



The Indianapolis Times

Mostly cloudy tonight and Saturday, with rain or snow tonight; somewhat colder. Lowest temperature tonight near freezing.

44-3

VOLUME 43—NUMBER 202

INDIANAPOLIS, FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 1932

Entered as Second-Class Matter
at Postoffice Indianapolis, Ind.• TWO CENTS Outside Marion
County 3 Cents

BOMB TERROR PLOTTERS ARE SOUGHT BY U.S.

Sixteen Are Sent Through
Mails; Three Are Killed
by Explosions.

ITALIANS UNDER ARREST

Communists and Foes of
Fascists Suspected by
Investigators.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Postal
inspectors today pressed a nation-
wide investigation to determine the
source of sixteen deadly bombs re-
vealed in widely separated cities.
The bombs already have proved fa-
tal to three men at Easton, Pa.

Postal inspectors at Easton be-
lieve the bombs found during the
last forty-eight hours were sent as
part of a national terrorist plot.
Several others believe them to be
the work of an anti-Fascist plot.

Bomb experts with the New York
police department attributed the
plot to Communists.

Here in brief are the developments
in several cities in which bombs
have been reported, all believed to
be a part of the plot which killed
three men when it was discovered
in Easton.

New York—Police learned five
bombs had been sent by express Dec.
29 from this city to Italian officials
in Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland and
Youngstown, O.

Bombs Are Intercepted

Chicago—Three bombs reported.

One addressed to Oscar Durante,
vice-president Chicago school
board and editor of a pro-
Fascist paper. It was exploded by
police. One addressed to the As-
sociated Press turned over to po-
lice. One addressed to Italian
Consul, intercepted. Two others re-
ceived, details withheld by police.

Easton, Pa.—Charles V. Weaver,
expert examining bombs which had
killed two postal employees, died of
injuries received when one exploded
as he opened it.

Cleveland—Bomb from New
York delivered to Count Cesare
Buzzi-Gradengo, Italian consul.
Police exploded the bomb.

Detroit—Police exploded one
bomb addressed to Count Ugo
Bernal Canani, Italian consul.

Youngstown—Police exploded
another bomb sent to Dr. Attilio
Rasapepe, Italian consul agent.

Washington—Special police guard
posted as guard around Italian em-
bassy at request of Ambassador
Demartino.

Addressed to Italians

Most of the deadly packages were
addressed to Italians with known
sympathies with the regime of
Benito Mussolini.

J. J. Kennedy and George
McCartney of the New York bomb
squad left Easton following an urgent
call from New York headquarters and
are investigating a tip that a known
bomb maker in northern New Jersey
may have manufactured the deadly
missiles.

Chief Postal Inspector Harry C.
Getchell, who ordered the arrest of
Anthony Rossi and Oscar Viola, two
youthful Italiots in the College
hotel in Allentown, said at Easton
today that every additional bomb
mailed or expressed increased the
chance of solving the mystery.

Denies He's Communist

Viola, in an interview with the
United Press in the Easton city
jail, denied that he was a Com-
munist, but admitted that he had
been in Philadelphia when Dino
Grandi, Italian foreign minister,
was a guest of the municipality
several weeks ago.

At that time, Orlando Spartaco,
anti-Fascist youth, was arrested by
mounted patrolmen when he at-
tempted to leap on the running
board of the foreign minister's car.
He was convicted of inciting to riot
in quarter sessions court. Judge
Harry S. McDevitt sentenced him
to two years in jail. Later, Spartaco
was released on bail.

Viola said his presence in Phila-
delphia during the time of Grandi's
visit had no significance. Postal
authorities were of a different
opinion.

They have requested Philadelphia
detective officials to carefully in-
vestigate all known anti-Fascist
and Communists for a clew which
might connect Viola with either
organization.

Believed to Be Organizer

Getchell said that he was satis-
fied that Viola was an organizer of
the Young Communist League.

"When we have an opportunity to
compare printing on the bombs,"
Getchell told the United Press, "we
hope to definitely establish that the
same persons are responsible for
their mailings."

"Once we can establish that fact,"
he said, "we hope to be on the way
to a solution of the crime."

"I am convinced that many more
bombs are in the mail and that to-
day we will have reports from cities
further west than Chicago," said
Getchell today. It is important that
all postal authorities and local po-
lice closely scrutinize all packages
addressed to foreign consulates
during the next few days."

Getchell said that today every
person who said he could identify
the two swarthy foreigners who
mailed the six packages in the
Easton post office will be asked to
inspect several thousand pictures of
known Communists and anti-
Fascists from New York and Phil-
adelphia.

Hourly Temperatures

6 a. m. 45 8 a. m. 44
7 a. m. 45 9 a. m. 43

1932, a Gay
Young Buck,
Makes Bow

GAG ON PRESS DEMANDED IN DEATH TRIAL

From Bedtime Story Hour
to Milkman's Hour, the
City Celebrates.

A grizzled and sadly battered old
felon buried in his coat collar, dis-
appeared into a fog this morning.
He was 1931.

And as he turned the corner with
skidding taxi, loaded with revelers,
a young buck stepping high, wide
and handsome rolled into town in
the person of Mister 1932.

The inclement weather did not
daunt Mister 1932.

The unhappy men of the grizzled
old veteran did not daunt him.

He celebrated. From the bedtime
story hour Thursday night until
the milkman's hour this morning,
he was still stepping and stepping
strong.

A series of automobile accidents
were discordant votes in the swan
song of the old year.

Two Orchestras Play

At the Indianapolis Athletic
Club, two orchestras, aided by pro-
fessional entertainers, catered to
the crowd's merrymaking.

A dinner dance at the Columbia
Club merged into a breakfast at
Evarts last May 5.

Dancing with "ham and" at 3
this morning brought the New
Year to the Hoosier Athletic Club.

City theaters catered to crowds
of revelers at midnight shows.

Raucous horns accompanied show-
ers of confetti at county roadhouses
and country clubs.

Wetness of the New Year's coming
was of the weather variety for
the most part. Police, although
"run ragged" on minor accident
and peace disturbance calls, reported
but three persons arrested on
drunkenness charges.

Four blind tigers were raided during
the night. Seven automobile
drivers were detained for operating
cars while under the influence of
liquor.

Federal agents, stationed at hotels
and clubs, reported a lively, but
drunken welcoming of the New Year.

City churches celebrated the New
Year with special watch night ser-
vices.

5,000 at Cadle

At Cadle Tabernacle, approxi-
mately 5,000 persons heard Betram
C. Day discuss "The New Year."

The Rev. George Arthur Frantz,
pastor of the First Presbyterian
church outlined the church's spiritual
program for the year, in a night
service.

Holy communion at the Barth
Pole Methodist church celebrated
the advent of 1932.

Today, besides its headaches and
late breakfasts, found Govrnor Harry
G. Leslie holding open house at the
governor's mansion.

A tea and reception was scheduled
at the Meridian Hills Country Club
and the Propylaeum.

Members of the Scottish Rite also
held open house.

All governmental offices of the city
were closed. No residential mail
deliveries were made.

Railroads, busses and interurbans
reported increased travel, with all
scheduled maintained despite slip-
pery rails.

CRASH KILLS THREE

Pilot Is Confused by Fog
and Plane Plunges.

By United Press

SPRINGFIELD, O., Jan. 1.—Foggy, hazy weather was blamed
today for the tragic crash of an
American airways passenger plane
that took the lives of three persons
late Thursday night on the muddy
field of a farm near Brighton, O.

The dead are: A. L. Wenner, Cin-
cinnati; A. G. Mayer, Louisville, and
Louis E. Stone, Norwood, O.

Pilot L. L. Bowen, Louisville, and
W. B. Welback, Cincinnati, are
near death in a hospital here.

The plane left Cleveland at 4:33
p. m. bound for Louisville, with
four passengers homeward bound
for the holidays.

With Chinchow all but within
their grasp, Japanese militarists
now control every part of Man-
churia. Chinese soldiers for the
most part have withdrawn inside
the Great Wall.

Barred From Courtroom

Judge Prewitt gave Moutoux per-
mission to remain and report the
trial as a special correspondent for
the United Press, on condition that
he not write anything for the News-
Sentinel.

He was to be a witness in the
courtroom in this capacity that the
prosecution motion to exclude
him was made.

Moutoux is barred from the court-
room pending outcome of the hear-
ing.

Hightower is the second of ten
defendants whose trials were trans-
ferred here, 200 miles from the
scene of the Harlan county slay-
ings. Jones, secretary of the Evans
union, was the first of the group
brought to trial. He was sentenced to
life imprisonment upon conviction

of the previous case.

Prosecution testimony in the pres-
ent trial closely parallels that pre-
sented in the Jones case. Numerous
witnesses have testified as to hear-
ing the shooting in the May 5 battle,
some as to seeing it, but none are
able to identify definitely the par-
ticipants.

Other witnesses have told of as-
serted incendiary speeches allegedly
made by Hightower in union meet-
ings for the holidays.

George Maze, a miner, testified
Hightower once said: "We'll have
to get rid of those thugs up there
before we can do any good." In re-
ferring to efforts of the miners to
unionize the open shop mines of the
district.

Maze said deputies were called
"damnable thugs" by the miners.

By United Press

PEORIA, Ill., Jan. 1.—Ernest Beck,
65, tailor, came here to effect a New
Year's eve reconciliation with his
wife Elizabeth, 66. When he failed,
she shot and killed her and then
committed suicide.

Beck came here from Chicago
hopeful of settling the differences
with his wife from whom he had
been separated twelve years.

When they could not agree, he
drew a revolver, shot the woman,
Mrs. Mary Hammond, and then shot
himself.

The Times on Labor day opened

a two-week campaign to protect

Taylor Kills Wife, Self When Hol-
iday Reconciliation Fails.

By United Press

PEORIA, Ill., Jan. 1.—Ernest Beck,
65, tailor, came here to effect a New
Year's eve reconciliation with his
wife Elizabeth, 66. When he failed,
she shot and killed her and then
committed suicide.

Beck came here from Chicago
hopeful of settling the differences
with his wife from whom he had
been separated twelve years.

When they could not agree, he
drew a revolver, shot the woman,
Mrs. Mary Hammond, and then shot
himself.

The Times on Labor day opened

a two-week campaign to protect

Taylor Kills Wife, Self When Hol-
iday Reconciliation Fails.

By United Press

PEORIA, Ill., Jan. 1.—Ernest Beck,
65, tailor, came here to effect a New
Year's eve reconciliation with his
wife Elizabeth, 66. When he failed,
she shot and killed her and then
committed suicide.

Beck came here from Chicago
hopeful of settling the differences
with his wife from whom he had
been separated twelve years.

When they could not agree, he
drew a revolver, shot the woman,
Mrs. Mary Hammond, and then shot
himself.

The Times on Labor day opened

a two-week campaign to protect

Taylor Kills Wife, Self When Hol-
iday Reconciliation Fails.

By United Press

PEORIA, Ill., Jan. 1.—Ernest Beck,
65, tailor, came here to effect a New
Year's eve reconciliation with his
wife Elizabeth, 66. When he failed,
she shot and killed her and then
committed suicide.

Beck came here from Chicago
hopeful of settling the differences
with his wife from whom he had
been separated twelve years.

When they could not agree, he
drew a revolver, shot the woman,
Mrs. Mary Hammond, and then shot
himself.

The Times on Labor day opened

a two-week campaign to protect

Taylor Kills Wife, Self When Hol-
iday Reconciliation Fails.

By United Press

PEORIA, Ill., Jan. 1.—Ernest Beck,
65, tailor, came here to effect a New
Year's eve reconciliation with his
wife Elizabeth, 66. When he failed,
she shot and killed her and then
committed suicide.

Beck came here from Chicago
hopeful of settling the differences
with his wife from whom he had
been separated twelve years.

When they could not agree, he
drew a revolver, shot the woman,
Mrs. Mary Hammond, and then shot
himself.

The Times on Labor day opened

a two-week campaign to protect

Taylor Kills Wife, Self When Hol-
iday Reconciliation Fails.

By United Press

PEORIA, Ill., Jan. 1.—Ernest Beck,
65, tailor, came here to effect a New
Year's eve reconciliation with his
wife Elizabeth, 66. When he failed,
she shot and killed her and then
committed suicide.

Beck came here from Chicago
hopeful of settling the differences
with his wife from whom he had
been separated twelve years