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## FINANCE PLAN IS TURNED DOWN

Council Rejects Proposition Submitted by Indianapolis Company  
TO START BUILDING  
Of Power Plant with \$75,000 Bond Issue—Buy the Air Compressor

The Common Council in session last evening with the finance committee of the Industrial Association made a motion rejecting the plan of financing the building of the Power Plant in this city as submitted by the City Trust company of Indianapolis, on the grounds that the proposition was too costly and that the provisions therein placed too heavy a burden on the city.

The City Trust company agreed to finance or furnish whatever money was needed up to \$80,000 to complete the building of the Power Plant, beyond the city's bond issue of \$75,000. The provisions contained in the contract were considered too binding on the city and took away almost any right in the administration of the plant. The cost to finance such a plan on a bonding basis was estimated at about sixty-five hundred dollars. The proposed plant also provided the placing of much more insurance than would be reasonably safe to carry and with the forming of an organization to take over the plant additional expense and taxes would also be incurred. The council therefore voted unanimously in favor of its rejection. The members of the Industrial Finance committee, composed of C. A. Dugan, E. X. Ehinger and Mat Kirsch also voted against the plan.

However this action will not stop or postpone the building of the new power plant as the council voted in favor of going ahead with the building of the plant, financing it on the \$75,000 bond issue which will be sold on Tuesday, March 2nd. In the mean time if it is possible a local company will be organized and money borrowed from the local banks. If additional money cannot be secured over the \$75,000 bond issue the plant will be built to meet that expenditure, although it is hoped that such a step will not be necessary as it would require the reducing of the present plans considerable.

The water works committee reported that they had entered into a contract with the Worthington Pump and Machinery company of New York City for the furnishing of an air compressor on their bid of \$2,609.00 which includes the machinery complete, the erection of same and putting it into shape to start. This air compressor will save the city between eight and ten dollars per day in coal. It will be used in the present water works plant for pumping water and was necessary to the present equipment.

### STANDIFORD BABY DEAD

Frederick Carl Standiford, eleven months old child of Mr. and Mrs. Merl Standiford passed away at the home of its parents Sunday morning at 9 o'clock after a short illness of pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Standiford recently moved to 1701 East Pontiac street, Fort Wayne from this city.

Besides the grief stricken parents the child is survived by one brother, Robert.

The body was taken to the Munzgan undertaking parlors in Fort Wayne preparatory to shipping to this city.

The body will arrive in this city at 1:35 over the G. R. & I. and was buried in the Decatur Cemetery this afternoon.

FLU SITUATION IMPROVED

Dr. H. F. Costello, city health officer, gives out a very favorable report today regarding the flu situation. Only two or three new cases have been reported since yesterday which shows a decided decrease in the number of cases. It is hoped that the worst of the epidemic is over.

THE WEATHER FORECAST

Generally fair tonight; colder in northeast portion; Wednesday unsettled.

### JANUARY REPORT

Miss Annetta Moses makes the following report of the Decatur Public Library for the month of January:

Adult circulation ..... 1,035

Juvenile circulation ..... 1,405

Classified books ..... 70

Total ..... 2,510

Average daily circulation ..... 90

Highest daily circulation ..... 175

Lowest daily circulation ..... 80

Attendance in the reading rooms and the reference room has been unusually good. New fiction for the rental shelf received.

### THE ULTIMATUM

Leaders of Railroad and Shopmen Lay Demand Before Director Hines

### FOR WAGE INCREASE

Foreign Relations Committee Meets for Purpose of Reporting Treaty

United Press Service

Washington, Feb. 10.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Leaders of organized railroad workers met Rail Director Hines this afternoon to lay before him a communication in support of their demands for immediate wage increases.

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Washington, Feb. 10.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The senate foreign relations committee met today to carry out the senate's instructions by reporting the peace treaty with the Lodge reservations attached. Senator Lodge planned to make the report when the senate met at noon. Actual consideration of the treaty, however, is not expected to begin until next week.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Honorable discharges were filed by Hugh Hitchcock and Archie E. Owens.

Hermon Scheuman, executor of the estate of H. Fred Scheumann, filed proof of posting of notices and final settlement. Finding that the inheritance tax due from the heirs has been paid, final report approved and the executor discharged.

James O. Manley, administrator of the estate of Sarah E. Manley, filed inventory which was approved.

Frank McIntosh, executor of the estate of Frederick F. Frech, filed report of sale of personal property.

Dayton Steele, executor of the estate of Albert N. Steele, filed a petition for the order of the court authorizing the executor to have abstract made for each separate tract of real estate ordered sold, which was granted. The executor was authorized to expend not more than \$35 for each abstract.

A petition was filed by Rosina Kaufman, guardian of Lillian, Ida and Leona Kaufman, for an order of the court vacating former order of sale and the report of the sale on account of error. The real estate is ordered in separate tracts for cash.

Eldora J. Butcher, Perry S. Johnson, Thomas E. Johnson, Mary L. Johnson vs. Eva E. Estell and others filed a complaint on partition. Summons ordered returnable Feb. 25.

R. B. Davies and William F. Stepler are excused from jury service during the February term of court.

Thomas J. Durkin vs. Will Hammell on a note and account an appearance was made by Haton & Hutton for the defendant. Answer in one paragraph was filed by the defendant.

Real Estate transfers were made by John F. France, Commissioner, to Socrates Cook, lot in Geneva, Commissioners Deed, \$1.

Mrs. E. H. Menefee, of Batavia, Ohio, who has been visiting her mother at Geneva spent the day here with Mrs. Sarah Blackburn.

### TO CORRECT IT

Special Session of Legislature will be Called to Correct Defects

### IN THE TAX LAW

Governor Goodrich Making Tou: Over State in Defense of Measure

Evansville, Ind., Feb. 10.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Governor James P. Goodrich today asserted he would ask a special session of the legislature be called next month to change the tax law back to give cities and inter-taxing units power to fix their own tax rates and levies. The Governor was in Evansville as the first stop in a tour of the state to defend the tax law and his administration from a tax of political enemies.

The governor also promised good roads boosters that a good roads program would be presented to the special assembly.

Regarding the system for taxation unit the Governor said he would suggest that the law be changed so as to permit the city councils to make a budget for the past year or two years and then to fix the levies to meet the cities needs as outlined by the budget.

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