avenue and Washington streets.

James Harbold, 634 South Lyons avenue, Ford sedan, 740-888, from in front of Indianapolis Casting Company office, South Harding street.

## Bull Causes Fatal Injuries

**PLYMOUTH, Ind., Dec. 7.**—Injuries suffered by Milton Livingston, 59, farmer living near Argos, Ind., when he was gored by a bull Thursday afternoon, resulted in his death in a hospital here. Livingston was leading the bull from a neighbor's farm when it attacked him without warning.

## Bandit Robs Theater

**TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Dec. 7.**—A young, well dressed bandit robbed the Grand theater office of \$200 during a lull in business Friday night. Mrs. Zelle Tuttle, ticket seller, brought to attention by the command, "All right, hand it over," looked into the muzzle of a large revolver.

## Train Kills Two

**LAKEVILLE, Ind., Dec. 7.**—James R. Gubson, 27, Detroit, and Henry Cravener, 30, Worthington, Ind., were killed instantly when their automobile was struck by a Wabash train here. The men had been on a hunting tour.

## Brief Will

**ANDERSON, Ind., Dec. 7.**—The will of Eldon B. Pierce, former manufacturer, who died Nov. 28, sets a record for brevity. Including signatures of witnesses and other required parts, the instrument is barely 100 words in length. It bequeaths the entire estate to the widow, Mrs. Virginia Pierce.

## BACK HOME AGAIN

Stolen automobiles recovered by police belong to:

Walter Clark, 718 Elm street, Ford coupe, found at Kentucky and Senate avenues.

C. J. Koschnick & Co., 925 East Vermont street, International truck, found in rear of 2352 North Alabama street.

Harvey Ansel, 3556 Guilford avenue, Ford sedan, found on Wabash street near Delaware street.

Child Dies of Burns

**RICHMOND, Ind., Dec. 7.**—Lloyd Hiatt, 3, son of Dr. and Mrs. Lowell Hiatt, is dead of burns suffered while playing in the basement of his home.

## CIRCULATION HEAD WINS PROMOTION

O'Rourke, Times Official, to Take Post With Cleveland Press.

Promotion of Clem D. O'Rourke, for three years circulation manager of The Indianapolis Times, to circulation manager of the Cleveland Press, one of the largest newspapers in the Scripps-Howard group, was announced today by Frank G. Morrison, business manager of The Times.

The transfer and advancement becomes effective Dec. 16.

O'Rourke came to The Times from the St. Louis Times in December, 1926. Prior to that time, he was engaged in circulation and advertising departments of the Dayton (O.) Herald and Journal, the Chicago Inter-Ocean and the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. He resides at 336 Berkeley road.

Time's executives and employees will give a dinner in O'Rourke's honor at the Severn Tuesday night.

O'Rourke will be succeeded as The Times' circulation manager by Clarence E. Bevinger, now circulation manager of the Terre Haute Star-Post. Bevinger long served the circulation department of Scripps-Howard newspapers in Evansville and Terre Haute, and was circulation manager of the Terre Haute Post until it was sold to the Star-Post combination about a year ago.



Clem D. O'Rourke

## FORD SHIP WRECKED

Yacht Beyond Salvage; Seek Captain's Body.

**NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Dec. 7.**—Edsel Ford's yacht Sialia, which cost more than \$400,000, and the life of Captain Arthur D. Berger, fisherman, lay awash today on Hen and Chickens reef, Buzzard's bay, wrecked beyond salvage.

A search for Captain Berger's body, who was drowned after the wreck yesterday, with two other men he attempted to board the craft from a small rowboat, was being carried on by coast guardsmen.

The two survivors, Clifford Kilburn, New Bedford yacht builder, and Max Chapman, New London (Conn.) salvage expert, narrowly escaped a similar fate when waves dashed the rowboat against the sides of the doomed yacht.

Captain Oscar Anderson steadfastly refused any explanation for the wreck.

## REFUTES TEETHING IDEA

Ailments Are Due to Other Causes, Asserts Baby Specialist.

**NEW YORK, Dec. 7.**—The majority of babies are perfectly well when teething, and the countless ailments of which it is supposed to be a cause, in almost all cases, are due to some other disorder, declared Dr. Frank Howard Richardson, the current issue of the Parents' Magazine.

"We must remember," he writes, "that there are twenty separate teeth that must force their way through at some time during these relatively few years. Thus there is very little time in which an illness or upset can occur, without coinciding with some noticeable activity of some one of these many teeth. The situation offers an ideal soil in which the superstition of teething as the cause of all the baby's trouble can flourish. Teething may be a perfectly sound diagnosis, but it never is a sound diagnosis to make, nor a safe one, unless and until every other possible cause of trouble has been investigated and found to be innocent."

## FEATURE TODAY'S SONGS

Block Program to Consist of Latest Popular Melodies.

Popular melodies of today will feature the program of the William H. Block Company at 6 p. m. Sunday over radio station WFMB. The program has been divided into the Hart, Schaffner & Marx program and the Madelon Modes hour.

The program will include the following selections: "Elevator Boys," "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers," "Lonely Troubadour," "If I Had a Talking Picture of You," "That Wonderful Something," selections from "Princess Pat," "Deep in the Arms of Love," "Marika," "Slow Caravan," "My Lover," "Tip-Toe Through the Tulips."

## Love Suit Asks \$20,000

**TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Dec. 7.**—Damages of \$20,000 are asked by Mrs. Henrietta Coleman in an alienation of affections suit filed here against Mrs. Maggie Russell, accused of stealing the love of Wesley Coleman, husband of the plaintiff. The Coleman would have celebrated the thirty-third anniversary of their marriage Jan. 18.

## Deny Albanian King Is Ill

**ROME, Dec. 7.**—The Albanian legation here issued a statement today denying reports that King Zogu of Albania was ill seriously at Tirana, asserting that the "king is in the best of health."

## State Insurance Men Meet

State agents of the Provident Mutual Life Insurance Company heard Charles R. Tushingham, educational director of the company, in an address Friday in the Columbia Club.

## CIGARET PRICES HIT TOBACCO IN BITTER WAR

Battle to Finish Forecast, With Morgan Backing United Cigar.

**NEW YORK, Dec. 7.**—The present cigar war between United Cigar stores and leading grocery chains promises beneficial results to the entire retail cigar industry, in the opinion of local cigar retailers.

While not cutting his prices to the 12-cent rate for popular brands recently inaugurated by United Cigar stores, David A. Schulte, president of Schulte Retail Stores, stated that the new price for cigars is "most opportune and is a move that will prove beneficial to the entire retail tobacco field."

Schulte, however, did not indicate whether his company would follow the price cut or how the cigar war would affect his and smaller organizations if continued over any length of time.

## Price Is Slashed

United Cigar stores cut its price for popular brands to 12 cents a package this week, underselling Schulte, who is retailing cigars at 12½ cents a package.

United Cigar's price was met promptly by the large grocery chains which have been selling cigars at cut prices for several years at the expense of the small dealers.

In fact, several grocery chains now are underselling United Cigars. A carton of ten packages of Camels, Luckies, Chesterfields or Old Golds, costs just \$1.13 at Liggett's, \$1.19 at the A. & P. and \$1.20 at the United cigar stores. Single packages are retailing at 12 cents at these stores.

Consequently, individual dealers are being forced to sell cigars at a loss, a condition which would force many into bankruptcy within a short time if continued. Such a condition is economically unsound and its outcome is being watched with interest.

## First Fight Launched

At present wholesale prices, retailers pay 11.29¢ cents a package for cigars, while dealers who purchase them direct from the manufacturers receive a discount of 10 per cent. Small dealers do not take advantage of this discount.

Action of United Cigar stores was taken to mean that the company was determined to end, once and for all, the present conditions in the industry. The powerful United Cigar is prepared to wage a vigorous battle.

Already the retail stores are diversifying their lines of goods and are now in a position to sell cigars at low prices and continue to earn their overhead.

## STATE UNITS TO MEET

Indiana Chapters of Sigma Nu to Hold "Hoosier Rally."

Five Indiana chapters of Sigma Nu, national college fraternity and alumni, will meet tonight in the Traveler room of the Lincoln, for the annual "Hoosier rally."

Chester L. Robinson, president of the Marion County State bank, will be toastmaster.

## Indiana Swine Win