

WEATHER.  
Fair today, with fresh  
west to southwest winds;  
Thursday warmer.

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## FIRIORS DAGGER BATTLE

Gary Bollermaker May Die  
in Hammond Hospital As  
Result of Bloody Fight  
Last Night at Indiana  
Harbor.

## EDWARD SCHLECKER DOES CARVING ACT

Brother of Mike Sheedy of Gary Has  
Altercation on Sunday and in Order  
to Punish is Assailant Mike Decides  
to Avenge Relation's Defeat on  
That Day.

(Special to THE TIMES.)  
Indiana Harbor, Ind., Dec. 9.—The  
Harbor hotel, at the corner of Michigan  
and Block avenues, was the scene of a  
furious knife battle last night, when  
Edward Schlecker attempted to carve  
several grotesque designs on the per-  
son of Mike Sheedy, a Gary bollermaker  
and restaurant at the hotel. The fight  
occurred about 7:30 o'clock, in the  
bar room at the hotel, and was evident-  
ly precipitated by Sheedy. The latter  
is now in St. Margaret's hospital, Ham-  
mond, recovering from the loss of con-  
siderable blood from eight deep gashes  
in his face and forehead, two large  
wounds being cut by the slashes of the  
barkeeper's weapon.

Had An Altercation Sunday.  
According to the story told to the  
police last night by witnesses of the  
affair, Schlecker had an altercation last  
Sunday afternoon with a brother of  
Mike Sheedy. As a result, both men  
were arrested and released under heavy  
bonds, the trial still pending before  
Judge G. E. Belland and set for trial on  
next Friday morning.

In the affair of Sunday, Schlecker  
proved to be the better fighter, and  
Mike Sheedy decided to avenge his  
brother's defeat. Entering the bar  
room last evening, he said to have ac-  
cused Schlecker with a vile remark,  
which soon led to other and more heated  
arguments. Suddenly, when no one ex-  
pected such an attack, Sheedy aimed a  
vicious blow at the bartender's face.  
Schlecker took one glance at the burly  
form of his assailant and grasped his  
knife firmly about the handle. He then  
advanced a few steps and began slash-  
ing right and left.

Couldn't Avoid Attack.  
Sheedy was unable to avoid the at-  
tack, but fought valiantly until over-  
powered, and were it not for the inter-  
ference of bystanders, the injuries in-  
flicted might have been much more se-  
rious. Dr. Hughes was called and after  
attending to Sheedy's wounds, ordered  
his removal to St. Margaret's hospital.  
An enumeration of his wounds includes  
eight gashes about the face, three scalp  
wounds, several small cuts about his  
hands, and a split nose. The latter or-  
gan was made the recipient of a down-  
ward slash of Schlecker's weapon and  
was laid open almost an inch. Schlecker  
himself received a few small scratches  
on his hands, and was on his way to  
a physician's office when arrested by  
the local police. He was refused bail  
last evening, and will be held awaiting  
the outcome of his attack on Sheedy.

## LET IT GO TO SLEEP

Congressman Crumpacker  
Will Let Federal Court  
Question Slumber.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—Some of  
the Indiana members of congress are  
in favor of giving the perennial federal  
court bill a rest at this session of con-  
gress. Among those who wish the bill  
a peaceful slumber is representative  
Edgar Dean Crumpacker, who was the  
first to conceive the idea of remodeling  
the federal court system. Judge Crum-  
packer never has taken kindly to the  
notion that it is indispensable to the  
administration of even-handed justice  
that regular federal court terms should  
be held at South Bend and Terre  
Haute. He thinks that justice will jog  
along fairly and impartially if these  
cities are left out of the bill. On the  
other hand Representative Holliday  
declares with emphasis that admits of  
no compromise that he will fight to the  
last rampart any bill that does not  
include Terre Haute. Judge Crum-  
packer has not overlooked the fact that  
Holliday's term as congressman will  
expire on March 4 and Mr. Crumpacker  
thinks it would be both prudent  
and diplomatic to quietly shove the  
whole matter over until the next con-  
gress, when his old soldier colleague  
from the Fifth district will be a pri-  
vate citizen. Therefore, the voice of  
Crumpacker, which has for several ses-  
sions been raised in stentorian tones  
for federal court legislation, will be  
silent as the tomb on that subject this  
winter.

## CIRCUS IN CHURCH HIT

Pastor Before 60 Colleagues  
Lashes Modern Methods  
of Evangelism.

Both the members of the clergy and  
laity in Hammond who criticized the  
sensational revival that took place in  
Hammond last spring read with inter-  
est the criticism voiced by a Baptist  
clergyman in Chicago when he said  
the other day:

"Modern methods of evangelism—  
what are they? A three-fingered clasp,  
vaudeville show, a bazaar and, last-  
ly, a puppet. These so-called 'social'  
systems of reaching the people and  
making converts may bring people to  
church, but they do not make them  
Christians."

With this tirade against his fellow  
ministers Rev. William H. Gelstweit, a  
former Chicago pastor, now head of a  
church in Peoria, opened his address  
before a conference of sixty Baptist  
ministers of Chicago at the Taber-  
nacle Baptist church, Spaulding and  
Warren avenues. His speech was ex-  
temporaneous, following the addresses  
of several other pastors on the gen-  
eral subject of evangelism.

"The entire statistical idea of get-  
ting more and more baptisms is work-  
ing the ruin of real conversion," con-  
tinued Rev. Mr. Gelstweit, "and is  
making the church a mere ecclesiasti-  
cal refrigerator. Pastors advertise so  
many baptisms every Sunday. Per-  
haps they do what they advertise, but  
do they take care of the religious  
health of the baptized? In but very  
few instances."

## BILL GETS BIG RENT

Tolson Man in Hammond  
Says Stork May Visit  
His Barn.

Bill Kunert, in Hammond yester-  
day, said that the worst weather which  
is confronting the people of Toleston  
is that of housing the population which  
is flooding both of the cities of this  
new iron and steel manufacturing dis-  
trict.

Houses are so scarce that people are  
living in anything that affords a shel-  
ter from the winter weather. The  
most conspicuous evidence of this fact  
is a deal which Bill Kunert himself  
has made. He made an addition to his  
barn, which is used as a kitchen, and  
is renting the barn for \$25 a month.

The building is only 18x30, and that  
an ordinary barn could be rented for  
such a sum is one of the marvels of  
the great municipality which is being  
built up in the eastern part of the  
county.

Bill Kunert says that for all he  
knows there is likely to be a child  
born in his manger and a repetition  
of the Biblical Christmas story. The  
simile may be carried even to the fact  
that many people once wondered if  
any good could come out of Toleston.

## MANY LICENSES ISSUED

Lowell Saloonkeeper Turned  
Down by the County  
Commissioners.

Crown Point, Ind., Dec. 9.—The county  
commissioners met for the second  
day of their present session and spent  
a busy day allowing bills, granting li-  
censes and awarding the con-  
tracts for supplying the needs of the  
county poor farm and jail. About 41  
licenses were issued to saloon keepers  
throughout the county, only one being  
rejected, that of John Lewis of Lowell.  
A number of Lowell citizens filed a re-  
monstrance against the issuance of  
license to the above named party and  
his application was rejected for that  
cause.

The following are the names of those  
securing licenses at the present session  
most of them being from the north end  
of the county: Peter Batastik, Jacob  
Frank, Stanley Andrejak, John Bisen,  
George Radick, Frank Stiglitz, Stephen  
Kash, John Jarecki, John Raychinski,  
Theo. J. Sacko, John Lewis, Ed. Luz-  
kowski, Jos. Schaller, U. Verbanche,  
Jos. Olynczak, F. P. Rack, W. J. Bo-  
land, A. N. McGee, Z. K. Morrison, J. F.  
Smith, Albert Buzoski, Chas. H. Dill-  
ner, John Pochinchanski, John Stanis-  
Demeter Grady, Z. Moldovan, Max Hey-  
man, M. Marovich, John Pete, John  
Jakuski, A. J. Olson, W. C. Briggs, Jno.  
Pora, Jos. Stifko, Andrew Peifer, Gott.  
Leescher, John Kukst, E. E. Fricke,  
Aug. Rakowski, Louis Hepp, Max Hel-  
fer, Joe Kadison, F. Piechocki, Peter  
Norkus, John Kasch, Abe Goldstein,  
A. Halska, Joe von Rembow, George  
Schuster, Steve John, H. R. Schneider,  
J. J. Rascher, Carl Brown.

The commissioners will meet again  
on Thursday to transact unfinished  
business connected with the court  
house construction and other county  
matters.

John Brown and John E. Fraas as  
reviewers and Wm. F. Bridge as engi-  
neer, were ordered to receive and re-  
port on the Calumet township road,  
which is to be widened and paved. Al-  
Portz of St. Johns was awarded the  
contract for the Summers road in  
North township for the sum of \$5,732.

More news on one page than its  
competitors have on all.

## WOULD SUICIDE; ICE PREVENTS

Globe Station Woman Is  
Picked Up by Officer Mil-  
ler on State and Hohman  
Streets Last Night, and  
Sad Story Is Told.

## VICTIM OF TEMPORARY MENTAL ABERRATION

Mrs. Thomas H. Schrum Wanders  
Away From Home With the Idea of  
Drowning Herself in Calumet  
River But Ice Is Too Thick and  
She Is Unsuccessful.

If the statements made by Mrs.  
Thomas Schrum of Globe Station, three  
miles southwest of here, to the Ham-  
mond police, are to be credited, all that  
saved her from a suicide's death in the  
Little Calumet river was the fact that  
it is frozen, and all that prevented her  
from suiciding in the Grand Calumet  
river or in Lake Michigan was the in-  
tervention of a police officer.

Mrs. Schrum, who was formerly Miss  
Emma Dahlman, was met at the cor-  
ners of State and Hohman last evening  
about a quarter to 7 by Officer Miller,  
who noticed that she was dressed in a  
light blue wrapper, wore a fascinator  
over her head and seemed to be suffer-  
ing with the cold.

Said She Had Tried It.  
He questioned her and was surprised  
to learn that she had already tried to  
commit suicide in the Little Calumet  
river, but did not do so for the reason  
that the river was frozen and she could  
not get into the water.

She then went to Hammond where  
she told the officer that she was going  
to commit suicide in either the Grand  
Calumet river or in Lake Michigan.  
When the officer insisted that she ac-  
company him to the police station she  
cried bitterly and pleaded with him not  
to take her there.

It is thought that Mr. Schrum is the  
victim of a temporary fit of insanity,  
to which she is occasionally subject.  
It was only last winter that she con-  
ceived the idea that the hired man  
working for her husband was infatuated  
with her and tried to run away  
with him.

She went to a hotel in Indiana Har-  
bor where she registered as Mrs. How-  
ard, and made arrangements for the  
hired man to come and see her. Her  
husband learned of her whereabouts  
and went over to the hotel to get her.

Husband Comes For Her.  
She was very sorry that she had left  
her home when her husband got oppor-  
tunity to talk to her and proved a dis-  
tasteful wife until this recent spell came  
on.

The police notified her husband at  
Globe Station and he came to this city  
with a horse and wagon and took her  
back home with him. He regards it  
fortunate that the Little Calumet river  
happened to be frozen over and that she  
did not get as far as the river here, for  
he verily believes that she would have  
succeeded in her present state of mind.

## ACCEPT BARN REPORT

The board of public works this  
morning accepted Architect Mac Tur-  
ner's report about the completion of  
the new city barns. Mr. Turner found  
that the specifications had been lived  
up to in the construction work.

The board has decided that in view  
of the remonstrance that has been  
presented against the assessment for  
the East Ogden street pavement, which  
is completed, to take the latter under  
advisement until Dec. 14.

The regular weekly bills were al-  
lowed. In the absence of the city clerk, Otto  
Duelke, who acts as secretary to the  
board, Charles F. Gieser performed his  
work at the meeting. Mr. Duelke is  
detained at his home on account of  
sickness.

## FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION IS OBSERVED.

Services Are More Impressive Than  
Like Services on Sunday.

The fact of the Immaculate Con-  
ception was observed throughout the  
Catholic church yesterday and in many  
places the services were more impres-  
sive than those on Sundays. It was a  
holiday of obligation for the Catholics  
and all those who had an opportunity  
attended mass.

Regular services with a low mass at  
8 o'clock, high mass at 10:15 and ves-  
pers were held at St. Joseph's church.  
At All Saints' church services were  
held at 5:30 in the morning and at 8  
o'clock.

## REAL REVIVAL IN REAL ESTATE BUSINESS

Gostlin & Meyn Co. Sell 25  
Lots in New Subdi-  
vision.

vision.  
VALUED AT TEN THOUSAND

Hammond Lot Property Is Going  
These Days Like Hot  
Cross Buns.

There is a real revival in the real  
estate business in Hammond. The  
sales that have been made by Gostlin,  
Meyn & Company in the new Turner  
subdivision, which has been on the mar-  
ket only a few days, is any criterion to  
go by. There is sure to be a boom in  
real estate in Hammond before next  
spring.

Gostlin, Meyn & Company have sold  
twenty-five lots, valued at \$10,000, in  
the new Turner addition and there is  
to be a scramble for this property. In  
fact, all of the Calumet avenue front-  
age in the first block has been sold out  
and sales are being made in the other  
blocks south of Bauer street.

Development Keeping Up.  
All of this means that there is to be  
a development in this vicinity which  
is unparalleled in the city, excepting  
only the Morris addition, where lots  
were sold under very different circum-  
stances.

In addition to the remarkable inter-  
est that is being taken in Calumet ave-  
nue property, there have been sales in  
other parts of the city. Three lots in  
Larard's addition were sold for \$250  
each. The Schultz property, at 248 Oak-  
lake avenue, was sold for \$4,500. This  
consisted of a residence and ninety feet  
of frontage.

There have been other small deals  
consummated and there are still other  
deals which will be made in the near  
future. In fact, there have been more  
inquiries during the past month than  
at any time during the past year.

As the winter months are not spe-  
cially good for the sale of property, and  
people seem to prefer to wait until  
spring when people and prices are  
buoyant, it is surprising that there  
should be so much activity apparent.

## CROWN POINT MAN DIES SUDDENLY

Louis H. Letz, Who Put  
Corn Shredder on Mar-  
ket, Passes Away.

(Special to THE TIMES.)  
Crown Point, Ind., Dec. 9.—Crown  
Point residents were shocked beyond  
measure last evening on hearing of  
the sudden death of one of its well-  
known and influential citizens.

Louis H. Letz, apparently in the best  
of health, returned to his home after  
superintending some work on his fac-  
tory here, about 5:30 o'clock in the  
evening. Soon after his arrival he fell  
over unconscious and before medical  
assistance could be summoned he had  
expired.

Mr. Letz was 56 years of age, and  
leaves ten children living. His wife  
having died some years ago. Mr.  
Letz was well-known throughout Lake  
county as an expert machinist and  
ironworker, and was a genius at his  
trade. He was the inventor and man-  
ufacturer of many labor-saving mechan-  
ical devices, among which was the  
famous Letz corn shredder, upon the  
sale of the patents rights of the in-  
vention to a Chicago firm, he realized  
a comfortable fortune, and at the time  
of his death was drawing magnificent  
royalties from the inventions of his  
genius.

Mr. Letz was at the head of the Letz  
iron and molding manufactory here,  
one of the few manufacturing indus-  
tries in Crown Point. In private life  
he was an ideal citizen, his up-  
right and conscientious life winning  
the respect of all who knew him and  
he will be sadly missed by Crown  
Point citizens.

He was a faithful and active mem-  
ber of the Lutheran church of this  
place, from which edifice he will prob-  
ably be buried on Friday. Deputy  
Coroner Houk and Dr. Brannon held a  
post-mortem examination on the re-  
mains last evening.

GLEN PARK WANTS  
TELEPHONE SERVICE.  
T. W. Englehart Has Signed Petition  
With Other Property Owners  
For Service.

T. W. Englehart and many of the  
other property owners south of the Lit-  
tle Calumet river, in Gary, have sig-  
ned a petition which is to be presented  
to the Chicago Telephone company ask-  
ing for telephone service in this terri-  
tory and that the phones be put on the  
Gary exchange.

The people of Glen Park have de-  
veloped a real neighborhood spirit and  
are working hard for all the improve-  
ments they can get in this neigh-  
borhood. They say that Glen Park will  
some day be the most desirable resi-  
dence portion of Gary.

Try a want ad in THE TIMES.

## HARBOR MAN TELLS HIS VIEWS

Judge T. M. C. Hemboff, a  
Leader of Indiana Harbor  
Bar, Is Interviewed by  
Times on Congested Court  
Question.

## WANTS ALL COURTS LOCATED IN ONE CITY

Says That Hammond Is Sore Spot and  
Believes in Relief Where the Sore  
Sport Is, But Thinks Gary Is Too  
Young for a Court at the Present  
Time.

(Special to THE TIMES.)  
Indiana Harbor, Ind., Dec. 9.—Judge  
T. M. C. Hemboff of Indiana Harbor  
is especially well qualified to speak for  
the city from which he hails on the  
question of the relief of the congestion  
of the courts in Lake county.

Judge Hemboff was formerly city  
judge in Hammond. He moved to In-  
diana Harbor where he has been prac-  
ticing law for a number of years, and  
his long residence in Lake county where  
he has assisted in the building up of its  
courts, makes him especially cov-  
erant with its needs.

All in One Place.  
In interview for THE TIMES, Judge  
Hemboff said: "If I had my way about  
it I would have all of the courts of the  
county concentrated in one place. If  
such a thing is possible of accomplish-  
ment in the future, I will do all in my  
power to bring about such an ideal con-  
dition of affairs."

The layman does not realize the dif-  
ficulties which confront the lawyer  
with a large practice who is compelled  
to look after cases in several courts  
of record. It would be a physical im-  
possibility for a lawyer to handle a  
large practice in three courts, and the  
cost of litigation would be greatly in-  
creased if another court was estab-  
lished.

"I would be opposed to the estab-  
lishment of another superior court in  
Indiana Harbor, even if the city of  
East Chicago with its 15,000 inhabitants  
and its rapidly growing population was  
presumptuous enough to ask for one."

Has Two Means of Relief.  
"I will say, and I think I voice the  
sentiment of the people of East Chi-  
cago and Indiana Harbor, that I am  
primarily in favor of an additional  
court judge at Hammond, and I am  
secondarily in favor of a continuous  
court and a separate circuit court at  
Crown Point as a means of relieving  
the congestion in the courts of the  
county."

"With two-thirds of the business of  
the county originating in North town-  
ship, I am of the opinion that condi-  
tions demand special relief at Ham-  
mond, which is the most easily ac-  
cessible place in the county."

"I file all of my cases in the Ham-  
mond court unless there is a special  
reason for filing them at Crown Point,  
and I believe the people of East Chi-  
cago have more interests in the Ham-  
mond courts than in any other."

"I am unalterably opposed to a court  
at Gary, as it would further compli-  
cate a situation which is complicated  
enough at the present time. I believe  
in relief where the sore spot is. Ham-  
mond is the sore spot. The congestion  
of the Hammond and Crown Point  
court is caused by the litigation which  
arises in North township."

Work Out Nicely Then.  
"If Hammond is given relief it will  
automatically relieve the situation at  
Crown Point, and everything will work  
out satisfactorily. I am not opposed to  
the establishment of a separate contin-  
uous court at Crown Point, but I am  
certain that before this matter is  
thrashed out the inadvisability of hav-  
ing too many courts will be apparent.  
Gary's claims for a superior court have  
been shown to be ridiculous."

## THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT PERVADES THE SCHOOLS.

To's Will Buy Each Other Christmas  
Presents This Year With  
Teacher's Sanction.

Pupils of the lower grades of the  
Central school have agreed to buy each  
other Christmas presents this year.  
The teachers of the lower grades put  
the Christmas spirit into the minds of  
the children this morning and sug-  
gested that they buy each other Christ-  
mas presents.

The method used was to have each  
one write his or her name on a piece of  
paper. Then the teacher took up the  
slips and passed them around, giving  
each pupil one slip. The children are  
to buy a present for the one whose  
name is on the slip they received.

You will find that it is the merchants  
who are advertising in THE TIMES  
are the ones who are doing the busi-  
ness. They are live ones.

## BENJAMIN KLEIN FINED

Found Guilty of Provocation  
and Using Profane  
Language.

K. Benjamin Klein, who has kept a  
dirty place in Gary and who has been  
in regular conflict with the courts dur-  
ing the past few months, for conduct-  
ing a dirty and filthy place and for  
using profane language and being  
abusive to the authorities, received  
another lesson yesterday morning in  
Judge Prest's court in Hammond.

Mr. Klein paid his fine and is now  
awaiting trial in the circuit court in  
Crown Point where two charges of  
keeping a dirty place await him.  
The prosecuting witness in the case  
was Officer Newman, who preferred  
one charge of provocation against the  
saloonkeeper and a second for using  
profane language. His two fines cost  
him \$29.30.

Klein had been warned repeatedly  
to clean up his place but he met the  
officers with insults and abuse. He  
put himself above the law until the  
patience cord snapped and he was  
hauled into court. For a long time his  
attorney succeeded in getting his case  
continued, Klein thereby hoping, to  
tire his prosecutors. He has in the  
meantime found out that he was deal-  
ing with the wrong people.

## BOWLING CRAZE AGAIN

Doctors Now Have the Bug,  
and Business Men Are  
Catching It.

The bowling craze has struck Ham-  
mond in full force. It has become a  
raging passion with some; others have  
a mild case of it, and there are still  
others who have just been infected.  
The craze is making inroads on all  
classes of people. The doctors have the  
bug. The business men are talking  
about averages, strikes and spares and  
every one aspires to be the kingpin in  
the game.

The shoe dealers have been asked to  
get in bowling shoes and the sporting  
goods man has been criticized for not  
getting in a good line of bowling balls  
and the leather case with which to  
carry them.

Every night the alleys in Bradford's  
amusement parlors are filled with play-  
ers and spectators, and every one, even  
to the small boy, is interested in the  
game.

There have been several contests ar-  
ranged and they are sure to prove in-  
teresting. Every man who ever sent a  
ball sliding down an alley is talking  
about the game, and in short, Hammond  
has gone bowling crazy.

## BEGINS SUIT IN COURT

George Yen has begun a suit in the  
Lake superior court against Joseph O.  
Morris, a prominent real estate dealer  
in this city in which he charges him  
with selling and deeding to Charles  
M. Gerker lot 21 in block 8 in Mor-  
ris' addition to Hammond, after Yen  
had paid \$350 for the property.

Yen makes the allegation that Jo-  
seph O. Morris and his wife conveyed  
the property to Gerker, when they  
knew it had been sold to Yen, with  
intent to defraud.

The complaint goes on to state that  
the property has been improved by  
Yen, who has done over \$100 worth of  
filling and who has improved it in other  
ways.

The plaintiff demands damages to  
the amount of \$750, or a clear title to  
the property.

## ICY STREETS GIVE HORSE OWNERS TROUBLE.

Skate Editor Witnesses Several Ac-  
cidents on Hammond Streets.

(By the Skate Editor.)  
The icy and slippery streets have  
given the owners of horses a great deal  
of trouble lately, and several horses  
have fallen down.

E. G. Seely, who is in the expressing  
and hack line business, has been rent-  
ing a horse through the day to help  
out in his expressing work. He rented  
a horse of Jake Diamond this morning  
which caused him some trouble. The  
horse has a pair of bone spavins on his  
hind legs and this, together with the  
slippery roads, caused the animal to  
fall down on Fayette street, near the  
Monon freight house. It was not until  
Mr. Seely gained the help of several  
men that he got the horse on its feet  
and go on with his work. Mr. Seely  
forgot to put skates on the horse.

Mr. Black also had the misfortune  
of having his horse fall down yester-  
day afternoon on State and Hohman  
street. Neither horse was badly in-  
jured by the fall.

Business men should remem-  
ber that if they want to sell  
Christmas bargains, they should  
advertise in THE TIMES, which  
has five times more circulation  
in the Calumet region and three  
times more circulation in Ham-  
mond than any other paper  
printed. Come and let us SHOW  
you.

## DRINKING WATER IS IMPURE

Elaborate and Authoritative  
Report About the Supply  
From Lake Michigan Is  
Discussed After Months  
of Laborious Work.

## COMMISSION MAKES SIX RECOMMENDATIONS

Names the Glucose as One of the  
Worst Despoilers—Suggests Drain-  
ing All Sewage Into the Illinois  
River—Shatters the Supposed Fact  
About Lake Currents in South End.

In a report covered in 10,000 words  
and compiled by H. H. Barnard, chem-  
ist to the state board of health, J. E.  
Brewster, water chemist, with the as-  
sistance of the boards of health of  
Hammond, Whiting and East Chicago,  
the sanitary condition of the south-  
ern end of Lake Michigan, bordering  
on Lake county, is discussed.

The report has just been completed  
after months of laborious work, con-  
ducted by a commission involving in-  
vestigations from every angle of the  
situation. The report is exhaustive and  
authoritative and in many instances shat-  
ters old supposed facts about the  
drinking water for this region.

The report says in part:

Water Bad at All Times.  
"After a careful analysis of all the  
data collected during this survey it  
becomes readily apparent that the wa-  
ter supplies of Indiana Harbor, East  
Chicago, Whiting and Hammond, as at  
present taken from the lake, are abso-  
lutely of no value from a sanitary  
standpoint and that they are not safe  
for drinking at any time of the year."

"The study of the distribution of the  
sewage also shows conclusively that  
it will be of no value to extend the in-  
takes farther into the lake until the  
present sources of pollution are perma-  
nently removed."

In the summary the report says that  
the Calumet river, the Glucose, the  
Standard Oil company's sewer, the san-  
itary sewers from the cities of Ham-  
mond, Whiting, East Chicago and In-  
diana Harbor are responsible for the  
condition.

The report further says:

No Lake Currents Present.  
"There are no uniform currents in  
this portion of the lake and sewage  
once deposited in it may be carried  
in any direction, depending (a) the di-  
rection and force of the wind, (b) the  
lake level, (c) the direction of tempo-  
rary and induced currents."

"The sewage from any one point  
along the shore may be carried over  
the intake of any of the water supplies.  
For this reason the abatement of any  
one nuisance will not afford a great  
measure of relief as the main sources  
of pollution will be amply sufficient to  
render the water unsafe."

"The laying of intakes further into  
the lake will not provide an adequate  
protection against the sewage water,  
since the zone of pollution extends more  
than five miles from the shore."

Such Recommendation.

The following possible means by  
which the situation may be remedied  
are recommended:

(1) The installation of gravity or  
mechanical filters to purify the water  
of each of the present systems.

(2) The installation of sewage dis-  
posal plants to purify the sewage of  
otherwise destroy the injurious bacteria  
now being poured into the lake.

(3) Such action as will stop perma-  
nently the dumping of dredged mate-  
rial within five miles of any water in-  
take.

(4) The abatement of the nuisance  
known as the Glucose sewer.