

PAGE 2 POLICEMAN IS FOUND GUILTY

Safety Board Discharges Deserter of Auto.

Found guilty on three of four charges of misconduct and neglect of duty, Patrolman Allen T. Steger was discharged from the Indianapolis police department by the safety board yesterday.

Claiming he struck his head after a fall on the ice Dec. 22, Steger said, "I can't remember what happened after that." He was unable to explain why he had driven police car 13 from 38th

Allen Steger st. and College Greenfield, where he abandoned it. A parade of police associates and character witnesses testified to Steger's efficiency, honesty and soberness prior to the disappearance of the car. Patrolman Charles W. Burton, his automobile police partner, stated that Steger had a dazed appearance on Dec. 22.

A policeman since 1936, Steger was suspended twice last year for reported intoxication while on duty. Reading with his wife at 2800 E. Riverside dr., Steger said he had been taking treatments for nervous disorders.

MRS. REIFEIS TO BE BURIED TOMORROW

Mrs. Frederika Reifeis, 818 E. Iowa st., died yesterday in the Irvington sanitarium. Ms. Reifeis, who was 79, was a native of Germany and had lived here for 63 years. She was a member of the St. John's Evangelical and Reformed church.

Services will be held at 3 p. m. tomorrow in the G. H. Herrmann funeral home and burial will follow at Washington Park cemetery.

Survivors include her four sons, William, Arthur and Herman Reifeis of Indianapolis and Theodore Weis, Jackson, Mich., and two daughters, Mrs. Lillie Smith, Indianapolis and Mrs. Alma Baldwin, Detroit.

GOVERNOR SUPPORTS WATERWAY PROJECT

Governor Gates has assured backers of the St. Lawrence Waterway project of Indiana support.

In a letter to Congressman William A. Pittenger (R. Minn.) yesterday the governor agreed to support the Minnesota congressman's efforts to get the project started.

The governor previously had refused a request by the governor of Louisiana that Indiana join a bloc of southern states in opposition to the project which would link the Great Lakes ports with the Atlantic ocean.

Governor Gates pointed out that with a huge export business Indiana's interests lay with any project to improve access to Canadian ports or to cut ocean shipping costs.

Local Briefs

Six seniors joined the Howe high school graduate ranks yesterday. Diplomas were awarded to Keith Anderson, Clark Bard, Robert Edwards, Joe Kelly, Ray Lynch and Marilyn Williams.

Bids on material for the Civil Aeronautics Authority building at the Municipal airport will be accepted at the next meeting of the city aviation board Thursday.

A series of Friday night dances, to be held at the South Side Turner's hall, will be inaugurated at 8:30 p. m. today, by Garfield Park Post 38 American Legion. The committee in charge includes Charles Wright, Miss Mary Bertram, Harry Green, Edward Lahrman, and Wilbur Derrick.

The Tuk-A-Pache club for teenagers will meet at the Y. W. C. A. at 8 p. m. today. Officers of the club include Robert Steele, president; William Denton, vice president; Delores Heath, secretary, and Robert Jones, treasurer.

Alfred Wagenknecht, vice president of the Illinois district of the Communist party, will speak at a rally at the Claypool hotel at 8 p. m. Sunday.

New officers will be installed at the meeting of Temple Rebekah lodge, 512 N. Illinois st., at 8 p. m. Tuesday.

A euchre party will be sponsored by the January Circle of Holy Angels church at 8 p. m. Sunday in the school basement, 28th and Northwestern.

CHICAGO FINANCIER DIES
MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Jan. 25 (U. P.)—Charles Alexander McCulloch, 70-year-old Chicago financier, died at a hospital here yesterday.

Governor Gates today studied a complete plan for a consolidated state machine bookkeeping department which might save \$75,000 or more annually for the state. The plan was drafted by F. P. Gruesbeck, assistant auditor in the motor vehicle bureau, and would centralize machine records operations for most departments of state in one plant.

Under the present operations, Mr. Gruesbeck's report shows, the state pays more than \$253,000 annual rental for international business machines and operators. Much of the equipment is used only a few months of the year and during off seasons stands idle for long periods. Although no space is now avail-

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CHIANG SENDS HIS THANKS TO RUSSIA

PEKING, Jan. 25 (U. P.)—Russian troops will withdraw soon from all Manchuria, it was indicated today in a letter addressed by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky and Russian officers in Changchun, capital of Manchuria.

The letter was delivered by Mme. Chiang who went to Changchun yesterday to decorate Red army troops and express China's thanks to Soviet forces for restoring Manchuria to Chinese sovereignty.

Written in friendliest terms, the letter said:

"Now that you have ended your work in northeast China and will return shortly to your country, I send you Mme. Chiang Kai-shek as a special messenger of friendship to inform you how much we regret this forthcoming separation."

Mme. Chiang read the letter during a special Chinese-Soviet ceremony.

She expressed appreciation for Russia's aid to China.

Meat Workers Here Await C. I. O. Leadership Policy

Kingan & Co. and Armour & Co. remained strike-bound today while leaders of the United Packing House Workers of America (C. I. O.) met in Chicago to determine policy on government seizure.

Under present terms the government will take over struck packing houses tomorrow but the C. I. O. union has voiced objection to going back even for federal authorities.

Meanwhile paralysis of the nation's industries became more severe as the United Steelworkers of America (C. I. O.) remained out.

Steel labor leaders met yesterday and Wednesday in Pittsburgh to determine policy.

Agree With Truman

According to James Robb, union district representative, the C. I. O. is in complete agreement with President Truman's proposals.

Representing 90,000 steelworkers in Indiana and Kentucky, Mr. Robb today appealed to the President by letter to open the billion and a half dollar government-owned mills over the country.

"I wrote the President suggest-

DR. KEMPF NAMED HEALTH DIRECTOR

Dr. Gerald F. Kempf was appointed city health director today by the city health board.

"These mills are in good shape

and could be opened immediately.

Production there, with the mills

owned by Henry Kaiser, would give

this country steel for essential

purposes."

The second health administrator

in the city's history, he was as-

sistant city health director since

Jan. 1, 1945. Before this appoint-

ment, Dr. Kempf was a member of

the Eli Lilly & Co. laboratory staff

for 16 years, doing research work

for the company and City hospital.

In 1928, Dr. Kempf was graduated

from the Indiana university school

of medicine. He lives at 2605 E.

Riverside dr. with his wife and 7-

year-old son, Gerald Jr.

In accordance with state regu-

lations, Dr. Charles W. Myers, super-

intendent of City hospital, will con-

tinuous as board secretary, a position

Dr. Morgan also held.

An assistant health director, suc-

ceeding Dr. Kempf, has not been

named.

Here Is Where The Nylons Were INJURED BY AUTOS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (U. P.)

Nylon and glass had top as-

signments in the war against

Japan.

The navy disclosed that marine

assault troops scheduled to in-

vade Japan's home islands were

issued armored jackets made—of

all things—of glass cloth.

Mrs. Frances Crandall, 52, wife

of A. C. Crandall, vice president

of the Indianapolis Power and

Light Co., received a broken left

leg when she was struck at 36th

and Central ave.

Mrs. Crandall was taken to

Methodist hospital, where her con-

dition was reported as not serious.

William Ernst, New Augusta,

driver of the car which struck Mrs.

Crandall, was not held.

Fourteen-year-old Leonard Hands,

3311 N. Meridian st., was slightly

injured when he was struck by a

car at 34th and Pennsylvania sts.

He was treated at Methodist hos-

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