

## PROPOSAL FOR SCRAPPING CAR LINE OPPOSED

Hearing Tuesday on Petition to End Indianapolis-to-Richmond Service.

*By Times Special*  
RICHMOND, Ind., March 21.—Considerable opposition is expected from residents of this section of the state to the proposal of the Terre Haute, Indianapolis & Eastern Traction Company to abandon the Indianapolis-Richmond interurban car service. Hearing on the petition will be held Tuesday in the offices of the public service commission at Indianapolis, and it is expected that a number of petitions will be presented asking that the service be retained.

The city government here, it is understood, does not plan any action in regard to the matter, and it is improbable that any Richmond organizations will be represented at the hearing.

Local merchants do not view the change with any apprehension, as bus service is maintained and communities using Richmond as a trading center do not patronize the traction line to any great extent.

Some of the smaller communities of the section, however, among them Cambridge City, Centerville, Duncannon and Knightstown, are understood to be preparing petitions.

There has been considerable speculation here as to the probable fate of the street railway, which is controlled by the same receiver, but since this line has been operating at a profit for several years it is unlikely that it will be abandoned.

Current for the operation of the city street railway has been furnished to the traction company by the municipal light plant and revenue from this source last year was approximately \$18,000.

Officials of the Dayton Western Railroad, which operates the Richmond to Dayton electric line, stated that the abandonment of the Indianapolis line will not affect their service.

### Cheaper Rates Urged

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NEWCASTLE, Ind., March 21.—The local Chamber of Commerce has offered to take the lead in opposing the Terre Haute, Indianapolis & Eastern Traction Company in its effort to abandon the New Castle-Dunreath line.

It is understood that residents along the line are only mildly interested in abandonment, but they are clamoring for lower electric rates. Current is provided several communities through a company interlocked with the traction concern. There is a feeling that if an abandonment order is made, one receiving electric rates should accompany it.

### COURT RULING SLAPS JUSTICES OF PEACE

*One Unsated in Lake County and Others May Be Affected*

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### SPOT ON EYE LEADS TO ARREST FOR THEFT

*Shelbyville Policeman Remembered*

*Detail About Wanted Man*

*By United Press*  
SHELBYVILLE, Ind., March 21.—Policeman John Farrell's memory of details resulted in two alleged bandits being in jail at Rushville.

The alleged bandits, Richard M. Collins, 21, and his brother, Loren Collins, 27, were said to have robbed a Rushville store of \$97 and stolen an automobile. Circulars describing the pair mentioned that Richard Collins had a spot on one eye. When Policeman Farrell saw the younger Collins here he arrested him after looking at his eyes.

The younger Collins is said to have confessed to the store theft and both brothers have been identified by the manager of the store.

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## Fraternity Members Best Students



## BANK LOOT MAY TOTAL \$20,000

### Six Bandits Escape After Evansville Robbery.

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EVANSVILLE, Ind., March 21.—Authorities are without clews today to six men who late Friday afternoon robbed the North Side State bank here, obtaining loot between \$10,000 and \$20,000.

Five of the robbers, all young and well dressed, entered the bank while the sixth remained at the wheel of an automobile in which the band escaped.

Six of the bank staff and three patrons were cowed by the robbers. They were forced into the cages and compelled to lie on the floor while the loot was being gathered. As the robbers entered C. H. Ayer, president of the bank, was using a telephone. When he and the switchboard operator, Miss Clotilda Weber, were forced to raise their hands, a buzzing resulted at the board because of the uncompleted call.

The bandits were starting toward the vault when their leader noticed the buzzing at the board. Evidently mistaking it for an alarm, he ordered his companions to leave. From the position in which the car was parked, it is believed the robbers headed for Illinois.

Herman Fulke, cashier, was struck on the head with the butt of a revolver during the robbery. He was not seriously hurt.

## CHILD ILL OF RARE MALADY

### Hemorrhages Occur Near Surface of Skin.

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### LIFE TERM PROPOSED

*Alleged Leader of Theft Gang May Be Adjudged Habitual Criminal.*

*By United Press*  
TERRE HAUTE, Ind., March 21.—Death in the electric chair is the penalty Lawrence Johnson must pay for the murder of his 16-year-old wife Mildred. A jury in Vigo circuit court Friday convicted Johnson of first degree murder after deliberating two hours and set the punishment.

An insanity plea was made by the defense. It was sought to show that Johnson became unbalanced through worry over a child being born to his wife in what he considered an improper environment—the home of her mother—Mrs. Anne Watts.

Sentence will be passed upon Johnson March 21 by Judge John P. Jeffries. Defense counsel following the verdict, intimated that a motion will be filed in behalf of Johnson, but refused to indicate its nature.

The child-wife died as a result of a blow on the head.

### CRIPPLE SON DEFENDED

*Father Seeks to Prevent Punishment for Misdeed in School.*

*By United Press*  
BLOOMINGTON, Ind., March 21.—An injunction is sought here by Paul Krebs, store operator to prevent Hail Bradic, dean of boys in Bloomington high school, from keeping Krebs' son, Woodrow, 18, from attending school. The father also asks \$500 damages.

Krebs alleged that Bradic suspended his son because he would not refill a desk upon which he had scratched his name. The elder Krebs says as the boy is a cripple, whose health would be endangered in the work. He seeks to force Bradic to inflict mental instead of physical punishment.

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NEWARK, Ind., March 21.—Organization of the Anderson Brick and Tile Company, a new industry, their parents and friends were guests Friday night at the annual banquet of the organization here. Every club in the county was represented, forming one of the largest parties ever to attend the affair, 350.

Byron Pike, former club member and now a student at Purdue university, was the principal speaker. Members of the various clubs contributed numbers on the program. Glen Sample of Milton was toastmaster.

### 350 ATTEND BANQUET

*Annual Wayne County 4-H Club Event at Centerville.*

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Calvin Alexander, 74, questioned his alleged connection with the gang, denied being implicated in any way. Elvin Starr, a younger brother of Richard, also is accused.

The Starr brothers and Alexander were arrested March 6 at Montpelier, when stolen goods valued at several thousand dollars were recovered.

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## JAILED WIDOW MAY CONTINUE TO DEFY COURT

*Violated Order by Filing \$95,000 Suit Result of Husband's Death.*

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EVANSVILLE, Ind., March 21.—Mrs. Inez Crandall, gray haired widow of Joseph Crandall, Louisville & Nashville railroad fireman who lost his life a year ago in Tennessee when the boiler of a locomotive burst, has until midnight to decide whether she will remain in jail three months or dismiss a \$95,000 damage suit against the railroad.

The widow was sent to jail by Probate Judge Williams for contempt of his court. He had issued an injunction, on petition of the railroad, forbidding the widow from filing a suit seeking damages in excess of \$4,000.

**May "Carry On"**

Since being locked up, Mrs. Crandall has expressed her determination to refuse to drop the suit.

"With his entire body scalped and actually cooked by the explosion, he lived four days," Mrs. Crandall says in recalling the tragedy. "But he lived long enough to tell me that he was not responsible for the wreck. Then the railroad offered

me \$4,000."

**Larger Sum Sought**

Explaining why she filed the suit in St. Louis, Mrs. Crandall said in both Indiana and Tennessee it was held \$4,000 was the highest liability of the railroad for the tragedy.

"I felt my husband's life worth more than that to me," the widow said.

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ANDERSON, Ind., March 21.—The deposition of Harry M. Goldberg of Detroit, taken at the Indiana reformatory, where he is serving a sentence for false pretense in connection with a theater promotion scheme in Anderson, will be read in the trial of the suit of Harry Muller, local theater operator, against the Krebs Construction Company of Indianapolis.

The suit, an action to recover \$9,000 on deposit in the Citizens bank here, is scheduled to go to trial in Hancock circuit court at Greenfield April 8. It was taken to Greenfield on a change of venue.

**Invested \$25,000**

Muller says he relied on statements that were later proved to be false and invested \$25,000 in the theater venture promoted by Goldberg and Joseph M. Cosco, Detroit. When the enterprise collapsed and the Detroit men had fled there was \$9,000 of Muller's original investment in the bank.

**No More Splendid Idea**

More splendid idea could be found than in this symphony orchestra of Indianapolis," Muller says. "Reuter told friends and pupils here recently, 'And I will be glad to play in concert with so distinguished a group of musicians. If Indianapolis will support her own orchestra, she can promise herself a assured musical future of which she will be mighty proud. I have so many friends in Indianapolis who have been kind to me, that it will give me great pleasure to be able to express my appreciation in this way."

The program for this final concert of the season is not ready for publication as yet.

Formation of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra took place last fall. Three concerts have been given. Many members were taxed with outside interests, but the same persevering spirit has kept each of them interested in keeping before Indianapolis the privilege of having a fine orchestra to present the best in music.

Rudolph Reuter comes to Indianapolis a familiar and well-loved musician. He has a large following here through his lecture recitals which he has been presenting in the Battle Ground rotary.

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