

# FISHER STILL IN THE AIR: LINK, A VICTOR, BACK HOME

## MOUNTAIN RANGE CUTS OFF RACERS

Link and Irvin, Winners of Handicap Balloon Race, Return and Tell of Trip.

## BALLOON INDIANA LEADS ALL IN RACE

Bag of Fisher and Bumbaugh Only One of Nine Starters in Air.

## LANDING STARTLES NATIVES

Superstitious Mountaineers Believe Aeronauts to Be Divine Beings From Heaven.

## TAKE ON SAND, ALSO WATER

This Raises the Question Whether Local Aeronauts Haven't Violated Rules.

Dr. Goethe Link and J. R. Irvin did not know they had won the first prize in the handicap balloon race until they reached Louisville yesterday morning. They read the news there with surprise. These local aeronauts arrived home last night. Their story of the trip is filled with exciting and picturesque episodes and color.

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At 3 o'clock this morning Carl Fisher and G. L. Bumbaugh of this city were the only entrants in the national balloon race who had not sought terra firma. The whereabouts of the occupants of the Indiana is a mystery, as no word from them personally has been received since they communicated with The Star from Gallatin, Tenn.

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The superstitious action of the mountain folk was the main feature of the trip of the local aeronauts. At first the flyers were afraid to land, because they had been given welcomes along the route from the mouths of pistols and rifles. The rugged country harmonized with the desperate nature of the inhabitants.

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Further glory falls to Indianapolis. Dr. Goethe Link and J. R. Irvin, in the Indianapolis, also an Indianapolis balloon,

## *Fisher Takes on Sand and Water, but Says, Technically, He Didn't Land*

By JAMES E. CHAPPELL, Nashville American.

ASHLAND CITY, Tenn., June 7.—(Special)—One of the six balloons which left Indianapolis Saturday afternoon in the national race landed two miles southeast of this place on the Hyde Ferry pike this morning about 6 o'clock. It was the Indiana, its occupants being Messrs. Fisher and Bumbaugh.

The occupants maintained, however, that their coming down was not a landing, technically speaking, as they did not touch the ground, the basket being supported upon a number of cross ties or pieces of timber of some kind. The occupants remained in the basket and the balloon was tied to a cedar tree by a rope.

The stop was made at the residence of C. G. Doughton, where the aeronauts remained for about two hours.

While there several sacks of sand were taken on for ballast and water was procured for the journey.

Mr. Fisher related their experiences of Sunday night, which was spent in the air over Nashville and vicinity. He says that when they came to a point just above the Cumberland River valley, coming southward, they struck a current of air which shot the balloon upward to a height of 14,000 feet, where they remained for several hours. They were compelled to wrap themselves in overcoats and blankets on account of the cold. Finally they came down to a normal height, but soon encountered another current which sent the balloon up to a height of 8,000 feet. All this time they were about directly over the city of Nashville, three times encircling the city before they were able to get away on a straight course, all of which was attributed to the condition of the atmosphere in the Cumberland valley.

While they were trying to effect a landing early this morning some four miles from here they threw the rope to a man in a field and hallooed to him to catch hold and pull them down. Instead of coming to their assistance the fellow fled to the woods in fright. The balloon rose again about 8 o'clock, and, after floating around for some time over the vicinity of Ashland City, got away to the southwest at a good rate of speed. It was last seen about 11:30 a. m., and was then possibly twenty miles southwest of town.

Ashland City is about twenty-five miles northwest of Nashville. A resident of Nashville, who could not be reached tonight, stated that a landing was made at Shackle Island yesterday afternoon and that the balloon remained there about twenty minutes.



secret of his success was due to having a perfectly shaped and constructed balloon, and second, in being careful with his ballast.

He gives Maj. A. H. Hersey the credit for instructing him how to economize with his sand. He threw off everything else possible before he let go his sand, even to turning loose the carrier pigeons for ballast.

### Did Not Close Eyes In Sleep.

These two aeronauts did not close their eyes in sleep until they had reached the earth. After leaving the Speedway, they soon enjoyed their first meal. For some time it was dark and lonesome, they declared, but when the moon shone forth,

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## Records Made by Racing Aeronauts

### NATIONAL RACE.

St. Louis III—A. B. Lambert and H. E. Honeywell of St. Louis.

Started at 5:10 o'clock Saturday afternoon and landed at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon at Kelso, Tenn. Distance 318 miles; time, 45:50.

New York—A. Holland Forbes and C. B. Harmon of New York.

Started at 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon and landed at 4:12 o'clock Monday morning at Corinth, Miss. Distance 375 miles; time, 35:12.

University City—John Berry and Paul McCollough.

Started at 5:25 o'clock Saturday afternoon and landed at 7 o'clock Sunday evening at Blanche, Tenn. Distance 325 miles; time, 25:35.

Hoosier—Capt. Thomas Baldwin of New York and Charles Walsh of Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

Started at 5:20 o'clock Saturday afternoon and landed at 5 o'clock Sunday morning at Green Brier, Tenn. Distance 265 miles; time, 11:40.

Cleveland—A. H. Morgan and J. H. Wade of Cleveland.

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won the handicap race. They landed at Westmoreland, Tenn., 250 miles distant, after having been in the air nineteen hours. They returned to this city last evening.

A question has been raised concerning the eligibility of Fisher and Bumbaugh to the championship because they are said to have taken on water and sand.

Experienced aeronauts declare, however, that this will not hinder their chance to win, because in coming down nearer earth they paid a penalty. In order to descend they had to sacrifice a great quantity of gas, and then when they reascended it was necessary to discard a great amount of sand. Providing they had not touch earth it is maintained that they are not disqualified.

A dispatch to The Star from Ashland City, Tenn., states that Fisher and Bumbaugh declare the landing they made was not a technical one as they came down on a pile of cross ties, remained in the basket, and proceeded on their way.

The fact Capt. Bumbaugh is an experienced aeronaut makes his friends, as well as those of Fisher, confident that they did not violate the rules, and that they will not only win the race, but if they should encounter favorable winds, and be carried to Mexico, they may break the world's record.

### Divided In Opinions.

Other entrants in the race who were in the city yesterday were rather inclined to believe that Fisher and Bumbaugh had disqualified themselves, but more freely admitted that the entire question would be one for the Aero Club of America to decide.

The University City, piloted by John Berry and Paul McCollough, landed at 7 o'clock Sunday evening at Blanche, Tenn. It remained suspended 25 hours and 35 minutes and traveled 325 miles.

The balloon New York, which was scheduled to win without a doubt by the Eastern aeronauts, landed yesterday morning at 4:12 at Corinth, Miss. It remained in the air for 35 hours and 12 minutes and traveled the paths of the clouds for about 375 miles.

This balloon was piloted by A. Holland Forbes and Clifford B. Harmon, both men of experience. According to word sent to The Star they were being reversed in their flight and were heading back toward Indianapolis, so dropped in order to retain their distance record. They expressed deep regret because of their misfortune, declaring that they had an abundance of gas, ballast and provisions to last them for at least two more days. However, had they continued in their straight course they would soon have been compelled to drop because of the Gulf of Mexico's waters.

Relate Experiences.

Departed at 10:15 a.m.

Started at 1:25 o'clock Saturday afternoon and landed at 1 o'clock Sunday morning at Salem, Tenn. Distance 150 miles; time, 10:35.

New York—A. Matthew Forbes and C. B. Morgan of New York.

Started at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon and landed at 4:12 o'clock Sunday morning at Corinth, Miss. Distance 275 miles; time, 15:12.

University City—John Berry and Paul McCullough.

Started at 9:15 o'clock Saturday afternoon and landed at 7 o'clock Sunday evening at Blanche, Tenn. Distance 215 miles; time, 23:45.

Hoover—Capt. Thomas Baldwin of New York and Charles Walsh of Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

Started at 5:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon and landed at 5 o'clock Sunday morning at Green Brier, Tenn. Distance 265 miles; time, 11:40.

Cleveland—A. H. Morgan and J. H. Wade of Cleveland.

Started at 5:15 o'clock Saturday afternoon and landed at 8 o'clock Saturday night eight miles west of Columbus, Ind. Distance 40 miles; time, 2:45.

#### HANDICAP.

Indianapolis—Dr. Geothe Link and J. R. Irvin of Indianapolis.

Started at 4:15 o'clock Saturday afternoon and landed at 11:15 o'clock Sunday morning at Westmoreland, Tenn. Distance 250 miles; time, 10 hours.

Chicago—C. A. Coey and Jack Bennet of Chicago.

Started at 4:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon and landed at 9:30 o'clock Sunday morning at Scottsville, Ky. Distance 210 miles; time, 17 hours.

Ohio—Dr. H. W. Thompson of Salem, O., and J. Blake of Canton, O.

Started at 4 o'clock Saturday and landed at 6:30 o'clock Saturday night at Nashville, Ind. Distance 35 miles; time, 2:30.

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#### Deaths in Aviation.

Most entrants in the race who were to take off yesterday were rather ill. It was believed that Flaherty and Hamilton might have disqualified themselves, but more freely admitted that the police question would be asked for the Aero Club of America in London.

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The aeronauts also describe the experiences they encountered when they were sought by the bullets of persons below them. In speaking of the journey, Forbes said:

"The only incident to mar our trip was about 10 o'clock Sunday night as we were passing over the center of Morgan County, Alabama.

"Expecting to land in the wilds of Canada, we were loaded with guns, ammunition, heavy shoes and clothing and canned goods.

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the scenery was so grand that neither cared to sleep. Link says, however, that he had to keep a close watch on the aneroid barometer. When dark a searchlight was used to ascertain the balloon's height.

At about midnight Louisville was sighted. At 2 o'clock, drifting in a very slow wind, they crossed the Ohio River at a height of 5,000 feet. The Chicago was sighted about fifteen miles away. It was near the earth. All day long they suffered from the sun's heat. They drank one gallon of water and ate a meal every four hours. The aeronauts were not greeted by the inhabitants of Kentucky like then had been in Indiana.

They afterward learned that it was because the persons below were afraid. Shooting at their balloon began in Kentucky. Several times a farmer would rush from his home and empty his revolver at the flyers. Every time this saluting began underneath the aeronauts would cast out ballast and seek a higher altitude for safety's sake. One time they rose to 9,000 feet.

They saw the Chicago behind about ten miles at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon, saw it rise to about 15,000 feet and then fall and disappear.

When they crossed over into Tennessee they dropped near enough to the earth to ask the location. Soon a large range of mountains loomed up in the distance. They approached near enough to satisfy their minds that they could not scale the summits, and, although they had gas and ballast enough to travel several miles more, they dared not risk landing on the mountains' dangerous sides.

## Land in Garden Patch.

Only one railroad was in sight, so they aimed to land as near it as possible. The landing was made in a farmer's garden plot. Immediately a large crowd of persons, some from a church, others from a saloon, gathered around the bag. As soon as they found out that they were "humans" they helped the aeronauts in every way possible.

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and in the center of Morgan County, a man with rifle cried: 'Come down here, — you, or I will bring you down.'

"We continued our course and he fired three times, one of the bullets singing through the basket.

"We had plenty of ballast and could have remained in the air longer, but we were turning north and could find no southern current. We got as far south as Birmingham, when the wind changed. We would have stayed up much longer but for that. We say Coey descending as we were crossing the Kentucky line."

## Hoosier's Trip a Surprise.

The Hoosier landed at 5 o'clock Sunday morning at Green Brier, Tenn. It had been soaring for 11 hours and 40 minutes and traversed a distance of 265 miles.

Capt. Thomas Baldwin, pilot, and Charles Walsh, aid, left here Saturday armed to fight a strenuous battle against hunger and the elements of the clouds, and their early descent is one of the surprises of the race.

Baldwin wired The Star that he had enjoyed a perfect trip, but was forced to land because of atmospherical conditions.

The only hazard risked by the thus far ended pilots was that run by H. A. Morgan and J. Wade in the Cleveland, when they landed near Columbus Saturday night. These pilots attribute the necessity for immediate landing due to a defect in the seams of the gas bag instead of being due to the quality of the gas.

After all ballast had been cast overboard, together with overcoats and lunch box, canned goods, and blankets had been lost in the depths below the basket, the aeronauts were forced to land because of escaping gas.

## Cleveland Lands in Field.

Wade said all that could be distinguished when they finally were forced to drop was that the earth was black and they knew it was below and they were rapidly approaching it. Wade told of his sensations yesterday afternoon before he left Indianapolis for his home. The landing was made in a plowed field, however, without mishap. "It was a great relief," said Wade, "although we were sorry because we were forced to quit the race."

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### RUN INTO COLD WEATHER.

**Berry and McCullough of the University City Start Home.**

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., June 7.—John Berry and P. J. McCullough, pilot and assistant, respectively, of the balloon University City, passed through this city at 10 o'clock tonight. Speaking of their flight, Mr. Berry said:

"We traveled more than 300 miles without particular incident, and passed over Chattanooga late yesterday afternoon at an altitude of about 10,000 feet. The temperature up there was about 39 degrees, and I want to say that for June weather it was the coldest I have ever experienced, and it certainly is out of place in the 'Sunny South.' We suffered terribly while at this altitude, and were glad to come closer to terra firma."

The aeronauts left here at 10:20 tonight over the Queen & Crescent route for Indianapolis.

### BAFFLED SEEKING SOLDIER.

**Constable Asks Police to Help Him Get Man From Fort.**

Unable to see his way to locating and arresting a soldier at Ft. Benjamin Harrison yesterday afternoon, John Richie, a constable from Crawford County, went to Police Station to ascertain if there was any method by which his man could be taken from government land. Richie had a friend with him, and both were disappointed.

"I went to the captain of Company C, Tenth Infantry," said Richie, "and told him what I wanted. He said the man wasn't there. I asked him if he would run over there and he said he would if he could. I asked him if he would if he could. That's all the satisfaction I got."

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Richie said he believes the soldiers "hang" together pretty well, and it would be impossible to capture his man without fighting the army. He was advised to consult with Sheriff Woessner in the matter, and said he would do so. The man wanted, according to the constable, is Charles Engle, who it is said took French leave of a wife and a child in Crawford County.

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The regrettable feature to managers of the balloon race is that they did not scatter over more territory in different directions, so that anxious thousands in other parts of the land might have caught a glimpse of the flyers. The wind, however, is the supreme ruler of balloon races, and the Southern inhabitants were fortunate watchers as a result of the weather condition.

Balloon Race Booked for September.

Another big balloon event is booked on the Indiana-Kentucky line. It is expected for September and will include several balloons, dirigibles and aeroplanes. The Wright brothers will be present, and the event is expected to be a great success.



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G. L. Bumbaugh has started the con- struction of a \$6,000 dirigible, to be the property of himself and Carl Fisher. Bumbaugh believes he has a new patent to inculcate in the character of this fly- ing machine that will insure safety on long flights and the possibility to steer direct into a strong current of opposing wind.

While gas was king at the Speedway at the initial gathering, gasoline is now the royal element in order of ascension to the Speedway throne. The next event will be the motorcycle races of the national con- vention in July. Immediately afterward, the record breaking automobile races will begin. The indications are that the latter part of the summer and early fall will be one continual festival of motoring and balloon events at the Speedway.

## HURT IN FALL DOWN STAIRS.

Young Woman Suffers Concussion of Brain as Result of Vertigo.

During an attack of illness resulting in dizziness, Miss Kate Wilson, 815 East Washington street, fell down a flight of stairs last night and was picked up un- conscious at the bottom a few moments later. The young woman was conveyed to the City Hospital, where it was found she had suffered concussion of the brain. Her condition is serious, though phys- icians say she probably will recover.

Relatives told Dr. C. E. Duncan of the Dispensary that the young woman is subject to vertigo resulting from severe nervous headache.

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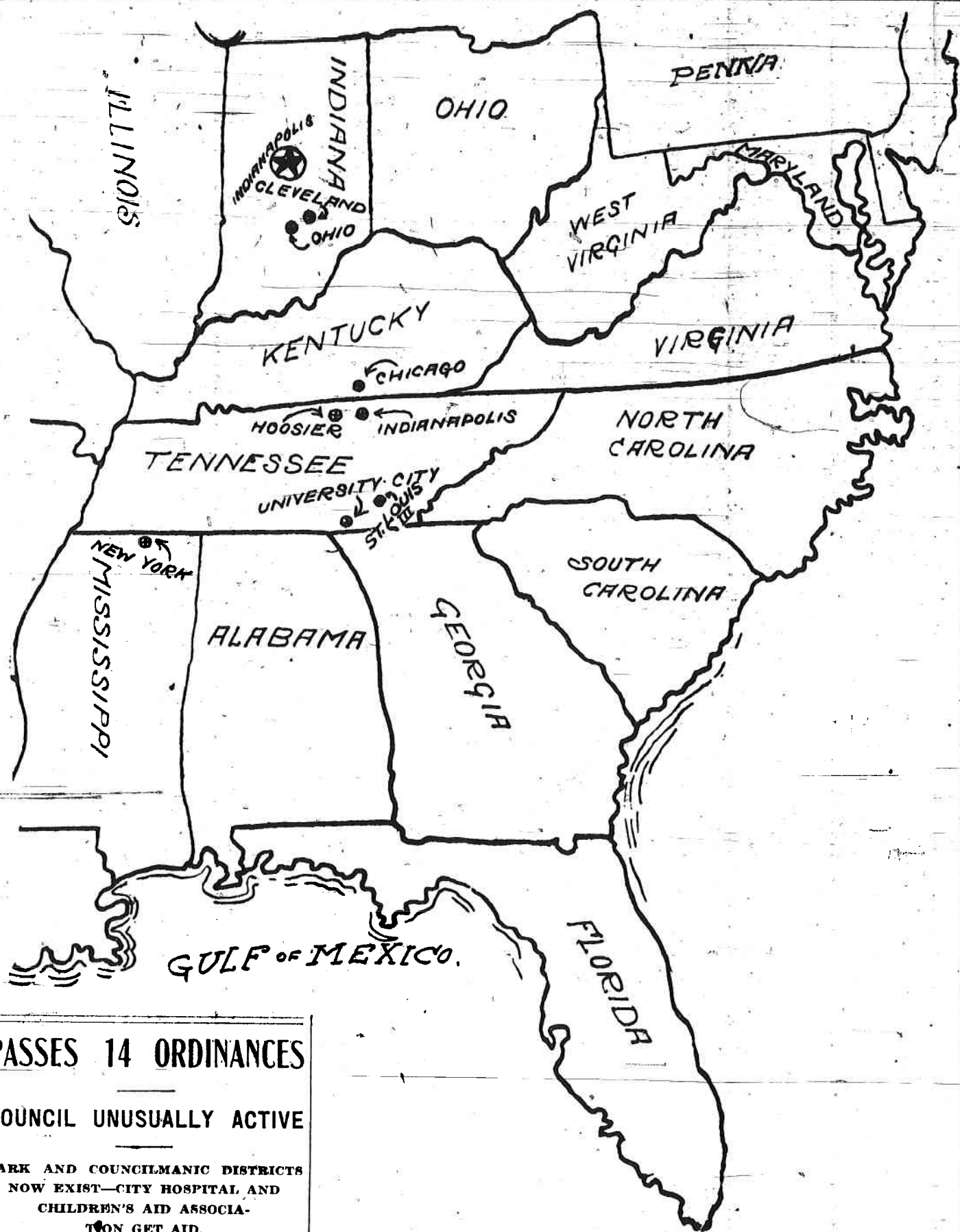
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In seventy minutes the City Council added fourteen ordinances to the city's burden of laws at last night's session. Among the ordinances passed were:

**Mountain Range**  
Cuts Off Racers

**Balloon Indiana**  
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