

## Stokely Fire Loss Set at \$250,000



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## OFFICIALS SEEK ORIGIN OF BLAZE

## Strong Wind Blows Flames Through Plant; Explosions Of Catsby Handicap.

MARTINSVILLE, Ind., Oct. 7.—Police and officials of Stokely Bros. & Co. today sought to determine the origin of a fire which last night destroyed the main Stokely packing plant and warehouse with a loss estimated at \$250,000.

The fire started at the west wall of the building and was blown through the plant by a strong wind. The building itself was without fire walls and hundreds of wooden packing crates contributed to the intense flames.

Residences Threatened  
The Martinsville Fire Department received a first call at about 6:30 p. m., but its work was hampered by the rapid-fire explosion of hundreds of bottles of catsup.

At one time a nearby residential section was threatened. Several railroad freight cars full of merchandise about to be delivered were burned.

The fire was discovered by a skeleton crew at work in the plant. Past the peak of the packing season, the plant payroll carried only about 200 employees as compared to 650 a few weeks ago.

Search Debris  
A light rain aided firemen somewhat, but it was not until after 9 p. m. that the fire was under control.

Company officials and Sheriff W. R. Rainwater said that a search for clues to the fire's origin would be made in the debris today.

At one time three smoke stacks threatened to fall, but firemen fastened the guy wires to new anchors outside the reach of the fire and saved them.

## Today's War Moves

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test oil wells against sabotage show anxiety to camouflage the real Axis purpose. The Rumanians, themselves, have been able to safeguard the wells from local interference. But, Russia's new military bases in Bessarabia put the Slav air bombers within half an hour's flying time of the Rumanian air fields, and that is a matter of grave importance for the totalitarian states.

Rome and Berlin charge British propaganda with circulating the reports of Axis military moves in Rumania, whereas the revelations come entirely from Rumanian quarters both in Bucharest and Berlin. Anxiety of the Germans and Italians to accuse the British reveals their desire not to alarm Russia, since the Slavs must necessarily be deeply concerned over any new totalitarian action in the Balkans. It is Rumania herself, not the Brit-

## State Clothiers Announce 18 Best Dressed Men Tonight

You men who have been parading through the lobby of the Claypool Hotel hoping that the Indiana Retail Clothiers and Furnishers would notice your sartorial splendor might as well give up.

The clothiers already have chosen the 18 best dressed men in Indiana, but they're not telling who they are—just yet. The list will be made public at a banquet-dance tonight in the Hotel Lincoln which will end the semi-annual convention.

Today on the seventh, eighth and ninth floors all rooms were open to the 200 salesmen attending the convention. The rooms are piled high with shirts, socks and suits.

Among the displays which catch the eye is one of accessories. A transparent wallet got a heavy vote.

## IN INDIANAPOLIS

## Here Is the Traffic Record DEATHS TO DATE

County City Total	Deaths
1938	42
1940	63
Oct. 5 and 6	1
Injured	26
Arrests	42
Dead	2

## SATURDAY TRAFFIC COURT

Violations	Cases Convicted	Fines
Speeding	3	10
Reckless driving	3	10
Failure to stop at through traffic	2	4
Disobeying street signal	1	1
Drunken driving	2	1
All others	11	29
Totals	22	\$60

## MEETINGS TODAY

Indianapolis Ministerial Association, 8:30 p. m., at the Claypool Hotel.  
American Society of Women Accountants, 8:30 p. m., at the Claypool Hotel.  
Indiana Accident Prevention Council, 8:30 p. m., at the Claypool Hotel.  
Delta Theta Epsilon, 8:30 p. m., at the Claypool Hotel.  
Community Fund, Claypool Hotel, 8:30 p. m.  
Men's Amputee Club, Claypool Hotel, 8:30 p. m.  
Parent-Teacher Association, Claypool Hotel, 8:30 p. m.  
Phi Beta Kappa, 8:30 p. m., at the Claypool Hotel.  
Scientific Club, 8:30 p. m., at the Claypool Hotel.  
North Side Residents, Canby Cottage, 8:30 p. m.  
Boys' Club, 8:30 p. m., at the Claypool Hotel.  
Board of Trade, 8:30 p. m., at the Claypool Hotel.  
Indiana University Club, Columbia Club, 8:30 p. m.  
Ohio State University Alumni, Board of Trade, 8:30 p. m.  
Central Indiana Rifle League, Three Diamond range, night.

## MEETINGS TOMORROW

State Highway Commission, contract meeting, Claypool Hotel, 10 a. m.  
Parent-Teacher Association, Claypool Hotel, 8:30 a. m.  
Alpha Omicron Alpha, Board of Trade, 8:30 a. m.  
Omega Nu Tau, Board of Trade, 8:30 a. m.  
Indiana Hunting and Fishing Club, Board of Trade, 8:30 a. m.  
Rotary Club, Claypool Hotel, noon.  
New York Club, V. M. Hotel, noon.  
Alpha Tau Omega, Board of Trade, noon.  
Indianapolis Home Builders' Association, 8:30 a. m.  
Hosiery Athletic Club, 8:30 a. m.  
Mercer Club, 8:30 a. m.  
University of Michigan Club, Board of Trade, noon.  
Knights of Columbus, C. of C. Club, house, noon.  
Lutheran Service Club, Canby Cottage, noon.  
Elmer Paper Credit Group, Men's Grill, 8:30 a. m.  
North American Christian Convention, 8:30 a. m.  
Catholic Community Council, National Council of Catholic Community Council, 2 p. m.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

These lists are from official records in the County Court House. The Times therefore is not responsible for errors in names and addresses.  
Donald W. Tilgus, 36, of 1519 Chester; Lillian E. Jeffries, 20, of 2121 Napoleon.  
William F. Bromley, 25, of 5111 Broadway; Rosemary McCormick, 18, of 2845 McPherson.  
Robert A. McConnell, 21, of 1429 N. Alabama; Ruth A. Martin, 18, of 336 N. State.  
Dorance S. Lomen, 24, of 583 Warren; Mary M. Newland, 20, of 2961 N. Chester.  
Robert E. May, 28, R. 1, Box 3385; Jewel N. Hammar, 21, of 640 E. Drive.  
Woodruff Place.  
Sylvester Harris, 45, of 2214 Minerva; Virginia L. Crocker, 43, of 957 W. Vermont.  
Ralph Williams, 22, of 822 E. Washington; Margaret E. Ditt, 20, of 1320 Oakland.  
Dale Burge, 23, of 1116 S. Belmont; Marjorie Totter, 18, of 1303 S. Sheffield.  
Herbert Sanders, 24, of 1422 N. Tabor.

## NEW AXIS STROKE IN BALKANS HINTED

Reports That Germany Sends Troops Into Rumania Cause Wide Speculation as Nazi Airmen Launch Daylight Attack on London.

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ican politics. Mr. Matthews wrote that the Axis wanted to see President Roosevelt defeated.

There was no immediate clarification of the reports that German troops already had entered Rumania but both German and Rumanian officials pointed out that the new Premier, Gen. Ion Antonescu, had asked the Axis powers to aid in re-organizing the Rumanian Army.

In Bucharest it was said that some 15,000 German troops were expected by tomorrow and that two more divisions, possibly another 30,000 men, might follow. Both motorized units and German air forces were said to have moved into the country.

## Oil Field Protection Suggested

One suggestion was that the Germans had come to protect the Rumanian oil fields, a vital source of fuel for German war and industrial machines, against a British sabotage plot.

The Rumanian legation in Berlin first said the Germans had come to train and reorganize the Rumanian Army and that Italian troops were expected also. Later this was denied and it was said the matter was still under negotiation.

Nazi sources said that confusion had probably arisen because of the presence in Rumania of unarmed SS Corpsmen to handle repatriation of Germans from Russian-occupied Bessarabia.

At the other end of the Axis there were surprise and denials. Rome scouted the suggestion that German troops had moved in and denied flatly that any Italian troops were going to Rumania.

## Russia Figures in Speculation

Importance of any German move into Rumania is emphasized because the state is a dividing line of Russian and German interest. Under the Vienna award whereby Rumania ceded most of Transylvania to Hungary, Germany and Italy guaranteed Rumanian frontiers.

Speculation has been growing in European capitals regarding possibility of more friendly relations between Russia and Great Britain. Sir Stafford Cripps, British Ambassador to Moscow, had an hour and a half interview with Soviet Premier and Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov Friday night, it was revealed belatedly today.

It was said in London that Britain's decision to reopen the Burma Road as a supply route for China Oct. 17 would be communicated to Russia in direct contrast with Britain's failure to advise Russia when the route was closed.

## Address by Duce Awaited

The possibility of some revelation of the decisions made at Brenner Pass by Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini was seen in Rome reports that Mussolini may make an important public address Thursday.

The Duce stood on top of an armored car at Verona today to review Fascist troops during a military tour in north Italy. He inspected the Pasubio division at the Army parade grounds at Verona in the presence of about 150,000 persons.

The Italian High Command admitted today that a British submarine had slipped up to the Italian Riviera Coast and shelled the town of Savona, 20 miles west of Genoa, killing one person and wounding six. The sinking of another British submarine and an attack on a Red Sea convoy was claimed.

Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka of Japan called on China to line up with Japan, Germany and Italy and cease playing a role "in the front line of European and American capitalism."

Continuing a series of attempts to define the aims of the Japanese-German-Italian alliance, and Japan's own part in it, Matsuoka said:

"Japan has no intention of picking a quarrel with any country, but it must peremptorily reject the acts of all nations which attempt to disturb the peace of the Far East by prolonging the Chinese-Japanese conflict by extending assistance to the Chiang Kai-shek regime."

## Simms:

U. S. Rapprochement With Japan Is Regarded as Forlorn Hope

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS

Times Forum Editor

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7.—It would be no exaggeration to state that officials here, both civil and military, now regard a rapprochement with Japan as the forlornest of forlorn hopes.

Information received from pro-American circles in Japan indicates that the most ardent Japanese liberals have now swung over to the military clique's point of view, almost to a man.

Thus, while some of these continue to be sincere advocates of better relations with the United States, they lay down terms which this country has not the slightest intention of accepting—because to do so would necessitate a complete right-about-face on long-established principles, including those of the nine-power treaty and the open door.

I have just received Tokyo's opinion on the subject that is inspiring the deepest pessimism here. It is an appeal for a better Japanese-American understanding from Juji Kasai, Diet member and former parliamentary councillor of overseas affairs at Tokyo. He is a lifelong friend of this country and is well known to many Americans.

"Suppose a Japanese-American war should break out," he asks, "what profit would it bring to the nations concerned? Even if the American Navy should succeed in blocking Japan, complete subjugation of that nation would be impossible.

"Conversely, even if the Japanese expeditionary forces should land on the Pacific Coast of the United States after the Imperial Navy's victories in the Philippines and Hawaii, there is absolutely no chance for us to cross the American continent and occupy Washington."

So, Mr. Kasai argues, why can't Japan and the United States get together? One reason for the present tension, he goes on to say, is Japan's failure to speak plainly. If Amer-

icans have recently become anti-Japanese in sentiment, he says, "this is due largely to the bad tactics of our diplomacy which has made them think that Japan is an aggressor nation."

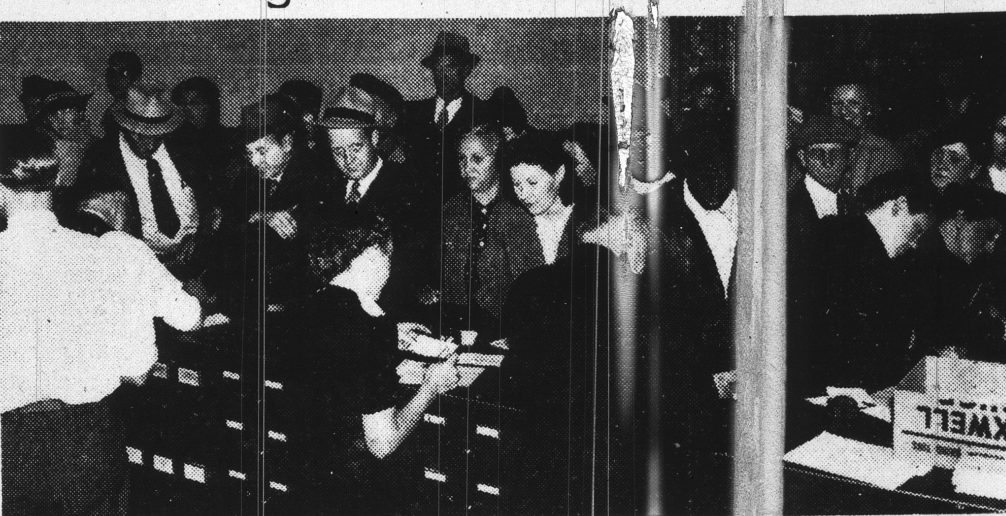
What baffles Washington is the apparently sincere conviction on the part of even the most liberal Japanese that, first, Japan is entitled to dominate the whole of greater East Asia, including the Dutch East Indies, by force.

Second, that they are only applying a Monroe Doctrine to Asia when they do so.

Third, that it constitutes a hostile act when America not only refuses to recognize Japan's Asiatic conquests but declines to facilitate the conquest by supplying her with war materials.

Mr. Simms

## Voters Register at Rate of 40 an Hour



Voters were registering their names for the Nov. 5 election at the rate of about 40 an hour today, taxing the capacity of the registration staff. The line of voters crowding in the office (above) was half a block long this morning.

## REWARD OFFERED IN BEATINGS OF SECT

The American Civil Liberties Union today posted a \$500 reward to the first person supplying information leading to the arrest and conviction of the assailants of members of Jehovah's Witnesses at Connersville.

Members of the sect were beaten

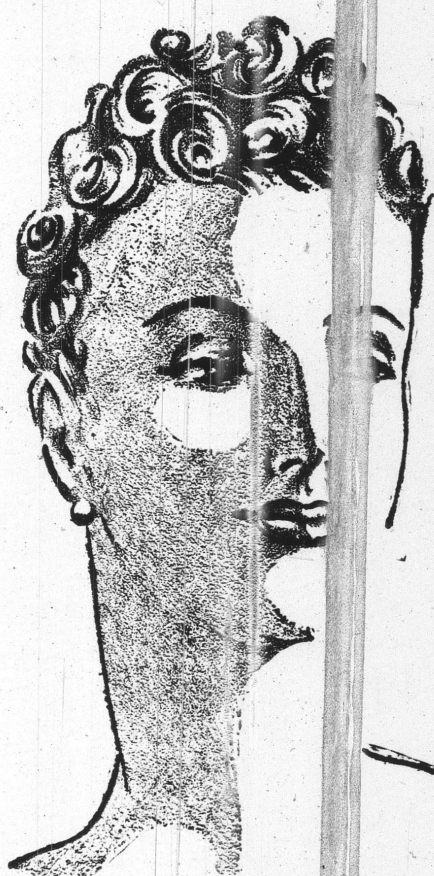
recently after two members were convicted and sentenced to prison terms on charge of riotous conspiracy. The charges grew out of the distribution of literature.

The Union issued a statement saying that it had no connection with the sect, but was making the offer "in the interest of protecting the civil liberties of all citizens without distinction, in accordance with the principles embodied in the Bill of Rights."

THE REV. COUILLARD ACCEPTS N. Y. CALL

After four years as pastor of both churches in the Indianapolis Episcopal Parish, the Rev. Verne Couillard has resigned to become the pastor of the Moravian church of New Dorp, Staten N. Y. He said his resignation would become effective Sunday in November.

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