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FORECAST: Partly cloudy with local thundershowers tonight or tomorrow; not much change in temperature.

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A. L. BLOCK, 71, L. STRAUSS CO. HEAD, IS DEAD

Long Leader in Civic and Business Affairs of Indianapolis.

MOURNED BY MANY

Merchant Had Been Ill Several Years From Heart Disease.

(Editorial, Page 10)

Abram L. Block, president of L. Strauss & Co., Indianapolis department store, died at 2 a. m. today at his home, the Marott Hotel. He had been ill for several years with heart disease. He was 71.

In spite of his illness, associates said he maintained a personal contact with the store, and visited the store on business one week ago.

He also maintained an active interest in civic affairs and in the conduct of many Jewish social, educational and religious organizations in the city, associates said.

Donated Race Trophy Throughout his long business career in Indianapolis, during which L. Strauss & Co. expanded from a "relatively small store" to one of the largest in the city, Mr. Block took part in every major civic enterprise, his associates said.

Starting in 1916 he donated a trophy for the Memorial Day race at the Indianapolis Speedway every year.

He was a member of the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation.

L. Strauss & Co.'s store was closed today and is to remain closed until Thursday. Funeral services are to be held at the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, Temple, 10th Delaware-st., Wednesday at 10:30 a. m. The body is at the Flanner & Buchanan Mortuary. Burial is to be in Indianapolis Hebrew Cemetery.

Born in Cincinnati

He was born in Cincinnati, O., Sept. 27, 1864, the son of Lazarus and Sarah Moerel Block. His father died when he was six weeks old. His mother then moved to Rochester, N. Y. Later he entered the wholesale branch of the men's wear business there. In 1892 he joined a Brooklyn retail firm, remaining until 1897.

A year later he came to Indianapolis and joined the late Leopold Strauss, whom he had known for many years. In 1912, Mr. Block became president of L. Strauss & Co., at which time he also acquired the entire interest of Mr. Strauss.

Mr. Block also was president of the Circle Theater Co. and Monument Realty Co. He was a member of Columbia Club, Marion Club, Indianapolis Athletic Club, Hoosier Athletic Club, Indianapolis Club, Broadmoor Country Club, Chamber of Commerce, New York Bridge Club, Old Colony Club, B. P. O. E. and a life member of the Valley Lodge 108, Free and Accepted Masons, of Rochester, N. Y.

He was married to Miss Rachel Fishel in Rochester, Sept. 19, 1888. He is survived by his widow, a daughter, Mrs. Joseph Gelman, and a granddaughter, Alma Lyon, all of whom live at the Marott Hotel.

DOG BREEDERS WIN ORDINANCE DELAY

Mayor Announces Rabies Vaccination Order to Be Studied Further.

A delegation of dog breeders today asked Mayor Kern to delay action on the proposed ordinance calling for inoculation of all dogs.

Mayor Kern said the ordinance would not be presented at City Council meeting tonight, and that the group would have two weeks to study the proposal.

Dr. Herman G. Morgan, City Health Board secretary, said he would co-operate with the delegation in making a thorough study of the inoculation serum and its effects.

The delegation included Harold W. Brady, Stowell C. Wason, Frank Hatfield, H. A. Meyer, Clifton Hirschman and E. R. Etter.

CIVIC CLUB PLEADS FOR WATER MAINS

Board Asked to Order Installation on 21-st.

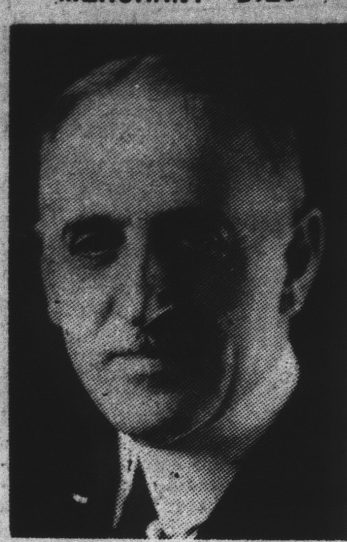
A committee representing the East Twenty-First Street Civic Club today asked the Works Board to order installation of water mains on a mile stretch between Sherman-dr and Emerson-av on 21-st.

More than 160 homes and one public school lack fire protection, the petitioners said. Twelve years ago mains were ordered installed but the water company upset the order by proving there was not enough homes there to warrant the action. Mrs. Zelah Price and George Q. Bruce led the delegation today.

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MERCHANT DIES



Mr. Block

CITY REJOICES IN COOL SPELL

Likely to Last Three Days, Is Promise; Showers Help Crops.

HOURLY TEMPERATURES		
Midnight	75	7 a. m. 69
1 a. m.	73	8 a. m. 74
2 a. m.	70	9 a. m. 77
3 a. m.	68	10 a. m. 80
4 a. m.	67	11 a. m. 80
5 a. m.	67	12 Noon 82
6 a. m.	66	1 p. m. 83

Indianapolis today had subnormal temperatures and enjoyed the comfort of a cool wave that moved in over the week-end and is going to stay from "one to three days," the Weather Bureau forecast.

And although only 27 inch of rain fell, according to official measurement, growers and gardeners said that, accompanied by cooler weather, it was quite beneficial to crops.

Even with a bright sun and clear sky, the temperature was only 77 at 9 a. m. today.

Crops Aided, Abbott Says

The week-end rains granted a reprieve to Marion County and state crops, Horace Abbott, county agricultural agent, said today. While there was by no means enough rain, it did some good to the corn and vegetable crops and the pastures, he said.

The corn fields were wet to a depth of about an inch in fields inspected by Mr. Abbott and he said that the present cool weather is at least as beneficial to the corn as was the rain.

He urged farmers to plant substitute crops for those lost, and he suggested that new pastures be seeded with Sudan grass for cattle.

Death Toll Increased

The heat accounted for at least one more death over the week-end. Perry Downing, 70, who was watchman at the S. Harding-st. gravel pit of the J. P. Johnson Co., contractors, and who made his home there, was found dead near a company contributing cause of death.

Utility wires and a section of the wall at the Indiana Woman's Prison were damaged yesterday when a large tree in the rear yard of 350 N. Hamilton-av was blown down.

HEAT WAVE CLEARED BY RAIN AND WIND

28 States Get Relief From the Excessive Temperatures.

By United Press CHICAGO, July 20.—The heat wave and drought, broken in 28 states by soothing showers and violent winds, spent itself on five Southern states today.

Subfreezing temperatures which cooled nearly 4500 lives in 33 states since July 3, faded from the weather map before repeated draughts of cool air from northern Canada and Alaska. Only in Arkansas, Oklahoma, southern Missouri, southern Kansas and northern Texas were 100-degree temperatures forecast today.

The drought, which has destroyed \$600,000,000 worth of crops since June 1, appeared to be breaking slowly. Thundershowers wetted the parched soil of all but four of the 28 stricken states.

"Local thundershowers are indicated for southern sections of the North Central states today or tomorrow, and in north central sections today," J. R. Lloyd, Chicago weather Bureau forecaster, said. This area included southern Illinois, central and southern Indiana, western and southern Wisconsin, Missouri, western and southeastern Iowa, eastern and southern Minnesota, Nebraska, southeastern South Dakota and Kansas.

5 OF 6 NEW GRAND JURORS ARE WOMEN

Group to Be Sworn in Wednesday by Judge Frank P. Baker.

Five of the six new Marion County grand jury members are women. Criminal Court records showed today.

The jury was completed with the selection of three women today. They were Mrs. Goldie D. Baden, 1235 N. Grant-av; Mrs. Cora B. Scholer, 1080 Mills-av, and Mrs. Carrie H. Hildebrand, 4544 Winthrop-av.

Roy Babcock, 5612 Ivyway-av, Mrs. Ada Lester, R. R. 3, Box 694, and Mrs. Viola Raasch, 4730 E. Washington-st., were selected July 6. They will be sworn in Wednesday by Judge Frank P. Baker.

M'NUTT BARES CASH SURPLUS OF \$10,892,205

Fiscal Year Ends Without State Owning Cent, He Says on Radio.

PROPERTY TAX IS LESS

New Sources of Revenue Net 24 Millions; Report Is His Last.

Gov. McNutt said today there probably would be no increase in the state tax rate for 1937, after revealing last night that the state had a cash surplus of \$10,892,205 in unobligated funds when it closed its books for 1936 on June 30.

He said the balance represented the estimated amount needed for the social security program and operation of institutions.

"If any money is left, perhaps it would have the effect of reducing taxes," the Governor said.

In his last financial report as Governor, he told a radio audience last night that Indiana ended the year "with all bills paid, not one cent of indebtedness, and with just \$2.47 less than \$33,000,000 in the treasury."

In analyzing the trend in the state's sources of revenue in the last few years, he said that property tax collections had dropped to \$22,000,000. He compared this figure to \$4,612,747 from property taxation in 1933.

The Governor said that total income from new sources of revenue for the year just ended was \$24,385,600. He compared this to \$17,905,773 for the previous year, and \$1,055,542 for 1933.

Of last year's total, the intangibles tax contributed \$1,240,000; gross income tax, \$16,000,000; alcoholic beverage tax, \$5,000,000; auto tax, \$805,000; and weight tax for trucks and buses, \$740,000.

Balance Is Known

Gov. McNutt said that the change in financial system brought about during his administration makes it possible "to determine at all times with reasonable accuracy just what our financial balance is."

"Another feature of our present system that makes it possible for us to know exactly how we stand is segregation of unobligated funds from those funds that are pledged for specific purposes," he said.

"Of this, \$1,337,507 is for the social security program; \$394,639 for Federal PWA and WPA projects; \$31,076 for educational Federal participation; \$911,526 for state department fees for operation; and \$3,957,493 for distribution to other units."

Other specific funds reported (Turn to Page Three)

Safe and Sane DRIVING

BY THE NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL

RETURN ROAD RULES

TRAFFIC ARRESTS

Speeding 2 || Running Red Light | 2 |
Running Stop Sign	2
Running Yellow Light	2
Others Except Traffic	4

Accidents 11 || Injured | 11 |
| Dead | 1 |

• BELIEVE IN SIGNS? You might easily decide that many drivers can not read the English language if you watch busy traffic for a while—and that others are color blind.

But traffic signs can be very helpful to any car driver. That, in fact, is just what the multitude of signs and signals on our streets and highways have been placed there for—to help motorists prevent accidents.

Consider for a moment what a chaotic condition every congested business intersection would be in if it were not for the clever "STOP-GO" light with its red-yellow-green signals. And the plain "STOP" sign at the boulevard is there to help you pass safely.

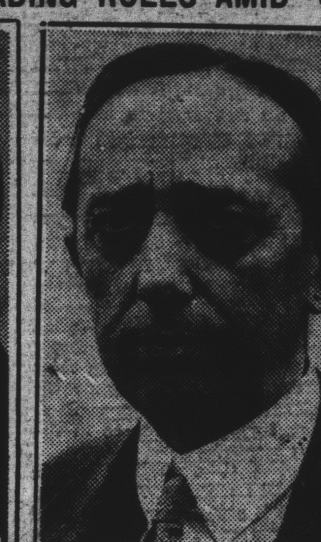
You drive out into the country, and here is a sign that says "B-CURVE" or maybe "SHARP CURVE AHEAD." You slow down with confidence in your knowledge of how to take the turns safely. And yonder is another friendly sign, "RAILROAD CROSSING."

It is true that sometimes we think there are too many signs scattered about. But if we are tempted to disregard one now and then, let us remember that the sole purpose of these signs is to help us drive with safety.

HOLD LEADING ROLES AMID SPANISH STRIFE



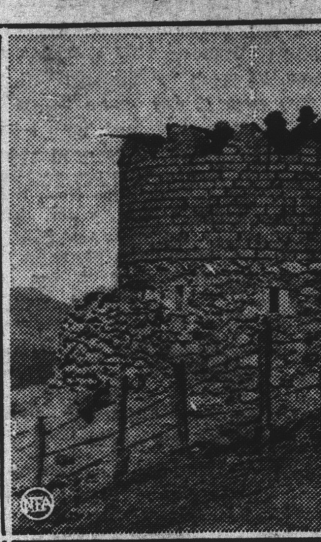
Gil Robles, Fascist exile.



Ambassador Claude G. Bowers



Premier Jose Giral



Spanish Moroccan block house, held by rebels.



The trouble spots of the Spanish revolution.

Morocco, Spain Form Gateway to Mediterranean Where Revolt Flared.

By United Press Spanish Morocco and Spain itself form the gateway to the Mediterranean, where fighting, revolt and bloodshed occurred over the week-end in a dozen towns and cities. Almost on the northernmost tip

of Africa at the Straits of Gibraltar stands the town of Ceuta, the African pillar of Hercules with a population of approximately 13,000.

There, where loyal warships are shelling the rebels, the Spanish have held a foothold in Africa since 1580.

Some 30 miles inland and directly south of Ceuta lies Tetuan, where, according to fleeing refugees, the rebels under the command of Gen.

Blast, Flames Wreck Garage; 16 Cars Burn

A double explosion and fire today destroyed the Wishmire Motor Service building at 4431 Rockville-dr.

Six men in the building at the time of the first blast escaped injury. Eleven passenger cars, three racing machines, a wrecker and a tank truck also were destroyed.

No estimate of the total damage was available immediately. Two racing cars being prepared for the 1937 Memorial Day 500-mile race here were destroyed at an estimated loss of \$7000. The one-story building was valued at \$1500 by E. H. Payne, 4915 Rockville-dr, owner, and tools lost were estimated at \$2000.

An acetylene torch used by Fred Stohrer, 33, of 36 S. Fleming-av, exploded, tearing away part of the building and starting off the fire. Stohrer, working on the Miller racing car owned by Michael DeBaets of Chicago, was blown 15 feet through a door. Kenneth Day, 29, of 4035 Rockville-dr, another mechanic, also was blown out of the building.

Others who escaped injury were (Turn to Page Three)

TRAPPED BY POLICE, SUSPECT ENDS LIFE

Takes Poison as Officers Close In on Hideout.

Times Special BLOOMINGTON, Ind., July 20.—While a doctor worked over him, Paul Hacker, 33, holdup suspect, died last night in police headquarters from the effects of poison he is said to have taken before surrendering to officers.

A week ago two masked youths and a man held up and robbed a grocery operated by Mrs. Quinley Ferguson of 80. Fritz Ayers, 19, and Carl Brannan, 16, were arrested and confessed, police said. They named a third man.

Hacker learned that police were searching for him and last night he saw the posse of police deploy around a house in which he was hiding.

He walked to the back porch, police said, paused to drink a bottle of poison he carried with him, and then surrendered.

STARTING TODAY:

A new Radio-Comic Page . . . Nine comics, including the new "Little Mary Mixup"; complete radio tables and news. Page 15.

The pros and cons of "The Indianapolis Gas Battle" are related in a series of articles. Page 9.

"In Indianapolis," the news of the city in brief. Page 3.

MOROCCO HEART OF REVOLUTION

Mass Executions of Loyalists by Fascist Troops Are Reported.

By Stephen Wall (Copyright, 1936, by United Press) TANGIER, Morocco, July 20.—Mass execution of loyalists by rebel troops was reported today by refugees from Spanish Morocco, held by the men who precipitated the revolt against Spain's left wing government.

A prominent resident of Tetuan, newly arrived from the Spanish zone, said that he saw the mass executions, the victims including high army officers who refused to join the rebels.

He added that 10 Moorish children were killed by bombs from a loyalist airplane which bombed the town and destroyed a school.

Refugees agree that there has been terrible slaughter in the rebel territory. Civilians, as well as army men who refused to co-operate with rebels, have been victims, they said.

Gen. Francisco Franco, governor of the Canary Islands, is directing operations and according to reports here is still at Ceuta, giving orders by the powerful wireless station there to his men in Spain as well as in Morocco.

Refugees are trading along the roads from the Spanish zone seeking the protection of the international zone.

The refugees said thousands more are fleeing afoot along the roads behind them, seeking refuge here and in French Morocco. The rebels have commandeered all vehicles in the Spanish zone.

Since my arrival here Saturday I have made several efforts to get into the Spanish territory, without success. The frontier is guarded closely. But the officers in charge (Turn to Page Three)

PARAMOUNT DEMANDS \$5,000,000 IN SUIT

Goldwyn Lured Gary Cooper Away, Is Zuko's Charge.

By United Press LOS ANGELES, July 20.—Adolph Zukor, chairman of the board of Paramount Studio, filed a \$5,000,000 damage suit against Samuel Goldwyn today, charging him with luring from the Paramount fold Gary Cooper, one of its highest ranking stars.

The slim, mustached count, who renounced his rights to the throne to marry a Cuban commoner, is selling automobiles here to gain a livelihood in his self-imposed exile. He also is having trouble with his Cuban wife and has filed suit in Supreme Court for annulment of the marriage.

He blamed the "unclean policies" of the radical leftist group for the insurrection in his fatherland. "It is a simple case of people getting tired of the blundering acts of the radical republican government," he said. "As in the republican revolution in 1873, the nation was taken over by groups opposing the monarchy and a republic was formed. As in 1874, conditions are similar today; the people are disgusted with the group of leftists in power."

BURNED IN HIS SLEEP

Local Man Hurt Critically When He Kaps While Smoking Cigaret.

Walker Kemp, 35, of 3345 E. 20th-st., was reported in critical condition today at City Hospital as the result of burns received yesterday when he fell asleep while smoking a cigarette.

SPAIN, MOROCCO TORN BY REVOLT; HUNDREDS SLAIN

Americans Find Refuge in U. S. Embassy at Madrid; Leftist Government Claims Rebels Are Suppressed.

MASS EXECUTIONS ARE REPORTED

Air Line Passengers Arriving in France Say Government Forces Are Bombarding Barracks.

By United Press

MADRID—Government announces suppression of rebel outbreak in capital.

LONDON—Exchange Telegraph Gibraltar correspondent reports rebels take Madrid.

GIBRALTAR—Rebels ultimatum government to surrender Madrid or suffer aerial bombardment.

LA LINEA—Rebels hold city; refugees report more than 200 killed.

ALGECIRAS—Government sources report that workers killed 119 rebel troops. Rebels hold city.

SEVILLE—Rebels broadcast claims of gains all over country.

TANGIER—Refugees report mass execution in Spanish Morocco by rebels who hold country.

CADIZ—Loyal cruiser bombards rebels.

MALAGA—Loyal submarines ready to shell rebels.

MELILLA and CEUTA, Morocco—Warships shell rebel strongholds; airplanes rain bombs.

TETUAN, Morocco—Gen. Francisco Franco, rebel chieftain, warns of punishment unless all factions join him.

GIBRALTAR—British admiralty holds warships to evacuate Nationals from embattled Spanish ports.

BIARRITZ—Entire Spanish frontier sealed. Workers arming in north to aid government.

TOULOUSE, France—Air line passengers from Barcelona report government forces bombarded barracks; several sections reported in flames.

CANNES—Prince of Asturias, heir apparent to the vacant Spanish throne, in busy conference with Spanish monarchists.

WASHINGTON—Maj. Ramon Franco, aerial "Paul Revere" of the Spanish revolution in 1931 and brother of the present rebellion leader, says Spain will remain a republic regardless of who wins present civil war.

Rebels Claim Great Gains; Heavy Fighting in South

Loyal Cruiser Rakes Cadiz and Melilla, Supported by Air Bombers.

By United Press MADRID, July 20.—While Americans were being invited by the United States embassy to take refuge there, the government announced today that the Right Wing army revolt in Madrid had been crushed.

All rebel barracks in the capital have surrendered after fierce fighting, especially at the Montana barracks, which is in the hands of government troops, workers and militia, representing the Left Wing faction, the announcement said.

There was no direct word of the situation in other cities, although disturbing reports were received of fighting and casualties.

Airplanes began to fly over the Montana barracks, where the rebels were holding out at 6 a. m. and began a bombardment.

Socialists, militia and loyal storm guards surrounded the barracks and attacked it with artillery and rifles. At 11 a. m. the barracks surrendered.

The loyal barracks is near the presidential palace and was the principal rebel stronghold, commanded by Gen. Joaquin Fanjul.

Rebel troops, aided by Fascists, hold some cities in Spain proper and claim more.

The loyal cruiser Cervantes raked Cadiz, important seaport in the far south, during the night in an effort to overawe rebels who hold it.

Loyal warships have bombarded Melilla and Ceuta, on the coast of Morocco where the rebellion started. Airplanes supplemented their fire.

The rebel movement seemed to have its center of strength in the south, in the country immediately north of Gibraltar, where a force of rebel troops from Morocco landed yesterday.

Workers all over the country are mobilizing in defense of the Left (Turn to Page Three)

(Copyright, 1936, by United Press) LISBON, Portugal, July 20.—Radio messages flashing out to Europe from revolution-torn Spain asserted today that rebels were dominant in all of the country but Galicia, Asturias and Catalonia.

One message reported that the rebels held Cadiz and proclaimed a state of war there. Another that rebels dominated at Cordoba and were attempting to win the populace to their side.

The rebel movement seemed strong and unless the government is able to gather sufficient loyal troops it may be forced out by the Right Wing army rebels and the civilian Fascists.

The situation is the most serious in the five-year life of the republic, uncensored information indicated. It is more serious than the 1934 revolt of workers because the country is more seriously divided.

Information reaching here through the government censorship and by means of the uncensored message sent by rebel broadcasts, is conflicting.

But it is indicated that the next 24 hours will see a definite turn in the tide. The Left Wing government is making a dictatorship under the rebel generals.

The object of the rebel generals, it was revealed, is to proclaim such a dictatorship. This might take the form of that of the late Primo de Rivera, which preceded the fall of King Alfonso. But it would be a modernized, republicanized one, it was indicated, not monarchial.

Even though Primo de Rivera's son, Jos Antonio, is the Spanish Fascist leader, and is openly monarchial, the Republican Right Wing and the Centre Parties would not agree to restoration of the monarchy, it was said.

View of Masses Unknown Late news from Madrid on the new cabinet revealed that the government is making a supreme effort to dominate the situation by using high army leaders, who are loyal, to wreck the rebel movement. The surrender of the rebel chieftains in Catalonia, it was suggested, might lead others to submit.

The situation which remained unknown was the attitude of the Left Wing masses as a whole, especially in the big cities. Usually they are prompt to strike in such a situation as the present one. They have frightened Right Wing civilian elements by their strikes and demonstrations. They may not frighten rebel army leaders.

The potential danger of a clash (Turn to Page Three)