

# NEW SUBZERO WAVE SWEEPS DOWN ON CITY

Mercury May Slide to 5 Below, Warning of Weather Man.

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pital with injuries received when he was knocked down by a truck last night at 13th and Alabama-sts.

Mrs. Mary Heiny, R. R. 4, Box 678, is in serious condition in St. Francis Hospital with hip injuries received in a fall on the ice yesterday. Mrs. Anna Greshan, 58, of 413 Casino-st, also a victim of the ice, was recovering in the same hospital.

## Truck Driver Is Injured

Firemen yesterday chopped from a water tower over the Eli Lilly & Co. pharmaceutical plant, Alabama and McCarty-sts, icicles weighing as much as 200 pounds each.

One had crashed through the roof of the refrigerating building and it was feared others would fall. The water tank had overflowed in sub-zero weather.

Fred Smith, 51, Brazil, Ind., is recovering in Methodist Hospital from injuries received when a truck he was driving skidded on ice into the abutment of the Belt railroad at E. Washington-st.

Northeastern Indiana was sheathed in ice an inch thick today. Telephone and telegraph communication was threatened and hopes of replenishing dwindling fuel supplies in many small communities were shattered.

Reports from outlying districts indicated that return of low temperatures predicted for tonight would cripple communications and cause an even more serious condition than existed during the recent siege of subzero blizzards.

## All Buses Stalled

The Fort Wayne bus terminal reported that all cross-country Greyhound busses operating through there were stalled all night and probably would not resume operations until late today.

Lines operating between there and Dayton, O., also had suspended service.

Interurban cars of the Indiana Service Corp. were operating behind schedule, impeded by ice caked over the rails from a combination rain-snow storm.

In Fort Wayne and in Argos (Marshall County) frozen mains threatened water supplies. Mains swelled by the cold burst in Argos, flooding the town's principal street and cutting off most of the residential supply.

A series of traffic fatalities were recorded in other sections of Indiana. Ice-covered highways were responsible for most of the accidents.

## Boy Killed by Fire Truck

William Heflin, 13, Muncie, was crushed to death when he was thrown under a fire truck. The youth had hitched his sled to an automobile, which swerved sharply to avoid striking the truck.

Robert Cormican, 37, was killed instantly when struck by a truck as he walked along State Road 163 near Clinton. C. L. Harrington, Charleston, Ill., driver of the truck, was absorbed.

Mrs. Katherine Stephanian, 60, Chicago, received fatal injuries when struck by an automobile while crossing a street in Hammond.

## Midwest Is Paralyzed

The Middle West fought to dig itself out of paralyzing snowdrifts today before a threatened subzero cold wave swoops down from Canada.

Railroad officials sought to rescue passengers of eight trains marooned by snow in Iowa, hoping there was enough oil on hand to keep them warm until they could be dug out.

Passengers snowbound on an eastbound Chicago, Great Western train one-half mile east of Tennyson, Iowa for nine hours were reported on their way to Chicago. Section hands and recruited helpers freed the train this morning after working in 20 below zero temperatures throughout the night.

## Highways Ice-Coated

Highways in five states were coated with ice and clogged with snow. Zero temperatures descended on Wyoming and Colorado and threatened to roll into the Middle West before nightfall.

Iowa felt the brunt of the storm. Several railroads suspended service entirely during the night. Two passenger trains have been marooned near Madrid since midnight. Three other passenger trains were stalled near Cedar Rapids, Ia., and Tennyson. Two interurban trains were snowbound between Des Moines and Perry and another between Des Moines and Colfax.

## Highway Workers Busy

Highway workers hurried to clear the highways as a predicted cold wave reached the northwestern fringes of Wisconsin. Railroad and bus schedules were shattered.

The Dakotas, Minnesota, and parts of Kansas and Nebraska were affected by the snow.

In Iowa, where an acute coal shortage has threatened hundreds of shivering families for a week, snow and zero temperatures meant further suffering. Side roads to many of the 500 soft coal mines in the state were rapidly drifting with the snow.

Rural schools in northern Iowa were closed early yesterday to permit children to reach their homes before drifts halted traffic. Concern was felt for farm families isolated with scanty fuel supplies.

In the area around Boston five coast guard cutters and two patrol boats were to open lanes through which to move ice-locked fuel boats. An acute fuel shortage threatened if they failed.

A coast guard cutter was fighting ice in Chesapeake Bay, attempting to carry provisions to residents icebound on Tangier Island.

Three thousand residents of Nantucket Island, off the New England coast, received supplies by airplanes, which reported on returning that the islanders were prepared fully for a month's siege.

# Vigilantes Backed Up City's First Laws; Leader's 'Radical' Speech Routs 'Riffraff'

BY JOE COLLIER

INDIANAPOLIS was incorporated as a city Feb. 5, 1836.

The Board of Trustees was elected in April and the old government turned over to it the unexpended balance in the city treasury—\$124.

That is about half of what will be expended for food when between 250 and 300 Indianapolis citizens gather at the Indianapolis Athletic Club tomorrow noon to celebrate the centennial, under the auspices of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, at 75 cents a plate.

At its first meeting, the 1836 board did not spend a cent. Instead, it enacted ordinances pro-

hibiting riots, drunkenness, horse racing and swearing on the streets. There was a lot of that in those days.

As a matter of record, Indianapolis was pretty much under the arrogant domination of a gang of ruffians then who had been attracted to the city through the building of the National Road and who stayed to prey upon its citizens.

These ruffians were led, according to a historian of the times, by a strong man and they were of "bad character." Known as "The Chain Gang," they frequently assaulted citizens and committed petty outrages.

It got so bad that the citizens met in the Courthouse and formed a vigilante committee, electing Harrod Newland, president. The first thing he did officially was to make such a rousing speech against the roustabouts that it was termed "radical" by his fellow vigilantes.

Nevertheless, the riff-raff heard it, and got frightened. For several months nothing much happened and it was felt by the citizens that a mere speech had driven the bad men from their midst.

In August, the Rev. James Havens announced he would hold a camp meeting in Military Park and people came from far and wide. Brother Armstrong, historian of the era says, came down the road with a red silk handkerchief over his head singing some "stirring Methodist hymns."

After the camp meeting had gotten "a'gain" under way, the ruffians, headed by their leader, appeared at the park and started some rough stuff. The situation

was pretty tense, because the vigilante committee was not there.

Mr. Havens, however, was up to the crisis and with evangelistic fervor, "subjugated" the leader. Later, Samuel Merrill, who for years was the leading capitalist of the city by virtue of having arrived there with \$4000 in cash, "whipped the leader within an inch of his life." The gang promptly disintegrated.

At this camp meeting, 130 "experienced religion."

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