

## RACKET WAR IS WAGED ON BROAD FRONT

American Authorities in Determined Attempt to Crush Gangs.

By United Press  
American authorities challenged kidnapers and racketeers on a broad front today, seeking out border line cases of petty extortion against legitimate business.

In New York, assistants of Attorney-General Homer S. Cummings prepared evidence for a federal grand jury investigation of racketeering on the water front.

Business organizations accused leaders of practicing intimidation to force their services upon business houses that wished to use their own employees in loading their trucks at the piers.

In Chicago, State's Attorney Thomas J. Courtney said he would bring twenty-four persons indicted for alleged racketeering to trial within 60 days. A crime conference met today at the Illinois capital to co-ordinate federal, state and municipal authorities in the war on criminals.

### Suggest Kidnap Cures

In Kansas City, authorities were prepared to ask the death penalty for two alleged accomplices of Walter H. McGee, who was sentenced to hang for kidnaping Miss Mary McElroy.

Meanwhile, two kidnaping gangs still held two victims—Charles F. Urschel, millionaire oil man in Oklahoma City, and John J. O'Connell Jr., member of a politically powerful family, in Albany, N. Y.

Meanwhile, cures for kidnaping came from various experts who participated in a United Press symposium.

General Smedley Butler, former marine commandant, favored a modified and nation-wide martial law whereby gangsters could be tried before military courts.

### Leaders Are Indicted

Pat Roche, famous Chicago gang investigator, would set up a secret police force with a spy in every gang.

Judge Harry S. McDevitt of the Philadelphia common pleas court, said kidnapers should be "shot on sight."

Those indicted in Chicago, accused of conspiracy to make rackets of the dyeing, laundry and carbonaceous beverage industries included:

Alphonse (Scarface) Capone, now in prison; Alderman Oscar F. Nelson, former William Hale (Big Bill) Thompson leader; Murray (The Camel) Humphreys, Capone's successor; Dr. Benjamin M. Squires, who holds a Ph. D. from Columbia University; and Attorney Aaron Sapiro, the man who once sued Henry Ford for \$1,000,000.

### MAP POLLUTION DRIVE

State-Wide Campaign to Halt Ruining of Streams to Be Commenced.

Fish and game division of the state conservation department today reported county organizations completed for a state-wide drive to rectify stream pollution, improve forestry plantings, prevent soil erosion, and increase the state's native fish and game.

Co-operation of state organizations is lauded in the latest bulletin of the division, and the state department's special committee of sixteen will open its work in a few weeks.

The special committee is composed of men elected by county representatives from their respective districts, regarded as well able to speak on conservation for their constituents.

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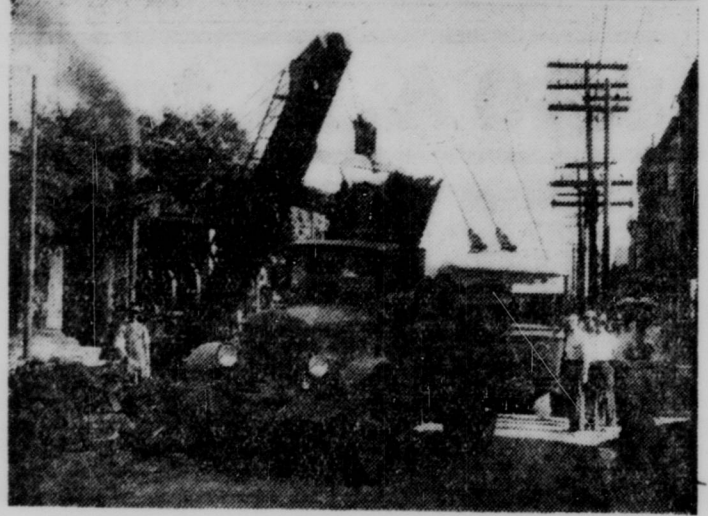
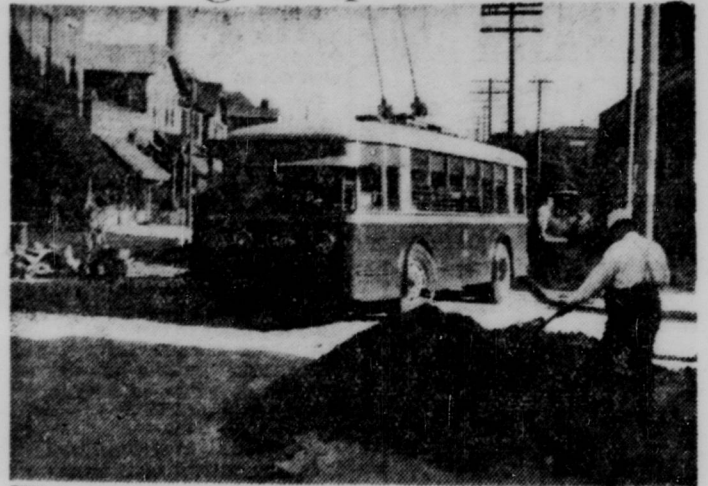
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## Trackless Trolleys Kept Running Despite Repaving



The pictures above show how trackless trolley car service is being maintained on South Meridian street, despite difficulties presented by repaving of the street.

## Meridian Street Service Is Uninterrupted During Construction.

An achievement acclaimed by engineers as a noteworthy one is that of the Indianapolis Railways in keeping its trackless trolleys running on schedule during extensive improvement work on South Meridian street.

Almost three-quarters of the portion of South Meridian street now under construction is torn up, and is occupied by crews and materials of contractors doing the paving job. About one-quarter of the street has been reserved for trackless trolley car service.

Through use of improved sidings, and by backing trackless trolley cars into street intersections at other points, service is being maintained with regularity, railways officials said.

Supervisors have been stationed at various points along the torn-up section to accelerate the movements of trackless trolleys and special helpers have been assigned to assist in moving trolley poles from one set of wires to the other.

The present trackless trolley car operation on South Meridian street, according to visiting street railway officials who have journeyed to Indianapolis to view this unusual operation, is perhaps the most difficult and interesting ever attempted.

**\$600,000 for Melon Growers**  
YUMA, Ariz., July 28.—Approximately \$600,000 will be received by cantaloupe growers here when the melon season closes about Aug. 1, it was estimated.

## HEART ATTACK CAUSES DEATH OF CONTRACTOR

George Cochrane, 68, Dies After Fall From Roof.

Funeral services for George Cochrane, 68, building contractor, will be held at 2 Saturday at his home, 221 West Thirtieth street. Burial will be in Crown Hill cemetery.

Mr. Cochrane was stricken with a heart attack Thursday while working on a roof at 2830 North Pennsylvania street, and died before medical aid could reach him.

He was born in Madison, and came to Indianapolis fifty years ago. He was a member of Carrollton Avenue Reformed church. Survivors are the widow, Mrs. Maude M. Cochrane, and a son, Herbert S. Cochrane.

### Retired Teacher Succumbs

Following an illness of about a year, Miss Frances E. Newton, 65, died Thursday in her home, 517 North Sherman drive. Miss Newton had been a teacher in Indianapolis public schools for forty years, retiring as principal of School 73 more than a year ago because of illness.

She was born in Edinburgh, and came to Indianapolis when a child. She was a member of Tuxedo Baptist church.

Surviving her is a brother, Ralph J. Newton, with whom she made her home. Funeral services will be in the home at 2 Saturday. Burial will be in Crown Hill cemetery.

### Former City Resident Dead

Indianapolis relatives Thursday received word of the death of Landers M. Goode, 77, former resident of Indianapolis. Death from apoplexy occurred at his home in Jacksonville, Fla.

Funeral services will be held in Jacksonville Saturday.

Surviving him are the widow and five children, Harry Goode and Mrs. Lucile Stenhouse, of Indianapolis, Mrs. Edith Tutwiler, of Jacksonville, Hugh Goode of Waycross, Ga., and Mrs. Helen Wiest of Warsaw.

### Burial Rites in Greensburg

The body of Charles F. Moffitt, former Indianapolis resident, who died Wednesday at his home in Miami, Fla., was to be taken to Greensburg today for burial. Mr. Moffitt lived in Indianapolis until ten years ago. He was owner of a fiber box factory.

### WAR ON BIKE RIDERS

New Orleans Police Treat 'Em Like Car Traffic Offenders.

By United Press

NEW ORLEANS, July 28.—Night bicycle riders have become so numerous here since women took up the fad that Police Superintendent George Remy decided to treat them like motorists.

Hereafter, if they are caught riding without headlights, they'll be prosecuted the same as automobile owners.

### Farm Bureau Head Speaker

W. H. Settle, president of the Indiana Farm Bureau, will address the Sciencetech Club at its noon luncheon Monday at the Columbia Club. Settle will explain the national farm marketing act.

## GUNS BRING END TO TWO GUN CAREERS



The furious gun battle between the murderous Barrow gang and an Iowa posse just had ended near Dexter, Ia., when this picture was made. Blanche Barrow (left center) struggles hysterically with two officers, her face a mask of terror and hatred. Marvin Barrow, her husband, called "one of the three worst killers in the United States," crouches on the ground at right, six bullets in his body.

Other members of the gang escaped and are being pursued in a hot manhunt which seeks to bring them to justice for a series of robberies and murders from Texas to Iowa.

## ALKY PEDDLER IS VICTIM IN 'SPOT' MURDER

Man Killed by Chicago Gang on Busy Corner; Falls in Cop's Arms.

By United Press

CHICAGO, July 28.—Police hunted killer members of the William (Klondike) O'Donnell gang today after Thomas Fredinando, known as a northwest side alcohol peddler, was slain at a busy intersection on Irving Park boulevard.

Officers declared the O'Donnell gang has been attempting to monopolize alcohol distribution in the territory recently.

The slain man collapsed in the arms of policeman George Trausch, who was attracted by the sound of the shots.

A \$3,000 crop of spinach was destroyed in one night on Staten Island by a cloud of poisonous smoke coming over from New Jersey.

## FIRE LEVELS GARAGE OF VACATIONING JUDGE

Incendiary Blaze Causes \$500 Loss at Home of Wilfred Bradshaw.

When Judge Wilfred Bradshaw of municipal court one returns to Indianapolis from Boulder Junction, Wis., where he is spending his vacation with his family, he will find very little left of the garage at the rear of the home, 613 Eugene street. Neither will he find much of a sedan and a truck, which were there when he left.

Fire broke out in the garage early today and destroyed both the automobile and the truck. Damage was estimated at \$500 by L. W. Dooley, son-in-law of Bradshaw.

Firemen said the blaze was incendiary.

## TWO HURT IN CRASH

Ben Davis Motorist Is Held on Drunk Driver Charge.

Two men were hurt early today when an automobile, driven by Burl Searfoss, 32, Ben Davis, crashed into a truck of a Kokomo lumber company, parked at 2700 West Washington street.

Searfoss incurred a broken right arm and was charged with drunkenness and operating an auto while drunk. Charles South, 42, Kokomo, driver of the truck, was bruised on the right arm and head.

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