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Mostly cloudy and somewhat cooler with showers tonight and possibly Sunday.

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## TWO BLAZES AT BREWERY ARE PROBED

Al Feeney Orders State  
Marshal to Delve Into  
'Mystery.'

### DAMAGE KEPT SECRET

Second Fire Breaks Out  
With Guards on Duty  
at Plant.

Two fires Friday night and early today in the plant of the Indianapolis Brewing Company, 1330-1340 Madison avenue, are being investigated today by officials of city and state.

Al Feeney, state safety director, announced that he has assigned Clem Smith, state fire marshal, to the case, while another probe has been started by the city fire prevention bureau.

While five guards were posted in the brewery early today following a two-alarm fire which swept through the four-story structure at 6:45 p.m. Friday, another fire started at 3 a.m. today in the malt bins.

"Smith will take personal charge of the investigation," said Feeney, "and I have instructed him to start a probe immediately. Ordinarily, the state does not step in to investigate fires in the city unless requested to by the city fire department.

### Requires Immediate Attention

"But due to circumstances surrounding the two blazes at the brewery, I feel that it requires our immediate attention."

Brewery employees fought the fire which started in the old wing of the building today until the arrival of the fire apparatus. The owners would not state what the damage of the early morning fire was, but feared that some of the hoppers, valued at more than \$2,000 each were damaged beyond repair.

Loss in the Friday night fire was estimated by the fire department to be about \$2,000.

### Commands Fire Fighters

John O. Spahr, attorney and spokesman for the International Spokesman, operator of the plant, commanded the work of the salvage corps, stating that its work had saved thousands of dollars' worth of new equipment which just had been moved in, pending start of manufacture.

He pointed out that Paul Fry, state excise director, had not yet granted the brewery a permit to operate. Spahr said that despite the fire the brewery would start operation in about two weeks, employing about 300 persons and would manufacture "good beer."

Less than an hour before the blaze swept through the older portion of the building Friday where malt bins and elevator equipment were stored, 100 men employed in renovation work had quit for the day.

### Flames Shoot Into Air

Flames which shot more than 100 feet in the air enveloped the old wing of the structure. Thirteen pieces of fire apparatus responded to the alarm. Firemen, fighting their way through the dense smoke, soon had the flames subdued.

But brands carried by wind started a half dozen small fires on the roof of the Geisen Products Company, a bottling concern, occupying the northern portion of the brewery plant. Firebrands also fell on a dozen roofs of homes northeast of the plant.

Considerable mystery thus far has surrounded the opening of the brewery. Gold Medal beer, the name of the brand originally manufactured by the City Brewery Company, the original owners, was pre-empted when the Home Brewing Company began to rehabilitate the plant early in July.

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### RICHARD DIX'S MARRIAGE ON ROCKS

Richard Dix of the movies and his wife, the former Winifred Coe, have separated after two and a half years of marriage. Dix said his wife wasn't interested in movies, and that he wasn't interested in society, hence the split. They have one child, a girl, born early in the year. The couple is pictured here in happier days.

## PRICES RISING TOO SWIFTLY, CAPITAL FEARS

Wages Must Keep Pace, Is  
View of Administration  
in Revival Drive.

### FIGHT TO STEM OUTPUT

Glutted Market May Bring  
Dreaded Collapse,  
Warns Johnson.

BY RAYMOND CLAPPER  
United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, July 8.—Two main worries have thrust themselves up before busy administration officials directing the recovery drive.

One is the rapid rise of prices. The other is the rapid increasing in output.

Energies at the week-end largely were concentrated on these two situations.

As to prices, the administration still has a long way to go in its drive to lift them up to normal. They now are about one-third below the 1926 level, which is the general target. But the administration does not want to see this climb all in one leap.

### Drive to Get Wages Up

That would make it impossible for persons still on depression wages and salaries to buy goods.

General Hugh Johnson and his recovery administration are driving to get wages up.

It is slow work. The national industrial administrator is issuing blunt warnings that unless wages and salaries are put back to work through shortening of hours, they will not be able to buy.

If they can't buy, goods will pile up in factories and on store shelves. Then there will be another collapse. General Johnson shudders to think what would happen if that should occur.

### Restraint Is Urged

Failure of this effort would not bring back the old system, according to the view of many here. General Johnson says that if the last collapse brought about the present attempt at government directions, the Lord only knows what another collapse would bring about.

What Washington is asking now of business men is patience and restraint. Business men are asked to be content with modest profits, and to hold their production to the limits of probable consumption while wages and consumer buying catch up.

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Stabilization Is Problem

Farm prices are most out of line. They are about 45 per cent below 1926. Foods, textiles, and fuel are about 35 per cent off. Building materials, chemicals and house furnishings are off about one-fourth from 1926.

Hides and leather products suffered least, being about 15 per cent

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### ARMED MILKMAN NABS TWO THEFT SUSPECTS

Drivers for One Company Accused  
of Robbing Rival.

Two milk company drivers were arrested early today after they are alleged to have been halted at the point of a shotgun in the act of kidnaping of John (Jake the Barber) Factor, the United Press learned today.

At the same time it was disclosed that negotiations for Factor's return, conducted secretly since he was abducted a week ago this morning, had collapsed entirely.

Under arrest an vagrancy charges were Wallace and Frank Fritsche, 21 and 19, brothers, of 3003 South Rural street. They are drivers for the East End Dairies, Inc.

Police were called to the 2300 block of North Alabama street early today by Elmer Cory, 2601 North Rural street, William H. Roberts & Sons dairy driver.

Cory said he had been missing milk for some time and had decided to "lay for the thieves," with a shotgun.

### THROW ALKY FROM CAR Five-Gallon Can Tossed From Auto During Police Chase.

A grip containing a five-gallon can of alcohol was reported thrown from a small coupe pursued by police after the door of another automobile had been torn off at Twenty-sixth street and Martindale avenue Friday night.

The police lost the coupe at Columbia and Twenty-third streets just after the driver had thrown the suitcase containing the alcohol into the street. A man and woman were reported to be in the coupe.

The group named a committee, headed by William H. Settle, Indiana farm bureau president, to attend a national meeting of corn belt state representatives at Des Moines, Ia., July 18.

## COAL DEALERS FIGHT LOW PAY

### Form Group to Push Up Wages; Fair Code to Be Sought.

By United Press

MORRISON, Colo., July 8.—At least a dozen lives were lost Friday as a sudden mountain cloudburst poured a ten-foot wall of water down Bear creek canyon upon a string of resort towns and fishing cabins.

## FACTOR RANSOM DEAL BLOWS UP

Pretty Boy Floyd Said to  
Be Member of Gang  
Holding Broker.

BY ROBERT T. LOUGHREN  
United Press Staff Correspondent

CHICAGO, July 8.—Two of the west's most feared desperados, Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd and Verne Sankey, are suspected in the kidnaping of John (Jake the Barber) Factor, the United Press learned today.

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### INSPECTION IS BEGUN

Officials of Three Counties Make  
Tour After Meeting Here.

Inspection tour of Marion county highways by officials of Madison, Hancock and Warren counties followed a luncheon meeting at the Antlers Friday.

Marion county commissioners, Dow Vorhes, Ernest Marker and Thomas Ellis, and J. P. Johnson, contractor, were hosts to the visitors.

Bruce Short, county surveyor, explained to the guests the \$1,400,000 improvement program planned for Marion county in the next year and a half with the proceeds of a government loan.

## ITALIANS STILL HELD DOWN BY WEATHER

Air Squadron Ready for  
Hopoff at Any Time.

REYKJAVIK, Iceland, July 8.—Bad weather continued today to hold Italy's air fleet of twenty-four seaplanes, en route to the Chicago exposition. General Italo Balbo was ready for a quick takeoff for Cartwright, Labrador, as soon as conditions were good.

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Accused of being the hit-and-run driver who lashed an elderly woman and her son with a length of wire cable after sideswiping their car, Arthur Chevrolet, 2911 East River side drive, well-known motor manufacturer, was arrested on assault and battery charges Friday night.

Chevrolet was released on \$50 bond and was scheduled to appear today in the municipal court three.

He was arrested on an affidavit filed by Fred Freije, 20, of 4102 Corinthian avenue.

Freije said he and his mother, Mrs. Rebecca Freije, were driving in the 4300 block of North Meridian street, Thursday night, when a car attempted to pass from the rear and struck their machine.

A short argument ensued. Freije charged, and the driver of the other car obtained a wire cable length from his car and struck Freije in the face. Freije said the driver also struck Mrs. Freije in the face with his fist and belabored her shoulders with the cable.

The other driver then cursed them, returned to his car and drove away. Freije told police, who sought Chevrolet when they found the license plate number given them by Freije corresponded to the one issued to Chevrolet.

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### OBSERVE INDIANA WEEK

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