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STIRS IRE OF  
LOCAL FIRM**\$64,000 Statehouse Clean-  
ing Job Is in Charge of  
Cincinnati Company.****BIDS WERE NOT ASKED****Figure Is Branded as Far  
Too High by City  
Leader.**

The \$64,000 statehouse outside cleaning job, which never was advertised nor for which no competitive figures were obtained, got under way today with the Cincinnati Building Cleaning Company in charge.

This company was awarded the contract through the local agent, Edward Dux, without any figures from other cleaners having been secured.

"We didn't have the money to advertise for bids," is the explanation of failure to invite competition given by Frank Caylor, superintendent of buildings and grounds.

Criticism Is Drawn

Since the work is to be paid for out of Governor Harry G. Leslie's emergency contingent fund it was necessary to have it completed before balances in the fund reverted to the state on Oct. 1, he also added.

Failure to advertise and give local firms a chance at the work has brought criticism from Guy Sallee, and operator of the Consolidated Spray Painting System here.

Sallee says that he is ready even today to do the cleaning for \$35,000, and would post a bond both for time and thoroughness.

To have advertised and thus given Sallee a chance to know the contract was to be awarded would have cost about \$6, and resulted, possibly, in the saving of \$29,000, it was pointed out. But there are no restrictions on the Governor's fund and he can do what he likes with it.

Not Signed Personally

However, in this instance, the contract had to be signed by the auditor and secretary of state as members of the building and grounds committee.

Neither Frank May Jr., secretary of state, nor Floyd E. Williamson, state auditor, both Democrats, signed it personally. William Cosgrove, deputy state auditor, signed for Williamson, and Robert L. Codd, deputy secretary of state, for May.

May today declared that he didn't even favor having the building cleaned on the outside and thought that it will look less attractive when finished.

The contract was approved by the office of the attorney-general and a \$57,475 bond posted to complete the work in ninety days.

Called "Good Democrat"

Caylor said he wrote some letters to other companies he knew was in the cleaning business, but they didn't submit bids. This was proved as competition by the state board of accounts, he asserted.

Dux, a stone contractor, will "point" the stone as part of the cleaning contract included in the \$64,000, he declared.

Dux is said to be a "good Democrat." The building and grounds committee is two to one Democratic, but Caylor, a Republican, keeps his post and has made it a position of considerable power.

**TWELVE-INCH KEY  
USED IN JAIL LOCK**

Relic Presented to Historical Society of Knox County.

VINCENNES, Ind., July 2.—The key to Knox county's first jail has been presented for display in the Harrison mansion by the relic committee of Francis Vigo chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. The presentation was made by Mrs. Chester Adams, a member of the committee.

Heavy in weight and twelve inches in length, the key contrasts sharply with the small ones in use today. It was given to the committee by Mrs. W. J. Zellinger who found it in household effects of her late mother, Mrs. E. McConline, granddaughter of Dr. Hiram Decker, whose father, Luke Decker, was a Revolutionary war soldier.

**Skins 'Em**

Five damp bathing suits were hanging on a line.

Along came perspiring Mr. B. U. Urgan, who although his biceps aren't so well developed gets along very well on what he can "lift."

"Oh, ho," smiled B. U., "just what I've been looking for. The little woman and the kids need no longer keep pounding at papa because they can't go swimming."

And that's the likely story behind the report to police today by W. J. Harrington, 227 Grace street, that a man's, a woman's, a girl's, a boy's and a baby's bathing suits were stolen from the rear of the Harrington home where they had been hung to dry.

## Gatty and Post Make Jules Verne a Mere Piker

NEW YORK, July 2.—Globe circling had its inception 412 years ago when Ferdinand Magellan started out with a magnificent fleet from Seville, bound for death, disaster and fame.

Magellan was killed before his great enterprise was completed, but his men and a few of his ships, although many were lost in storms en route, completed their cruise and the first world record for circling the globe was completed. That record was a few days less than three

years, the boats having started on Sept. 20, 1519, and the few which survived, arrived back in Seville, Sept. 8, 1522.

In the four centuries intervening have come the marvels of science and industry. Steam craft supplanted the sail boats. Steam craft speeded. The steam engine came into being on land, bringing about fast trains. Automobiles were created. Then came aircraft.

And all these have been used in cutting down the time difference until Wednesday evening when Wiley Post and Harold Gatty

swung their plane down on Roosevelt field in the most remarkable exhibition of combined speed and endurance ever established.

JULES VERNE used his imagination to send Phileas Fogg around the world in eighty days. People were incredulous. They read Jules Verne's book with interest and scoffed at such a ridiculous idea of speed.

But there were some who refused to scoff. In 1889, almost twenty years after Jules Verne's book was written, Nelly Bly started out to find out whether Jules Verne's imagination could be duplicated by fact. She completed her world cruise in 72 days, 6 hours and 11 minutes.

Since then records have fallen regularly. World records since then: 1890—George Francis Train, 67 days, 12 hours, 3 minutes. 1901—Charles Fitzmorris, 60 days, 13 hours, 29 minutes. 1903—Henry Frederick, 54 days, 7 hours, 20 minutes. 1907—Colonel Burnley Campbell, 40 days, 19 hours, 30 minutes. 1911—Andre Jaeger-Schmidt, 39 days, 19 hours, 43 minutes. 1913—John Henry Mears, 35 days, 21 hours, 35 minutes. 1925—Edward S. Evans and Linton Wells, 28 days, 14 hours, 36 minutes. 1928—Mears and C. B. Collyer—23 days, 15 hours, 21 minutes. 1930—Graf Zeppelin, 20 days, 4 hours. 1931—Wiley Post and Harold Gatty, 8 days, 15 hours, 51 minutes.



One of the first to welcome Harold Gatty and Wiley Post, 'round-the-world fliers, at Cleveland, was W. L. (Young) Stribling, heavyweight boxer, who had been training in his camp near the city for his bout with Max Schmeling. Stribling also is a pilot. Left to right are: Gatty, Stribling and Post. The fliers did not appear very tired, despite the strain of their long trip.

FATHER SLAIN  
BY YOUNG SON**Elder Man Said to Have  
Been Drinking.**

ANGOLA, Ind., July 2.—A knife in the hands of his son Oba, 21, brought death to Kelley Caskey, 40, at the family home in Jackson township.

Dr. F. B. Humphreys, Steuben county coroner, said he learned the father had been drinking heavily and when his wife remonstrated, told her "it is none of your business." Later the son upbraided the elder man and a tussle started which was broken up by Sam Caskey, father of the knife victim. However, the trouble was renewed a short time later, and the elder man was stabbed twice in the back and once in the heart, dying within ten minutes.

**ASKS \$10,000 DAMAGES****Woman Charges Worn Stair Mats  
Caused Her to Fall.**

Charging mats on stairs in an apartment house were so badly worn she stumbled and suffered severe personal injury, Mrs. Naomi A. Johnston today filed a \$10,000 damage suit in superior court five.

Owners of the apartment house, at 2063 North Meridian street, H. Benjamin Marks and Isaac Marks, were defendants in the action.

STORES DIVIDE ON  
SATURDAY CLOSING

While numerous downtown stores, members of the Merchants' Association will close Saturday afternoons during July and August, a score of others will remain open.

Some of these concerns, including William H. Block Company and Pettis Dry Goods Company, will give their employees half-day holidays on other days of the week.

Stores that will remain open Saturday afternoons include:

Baldwin Piano Company, Banner Furniture Company, Bradshaw-Kornblum Company, E. J. Gausepohl & Co., Goldstein Brothers, Hartman Furniture Company, Kahn Tailoring Company, Paul H. Krauss Company, E. O. Langen Company, Manott Shoe Shop, W. H. Messenger Company, L. E. Morrison & Co., People's Outfitting Company, Rost Jewelry Company, the Star Store, L. Strauss & Co., Taylor Carpet Company, Morrison's, Inc., and the Store Without a Name.

Practically all stores in the downtown district will close at 5 p. m. the first five days of the week during the summer.

All stores will be closed all day on July 4.

Those stores remaining open Saturday afternoon will close at their usual daily closing times.

The following stores will observe half holidays on Saturdays:

L. S. Ayres & Co., H. Lieber Company, Charles Mayer & Co., Sander & Recker Furniture Company, Selig Dry Goods Company, W. K. Stewart Company, O'Vinegut Hardware Company, Julius C. Walk & Sons, Inc., and H. P. Wasson & Co. All of these except Sander & Recker and Walk & Son will close at 1 p. m. on Saturdays. The other two will close at 12:30 p. m.

Climaxing four weeks' efforts to locate the fund which is disclaimed by the Logansport bank, Mrs. McConnell and her chauffeur were placed in jail at Logansport Wednesday by Cass county sheriff.

Mrs. McConnell claims there were no charges made against her. She was released an hour later after signing papers clearing local authorities of any connection with alleged bribery in the case, and left the city.

Mrs. Louise McConnell, widow of reputedly wealthy Edgar B. McConnell of New York, who vainly has been attempting to locate a trust fund of \$425,000 supposed to have been left her by her husband in a Logansport bank, stopped in Indianapolis today on her way back to New York, where she will put matters in the hands of attorneys.

McConnell was the son of the late Judge D. B. McConnell of Logansport.

## That's Swell

DUNCAN, Okla., July 2.—W. F. Post is happy that his son completed his 'round the world' flight, he said today, but he hopes Wiley doesn't become conceited.

"I'd rather this flight never had been made than have Wiley get swell-headed over it," the 55-year-old farmer said.

"I'm not taking any credit for anything Wiley does, though. There's not much credit coming to me, considering all I did to keep him from flying."

Since Wiley took up flying, however, the father has lost his opposition to it. He might even take a ride in an airplane himself some time, he said.

## READY FOR TAKEOFF

**Frenchman Hopes to Beat  
Post-Gatty Mark.**

PARIS, July 2.—Joseph Lebrun announced today that he would start at 4 a. m. Tuesday on a flight around the world, hoping to beat the Post-Gatty record.

Lebrun, who attained flying fame with DeLondre Cote in the transatlantic plane Question Mark, and other long-distance flights, will be accompanied by Marcel Doret. He said he hopes to make a circle of the globe in four steps—Paris to Tokio, Tokio to San Francisco, San Francisco to New York and New York to Paris.

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MOTHER LOSES  
SON'S CUSTODY**Enacts Hysterical Scene in  
Court at Vincennes.**

VINCENNES, Ind., July 2.—Cries of Mrs. Opal Scott rang through the Knox circuit courtroom here when Judge W. F. Calverley awarded custody of her Robert, 9, to Edward Marvin, St. Louis, an uncle of her divorced husband.

The court said the custody was so arranged in the best interests of the boy, who had been with the uncle two years and a half.

Recently the mother brought him here from St. Louis and placed him with James Myers. It was shown that she was not able financially to care for the boy as Marvin; that she had once been with a carnival and that Myers intended to train the boy as a musician.

For nearly an hour Mrs. Scott was in an hysterical condition and asserted, "I would rather be dead."

42,724 VISIT CITY IN  
FIRST SIX MONTHS

170 Conventions Reported by Bureau; Speedway Not Included.

A city of 42,724 visitors moved in and out of Indianapolis during the first six months of this year attending conventions, according to a semi-annual report of the Indianapolis convention bureau today.

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## Happy Landing

The complete around-the-world log of the Winnie Mae, all Indianapolis time given, follows:

TUESDAY, JUNE 23.  
2:56 A. M.—Left Roosevelt Field, N. Y.  
10:45 A. M.—Arrived Harbor Grace, N.F.D.—1,150 miles.  
1:27 P. M.—Left Harbor Grace.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24.  
6:00 A. M.—Landed Chester, England.  
7:05 A. M.—Left Chester.  
11:40 A. M.—Landed Hanover, Germany—600 miles.  
12:20 P. M.—Left Hanover.  
1:30 P. M.—Landed Berlin—150 miles.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25.  
12:38 A. M.—Left Berlin.  
8:48 A. M.—Landed Moscow—1,000 miles.  
8:00 P. M.—Left Moscow.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26.  
7:30 A. M.—Landed Novo-Sibirsk, Siberia—1,150 miles.  
2:45 P. M.—Left Novo-Sibirsk.  
9:55 P. M.—Landed Irkutsk—900 miles.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27.  
12:10 A. M.—Left Irkutsk.  
7:00 A. M.—Landed Blagovestchensk, Siberia—850 miles.  
8:30 P. M.—Left Blagovestchensk.

SUNDAY, JUNE 28.  
11:30 A. M.—Arrived Khabarovsk—350 miles.  
MONDAY, JUNE 29.  
3:00 A. M.—Left Khabarovsk for Nome.  
8:00 P. M.—Landed Nome—2,400 miles.

TUESDAY, JUNE 30.  
10:45 P. M.—Left Nome.  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 1.  
7:20 A. M.—Left Fairbanks.  
3:57 P. M.—Arrived Edmonton, Alberta, Canada—1,450 miles.

THURSDAY, JULY 2.  
4:30 A. M.—Left Edmonton.  
3:15 P. M.—Landed Cleveland, O.—1,600 miles.  
3:44 P. M.—Left Cleveland.  
7:47 P. M.—Landed at Roosevelt Field, N. Y.—349 miles.

Distance of flight—18,474 miles.  
Average speed—14.3 miles per hour.  
Total time—8 days, 15 hours, 31 minutes.  
Total flying time—4 days, ten hours, 45 minutes.  
All distances and times are unofficial.

**I'm Shot!**

DENVER, July 2.—Louis Lazaroff, 23, worried of life after his separation from his wife and child, wrote a twenty-page death note and went to a vacant lot to kill himself.

He placed a pistol to his temple and pulled the trigger. A few minutes later passers-by found his body sprawled in the lot, the pistol beside him.

Police were called. When they arrived Lazaroff just was sitting up. The pistol had failed to fire; but Lazaroff had fainted at the click which came when he pulled the trigger.

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Other disclosures have pleaded for relief for at least a dozen inmates in the men's quarters who were sleeping on straw beds on the floor and in narrow hallways.

County commissioners winked at these investigations and conditions remain the same today, it is said.

The Times recently has received numerous complaints from citizens about conditions at the poor farm, demanding that something be done.

**25 Die of Violence**

FT. WAYNE, Ind., July 2.—Automobiles and suicide led all other causes of the twenty-five violent deaths in Allen county during June, according to a report of Dr. L. S. McKeeman, coroner. There were four automobile fatalities, and a like number of suicidal deaths. Drownings were next, with three.

**Tombstone Injures Child**

COLUMBIA CITY, Ind., July 2.—Norma Jean, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Bowby, this city, suffered a dislocation of a knee and bruising when a tombstone fell on her in the Thorn cemetery.

**House of Commons Adjourned After  
Member Is Carried Away.**

LONDON, July 2.—The speaker adjourned the house of commons today when disorder broke out and a labor member was ejected by force. John McGovern, Glasgow Laborite, refused to leave when he was suspended for refusing to resume his seat when requested to do so by the speaker.

Attendants tried to remove him forcibly and he resisted, several members coming to his aid. Attendants carried McGovern out by the hands and feet, while conservatives shouted, "Wring his neck."

**PREPARE FOR SESSION**

State Chiropractors to Attend Louisville Convention.

Indiana and Indianapolis chiropractors will attend the International Congress of Chiropractic Examining Boards and the National Chiropractic Association convention opening July 6 for a week, at Louisville.

Indiana association members who will attend. Drs. O. G. McKeever, C. J. Van Tilburg, Wilbur H. Gwynn, Harry E. Vedder, Harry C. Molloy and C. L. Rowe, of Indianapolis and H. V. McCully of Rushville.

**POPE'S NOTE IS 'FIRM'**

Fifth Message to Vatican Insists on Apology From Fascists.

ROME, July 2.—The government today studied the fifth—and purportedly "final"—note from the Vatican on the crisis arising from the dispute which threatened to cause a break in relations between the Holy See and the Fascist organization.

It was understood the pope's note was "firmly worded" and insisted that the government formally "deplore" the recent insults among young Fascists to the pope. Reopening of the Catholic young men's clubs also was demanded.

DRASTIC CHANGE AT  
POOR FARM MAY  
BE JURY'S DEMAND**Final Report to Be Handed Criminal Judge Frank Baker;  
Removal of Institution Authorities May Be Urged.**

Drastic changes for betterment of conditions in at least two county institutions, with possible demands for removal of institution authorities, may be proposed by the Marion county grand jury in its final report today to Criminal Judge Frank P. Baker.

The grand jury has made a thorough investigation of charges, presented in The Times, that inmates at the county poor farm have been mistreated and forced to live amid surroundings almost unbearable.

A recommendation for a sweeping rehabilitation of the county's hospital for the insane at Julietta may be included in the report.

Twenty-eight grand juries over a period of fourteen years have failed to move county commissioners to action on poor farm improvements.

**Check on Charges**

It is known the present jury has spent several days visiting county institutions and checking charges of mismanagement.

Less than two weeks ago George C. Handlon, 50, inmate suffering from a severe case of tuberculosis, was turned over to police by poor farm authorities after he had complained to the grand jury that John C. Carter, farm superintendent, had beaten him.

Handlon was sentenced to serve 180 days on the state farm when he was convicted in municipal court of drawing a deadly weapon on Howard Wiseman, a poor farm attendant.

Among charges believed investigated by the grand jury is that poor farm inmates are crowded into uncomfortable quarters dangerous to health.

**Live in One Building**

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