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LAW VIOLATED IN PURCHASING SCHOOL NEEDS

Thousands Illegally Spent, State Accounts Board to Report.

LAXITY HITS PUPILS This is the second of a series of articles dealing with the lax methods under which the business of the school city has been conducted.

When the state board of accounts completes its examination of the purchase of supplies by the school city of Indianapolis for the six months ending March 1, 1920, it will be able to report, if not interfered with, that thousands of dollars of school money has been spent in a manner directly in violation of the state law.

It will also have found that masked under these illegally executed deals there was at least one transaction by which the school children were compelled to use inferior goods, purchased at the price of a much better grade.

WHAT THE LAW SAYS The law governing the purchase of supplies by the school city says: "All contracts involving more than \$200 in amount shall be in writing, executed in the name of the school city by the business director and approved by the board. When money therefor has been appropriated by the commissioners, no purchase of supplies or materials of any kind shall be made from any one person or corporation, in any year to the amount in the aggregate of more than \$200 except upon bids duly advertised for and accepted."

DENIES PARLEY ASKED ON RUSSIA Allies Haven't Replied on Trade Proposal, U. S. Says.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Foreign reports that the United States had asked a conference on March 29 of the allies to discuss means for resuming trade with Russia, were denied today by the state department.

Freight on Oils Held Unreasonable

WASHINGTON, March 18.—The interstate commerce commission today decided unreasonable a rate of 2 1/2 cents a hundred on refined oil and a rate of 3 1/2 cents a hundred on fuel oil between Kansas City and Chicago.

Reckless Treatment for Ziegfeld's Name

She busted into Ayres'. The music department attracted her. With an air of importance she leaned over the counter.

Gov. Lowden Kept in Bed by Heavy Cold

MENOMINEE, Mich., March 18.—Gov. Lowden of Illinois is in bed today suffering from a heavy cold contracted on his tour through the upper peninsula and he has canceled his speaking date at Escanaba.

Indiana Radicals Get Secret Hearing

CHICAGO, March 18.—A secret hearing in the deportation cases of eleven alleged members of the communist party from Gary, Ind., and vicinity was conducted here yesterday before Immigration Commissioner Paul. Findings in the cases will be forwarded by Paul to Washington within a few weeks.

Kaiser Says He'll Live It Out in Ease

AMSTERDAM, March 18.—Following the inspection of his new home at Doorn, the former kaiser declared to friends today that "he is confident he will pass the evening of his life quietly as an obscure citizen."

Charlie Chaplin's Wife Asks Divorce; Next!



The above pictures of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Chaplin show how they can grow as well as smile. Mrs. Chaplin is from one of the scenes of "The Inferior Sex," now a downtown theater in which she plays the role of a wife who attempts to make her husband in the movie play jealous and so renews his love.

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Palmer Tells House \$2,500,000 Are Needed.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—The department of justice is to continue its activities against alien anarchists throughout the year and several millions of dollars will be necessary to carry on this work, Attorney General Palmer today told the house appropriation committee.

Soviet Proclaimed in Poland, Report

BERLIN, March 18.—The Deutsche bank received a report tonight that a soviet has been proclaimed in Poland.

Moral: Don't Keep Money in Cellar

Don't keep your do-re-mi in the cellar with the potatoes. It's liable to sprout clear out of the place.

Dailey Puts Mythical Witness Through Quiz in Newberry Case

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., March 18.—A mythical Paul King was placed on the witness stand in United States district court here today by Frank C. Dailey, government prosecutor, in closing his appeal to the jury for conviction of Truman H. Newberry and eighty-four of his associates.

Eight-Week Summer Course at Butler

The Butler college summer school will have an eight-week course instead of six, as formerly, it was announced today.

Say Caillaux Was for Peace in 1916

PARIS, March 18.—Interest in the case of former Premier Caillaux, on trial before the senate charged with plotting against France during the war, was revived today.

SUCCESSOR TO TAGGART PUT UP TO COMMITTEE

Sallee Gets Ruling Democratic State Body Must Name Man for Senator.

W. V. ROOKER DIFFERS An opinion in which it is declared that it is mandatory for the democratic state committee to select a candidate for United States senator to replace Thomas Taggart on the democratic primary ballot has been received by A. C. Sallee, chairman, from a committee appointed several weeks ago to guide the committee.

The opinion, which will probably be followed by the state committee inasmuch as it is the opinion of a committee created to guide the state committee in such matters, is an amplification of the views expressed recently by W. W. Spencer, who is a member of it.

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LEGION FIGHT TO BE CARRIED TO WASHINGTON

Delegation Going to Capital to Lay Facts Before Committee.

TALK WITH REALTORS Indianapolis will make a strong effort to retain the national headquarters of the American Legion, at a meeting of the executive committee of that organization, which opens in Washington next Monday.

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GERMAN REDS SEIZE VON KAPP; EBERT BACK IN BERLIN?

Fighting Breaks Out Again in Streets of Leipzig—Americans Try to Leave Country on Red Cross Trains at Once.

SAFE PASSAGE IS NOT GUARANTEED LONDON, March 18.—The Central News agency reported this afternoon that Von Kapp, who resigned late yesterday as revolutionary chancellor at Berlin, has been arrested by the spartacists.

COULDN'T KEEP THE NAVY DOWN, SIMS DECLARES

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Murderers Debate 3 Hours Over Body

CHICAGO, March 18.—The body of Joseph Hurley, victim of a gunmen's feud here, was propped up in a chair in a saloon near the scene of the murder for three hours while the debate was held as to what to do with it, according to relations to State's Attorney Hoyne today.

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HOURLY TEMPERATURE 6 a. m. ... 32 7 a. m. ... 33 8 a. m. ... 35 9 a. m. ... 38 10 a. m. ... 40 11 a. m. ... 42 12 noon ... 42 1 p. m. ... 44 2 p. m. ... 46 3 p. m. ... 46 4 p. m. ... 46 5 p. m. ... 46 6 p. m. ... 46 7 p. m. ... 46 8 p. m. ... 46 9 p. m. ... 46 10 p. m. ... 46 11 p. m. ... 46 12 m. ... 46