

# CRIME DECLINE IS CREDITED TO JOB INCREASES

1400 Fewer Cases Handled  
This Year Than in 1935,  
Detectives Report.

Complaints investigated by the city police detective department decreased by more than 1400 during 1936 as compared with 1935, Detective Fred Simon disclosed today.

In 1935 detectives investigated 12,058 cases, while virtually complete record department figures indicated today that only 10,599 cases were handled during the last 12 months.

Chief Simon attributed the decline to both the increased efficiency of the department and to increased employment. Unemployment, he said, is considered a major cause of crime.

## Other Declines Noted

Especially was this last factor borne out in regard to petit larceny cases, where thefts many times were of clothing, food, and other necessities of life, Chief Simon said. He pointed out that 4757 petit larceny cases were reported in 1935, while in 1936 3760 had been handled.

Declines also were noted in burglaries, grand larcenies, robberies and automobile thefts.

The latter category was considered significant by Chief Simon since, in virtually all the major crimes and in most minor ones, automobiles played an important part in aiding criminals to escape.

During 1936, 1561 automobiles were reported stolen while the 1935 figure was 1719. Police recovered 1482 cars and make 95 arrests in automobile theft cases during 1936. In 1935, 1672 were returned to their owners and 145 persons arrested for vehicle taking.

A total of \$823,530 worth of property was reported stolen during 1936, and \$715,661 worth of stolen goods was recovered by the department. This compared with \$816,755 worth of property stolen in 1935 and \$673,370 worth recovered that year.

## Fewer Robberies Reported

The detective department arrested 157 persons in connection with 2127 grand larceny cases during 1936. For 1935, 2179 grand larceny cases were reported with 148 individuals apprehended.

Robberies totaled 399 during the last 12 months as compared with 466 in 1935, and 1722 burglaries were investigated in 1936 as compared with 1876 in 1935.

Murder cases handled by the detective department increased from 28 in 1935 to 37 in 1936. Chief Simon reported that 49 persons had been arrested in the murder cases. Other classifications included the following figures:

Assault and battery with intent to kill, 276 during 1936 as compared with 259 during 1935; criminal attack cases, 20 during 1936 as compared with the same number in 1935; manslaughter cases, 10 in 1936 and seven during 1935.

## Part in 9 Days



Romance that lasted only nine days was the theme of a real domestic drama unfolded for Hollywood by David Gotta, lower photo, film dance director, in a suit for annulment of his marriage to pretty Frances Paxton, upper photo. He says the blond screen actress refused to make a home for him. Her version is "We just agreed to disagree." Their wedding at Yuma, Ariz., followed an airplane elopement.

## GROUNDRED FREIGHTER SAFE

BOSTON, Jan. 1.—The freighter City of St. Louis, aground on Hog Island in Buzzard's Bay since before midnight, wireless the Coast Guard today that it was in no danger and did not need assistance. The freighter carries a crew of 52.

# Stronger National Defenses Declared 1937 Japanese Goal

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TOKYO, Jan. 1.—Japan, freed from the "unjust" restrictions of the naval limitation treaties, must build up its national defenses during 1937, Admiral Osami Nagano, navy minister, said today in his New Year message to the nation.

"We urge during the coming year firm preparedness in coping with the present situation by increasing the national defense at all costs and taking concrete steps to complete it," he said.

Now that the nation, with the new year, is freed from the "unjust" naval restrictions of the Washington battleship and the London cruiser treaties, Admiral Nagano said:

"The nation can henceforth proceed with the replenishment of its national defense and reach the fulfillment of its mission on a basis of non-force and non-aggression."

## Others Make Statements

Admiral Nagano's statement was one of a series of new year messages by cabinet members. All of them showed preoccupation with the main problems of (1) national defense; (2) China and (3) Russia and communism generally.

Those of the ministers for the fighting services took first place in interest. Admiral Nagano emphasized that Japan's fundamental policy was to maintain peace in the Orient and then to extend the spirit of peace throughout the world.

The political situation in the Far East, the Admiral said, had been disturbed by a fresh advance of European influence.

The seizure of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, China's strong man, by "Young Marshal" Chang Hsueh-Liang, he said, threw China into confusion and "cast a dark shadow over all Eastern Asia."

## National Development Urged

He said that the world was in a condition of political, economic and mental unrest and showed a tendency to strengthen armaments. "Therefore," he argued, Japan was obligated to make every effort to complete an efficient system of national defense, taking into consid-

## DR. UNRUH TO BROADCAST

Dr. E. J. Unruh, director of the Midwest Council on International Relations, is to speak on "Anti-War Legislation Before the Next Session of Congress," over radio station WFBM at 9:30 tonight. It is the fourth in a series on problems of international relations.

## MANAGERS TO MEET

District managers and 30 leading Midwest sales members are to attend the Woman's World Publishing Co. annual convention at the Hotel Lincoln here tomorrow, Wilbur C. Shannon, central division manager, announced today.

## Held as Killer



Slayer in a sudden courtroom attack of a youth accused of killing her son, Mrs. Viola Wickline, 35, shown after her arrest in Jackson, Ky., now faces a murder charge. During the examining trial of John Shepherd, 18, she rose and began firing a revolver, mortally wounding the accused and shooting two others before she was subdued.

## MAYO CLINIC HEAD DIES

By United Press  
ROCHESTER, Minn., Jan. 1.—Dr. Henry S. Plummer, chief of the division of medicine of the famous Mayo clinic since 1901, died here late last night.

## BANDIT ROUTS TAXI DRIVER

Horace Smith, 41, of 1214 S. Belmont-av., abandoned his taxi last night after a passenger drew a gun and attempted a holdup, he told police. The man in the cab fired at him. Smith said. The cab was found later at 1108 Broadway.

# CLUB OBSERVES ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDING TODAY

Hoosier Athletic Members  
Note Organization's  
58th Year.

Hoosier Athletic Club members today are to observe the fifty-eighth anniversary of their organization's founding.

The club was formed with 33 charter members as the Independent Athletic Club. It originally maintained headquarters in the old Mozart Hall, later known as Germanic Hall. In 1900 it moved to a building on the northeast corner of Ohio and Illinois-av.

In 1914 the club moved to its present location at 902 N. Meridian-st. Seven years later the name was changed to Hoosier Athletic Club. The organization's purpose is to provide members and their families with athletic and social facilities. Its program includes organized gymnasium classes for business men and weekly dances.

Club officers are Dr. Emil C. Kernel, president; Dr. Kyle B. Mayhall, first vice president; Fred C. Walter, second vice president; Robert Allison, corresponding secretary; Frank P. Huse, recording secretary, and J. Forrest Davis, treasurer.

## Heads League



Glenn B. Drago is to be installed as the new Brookside Civic League president at a meeting at 8 p. m. Monday in the Brookside Community House, Edward O. Snethen is to have charge of the installation services.

# STATE ROAD WORK TO COST \$1,669,000

Bids on highway construction and improvement work in seven counties, estimated to cost approximately \$1,669,000, are to be opened by the State Highway Commission Jan. 19, according to James D. Adams, chairman.

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