



# The Indianapolis Times

FORECAST: Rain tonight and tomorrow; much colder tomorrow.

## Link 3 War Contractors To \$1 Million Swindle

### PART OF LOOT TURNED UP BY CASHIER'S WIFE

Admitted Embezzler Names  
Confederates; Arrest  
Is Ordered.

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Nov. 2 (U. P.).—The names of three confederates in a nearly \$1 million embezzlement case were revealed here today by W. Arthur Nickel, 46. Orders to pick them up were rushed to New York.

Assistant District Attorney Joseph T. Hoey of Brooklyn said Nickel admitted the names of the three "apparently respectable" men, with midtown New York addresses. The addresses were believed to be those to which checks drawn on false invoices were sent by Nickel.

Had War Contracts  
Mr. Hoey said the men were war contractors, and that two of them had recently "frozen out" the third. He said the plan was that Nickel keep half the gigantic proceeds, and the others split the remainder.

Mr. Hoey hoped questioning of the men would reveal more details of the swindle perpetrated on Nickel's employer, the Mergenthaler Linotype Co., and perhaps lead to recovery of most of the stolen money. "Nickel has admitted his part," Mr. Hoey said as he telephoned Kings county District Attorney Miles McDonald, to give him the names of the confederates.

Wife Discloses Hoard  
He expressed fear, however, that the men had disappeared since hearing of Nickel's arrest here Thursday night. Nickel's fashionably dressed wife was questioned for hours yesterday and early today at Mr. McDonald's Brooklyn office. She gave police information that led to recovery of \$83,100 in cash and furs and jewelry worth \$35,000. Estimate of Nickel's loot varied from \$60,000 to \$1 million.

Mr. McDonald said Nickel, an employee of Mergenthaler for 30 years, started his embezzling about a year ago. He had been taking about \$75,000 a month, the prosecutor said.

### FIRST ANTI-SMOKE HEARING POSTPONED

The first test of the potency of the city's new anti-smoke ordinance today was postponed until Nov. 27 when the case was continued in municipal court 3.

In an affidavit signed by Robert L. Wolf, city combustion engineer, the Aluminum Finishing Co., Inc., and its president, A. L. Chesterfield, were charged with "willfully violating" the city ordinance by installing an unapproved boiler at the company plant, 1012 E. 21st st.

Company officials claim the boiler is merely "in storage" but Mr. Wolf avers it is on a permanent foundation and can easily be put to use.

### 3-YEAR-OLD CHILD IS STRUCK BY TRUCK

Three-year-old William Groover, 830 N. East st., was struck by a truck when he ran into the street at Arch and East sts. this morning. His condition at City hospital was said to be not serious.

He had gone to the grocery with his mother, Mrs. Beale Groover, and as they returned, the child stepped from the curb into the path of a truck belonging to the Indianapolis Power & Light Co. and driven by Wesley Gilbert, 3787 Rockville rd.

### STATE ENTERS PROBE OF DEATH HOUSE FIRE

MITCHELL, Ind., Nov. 2.—The state fire marshal's office today was checking the possibility that arson yesterday destroyed the frame home in which Monte Burton, 37, and his wife, Mrs. Ethel Burton, 52, were found shot to death Sunday. Fire had completely destroyed the two-story house by the time the Mitchell fire department, summoned by an unidentified person who used a pay telephone, arrived.

### Brick Veneer Home for Sale By Owner Leaving City Soon

The interior appointments of this quality-built house cannot be appreciated by the casual prospect who drives by.

"WE WILL LONG FOR OUR INDIANA HOME." Yes, I have to leave the state due to a business promotion. . . . When you see our lovely brick veneer home nestled among the trees on a well-kept half-acre corner lot, you'll be able to understand why my family hates to leave it. A thorough description of this property, the price, and owner's phone number are given in a two-column advertisement in today's paper.

Times Classified Ads  
Phone RI ley 555

### U. S. Has 96 A-Bombs, London Newspaper Says

LONDON, Nov. 2 (U. P.).—The Daily Express published a story today stating that the United States has 96 atom bombs and can produce six a month in a plant at Hanford, Wash.

The story gave no specific source for its statements, but said the details had been stated authoritatively. In Washington, the war department had "absolutely no comment."

According to the Express story, the atom bomb weighs 9000 pounds, is about 25 feet long and has two parachutes attached. The B-29 carrying an atom bomb must have its two bomb bays linked together, the newspaper said.

THERE WERE eight bombs in existence at the time of the Nagasaki explosion 15 months ago, The Express said. The Hanford plant, with a six-bomb monthly capacity, was said to have been working at full speed since then.

The two B-29s reduced the stockpile from a maximum of 98 to 96, The Express said.

### Hoosier Gridders Face Muddy Fields

Muddy footing was in prospect today as Butler, Purdue and Indiana filled engagements on their home grids.

The eventual Indiana conference winner was almost sure to emerge from the Butler-Wabash "Iron Key" game in the Fairview bowl. It was homecoming at West Lafayette for both alumni and football players, and the season's biggest crowd in Ross-Ade stadium was expected to see the Boilermakers play Wisconsin.

Indiana had the job of upholding the state's football reputation in its tilt with Pittsburgh at Bloomington. Notre Dame was in Baltimore for its annual skirmish with Navy, and the Irish were favored heavily to win and carry an unbeaten record into their game next Saturday against Army.

Indiana Central will close its home season this evening against Evansville college at Southport's Roosevelt stadium. In other state games today Earlham was at DePauw, Manchester at Ball State, Defiance (O.) at Canterbury, Wilmington (O.) at Franklin, Centre at Hanover and Hamline at Valparaiso. St. Joseph's will play this evening at Louisville.

### CAPEHART PREDICTS HUGE GOP MAJORITY

Says Indiana Victory Will  
Be 150,000.

WASHINGTON, Ind., Nov. 2 (U. P.).—U. S. Senator Homer E. Capehart (R. Ind.) predicted today that the Republicans would carry the Indiana state ticket next Tuesday by 150,000 to 300,000 majority.

Mr. Capehart, returning to his home town to vote in the Nov. 5 election, made the forecast in a prepared statement issued at the completion of 30 campaign speeches in Indiana this month. He also predicted that the G. O. P. would elect a "controlling majority" in both houses of congress.

"The sweep will be so great," Mr. Capehart said, "that the Democrats will not elect a senator north of the Mason-Dixon line."

Mr. Capehart said the "one issue" in the campaign, embracing all others, was "the fundamental conflict between the Communist ideology and the American ideology."

### GREECE IS WARNED TO UNIFY NATION

ATHENS, Nov. 2 (U. P.).—The American and British ambassadors to Greece informed Premier Constantinos Tsaldaris today that it was the desire of their governments that he broaden the Greek government at once to include opposition elements.

The United States and Great Britain regard a broadening of the government as the most important step toward ending disorder in Greece, which is most embarrassing to the Anglo-Americans, the envoys told Tsaldaris.

### Truman Re-Visits Boyhood Scenes, Silent on Politics

INDEPENDENCE, Mo., Nov. 2 (U. P.).—President Truman went for a fast, walk shortly before noon today. He waved at passing motorists and pointed out familiar scenes of his boyhood to reporters panting along behind him.

The chief executive was much later today in making his first appearance than he usually is. It was shortly before 11 a. m. when he stepped out to meet the assembled press. He wore no topcoat in the cloudy fall weather and merely grinned when a reporter asked him if he thought he could walk fast enough to keep from catching cold.

When the reporters panted in to the finish line 30 minutes later, they agreed he certainly could.

### Hunted by Police



Ethel May Taylor

### GUN-GIRL FLEES PRISON GUARD

Walks Away While on Work  
Detail Here.

Law enforcement authorities throughout the Midwest were on the lookout today for Ethel Marie Taylor, a gun-wielding girl who escaped yesterday from an Indiana women's prison work detail.

The titan-haired girl, serving a 10-to-25-year robbery sentence after a Ft. Wayne ave. gun battle in 1944, walked away from a work detail at the State Blind school, 7725 College ave., yesterday afternoon.

Police believe she left on the spur of the moment when she saw the opportunity. The prisoner went to a dressing room with four others to change her clothes and prepare to return to the prison. About 4:30 p. m., she apparently walked unnoticed away from the building.

It was not until a half-hour later, state police officials said, that her escape was learned.

Wearing a red and black prison dress, she was believed hitch-hiking north. Police believed she was unarmed and without funds.

In the 1944 gun battle, she and her male companion John Edgell, now serving the same sentence at the Indiana state prison, were located by police in a tavern in Ft. Wayne ave. When police attempted to place them in a squad car, a gun fight ensued.

The gun moll, who was wearing a sawed-off shotgun strapped to one leg when caught, struggled with her captors, while Edgell jerked a pistol from his waistband and fired point-blank at police officers.

Sgt. Ralph Bader, Edgell and the Taylor girl were wounded critically in the melee, while Patrolmen Thomas Planary and Joseph Klein received serious wounds. All later recovered.

Police stopped many automobiles and streets in the North side area last night, especially those with women passengers. Detectives hurried to haunts once frequented by the Taylor woman before her commitment to prison.

State police, at regular intervals, broadcast the woman's description and alerted all posts in the state and authorities throughout the Midwest.

The steel-nerved young woman, mother of a three-year-old child born in the City hospital and since adopted, is 5 feet 5 inches tall, weighing 125 pounds.

### PATROLMAN, BANDIT DIE IN GUN BATTLE

2d Robber Shoots Way Out  
Of Montana Trap.

BILLINGS, Mont., Nov. 2 (U. P.).—A state patrolman and a bandit were killed early today in a highway gun battle.

A second bandit, wanted for a \$60 holdup, shot his way through police lines and escaped.

Another patrolman was wounded. The battle was fought on Highway 10, seven miles west of here.

Patrolman Robert Steele of the Billings division was killed. The dead bandit was identified as Richard Smothers, 18, of Princeton, Mo. Patrolman Gordon McDermid was wounded.

Smothers and a companion were stopped after holding up the night clerk of the Olive hotel here and escaping with \$60. When the two patrolmen began questioning the pair, the bandits opened fire. The officers fired back. The battle ended when Steele and Smothers fell, dead, and McDermid was wounded. Police blocked all highways in the area in an effort to trap the bandit who escaped.

### HOOSIER G.O.P. DUE TO WIN 9 HOUSE SEATS

Three Close Contests Are  
Indicated in Forecast of  
Indiana Voting.

By ROBERT BLOEM

Speculation and statistics, mixed well and taken with a grain of salt, indicated today that Republicans would capture nine of Indiana's 11 congressional seats, losing those in the 1st and 8th districts.

Three districts, however, appeared so closely contested and influenced by such a conglomeration of factors as to be in serious doubt.

These were the two in which Democratic victories were indicated and the 11th district where incumbent Rep. Louis Ludlow never can be regarded as tied to his party's fortunes or misfortunes.

By districts, here is the way the picture looked three days before election time:

1st District—Democrat incumbent Ray Madden to win over Republican Charles Gannon by a narrow margin.

2d District—Republican incumbent Charles Halleck to win over Mrs. Margaret Afflis by a wide margin.

3d District—Republican incumbent Robert Grant to win over John S. Gonas.

4th District—Republican incumbent George Gillie to win over Walter E. Frederick, Democrat, by a wide margin.

5th District—Republican incumbent Forrest Harness to win over Democrat William W. Welsh.

6th District—Republican incumbent Noble Johnson to win over Democrat Dr. Thomas A. Sigler.

7th District—Republican incumbent Gerald Landis to win over Democrat James E. Noland by a relatively narrow margin.

8th District—Democrat Winfield Denton to win over Republican Edward Mitchell in a close race. (Incumbent Charles LaFollette, Republican, is not a candidate.)

9th District—Republican incumbent Earl Wilson to win over Democrat Col. Oliver O. Dixon, campaigning in absentia.

10th District—Republican incumbent Raymond Springer to win over Frank C. Unger of Farmland.

11th District—Republican Albert J. Beveridge Jr. to defeat incumbent Democrat Ludlow in what should be the state's closest race, relatively.

Statistics indicate that since the beginning of the long Roosevelt regime, Republicans in Indiana have been more successful in getting voters to the polls in off years than have Democrats.

In years when the popular Mr. Roosevelt was running, Democratic districts won by margins huge enough to effect the outcome of other races all over the state.

In off years, customarily, Democrats generally have lost twice the number of votes, percentage-wise, that Republicans dropped from their previous presidential-election turnout.

In general, Republican organization appears to have been stronger and more aggressive than the Democratic setup.

From a state standpoint the Republicans are the "ins," and the Democrats the "outs." The "ins" have a traditional advantage by organizations from which they were drawn.

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### 48 ESTONIANS GET U. S. HAVEN

Truman Says Refugee  
Groups Will Get Visas.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2 (U. P.).—President Truman today authorized 48 Estonian refugees threatened with deportation at Miami, Fla., to remain in this country.

"These refugees will definitely not be deported and will in due course be given immigration visas which will enable them to remain in this country," President Truman said in a statement released by the White House.

In two groups, the refugees sailed the Atlantic in tiny boats and landed at Miami in the hope of settling in this country permanently.

Feared Persecution  
They were ordered deported by the immigration service. The deportation order was held up by President Truman.

Leaders in the two Estonian groups had expressed fears of persecution by the Russians should they be forced to return to their Russian-controlled homeland.

Eighteen Estonian refugees were aboard the first small sailing vessel that arrived unheralded in Miami's harbor. The remainder later showed up in another boat.

### BIKINI A-BOMB TEST FORCE IS BROKEN UP

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2 (U. P.).—The joint task force which conducted the atomic bomb tests at Bikini has been broken up. Vice Adm. W. H. P. Blandy, who led it, will become commander of the 8th fleet in the Atlantic.

The 42,000 men, 200 ships and 150 planes which made up task force No. 1 will return to the organizations from which they were drawn.

### WASHINGTON CALLING—

### Forecast Republican Victory In House, Possibly in Senate

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—Here's way we figure the election:

Ten staff members think senate will go Republican. Eight think it will stay Democratic. One thinks it will be evenly split, 48-48.

Fourteen staff members think house will go Republican.

Four think it will stay Democratic. Most of us think it will be close in each house.

Here's what Scripps-Howard editors report:

PENNSYLVANIA—Biggest Republican margin since 1928, probably 300,000 or up. Rep. Joseph E. Guffey sure to lose. Democrats to lose three to six house seats. Even money wagered that Pittsburgh, Democratic since 1931, will go Republican.

NEW YORK—Governor Dewey by record majority, probably over 600,000. In that case he'll carry lives in with him, for senate. G. O. P. should pick up five to six house seats.

TENNESSEE—No change in senate or house line-up here or in Arkansas. Republicans have full slate against Crump-supported candidates but are not making serious bid. In two traditionally Republican districts no Democrats are running.

INDIANA—Republicans will elect Jenner to senate by at least 100,000 majority. On three doubtful house seats, best bet is for Democrats.

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### TACOMA VILLAGE NEARLY READY

Veterans to Get Homes for  
\$4000 to \$4200.

(Second of a Series)

By RICHARD LEWIS  
While the city's public housing projects are moving at a snail's pace toward an indefinite completion date sometime in 1947, the 75-dwelling private project in Tacoma Village has shot ahead and is nearly finished.

This is the product of Veterans Emergency Housing, Inc., a non-profit corporation of Indianapolis realtors. They have purchased 75 prefabricated, war surplus houses from the government and are setting them up for resale to veterans. Although the project is a non-profit undertaking on the part of the corporation, the veteran who buys one of its houses will pay an overhead of 10 per cent in the present, estimated purchase price.

This is the same percentage he would pay as profit to any private contractor in purchasing any FHA-approved, priority home.

Built Four Years Ago

Tacoma Village comprises the first two blocks of Tacoma and Temple aves. north of E. 30th st. It consists of 75 prefabricated bungalows built four years ago by National Homes, Inc., of Lafayette to house war workers at the Kingsford Heights ordnance plant near South Bend.

These tiny houses were rejected as veterans' housing by the city of South Bend, which housed most of its homeless veterans last spring.

The houses were then purchased at cost—\$663 per house on the average—by the non-profit corporation which hauled them here from Kingsford Heights and set them up in Tacoma Village, starting last August.

Sale Price \$4000 to \$4200

When completed, they will be sold to the veterans for about \$4000 to \$4200 by the non-profit corporation. The corporation was created by Mayor Tyndall's Emergency Housing committee. Actually, it is a private organization of Indianapolis realtors dedicated to housing the

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**HOSPITAL FIRE EXTINGUISHED**  
Quick action by officials at the Central State hospital last night brought fire apparatus to an 1100-patient dormitory, after a small fire broke out in a wall radiator. The wall fire was extinguished immediately without loss.

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### 'Fund Sunday' Tomorrow to Aid Campaign

The 77th annual Community Fund drive will get underway Monday noon with a "kickoff meeting" in the Claypool hotel.

Tomorrow has been designated as "Fund Sunday" by campaign leaders. Fastors of all denominations in Marion county have been requested to call attention to the appeal for the \$1,328,000 goal.

Said Walter Leckrone, general campaign chairman: "The campaign this year challenges every one of us to give the help that is needed to maintain the health and welfare of our own community. 'The churches have always been most generous in their efforts to tell the story of the Community Fund and their help is especially welcome this year.'

### DENIES BRITISH SHIP STRUCK BY GUNFIRE

Commander Puts Blame on  
Officers' Imaginations.

TRIESTE, Nov. 2 (U. P.).—Capt. R. J. O'way-Ruthven, commander of the British cruiser Leander, today corrected a report by fellow officers that the warship was damaged by fire from Albanian shore batteries. He said they had "let their imaginations run away with them."

"No shots of any sort were directed at the ship," O'way-Ruthven said in a statement.

Other officers told the United Press last night that Albanian shore batteries had hit and damaged the superstructure of the Leander.

A United Press writer visited aboard the 7270-ton cruiser today and found no damage of any kind. The captain said that on Oct. 22 two short bursts of machine gun fire were heard coming from the Albanian coast, half a mile distant. But he said there was no indication that the bursts were directed at any British ship.

### C-C-Cold Weather D-Due Tomorrow

#### LOCAL TEMPERATURES

6 a. m.	62	10 a. m.	68
7 a. m.	62	11 a. m.	71
8 a. m.	63	12 (Noon)	70
9 a. m.	65	1 p. m.	70

The weatherman today warned Indianapolis to dig out topcoats and fur coats. It will turn cold tomorrow if predictions are right.

Occasional rain today is expected to moisten football fans' spirits but tomorrow should be clear, said the weather bureau.

Showers and cold weather are forecast for tomorrow afternoon with the mercury taking a nose-dive tomorrow night.

Other sections of the country suffered from "zero-shivers." At Yellowstone National park it was 3 below. It was 4 above at Big Piney, Wyo.; 8 above at Coalville, Utah; 17 at Cut Bank, Mont.; 31 at Seattle, Wash., and 32 at Denver, Col.