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## Nazis Rain Death on Sheffield; Greeks Seize Porto Palermo ITALIANS FLEEING ON ALL FRONTS

### POLICE, BENCH PASS THE BUCK ON AUTO TOLL

Privately, Each Blames Other for the 87 Deaths In City Traffic.

(This is the first of a series of articles describing what goes on behind the scenes as Indianapolis acts to reduce its traffic death toll, already a tragic all-time record high.)

By RICHARD LEWIS

Deadlocking official efforts to stem the rising tide of traffic casualties in Indianapolis, the Police Department and the Traffic Courts are still playing the game of "pass-the-buck" with the City's traffic mess.

It's a tug of war between two schools of thought on how to solve the traffic problem. As indicated by rising traffic deaths, neither side is getting anywhere and both admit it.

Superficially, there has been the appearance of sweet harmony between the two enforcement agencies. But underneath, each side is privately heaping upon the other the blame for the City's traffic plight: 87 traffic deaths so far this year.

Police Point to Courts

The police claim they are making arrests, but the traffic judges are permitting arrests to fizzle out in dismissals, withheld judgments and insignificant fines.

The judges believe the enforcement problem is primarily one of police. Prevention is better than punishment, they say. Police should patrol the streets in full view of motorists to discourage violations, instead of hiding behind a bush to trap them. That's the point of view of the traffic bench.

In traffic court yesterday, Municipal Judge John J. McNelis took occasion to answer Police Department and newspaper criticism that the courts are "too easy" on violators.

"Dislikes" Fine at Christmas

Before him stood a young man charged with speeding 44 miles an hour on the wrong side of Washington St. Said Judge McNelis in passing sentences:

"I am going to suspend your license for 60 days. I dislike the idea of taking money away from you at Christmas time. But there are certain individuals who think the courts are too easy."

"These individuals rarely come down to the courts to see the situation for themselves, but sit in their office buildings and criticize. I don't like to do this, but to be free of all this criticism I'll have to make you pay a fine."

"Pay \$2 and costs—that's \$12." A few minutes later, the Judge looked up to see the young man waiting in line to pay.

Sollicitous Question

"Would you prefer to pay after Christmas?" he asked the young man solicitously.

The young man replied that he "guessed" he would rather pay the fine now "and get it over with."

That was one case in which the Judge commended. Here is one in which he made no comment.

Saturday night, a man was arrested for speeding on N. Senate Ave. Sunday night he was arrested. (Continued on Page Three)

### TECKEMEYER HEADS REAL ESTATE BOARD

The directors of the Indianapolis Real Estate Board today chose these officers for 1941:

Earl B. Teckemeyer, president; William A. Hackemeyer, vice president; Wendell M. Hicks, secretary; and Lorin Driscoll, treasurer.

### TAKES UP \$2 FINE WITH 'TREASURER'

The Police Department received the following letter today:

"Dear Sirs:

"Please be advised that I will pay my \$2 sticker just as soon as my wife lets me have the money."

It was signed.

**9 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT**

TO BUY KITTY A CATNIP MOUSE

BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS

### Army's Champ Recruiter



Elaine Bassett... "Maybe they think I'm the goddess type."

### But Blond Model Hopes Flat Feet Keep Hubby Home

'My Heart Just Isn't in This Military Stuff,' Draws Texan Who'll Pose for Service Posters.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (U. P.).—The champion recruiter of North America was chosen today. She is Elaine Bassett, who posed for the Canadian "Join the Army" posters and now has been selected to pose for Uncle Sam's.

A model, Miss Bassett is tall and statuesque which she said probably was the reason she was chosen—not because she has any great love for the military.

### SECOND STORM GOES A. W. O. L.

Predicted Blizzard Fails to Appear; Snow Still in Prospect.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

6 a. m. ... 35	10 a. m. ... 32
7 a. m. ... 34	11 a. m. ... 32
8 a. m. ... 33	12 (noon) ... 31
9 a. m. ... 33	1 p. m. ... 30

At this early date, one general characteristic of the winter of 1940-41 seems pretty well defined. It is likely to go down in history as the winter of blundering blizzards.

Already two blizzards of very disagreeable proportions have been heralded in Indianapolis, and then have gone a. w. o. l.

One was due last night, but with a singular irresponsibility for so important a thing as weather it wandered off to join the blizzard that has been missing and unreported since about three weeks ago.

If this keeps up, there is apt to be a whole colony of truant blizzards somewhere, wherever blizzards go when they go.

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### EARLY MORNING FIRE ROUTS 2 FAMILIES

An overheated stove set fire to a double house at 1113-15 W. 32d St. early today and routed two families. They spent the rest of the night at neighbors.

The families were Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Bogart and children, Doris, 10, and Patty, 11, and Mr. and Mrs. Marion T. Mosher and Mr. Mosher's father, Jonathan Mosher.

Firemen said the loss was between \$500 and \$600.

### A Man Remembers When Cloth-A-Child Helped Him, Now He's Glad to Aid Others

THE MAN RETURNED to the Cloth-A-Child office with the three children he had taken to outfit.

The youngsters were happy. Their parents, who were waiting for them, expressed their gratitude.

The man told the parents: "I know how you feel. I've been through it myself."

Then the story came out. It seems that back in 1930—the year Cloth-A-Child was started—the man was down on his luck. He had eight children to care for. There had been a lot of illness. Cloth-A-Child outfitted three

### EASTERN CITY IMPERILED BY WATER ERROR

All Rochester, N. Y., Residents Urged to Vaccinate Against Typhoid.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 13 (U. P.).—Dr. Arthur Johnson, city health officer, today urged all Rochester residents to undergo vaccination against typhoid fever and reported that samples of the public water supply showed it "highly contaminated."

The health officer's report was made as Norman Price, a waterworks foreman, testified at a public hearing that the water supply was polluted yesterday when a workman opened an unused valve which connected the domestic service system to a main carrying unfiltered Genesee River water to fire hydrants.

Dr. Johnson announced that public clinics were being established throughout Rochester and its suburbs so that all of the city's 234,000 residents could obtain free treatment.

He said the State Health Department at Albany was being called upon to supply additional vaccine. State health authorities already had representatives at Rochester to assist in preventing an epidemic.

State sanitation officials ordered a complete chlorination of city drinking water.

Backloggers sought to determine how many residents were supplied with the polluted water when they turned on their faucets.

Meanwhile residents were being warned to boil water before using until further notice. The warnings were reiterated throughout the day by radio, police car public address systems. Two hundred extra telephone operators called more than 90,000 subscribers to announce: "A city water main has broken. Boil water before using."

### Chief Orders Clean Santas

PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 13 (U. P.).—Police Chief Leo Kamins today ordered charity organization Santa Clauses to clean up their suits or get off Peoria streets.

"It only confuses children to see a Santa Claus on every corner, leaning against a lamp post, wearing a different kind of shoe on each foot, khaki puttees instead of boots and dirty wads of cotton for beards," Kamins said.

### WILLKIE WANTS JOB; WEARY OF LOAFING

Several Things in Mind, He Says on N. Y. Visit.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (U. P.).—Wendell L. Willkie, who came here by train for what he called an "informal visit" with Willkie Club leaders and others, said today he was in the market for a "job."

The defeated Republican Presidential candidate, who resigned as president of the Commonwealth & Southern Corp. to run against President Roosevelt, said he was getting tired of inaction after a vacation in Florida.

"I have got to get a job, I have got to get back in harness," he said with a laugh. "I have not decided definitely what I am going to do. I have several things in mind but, frankly, I have not reached a decision."

Mr. Willkie had flown to Washington from Hobe Sound, Fla. He will go to Washington tonight or early tomorrow to attend the dinner of the Gridiron Club. He will return Sunday.

Herb Green, former network announcer for special events, will act as master of ceremonies. A 15-piece orchestra, directed by Ed Resner, head of the Lyric Theater orchestra, will provide the music and 10 acts are scheduled to be presented during the show.

Mr. Bitner announced that Gilbert Forbes also will appear on the program.

On Monday night, the Lyric Theater's regular broadcast, featuring the Gridiron Club, will be presented.

### HIT-AND-RUN VICTIM SEES HIS MOTHER HIT

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Dec. 13 (U. P.).—Tony Hufft was injured Tuesday night by a hit-and-run driver, and yesterday he was brought home from the hospital.

Hufft was propped up by a window as he could watch the street. He saw his mother, Mrs. Angeline Hufft, 57, step from the sidewalk just as a bus came down the street. As he watched the bus hit his mother, she was badly injured but at St. John's Hospital it was said that she would recover.

### So What?

Wisconsin Woman's Bad Luck Piled Up on 11th and 12th.

ONEIDA, Wis., Dec. 13 (U. P.).—This was Friday the 13th, but Mrs. Carl Dwyer wasn't concerned.

This is what happened to her on the 11th and 12th:

Her farm home was burglarized.

As she went to report the crime, her car stalled.

She walked to her brother-in-law's farm and borrowed a horse to tow the car. The horse fell dead.

When she returned to the automobile she found the battery had been stolen.

### A Modest Hero

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (U. P.).—Joseph Miller looked up as he was walking to work today and saw a woman falling from a third-floor apartment window above him.

He braced himself, threw out his arms, and broke her fall. He was unable, however, to keep her from striking the pavement.

He called a patrolman and went on to work.

An ambulance interne said the woman, Dorothy Guzie, 22, was uninjured.

Police went to the brewery where Miller works to congratulate him and found that he was out delivering beer in his truck and had told fellow workers nothing about his accomplishment.

### Unlucky for Morris

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (U. P.).—Don't tell Morris Brendel there's nothing to this Friday the 13th superstition.

Brendel, whose first and last names add up to 13 letters, was arrested today on a 13-count forgery indictment which, it so happened, was the 13th handed up by the Queens County Grand Jury.

The indictment said Brendel, 31-year-old bakery route man, altered delivery slips on 13 different occasions, charging retailers for more than they got and pocketing the difference.

Detective Groh-13 letters there, too—made the arrest.

### URGES TAX RISE IN LOW BRACKET

Taft Suggests Income Levies Be Reduced, However, In High Pay Group.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (U. P.).—Senator Robert A. Taft (R. O.), proposed today that income tax rates be lowered from 75 to 50 percent in the high brackets and increased from 4 to 10 percent in the low brackets.

He suggested lowering the exemption for married men from \$3000 to \$1500, said he agreed with President Roosevelt that "now is not the time to institute a sales tax," and opposed any increase in income tax rates for business.

The Senator said that "the most promising source of revenue" seems to be in the lower income groups.

From \$40 to \$150

Under his proposal, a married man earning \$3000 a year, who now pays annual tax of \$40, would pay the Treasury \$150 a year. Those figures do not consider the special defense surtax added this year.

"We would just be kidding ourselves to increase the rate on business," he said. "That would only discourage the persons we are depending on to bring about prosperity in this country."

At Mr. Landon, here for the Gridiron Dinner tomorrow night, told a press conference that inheritance taxes should be boosted with less emphasis on income taxes in order "to protect the producer."

Agree With Morgenthau

He opposed proposals for anti-strike legislation, but said it might be necessary to forego the right to strike in essential industries. He also predicted that American labor would have to sacrifice the 40-hour week to defeat Hitler's "ruthless power."

Both Mr. Landon and Mr. Taft agreed that the tax exemptions on Federal and state securities should be removed as recommended by Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr. Mr. Taft said Mr. Morgenthau had "performed a wise move" in issuing \$500,000,000 in taxable defense notes this week.

## PRISONER HINTS PLEA TO ATHENS FOR ARMISTICE; EGYPT DEATH TRAP SET

'Utter Destruction' in Steel City Claimed By Germany.

By UNITED PRESS

Sheffield, England, famed throughout the world for its steel, was rocked for hours during the night by a Nazi "utter destruction" air raid.

Britain said the city today still was in the war and still working despite its dead and its ruins.

Berlin said that witnesses of the raid insisted that from the standpoint of striking power the attack was greater than that on Coventry with "numerous full hits on steel mills and other industrial plants."

Hundreds of Planes Attack

Fires, the Nazis added, could be seen 75 miles away.

Breaking through by weight of numbers the German planes in re-lays of hundreds attacked the Sheffield area while anti-aircraft guns blazed.

The hail of incendiary and explosive bombs broke on Sheffield late last night and continued for about two hours and less severely until early this morning.

Extensive damage and many casualties were admitted. The shopping center suffered extensively.

### Many Fires Started

Aided by bright moonlight the Germans dropped first incendiary, then explosive, bombs. The started many fires. But firemen, working in disregard of danger fought the fires during the worst part of the raid and overcame them.

Other fleets of German planes attacked all corners of England in one of their most widespread raids. The northeast, southeast and southwest coasts, including Wales and London and the Thames Estuary all were attacked.

A chapel and other buildings were fired in a northeast coast town.

A blazing barrage of anti-aircraft guns thwarted Nazi planes which dropped many flares over a Thames Estuary town in preparation for bombing.

### London Buildings Shake

London's raid alarm period lasted until the early hours of the morning. There was gun fire sufficiently strong to shake buildings at intervals for hours.

The Air and Home Security Ministries said that two German planes had been shot down.

Meanwhile, Royal Air Force coastal command planes last night bombed docks at Brest, the British Air Ministry said.

Bad weather kept R. A. F. planes from their usual nightly raids on Germany.

The Ministry said that a German ship bombed off the Dutch Coast last night by the British was part of a convoy which had been spotted by an American-built Lookheed bomber on patrol above the clouds.

### 'SANTA CLAUS' BUSY; CAN'T LEAVE TOWN

SANTA CLAUS, Ind., Dec. 13 (U. P.).—Postmaster Oscar Phillips won't play Santa Claus.

In response to numerous requests, he announced today that the handling of 25,000 letters a day is keeping himself and three assistants busy. Next week he anticipates twice as much mail and will have to double his force.

### BRITISH SHIP TORPEDOED

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (U. P.).—The British freighter Orari was torpedoed today about 400 miles west of Ireland, according to a message intercepted by Mackay Radio here.

### Ernie Now a War Reporter—His Series Starts Monday

Through Ernie Pyle's eyes readers of The Times have seen hundreds of the far-off places and interesting people of this hemisphere in the last few years.

They know his faculty for observing the significant "little things" and describing them in a way that makes readers feel they have been traveling with him.

That's why we are expecting the Hoosier Vagabond to tell the story of the Battle of Britain in a way it has not yet been told. Ernie has arrived in Lisbon, on his way to London, and his column will be resumed Monday with an account of his journey overseas.

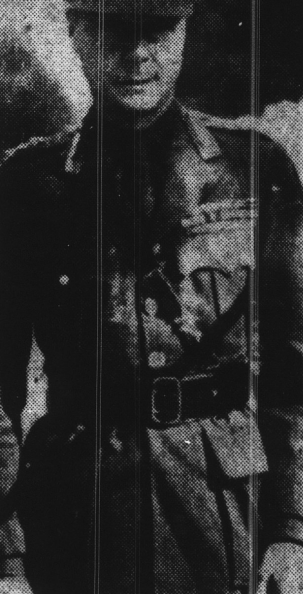
When he reaches London, his experiences in the bomb-ridden metropolis will be reported in daily dispatches by wireless and cable.

Look for Ernie Pyle's first article Monday, so that you can follow his European adventure from the start.

IN THE TIMES

Sees F. D. R.

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### ENVOY POST FOR WINDSOR HINTED

Paper Hears He May Take Lothian's Job as He Flies To Tuscaloosa.

(William Philip Simms, Page Three)

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 13 (U. P.).—The Duke of Windsor flew today to a rendezvous at sea with President Roosevelt.

They will meet aboard the U. S. S. cruiser Tuscaloosa somewhere off Bimini, in the Duke's Bahamas, it was learned from an authoritative source.

The President yesterday inspected the site in Abraham Bay, Bahamas Islands that Great Britain is warding the United States for an air and naval base.

Capt. Vyvyan Drury, aide-de-camp to the Duke, declined to confirm or deny that the purpose of the flight was to visit the President.

The big bomber took off at 8:00 (Indianapolis Time) heading east. It was believed that the Duke would reach the Tuscaloosa in a little more than an hour.

Capt. Drury said just before the take-off that he had "knowledge" of public reports that the Duke would be offered appointment as British Ambassador to the United States before the post was filled by any one else.

The Miami Herald, which said today it had learned that the appointment would be offered the Duke, said that the Ambassadorship "would be bound to be" one of the topics which his Royal Highness will discuss with the President today.

Report Russians Kill Rumanians

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### 9 INDICTED BY U. S. ON FRAUD CHARGES

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Victims of the scheme included Stanley S. Kresge of Kresge Stores; John J. Wolvenstone, president of the Malleable Steel Range Manufacturing Co., South Bend, Ind.; E. J. Gitting, Racine, Wis., former chairman of the board of J. I. Case Co.; and George F. Argentsinger, former New York State Senator.

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London Paper Visions

Desperate Attempt At Invasion.

By JOE ALEX MORRIS

United Press Foreign News Editor

British and Greek forces smashed relentlessly at the Italians today.

In Egypt the British forces, battering the Fascists westward toward a possible death trap near the Libyan frontier, captured several thousand more prisoners, including two generals commanding divisions, a war communique issued in Cairo said. The prisoners now were said to total at least 25,000.

Royal Air Force fliers carried the offensive deep into Libya with powerful raids on Tobruk and Bardia, that started fierce fires at Tobruk and sent flames leaping a thousand feet into the air at Bardia. The former is the nearest Libyan port to Egypt and the latter is the main Italian supply base.

On the other war front, the Greeks captured Porto Palermo, another important base in Albania.

Other developments included:

In Berlin new hints that Adolf Hitler might be planning a move to offset reverses at the Fascist end of the Axis were denied. A Nazi spokesman said Hitler had not arranged to confer with Fascist Premier Mussolini. The statement came amid increasing speculation elsewhere of a move to bolster Axis prestige.

Some responsible reports have suggested that a deal yet might be made with the French Cabinet at Vichy, in view of the French desire to move to Versailles and to secure the release of French war prisoners. A meeting of German and French representatives in Paris was suggested in this connection but without official confirmation.

Invasion Attempt Hinted

A Berlin broadcast reported by Columbia Broadcasting System said Hitler and Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop had left for an unknown destination.

The London Daily Express suggested that Adolf Hitler might suddenly order an attempt to invade Great Britain in the hope of bringing the war to a quick end. "Hitler is believed ready to lose a half million men in an attempt to land an equal number somewhere in Britain," the paper said, adding:

"He must do it quickly if he is to keep Mussolini at the head in Italy and not find himself attacking an enemy much better equipped than himself."

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