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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 plan 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 of 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 \$3,609.00, 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 his 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 Munrovan undertaking parlors in Fort Wayne preparatory to shipping to this city.

The body will arrive in this city at 1:05 over the G. R. & I. and was buried in the Decatur Cemetery this afternoon.

***** IMPROVED *****

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.

***** FORECAST *****

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.

The communication to be presented to Hines is understood to be an ultimatum although railroad men will not divulge its details.

W. G. Lee was to confer with Hines immediately previous to the general conference. He refused to sign the reported ultimatum. White house officials regard as "most serious" the situation precipitated by orders to 300,000 maintenance of way and railway shop laborers to walk out Feb. 17, if their demands for wage increases are not granted by the railroad administration by that date.

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.

Herman Scheumann, 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 Kauffman, guardian of Lillian, Ida and Leona Kauffman, 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 Hamell on a note and account an appearance was made by Hatton & Hatton 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 Tour 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, 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.

WILL PLAY I. B. C.

D. H. S. Varsity will Meet I. B. C. Five in Fort Wayne Thursday Night

AT C. C. H. S. HALL

Hartford City Here Friday Night — Phi Delt's May Meet T. O. P. Saturday

The local high school varsity basketball team is planning on journeying to the city of Ft. Wayne Thursday evening where they will clash with the International Business College five of that city. The game will be played at the C. C. H. S. hall and will no doubt prove most interesting.

This is the first time in the history of the local school that D. H. S. and the I. B. C. teams have clashed, and just what kind of material our opponents are composed of is not known to the locals. A large number of fans are contemplating on making the trip with the team and it is predicted that the locals will return home with another victory.

DEVELOPED FROM FLU

Took Sick Ten Days Ago—Funeral in This City Thursday Morning

Death summons came to Mrs. Ed Parent last night at 10:35 at her home on High street in this city. Mrs. Parent was taken ill with the flu one week ago Wednesday which later developed into pneumonia which caused her death. Her condition was very grave from the first and little hope for her recovery was given at any time.

Mrs. Parent was formerly Miss Pearl Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller, of Fort Wayne. She was born in Fort Wayne in 1883 and was 36 years, 10 months and 21 days of age at the time of death. Eight years ago she was united in marriage to Ed Parent of this city. Four children were born to this happy union. Max preceded his mother in death two years ago at the age of two. The grief stricken husband and three children, Joe, aged 7; Paul, aged 5 and Helen, aged 1 year, mourn her departure.

She is also survived by her parents one sister, Mrs. Lillian Polkey of Fort Wayne and three brothers, Ed and Charles, at home in Fort Wayne, and Earl, in Wisconsin, besides a host of other relatives and friends who will sadly miss her.

She was a loving mother and wife always thinking of the welfare and happiness of her family and was loved by every one who knew her. All through her illness she was patient and endured much. She was a member of the St. Marys Catholic church. Funeral services will be held at the St. Marys church at 9 o'clock Thursday morning. Interment will take place in the St. Joe cemetery.

FUNERAL THURSDAY

The funeral services for the late Adam Baker will be held Thursday morning at 10 o'clock at Monroeville Ind. Mr. Baker died at the home of his son George, in Mansfield, Ark.

A RECORD SETTLEMENT

Charles W. Yager this morning received a check for one thousand dollars, payable to Mrs. Bonnie Mount the same being the settlement for an insurance policy carried by her husband, George Mount. The settlement is perhaps the quickest ever made here. Mr. Mount died Saturday noon and the funeral was conducted yesterday. The policy was written February 28th last and but one premium had been paid thereon.

VALENTINE DANCE

The Delta Theta Tau Girls have been busy decorating the Masonic hall preparatory to the big Valentine dance which they will give Wednesday night. They have spared no efforts to make this dance the most successful dance of the season and are making elaborate preparations.

The music will be furnished by the O'Neil colored orchestra and is worth the price of the tickets itself. A large number of out of town guests are expected to be present at the dance and all are assured a good time.

TO LOCATE HERE

Dr. M. F. Parrish, of Monroe, to Open Office in this City September 1

PURCHASES PROPERTY

To Attend Chicago Post Graduate School and the Mayo Brothers' Clinic

Dr. M. F. Parrish, for 22 years the family doctor at Monroe, Indiana, is going to locate in Decatur and will open his office in this city September 1st.

Dr. Parrish has purchased the Moser properties on Jefferson street, the entire half block from the alley to Third street including the two houses. He has sold his property and household goods in Monroe and intends to give his large practice to Dr. L. E. Summers of Vera Cruz, who will locate in Dr. Parrish's office as soon as he leaves. Dr. Parrish will leave April first for Chicago where he will enter the Chicago Post Graduate School of Medicine and after completing that course will go to Rochester, Minn., and enter the Mayo Brothers' clinic. He intends to return here about September first and will then open his office here. His office and residence will be located in the property on the corner until the other house is vacated.

Dr. Parrish is a physician of ability and is well known throughout the county. During the war he enlisted in the medical service and was stationed at Fort Oglethorpe, specializing in X-ray work. He will install one of the most modern X-ray equipments obtainable in his new office in this city.

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ENLIST IN ARMY

Clifford Roberts, Carl Shaffer and Bert Ralston Join Artillery

HAVE LEFT FOR CAMP

Will be Stationed at Camp Funston, Kan.—All are Decatur Boys

Three Decatur boys, namely Clifford Roberts, Carl Shaffer and Bert Ralston, have enlisted in the army, signing up at the local recruiting station in this city. Sgt. Ayres in charge of the recruiting work stated that the three men left this morning for Camp Funston, Kan., where in all probability they will be stationed.

The three men joined the same branch of service, enlisting in the 8th Field Artillery, 7th Division.

The recruiting work is still in progress in this county and the local station in the post office will remain open for some time. Sgt. Ayres and a number of other soldiers are in charge. They invite any young man who desires to acquaint himself with the army to call at the post office.

Chalmers Schafer has been quite ill with the flu but is considerably better today.

CABLES HIS PLEA

Former German Crown Prince Willing to Surrender for Others

MESSAGE IS RECEIVED

By President Wilson—Believes that Government Could be Established

Washington, Feb. 10.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—President Wilson has received a cable from the former Crown Prince of Germany offering himself to the allies for trial in place of 180 Germans demanded.

The cable was dispatched from Weiringen Holland where Frederick William is exiled. It was immediately transmitted to Wilson by White House officials.

Following is the message of the Crown Prince sent to President Wilson:

"The demand for the delivery of Germans in every walk of life has again confronted my country sorely tried for four years of war and one year of severe internal struggle with a crisis that is without a precedent in the history of the world as effecting the life of a people. That a government can be founded in Germany which would carry out the demanded surrender is out of the question; the consequence to Europe of an enforcement of the demand by violence or uncalculated hatred and revenge would be made eternal. As the former successor to the throne of my German fatherland I am willing at this fateful hour to stand up for my compatriots.

"If the allied and associated governments want a victim let them take me instead of the 900 Germans who have committed no offense other than that of serving their country during the war.

***** ABOUT THE SICK *****

Ed Scheiferstein who is very ill in Fort Wayne with typhoid pneumonia is still in a very serious condition. He is resting much easier at present. His mother, Mrs. Henry Schieferstein who went to Fort Wayne to care for him is now ill. A trained nurse, Miss Keller, of Decatur has been procured to care for them.

James Boese, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Boese is very sick with double pneumonia, following the flu. This is a very sad affair as the mother is just home from the hospital having been operated on for appendicitis. They are at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Thomas.

CONDITION OF CHAS. SCHICK

Herman Ehinger received a telephone message at 3 o'clock this afternoon from D. M. Hensley at Fort Wayne, saying that there is a chance for his son-in-law, Charles Schick. This morning Mr. Hensley was called to his bedside as his condition was very alarming.

ANOTHER BIG INDUSTRY WILL COME TO DECATUR

INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION AUTHORIZES COMMITTEE TO CLOSE DEAL—MOTION ADOPTED CONCERNING THE NEW CITY POWER PLANT.

Much real interest was manifested at the meeting of the Decatur Industrial Association in their first meeting at the library last night. More than sixty citizens attended and most of them took part in the discussion of various questions of so much importance at this time.

The probable location of a big foundry in Decatur was first discussed. It was explained that the company, one of the most reliable in the country, had offered to locate a branch here, employing 400 people, and offered to come here if the property now occupied by the Alto Products company can be secured. An option has been taken on the site for \$30,000, of which the foundry people will pay \$20,000, leaving a balance to be raised of \$10,000. The company will make drawings for the General Electric plant here and at Fort Wayne and also for the Willys-Overland company of Toledo, the Ford company at Dearborn, Mich., and several other large concerns. They expect to employ 120 molders, which means a force of 550 to 600 men. They will probably erect another building as large as the present factory with a cupola between and it is believed that the plant will grow into a wonderful institution.

The citizens present last night expressed themselves individually and collectively in favor of the proposition and unanimously decided to back the directors and committees in whatever steps are taken. The option on the Alto plant extends to March 1st. Upon motion the chairman was authorized to appoint a committee to go to the home office of the company in an Ohio city, will Mr. Robert Harding, of the General Electric company, and there close the deal upon the best terms obtainable.

The president has appointed Charles S. Niblick, John T. Myers and C. J. Lutz to complete the deal these men having had charge of the work of securing the option. Mr. Harding is making arrangements for the meeting and will communicate with local men as soon as this is made.

A motion was also adopted for the appointment of a finance committee to be organized in the meantime and be ready when the plans are completed. Upon motion the finance committee, with H. L. Conter as chairman, which did such splendid work for the G. E. fund, was appointed. The chance for securing this splendid big industry seems excellent and with the assistance of the progressive citizens here will be assured.

A Highway Committee.

Upon suggestion from the federal highway commission and Jim A. Hendricks, the highway superintendent, a committee consisting of C. J. Lutz, Will P. Schrock and Oscar Hoffman was appointed. There are many problems of interest to be referred to this committee.

Charter is Reported

C. J. Lutz, chairman of the committee on permanent organization, reported the receipt of the certificate of incorporation and the committee was discharged with the thanks of the organization.

Report on Hospital

Dr. S. D. Beavers made a verbal report as to the cost of the proposed county hospital and will make a written report of this at the next meeting of the association.

Discuss City Plant

The committee named to confer with the city council concerning the building of the new city plant and the financing thereof, C. A. Dugan, chairman, reported that they agreed with the council that the proposition of the City Trust company of Indianapolis, to finance the city should not be accepted.

Plans for financing the new plant were discussed, pro and con, and the proposition of securing current from the traction company aroused many viewpoints. The following motion

made by Mr. Schirmeyer, was carried by a vote of 19 to 7, a number not voting: "That it is the sense of this meeting that the city of Decatur should not expend \$150,000 at this time, if a contract for the purchase of electric current, at a cost of not more than two cents per k. w. can be made."

Foundry Will Come Soon
If the deal is closed for the foundry as now seems assured work of remodeling the Alto building will start at once. The company asks for an option of ten to fifteen days and announce they will start their part of the work as soon as they can get possession. Indications are that the old town will have a real boom during the spring months.

Met Thursday Night
The meeting was adjourned to meet Monday night but the date has been changed to Tuesday night so as not to interfere with the T. P. A. annual banquet. The Industrial association will meet Tuesday evening at 7:30. Members are urged to take notice.

BEET SUGAR AT FIFTEEN CENTS

Holland-St. Louis Sugar Co., Shows Loyal Spirit Towards Decatur

ARRANGEMENTS MADE

To Sell Sugar to Local Stores so it can be Retailed at Low Price

Decatur people are fortunate in having the Holland-St. Louis Sugar company as a true friend.

Mr. C. J. Dregman, local manager of the sugar company, announced this morning that arrangements had been completed with the Everett & Hite wholesale company of this city to supply Decatur grocers with their beet sugar and at such a low price so the retailer could afford to sell it to his customer at fifteen cents per pound. The local grocers will be supplied with this sugar as long as the Holland-St. Louis Sugar company's supply lasts and they have assured us that they have a fairly good supply for Decatur.

This will be good news for the housewife and in fact everyone in Decatur and vicinity, and no doubt the surrounding towns will be a little jealous of us, for you know that the sugar supply over the country within the past six months has been anything but ample and we will leave it to you, if it isn't inconvenient to get along without the sweets.

The people of the community will no doubt appreciate the splendid spirit shown by the Holland-St. Louis sugar company by their willingness to co-operate with them wherever possible. Sugar heretofore has been selling in Decatur anywhere from fifteen to twenty cents per pound and the consumer will welcome the lowering in price.

The G. A. R. and C. E. Bell have each added five dollars to the United Charities fund, bringing the total up to \$198.21.

***** MERCHANTS WILL MEET *****

The Merchants' association will meet this evening at the city hall at 7:30 o'clock. Captain W. L. Richmond has been secured to give a talk and an interesting program has been arranged. A number of business questions will also come up and every Decatur merchant is urged to attend the meeting.