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CYANIDE CARRIES DEATH INTO RIVER; LIVESTOCK PERISH

Deadly Waste From Manufacturing Plant
Flows Through Ditch Into Big
Blue, at Newcastle.

CATTLE AND FISH ARE VICTIMS
Once-Favored Pools for Angling and Swim-
ming Now Are Taboo; Warning Is
Sounded by State.

BY ARCH STEINEL
Times Staff Writer

Motor cars skim a state highway skirting the Big Blue river on Newcastle's southern border.

"Look, Mother! Isn't that pretty! Look at those cows down by the creek. Look, Mother! They're drinking," calls a naive miss to her parent in the car's tonneau.

"Quite a pastoral scene, Daughter. Quite!" she adds, as she adjusts a lorgnette to watch the scene that shifts from view with the pacing motor of the car.

The cows that drank water from that creek—better call it a ditch—died.

The motor car that took its occupants past that "quite pastoral" scene caused the death of those cattle.

It killed them as swiftly, as surely as if it had struck them traveling at seventy miles an hour and had been incriminated into a fast passenger train.

Cyanide, Is Verdict

It killed them that you might ride by and admire them grazing and drinking in a ditch of death. Chemists lifted test-tubes at eye-sight, looked, tested, and re-tested.

This is the fifth of a series of stories on pollution of Indiana streams. Saturday the story of Big Sugar creek, once the favorite fishing haunt of General Lew Wallace, will be told.

The water from that creek ditch and the vitals of the dead cattle "Cyanide!" was the verdict. "Cyanide! Cyanide!" babbled the creek in its soft disguise of rocks, moss, and tall grass growing on banks, but was unheard by passing motorists on the highway above.

That was in 1930 at Newcastle, along a ditch that empties into the city's Big Blue river.

Canal for Wastes

The ditch is a canal for wastes from the Chrysler Corporation, motor car manufacturers, at Newcastle. And just a few days ago, the meek innocent ditch again carried its cargo of death for livestock and fish down into Big Blue.

"Eight to ten parts of cyanide per million" was the report of laboratory experts of the state bureau of sanitary engineering.

No cattle or other livestock died. Farmers living along the ditch banks learned their lesson in 1930. Now they know that the meek ditch that meanders through their land is a potential slaughter house. Not all the time, but who can know the time?

Faint Smell Is Warning

The only warning, if the breeze is on the clover of the fields, is the faint bitter almond smell that spells in capital letters: "CYANIDE!"

Several law suits resulted from the poisonings of 1930. One verdict for \$800 was rendered in the favor (Continued on Page One, Second Section)

DOG FINDS LOST PURSE

\$159 Recovered by Ft. Wayne Teacher Because of Collie.

By United Press

FT. WAYNE, Ind., July 28.—A purse containing \$159.83, lost by Miss Grace M. Brennan, school teacher, was returned to her after it was found by a dog.

The school teacher called at the home of Mrs. William Hohnhaus during a house-to-house canvass in search of the money and discovered that she, a Collie owned by the Hohnhaus, had found the purse and carried it into the back yard.

TAGS MENJOU GAMBLER

Wife Asks Divorce; Says Actor Liked Play For High Stakes.

By United Press

LOS ANGELES, July 28.—Kathryn Carver, screen actress Thursday denounced her film husband, Adolphe Menjou, as a man who gambled for high stakes, as she filed a petition for temporary alimony pending settlement of the divorce action she brought Wednesday.

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EX-MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL ENDS OWN LIFE

Suicide of M. W. Ferguson
by Gas Is Discovered
by Neighbor.

NO DEATH NOTE LEFT

Duval Administration Figure
Was Active in West
Side Politics.

Millard W. Ferguson, 48, of 378 North Holmes avenue, city councilman during the Duval administration, today committed suicide at his home by taking gas.

The body was found shortly after noon by S. A. Gibson, owner of a grocery at 380 North Holmes avenue. He found all jets of a kitchen stove open. Ferguson formerly owned the store.

Ferguson had been active in politics since his service as councilman and was prominent in west side affairs. It was said by police officials that recently he had been operating an agency, attempting to get city jobs for Indianapolis men and women.

During his term on the council, Ferguson was indicted in criminal court, along with other members of the councilman group, after the county grand jury investigation of alleged political corruption in county and city. He resigned his post in 1928.

Gibson and radio patrolman G. Johnson and R. Smith said Ferguson had been dead about six hours. In addition to opening the gas jets, he had covered his head with a blanket, inhaling the gas, before he slumped to the floor.

When police arrived, they had to fight off a small dog, owned by Ferguson, which stood near the body and growled.

According to neighbors, Ferguson and his wife recently were separated. No note was left by Ferguson.

Only the widow survives him.

WIFE'S PLEA SAVES HUSBAND FROM JAIL

\$10 Weekly Wage Only Support for
Family, Mother Tells Court.

Plea of his wife that his \$10 weekly wage was the salvation of her and her two children today saved Charles Idlewine, 30, of 1630 Churchman avenue, from fines and sentences on a series of charges growing out of a wild ride in a borrowed car.

Municipal Judge Sheaffer dismissed counts of vagrancy and reckless driving, suspended a fine on drunkenness charge, and suspended a jail sentence on a charge of operating an auto while drunk.

Testimony showed that Idlewine Wednesday hit two cars in the vicinity of McCarty street and Virginia avenue.

MISS DUNN REGAINS WOMEN'S GOLF TITLE

Defeats Mrs. P. G. Skillern,
5 and 4, in Finals.

(Complete details on sport page.) Miss Elizabeth Dunn of Indianapolis, ex-state champion, won the Indiana women's golf championship today at Highland course, defeating Mrs. P. G. Skillern, 5 and 4, in the title match.

Miss Dunn won the last five holes in succession, after reaching the turn all even with the defending champion.

HEN MOTHERS QUAIL

Nest Is Found in Field Near Coop in Ohio Town.

By United Press

ZANESVILLE, O., July 28.—This bantam hen is not particular about the kind of babies she mothers. The hen, owned by Robert Serrell, 12, has been mothering a brood of five chickens and twelve baby quail, the latter found in a nest the hen pre-empted in a field near her coop.

HELD FOR GRAND JURY

Watch Repairer Is Charged With \$375 Embezzlement.

Edward Hopkins, whose address was given as a downtown hotel, today was bound over to the county grand jury on a charge of embezzlement.

A watch-repairer, Hopkins is charged with failing to return eighteen of the many watches turned over to him for repair. Total value of watches was listed at \$375.

Severed Hand of Man Is Discovered at City Home

Mrs. Leona Bray walked to the front porch of her home at 2304 Pierson street today, and literally froze with horror.

A piercing scream broke from her throat.

There, on the porch before her, lay the hand of a man, cut off at the wrist, with long, pointed fingernails, resembling those perhaps of the mythical Dr. Fu Manchu.

Over Mrs. Bray's shoulder peeped Mrs. Robert Buell, also of the Pierson street address, who also screamed. Miss Buell called police.

Police arrived at the scene, confiscated the hand and started their investigation. It seems that Mrs. Bray has a pet bulldog, Patsy, 3 months old, and Patsy just has begun to learn to explore.

1,200 TO GET COUNTY ROAD JOBS; CITY PLANTS' PAY ROLLS BOOSTED

Stutz Announces Increase
of 10 Per Cent or More
in Factory Pay.

INDUSTRY ON UPGRADE
Improvement in Personnel
and Business Shown
by Times Survey.

Boost of 10 per cent or more in wages of employees of the Stutz Motor Car Company of America, Inc., was announced today at a meeting in the Stutz factory. Colonel E. S. Gorrell, president of the company, made the announcement, asserting that he hoped business of the firm will warrant another increase.

Action at the Stutz plant climaxed a series of activities in which a Times survey showed that several Indianapolis firms, awaiting enforcement of the NRA program, already had increased in business and anticipated additions to pay rolls.

500 Now Employed

Officials of E. C. Atkins Company, 402 South Illinois street, said 500 men now are employed and the Sergeant-Garke Paint Company, 223 West Fifteenth street, said 10 per cent business increase has been noted from April through June.

The American Leather Products Company, 1103 West Twenty-second street, has had an increase in the last three weeks, and the American Lead Corporation, 1600 East Twenty-first street, announced an increase in personnel, a 20 per cent boost in six months' business, and said a third working shift will be in effect under the NRA program.

Output Near Normal

At the American Foundry Company, 1335 Naomi street, officials said the output now is near normal, while the A. Burdall Company, 206 South Capitol avenue, said a full force has been in operation for three weeks.

The Barbasol Company, 814 North Senate avenue, dealer in toilet goods, "never felt the depression," officials said.

Within the last few weeks, the Link-Belt Company has rehired 117 of its former employees and announces purchase of raw material has increased rapidly.

FINDS \$2,500 IN CABIN

Tourist Camp Operator Returns
Sum to Losers After Hard Search.

By United Press

PECOS, Texas, July 28.—A middle-aged eastern couple have reason to be thankful for the westerner's proverbial honesty. When W. W. Roessman was cleaning one of several camp cabins he operated, he found a strong box containing \$2,500. With some difficulty he found the couple who had occupied the cabin the night before and returned the money.

GOLF BALL KILLS BIRD

Club President Brings Down Creature With Long Drive.

By United Press

HOLLY SPRINGS, Miss., July 28.—Harris Gholson, president of the Holly Springs Golf club, shot a birdie the other day. It was a sparrow that dropped dead when hit by Gholson's drive as it flew along about twenty-five feet above the golf course.

GROWS SMALLEST BUSH

Tiny Rose Plant Cultivated by Oregon Woman.

By United Press

PORTLAND, Ore., July 28.—Contender for the prize for the smallest blooming rose bush in America is Mrs. Ruby Nichols of Portland. She boasts of two bushes, four inches and four and one-half inches high, having eleven buds between them.

WOMAN HEADS AIRPORT

Wife of Laundry Operator Manager of Field in East.

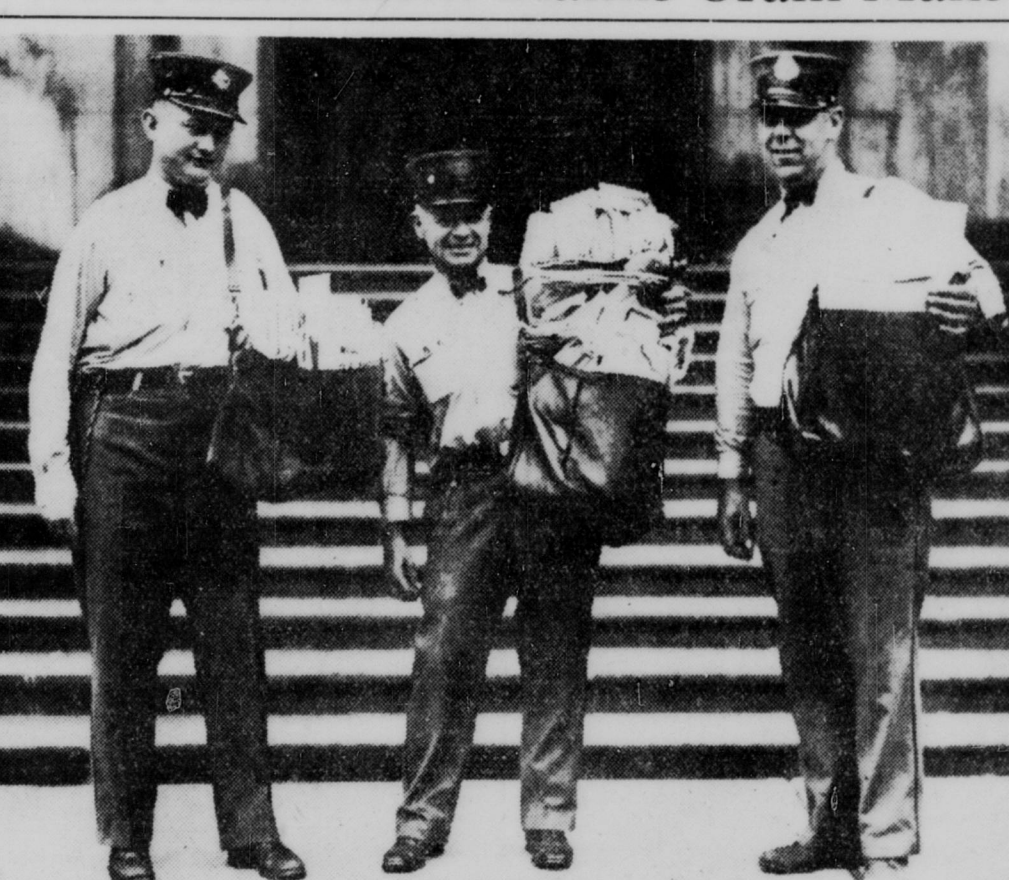
By United Press

REVERE, Mass., July 24.—The only woman airport manager in the East is Mrs. Dolly Bernson, wife of a laundry proprietor, who manages Muller Field here. Though an accomplished aviator with many hours to her credit, Mrs. Bernson rarely is seen in flying togs.

HOURLY TEMPERATURES

6 a. m.	67	10 a. m.	72
7 a. m.	69	11 a. m.	74
8 a. m.	71	12 (Noon)	79
9 a. m.	72	1 p. m.	86

NRA Enlistment Blanks Cram Mails



Left to Right—Lloyd Pierce, R. R. 6, Box 528; John Stettler, 246 Terrace avenue, and Charles M. Reed, 2243 Brookside parkway.

Mail sacks bulged in Indianapolis today as thousands of agreements were sent from substations throughout the city.

In Indiana, those signed by heads of firms will be collected by airplane in a whirlwind roundup

conducted by the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce.

Pledges of co-operation by housewives of city and state will go into the mails within the next twenty-four hours, after clearance of the industrial agreements.

Members of Proposed Board to Guide NRA Drive in Indiana Are Named by Van Nuy

KILLED IN FALL OUT OF WINDOW

Percy Nicholson Suffers
Broken Neck in
Tumble.

Falling from the window of his room, twenty feet above the sidewalk, Percy Nicholson, 61, of 240 East Ninth street, Apartment, 29, was killed instantly early today. His neck was broken in the fall.

Police were told by the son, James Nicholson, that the father had gone to bed before midnight.

The elder Nicholson slept on a couch in front of a window, and it is believed that, in an effort to get some air, he tumbled backwards from the window.

Nicholson was a World war veteran.

LETS DOWN BARS TO DRAUGHT BEER SALE

Ft. Wayne Judge Balks at
Keg Brew Sentence.

By United Press

FT. WAYNE, Ind., July 28.—City-wide sale of draught beer appeared probably today after Judge Bert A. Fagan balked at sentencing August Hoffman when he was arrested for selling keg beer. The case was taken under advisement.

As a result, it was said, many dealers were planning to sell the draught beer as soon as arrangements could be completed.

City Attorney William Freuchette intimated that those selling draught beer would not be molested as long as they had a state license.

MEMORIAL TO BE HELD

Bar Association to Hold Services
Honoring Charles Orison.

Memorial services for Charles J. Orison, former superior court judge, who died Thursday morning in Los Angeles, will be held at 11 Saturday by members of the Indianapolis Bar Association.

William C. Kern, association secretary, announced that services will be held in superior court one, the room formerly occupied by Mr. Orison as judge.

BALBO HOP IS DELAYED

Unfavorable Weather Reports Fore-
stall Return Sea Flight.

By United Press

SHOAL HARBOR, Newfoundland, July 28.—Unfavorable weather reports from the other side of the Atlantic delayed General Italo Balbo's air squadron from taking off today on a mass flight across the sea.

Chicken Was Gold Hoarder

BURR OAK, Kan., July 28.—Persons are not the only gold hoarders. One of La Verne Ayres' chickens had three fair-sized gold nuggets in its gizzard when dressed.

Gray-Clad Couriers of Postoffice Department Deliver 15,000 'Compliance' Letters to Indianapolis Em- ployers During Day; Planes to Aid Campaign.

While gray-clad couriers of the postoffice department delivered more than 15,000 "compliance" letters to Indianapolis employers today, two olive-drab army airplanes were prepared to bear the signed covenants to Indianapolis from all sections of the state.

Announcement of the recommendation to the President of the state recovery board for Indiana was made today by Senator Frederick Van Nuy at Washington.

Members of the proposed board are: Daniel Wertz, Evansville, lumber dealer; Adolph Fritz, Indianapolis, secretary of the State Federation of Labor; Rudolph Leeds, Richmond, publisher; Joseph M. Cravens, Madison, agriculturist; M. M. Dunbar, Indianapolis, banker.

G. M. Leslie, Ft. Wayne, manufacturer; Frederick Kroeger, Anderson, business man; W. P. Gleason, Gary, industrialist; Charles Templeton, Terre Haute, coal operator.

State Towns to Comply

The board, to advise without compensation, will arrive and report upon the execution of the national industrial recovery act in Indiana.

Governor Paul V. McNutt will issue the call for the first meeting of the board.

Francis Wells, Indiana recovery director, announced that he had received pledges of co-operation from a number of Chambers of Commerce in the following cities and towns, all stating that they had held meetings or would hold them immediately:

Decatur, Evansville, Michigan City, Columbia City, Roachdale, Kendallville, Hartford City, Hammond, Columbus, Auburn, Gary, Batesville, Jasper, Fowler, Bloomington, Muncie and Seymour.

Wells stated that in the deluge of questions reaching his office, seven of the employers' covenant is the one most frequently mentioned.

CITY GROCERS ACCEPT CODE

This section intends the signer "not to reduce the compensation for employment now in excess of minimum wages hereby agreed to (notwithstanding that the hours worked in such employment may be hereby re- (Turn to Page Twenty-Six)

Patience Wins

Catches Fish After Six
Weeks' Angling; Happy
Though Only Carp.

PATIENCE has been rewarded, even though the reward is only a carp.

Persistently, for six weeks, Mrs. Leo Lewis, wife of a city garage employee, living at 214 North Rural street, has fished in Brandywine creek. In that time she used two 48-pound sacks of doughballs as bait, with never a fish to show for her efforts.

Thursday night, still on the job, she felt a powerful tug on her line. A moment later an eight-pound carp flopped on the bank, and she and she went home rejoicing.

FINED IN AUTO MISHAP

Two in Car Which Hurtles Em-
bankment Tried in Police Court.

Two men, whose car carried them over the bank of Fall Creek at Maple road, after they had consumed 32 beer in a roadhouse, received minor fines today in municipal court four.

The men were found the night of July 18, after their car, of 1926 vintage, had slithered down the embankment.

Bernard Reister, 2531 Prospect street, was fined \$1 and William Phillips, 447 North Alabama street, paid the court \$5 for the adventure.

TAXES EXCEED MILLION

Income, Sales Levy Payments Still
Coming; \$10.28 Average.

State income and sales tax returns for May and June have exceeded the \$1,000,000 mark and still are coming in, it was reported today by Collector Clarence Jackson. Average return on nearly 100,000 is \$10.28.

\$1,000,000 to Be Spent on
Construction Soon, Say
Officials.

SEEK SHUFFLE IN FUNDS

Authorities Initiate Move
for Reallocation of
Federal Aid.

Employment soon of 1,200 men for more than \$1,000,000 worth of county road and bridge construction was announced today by Bruce Short, county surveyor.

Meanwhile city officials started moves for reallocation of funds to begin a federal aid street improvement program without financial difficulty.

Short announced that, within a few weeks, 1,200 men will be working on county road jobs, including construction of the county belt road system and bridges.

First of the county contracts, under NRA specification, providing a 30-hour week and 40-cents an hour minimum wage, will be let within a few days. The work will be for a bridge on the German Church road, near Sunnyside, at cost \$65,000.

\$75,000 Worth of Paving

Second award will be for \$75,000 worth of concrete paving on Seventy-third street, near state road 29.

From 200 to 300 men will be employed on each of the projects, the employment roll increasing as fast as contracts for the work are awarded.

Short said that he and other county officials are awaiting telephone communication from Washington on approval of the entire program. Under the present set-up, the first group of men probably will receive jobs not later than Aug. 7. It originally had been planned to start Tuesday.

One of the bridges to be built under the plan will be the federal aid project at Sixteenth street and White river, dovetailing with the city's extension of the thoroughfare.

Suggests U. S. Aid Basis

City Engineer A. H. Moore urged that the works board appeal to the state highway commission, asking for a reallocation of federal aid funds on the basis of population, to allow Indianapolis to complete its major improvements.

Moore broke down state figures to show that on the basis of a population reallocation, Indianapolis will receive a fairer share of the public works funds.

Moore, with Short, pointed out that \$4,600,000 is available for the state's six districts. Indianapolis, he showed, is in the Greenfield district, which has a total population of 1,000,000 persons, one-third of the state's population of 3,283,503.

\$800,000 for District

For the district, \$800,000 has been allocated. Moore asserted that, on a population basis, the district would be allowed \$1,004,800, of which \$800,000 could be used in Indianapolis, and the remainder for the other cities in the district.

He estimated that the West street boulevard improvement would cost \$203,300. The improvement calls for extension of the boulevard from one and a half miles south of Raymond street to the junction with Bluff road, and widening of the boulevard north from Raymond to the junction of Northwestern avenue and Twenty-first street.

Jog to Be Eliminated

Included in the project is the elimination of the jog at that point and widening and improving of Northwestern avenue from the boulevard north to the junction of State Road 29 and Thirty-eighth street.

Resurfacing of Madison avenue from Southern avenue, north to South street, Moore estimated, would cost \$152,000.

Resurfacing of North Meridian boulevard from Sixteenth street to Fall Creek boulevard will cost \$40,000, he told the board.

The West Sixteenth street improvement from West street to Indiana avenue, he said, will cost approximately \$331,000, of which amount the county is considering paying \$209,000.

Don't Bite!

Racketeers already have taken advantage of the apparent whole-hearted effort of the city to lift itself out of the depression.

According to Francis Wells, Indiana recovery director, racketeers representing themselves as employees of The Indianapolis Times and other local newspapers, telephoned city merchants today, offering to furnish reproductions of the NRA eagle and other recovery emblems for specified sums of money.

The Indianapolis Times wishes to inform its readers that the recovery emblems may be secured only through federal government channels. The emblems and other literature, including posters and stickers, will be distributed at the post-office when employers return their signed compliance papers.

Reproduction of any of the federal recovery emblems, except by special permission from Washington, is expressly forbidden.