

A SYMBOL OF STATE TRAGEDY

Patients Pass Through City Dazed, Bewildered and Hungry.

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five coaches, seemed to echo her words. The train had been on its way from Evansville since 5:30 o'clock this morning. It had taken all night to herd those men and women, some of them were youths, some old, onto the coaches.

At Terre Haute 470 in coaches had been shunted onto another track and routed to the Logansport state hospital. These were the so-called bedridden cases and others in far worse condition from those evacuated through Indianapolis. In simple words, the ones brought here for transfer to other state institutions were the "good cases."

"They call these good?" one Red Cross man muttered.

One wondered. They sat dumbly, women running hands through their hair, men with heads in their hands. Some reached out hands to pluck at the coats of state policemen who patrolled the coaches and stood at the entranceways of the coaches on guard.

Clutch Belongings

Many without coats picked at their clothes as if to draw them closer about them. A few clutched some special belongings tied up in old scarfs and big handkerchiefs.

Junior Chamber of Commerce men, assisting the Red Cross disaster relief committee, lined up in two rows from the steps of one car to another. The state policemen stepped back. Down the steps moved a line of hopeless people. Some moved slowly. They paused on the lower step, stared incomprehendingly about, and then were coaxed to move down the little corridor of humans and then given a helping hand up the steps of another car—and on to Richmond.

While this went on others just sat in their coaches and waited—waited until they could be led down through Union station and out to waiting busses.

One man was lifted off and his stretcher placed up on a baggage dolly until it could be carried on.

The Richmond train loaded, Red Cross canteen workers—some with misty eyes—boarded with baskets of food. Some faces lighted up for the first time when coffee and doughnuts and sandwiches were handed out.

All night long the Red Cross workers had waited. They stood on the tracks and watched the train come in. Many of them had been there all night just waiting. Some had left war production jobs to help out. They'd simply answered a call when the Red Cross committee sent it out "You're needed" about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Nurses Go Into Action

It was almost a full moment before any of them could bring themselves into action. And then it was of the gentlest kind. Dr. Charles Myers of City hospital, 25 doctors and 25 nurses were there and went into action—just as they had been trained. But these Red Cross workers, these OCD auxiliaries, these Jaycees were seeing real action for the first time.

As this is written, they are still removing those "living dead" from the train. They were being handled with a tender, sympathetic approach.

They were on their way to institutions already crowded, already taxed to the limit to care for those they have now.

It seemed a certainty that anyone who participated in this evacuation won't forget it.

No one could . . . who has a heart.

ARGENTINE OFFICIAL ESCAPES ASSASSIN

Buenos Aires, Feb. 10 (U. P.)—An unknown person fired six revolver shots at Minister of Justice Guillermo Rothe as he was leaving his home today. None of the bullets struck Rothe and his assailant escaped.

Rothe, 64, has been mentioned frequently as a presidential possibility for next September's elections.

He has held his present post since 1941 and has served as national senator and as deputy from the province of Cordoba.

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7-Week Search for Boy Ends

CANAL GIVES UP HENRY METZ JR.

Friend of Father Discovers Body After 7-Week Search.

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boy fell into the water on his way home from school Dec. 18.

The search at that particular spot last night was on the suggestion of William S. Dunagan, elderly carpenter, 2736½ Roosevelt ave. He said that he had received a "message" as to where the body would be found.

Prays for Information

Mr. Dunagan said that he had been worried about the plight of the Metz family and that he had prayed for information as to where the boy was. He awakened with the number 3000 in his mind and said that he believed this to mean the body would be discovered about 3000 feet south of the place where the boy disappeared.

This information, Mr. Dunagan took to police headquarters where an inspector told him that the police also thought this would be approximately where the body was found.

Mr. Dunagan said that he went to the Metz home yesterday and told Mrs. Metz' mother his opinion which she in turn referred to her son-in-law when he returned to his home yesterday evening.

As a result the search was started near Roache st., about 3000 feet south of 29th st.

Discounts Foul Play

Dr. Hubert L. Collins, deputy coroner, said an autopsy showed that death was due to drowning, discounting many of the theories advanced that the boy had met with foul play and was thrown into the canal.

Suspicion of foul play grew daily during the search because at no time did the body come to the surface as occurs in most all drowning cases.

Dr. Collins explained that the constant low temperature of the water caused the body to stay on the bottom of the canal which was about 10 feet deep at that point.

During the search, in which scores of auxiliary police, civilian defense volunteers and friends of the family participated, the family received hundreds of telephone calls and letters, about their dreams, visions and "hunches" for finding the body.

One woman had called, saying she had a dream that the body would be found in the canal in the vicinity of a gray barn.

Catholic Emblem Near

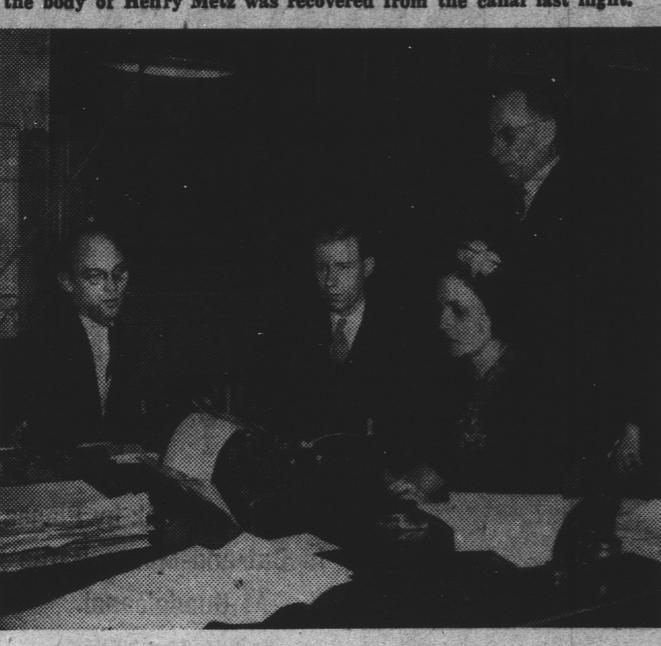
"There was a gray barn near the place where we found him," the father commented today.

Also the spot where the body was recovered was near the place in the canal where a scapular, a holy emblem of the Catholic church had stopped after it had been placed into the water on New Year's day.

The scapular had been given to the Metz family by Holy Angels Catholic church and friends had suggested that Mr. and Mrs. Metz place it in the canal. It lodged against a rock opposite where the body was found.

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The boy's father, Henry Sr., and John Turk, friend of Mr. Metz, who found the body, testified this morning at the coroner's inquest at the courthouse. Left to right are Mr. Turk, Mr. Metz, Walter H. Bridgins, deputy coroner and investigator, and Mrs. Marjorie A. Larr, clerk in the coroner's office.

ferred suggestions, provided special equipment and worked with the family and police for seven weeks.

Several weeks ago, city officials ordered the level of the water in the canal lowered to aid in the search, but this, too, failed as had all other efforts.

However, the father insisted on searching every day.

When he and Mr. Turk went out last night he had little hope of recovering the body at that particular spot because they had dragged the area dozens of times.

"But our hunches told us to search there again," the father said.

Revealed in Parts

The body was taken to the Feeney & Feeney funeral home, 2339 N. Meridian st., pending funeral arrangements.

Surviving besides the parents, are a sister, Norma, 3; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Forcier, Springfield, Mass., and Mrs. Mary Metz.

An aunt, Miss Lillian Metz, was reported flying here by airplane from Florida today.

WPB Gives 'Go Sign' for New Evansville Hospital

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patients reach the other hospitals to get all of them reidentifed.

State police, Red Cross disaster workers, and state officials, aided in the transfer of the patients to the busses and the Richmond train and there were no mishaps.

Patients Are Quiet

Hospital attendants and state police ride in each car and they reported that the patients were very quiet, for the most part, during the trip.

The evacuation was directed by State Welfare Director Thurman D. Gottschall and the Red Cross disaster workers were directed by William H. Book and Virgil Shepard.

All of the 1100 patients had been accounted for last night. One woman employee was known to have been burned to death and another was missing in the fire which swept through most of the hospital buildings early yesterday morning.

"If there ever was a miracle in Indiana, that was it," Governor Schricker said last night in describing the rescue on his return by plane from a firsthand view.

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APPROVE CHEESE INCREASE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10 (U. P.)—The OPA today approved a one-cent a pound increase in price of so-called foreign types of domestic cheese. The increase primarily affects manufacturers of brick, munster, swiss, limburger, cream and Italian type cheese.

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8 LIVES IMPERILED IN DRUGSTORE FIRE

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the family. She carried the child to safety down the fire escape.

The cause of the blaze was not determined, but it originated underneath the drugstore. It melted gas pipes and the escaping gas caught fire to add to the intensity of the flames. The stock in the drug store was a total loss, estimated at \$6000. The drug store floor burned through and fell into the basement.

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Workers Stand by All Night Long for the Special Train from Evansville.

The Red Cross canteen corps here served milk, coffee, doughnuts, toast and oatmeal to the patients.

Police, firemen, civilian defense workers and other volunteers worked in teams all day yesterday rounding up patients who were released when the blaze was discovered. Most of the patients were found within a short radius of the hospital but a few had wandered several miles af-

Ruins Are Searched

Workers today continued to sift the mass of twisted debris and ashes for some trace of Mrs. Maude Maxwell, supervisor of women, who had been missing since the fire broke out. The body of Mrs. Ida McClure, 60-year-old employee, was removed from the wreckage yesterday. She was trapped in a corridor in one of the wings which was destroyed along with the 53-year-old main building.

The fire spread to dormitories which had been added to the main building.

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FDR Orders 48-Hour Work Week to Give Nation Maximum Manpower for War

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domestic economy, as conceived by congress and by the president, can only be achieved by a determination to maintain present levels," Vice Chairman George W. Taylor said in the majority opinion.

The little steel formula limits wage increases to a maximum of 15 per cent above wages received on Jan. 1, 1941, to offset a 15 per cent cost of living increase from that date to May 1942.

Unions representing employees of Swift & Co., Armour & Co., Cudahy & Co., and Wilson & Co., all of Chicago, had demanded wage increases ranging from 1 to 25 cents an hour—far in excess of the formula.

But the new 48-hour work week order will bring bigger weekly pay checks to many thousands who have been working fewer hours.

For workers who will go from a 40 to 48-hour week and are entitled to time and one-half pay for hours over 40, it will mean about a 30 per cent boost in weekly income.

It might be possible, however, for the government to exercise priority powers to compel an employer of women to release some of his workers by going on the 48-hour week.

Although Mr. Byrnes thought business not directly reached by war contracts or otherwise merely might be "induced" to adopt the 48-hour week, the war manpower commission made no such qualification. In his directive naming the 32 cities where the 48-hour order was to be effective, Mr. McNutt said: "In those areas it applies to all employment."

McNutt Gets Wide Power

The enormous discretion and powers given McNutt described by Mr. Roosevelt's executive order this way:

"The executive order making

McNutt responsible for administering a national policy that in place of employment shall be deemed to be making the most effective utilization of its manpower if the maximum work week is less than 48 hours.

2. McNutt's directive making the 48-hour order effective for "all employment" in 32 critical labor shortage areas. Those areas are:

Beth. Me.: Bridgeport, Conn.; Hartford, Conn.; New Britain, Conn.; Portsmouth, N. H.; Springfield, Mass.; Waterbury, Conn.; Buffalo, N. Y.; Somerville, N. J.; Baltimore, Md.; Elkhorn, Md.; Hampton Roads, Va.; Washington, D. C.; Akron, O.; Dayton, O.; Detroit; Manitowoc, Wis.; Sterling, Ill.; Macon, Ga.; Mobile, Ala.; Panama City, Fla.; Pascoagoula, Miss.; Wichita, Kas.; Beaumont, Tex.; Cheyenne, Wyo.; Ogden, Utah; Las Vegas, Nev.; Portland, Ore.; San Diego, Calif.; Seattle, Wash.

Curtail Employer Rights

So far only the 32 are affected, but Mr. McNutt has been empowered to expand or contract the areas and to increase or decrease the hours of work per week.

Mr. McNutt's order drastically curtailed the right of employers in the shortage areas to hire and fire during the change-over to a 48-hour week. It orders recruiting of new employees to stop at once and for bids any discharges until March 31 when manpower commission authorities will authorize releases in terms of local labor market needs.

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