

CITY RESIDENTS DINE, REST AND OFFER THANKS

Thousands of Needy Given Holiday Dinners by Charity Groups.

Turkey—symbol of the Pilgrim Fathers' gratitude for peace and plenty—held the sovereign throne today as citizenry of Indianapolis and the nation observed the 311th anniversary of Thanksgiving.

Clear skies and chilly winds greeted thousands of morning church-goers, attending services in all parts of the city. Business was suspended generally for the fireside and the festive board.

Warmer weather was promised for motorists driving out-of-town.

Worship was held in practically every church in the city, in accordance with the tradition of the first Thanksgiving in 1621.

Union Services Held

Downtown church-goers gathered at the Roberts Park M. E. church, and nine churches united at the Fifty-First Street M. E. church.

Needy of the city were provided for by many charity organizations. Through the Family Welfare Society, many citizens who wished to share their bounty with the needy sent baskets of food to poor families.

Veterans of Foreign Wars distributed 1,000 baskets of food to families of unemployed veterans Wednesday afternoon and this morning.

Numerous families received baskets from the Moose lodge. Dinner was served at the Salvation Army to sixty-five children from the Harley Biggs settlement, 100 West Washington street. Also, forty inmates of the army's industrial home received a turkey dinner.

300 Given Dinners

The Christian Army served dinner to approximately 300 at its headquarters, 701 North Tremont avenue.

Police officers and firemen and other city employees joined in making the city employees' relief fund, which provided a large number of dinners today. Police officers and firemen, as usual, care for needy families in their individual districts.

Practically all stores in the city were closed, owners and employees enjoying a holiday. No mail deliveries, either city or rural, were made. The Sunday schedule of collection and night delivery to hotels was carried out.

Public schools are closed today and Friday, as were many colleges throughout the state. Some colleges, however, will be in session Friday.

Family Reunions Are Feature

Many Indianapolis families gathered at homes, farms and in smaller communities.

Governor and Mrs. Harry G. Leslie had Thanksgiving dinner at Howe academy, Howe, Ind., with their two sons, Jack and Dick, who are students at the school. Their third son, Robert, was forced to remain at home because of injuries received Tuesday when he was struck by an automobile.

Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan ate his Thanksgiving dinner at his home, 503 North Capitol avenue.

PROSECUTION ASSAILS MINE BOMBING ALIBI

Trial Continues at Princeton Despite Holiday.

By United Press

PRINCETON, Ind., Nov. 26.—Presentation of evidence in the Somerville mine bombing case continued today despite the holiday, as defense attorneys attempted to prove an alibi for Thomas Morton.

Testimony that Morton conferred with Charles Flack Nov. 1 was refuted by witnesses, who said Morton was nearly twenty miles from Somerville on that date. In cross-examination, however, state's attorneys sought to prove that Morton could have returned to his home in time for the alleged conference.

Another angle of the case was brought to light in the state's questioning of Paul McDaniels, a defendant, who was asked to explain why he worked at the mine for two weeks under an assumed name. Attorneys charged that McDaniels was a spy sent to learn the location of the machinery and the hours during which the guards were on duty.

McDaniels said he resorted to use of an assumed name through fear that his union card would be taken from him.

PEACE TALK IS SLATED

E. Raymond Wilson to Speak at Church of the Brethren.

E. Raymond Wilson, field secretary of the American Friends Service Committee, will speak at 7 Friday night at the Church of the Brethren, Capitol avenue and Thirty-second street, on "Responsibility of the United States for World Peace and Disarmament."

The program will be sponsored by the church in co-operation with the Indiana Council of International Relations.

Wilson, who recently completed a study of more than 600 pamphlets by peace organizations, has studied the movement in Japan, England, France, Germany, Poland and Russia.

LESLIE SPURS GAS QUIZ

Governor to Confer With Chicago Accountant on "Bootlegging."

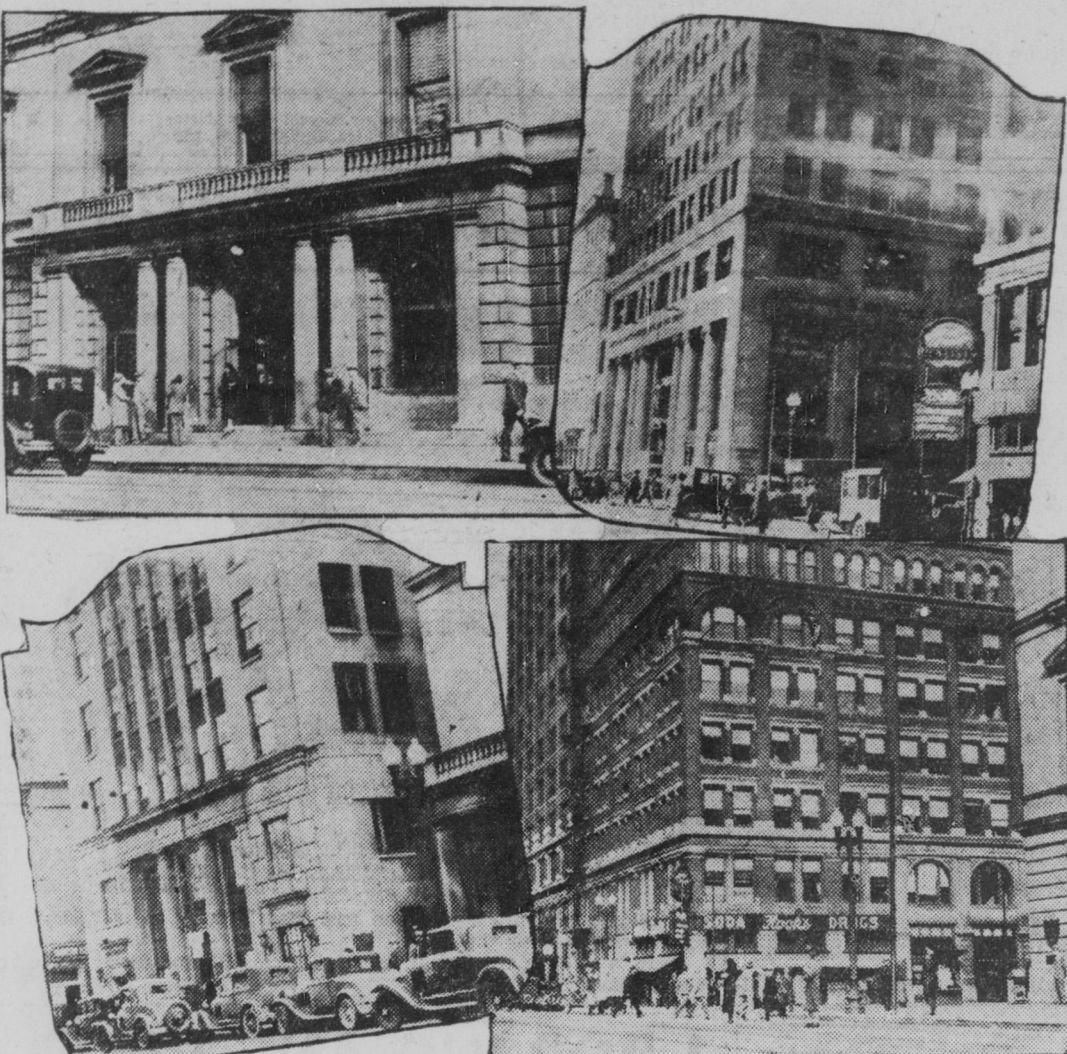
Governor Harry G. Leslie will start his proposed investigation of gasoline bootlegging in Indiana Monday when he confers with D. C. Jennings, Chicago accountant.

It is reported Jennings has information of gas bootlegging activities between Illinois and northern Indiana transporters. He is supposed to have helped the Cook county, Illinois, grand jury investigate these activities.

Leslie said he also would confer with Earl Stroup, deputy attorney-general. Complaints from a group of Indiana gasoline distributors resulted in Leslie's decision to investigate gasoline tax dodgers.

United States exports to Russia this summer more than doubled. In one month that country bought \$12,679,950 worth of material from us.

Millions Are Lost by Country in Taxes by Low Valuations



An interesting lesson in valuation for taxation is shown in the above pictures of four buildings located at Market and Pennsylvania street. Upper left the

Fletcher American National bank building, assessed at \$5 a square foot; upper right, the Fletcher banking and Trust Company, assessed at \$4 a square foot; lower

left, the old Wild Bank building, assessed at \$4 a square foot; and, lower right, the Lemcke building, "the horrible example," assessed at \$1.40 a square foot.

RIDICULES CASE AGAINST BONUS

V. F. W. Head Cites Data of U. S. Bureau.

Data compiled by the veterans' administration at Washington, shatters all arguments against payment of adjusted compensation certificates, E. A. Fox, Seventh district commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars, believes.

Average per cent of veterans obtaining loans for personal and family needs was 65, Fox said today. "Per cent of veterans who utilized funds obtained for purchase of automobiles, whose purpose was undetermined, was 20 per cent, and only 7 per cent used funds in such a way as to receive no practical benefits."

"Thus, another myth has been exploded and those who predicted that adjusted compensation certificate loans would be used by veterans in drunken orgies, idle luxury and wasteful spending are deprived of these arguments against cash payment of the balance due on these government obligations," Fox said.

"Statistics on the use of loans granted by the government in the spring of 1931 on adjusted service certificates, thoroughly put to rout the predictions of those who would crucify the veteran as a wastrel and spendthrift, unable to make good use of funds that rightfully are his."

PACIFISTS ASSAILED

M'Nutt Attacks Destroyers of Nation's Defenses.

Reduction of armaments and the nation's armed forces, the subject of a speech by Paul V. McNutt, Indiana university law school dean and candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor, Wednesday night at the Columbia Club.

McNutt spoke at the forty-sixth annual banquet of Beta Theta Pi fraternity alumni association.

Forces working for peace, by disarming the nation, are "destroying piecemeal the institutions of this country," McNutt said.

"They would destroy our army, navy and marine corps and our R. O. T. C., the G. M. T. C., and the national guard," he declared.

He directed his attack at university professors by declaring: "Many of these persons are employed in our universities."

Other speakers included Dr. Stanley Coulter, dean emeritus of Purdue university; John K. Ruckelshaus, attorney; and Laurens L. Henderson, who reported fraternity activities of five active chapters, at Purdue, Indiana, and De Pauw universities and Hanover and Wabash colleges.

URGES BOOKS FOR BLIND

Ludlow Pledges Congress Effort to Aid the Sightless.

Speaking at the state school for the blind, Representative Louis Ludlow Wednesday said the committee on library of the house of representatives, of which he is a member, will sponsor legislation to have books made for the blind.

"Sight is not necessary to the growth and development of character," he said. "That is what counts."

The meeting, held in the auditorium of the institution, was attended by blind children, their parents and friends. Pupils of the school presented a Thanksgiving program.

Closed Bank Pays

By Times Special

OOLITIC, Ind., Nov. 26.—Indebtedness of the Oolitic State bank, closed after its cashier confessed embezzling \$27,000 of its funds, has been paid by Elsworth and Elsburn King, owners of the King Petroleum Company of Bloomington. The brothers were officers of the bank.

Lemcke Building Assessed at \$1.40 a Foot; Neighbors Pay on \$4 to \$5.

BY BEN STERN

Indianapolis has its own "Wall Street." It is that two-block section, the banking district, on Market street extending from the Circle to Delaware street.

But the books of the Center township assessor, John McCloskey, tell a story of finance that is only whispered along this local "Wall Street."

It might have remained a dark secret, if McCloskey hadn't decided to do a little investigating when he took office the first of this year.

He found the county is losing millions of dollars in revenue because of the low valuations for assessment purposes placed upon expensive pieces of real estate.

The loss resulting from alteration of assessment records and reduced valuations approximates \$16,000,000 and has resulted in a demand by the state tax board that the entire affair be probed. McCloskey is proceeding with this work at present.

One of the books showed a certain piece of downtown real estate to be appraised at \$35,000, and the assessment list turned in by the owner, placed it at \$5,500.

Lemcke Building Is Example

But one of the best examples of unequal assessment, according to McCloskey, is the Lemcke building, the northeast corner of Market and Pennsylvania streets.

When property is valued for tax assessment the ground itself is placed at one figure in which footage, corner and advantageous location are computed. To this is added the value of the building or "improvements."

The assessor's books show that the Lemcke building proper is assessed on a basis of \$1.40 a square foot.

Directly across the street to the south is the Fletcher American National Bank building, carried at \$5 a square foot.

Across the street to the west is the Fletcher Bank and Trust Company, assessed at \$4 a square foot.

Other Structures Pay More

And down Market street to the east is the old Wild Bank building, which has housed the State Savings and Trust Company, and now belongs to the Fletcher American bank.

Although not on a corner, this building also is appraised at \$4 a square foot, \$2.60 more a square foot than the Lemcke building.

"What would make for such a low valuation on the Lemcke building?" is asked of McCloskey, and he answers: "Nothing. The valuation will be raised."

Up to 1928 the Lemcke building owners paid on a valuation of only 90 cents a square foot.

In that year the valuation figure on the building was increased from \$100,000 to \$160,000, but the ground value was reduced from \$556,500 to \$481,500. So that despite the boost on the building valuation, the total was reduced \$10,000.

County's Turn Is Coming

But the county's turn is coming, for as a result of the revaluation of real estate now underway the ground valuation of the Lemcke building will be increased from the \$481,500 at present to \$642,000. The building appraisal also will be increased to its real value, the assessor declared.

The Fletcher American ground value also will be boosted from \$677,100 to \$719,955.

The reason for the low valuation of the Lemcke building, McCloskey charged "is that for years Ralph Lemcke, the owner, was Republican boss and my predecessors in office for years have been elected by that party."

Lupe Makes Flat Denial

By United Press

HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 26.—A flat denial that she would marry Jack Gilbert, actor, was issued today by Lupe Velez, motion picture actress, upon her return from Europe.

THE INDIANA TRUST CO. PAYS

Interest on Savings CAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$2,000,000

BILL TO REPEAL DRY LAW READY

Bingham Amendment Would Provide State Control.

By Scripps-Honard Newspaper Alliance

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—A constitutional amendment repealing the eighteenth amendment will be introduced as soon as the next senate organizes, Senator Hiram Bingham (Rep., Conn.), said today.

The Bingham measure, which contemplates a nationwide referendum on continuation of prohibition of this constitution is hereby repealed. The power to regulate or to prohibit the manufacture, sale or transportation of intoxicating liquors is reserved to the several states.

"The congress shall have the power to regulate the sale or transportation of intoxicating liquors in interstate commerce in a manner not to abridge or deny the powers herein reserved to the several states."

The measure will stipulate that the referendum be conducted by constitutional conventions in the various states instead of referred to the legislatures as was done when the eighteenth amendment was enacted.

HUGE STEEL ORDER DUE

Ford Requirements May Reach 300,000 Tons, Publication Says.

By United Press

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—Orders that call for a minimum of 100,000 tons of steel will be placed shortly by the Ford Motor Co. as it begins production of a new model, The Iron Age, steel trade publication, said Wednesday. Ford requirements may reach 300,000 tons.

This business, Iron Age said, may do much toward stimulating the lagging purchases of other automobile manufacturers, since delays in Ford's production of new models have held back final plans of some other companies. Assembly of the new Ford cars, it was understood, will begin about Dec. 15.



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NATIONS MUST DISARM OR DIE, PARLEY IS TOLD

Delay Means World Chaos, Says Briton, as Paris Conference Opens.

BY RALPH HEINZEN

United Press Staff Correspondent

PARIS, Nov. 26.—A stern warning that the world must perish unless disarmament comes was given today by Lord Robert Cecil in opening the international disarmament conference.

More than 500 delegates gathered in the Palais de la Mutualite for the conference and heard the keynote of the meeting by the English statesman. The warning of disarmament necessity came while members of the League of Nations council met at another Paris chamber to attempt to bring peace in troubled Manchuria.

The United States was represented at the disarmament conference by Alanson B. Houghton, former ambassador to Great Britain and Germany.

Competition Denounced

The disarmament conference will discuss the resolutions passed in July which include:

1. Disarmament is of vital importance for the organization of peace and the restoration of confidence upon which economic prosperity depends.

2. True security never can be found in competitive armaments, but only in the co-operation and solidarity of civilized nations to prevent, and should the case arise, stop war.

In consequence it is necessary to develop international juridical organization as an effective barrier against all aggression.

Peace Pacts Cited

3. The parties to the peace treaties of 1919 and other international documents are as much in honor bound to bring about serious measures of disarmament as they are to carry out other clauses of those international obligations.

A system of limitation and reduction of armaments of every kind should be adopted which will impose on all states, under the supervision of an international commission, obligations of the same nature, which, by the diminution of armaments progressively thus will realize equal security for all nations, and which should particularly lend themselves to aggression, which in the case of aviation, might by internationalization.

IN DAYS OF OLD—AND COPS SO BOLD



Left to right, Captain John Mullin, the late Al Gibney, Ben Trimpe and John Kitzmiller, retired; Captain Herman Rademacher and the late George M. Stewart.

Two of First Emergency Crew in City Still Are on Force.

"With a surprising burst of speed the police emergency automobile overtook the thief who was escaping on a bicycle."

Perhaps, twenty-four years ago some of you read a paragraph like that in an Indianapolis newspaper.

For it was in 1907 when the first police emergency automobile named by six stalwart members of the police department, literally steamed out of the alley next to police headquarters.

No one could deny the impressiveness of the vehicle as it "roared" to the scene of a crime or serious accident. No one could deny that with the six husky men who rode it, any criminal might plea for mercy.

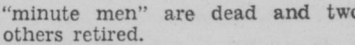
The photo above shows the first "fast wagon" and its crew. Although there was no top and it looks more like an old fire truck than police car, there's no doubt plenty of lights were part of the equipment.

The automobile was a White steamer and was bought for the department when Charles Bookwalter was mayor and Robert Metzger, police chief.

Police Captain John Mullin and Detective Captain Herman Rademacher are the only members of the first emergency squad still engaged in police work. Two of the



Mullin



Rademacher

"minute men" are dead and two others retired.

Mullin has been on the force twenty-nine years, while Rademacher has a period of service two years longer than a quarter century.

Both officers admit the first emergency car did not travel as fast as today, but "we got there, anyway." Today the speeding police cars of expensive make can hit a clip of 80, 90, to 100 miles an hour.

Slot Machine Is Confiscated

A slot machine said to have been patronized by Technical high school pupils was confiscated by police Wednesday night in a raid on a pharmacy at Hamilton avenue and Michigan street. Miss Pearl Anderson Tucker, operator of the store, was arrested on a charge of keeping a gaming device.

GOODRICH SAYS SOVIET TOTTERS

Former Governor Declares Communism Is Waning.

"The communistic system is entering the beginning of the end," James P. Goodrich, former Governor, declared at the annual state banquet of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity at the Claypool Wednesday night.

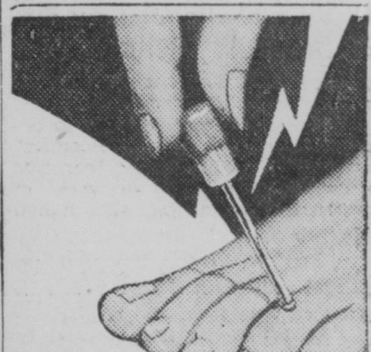
"Russia can't do in five years what has taken the United States 100 years to accomplish," he said.

"The five-year plan is meeting with difficulties because there is no intelligent, educated working class in Russia, as there is in this country."

He asserted Russian peasants "are not Communists and never were."

Other speakers were George B. Lockwood of Muncie, Dan G. Swannell of Champaign, Ill., and Frank May Jr., secretary of state. William L. Taylor, Indianapolis attorney, presided.

Officers of the state Phi Kappa Psi Association were elected. Fred N. Hadley was named president; Ernest R. Baltzell, vice-president, and John O. Marshall, secretary-treasurer.



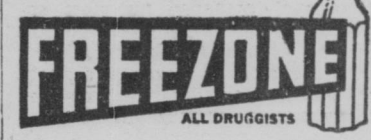
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