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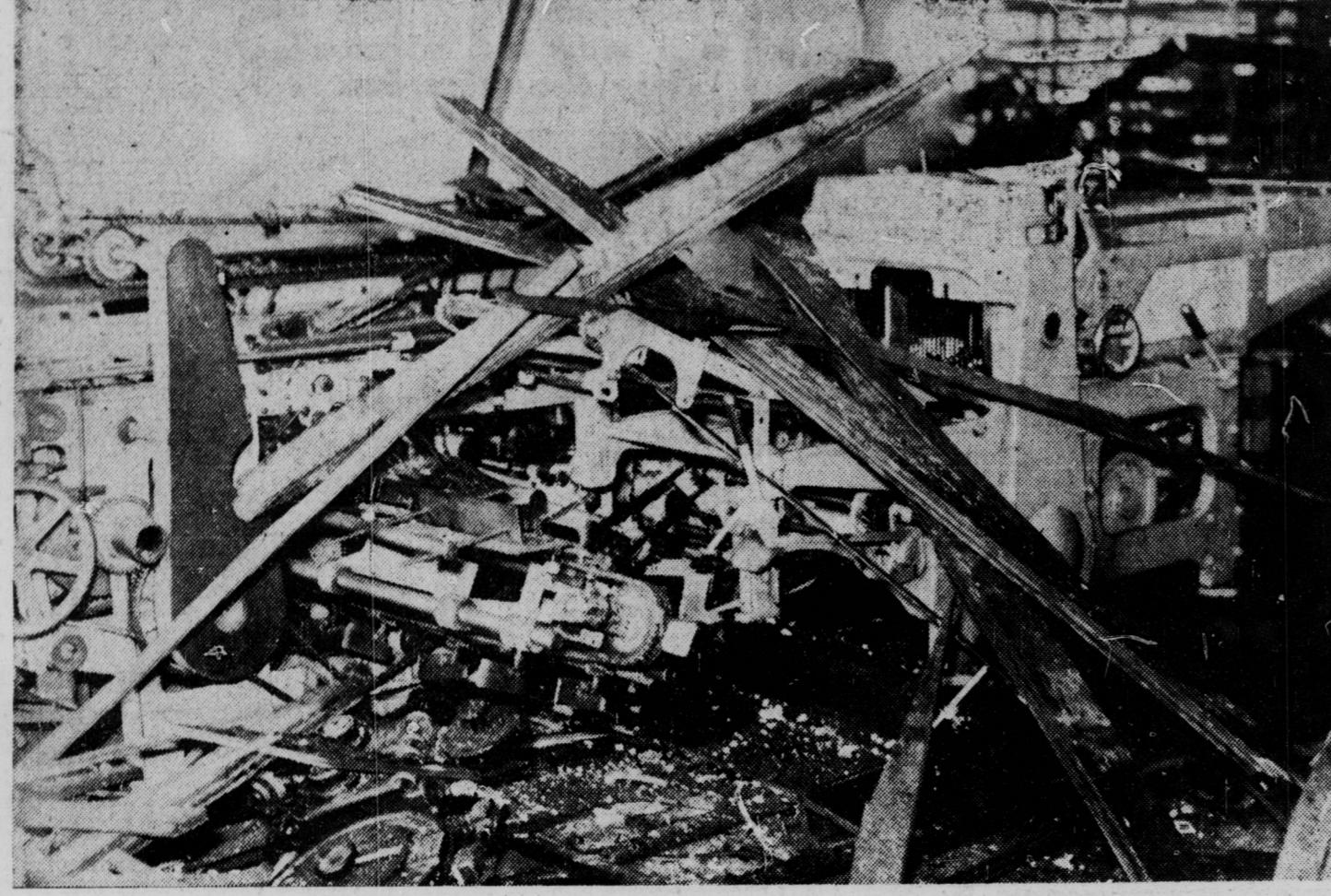
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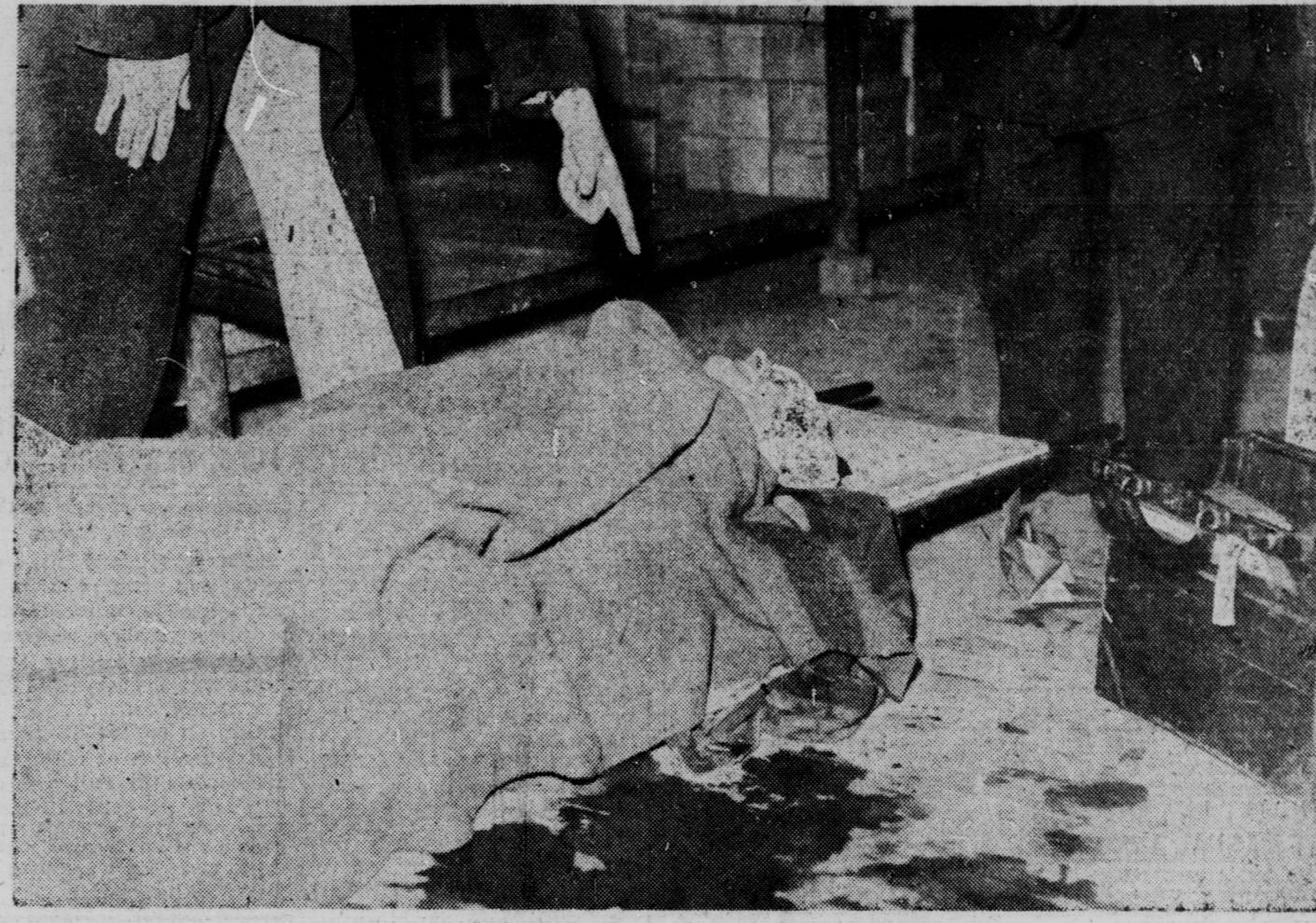
FINAL
HOME

PRICE THREE CENTS

Six Are Seriously Injured in Explosion at Bakery



This picture shows a wrecked bread slicing machine, newly installed in the Continental Baking Co., 339 E. Market-st., and ruined, company officials say, by a basement blast today that wrecked the first floor of the New Jersey-st. side of the building. Other machines also were damaged.



Shown here is a victim of the explosion, lying on a stretcher ready to go to the hospital. He was treated by the Fire Department's first aid squad at the scene of the accident. Six other men were injured, and were taken to hospitals. Physicians say none of them will die.

FLYING SQUADS RULE IN PEKIN

SPECIAL LEGISLATURE SESSION IS INDICATED McNutt Declines to Reveal Date for Considering Security Law.

Gov. McNutt today indicated at his press conference that there would be a special session of the Legislature soon.

He said that the Federal social security bill has been received and that action by the Legislature hinges on the deficiency appropriations bill which has passed the United States Senate and goes to the House for reconsideration.

The Indiana law does not meet the requirements of the Federal act," Gov. McNutt said.

Asked as to the date he is to issue the call, he made no comment.

It is believed by Statehouse observers that the date of the call is to be Feb. 14 or Feb. 24.

QUINS SOON TO TALK 'VERY BEST FRENCH'

Pre-School Training to Be Given, Dafoe Says.

By United Press

PEKIN, Ill., Feb. 5.—Flying squads of union pickets enforced "strike rule" in the industrial community today, halting deliveries of food and fuel. Likelihood of National Guard intervention became greater.

A "general staff" of labor leaders, bustling about the dingy, half-heated quarters of the Pekin Trades and Labor Assembly, directed strategy aimed at paralyzing the community of 16,000 as a demonstration in behalf of 700 striking distillery workers. Thirty-two unions are co-operating.

A survey 26 hours after call for a "general strike" went out of union headquarters indicated the movement was far from 100 per cent effective. The town's biggest factories—the Quaker Oats Co., Corn Products Co. and Fleischmann's Yeast—were operating normally.

1500 Reported on Strike

Strikers used an elaborate system of espionage and intimidation to prevent truck deliveries. Throughout the city, spies were posted. When a truck rolled into town the driver would be accosted by a unionist and warned to turn back.

If the trucker refused, the pickets rushed to a telephone and reported to strike headquarters. Here his call was taken by one of the business-like "general staff" officers, who jumped from the phone, organized a "flying squad" and ordered them to intercept the truck and "persuade" the driver.

No Violence Reported

No violence has been employed so far. Strike headquarters was the busiest place in the city. With barber shops, beauty parlors and taverns closed by the strike, and food stores running short on provisions, few ventured out.

At Peoria, 10 miles away, five companies of National Guard, including a howitzer company with guns capable of hurling tear gas projectiles 200 yards, stood ready to make a quick run to Pekin as requested yesterday by Sheriff Ralph Goar. State officials were believed postponing troop action until all hope of conciliation was over.

The city council met this morning, but took no action of the strikers' offer to halt the general walkout if Police Chief Harry Donahue were removed. Mayor W. E. Schurman asserted he would stand by Donahue.

N. Y. Strike Called Off

By United Press

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—A threatened strike of elevator operators that would have incommoded hundreds of thousands of workers in Manhattan was called off today.

FRANK BUTLER DIES AT HOME

Short Illness Is Fatal to Columbia Club President.

Frank A. Butler, Indianapolis industrialist and Columbia Club president, died today in his home, 3060 N. New Jersey-st., after a short illness. He had been ill of pneumonia.

Funeral services are to be held at 2 Friday afternoon from the Hisey & Titus Funeral Home. Burial is to be in Plainfield, Ind.

Born March 30, 1876, in Morgantown, Ind., Mr. Butler was agent for the Big Four Route in that community when he was 17.

Although he retired from active business life in December, 1934, he had been associated with the C. B. Cones & Son Manufacturing Co. for 26 years and was a former secretary-treasurer of that firm. He also had been associated with the Merchant's National Bank and was a director of the Consolidated Finance Corp.

Five Survive Him

Surviving him are the widow, Mrs. Laura Josephine Butler; two daughters, Mrs. W. C. Byers, Columbus, O., and Mrs. Richard W. Fox, Indianapolis; a son, M. G. Butler, Indianapolis, and a sister, Mrs. Jenny Hamilton, Morgantown.

Mr. Butler always had been active in Columbia Club affairs and was president also in 1922. He was the only member of the Indianapolis Traffic Club to have served two terms as president and was a member of the Shrine, Scottish Rite and the Morgantown Free and Accepted Masons. He was a thirty-second degree Mason.

During the early part to his life, Mr. Butler lived in Washington, where his father served as government pension clerk.

Thomas Mahaffey Dies

Thomas Mahaffey, 5324 Washington-blvd., Consolidated Finance Corp. president, died today in his home of heart disease after an eight-weeks illness. Funeral services are to be held at 9 tomorrow in St. Joan of Arc Church.

Mr. Mahaffey, who was 72 and had been a resident of Marion, Ind., for 50 years, was a member of the Elks Lodge and a member of St. Joan of Arc parish and the Indianapolis Athletic Club. He was born in Seneca, Ill.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Katherine Mahaffey; two sons, Fred L. and Thomas Mahaffey Jr.; a granddaughter, Ann Mahaffey, all of Indianapolis, and a sister, Mrs. Ann Smith, Ottawa, Ill.

Mr. Mahaffey lived in Indianapolis 13 years. Burial is to be in Marion.

STATE POLICE BARRED FROM POLITICAL WORK

Members Seeking Office Subject to
Dismissal, Stiver's Orders.

KELLER SENTENCED TO DIE IN ELECTRIC CHAIR

City Man Condemned for Murder of
Cincinnati Laundry Owner.

By United Press

CINCINNATI, Feb. 5.—Richard Keller, 29, Indianapolis, today was sentenced by Judge Charles S. Bell to die in the electric chair at Ohio Penitentiary on May 26.

He was convicted of the murder of Adolph Woest, Cincinnati laundry proprietor, May 11, 1933. Judge Bell overruled a motion for a new trial.

THREE DIE IN FLAMES

Father, Children Perish; Mother Is
Burned Seriously.

By United Press

MAUD, Okla., Feb. 5.—A father and his two children perished in a fire at their home near here today.

The wife and mother of the family was burned seriously, but may survive.

The dead are: Jack Washington, 26; Billie June Washington, 5, and Ronnie Boyd Washington, 3.

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Girls Trapped by Blast

Restroom Lights Out, Young Women Recount Suspense While Awaiting Rescue.

BY HELEN LINDSAY

RELEASED from a restroom in which they had been eating home-packed lunches, girl employees refused to give their names and described the explosion as they waited to go back to their work today in the Continental Baking Co.

"It was sudden," one girl said. "There was a hissing then the explosion, and clouds of smoke. The glass from the windows fell over us, and the plaster from the ceiling. Some of the girls were knocked from their chairs by the impact. I have pieces of glass all through my hair."

Another girl told her lunch partner rushed to the fire escape door, was too excited to try it, and screaming, "It won't open," hurried back into the smoke-filled restroom to her companions.

"I climbed up to the window, thinking I could jump out," a tall, dark girl said. As she talked she rubbed shaking hands together, and pushed her hair back from eyes reddened from smoke and tears.

The temperature went to 4.2 degrees below zero this morning and the season's second cold wave settled on the city, not to lift noticeably until late tomorrow.

One more Indianapolis person was killed as a result of the winter conditions, and two more died in the state outside the city.

Meanwhile driving conditions remained hazardous on ice-coated highways north and side streets in the city, and relief agencies continued to be pressed to provide for the city's indigent.

When he stepped back from a switch from which he had been chopping ice last night, Gustav Christ, 51, of 1237 Beecher-st., was struck by a Bell Railroad freight train and was killed.

The accident happened at the Madison-av. crossing. The train was operated by Fred Blomeyer, 40, of 1150 Reisner, conductor. Mr. Christ has been employed by the railroad for 30 years. He leaves his (Turn to Page Three)

KID CANN' TO TAKE STAND, TELL ALIBI

Accused Kidnapper Ready With Dozen Witnesses.

By United Press

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 5.—Attempting to refute testimony that he killed Walter Liggett, militant editor, Isadore (Kid Cann) Blumenfeld today was ready to bolster his alibi on the witness stand.

Defense Attorney Thomas McMeekin said Blumenfeld himself and a dozen others would testify the liquor dealer was in a downtown barber shop at 5:41 p. m. on Dec. 9 when Liggett was slain.

"I was eating lunch in the restaurant, and the explosion knocked pans and dishes off the walls," another girl said. "I came out and saw people rushing from the building."

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