

FARMERS PAY WHO DID NOT KICK ON TAXES

Those Who Did Get 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 equality of those made in Center township by the state tax board after property owners had appealed.

Taken as a whole, farm land appraisals in Center township, after the horizontal increase was made by the tax board and before the assessments on most of the property were lowered, averaged about \$500 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 THE MIXUP WORKS OUT.
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.

CORRECT INCORRECT; INCORRECT CORRECT.
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 these circumstances, the taxpayers for them to file with the tax board an appeal for a revaluation. This was done by most of the taxpayers 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 every move of taxing officials if he expects to be treated fairly and to be assessed his just share of the taxes paid in the taxing unit in which his property is situated.

BANK BANDITS WIN REPRIEVE

Supreme Court Sets Aside Death Sentence of Four.

Four Lake county bank bandits, who were under sentence of death for the murder of a bank cashier at Tolleston, 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 23. They are Thomas M. Backlund, Albert C. Bachelor, James H. Parker and Dan Trkulja.

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 without being represented by attorneys and 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. 24, 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 the police, "and it was some dramatic ending."

As a result the police today are searching for Henry B. Krug, an attorney, who has been in the Home-Mansur building, Miss LaRue told the police that Krug threw her down stairs and drew a butcher knife and threatened her. The affair occurred, it is said, at the 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.

Efforts will be made today by both sides to oust some of the selected veniremen. Two additional jurors will be passed upon by the court to act as substitutes. The taking of evidence is expected to begin next Tuesday.

BULGAR DIPLOMAT SLAIN.
SOFIA, Jan. 31.—M. Todoroff, former minister of public works and minister for the interior in the Malinoff cabinet of 1918, was assassinated at Plovdiv, near Philippopolis, Jan. 24. The assassin escaped.

HEARIN' THINGS



BELIEVES 2 HELD BLEW UP TRAIN

Logansport Pair, Caught With Nitroglycerine, Under Fire.

Special to The Times.
LOGANSPORT, Ind., Jan. 31.—Railroad officials here are making an effort to connect Ray Layton and Jack Coughlin, the two alleged safe blowers arrested here Monday with explosives in their possession, with the train wreck at Hercules, near St. Louis, Mo., on the morning of Jan. 21. A train was wrecked when it struck a bottle containing 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.

Layton 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 claims to have been associated with Layton only during the last few weeks, and that he has taken no part in any of the robberies. He states that he understands that Layton has been in prison in Illinois and has been arrested on several occasions, the officials state.

CRUSADE NIPS SUGAR GOUGERS

U. S. Attorney Says 110 Criminal Charges Have Been Made.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—While the justice department today denied that sugar profiteers were escaping punishment, Senator McNary of Oregon declared that evidence of enormous profits were being made in sugar—running as high as 100 per cent in some cases—had been received from many sources.

Assistant Attorney Flig, in charge of the government's campaign to reduce living costs, announced that in the last sixty days 110 criminal cases have been started against sugar profiteers. These resulted, he said, from approximately 600 investigations of alleged profiteering cases. Flig predicted a drop in sugar prices.

McNary said today he had written the department of justice about the profiteering situation. "Fresh evidence," he said, "comes to my office every day."

Accused of Seizing Girl's Pocketbook

Mrs. Susan Schmidt of 526 Patterson street sent her little girl, Susie McCuller, with a \$5 bill to the grocery to buy 15 cents worth of goods.

After buying the groceries Susie placed the change in her little black pocketbook and started home. Charles Gibson, 12, and Buford Branch, 13, both colored, happened along. They spied the pocketbook.

The lads, according to charges laid against them in the juvenile court, tossed an empty pocketbook right in Susie's path. She stooped to pick it up and then one of the boys snatched the little black purse, according to juvenile court officers. Gibson and Branch are today in the Detention home waiting a hearing.

Tentative I. W. W. Jury Completed

MONTESANO, Wash., Jan. 31.—The jury for the trial of the eleven alleged I. W. W. charged with the murder of Warren O. Grimm, American legion member, at Centralla last November, is now complete tentatively.

Efforts will be made today by both sides to oust some of the selected veniremen. Two additional jurors will be passed upon by the court to act as substitutes. The taking of evidence is expected to begin next Tuesday.

THE WEATHER

Local Forecast—Generally fair tonight and Sunday, lowest temperature tonight, about 15 degrees; rising tomorrow Sunday.

HOURLY TEMPERATURE.
6 a. m. 13
8 a. m. 12
10 a. m. 11
12 m. 10
2 p. m. 11
4 p. m. 12
6 p. m. 13
8 p. m. 14
10 p. m. 15
12 (noon) 16
Sun sets today, 5:05; rises tomorrow, 6:54; sets, 5:04.

One year ago today, highest temperature, 48; lowest, 29.

INDIANA GIRL WITH GUN LET GO, BUT WARNED

Jersey Justice for Attractive Schoolmarm 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 schoolmarm 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 with aiding and abetting 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. It is 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 "character" letters from United States Senator Harry New and Congressman Oscar E. Bland of Indiana, former United States District Attorney Charles Houts of St. Louis, the girls' uncle, and others.

Mr. Sedam told the court that Miss Johnson was born in Indiana and was graduated from the high school and normal school at Vincennes, later studying psychology in the New York university and in Columbia. She was for a while an instructor in the New Jersey State School for Mental Defectives at Vineland.

THE ATTACHMENT.
The attorney said she met Liddle in 1917, and that from September of that year until April, 1918, they entertained for each other very great affection.

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 held, 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 with which to defray her passage home.

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.

Weakness was according to the weather man's best guess. For after a balmy afternoon the mercury started downward and continued until it stopped at 12 above zero at 6 o'clock this morning. The mercury started up and Miss Spring Weather again appeared in the distance.

The cold area which brought a zip into last night's atmosphere and which will bring zip into it again tonight is spread over the Ohio valley but it is moving eastward, according to the weather bureau. While the far west is having mild temperatures the thermometer is playing below zero in the northwest.

The weather man predicts balmy weather Sunday.

No low temperature records were broken during January, according to the weather bureau's monthly review of the weather conditions. There has been snow on the ground every day this month, and the mercury has risen high enough to cause a thaw on but few occasions.

The average for the month is about 21 degrees, while the normal average is 28 degrees. The lowest point reached was 1 degree above zero. The snowfall for this month has totaled about eight inches.

New York Herald Passes Into History

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—The New York Herald, established by the elder James Gordon Bennett early in the last century, lost its identity today through merging with the Sun. The first issue of the combined paper tomorrow morning will be called The Sun and New York Herald.

Old-time reporters of the Herald, now absorbed by the elder, have a reunion last night and wrote "copy" for the final edition of the paper.

Japanese May Renew Pact With British

LONDON, Jan. 31.—Negotiations for a renewal of the Anglo-Japanese alliance are under way, said a press dispatch from Tokyo today.

Viscount Uchida, the Japanese foreign minister, was quoted as saying that Japan had decided to renew the pact because of the nation-wide demand for such action.

Wife 'Wed for Gold' Draws \$10 Month

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 31.—His wife accused him of marrying her for money motives. Her income was \$10 a month. She and her mother nagged, too, so Carl J. Warden got a divorce without contest.

Portland Oregonian Raises Sunday Price

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Chicago Flu Toll, 122, Breaks Record

CHICAGO, Jan. 31.—All records for influenza deaths in this season's epidemic here were broken today, when official reports showed 122 persons died during the past twenty-four hours. This record was reached despite the fact that the number of new cases dropped from 1,101 Friday to 800 today.

Beveridge to Be Put Up by G. O. P. for U. S. Senatorship

A report was in general circulation in Indianapolis today to the effect that Albert J. Beveridge, former senator from Indiana, would be announced tomorrow as a candidate for the republican nomination for senator, in opposition to the candidacy of James E. Watson.

The report was generally received as probable for the reason that the most industrious circulation of it was traced to the Goodrich-Jewett-Lemcke adherents in the city.

It was known during the holidays the Goodrich supporters strongly endorsed Watson with Beveridge in event Watson did not line up for the presidential aspirations of James P. Goodrich. Watson is reported to have told Goodrich that he was not opposed to his efforts to become a candidate for president, but that he could not control the attitude of his followers toward a Goodrich boom.

When the Goodrich boom collapsed the talk of Beveridge for senator grew apace, and in the last few days the Star, always an enthusiastic Beveridge supporter, has been giving the ex-senator a lot of publicity. Watson's friends regard this as preliminary to an announcement of Beveridge's candidacy, which they say is being fostered by Goodrich, with the assistance of Jewett and Lemcke followers.

The Watson faction in the party does not regard the Beveridge boom as dangerous. They say that they have sufficient support in Indiana to defeat any candidate who can be linked with Goodrich, and that all that is necessary to link the two is general circulation of the story regarding conferences between Goodrich and Beveridge at the latter's Indianapolis home several weeks ago.

18 IN LIFEBOAT SAVED FROM SEA

Twenty-Two Others of Tanker's Voyagers Missing.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—One lifeboat containing eighteen members of the crew of the tanker Mietero, which broke in two and sank off Tybee river Jan. 28, was picked up by the steamship Ozette, according to official naval radio dispatches received here.

Another lifeboat containing the captain and twenty-two of the crew is still adrift.

The Mietero was owned by the Cuban distilling company and carried a cargo of more than a million gallons of molasses.

REACH DECISION IN PACKERS' CASE

Statement from Palmer Expected Early Next Week.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—Final agreement for the dissolution of the unrelated businesses of the five large packers has been reached and a conference will be entered early next week, it was announced at the department of justice this afternoon.

General Palmer will make a statement as to the final agreement next week and will announce the city in which the decree will be entered, it was stated.

Cincinnati Liquor Shippers Fined Here

John Wolfe, formerly a wholesale liquor dealer of Cincinnati, O., was fined \$200 and costs, and Jesse Cook, garage owner of Cincinnati, was fined \$100 and costs, for violating the federal court today on charges of causing liquor to be imported into the state.

Both of the defendants were found guilty of the charge in federal court Nov. 18, 1919. James Gordon, to whom they were alleged to have sent liquor, pleaded guilty to a charge of violating the Reed amendment of the time and served five months in jail.

Only One Identified in Cleveland Murder

CLEVELAND, Jan. 31.—A bloody handprint on a telephone post and a battered brown derby were the clues police today hoped would lead to the solution of the mysterious killing of two men here yesterday. One of the victims was identified as Salvatore P. Russo, a New York artist. The identity of the other victim is still a mystery.

Revenge was believed the motive in the case.

Congress Agrees on Set Return for Roads

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—The principle of guaranteed return has been agreed to by house and senate conferees working on railroad reorganization legislation. Chairman Cummins of the senate committee announced today. The conferees are still divided, however, as to whether the guaranteed rate of return should be prescribed by congress in the bill or whether the interstate commerce commission should fix the figure.

Claws and Booze Go

CHICAGO, Jan. 31.—Burglars passed up the precious in Edward Perlmutter's basement. Now he has police after private detectives who, he said, got away with liquor as well as claws.

PERU PLANS AIR SERVICE

LIMA, Peru, Jan. 31.—Negotiations between the Vickers company and the government for the establishment of a regular airship service between Lima and Paita and Iquitos, on the eastern slope of the Andes, are under way.

FOUR HELD AS PROTECTOR

DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 31.—Four men were arrested, accused of having charged too much for sugar.

NOTED POET COMES TO U. S.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—W. B. Yeats, noted poet, and his wife, arrived recently in New York. Yeats plans a three months' lecture tour through the United States.

BOY MURDERER PRAYED NIGHT BEFORE CRIME

"May God Save My Soul," He Said During Revival at Tiny Home of Parents.

MINISTER HEARTBROKEN

Francis Marion White was on his knees praying to God for remission of his sins the night before he fiendishly battered in the skull of John Parry Aughinbaugh, aged west side grocer.

"May God remove me from temptation and preserve my soul," he muttered as Mrs. E. W. Johnson, wife of a Methodist Home Mission minister, led prayer in the careless little home of the Whites at 2239 Wilkins street.

Rev. Johnson sobbed pitifully as he visited the home late yesterday upon hearing of the 16-year-old boy's confession to the gruesome slaughter of the old shopkeeper.

"I can't understand that poor boy," he said as he wept.

PRAYS WITH HIS MOTHER AND BROTHERS.
It was 8 o'clock Tuesday night, nine hours before the crime, that Francis knelt with his mother and two younger brothers as Mrs. Johnson led the prayer.

"My wife told me he appeared so depressed in his prayers," said the minister. "And to think he could commit such a crime—it's too horrible to imagine."

When the minister's wife called at the White home that night she was doing as she had often done before in the community. Mrs. Rosie White, the accused slayer's mother, had just joined Rev. Johnson's church. She had come to "give thanks" to other members of the family as a missionary of her husband, who was out of the city.

Francis was not home when she got there. He was at his victim's little store. His brother ran to the corner and called him.

"The minister's wife is here and ma wants you to come home," the younger boy told him.

LEAVES "GANG" AND HURRIES HOME.
He broke away from the "gang" and walked home, greeting Mrs. Johnson as he entered.

"I'll now have prayer," she said. Francis threw up his cap and placing his hands together, knelt in the front room of the tiny cottage. The services were short and the boy assured the minister that he was a good boy.

Mrs. White did not know her boy had confessed to the crime until the minister told her.

"Oh, that poor boy," she sobbed. "How did he ever do it—I can't stand it."

Mrs. White had often befriended Aughinbaugh. She was known to cook food for him and send it to him at his store.

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TRIED TO BRING HIM UP RIGHT.
"I tried to bring him up right," he said.

The other two boys, 11 and 7, respectively, did not quite understand what it was all about.

The White home shows the inroad of poverty. The few small rooms are poorly furnished and there are almost signs of destitution.

Behind the iron bars today young White did not seem to realize the horror of his case.

Tears did not rush to his eyes as he related to newspapermen and officers the story of the tragedy. Neither does he appear to fear punishment.

One of the old army uniforms, which he claims he bought from a military store, White wore related the details of the murder of the aged and respected store keeper.

Emotionless, he laid to a Times reporter just as he is said to have confessed to the detectives.

White admitted while he played with the buttons on his ill-fitting army uniform that he had been in the store before in Danville, Ill., on a charge of forgery.

He claims that he has been in Indianapolis for some years.

DOESN'T THINK HE'D DO IT AGAIN.
Surprised at the calm composure of the youthful murderer, the reporter asked:

"Are you glad that you killed the old storekeeper?"
"After a pause the lad answered: 'No, I guess not. I am sorry.'"

When he showed no emotion the reporter asked:
"Would you do the deed over again under similar circumstances?"
"After a pause the lad answered: 'No, I never would.'"

Then his thoughts ran to his uniform and where he bought it.