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FORECAST: Showers beginning late tonight or tomorrow; somewhat warmer tonight.

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CHIEF CHARGES THIEVES, PAWN SHOPS ALLIED

Fencing of Stolen Goods Also Laid to Some Old Gold Buyers.

DEFECTS IN LAW CITED

Ordinance Is Proposed to Place Burden of Proof On Dealers.

By SAM TYNDALL

Police Chief Morrissey today charged before the Safety Board that an alliance exists between burglars and some of the city's pawn shops, old gold buyers, junk shops and secondhand stores.

He charged that the offending shops operate under existing laws as virtual fences for stolen goods and are protected through the intricacies of the law more than victimized property owners.

The Safety Board, at the suggestion of Mayor Kerner, turned over to the legal department for examination a proposal that an ordinance be passed shifting the burden of proof as to ownership of the property on operators of the accused places.

The chief declared that a burglar steals an article from a home, takes it to a pawn shop, and is paid an amount of money for it as an object in pawn.

Claims Homes Spotted

The householder discovers the theft, and reports it to police, he said. Police find the article in pawn, he added, and take it legally into custody.

The owner, he said, then must pay the pawnbroker, junk dealer, secondhand store operator, or old gold buyer what the dealer set for the item on the object. Or the householder must go to the relatively expensive Morrissey said, of him to a lawyer to bring a replevin suit.

The proposal now being studied by the legal department would make pawnbrokers and other dealers prove the article was not stolen.

Chief Morrissey charged further that some operators act as spotters for burglars.

He said, by way of illustration, an old gold buyer gets a call from a citizen to come to his home to appraise some metal. The buyer, he said, sends an agent, who offers less in money than the householder believes the articles are worth.

Returned, Morrissey told the board, the agent spots the house, maps it, and furnishes the information to burglars, who subsequently rob it, steal the gold, and are allowed a fraction of its value on it by the buyer.

10 Detectives on Duty

The chief charged that the sections near the pawnshops are the most thoroughly victimized in the city. He said he has 10 detectives on duty in these shops exclusively, and that they barely keep up with their work. Several years ago, he said, two men did the work satisfactorily.

Other suggestions made by the board to correct the situation described by Morrissey, included allowing police to impose a system of accounts on the shops that would keep a minute check on their records, and to allow owners to file affidavits of ownership to avoid repayment of the loans to the brokers.

The board is to consider an ordinance to recodify taxicab regulations at its regular meeting next Tuesday.

The draft of the ordinance was presented today by Chief Morrissey, who has expressed the belief that taxi cruising should be placed under more strict regulations.

BOB BURNS

Says: HOLLYWOOD,

May 11.—When a person does the same work day after day without a change for a long time, he gets stale on the job. There's no kick in it any more because he gets so he does his work without thinking about it. The same thing applies to scenery. When you stay in one place too long, you get so stale you can look at the scenery without even seeing it.

That's the reason when a country boy goes to New York City, he sees more things happen the first day than a New Yorker sees in a year. Some scientists claim that country boys catch on to things quicker because they have their eyes open and they absorb every little detail.

The first time I drove an automobile back to the hills, my Cousin Dillard asked me to show him how to do the thing, so I got him in the car and we started down the road and my Cousin Dillard says, "Well, I saw how you started the thing, but how do you stop it?" So I says, "Well, I'll show ya."

So I stepped on the brakes and the road happened to be slippery and the car skidded and crashed into a rock wall at the side of the road.

We untagged ourselves from the wrecks and my Cousin Dillard says, "Well, you sure stopped her all right, but how in the world do you stop the thing when they ain't no rock wall handy?"

Fisher Fished Wrong \$11, Gets 180 Days

Louis Fisher, 47, of 1211 S. Meridian St., and Lee Warner, 1521 Cruse St., were arrested together Saturday on charges of being drunk. Shortly thereafter, Mr. Fisher awoke, said he was Mr. Warner, and claimed Mr. Warner's \$12.

He posted \$11 of it and walked out free. Mr. Warner pointed this out to police. In Municipal Court Monday he was given a suspended sentence for drunkenness.

He set out to find Fisher.

Today he sought Fisher into court and claimed the \$11 that was then released from Mr. Fisher's bond. Mr. Fisher got \$100 and costs and 180 days on the Indiana State Farm for obtaining money under false pretenses.

CITY TO GREET F. D. R. BRIEFLY

President Is Expected to Pause Here on Way To Capital.

State officials today were awaiting word from President Roosevelt as to the time of his arrival here tomorrow afternoon, on his way to Washington.

Tentative plans for a brief reception at Union Station were being made, but no official word had been received either at the Governor's office or state Democratic headquarters.

Meanwhile, police made only six arrests for traffic violations, the lowest number recorded in several months. Seven other motorists were charged with improper parking.

Fred Lorenz, 2525 Shelby St. was struck by an auto driven by Arthur Bailey, 27, of 2333 Hoyt Ave., as he crossed Shelby St. near his home late last night.

Lorenz received fractures of both legs and lacerations about the body and hands. He was taken to St. Francis Hospital.

Driver Not Held

Mrs. Vonda Minor, 38, of 1202 E. Southern Ave., and Mrs. Mary Russell, 35, of 1333 E. Southern Ave., who witnessed the accident, told police, they said, that Mr. Bailey was driving at a moderate rate of speed. He was not held by police.

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MORE SHOWERS DUE TODAY, TOMORROW

HOURLY TEMPERATURES

6 a.m. ..	53	10 a.m. ..	60
7 a.m. ..	56	11 a.m. ..	65
8 a.m. ..	58	12 (Noon) ..	66
9 a.m. ..	60	1 p.m. ..	68

More belated April showers are predicted to dampen Indianapolis and vicinity tonight or tomorrow, the United States Weather Bureau reported today.

Accompanying the showers will be slightly warmer weather, the bureau predicted.

INSURGENTS CAPTURE HILLS NEAR BILBAO

Victory Removes Barrier to Prized Valley.

By United Press

GUERNICA, Basque Front, May 11.—Pushing their offensive from Sollube against the remaining heights in the hands of the Basques on the Bilbao front, General Emilio Mola's troops today captured Mt. Mazagaz and another strategic position known as Hill 302.

Mr. Mola's troops further been the chief obstacle of the Rebels in their drive to take Mt. Vizcarra and dominate the valley of the Nervion River and the low country in the immediate vicinity of Bilbao.

Fighting continued today along the Larrañeta Road eight miles from Bilbao.

55 Are Killed in Madrid Bombardment

By United Press

MADRID, May 11.—Fifty-five persons were killed and 130 wounded in a seven-hour artillery bombardment of Madrid.

The cannonading began ripping open the homes of sleeping Madridanos immediately after Loyalist militia had dynamited a temporary wooden bridge which the Rebels had placed across the Manzanares River at University City.

'BO' M'MILLIN INJURED AS AUTO HITS POLE

By United Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., May 11.—Football Coach "Bo" McMillin of Indiana University was recovering today from minor injuries sustained in an auto accident. The mishap occurred yesterday when McMillin's car skidded from State Road 37 near Bloomington and rammed a utility pole.

The Indiana coach said he had started to apply the brakes as the car swung around a curve and his foot slipped onto the accelerator.

MERRILL SCANS PLANE FOR RETURN TO N. Y.

By United Press

LONDON, May 11.—Henry T. (Dick) Merrill looked over his trans-Atlantic plane at Croydon Airport today preparatory to refueling and flying back to New York after the coronation tomorrow with pictures and newsreels.

MOTORIST AND PEDESTRIAN, 81, BADLY INJURED

Both of Aged Man's Legs Fractured in Shelby St. Mishap.

SIX DRIVERS ARRESTED

Husband Suffers Concussion Of Brain, Wife and Child Bruised.

MARION COUNTY TRAFFIC TOLL TO DATE

1937	55
1936	50
May 10	50
Accidents	6
Injured	9
TRAFFIC ARRESTS	
Speeding	0
Running red light	3
Running a referential street	0
Driving too fast	0
Reckless driving	1
Improper lights	1
Driving through safety zone	1
Improper parking	7

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115 MILLION DOLLAR ICKES BILL FAVERED

House Group Sets 54 Million For Public Works.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, May 11.—The House Appropriations Committee favorably reported today a \$115,871,264 Interior Department supply bill, cut \$4,741,340 below budget estimates and carrying \$54,340,500 for public works projects.

On the bill completed the Appropriations Committee's work for the session on regular departmental bills. Major measures remaining are work relief and rivers and harbors bills.

The Committee reduced budget estimates for reclamation projects by \$4,150,000, recommending a total of \$39,800,000.

Public works expenditures of \$6,654,500 in the Indian service, \$7,500,000 in the National Park Service, and \$386,000 in miscellaneous projects were provided for.

Hopes Rise for

By United Press

WASHINGTON, May 11.—Administration hopes for House approval of a \$1,500,000,000 work relief program rose today with indications that the appropriations subcommittee handling the bill will vote later today to stand by the President's recommendation.

BALL LEAVES HOSPITAL

Detective Sergeant Arch Ball, who was injured in an automobile accident near Jamestown, May 2, is to be released from City Hospital this afternoon, physicians indicated.

FARMER IS WOUNDED

DANVILLE, May 11.—Wiley Stone, 47, farmer south of here, was wounded seriously by shotgun pellets today in what county authorities said was a quarrel with Anderson Kivett, 80, a neighbor, over their property.

Harry S. New Services To Be Brief and Simple

By United Press

HARRY S. NEW, former Cabinet member and Senator, was to be buried this afternoon in Crown Hill near the final resting place of his old friend, James Whitcomb Riley.

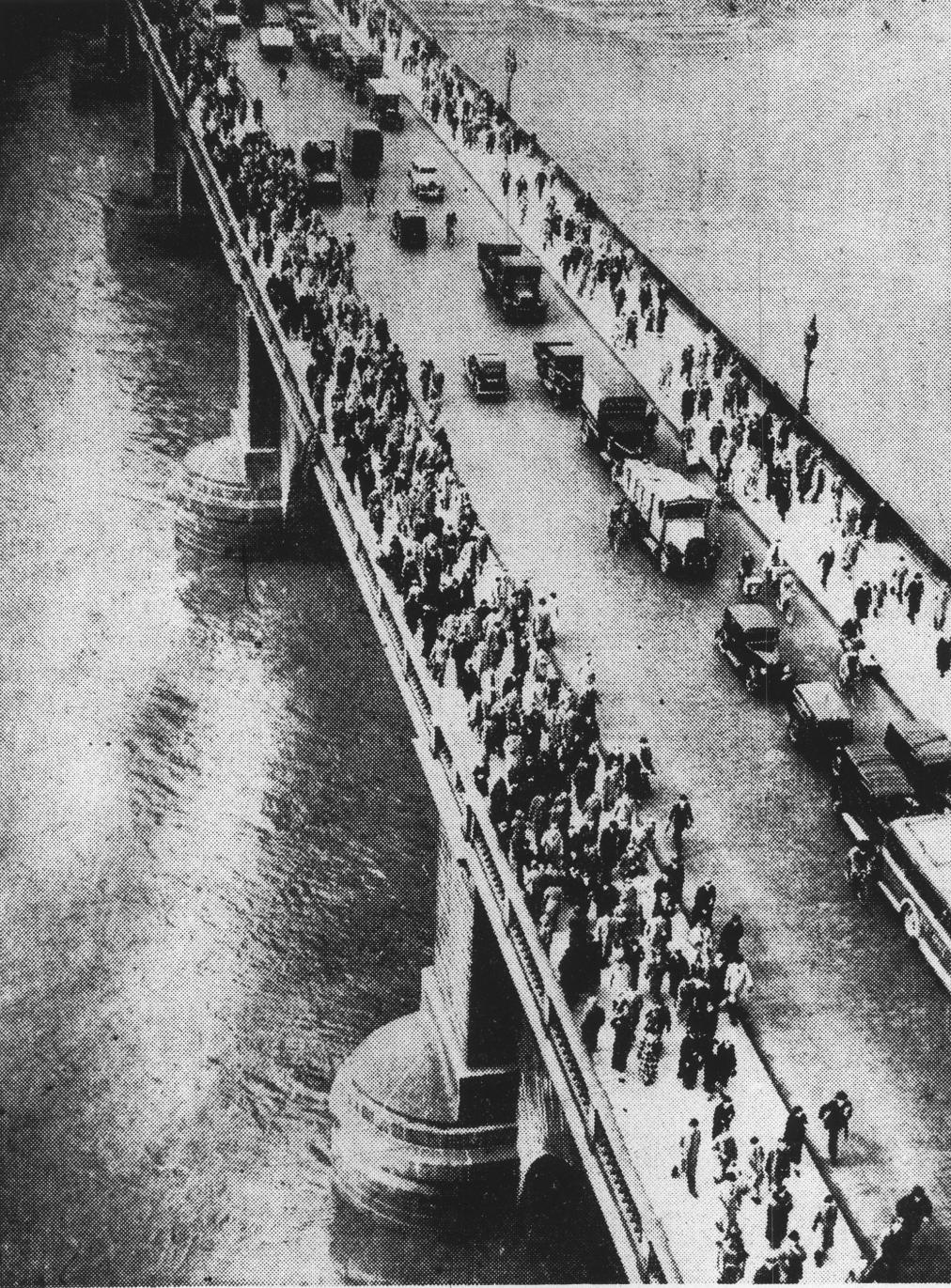
The Rev. W. A. Shullenberger was to conduct the funeral services in the Central Christian Church at 1:30 p.m.

The body arrived from Baltimore, where Mr. New died Sunday night, at 10:30 a.m. It was taken to the Flanner & Buchanan Mortuary, accompanied by a special guard from the Harrison.

As requested by Mr. New before his death, both the services in the church, a prayer, scripture and a brief sermon, and the burial ceremonies in Crown Hill, were to be brief and simple.

The military escort also was to act as pallbearers, with 15 selected as honorary pallbearers.

London Bridge Is Foot Span in Strike



—Acme Photo.

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