

WEATHER.
SHOWERS TODAY;
TUESDAY CLOUDY
AND WARMER.

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MIND IS AFFECTED BY HEAT

Wife of Well-Known Gary Man of Affairs, Mentally Unbalanced by Strain of Continued Hot Weather, Takes Her Life.

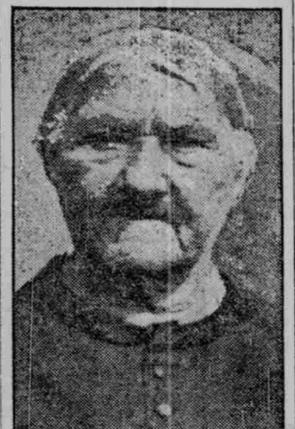
Her mind unbalanced by the intense heat and brooding over the welfare of her baby, Mrs. William Luscombe, wife of the superintendent of the Gary Heat, Light and Water company of Gary on Saturday retired to her bedroom and turned on the gas. A short time later her husband found her in an unconscious condition. Two doctors were summoned and although the pulmotor and every means of restoration were applied Mrs. Luscombe passed away two hours later at her home, 656 Van Buren street.

Husband Finds Her.

Mrs. Luscombe had been outside, around the house, wheeling her youngest child around in a go-cart and at 11 o'clock a neighbor who saw her, said that she appeared to be in a cheerful mood.

Mr. Luscombe usually came home at 12:30 o'clock for luncheon but on Saturday he was detained 15 minutes, last- (Continued on Page 6.)

DEATH TAKES ST. JOHN NONAGENARIAN



"Grandma" Portz.

ENOUGH JUDGES AS IT IS

When the circuit and superior courts re-open in the first and second weeks in September after the summer vacation, the judges will again find a bulky docket of cases which accumulated during the vacation months. The circuit court and the superior court at Crown Point open in the first week in September and the two other superior courts in Hammond open a week later. In the superior courts at Hammond alone since July last 118 cases have been filed and considering that this is vacation time and that many of the lawyers are on their summer outings the number is an indication of what may be expected the coming year. In another year or two at this rate a healthy agitation may be expected for another judge or two. In some quarters this agitation is being pushed even now, but the general impression is that for the accumulation, and before extra judges can consistently be asked for, the lawyers themselves will have to arrange their business so as to be ready to proceed with the trial of a case when it is set for trial.

The cases filed last week are as follows:

- New Cases Filed.
- 10769—R. 2. John Schmeiser and Bro. (G. B. Sheerer) vs Harry V. Atkinson et al. Fore. M. L.
- 10770—R. 1. Anna Babe (W. H. Sickman) vs John Babe; divorce.
- 10771—R. 2. Linda Anderson (H. E. Gaenger) vs Milfred Anderson; separate maintenance.
- 10772—R. 3. Herbert C. Francis, guardian of the person and estate of Ada Iverson minor (Manlove, Kennedy & Lotz) vs Louis A. Bryan et al.; specific performance on contract.
- 10773—R. 1. Rosaris Sidote (McMahon & Conroy) vs Anna Mary Bidote; divorce.
- 10774—R. 1. Elmer Clemans (J. W. Belshaw) vs Firdelia J. Clemans; quiet title and partition.
- 10775—R. 2. Louis Force (H. E. Granger) vs Andrew Berg and officers of local union No. 1636 Carpenters and Joiners; suit on contract.
- 10776—R. 2. Nelson Giesz (Kennedy & Lotz) vs Harbor Bldg. Co.; suit on account.
- 10777—R. 3. Annie Belaj (McAlee Bros.) vs Peter Surtic; damages.
- 10778—R. 1. Millie Henrietta Dick (J. K. Stinson & J. H. Gillett) vs Indiana Harbor Belt R. R.; per. inf.
- 10779—R. 1. Henry Horner & Co. (L. V. Cravens) vs Wm. Goldfinger; attachment.
- 19780—R. 2. Charley Moon (Granger & Lotz) vs Hammond Orpheum Co.; damages.
- 10781—R. 2. Henry Horner & Co. (L. V. Cravens) vs Alex. Schmidt et al.; attachment.
- 10782—R. 3. Frank Zocharyasz (Kennedy & Lotz) vs Kasimer Kotarski; suit on contract.
- 10783—R. 1. Clay Whittington (W. H. Sickman) vs May Whittington; divorce.
- 10784—R. 1. Conrad Selpp Brwg. Co. (L. V. Cravens) vs Peter P. Tialek; attachment.

Gun Club's Picnic.

The Lake George Gun club held its first annual picnic at Kindel's grove Saturday and although the afternoon attendance did not come up to expectations the grove was packed in the evening. Everything turned out a success and as a result of the members' hard work the club made in the neighborhood of \$200.

WHY ARE YOU NOT A TIMES READER?

AGED LADY ANSWERS LAST CALL

(Special to THE TIMES.)
St. John, Aug. 11.—Mrs. Susanna Portz died at her home here this forenoon, her death which was not unexpected having been due to old age. She was more than ninety years old. The funeral has been arranged for next Thursday. Services will be held at the Catholic church here at 10 o'clock in the morning. In the meantime relatives residing in Nebraska are expected to arrive.

The death of "Grandma" Portz as she was known to hundreds of people brings to an end a most interesting career that extended over a period of more than ninety years. Her extreme old age subjected her to the illnesses and weaknesses incident to her years and of late she suffered considerably. She had a sinking spell several weeks ago, at which time it was thought the end was at hand but her remarkable constitution reasserted itself and she rallied nicely. Since her last illness her death was expected almost hourly for several days, and in anticipation of it all her children, and scores of her grandchildren and great grandchildren gathered at her bedside to bid her farewell.

Born in Germany.
Mrs. Portz was born in Germany on (Continued on Page 7.)

HAMMOND GETS CLEAN BILL OF HEALTH

State Pure Food Inspectors Conclude Work in the City.

A clean bill of health has been given Hammond by F. W. Tucker and John T. Willett, state inspectors of foods and drugs, so far as it is within their power to do so. This state of affairs they explain by the fact that Hammond has a city sealer whose business it is to keep restaurants, bake shops and ice cream manufactories within the law.

A New Job.

Acting on this inspectors Tucker and Willett have recommended that an office be created in Lake County that will supervise the cities of the region, employing deputies and maintaining a strict discipline. It will go away with a great deal of adverse publicity and benefit the public health.

Lax Methods.

In the matter of unsanitary hotel toilets and dirty street cars neither of the inspectors have power to take action but in their reports this was mentioned. Hammond has been severely criticized by the traveling public for these two grievous neglects and it is possible that orders will be issued from Indianapolis for a general clean-up.

Milk Is Good.

"Hammond's milk is O. K.," the inspectors say, "and its restaurants, ice cream manufactories and dairies are clean. One eating house was notified to take two workers who were evidently sick out of the kitchen."

As for the ice cream produced by ten factories in the city the final verdict will not be heard till tomorrow. Seventeen samples were taken to Indianapolis by Tucker.

IMPROVING PLACE ON PLUMMER AVE.

Bereolos Bros. Make Costly Changes in Structures.

Bereolos brothers, James and Gus, are remodeling a frame house on Plummer avenue and veneering it with brick. When completed it will be divided into an upper and lower flat, extra rooms being added in the remodeling. Judging from the appearance of the building the changes are being made at considerable expense. Messrs. Bereolos decided on the improvement in this location because it is closely located to their hotel and restaurant business.

WEATHER MAN STOPPED GAMES

The weather man put the jinx on the amateur baseball games in Hammond yesterday afternoon, causing a disappointment to fandom at large. A heavy downpour struck Hammond and vicinity about 2 o'clock and lasted nearly an hour. The grounds were muddy and the players found it almost impossible to retain their feet. Games were called off on account of rain.

COUNTESS TORBY MAKES HIT IN SOCIAL ENGLAND; AT 21 SHE'S FAMOUS BEAUTY



Countess Zia Torby.
Countess Anastasia (Zia) Torby is the elder daughter of the Grand Duke Michaelovitch, who has his home in England, and, with her sister, is well known in British society. At twenty-one she is famed all over Europe as a great beauty. Her sister was born in 1896, and her brother, Count Michael, was born in 1898. The Grand Duke Michael, who was born at Peterhof in 1861, the second son of the czar's great uncle, the Grand Duke Michael Nicolavitch, married Sophy, Countess of Merenberg, later Countess Torby, in 1891.

SALOON HELD UP.

Crown Point, Ind., Aug. 11.—A bold holdup occurred last evening at the Eslinger buffet near the Erie depot about 7 o'clock when a masked man broke into the bar room and secured \$35 from the cash register, making a successful getaway. He made a run down the Erie tracks and was seen to catch the Gary & Southern Interurban car at the railroad crossing. The sheriff was notified and dispatched men post haste in an effort to apprehend the crook, but as no detailed description of the fellow could be secured they were badly hampered in their work. At this writing no further trace of the burglar has been secured.

Will File 112 Cases.

Business is on the up grade in the Lake county superior courts now. One Hammond attorney makes the announcement that he will file 112 cases this week, the largest number ever delivered by one lawyer in seven days hereabouts. He says that they cover every phase of human activity from marriage to assault and battery, which isn't such a great span.

GOVERNOR'S WIFE ON HER WAY TO PANAMA



Mrs. Richard Lee Metcalfe.
Mrs. Richard Lee Metcalfe, wife of the new governor of the Panama canal zone, is now on her way with her husband to Ancon, Panama, where they will make their official home.

The family have made their home in Lincoln, Nebraska, where Mr. Metcalfe was the editor of William J. Bryan's newspaper.

INDIANA TO HAVE EARLY UPHEAVAL

Fourth-Class Postmasterships May Be Opened to Competition in November

Washington, Aug. 11.—An upheaval among Indiana fourth-class postmasters is scheduled to take place in November. During that month, according to the plan arranged, all of the fourth-class postmasterships in Indiana will be thrown open to civil service examinations. The Republican incumbents will have the same show as the Democratic aspirants to take the examination, but when it comes to making the appointments it is expected that a large proportion of the new officials will be Democrats. It is estimated that at present about 95 per cent of them are Republicans.

The country, for the purposes of this examination, has been divided into twelve groups of four states each. Indiana is placed in group No. 5. The machinery has been set to dispose of six states, constituting one and one-half groups, every month, beginning with the present month of August.

First Real "Hand-Out."
Members of the Indiana congressional delegation are felicitating themselves over the fact that the Indiana upheaval in these offices is to come so soon. It will be the first real "hand-out" to the patronage seekers, for, while the salaries paid to these officials are small, the places are eagerly sought.

The wholesale civil service examinations ordered for fourth-class post-offices are based ostensibly on the good of the public service, but it does not require the instinct of a thirty-third degree spoliator to realize that the object aimed at is to get Republicans out and Democrats in. It is easy to accomplish this undertaking. In every case the names of the three highest on the eligible list are certified by the Civil Service Commission (Continued on page six.)

GENERAL RAINS BREAK DROUGHT; CHASE HEAT

Relief Is Brought to Farms Between Nebraska and New York.

Chicago, Aug. 11.—Heavy rains which were general from Nebraska to Eastern New York, beginning last night and continuing today, have broken the heat siege in portions, at least, of the east-central and west-central states and will be of great benefit to what remains of the corn crop. The rains were steady, without driving winds, and soaked gradually into the ground. They will revive drooping pastures, wash six weeks' accumulation of dust off vegetables generally and replenish wells and cisterns which have failed in the long drought.

Dispatches tonight indicate that the rains were heavy over northern and central Illinois and Indiana. In central Illinois the rain amounted to a torrent. (Continued on Page 6.)

TRUSTEES ASK FOR CO. AGENT

Crown Point, Ind., Aug. 11.—The Township trustees at their recent monthly meeting decided that the time was here to ask for a county agent to supervise the work in agriculture in Lake county. According to proper subscription blanks have been prepared and the trustees of the various townships will pass the lists so that the amount of deposit required by law will on hand by the time the county council meets in September.

This county agent means much to the farmers of this county for not one can measure the value of having an expert under the jurisdiction of Purdue University ready at a moment's call to confer with our farmers upon matters pertaining to the farm. The law under which appointment is secured is as follows:

Sec. 12. Whenever twenty or more residents of a county, who are actively interested in agriculture, shall file a petition with the county board of education for a county agent, together with a deposit of \$500 to be used in defraying expenses of such agent, the

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HOTEL CARLETON IS PROSPERING

Lawyer Gives Business Personal Attention With Gratifying Results.

The Hotel Carleton on Plummer avenue, which came into the hands of Attorney L. V. Cravens through a receivership sale last June is experiencing a business revival which is gratifying to the new owner.

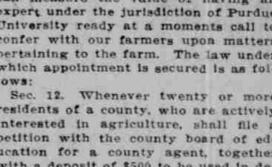
Mr. Cravens became a hotel owner and manager against his wishes but in the receivership sale was compelled to buy in the business to protect his credit. He has placed the business in the hands of a broker with instructions to sell it and in the meantime is giving his personal attention to some extent to the management. His son William who is a student in an eastern polytechnic school is spending his vacation in Hammond and is assisting the father in conducting the business.

The Hotel Carleton is generally conceded to be a good investment if taken over by an experienced hotel man, as the growth of Hammond demands all the hotel accommodations possible.

AUTO MAN ON VACATION

Arthur O. Merrill, the Michigan avenue garage man, is spending a two weeks' visit at Hester, Mich., and word from him this morning states that he is enjoying himself and is finding plenty of excellent fishing. Mr. Merrill is expected back home next Saturday.

CONGRESSMAN MADE SOLICITOR GENERAL



John W. Davis.
John W. Davis of West Virginia, who has just been named by the president as solicitor general of the United States, is at present a member of congress. Mr. Davis succeeds Marshall Bullitt of Tennessee, who resigned at the end of the Taft administration.

The new solicitor general is now serving his second term in congress and will resign from that body to take up his new duties. He is 46 years old and is a well-known lawyer in his state. His new job pays \$10,000 a year.

NO HOME, NO SPOUSE, NO NOTHING!

Was ever anybody in such a pestiferous plight as John Carlson of East Chicago? He should sob, but he forgot his pocket handkerchief.

These are the harrowing circumstances.

Mr. Carlson is the owner of a perfectly good house in Glcott avenue. He is engaged to a perfectly good girl, and until the situation about to be set forth developed, all looked propitious for an early wedding. The situation appeared to be an ideal one.

To begin with the house. He rented this two years ago to a man of the name of John Opperman. He entered into no written agreement with this tenant regarding the term of the lease, but it was understood on both sides that the moment Mr. Carlson took to himself a wife the said Opperman

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EX-SENATOR SEES WAR'S SEAMY SIDE

Cook with Gas, save money and time, and banish dirt.—No. Ind. Gas & Elec. Co.

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Lafayette Young.
Ex-Senator Lafayette Young of Iowa, who is now in Europe, reports that he has been deeply impressed by what he has seen in the Balkan countries. He declares:

"The Balkans give the big nations of Europe an opportunity to do more than look sanctified and offer prayers. When snow comes again starving people of the Balkans will be chargeable to Europe. The crops are rotting in the fields. When cold weather comes the people of the Balkans will not even have dry bread to eat."

News BULLETINS

Washington, Aug. 11.—House Democrats began thrashing out of administration currency bill and Ragsdale-Henry measure. Bitter fight expected on question of interlocking directorates in banks under proposed federal reserve system provided for by Glass Currency bill.

Washington, Aug. 11.—General Wm. H. Babby, chief of engineers, E. S. A. retired at own request, in favor of Col. Wm. T. Russell, life-time friends. Babby by not due to leave service until next December, two months after Russell's compulsory retirement, so leaving to let brother officer reach highest place in engineer corps.

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 11.—Detroit Driving Club inaugurates 23rd blue ribbon meeting. Merchants and Manufacturers \$10,000 stake for 224 trotters, feature event.

Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 11.—Fifty-ninth session International Typographical Union here expected to be storm, owing to "insurgent" faction opposing plans present administration.

Penn. Yarn, N. Y., Aug. 11.—Prominent man attended dedication house in Dresden, this county, where Robert G. Ingersoll was born. Home in practically same condition as at agnostic's birth.

Washington, Aug. 11.—Senator Bryan of Florida, fighting for one cent postage rather than reduced parcel post rates, says unless Postmaster Burleson is checked, people will have to go to the mail offices for their freight, and vice versa.

Albany, N. Y., Aug. 11.—State legislature which took recess July 23 resumes tonight, despite protest Governor Sulzer. Fawley Senate committee which had charge investigation of governor's campaign fund and other reports expected result in bitter fights with Governor's friends on one side and Tammany's leaders on other.

Will Advertise for Bids.

City Clerk Otto Dueike was this morning given authority by the board of public works to advertise for bids for an alley pavement to be constructed west of White Oak avenue.

Inspectors' reports on the Lake, Amy and Moss avenue sewers were accepted and the engineer ordered to prepare primary assessment rolls.

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