

## WIFE, HUSBAND AND 'OTHER MAN' ARGUE, 3 SHOT

Young Woman and Gun-Wielding Friends Are Critically Wounded.

Three persons were wounded, two critically, in gunplay early yesterday near the Traction Terminal.

Critically wounded are Mrs. Naomi Smythe, 25, of 25 W. Michigan St., and Harry Roberts, 32, of 3232 Graceland Ave. Both are in City Hospital.

Virgil Smythe, husband of the wounded woman and a chef at the Harrison Hotel, received a superficial wound in his arm. He was treated at City Hospital and is free on his own recognizance on a charge of vagrancy.

Police said they learned that Smythe had warned Roberts several times to discontinue his attentions to Mrs. Smythe.

### Meeting Ends in Fight

Yesterday, Mr. and Mrs. Smythe were talking in the Indiana Railroad's freight yard, adjoining the Traction Terminal, when Roberts walked up.

Police said the meeting of the two men ended in a fist fight in which Roberts was beaten up. He staggered to his feet and walked away from the couple.

As Smythe and his wife stood talking, Roberts returned, police said, and pulled a revolver from a coat pocket and shot Mrs. Smythe. The bullet entered the left side of her chest and came out through her shoulder. She fell, bleeding, to the ground.

Smythe struck Roberts, knocking him to the ground, and Roberts fired again, wounding Smythe in the arm. Roberts then got to his feet and started running but was surrounded by persons waiting for buses and traction cars.

### Fires Into Stomach

He calmly raised a hand at them, placed the gun to his abdomen and fired. Then, still standing, he surrendered the gun to Edward Driscoll, 26, of 234 E. 12th St.

"I didn't mean to shoot them," he said.

Still standing in the middle of the group when police came, he admitted the shootings and then collapsed. Roberts' mother, Mrs. Lillian Lovelace, and his stepfather, Henry Lovelace, who were in the nearby Stratford Hotel, heard the shooting and investigated. Mrs. Lovelace saw her son collapse on the pavement.

Roberts is charged with vagrancy and assault and battery with intent to kill and is held under a \$5000 bond.

### KIN MEET IN BLACKOUT

LONDON, Nov. 25 (U. P.).—After searching London for a cousin he had never seen, Lieut. Brodt, a Polish officer, met her in the blackout. While walking Piccadilly one evening he ran into a girl and knocked her down. After helping her to her feet and apologizing, he introduced himself. So did the girl, who was his missing cousin.

## Convention Aid



Benjamin Blumberg . . . arranges finance meeting.

Benjamin Blumberg, manager of the M. Blumberg Co., Terre Haute, is on the committee in charge of arrangements for the 25th annual convention of the Indiana Association of Personal Finance Companies which will be held in Indianapolis for two days starting Wednesday.

Several nationally known speakers, including Gen. Hugh S. Johnson, will speak before the convention. Gen. Johnson will address a banquet Wednesday night in the Claypool Hotel.

## \$250,000 BLAZE DESTROYS STORE

Fire in Montgomery Ward's At Lafayette Follows Explosion Report.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Nov. 25 (U. P.).—A \$250,000 blaze destroyed the Montgomery Ward store here yesterday, two hours after Fire Chief William F. Koerner had investigated the building after employees in an adjoining building reported hearing an explosion.

Chief Koerner's investigation at that time revealed nothing apparently wrong and cause of the fire was not determined.

J. F. Irvin, store manager, estimated the loss to stock and fixtures at \$100,000 and an agent for the owner of the building estimated the loss on the building at \$150,000. The building is owned by Mrs. Charles E. Cory, who is wintering at Berkeley, Cal.

Mr. Irvin said the store had just received the largest Christmas stock in its 12-year history.

Two were injured slightly while fighting the blaze. Assistant Chief Jasper Arnold was injured by falling glass and Fireman Leo Minnick was overcome by smoke. Chief Arnold was treated at a hospital and Mr. Minnick was taken home.

Most of the store's 50 employees will be transferred to the firm's Lafayette farm store or to stores in surrounding cities, Mr. Irvin said.

## PREDICTS GAIN IN TAX YIELD

Federation Says States Will Get 7.3% More Than During 1939.

CHICAGO, Nov. 25 (U. P.).—Tax collections of state governments during 1940 will be 7.3 per cent above those for 1939 and 26 per cent above the revenue of 1937, the Federation of Tax Administrators estimated today. Total income for the year was estimated at \$4,131,400,000.

The Federation said tax yields had increased gradually during the last four years as tax structures became stabilized after the depression, which caused widespread changes. Most important of the changes was the universal adoption of the payroll tax used to finance unemployment insurance.

Sales taxes, including those on tobacco, liquor and gasoline, provided more than 40 per cent of the states' incomes and the selective sales taxes showed the largest increases. Liquor tax and license revenues were up 20 per cent, the result chiefly of increased consumption and higher gallonage taxes in several states. Tobacco taxes were 61 per cent higher than in 1937, attributed to adoption of such levies in several states recently.

Payroll taxes provided the largest single source of income, yielding approximately one-fifth of the total. Taxation of estates and gifts resulted in 10 per cent less income than two years ago.

Percentage yields compiled from reports of all states on the various taxes were: Payroll, 20.6; property, 6.3; death and gift, 2.9; income, 8.4; miscellaneous, 1; business and occupation, 10.2; tobacco, 2.3; liquor, 6.4; sales, 12; motor vehicle licenses, 9.3; motor fuel, 20.6.

## CHECK MOTORISTS ON RIGHT-OF-WAY

The fellow who refuses to give the right-of-way can be blamed for most of the City's traffic accidents, a survey by the Police Accident Prevention Bureau indicates.

The Bureau is making a close check on 50 street corners where most accidents occur, according to Capt. Leo Troutman. The causes of accidents at four corners already checked show that 19 motorists failed to give right-of-way. The second largest offense, strangely enough, was rear-end collisions. There were 15 of these.

The street intersections checked were East and New York Sts., Alabama and Washington Sts., New Jersey and St. Clair Sts., and 10th and West Sts.

Fifteen of the 19 offenses against failing to give the right-of-way happened at the New Jersey-St. Clair Sts. corner where, in most cases, one of the motorists failed to slow down.

North Carolina's public schools have a total enrollment of nearly a million children.

## Knapp and Dawson Confer



Speaker of the House James M. Knapp (left) confers with Lieutenant Governor-Elect Charles M. Dawson, who will be presiding officer of the State Senate, on preliminary drafts of bills to be sponsored by the Republican majority in the 1941 Legislature.

## FEENEY URGES END OF CREOSOTE STRIKE

An appeal for immediate arbitration of the strike at the Republic Creosoting Co. plant was issued today by company and union officials today by Sheriff Al Feeney.

In identical letters to the company and to the United Gas, Coke and Chemical Workers Union, the Sheriff commented that "the longer a strike continues, the shorter tempers become and the more liable some minor incident to cause serious disorder and even loss of life."

The Sheriff also said the necessity of maintaining a 24-hour supervision of the plant by his deputies was depriving "hundreds of thousands of county citizens not involved in this controversy . . . of the sort of service this office would like to render."

## DENIES LABOR RIFT AMONG LINER CREW

MANILA, P. I., Nov. 25 (U. P.).—A report published by the newspaper Bulletin that the 50 or more sailors and marines aboard the United States liner President Washington were guarding the ship because of labor troubles aboard, was denied today by the ship's captain, Harry Manning.

The Washington is bringing American evacuees back from the Far East. Capt. Manning said that "rumors of disaffection among the crew are entirely without foundation."

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## INDIANA COUNTS ELECTORS' VOTE

Tucker Starts Formal Check As Prescribed by Law as Marshals Watch.

By tonight, Indiana will know for the first time officially that Wendell L. Willkie carried the state in the recent Presidential election.

Secretary of State James Tucker started formal tabulation of the Presidential votes in his office at noon today, the time prescribed by law. The tabulation was carried out before marshals appointed by the Governor in each congressional district and August G. Mueller, representing the Governor.

The marshals collected the votes from the clerks of the various counties in their districts and brought them into the Secretary of State's office between 9 a. m. and 11 a. m. today, the time also prescribed by law.

The highest number of votes for President will elect the electors for the party of the winning candidate. The electors then will receive commissions and will meet in the House of Representatives at 10 a. m. on Dec. 16 to cast their vote for President and Vice President. A certificate recording their vote will then be sent to the President of the Senate in Washington.

## LOCAL LAWYERS TO ELECT ON DEC. 2

The yearly election of officers of the Lawyers Association of Indianapolis will be held Dec. 2 at the Canary Cottage following the noon luncheon.

Candidates on the White Ticket are Charles W. Holder, president; Eric Kightlinger, vice president; John K. Rickles, secretary; Charles C. Baker, treasurer, and Max White, William T. Hoffman, Max Klezmer, and Maurice Harrell, directors.

Red Ticket candidates are Thomas M. Scanlon, president; John F. Raftery, vice president; Max White, secretary; Alvin Johnson, treasurer, and Harold Jones, James Sargent, John Kelly and William Gordon, directors.

## Court Refuses to Act in Jobless Compensation Case

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25 (U. P.).—The United States Supreme Court today refused to take up a Georgia Supreme Court decision holding unconstitutional the so-called "common control" provisions of the state unemployment compensation law.

Refusal of the court to accept the case makes the Georgia high court decision final. At least 32 other states have laws similar to the Georgia statute. The court's action today, however, is not binding on the other states but it furnishes a strong precedent for the tribunals of those states.

In another action the court held that U. S. courts may not review a Federal communications order denying transfer of a radio station license. A procedural point was the only issue before the court, however, the merits of the denial not being up for review.

The action was in a case involving transfer of the broadcasting license of Station KSFO, San Francisco, to Columbia Broadcasting System of California.

In another opinion during a brief session, the Supreme Court ordered Alabama to show cause why the United States should not be allowed to bring suit to settle the Federal Government's liability for state and

county taxes on land acquired in connection with various phases of the New Deal recovery program.

Attorney General Robert H. Jackson had told the court that the cases contain issues that may affect application of tax statutes in several other states.

In an unanimous opinion the court set aside the conviction of a Texas Negro on the grounds that Harris County (Texas) discriminated against Negroes in the selection of grand juries.

Associate Justice Hugo Black wrote the opinion in the pauper's appeal of Edgar Smith, who was convicted on a charge of rape. Smith contended that far fewer than the proportionate number of qualified Negroes were called for jury service; that this practice was "systematic" in Harris County.

## FORUM TO SEE FILM 'THEY DO COME BACK'

A motion picture, "They Do Come Back," will be shown at 7:45 p. m. tomorrow in the World War Memorial at the regular meeting of the City-Wide Youth Forum.

Miss Flora Dutchen, a representative of the Marion County Tuberculosis Association, will speak.

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