



# PETER W. MEYEN PREDICTS BIG THINGS FOR 1923

### THE WEATHER

Unsettled weather tonight and on Sunday; somewhat colder Sunday afternoon and night; lowest temperature tonight slightly above freezing; fresh southerly winds tonight shifting to northwest Sunday.

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### GREATEST YEAR FOR HAMMOND

#### Deep Sewer System Makes Expansion Possible

BY HAROLD CROSS.  
Hammond is undergoing a great change. It is throwing off the shackles of a small town. Within fewer years than anyone can sanely predict it will have doubled its population, industry and commerce.

1923 will be Hammond's banner year.

Peter W. Meyen, president of the First Trust & Savings Bank, was asked by a reporter today to prophesy the city's fortune for the coming year. Mr. Meyen said: "Taking into consideration the industrial development of Chicago toward the Illinois-Indiana line and the number of eastern industries that are looking this way, it is safe to say that Hammond is due for a greater growth in 1923 than it has ever experienced. In fact the entire Calumet region is going to prosper and the development of Hegewisch, East Chicago, Indiana Harbor and Gary will also benefit Hammond."

"Hammond is growing primarily because Chicago is growing," continued Mr. Meyen, "and Chicago is growing because the center of manufacturing is shifting west with the center of population. Not many years ago Pittsburgh was the center of the population and the manufacturing of the country. Today the center of manufacturing is at a point about one hundred and fifty miles south of Hammond and twelve miles from the center of population."

"This shifting of the center of population and manufacturing has attracted eastern manufacturers to the Chicago manufacturing district south and southeast of the big city. Average prices are so high in Chicago that it is easy for the Calumet region of Indiana to compete. Furthermore we are in the Chicago shipping district and have the Chicago labor market to draw upon."

#### COMING WEST

"On a recent trip to Pittsburgh I was a guest at a meeting of directors of a large steel company owning a site in Hammond. The president of that company said that he was compelled as a matter of self preservation to build a plant in this district. He said that if the federal trade commission should rule to sustain the Pittsburgh plus rate on steel the natural economic conditions compelled the Chicago district to build plants in the Chicago district and he said that he believed that every company of any magnitude whatever would eventually establish a plant in the Chicago district."

#### READY TO BOOM

"Hammond is better prepared than for a quick growth than it has ever been," Mr. Meyen said. "Lack of a deep sewer system has always retarded our expansion and now that we have built such a system the city is to be congratulated. The handling of the city water mains is another very important decision. Hammond will be able to house thousands of people in this newly acquired territory as soon as the utilities such as water and sewage are provided, and it is to be hoped that steps will be taken early in 1923 for a deep sewer on Kennedy avenue from the Grand Calumet river to the Little Calumet."

"The rapid growth of Hammond has already started. Hundreds of houses will have to be built to supply the present demand. Try and find a place to live and you will realize how the town is growing. And one of the reasons for the growth we are experiencing now, which is but a forerunner of the real expansion, is the wonderful system of concrete roads on the east side of the line. Hammond's shopping territory is an excellent one. It includes Thornton, Homewood and Chicago Heights."

#### NOT ALWAYS ROSEY

Mr. Meyen was silent for a minute, apparently musing. "Things haven't always been so rosey," he said.

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## HAMMOND GIRLS SERIOUSLY INJURED IN ERIE-AUTO SMASH

### ACCIDENT ON CONKEY AVENUE

#### Auto Tossed 40 Feet Crushing Watchman's Shanty At Crossing

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES)  
SOUTH BEND, IND., Dec. 30.—Two men and a woman were killed here early today when a fast New York Central freight train struck the automobile in which they were riding.

The two men, Louis Rubenstein and Reed Giney, both of South Bend, were instantly killed. Ruth Venator died shortly after she had been rushed to a hospital.

The automobile was completely demolished.

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SOUTH BEND, IND., Dec. 30.—Ed Fieck met with a rather serious accident Wednesday afternoon when he lost control of his automobile and it plunged down a 10-foot embankment about two miles north of town.

He received injuries about the head and face. Although no bones were broken he received several deep cuts from broken glass. His car was badly smashed.

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES)  
ST. JOSEPH, MO., Dec. 30.—Frank Newman, Kansas City theatrical man is not expected to live as a result of injuries sustained early today when an automobile in which he and E. F. Allen, also of Kansas City, were riding, turned over.

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES)  
ANDERSON, IND., Dec. 30.—Alexander Wray, center of the University of Pennsylvania football team of 1918 and William Bruner, another former Penn star, was killed last night at North Woodbury when a motor car in which they were riding was struck by an electric train of the West Jersey and Seashore railroad.

Two Hammond girls escaped death only with critical injuries in a 5:30 last evening when the car in which they were riding was struck by a passenger train at the Conkey avenue crossing in the Erie railroad, and hurled against the watchman's shanty and together with the building reduced to wreckage.

Florence Lenz, aged 19, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lenz, 608 Summer street, is in the hospital with a fractured skull. She was driving the family machine, a Dodge touring car.

With her was Florence Marsee, aged 20, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Marsee, 386 Truman avenue. Miss Marsee is in the hospital also. She is suffering from serious bruises and shock. Witnesses say she was thrown forty feet.

Both girls are employed at the Conkey plant. Miss Lenz, the day's work over, had gone home to get the Lenz machine. She was returning to the Conkey plant to drive home her father who is employed at the plant as an engineer. On the way she met Miss Marsee. The latter got into the machine and the pair continued on toward the plant.

She drove west into Conkey avenue off Calumet avenue. A freight had blocked the crossing. The signal was given to cut the train. Verne Stahl, brakeman, made the cut. The girls drove through the cleared right of way and into the path of east bound milk train 228. There was no warning, so the girls say. Their view of the passenger train was cut off. The impact hurled the machine against the watchman's shanty. It crumpled like a doll's house. The car itself was wrecked. Miss Marsee was thrown fully forty feet from her seat. Miss Lenz held prisoner by the wheel of the machine, was battered into insensibility.

### ENGINEERS TO HAVE A STAG PARTY

Officers and enlisted men of the 113th National Guard Engineer regiment, commanded by Col. A. P. Melton, will celebrate the New Year's evening with a stag party to be held at the Garry Commercial club.

Men from companies stationed at East Chicago, Indiana Harbor, Hammond, Whiting and Gary, numbering nearly 500 will participate in the evening festivities.

Members of the 2nd Battalion, which is commanded by Major J. M. Wallace, expects to learn something new from high military officials concerning the proposed armory building for Indiana Harbor.

### HOBERT AUTO ACCIDENT

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### HOW TWO DIED IN RAIL ACCIDENT

Further details of the shocking rail accident in Serbia wherein a Hammond woman lost her life are found in a Wabash dispatch which says:

"Paul Specklein 20 years old, died this afternoon at the Karl Ulmar home, near Serbia, of injuries suffered when struck by a westbound Erie passenger train at the Serbia station, north of here, after a fatal attempt to rescue Mrs. Kate Curtis, 55 years old, of Hammond, who was struck and killed by the train."

Specklein's skull was split and his right arm was broken. He lived nine hours.

Mrs. Curtis' body was mangled. Mrs. Curtis with her sister Mrs. Bert Clark of Hammond, were awaiting the arrival of a local train to return home after a Christmas visit with their mother, Mrs. Mark Middleton of Serbia. Thinking the fast passenger was a local train, Mrs. Curtis stepped on to the main line to a siding track. Ice coated ties caused her to slip.

### RECEIVERSHIP CASE ENDED

The Groman-Muenich receivership case, which had been occupying the attention of Judge Critter in Room 2 of the Hammond Superior court for two days, came to an abrupt termination this morning when the attorneys and principals after several consultations, announced that a basis of settlement had been reached.

Gus Muenich, against whom Dr. H. C. Groman had brought action for an accounting of the affairs of the Consolidated Realty Co., furnished figures on the finances of the corporation. The treasury was re-stocked and payments will later once be made on the mortgage which has been hanging over the Mee Hotel property.

It was decided to re-organize the corporation and put it on a sound business basis. By-laws, which were not considered necessary at first, will be adopted. A new board of directors will be formed. It will be composed of Mr. Muenich and one of his daughters, Dr. Groman and L. L. Bomberger and C. E. Tinkham who represented the litigants in the suit.

### COTTLE JAZZ BAND SECURED FOR NEW YEARS' EVE PARTY

Charles Cottle and his "Collegian Orchestra" will furnish the music at the Hammond Country Club party tomorrow night. From 10:00 o'clock to 12:00 the orchestra will play concert numbers and after midnight it will render the jazz for which it is famous as one of the best dance orchestras in Chicago.

People not having dinner reservations will be charged \$5 a couple for dancing.

### GARY PROSPERED MUCH THIS YEAR

1922 Gary bank clearings will be greater than any previous year in the history. This was shown today when officials of the Gary Clearing House Association were preparing their annual report.

According to C. R. Kues, president of the Gary Clearing House Association and president of the National Bank of America, Gary has experienced its greatest year in banking circles. He intimated that the 1922 total would probably be three times greater than any other previous year.

Clearing for 1921 reached a total of \$57,842,401.15 while the 1922 total will reach approximately \$150,000,000.00. On top of this the annual report will show that the growth has steadily climbed showing a steady revival of business.

### THE SHEIK IS AT LARGE

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 29.—"Is he the sheik of Chicago?"

### PROSPECTS FOR 1923 ARE GOOD

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Business prospects for 1923 are most favorable they are much better than for several years. Edward Moran, president of Morris and company, packers asserted in a statement issued today.

He pointed out these two factors: 1.—The improved buying power of the farmer.

2.—The lack of employment. "Everybody should have faith in 1923," he said. "I believe it will be a year of improved prosperity."

### DOUBLE SHOOTING FOLLOWS ATTACK

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Policeman William J. O'Malley was shot and killed early today by one of three gunmen who had shot a Modill high school girl returning home with three fellow students from their "prom" at the West End Women's club.

The wounded girl is Miss Minnie Finkelstein, 17. She was shot through the hip and taken to a hospital.

Miss Finkelstein's three companions narrowly escaped death. A bullet cut through the clothes of her escort, Leo Kaufman.

One of the assailants, whose attack is believed by the police to have been actuated by jealousy and a desire for revenge, was shot and captured and is believed to be "John Reed," "John Rieze," and "John Reese."

The man claimed at first his name was in Chicago. His cap, however, bore the trademark of Yendor's Store, New York City. He was shot twice through the chest.

The Cottle orchestra which is under the management of Benson consists of Jules Stein, piano; Roy Cole violin; Al Cholden, saxophone; Leo Kapp, banjo, and Chas Cottle, at the drums.

### MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL OVER RULED

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES)  
MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., Dec. 30.—The motion of the defense for a new trial in the case of Mrs. Charles Jaeger of Gary against Herman Jaeger of the same city was overruled late yesterday by Judge Humphreys of the superior court. "No get hunt license," he replied. "Me hunky in Gary thirteen year. Got fifteen baby. No get hunt license. Got fish ticket."

MORSE DELLPLAIN, president of the First Brotherhood class of the First Baptist church has a standing invitation out to all the men of Hammond who have no church home to come and join the Brotherhood. They meet at 9:45 a. m. every Sunday at 211 E. Sibley street.

### Did You Hear That?

ST. MARGARET'S hospital is said to be overflowing with patients.

BIG parties tomorrow night at the Country Club and the Elk's Club.

IRV. CHAYKEN, salesman at Sasin's Jewelry Store, sold a \$1,200 necklace during the holidays.

WELL, anyway, Atty. Bill McAleer is not going to wear any rubber shoes on New Years and that's that.

DR. ROGERS known to his patients as "Big Hearted Jim" will spend New Years Eve at the Blackstones.

WILLIAM GLUTH, Jackson street is booked on speeding charge. Nabbed on Hohman street by Officer Schatzel.

R. E. SAKER, E. B. Lamberg, Robert McLemara and Jim "Smitty" are enroute to St. Louis over New Years.

THERE will be a number of private meetings tomorrow night in Hammond at which watch services will be held.

PAUL BALICKI, 861 Morton ave., is booked on disorderly charge. Complaint of railroad special agents. Ballicki denies charge.

LARRY COX, who bought a set of boxing gloves for two of his youngest relatives, is having more fun out of them than the relatives.

THE band and orchestra of the Indiana Masonic Home for girls and boys will give a concert at the Masonic Temple at 8:00 o'clock Sunday evening.

MONDAY morning the starting song sounds for the annual inter-troup contest of Hammond Boy Scouts. The boys are on their toes awaiting the signal.

GEORGE LAVENT says that fish dinners are better this time of the year than any other month. "The fish are never so good as they are in January," he declares.

### TWO HAMMOND FIREMEN ARE HURT

Two Hammond firemen were seriously injured, one probably fatally when the ladder which they were using to combat a roof blaze, snapped in two, plunging both men to the ground, 24 feet below. It is an ironical side-light that the puny struggle fire which did less than \$20 damage may result in the death of one of the firemen.

It was while climbing to the roof of the two story dwelling at 167 Wabash avenue occupied by Lawrence File and family, to extinguish a blaze there, that the ladder on which were Rudolph Hansen and Joe Platki, broke in the center, hurling both men to the ground. Platki, lower of the two, on the ladder, crumpled in a heap where he fell. An instant later Hansen, seemingly turning a back-spring in the air, bolted downward and fell over the form of Platki.

Hansen, in spite of the fact that he fell upon Platki, is the more seriously injured. He was taken to St. Margaret's hospital where the surgeon, Dr. O. O. Melton, pronounced his condition critical. Dr. Melton late today was working upon an X-ray examination to determine whether the fireman's spine had been fractured. Hansen suffered serious bruises to his forehead, shoulders and back. According to Dr. Melton the spine was given a wrench, possibly even fractured, by the peculiar backward somersault taken by the fireman when the ladder cracked.

Platki's left shoulder, forearm and wrist are badly scratched and bruised. He suffered no broken bones. Dr. Melton sent him home.

Both men are members of Company 3, Captain Peters. They responded to the alarm at 3 a. m. The roof fire at the File residence was occasioned by sparks. The damage was nominal.

Hansen, 30 years old, lives with his family at 377 Towle street. He is a chauffeur. Joe Platki, aged 31, is a pipefitter and lives at 181 Wabash avenue. The accident to Platki occurred within a stone's throw of his home.

Shortly after this fire the department's two fire were called to the Standard Steel Car plant to fight a \$500 blaze that burned out sheds in the north end of the sandblast. Hot coals dropped from a passing engine is believed to have ignited paint pools. The fire spread rapidly and gave firemen a hard tussle for a hour.

### GAME WARDENS STIR THINGS UP IN COUNTY

Game Wardens Al Barber and Bryce Whitaker, of Hammond, have had a busy week of it rounding up violators of the game laws in the county.

The arrest of Roy "Spony" Granger of Thayer, early in the week was the opening of a campaign against Sunday hunting. Granger was fined \$50.00 when tried at Kentland.

Since then John Smith, Willie Brands, Fred Steege, Frank Seeser and Henry Prepho were arrested for illegally taking fur out of season. Each was fined \$25.00 at Crown Point.

Edward Schoon was arrested and fined \$25.00 for hunting without a license.

Since Granger was arrested there has been considerable comment. Many people, it seems, do not know it is illegal to hunt any kind of game with firearms on Sunday. Some have expressed the opinion that a farmer could hunt on his own premises on Sunday, but this is not true.

### WARDEN STIR THINGS UP IN COUNTY

To sell or offer for sale, directly or indirectly, any animal at any time, to kill or pursue any waterfowl between sunset of any day and sunrise of the following morning.

To hunt squirrels before the first day of August or after the first day of December.

To hunt rabbits with a ferret at any time.

To have a ferret in your possession without a permit.

To hunt any kind of game from the tenth day of January to the first day of April.

To hunt on any land without procuring permission to do so from the owner or tenant thereof.

To hunt any game by means of a searchlight attached to an automobile or to shoot along or upon a public highway.

To dig out or smoke out of their dens any fur-bearing animal.

To hold game birds or fur-bearing animals during closed season without a certificate of inspection.

Since October 10 a reward of \$100 has been offered by the department of conservation to any person furnishing information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person unlawfully using dynamite or other explosive in any of the waters of the state.

### DETECTIVE SHOT IN YARDS

Before falling with a bullet wound in his neck, Peter J. Hanprich, a special detective for the B. & O. Railroad company, emptied his gun at an unidentified negro who he had caught breaking the seal of a box car in the Indiana Harbor yards last night.

Detective Hanprich was shot when he attempted to halt the colored man from entering the car. Although wounded Hanprich emptied his gun at the fleeing man. It is not known whether any of the bullets took effect. He described the negro as about 5 feet 10 inches tall of medium build, wearing a short coat and overalls.

Detective Hanprich was taken to his home at 8624 S. Ewing avenue, South Chicago.

### BASKETBALL!

Masonic Temple, Wednesday, Jan. 3rd. Colonials vs. Independence Park Blues. Pirates vs. Lightning A. C. First game 7 p. m. Adults, 50c; children, 25c. Big dance, 9 p. m.

### BANKER DROPS DEAD IN OFFICE

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—W. O. Jones, 65, vice-president of the National Bank and one of the best known bankers in the country, dropped dead of apoplexy in his Broadway office this afternoon.

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