

## FIRMS NEGLECT TAX RETURNS

Lists Made for Investigation by Assessors.

Many foreign and domestic corporations, listed with the Indiana secretary of state, have not been making returns to local assessors. The state tax board today is making a list of such corporations, and the assessors are in order that they may be investigated.

Corporations on which no returns have been made are thought, for the most part, to be small ones. The discrepancies between the numbers listed from counties and the numbers on which returns have been made are doubtless in some degree due to business failures.

Local assessors reported only 190 corporations in 1919, although the number listed with the secretary of state was 681. In Allen county 400 returns were made out of 583 corporations listed.

Corporations will have less incentive for evading making financial returns this year, members of the tax board say, because under the new law incorporated firms will be required to fill out supplemental assessment sheets giving an account of their liabilities and assets, as well as incorporated firms. Balance sheets of firms will be used in making the assessment. In the past the appraisal of the assessors has been accepted on the word of the firm and merchandise held by unincorporated firms.

There was complaint from many corporations in 1918 against assessments based on financial returns because unincorporated companies were not required to make such returns.

The first 1920 session of the tax commission will begin April 5 and end May 24.

## NORMA TALMADGE POKER WITNESS

New York Manufacturer Arrested, Accused of Cheating.

NEW YORK, March 11.—The last card in Broadway's sensational stud poker season was turned down today by Justice Kernochan in the court of special sessions.

It was a warrant for the arrest of Louis Krohnberg, wealthy manufacturer of women's wear, whose wife, Norma Talmadge and other New York celebrities are said to have lost approximately \$350,000 by the use of marked cards.

Discovery of cheating, it is said, was made during the final game of the series played at the home of Joseph Schenck, husband of Norma Talmadge.

**PARTY HELD**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE.**

Guesses at the party, which was held on New Year's eve, ascribe most of the credit for the detection to Miss Talmadge, whose husband brought about a dramatic denouement by betting wildly into Krohnberg's pair of aces with a pair of kings and then kicking Krohnberg into the street on the showdown.

At the hearing yesterday Jacob Silberman, who appeared as complainant, testified that he had lost \$7,000 at Krohnberg's house and, suspecting dishonesty, had taken away one of the decks used in the game. The cards, he said, were later found to be "readers," the fleur-de-lis on their backs being marked in such a way that the player in the secret could recognize them.

**BIG PENALTY IS POSSIBLE.**

All the participants in the games, including Miss Talmadge, will be required to go to the Allen County jail for trial. In the event that Krohnberg is found guilty five times the amount of the players' losses may be collected and distributed among charities designated by the state.

There is some dispute concerning the amount lost by the players. Mr. Silverman says \$350,000, while Mr. Krohnberg's attorneys deny all the charges and display checks aggregating \$65,000 indorsed by Mr. Schenck and others as payees, which, they say, represent losses suffered by their client.

**Four Generations at Funeral of Woman, 95**

The funeral of Mrs. Eva Miller, 95, who died Monday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fred Glaesner, 1213 Fletcher avenue, will be held at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning at St. Paul's church. High mass will be said and burial will be in Holy Cross cemetery.

Mrs. Miller was born in Prussia and came to this country with her parents when she was 20 years of age. She came to Indianapolis in 1850, and for sixty years had been a resident of this city. She is eight great-grandchildren, one sister, Mrs. L. P. Penick; five children, George Miller, Mrs. Catharine Moeslein, Mrs. Glaesner, Mrs. Elizabeth Suess and Mrs. Francis Muller, all of Indianapolis, and five grandchildren, Joseph A. Moeslein and Mrs. Edward F. Mueller, Indianapolis; Mrs. Catherine Vesper, Cincinnati; O. J. George A. Suess, Russellville, and Mrs. Oscar G. Suess, Oklahoma City, Okla.

**Banquet and Dance End Shoe Meeting**

The joint convention of the Indiana Retail Shoe Association and the Indiana Shoe Traders Association, which has been in progress here since Monday, ended last night with a banquet and dance in the Riley room of the Hotel Indiana, which was attended by more than 600 members and their wives.

The following officers were elected at the closing business session:

Edgar Hart, Indianapolis, president; Charles Wheeler, Cambridge City, first vice president; Paul S. Kuehn, South Bend, second vice president; C. E. Young, Indianapolis, secretary-treasurer; and Victor E. Vanier, Indianapolis; Louis Stein, New Albany; Earl J. Crawford, Crown Point; Clyde Warner, Muncie, and Frank Conrath, Terre Haute, directors.

**Calls for Women in Industrial Field**

Fred Kleinsmith, federal and state employment director, is seeking women for employment in various lines of industry, he said today.

He also demand for healthy, well-trained women, with good training and the supply is diminishing, he said. "We have brought women into industrial work in great numbers and they made good. The difficulty seems to be to establish approximate estimates of the number that will be available for any given form of work at any given future period."

**Irish Policy Draws Fire From Asquith**

LONDON, March 11.—Former Premier Asquith, who was recently re-elected to the house of commons for Paisley spoke scathingly of Irish conditions before the "big election" of May 6, when he was to be elected president. He charged that a large proportion of the crime in Ireland was due to the senseless policy of the present government.

**CAT SHUT GATE IT'S GONE.**

SEATTLE, March 11.—Joe Lane can't close his front door. He has asked the police to help him. Somebody swiped the gate hinges in everything.

## OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE



## MAY ABOLISH SURVEYOR JOBS

Proposed Legislation Would Put County Engineer in Charge.

County surveyors' offices in Indiana would be abolished and county engineers' offices substituted under legislative proposals of the County Surveyors' association, the Indianapolis chapter of the American Association of Engineers.

Both the governor and Jesse E. Eshbach, chief of the board of accounts, have endorsed the plan, according to the two organizations behind the project.

Agitation for an amendment to the state constitution for a change grew out of the action of the state board of accounts, stopping the pay of engineers by the county for preliminary surveys of township and county highway improvements. In the past this money had been advanced by the county to the bond issue money for the work available.

The bill to abolish the surveyor's office will be submitted to the proposed special sessions, it is said. It also provides for an engineers' license law to include architects and gives power to the county council to fix the salaries of county offices such as the county engineers and his assistants and to provide for the expense of preliminary surveys.

## BRITISH SATIRIST HITS U. S. DIVORCE

Chesterton Pokes Fun at Laxity in Rap at Reform.

LONDON, March 11.—The reformers who are trying to make divorce easier in Britain and the United States are ridiculed in a satirical treatise entitled "The Superstition of Divorce" by Gilbert K. Chesterton, the famous essayist.

Given a riot of divorce, he says, the world may soon come to making its distinctions between those "who are married" and those "who are really married."

The obvious effect of frivolous divorce will be frivolous marriage," Mr. Chesterton asserts. "The joke about choosing the wife to harmonize with the furniture might quite logically return, not as a joke but reality.

"As regards marriage after divorce, it no more alters the moral quality of the couple than the wife's kiss on the nuptial altar alters the moral quality of the priest."

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