

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

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FURIOUS DAGGER BATTLE

Gary Boilermaker 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 person of Mike Sheedy, a Gary boilermaker and registrant at the hotel. The fight occurred about 7:30 o'clock, in the bar room at the hotel, and was evidently precipitated by Sheedy. The latter is now in St. Margaret's hospital, Hammond, recovering from the loss of considerable blood from eight deep gashes in his face and forehead, two large veins being cut by the slashes of the bartender'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 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 accosted Schlecker with a vile remark, which soon led to other and more heated arguments. Suddenly, when no one expected 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 slashing right and left.

Couldn't Avoid Attack.

Sheedy was unable to avoid the attack, but fought valiantly until overpowered, and were it not for the interference of bystanders, the injuries inflicted might have been much more serious. 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 toe. The latter organ was made the recipient of a downward 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 congress. 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 Crumpacker 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 go along fairly and impartially if those 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 Crumpacker 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 congress, when his old soldier colleague from the Fifth district will be a private citizen. Therefore, the voice of Crumpacker, which has for several sessions 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 interest the criticism voiced by a Baptist clergyman in Chicago when he said the other day:

"Modern methods of evangelism—what are they? A three-ring circus, a vaudeville show, a bazaar and, lastly, a pulpit. 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 Tabernacle Baptist church, Spaulding and Warren avenues. His speech was extemporaneous, following the addresses of several other pastors on the general subject of evangelism.

"The entire statistical idea of getting more and more baptisms is getting the ruin of real conversion," continued Rev. Mr. Gelstweit, "and is making the church a mere ecclesiastical refrigerator. Pastors advertise so many baptisms every Sunday. Perhaps 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

Toleton Man in Hammond Says Stork May Visit His Barn.

Bill Kunert, in Hammond yesterday, said that the great problem which is confronting the people of Toleton is that of housing the population which is flooding both of the cities of this new iron and steel manufacturing district.

Houses are so scarce that people living in anything that affords a shelter from the wintry 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 Toleton.

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 issuing bills, granting liquor licenses and awarding the contracts 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 remonstrance against the issuance of a 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 Batasick, Jacob Frank, Stanley Andrezek, John Bison, George Racick, Frank Steglitz, Stephen Koen, John Jarecki, John Raychinetz, Theo. J. Sacko, John Lewis, Ed. Luskowski, Jos. Schaller, U. Verbanice, Jos. Olyniak, F. P. Rack, W. J. Boiland, A. N. McGee, Z. K. Morrison, J. F. Smith, A. Buzoski, Chas. H. Dill, John Fochichanski, John Stanisz, Demiter Grady, Z. Moldovan, Max Heyman, M. Marovich, John Pete, John Jakus, A. J. Olson, W. C. Briggs, Jno. Pora, Jos. Stiflik, Andrew Peifer, Gott Loscher, John Kukst, E. E. Fricke, Aug. Rakowski, Louis Hepp, Max Heller, Joe Kadison, F. Piechotki, Peter Norkus, John Kasch, Abe Goldstein, A. Halinska, Joe von Rembow, George Schuster, Steve John, H. R. Schneider, J. J. Jascher, 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 engineer, were ordered to receive and report 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 \$5,782.

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

WOULD SUICIDE; ICE PREVENTS

Globe Station Woman Is Picked Up by Officer Miller 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 Hammond 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 succumbing in the Grand Calumet river or in Lake Michigan was the intervention of a police officer.

Mrs. Schrum, who was formerly Miss Emma Dahlman, was met at the corners 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 suffering 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 either the Grand Calumet river or in Lake Michigan. When the officer insisted that she accompany 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 conceived 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 Harbor where she registered as Mrs. Howard, 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 opportunity to talk to her and proved a dutiful 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 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 succumbed in her present state of mind.

Mr. Letz was 56 years of age, and leaves ten children surviving him, 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 manufacturer of many labor-saving mechanical devices, among which was the famous Letz corn shredder, upon the sale of the patents rights of the invention 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 manufacture here, one of the few manufacturing industries in Crown Point. In private life, Mr. Letz was an ideal citizen, his upright 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 member of the Lutheran church of this place, from which edition he will probably be buried on Friday. Deputy Coroner Houk and Dr. Brannon held a post-mortem examination on the remains last evening.

The regular weekly bills were allowed.

In the absence of the city clerk, Otto Duek, who acts as secretary to the board, Charles F. Glosner performed his work at the meeting. Mr. Duek 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 Conception was observed throughout the Catholic church yesterday and in many places the services were more impressive 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 vesper services 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.

Try a want ad in THE TIMES.

REAL REVIVAL IN REAL ESTATE BUSINESS

Gostlin & Meyn Co. Sell 25 Lots in New Subdivision.

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 as the sales that have been made by Gostlin, Meyn & Company in the new Turner subdivision, which has been on the market 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 frontage 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 circumstances.

In addition to the remarkable interest that is being taken in Calumet avenue property, there have been sales in other parts of the city. Three lots in Larned's addition were sold for \$250 each. The Schultz property, at 248 Oakley 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 especially 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.

All in One Place.

In interview for THE TIMES, Judge

HARBOR MAN TELLS HIS VIEWS

Judge T. M. C. Hembroff, 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. Hembroff 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 Hembroff was formerly city judge in Hammond. He moved to Indiana Harbor where he has been practicing 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 conversant with its needs.

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