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Mostly fair tonight and Sunday; colder tonight with lowest temperature about 26; warmer Sunday night.

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MEAT PACKING PLANT BURNS; \$30,000 LOSS

Frank Stumpf, Member of
Firm Severely Burned,
Fighting Flames.

FOUNDER BATTLES FIRE

Three Generations Help in
Effort to Save Building;
to Be Rebuilt.

Severe burns were incurred early
today by Frank Stumpf, member of
the meat packing firm of Stumpf
Bros., when the plant at 3225 South
Meridian street was destroyed in a
\$30,000 fire. Part of the loss is cov-
ered by insurance.

The business was founded on the
present site forty-seven years ago
by George Stumpf, now 80, who only
recently retired from the business,
turning it over to his sons, Frank of
the Meridian street address and
Earl, 252 East Southern avenue.

Three generations of the family
aided two fire departments putting
companies in fighting the flames.
George Stumpf, the two sons, and
Louis, son of Frank, who is 18 to-
day.

Treated at Home

Despite his injuries, Frank refused
to go to a hospital and was treated
at his home by Dr. Frank P. Reid,
1203 Madison avenue. Concern over
his condition was expressed today,
it being feared he inhaled fumes
from burning grease.

Shortly before 1 this morning,
Frank Stumpf went to one of the
units of the plant to ascertain now
the smoking of some jowls was pro-
gressing.

He said he noticed an unusual
amount of heat and endeavoring to
find the cause, moved one rack of
meat and was preparing to shift an-
other when there was a puff of
flame of explosive nature. Flaming
grease covered him and he ran from
the building to the family home ad-
joining.

Firm's Founder Fights Blaze

The aged founder of the business
was first to be aroused and was
joined by his grandson Louis. De-
spite deep burns on his hands and
arms, Frank aided them in remov-
ing five automobiles and trucks
from a garage before the arrival of
firemen.

Members of the firm praised fire-
men for their efforts. Water was
pumped from a small creek, there
being no city supply. The plant had
its own supply, but this was insuffi-
cient. Fire spread to a barn on the
property of Art Hawks, but was ex-
tinguished quickly.

Aside from storage house filled
with pickled meat, and a portion of
the garage, the plant was leveled by
the flames. Roof of the storage
house was destroyed.

New Plant to Be Built

Contents of the plant burned in-
cluded five tons of lard, 300 pounds
of wurst and 400 pounds of sausage.

Ruined machinery includes a hog
scraper, which cost \$1,600, and
which could clean a hog completely
in one minute, and a \$2,250 ice
machine.

Earl Stumpf said today that a
new plant will be erected on the
site following settlement of the in-
surance claim.

PORKERS CLOSE WEEK WITH MILD UPSWING

Cattle Nominal on Light Receipts;
Sheep Little Changed.

Hogs closed the week with a mild
upswing at the city yards this morn-
ing. Prices advanced 5 cents over
Friday's averages on fair buying.
The bulk, 120 to 300 pounds, sold for
\$3.00 to \$3.40. Early top was \$3.40.
Receipts were estimated at 1,500.
Holdovers were 74.

Cattle were nominal on receipts of
50. Vealers were 50 cents lower at
\$6.00 down. Calf receipts num-
bered 100.

Sheep were little changed, lambs
making the market at \$6.25 down.
Receipts were 400.

A few early bids and sales on hogs
at Chicago were about steady with
Friday's averages. \$3.30 paid for good
to choice 190 to 210-pound weights.
Receipts were 17,000, including 16,-
000 direct. Holdovers were 2,000.
Cattle and calves were steady with
receipts of 200 and 100, respectively.
Sheep were steady with receipts of
5,000.

BLACKSTONE TO CLOSE

Farewell Party to Mark Shutting of
Famous Chicago Hotel.

By United Press
CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—A farewell
party tonight will mark the clos-
ing of the Blackstone hotel, one of
Chicago's smartest hosteries and often
referred to as the "Ritz" of
the west. The institution is closing
for the first time since it was
erected in 1910, due to failure to
earn a profit under receiver's opera-
tion. It will reopen in the spring.

Almost Here!

The contest you've been
waiting for.

One you'll thrill over,
and one that may pay
you \$50 in cash.

Costs nothing to enter.

Full page announce-
ment in The Times Mon-
day.

ON JOB AS MAYOR



U. S. AGENTS DENY ROCKNE BOMB THEORY

Paper Charges Plane Was
Wrecked by Gang
Plotters.

PRIEST INTENDED VICTIM

Effort to Kill Witness in
Lingle Death, Is
Blamed.

By United Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Jan. 7.—A
startling explanation of the airplane
disaster in which Knute Rockne met
his death—sharper bomb intended for a
witness in the famous Lingle case
caused the fatal crash, renewed
speculation today in the Notre Dame
football coach's death.

The explanation was contained in a
copyrighted article in the News-
Times which said it learned from
"unimpeachable sources" that gov-
ernment operatives discovered evi-
dence of such a blast.

The story was met by denials of
department of commerce, aviation
officials, department of justice ex-
ecutives and officials of Notre Dame
university.

Bomb Intended for Priest

The News-Times said the bomb
apparently was intended for the Rev.
Father John Reynolds, C. S. C., a
witness whose testimony aided in
the conviction of Leo Brothers for
slaying Alfred (Jake) Lingle, Chi-
cago Tribune reporter.

Reynolds, said the News-Times,
had booked passage on the plane in
which Rockne and seven others died
March 31, 1931. At the last mom-
ent, said the paper, he changed his
plans and went west by rail.
He had testified four days before in
the Brothers trial.

The Rev. Father Charles L. O'
Donnell, president of Notre Dame,
characterized the story as "ridicu-
lous."

The Rev. Father M. A. Mulcahy,
university vice president, said he
had not been questioned by any
government operative, and believed
no other university priest has been
questioned.

Department of commerce officials
at Kansas City who investigated
the crash which occurred near
Wichita, Kan., said they had found
no evidence to indicate such a
bomb plot. At Washington, D. C.,
department of justice operatives
said they were making no inquiry.

The News-Times article predicted
denials by all concerned.

DRYS OPEN FIRE ON BEER BILL

3.2 Brew Intoxicating, Draft Is Unconstitutional, Dundorf Argues.

BY LYLE C. WILSON

United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Edward
B. Dundorf, counsel for the Anti-
Saloon League, W. C. T. U. and
other powerful dry organizations,
today declared the Collier 3.2 per
cent beer bill to be "squarely in
conflict with the eighteenth amend-
ment," and hence unconstitutional.

Declaring the brunt of the dry
argument in a scheduled six-hour
hearing before senate judiciary
subcommittee, Dundorf, the first
witness, staked his case on the
contention that 3.2 per cent beer
is intoxicating.

Dundorf was followed by an ar-
ray of witnesses, including a man
who asserted the failure of the
Collier bill to forbid sale of beer
to minors would endanger the
physical and moral welfare of 30,
000,000 children.

The woman who presented this
argument were Mrs. William T.
Bannerman of the National Con-
gress of Parents and Teachers, and
Mrs. Henry W. Peabody, chairman
of the woman's national committee
for law enforcement.

Representative Beck (Rep., Pa.),
noted as an authority on constitu-
tional law, was to reply to Dund-
orf's arguments for the wets.

Privately, many wets express fear
that the drys have the best of the
constitutional argument and that
the supreme court would set the
beer bill aside.

Dundorf declared 3.2 per cent "is
substantially the same as pre-pro-
hibition beer, commonly known to
be intoxicating." Cited laboratory
tests made on medical students by
Dr. Walter R. Miles of Yale, quot-
ing Miles as having concluded that:
"there longer is no room for doubt
in reference to the toxic action of
alcoholic beverages as weak as 2.75
per cent by weight."

He pointed out that 3.2 per cent
brew is 13 per cent stronger than
that used by Miles in his experi-
ments.

Arraignment of Bradberry was
scheduled today.

"There is great unwillingness of
the part of all connected with Schildhauer to talk to us. We shall use every legal
means of our command to find out
facts."

Stege said witnesses had met
questioning with constant evasions
and conflicting of testimony.

Among those absent are Mrs.
Schildhauer, attractive young widow
of the bandmaster who was found
slain Dec. 10 under circumstances
suggesting a gang ride. Her absence
was a continuance of the coro-
ner's inquest.

More than 15,000 garments al-
ready are cut and ready for
delivery to workers.

The Red Cross asks that women
organize sewing units in churches,
lodges, schools, clubs and private
homes, so the work may be
completed as soon as possible and
needy families receive the benefit
of clothing during the winter.

The Times today is publishing,
on Page 2, a coupon to be used in
enrolling as a volunteer or-
ganizer of a sewing unit.

Mrs. William H. Coleman,
chairman of the volunteer sewing
organization, with headquarters at
110 South Meridian street, re-
ports that 163 sewing units al-
ready have been organized and
that approximately 3,000 women
now are working on garments in
Marion county alone.

"We feel that we should treble
the number of workers at once,"
Mrs. Coleman said. "We have
made 11,000 garments and our
workers completed 2,000 garments
last week. It is our desire to
reach a production of about 5,000
garments a week so the material
for winter clothing now on hands
may be placed in use as soon as
possible."

The Red Cross explains that it
does not distribute clothing to
needy families directly, but that
the distribution is made through
recognized relief agencies and
public officials.

Technocracy touches sketchily
upon one phase only of the world's
ailing economic situation, he be-

HELD AS COUNTERFEITER



FUNERAL RITES ARE HELD FOR COOLIDGE

Mass Chinese Forces to Block Japanese Advance

Widespread Movements of Troops Inside Great Wall
Indicate Determined Stand Will Be Made.

By United Press

CHANGCHUN, Manchuria, Jan. 7.—Clashes between
Japanese and Chinese troops in Jehol province appeared
imminent today as both armies continued to strengthen
their positions in the vicinity of Shanhaiwan.

Troops of Marshal Chang Hsueh-
Liang, young Chinese war lord
charged with the defense of the area,
occupied the towns of Ping
Chuan, Lingyuan, Chienkouhen and
Piechayngtze, all in Jehol.

From Peiping it was learned that
volunteer troops under Chang
Kaihsien had been ordered to take up
positions around Chienkouhen,
Huiching and Hsingcheng.

Inside the great wall, Marshal
Wang Shu-Chang was advancing his
infantry and two artillery corps
toward Shanhaiwan, where the
clash earlier in the week resulted in
the seizing of that city by Japanese.

The widespread movement of Chi-
nese troops in the region was inter-
preted as meaning the Chinese will
make a determined stand against
any effort by Japanese forces to ad-
vance into Jehol province.

Rumors that the Japanese planned
to capture Tientsin next persisted at
Peiping despite denials issued at
Japanese military headquarters here.

Southwest of Shanhaiwan, Chi-
nese troops were reported to be busi-
ly constructing fortifications and
bringing artillery into position.
Troops stationed there were substan-
tially reinforced Friday.

UTILITY BOARD ISSUE FACED

Only Two Members Remain
in Office, No Quorum
Now Possible.

First task of the Democratic state
administration, which takes com-
plete charge of state affairs on Mon-
day, will be to do something about
the public service commission.

Four of the five member board,
provided by law, only two will re-
main, and no quorum is possible.

The remaining are Republicans,
Howell Ellis and Ralph Young.
Those who resigned were Chairman
John W. McCarr, a Republican,
and Commissioners Jerry West and
Harry K. Cuthbertson.

The latest resigned Dec. 1, while
the other two left their office today.

Cuthbertson announced that he
would quit if Paul V. McNutt was
elected Governor. McNutt pledged
to change the entire commission
personnel. So McCarr and West
left before he had a chance to fire
them.

They were given a vote of praise
for their services by the two re-
maining commissioners and Fred I.
King, Republican secretary of the
commission.

This was in the form of a resolu-
tion adopted at the Friday con-
ference. There final votes on orders
were cast by McCarr and West.

The commission approved the
Northern Indiana Power Company
plan to adjust rates, which they
claim will save \$42,000 annually to
rural consumers in thirty counties.
Five per cent of the consumers were
increased.

They made the emergency rates
in the south system of the Public
Service Company permanent. Both
of these companies are of the old
outfit.

Portland citizens were denied a
rate reduction from the Jay County
Telephone Company.

DEATH PROBE PLOT CHARGED

Conspiracy to Obstruct
Justice in Bandmaster
Quiz Claimed.

By United Press

CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—Charges of
conspiracy to obstruct justice in
the case of Carl Bradberry, one of
the many wets whom police claim
are hindering investigation of the
strange slaying of Edwin O. Schild-
hauer, bandmaster.

The charge was placed against
Bradberry, a former sheriff's deputy,
by Police Captain John Stege. It
was the first in the complicated in-
quiry into the private life of the
musician and his wife.

The