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FARMERS PAY WHO DID NOT KICK ON TAXES

Those Who Did Got Reduction,
but Those Who Didn't
Didn't.

TAX BOARD TO BLAME

The Constitution

The general assembly shall provide by law for a uniform and equal rate of assessment and taxation; and shall prescribe such regulations as shall secure a just valuation for taxation of all property, both real and personal."—Constitution of Indiana.

In order to obtain a just valuation of their land it was necessary for all owners of farm property in Center township to appeal to the state board of tax commissioners for revaluation, examination of the books today revealed. Center township farm owners who did not appeal must bear an unjust burden of taxation.

A comparison of the valuations of land in other townships indicates valuations about on an equal basis of those made in Center township by the state tax board after property owners had appealed.

Taken as a whole, farm land appraisements in Center township, after the horizontal increase was made by the tax board, and before the assessments on most of the land were lowered, averaged \$300 an acre.

In other townships, after the horizontal increase had been added, the valuations averaged about \$300 an acre. In cases where appeals were taken the valuations of Center township property were lowered to a figure approximately equal to those of other townships.

HOW'S THIS?

This means that if the valuations as they stand today are correct, none of the valuations in Marion county, except possibly those in Center township, were correct before the horizontal increases were added.

It means that the valuations in all of the townships, with the exception of Center, were lower than the correct valuations and that those in Center township were nearly correct.

Then the state tax board ordered horizontal increases in every township, even including Center, where the valuations were nearly correct on a basis of the present figures.

This action resulted in bringing up the valuations in the outlying townships to their correct figure and of making the valuations in Center township much too high.

**INCORRECT,
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Thus, instead of the tax board increasing the valuations that were too low and permitting those which were correct to stand, it increased all of them, making those which were originally incorrect correct and those which were originally correct incorrect.

Under the circumstances, the taxpayers had but one recourse. It was necessary for them to file with the tax board an appeal for a revaluation. This was done by most of the owners of farm property in Center township, but in a few cases it was not done and these taxpayers must bear the burden of unjust valuations.

In other words, in order to obtain justice from the state board of tax commissioners it was necessary for every owner of farm property to appear and make a claim for a revaluation, whereupon a just valuation was fixed.

It is apparently necessary for every taxpayer to watch even more of taxing officials if he expects to be treated fairly and to be assessed his just share of the taxes paid in the taxing units in which his property is situated.

BANK BANDITS WIN REPRIEVE

Supreme Court Sets Aside
Death Sentences of Four.

Four Lake county bank bandits, who were under sentence of death for the murder of a bank cashier at Tellington, today have a new lease on life. The supreme court of Indiana has granted them a new trial.

The men were to die in the electric chair at the Michigan City state prison April 1, but are Thomas M. Bachelor, Albert C. Bachelor, James H. Parker and Dan Trukis.

The supreme court reversed the cases on the ground that the defendants entered pleas of guilty without having full knowledge of their rights under the law and did not appreciate the consequences of their actions. The men pleaded guilty, but their attorneys had filed motions to withdraw their pleas of guilty and stand trial by jury after they had been sentenced. They were sentenced in the Lake county criminal court.

The four bandits were originally sentenced to die Nov. 1, 1919. This was stayed by the supreme court until Jan. 14, 1920, and later it was stayed until April 23.

**Actress Says Lawyer
Gave "Some Party"**

"It was some party," pretty Miss Anna LaRue, actress, told police, "and it was some dramatic ending."

As a result the police today are searching for Henry B. Krug, an attorney, who has offices in the Hume-Mansur building. Miss LaRue told the police that Krug threw her down stairs and drew a butcher knife and threatened her. The affair, which is said to have taken place in a room at 800 North New Jersey street, where Krug has an apartment, in which Miss LaRue says he gave a party, at which she and another young woman were among the guests.

Miss LaRue told Motor Police LaLing and Flinney she lived at the Plaza hotel. Krug had disappeared before the police arrived.

**Million New York
Voters Registered**

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—The board of elections last night announced that nearly one million voters, more than half of them democrats, are enrolled in this city. The democratic enrollment shows 645,967 registrants, republican, 382,928; socialists, 54,671; prohibitionists, 5,941; blank, defective, missing, 88,390.

BULGAR DIPLOMAT SLAIN.
SOFIA, Jan. 31.—M. Tafek, former minister of public works and minister of the interior in the Malinoff cabinet of Bulgaria, was assassinated at Pescara, near Philipopolis, Jan. 24. The assassin escaped.



HEARIN' THINGS

INDIANA GIRL WITH GUN LET GO, BUT WARNED

Jersey Justice for Attractive
Schoolma'am Who Went
"Gunning" for Fiance.

SHE'S ORDERED EXILED

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Jan. 31.—Jersey Justice moved quickly today in freeing Frances Johnson, the pretty schoolma'am who was accused of "going gunning" for her former fiance, wealthy young Clarence K. Liddle.

Within the space of a couple of hours she was indicted by the Middlesex county grand jury, charged with carrying concealed weapons and "placed on probation for the full legal limit of three years."

Under the terms of the sentence she is to leave this section of New Jersey and not return, "except in so far as it may be necessary for her to do so to protect her legal rights."

The grand jury recommended extreme leniency, yet to hear the young teacher's charge against Liddle.

"CHARACTER" LETTERS FROM NEW AND BLAND.

Miss Johnson's career and romance with the Perth Amboy youth were revealed by her attorney, Walter C. Sedam, who presented also "charming" letters from the state's attorney, Harry C. and Congressman Oscar E. Bland of Indiana, former United States District Attorney Charles Houts of St. Louis, the girl's uncle, and others.

Mr. Sedam told the court that Miss Johnson was born in Indiana and was graduated from the high school and was in a local college, later attending Princeton and in Columbia. She was for a while an instructor in the New Jersey State School for Mental Defectives at Vineland.

HERE'S STORY OF THE ATTACHMENT.

The attorney said she met Liddle in 1917, and that from September of that year until April 1918, they entertained each other in various afternoons.

During a part of this time the lawyer said, Miss Johnson lived at the home of Liddle's parents, and it was the understanding that they were soon to be married. Later, he said, Miss Johnson went to Honolulu to accept a position.

While there, he said, Liddle sent her four cablegrams urging her to return and marry him, and also sent her \$200 which he had in his pocket.

When she returned from Honolulu, Mr. Sedam said, Liddle met her in New York and they went to Newark, where they spent a day before going home.

BALMY BREEZES TO RETURN SOON

Arctic Blasts Only Passing
Phase—Prediction.

After giving Indianapolis a timid smile, Miss Spring Weather took to her heels during the night and early today, but she's coming back, the weather man assures.

British warships are due to arrive in Dublin bay tonight to carry the prisoners to England in jails.

Mrs. Cora M. Spiked of Baltimore is resisting deportation, and of the immigration officials.

She declares that she wishes to adopt the infant and that she wishes to adopt the infant and that she knows the morals of both Miss Knowles and Mr. Spiked are "above reproach."

Guy Spiked, a brother of Perley Spiked, will come forward and make affidavit when it is struck a written guarantee that the nitroglycerine which had been left on the track. It is supposed that the robbers, who stole ten quarts from the roundhouse at Hercules the night before, had left the bottle on the tracks in their flight.

The solution refuses to talk while Coughlin denies having any connection with the wreck, the officers say. It is said that Coughlin claims that the nitroglycerine found in the possession of the two men had been stolen from near Terre Haute about the first of January.

Officials who have interviewed Coughlin say he has been associated with Layton only during the past few weeks, and that he has taken no part in any robbery. Coughlin also states that he understands that Layton has been in prison in Illinois and has been arrested on several occasions, the officials states.

MOST DAMAGING ETERNAL TRIANGLE.

And in the foregoing three paragraphs are set forth the facts in the most amazing instance of the "eternal triangle" that immigration authorities here have ever had presented to them.

The solution is it is now up to the department of labor at Washington.

Miss Knowles, according to an affidavit filed by Mrs. Spiked, came to America with funds supplied by Mrs. Spiked after she had left the care of Mrs. Spiked's relations with the English girl. Spiked says the girl became acquainted while she was a student aviator at a training camp in England.

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FIND 5 BODIES IN FIRE'S RUINS

Bunk Houses at Pennsylvania
Steel Mills Destroyed.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 31.—Five bodies, charred beyond recognition, were available for identification today while search was being made of the ruins of fifteen fireplaces.

Surprise. They are regarded as the government's action in nominating Sinn Fein sheriffs. Only soldiers were used in the raids. The prisoners, it was said, would be sent to Wormwood Scrubs prison in England, while many political prisoners from Ireland have been confined in the past.

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N. Y. Labor Protests Assembly's Action

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 31.—Labor organization representatives of practically every city in the state were to meet here today to protest the suspension of the five socialist assemblymen, election of whom will take up at least another week's time of the assembly judicial committee.

It is generally believed that the state's evidence will be concluded by Wednesday next week. For the suspended assemblymen declared, however, that they will require two or three days for the examination of witnesses in rebuttal.

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