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Fair and continued cold with probably frost tonight; tomorrow fair.

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## URGE BARRIERS FOR DEAD END CANAL STREETS

Action Follows Fatal Auto  
Plunge at Alleged  
Illegal Sign.

WATER CO. OPENS QUIZ

Safety Board President  
Says Utility Should  
Place Blockades.

Action to substitute barriers for  
the alleged illegal sign at Eugene  
street and the canal, following the  
death early yesterday of Mrs. Mar-  
garet Stewart, wife of a prominent  
Lebanon attorney, and the submer-  
sion of three other women, after  
their automobile plunged into the  
water, was being urged today.

Charles R. Myers, president of the  
safety board, stated last night that  
he would urge that the Indianapolis  
Water Company, owners of the  
canal, be forced to construct bar-  
riers at the dead-end streets lead-  
ing to the canal.

Declaring that he did not con-  
sider the erection of barriers a re-  
sponsibility of the city's safety  
board, Mr. Myers added that he also  
did not consider as especially  
hazardous the site of the fatal acci-  
dents.

### H. A. C. Put Up Sign

The wooden warning sign at Eu-  
gene street and the canal was  
placed there voluntarily by the Hoo-  
sier Motor Club. Todd Stoops, sec-  
retary-manager of the club, said to-  
day. Mr. Stoops said that an iron  
reflector sign should be placed at  
this dangerous spot, but that it  
was not the responsibility of the  
club to purchase it.

The responsibility rests between  
the city and the water company, Mr.  
Stoops asserted. The property  
along the canal is privately owned  
by the Indianapolis Water Com-  
pany.

However, Mr. Stoops added, the  
club would place an adequate sign  
at the dead end for humanitarian  
reasons, if the city or the water  
company does not take steps to  
protect motorists there.

### Last Rites Planned

Last rites for Mrs. Stewart were  
to be announced later today. Her  
body was found three miles below  
the scene of the tragedy at Black-  
ford and West streets, where it had  
been carried by the swift current.

In the car at the time of the fatal  
accident besides Mrs. Stewart were  
Mrs. Charles Park, Mrs. J. R. Spel-  
bring and Mrs. Helen Ruth, all  
prominent Lebanon club women.  
The women had attended a meeting  
of the Order of Eastern Star here  
and were returning to Lebanon,  
with Mrs. Park at the wheel.

A traffic jam at Thirtieth and  
Clifton street caused the women to  
change their route. Mrs. Park  
thought she was on Twenty-ninth  
street where a bridge crosses the  
canal, instead of Eugene street,  
which has a dead end.

### Pulls Away from Rescuers

The women screamed as the car  
suddenly left the pavement and  
crashed into the water at the end  
of the street. It sank rapidly until  
only a few inches of the roof  
was visible above the surface.

Jesse Warren and J. B. Candy,  
city youths, heard the car plunge  
into the water and without hesita-  
tion, dived into the water and res-  
cued all four women. As they pulled  
Mrs. Stewart from the stream, she  
pulled away from her rescuers and  
began swimming downstream. They  
lost sight of her in the darkness  
as they quickly returned to the work  
of rescuing the other women.

Following the accident, Mr. Myers  
said he conferred with Frank C.  
Jordan, secretary-treasurer, and W.  
C. Mabe, engineer of the Indian-  
apolis Water Company, on the erection  
of barriers at all dead end  
streets. He said the utility officials  
promised an investigation.

ADAMS DENIES SEEKING  
PARTY CHAIRMANSHIP

Road Chief Says He's Not a Can-  
didate for Democratic Leadership.

"I am not a candidate for the  
Democratic state chairmanship, nor  
would I accept the post if offered to me," said D. Adams,  
chairman of the state highway com-  
mission, announced today.

Mr. Adams has been on the list  
of those whose names are being  
mentioned as a possible successor  
to Dr. Carleton B. McCulloch, who  
has announced his intention to re-  
tire as state Democratic chairman  
at the reorganization of the com-  
mittee May 19.

Others being mentioned are Omer  
Jackson, Greenfield, Eleventh dis-  
trict chairman, and Ed Elsner, Sey-  
mour. Either would be acceptable to  
Governor Paul V. McNutt, the Gov-  
ernor said today in commenting  
upon Mr. Adams' refusal to consider  
the place.

Evansville Man Auto Victim  
EVANSVILLE, Ind., April 12.—  
Injuries received in an automobile  
accident were fatal today to L. H.  
Sappenfeld, 60, Evansville.

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## INSULL PUT ON SHIP BY TURKISH OFFICIALS FOR RETURN TO U.S.

By United Press

ISTANBUL, April 12.—Samuel  
Insull boarded a ship today for  
Smyrna, en route to the United  
States.

It was planned to take the aged  
former utilities magnate to Pan-  
derma on the little passenger  
steamer Adnan and thence to  
Smyrna by rail.

At Smyrna, Insull will board the  
steamer Elexima for the 5,000-mile  
trip to New York.

At the last moment, however,  
authorities put the American fugi-  
tive on the steamer Adana which  
replaced the Adnan.

Insull was removed from prison  
at 6:08 p. m. protesting bitterly at  
"invasion of my rights."

Journey from prison to ship was  
without incident.

## DEBATE DELAYS AIR MAIL ACT

G. O. P. Strategy Prolongs  
Dispute; Temporary  
Bids Due.

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Des-  
pite repeated promises that congress  
would speedily adopt permanent air  
mail legislation, it appeared today  
that no agreement will be made  
before next Thursday, when the  
postoffice department is to receive  
the vital tool and die industry.

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present in Dayton, Cleveland, Chi-  
cago and Buffalo for Detroit plants.

In a statement explaining their  
position, the manufacturers accused  
the workers of acting to impede  
business recovery by assuming an  
"extremely arbitrary" attitude in  
the present dispute. Tool and die  
workers in this area, employers said,  
are receiving higher wages than in  
other cities and to meet the demands  
would be turning competitive  
business over to outside manufac-  
turers.

Mathew Smith, general secretary of  
the MESA also is handling wage  
and hour demands of workers in the  
Ternstedt Manufacturing Company.

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pany, which was called by the society,  
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city's labor problems.

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automobile labor board is concerned  
with settling charges that 241 men  
employed in the Chevrolet and  
Fisher plants at St. Louis have been  
discriminated against by their em-  
ployers.

## RICH FARMER SLAIN BY 4 MASKED MEN

Illinois Officers Find No  
Motive for Attack.

By United Press

RELVIDERE, Ill., April 12.—A  
body of masked killers was sought  
today by county authorities investi-  
gating a mysterious, fatal assault on  
Walton Wheeler, reputed to be the  
wealthiest farmer in Boone county.

Mr. Wheeler was clubbed and shot  
to death as his wife and eight chil-  
dren stood helpless under the  
menace of leveled shotguns and pis-  
tols. Four men with their faces  
covered with handkerchiefs commit-  
ted the killing.

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If you had listened to your at-  
torney, E. D. McElfresh, you would  
have gotten off with a lighter  
sentence. But you took the case out  
of his hands," said Judge Slack as  
he sentenced the bandit suspect.

As Judge Slack pronounced sentence,  
Kelly broke into cursing threats  
to "get" the police officers  
responsible for his arrest and con-  
viction.

The court became a bedlam as  
Kelly attempted to assault City  
Detective Fred Davis.

"Make it 100 years if you want.  
It's all a d— frameup. Let  
me get Matt Leach over here. He  
can tell you I didn't commit this  
crime. They know who did it, but  
they won't arrest him," shouted  
Kelly as a cordon of officers  
grouped around him.

"You won't have to turn in the  
bad guy now," shouted the alleged  
bandit as he attempted to break  
away from officers and reach De-  
tective Davis.

Handcuffs were snapped on his  
wrists. He was led out a rear door  
of the criminal court. The furor  
continued as his wife and other  
relatives joined the shouts of "per-  
secution" and threatened deputy  
prosecutors and police officers.

Kelly drew out of Davis on the  
witness stand that he had "possibly"  
said that he would "turn in" his  
badge if he didn't convict Kelly."

The jury was out three hours. A  
guilty verdict was brought in at 2:30  
p. m., but refused by Judge Slack  
when the jury failed to fill out the

## Kelly, Convicted, Vows to 'Get' City Detective

BY RUTH FINNEY  
Times Special Writer

WASHINGTON, April 12.—When  
President Roosevelt gets back to  
Washington tomorrow he will find  
his Democratic majority breathing  
regularly once more, with normal  
temperature and pulse and hal-  
lucinations.

The worst of election year, the  
Democrats think, is over. The  
President will have an easier time  
with his legislative program in the  
remaining days of the session.

Until the Illinois primary election,  
Democratic congressmen were  
not sure whether the voters at home  
wanted them to keep on supporting  
the Roosevelt recovery program or  
not. They were jittery, intracta-  
ble. Roosevelt could have got very  
little from them in the two weeks

just ended. They couldn't tell

## STRIKE THREAT RUMBLES OVER AUTO INDUSTRY

Employers, Workmen Are  
Deadlocked in Tool,  
Die Dispute.

20,000 MAY WALK OUT

20 Per Cent Pay Raise Is  
Demanded by Union  
Men; Refused.

By United Press

DETROIT, April 12.—The ever-  
increasing rumble of labor con-  
troversies over the teeming motor  
plants threatened today to cause a  
crippling strike. Employers and  
workmen fought over a deadlocked  
issue in the vital tool and die industry.

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