

ONLY WAY OUT, IS SIMS' ALIBI ON TAX RAISES

Chairman of State Board, in
Speech, Excuses Horizontal
Jump in Valuations.

TELLS OF PROTESTS

Exciting horizontal increases in tax valuations on the ground that they were the only way out, Fred A. Sims, chairman of the state board of tax commissioners, yesterday explained the activities of the board in enforcing the law in a speech before the annual conference of county assessors at the statehouse.

Mr. Sims said that the horizontal increases were made necessary by low valuations and that they were the only way out of the difficulty.

"The increases brought a storm of protest about our heads," he said. "We knew when the orders were issued that they would be the cause of more trouble than any previous order ever issued by this or any other board. Despite this fact it was the only thing that could be done under the circumstances. We could not decrease property and we could not turn the assessments back to the county boards of review."

Mr. Sims expressed the hope that horizontal increases will not again be necessary. He said the horizontal increases are the least understood of anything that was done by the board. He explained that before the increases were ordered the tax board sought all the information available touching the value of property in the state. He said the board also asked that taxpayers come in and explain the situations in their respective communities.

Sims declared that in some cases taxpayers complained of low assessments of the property of their neighbors and that these cases were investigated. He said that in addition to these things the tax board inspected real estate transfers in every county in the state and that it studied the reports of the tax commission on property values.

Mr. Sims told the assessors that it is a matter of common knowledge that property values have been assessed at from 12 per cent to 45 per cent of its true cash value.

Based on the detailed investigations made by the board, assessors and cities were classified as to the value of real estate. He read to the assessors a list of counties in the order of the value of the land. Marion county was first, with Benton county second and Tipton county third. Brown county was last on the list.

THE BASIS FOR THE INCREASE

This list was the basis of the horizontal increases, Mr. Sims explained. He said that the next question was to determine whether the horizontal increases would meet the classifications by actual land value. He said that this comparison showed that some townships had increased on one basis and others on another. He said that in some townships valuations were up to the true cash value of property and that in others the valuation was so low that it was necessary to double them. He said it was out of the question to consider individual pieces of property and that the board could compare only totals and averages.

There is no doubt that the power of levying horizontal increases is an arbitrary power but it is a power that through the horizontal increases some property was raised to more than its true cash value and it was valued too high in the first place as compared with surrounding property. He said that the horizontal increases were not to be raised to the true cash value of property but to the value of the property as it was valued in the first place. He said that if this condition had been permitted to exist, the horizontal increases would have borne an unfair share of the burden. He appealed to the assessors to give personal property particular attention this year and that they should be increased to higher valuations even than those brought about by the horizontal increases.

EXPLAINS POWER OF THE COMMISSION

In explaining the power of the commission over tax rates Mr. Sims said that some check was necessary with the high valuations.

"Many persons in the state object to the state board controlling bond issues," he said. "No one is more anxious than the board to exist and this is due to the fact that there had been nothing done in the way of public improvements for two years and that the cost of government had increased with the increase of cost of living. He termed the fact that there were many requests for increases a tremendous disappointment. He said the situation would have been most dangerous without control. The tax board saved the taxpayers \$12,000,000 in refusing to grant petitions and in cutting down the amount asked for in the petition, he said.

Mr. Sims said that southern Indiana has been bearing an unjust burden of taxation, but that under the new law the northern part is bearing its share of the burden.

Has Doctor Right to Order Whisky?

Judge James Collins of the criminal court yesterday postponed argument of attorneys on the question of whether a doctor, under the Indiana prohibition law, has the right during national prohibition to issue prescriptions of whisky as medicine. Judge Sparks, special judge who sat in the case of Louis and Julius Haag, held that it was illegal for a druggist to fill a whisky prescription from a doctor. The argument was continued until noon, when the state supreme court passed upon the appeal of the Haags.

DePauw Man Named Superior Court Clerk

Willis Vermillion, a graduate of DePauw university and who is now studying law here, has been appointed clerk of superior court, room 5, to succeed William Crook. Crook resigned to accept a position with the claims department of the Ocean Accident and Guaranty Company of this city.

YOUR EYES Burning of the Eyes or Itching of the Eyes?

Up on the balcony of Tomlinson hall has been enthroned a real queen of rabbits at the 1920 Indianapolis poultry and pet stock show. Queen, as she is known, is an American Spotted Giant rabbit of the type commonly called "butterfly nose," and has been crowned with three blue ribbons. Queen is being exhibited by Mrs. C. McG. Kraft, secretary-treasurer of the McGuffin's Indianapolis rabbitry, 155 South Elder avenue.

Safe Milk

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DOINGS OF THE DUFFS



'BAD MOONSHINER' MAY LOSE WIFE

She Says She'll Divorce Him as
She Charges Laziness.

A wild story about being a moonshiner in the hills of Virginia and the throwing of United States revenue officers into a furnace, told by Earl Woodall, a young man who is imprisoned in the county jail for one month. Government officers yesterday said there was no foundation for Woodall's story and that it was all "hot air."

Woodall, however, appeared in city court to answer the charge of being a lazy husband. He was arrested on an affidavit sworn to by his wife, Dorothy Woodall, residing at 200 North New Jersey street, who said they had been married seven months and her husband had never supported her. She said they came to Indianapolis from Baltimore.

Judge Pritchard dismissed the vagrancy charge, under which Woodall had been held since Jan. 9, while federal officers investigated his moonshine story told to strangers.

The court suggested that Woodall support his wife and advised the wife that she must wait until her husband could get a job and receive pay, as he had been in jail and had no chance to earn money. The case was continued indefinitely.

Mrs. Woodall left the courtroom saying, "I won't live with him and I am going to get a divorce."

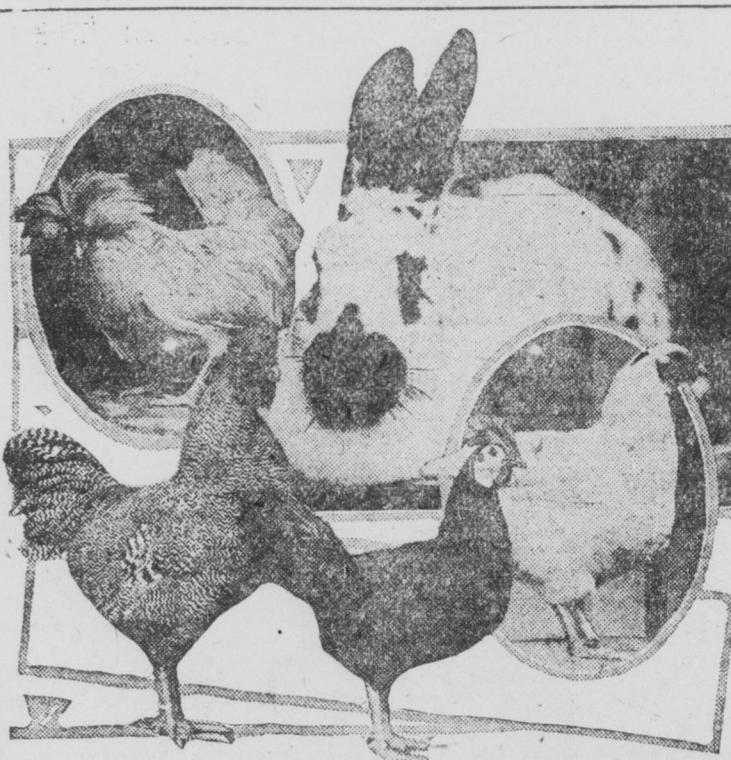
American Capitalist Is Dead in France

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Frederick Holbrook, president of the Grace-American International Corporation, is dead in Paris, according to announcement at the office of that company here. Holbrook formerly was president of the American National Corporation and was in charge of work at Hog Island during the latter part of 1918. He was born in Lynn, Mass., July 20, 1861.

Cochrane Receiver for Candy Company

Judge Louis Ewbank of the circuit court has appointed Henry Cochrane of the county treasurer's office as receiver for the Hoosier Candy Company on the petition of Frank Shellhouse, who is a stockholder of the company. Mr. Shellhouse asked the court to appoint a receiver so the financial affairs of the company could be straightened out, business carried on and the property later disposed of.

PRIZE WINNERS IN POULTRY SHOW



Queen, a 2-year-old American Spotted Giant rabbit, in the upper right, is the proud winner of three blue ribbons at the Indianapolis poultry and pet stock show at Tomlinson hall. The other pictures show four of the various blue-blooded fowls, representing some of the finest strains of chickens in the country.

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BY ALLMAN



A. F. L. COUNCIL TO MEET FEB. 24

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 7.—A regular meeting of the executive committee of the American Federation of Labor will be held here beginning Feb. 24. This was announced yesterday in a letter from Frank Morrison, secretary of the federation, to local union officials. The gatherings are expected to last two weeks.

According to Morrison's letter the council desires to hold its meeting outside of Washington and New York this time in order to get as far away as possible from interruption. Many important matters concerning the future policy of the organization will be determined.

SHE CAN'T WED STAR BOARDER

Mrs. Brunette C. Parker, 57, a boarding house keeper at 515 Kentucky avenue, will not be able to marry her youthful boarder, Stanley Bates, 29, for at least five years, Judge T. J. Moll of superior court, room 5, ruled yesterday. Judge Moll yesterday granted a limited divorce for five years to Mrs. Parker from Plunkney Parker.

This action prevents Mrs. Parker from returning to her husband or from marrying Bates for at least five years.

At the end of five years' time Mrs. Parker has the right to petition the court for an absolute divorce.

Late Tuesday Mrs. Parker and Bates appeared at the county clerk's office and made out a marriage application, but the license was not issued, as there was no record that Judge Moll had granted a divorce to Mrs. Parker from Plunkney. Mrs. Parker claimed that she had been granted a divorce.

Judge Moll stated that he had not signed the decree or made the formal entry, as he was suspicious that Mrs. Parker intended to remarry.

"Mrs. Parker told me that she did not intend to marry again," said the court.

The final entry shows that the court issued a limited divorce to Mrs. Parker.

Street Repair Asked For by Postmaster

Postmaster Robert Springmaster has asked the board of works to repair the street near the Union station. He told the board in a letter that the street was in such bad condition that mail wagons were having difficulty in getting through to the depot.

SAYS HE CHOKED HER 'JUST LITTLE'

Man With 17 Jobs in 10 Months
Gets Another Chance.

Seventeen jobs in ten months is the record of Fred Keeley, 1913 West Twenty-third street, according to his wife in city court yesterday. She also declared that he had bought all the furniture and her own clothes in that ten months of married life, in support of her claim that he had failed to provide.

Keeley was charged with assault and battery on his wife. He admitted that he choked her, after he had found a letter written by his wife to "Jack Barnes," in which she said:

"I have sent my husband away two nights and you have failed to call. Are you trying to make a fool out of me?"

Keeley said he then tried to kiss and hug her, but that she had in her hand the heel of her shoe and pressed the nails against his face to force him away. Then I choked her just a little," he told the court. He exhibited the high heel of a slipper, from which long nails protruded.

"Well, anyway, I am through with him. I won't live with him," exclaimed the wife.

"Judge, I will do anything in the world for her and give her all my money if she will live with me," said Keeley.

Judge Pritchard warned Keeley about choking and striking Mrs. Keeley and continued the case indefinitely.

HOW TO PLANT APPLE TREES.

Apple trees should be planted from thirty to fifty feet apart, the widest spread of any fruit tree. Quinces thrive better than any other fruit when the trees are planted close together.

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CITY MAY USE HOTEL TO CARE FOR FLU CASES

Spread of Disease Crowds All
Hospitals and Emergency
Wards Are Planned.

DR. MORGAN IS HOPEFUL

An emergency hospital will be established at the Metropole hotel if the increase in influenza cases in the city warrants it.

Members of the city board of health met Thursday night to consider the matter of establishing such an institution, and it was decided to make preparations for taking care of overflow patients from other hospitals.

William Fortune, chairman of the Indianapolis chapter, American Red Cross, and Dwight S. Ritter, city purchasing agent, were appointed to carry out plans for the hospital.

Mr. Ritter announced yesterday that John George, president of Brevoort Hotel company, agreed to hold the Metropole hotel as an emergency hospital until Saturday when the board will decide whether or not an addition is needed.

Elmer Gay of the New York store informed Mr. Ritter that a number of coats used at the last Shriners' convention are available. About 250 mattresses and a number of blankets used by state militia troops on strike duty are also available in case of an emergency. Efforts to get supplies from army hospitals will also be made.

Local hospitals are now crowded to capacity, according to reports made at the health board meeting. Six Indianapolis hospitals have a total of 1,310 beds and it is said practically all of them are occupied.

Dr. Herman G. Morgan, secretary of the board of health, said yesterday the influenza situation here seems to be improving and he expects the disease to reach its peak by Saturday.

If the disease is on the decline by that time the emergency hospital will not be needed.

Fifty-six new cases of flu were reported to health department yesterday, bringing the total to 1,188. Seven pneumonia and two influenza deaths during the twenty-four hours ending at 6 o'clock this morning were reported.

Indianapolis ranks below the average in the January report compiled in Washington. The normal death rate is based on the number of deaths out of each 100,000 population. During the past year it was 15.5.

In January the death rate jumped to 25.2, with Washington having the highest rate of 41.3. Chicago was second with a death rate of 41.3. The rate in Kansas City was 39.5 and in Dayton, O., 34.3. Indianapolis was below average with a death rate of 20.3.

The present epidemic of influenza and pneumonia has caused a shortage of nurses and the Public Health Nursing association is greatly handicapped in combating the disease, according to Miss Margaret Tupper, superintendent of the association.

FEAR FOR SAFETY OF GAPPED YANK

Relatives of G. O. Wood, Missing, Say Mind May Be Blank.

Where is George Ott Wood, 28, 1535 Shelby street? He is wandering aimlessly about the country with his mind a blank due to the effects of shell shock and mustard gas he inhaled in France?

Wood left his wife and two children last Nov. 8, 1919, a few months after he was discharged from the army. He hasn't been seen since.

One day during the heat of battle the Germans laid down mustard gas over Wood's trench. He breathed the stuff and fell over unconscious. After a few weeks in a hospital he was back on the line and it wasn't long after that that a "big fellow" hit in front of his dugout and he was shell shocked.

He was discharged in June, last year, after being in the hospital for a year. When he left on Nov. 8 he told his wife he was going to Indiana to work on a cement job. He never came back.

Wood's wife and kiddies want to see him. Then, too, there is his mother, Mrs. Dora Wood, who lives at the Shovel street address, and a brother, William E., who are anxious to know where he is.

The missing man was wearing his soldier's outfit when he disappeared. He is 5 feet 6 inches tall, has brown hair, gray eyes and has a crossbone tattoo mark on his arm.

MEXICAN MONEY DECREE

A decree, issued by the Mexican government, authorizes the emission of 25,000,000 pesos in paper money through the monetary commission in Mexico City.

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Krug's Memory of 'Wild Baby' Clings to Him

Sits in Jail Talking of Actress
Episode as Police Prepare
Long List of Charges.

Henry B. Krug, 28, who figured in a police episode with a "wild baby" a week ago, does not profess to be a fighter. He's an attorney by profession.

But Mr. Krug was behind the bars at the city jail early yesterday while the prosecuting attorney was filling out affidavits against him.

Here is why Mr. Krug was locked up, the police say:

Drunkennes, operating an automobile without a license, and drawing deadly weapons.

While Mr. Krug peered through the iron gate of the jail during the four-hour arraignment the police imposed in such cases as his, his thoughts ran back to the "wild baby" episode of a week ago. He didn't seem to care a great deal about the charges under which he was held. It was the "wild baby" that interested him.

SAYS STORY OF "BABY" WAS ALL WRONG.

Fifty-year-old newspaper men sure got that story about me and Miss LaRue wrong, Krug's face was speckled with dried blotches of blood from wounds he received in a fight early today. His shirt and collar also showed evidence of a struggle.

"Why, I didn't throw Miss LaRue downstairs from my old apartment on North New Jersey street that morning," he said. "She wanted to go home and I called a taxi for her. She didn't like the taxi and she wanted to go to a certain other cab. Then she got mad and picked up the telephone. I took it away from her because she used bad language."

"She ran to the kitchen, got a butcher knife and said she would kill me. I got the knife away from her and pushed her out into the hall and closed the door. That's all there was to it."

"But, say, she was some 'wild baby.' Don't forget that—she was some 'wild baby.'"

WINE IN CAR.

Krug was arrested by Lieut. Ball and Mayor Police Waddle and Long at Meridian and Michigan streets yesterday. He was trying to start an automobile. His face was covered with blood and his left eye partially closed. In the automobile the police found a gallon glass jug partly filled with wine. Another empty jug was found in the trunk.

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"I can't understand why those fellows stopped in front of my house to fight," she told the police.

In the Cantwell home John Duncan, 29, was found washing up after a supposed fight. He was arrested on a charge of assault and battery.

Krug claims his automobile had been stolen and that he found Duncan driving it. A fight followed. Krug claims Duncan did most of the fighting. The former's appearance convinced the police.

The charge against Krug, of drawing a deadly weapon, dates back to the episode with Miss Anna LaRue, the actress. Police say they saw the automobile and the attorney after the girl reported the case to them.

Krug gave the name of John H. Krug as the driver of the automobile. He has offices in the Home-Mansur building.

When Duncan appeared at city court to answer the charge of assault and battery on Krug he was charged in a warrant sworn to by the attorney with drawing Krug's automobile. Duncan was released on a cash bond.

All the charges against Krug and Duncan were continued until Feb. 13 and Krug also was released on bond.

Attempts of the police to find Miss LaRue to subpoena her into court today failed. Clerks at the Plaza hotel told the police that she had left that hotel.

CHICKEN'S VISION KEEN

Peep through the smallest hole in the fowl-yard fence and some old hen will see you, proving that the vision of fowls is much more acute than of man.

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Mr. Parkhurst found quick relief from chronic bronchial trouble.

"Two years ago I had a gripe, which left me with a bad cough. Finally this became chronic bronchial asthma, and four doctors said it could not be cured."

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FOLEY CATHARTIC TABLETS

PLANT CENSUS BEGINS MARCH 1

State Divided Into Twenty-
Seven Districts for Survey.

Close on the heels of the fourteenth decennial census work in Indiana comes the taking of the census of factories, mines, oil wells and, in fact, every branch of industry in the state.

This work will begin about March 1 under the direction of the census bureau in Washington.

Indiana has been divided into twenty-seven districts for this work with Indianapolis, Evansville, Terre Haute and Ft. Wayne as the headquarters of the special agent to be sent here from Washington.

Deputy agents will have headquarters in the following cities: Princeton, Vincennes, Sullivan, Bloomington, Huntington, New Albany, Bedford, Columbus, North Vernon, Greensburg, Richmond, Rushville, Newcastles, Anderson, Muncie, Portland, Crawfordsville, Kokomo, LaPorte, Marion, Elkhart, South Bend and Laporte.

To carry out the