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ards in Jail Muss**

become the central figure in the
ult of federal prisoners' charges of
rules as well as of the law, today de-
intimated that he would remove
some of the guards.

The sheriff declared that any state-
ment he would make would be made
before Judge Anderson in federal
court.

Sheriff Miller looked considerably
worried this morning. Ordinarily
"Honest Bob," as he is known among
his political friends, is immaculately
dressed. Today he wore a dark,
musty-colored sweater coat instead
of the business suit he generally
wears. His eyes were red and his
voice was husky. A Times reporter
called at the sheriff's office and asked
him to make a statement.

"Not now," he said.

"When?" the reporter asked.

"Tomorrow."

"Where?"

"In court."

"Have you discharged any of the
guards?"

Miller paused and said: "Am get-
ting ready to."

**TO TELL TOMORROW
ABOUT DISMISSALS.**

The reporter asked, "Are you go-
ing to discharge all four of those
mentioned?"

"I will give that out tomorrow,"
said Miller.

Approximately \$32,000 has been
paid to Sheriff Robert Miller by
officials for boarding prisoners at the jail in a year.

Government paid Sheriff Miller a total of \$17,545.95 for
prisoners last year, according to official figures in the
Mark Storen.

Commissioners, for
prisoners alone, has
total of \$4,921.40
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Hayes, county
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of boarding fed-
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contract or agree-
mental authorities."

for the sheriff making this agreement," said Hayes.

"I could afford to take over a hotel
and take care of the prisoners if I had
no heat, laundry, water, light and the
like to pay," said Hayes.

Commissioner Shank was greatly con-
cerned about the jail sensation and
claimed that the commissioners had spent
large sums for the upkeep of the jail.

WASTE IN PUTTING
IN SANITARY FOUNDATIONS.

"Yes and we put in sanitary water
cup fountains and they are busted," said
Commissioner Hayes.

It is understood that an effort is being
made to clear "Uncle Charlie" Whitesell,
a guard, and stories have been floating
today all over the courthouse about "how
good Uncle Charlie is."

In the criminal court, where more men
are sentenced to jail than in any other
local court outside of the city court,
Judge James Collins gave no indication
of ordering his grand jury to investigate
the food of the county prisoners, follow-
ing the revelations in the federal court.

"The grand jury always makes a re-
port twice a year on the jail," said Judge
Collins, "and all of their recommendations
are referred to the county com-
missioners."

The present grand jury has made no
recommendations on the jail manage-
ment.

Last December a grand jury gave a
glowing report on the jail management
as the county grand juries usually do.

REPORT CONCERNED
POWER HOUSE.

The only recommendation made last
December was that the abandoned
county power house be transformed into
a jail for women and for temporary
quarters for insane patients.

"I have always been opposed to the
sheriff getting fees for feeding prisoners
and I have always so expressed that in
my public addresses," said Judge Collins.

Yesterday afternoon a woman, whose
name was not made public, complained
to Judge Collins of the presence of lice
in certain quarters of the jail.

Because of one member of the present
grand jury resigning today, that body
(Continued on Page Twelve.)

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**DEMOCRATS TO
WIN ON MERITS
OF CANDIDATES**

Success Assured by Class of
Men Running for Office,
Taggart Says.

EXPOSE HURTS G. O. P.

Thomas Taggart, democratic candidate
for United States senator, declared to-
day that democratic success in Marion
county is assured as a result of the
interest being taken in filling the of-
fices with the highest class men avail-
able.

"We want the best men we can ob-
tain in the legislature," Mr. Taggart
said.

"We want to send to the legislature
men who are capable of handling the
problems of the state and who can cor-
rect the mistakes of previous legisla-
tures."

Among those who are said to be cer-
tain to become candidates for the state
senate are Meredith Nicholson, John W.
Holtzman and Oren S. Hack.

Charles E. Cox will be a candidate
for state representative.

**HOLTZMAN FORMER
MAYOR OF CITY.**

Mr. Holtzman is a former mayor of
Indianapolis and one of the prominent
attorneys in the city.

He has long been active in democratic
politics.

Mr. Nicholson has repeatedly been
asked to become a candidate for con-
gress, but he has always refused.

It is said, however, he probably will
consent to become a candidate for state
senator to assist in solving the problems
which will come before the 1921 legisla-
ture.

Mr. Hack is a prominent attorney and
has long been active in Marion county
politics.

Mr. Cox was formerly a judge of the
Indiana supreme court.

Interest in county offices still centers
round the office of sheriff.

The revelations of conditions at the
county jail made in federal court have
greatly added to the chances of the de-
mocratic candidates, in the opinion of
many democrats.

The disclosures put the republicans in
an embarrassing position.

Sheriff Miller is serving his first term.
It has always been customary to nomi-
nate county officials elected to two-year
offices a second time.

The republicans are faced with the
(Continued on Page Twelve.)

**VAT OF BOILING
OIL TAKES FIRE**

Prompt Action Prevents Dis-
astrous South Side Blaze

Prompt action of the fire department
and fireproof doors at the Esteline
Company, South and Harmon streets, to-
day prevented heavy fire damage when
a tank of oil boiled over and ignited.

Dense smoke and suffocating odors
drove scores of employees from the build-
ing.

The oil, used to harden magnets, be-
came too hot and several barrels of the
oil were burned.

The company occupies the lower floor
of the building, while the Capitol Paper
Company is located on the second and
third floors.

Employees of the paper firm, fright-
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**\$17,000 SCHOOL
SPECIFICATIONS
ARE MISSING**

More Inefficiency Bared in
Handling of Money of
Taxpayers.

MOTIVE IS SUGGESTED

Here is another example of how the
school city of Indianapolis is run.
Many more will come to light.

Simultaneous with the announcement
of the state board of accounts that
two examiners have been assigned to
investigate the books of the school city
of Indianapolis comes the admission on
the part of George S. Rickes, superin-
tendent of buildings, that the only pre-
sence of specifications used in the re-
modeling of School 59 have disappeared.

This part of the school city's files,
which has been lost just when it would
form an important link in the chain of
peculiarities that have marked the re-
modeling of School 59, is the only basis
which the school board's employees had
for the remodeling of a school building
on which considerably more than \$17,000
was spent without authorization for the
expenditure of more than \$2,500.

It consisted of a list of materials
needed in the remodeling of the build-
ing.

It was made up by an engineer and
submitted to the superintendent as a
guide for the purchase of thousands of
dollars of material which was afterward
purchased in a wholly illegal manner
and the purchases approved by George C.
Hitt, who is still being retained as
"business director" of the board.

Both Mr. Rickes and Mr. Hitt did
say, however, that there was a list of
materials to be purchased made out
by an engineer for use in the remodeling
of the building.

Several days ago when Mr. Hitt was
asked concerning this list of materials
he said it was in the hands of Mr.
Rickes and that it could be obtained
from him.

Mr. Rickes says he turned the list over
to Mr. Hitt's department when the ma-
terials were purchased and that he has
not seen it since.

**WORK DONE
ON \$2,500 AUTHORIZATION.**

The importance of this list of ma-
terials, in lieu of any specifications for
the remodeling of the school, is readily
seen when it is recalled that this re-
(Continued on Page Six.)

**SENATE SPEECH
JOLTS HOOVER**

McKellar Says Candidate's
View of Economics Puzzle.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Discus-
sion of Herbert Hoover's presidential can-
didacy as a republican broke out in the
senate today.

Senator McKellar, Tennessee, a de-
mocrat, called attention to Hoover's state-
ment in his telegram to his California
friends that the republican platform
must be sound on economic issues.

"I want to read a recent remarkable
pronouncement in the light of that state-
ment," said McKellar.

He read from an account of Hoover's
recent speech before the Boston Chamber
of Commerce, and declared nobody could
understand what Hoover meant in his
references in that speech on economic
questions.

**SEE SUFFRAGE
VICTORY NEAR**

Delaware 'Antis' Withdraw
Their Objections.

DOVER, Del., March 31.—Efforts to call
up the resolution ratifying the woman
suffrage amendment in the house of rep-
resentatives of the Delaware legislature
failed today.

Representative Hart, sponsor of the
measure, refused to call for a vote and
the measure went over until tomorrow.

The leaders of the antis were reported
to have surrendered, insuring victory for
the suffrage amendment.

As the amendment already has a ma-
jority in its favor in the state senate
and Gov. Townsend has announced that
he would sign it as soon as it was
passed, the whole fight hinged upon
the action of the house of representatives.

JACKSON, Miss., March 31.—The sen-
ate resolution ratifying the federal suf-
frage amendment will be called up for
action in the house this afternoon.

A protracted debate is expected.

Gov. Russell has expressed desire to
appear before the house and urge the
ratification of the amendment.

He will make an address on the sub-
ject instead of reading a formal message.

HARTFORD, Conn., March 31.—Gov.
Hobbs has definitely decided that he
will not call a special session of the
legislature to act on the suffrage amend-
ment, Maj. John Buckeley, his executive,
said today.

**AUTOIST HELD
BY GRAND JURY**

Driver of Car That Killed
Mary Ringo Indicted.

Myrel G. Robbins, 2603 North Delaware
street, whose automobile fatally injured
Mary Ringo, 8, was indicted for man-
slaughter by the Marion county grand
jury today.

Robbins was driving on East Tenth
street on Feb. 21, when the little girl,
who was on her way to school, was
struck down while crossing the street.

It was said by policemen that Robbins
was driving at a high rate of speed.
The little girl died at her home, 946
North Oxford street, next day.

She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
William Ringo.

Five men were indicted on charges of
attempted criminal assault on girls un-
der 16.

They were: John Rogers, Tim Moore,
William Donahue, Thomas Cecil and
Joseph Dietrich.

Eleven other defendants were indicted
on other charges ranging from vehicle
taking to manslaughter.

For More Cars -- by Standing Vote

An East Washington street car at Noble street.

The passengers hanging on the rear
end of the car shown above are not down-
hearted.

In fact, they laugh as the car passes
many groups on street corners in com-
pleting its journey downtown.

**DANISH STRIKE
CALL SENT OUT**

Defiance of King and Move for
Republic Continues.

COPENHAGEN, March 31.—Laborites
called a general strike today in protest
against the king's action in dismissing
the cabinet of Premier Zahle.

Agitation for a Danish republic con-
tinued throughout the night.

The king, it is said, charged the new
ministry of labor, with responsibility for
preventing the strike, but was told the
ministry was powerless.

Social democrats, at a meeting last
night, adopted a resolution denouncing
the king's coup and demanding new elec-
tions after the plan followed in repub-
lic with extension of the voting power.

The king approved the new cabinet
under the premiership of Otto Liebe late
yesterday.

The ministry was pledged to call im-
mediate elections and to endeavor to ob-
tain internationalization of Finsborg.

**TUMULT MARKS
ALBANY DEBATE**

Speaker Wields Gavel to Calm
Socialist Discussion.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 31.—Tumultuous
scenes were enacted in the assembly this
afternoon in the opening of the fight to
unseat the five socialist members.

Long before the debate on the legality
of unseating the members was reached
the members of the house engaged in a
wordy two-hour wrangle on the matter
of postponing a vote.

So riotous became the proceedings that
Speaker Sweet, after pounding for con-
siderable time, finally said:

"The members of this house are con-
ducting themselves in a disorderly
manner."

"It is more like a riot than orderly
procedure."

"I appeal to members to be gentlemen
and true representatives of your state
and your districts."

**M'ADOO ON TOP
IN STRAW VOTE**

Former Secretary Holds Big
Lead in Poll Among Editors.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—A digest
of the democratic returns in the coun-
try-wide poll of daily newspaper editors
taken by International News Service, in-
dicates today's trend to be:

For President—William Gibbs McAdoo
of New York.

For Vice President—Gov. James M.
Cox of Ohio.

Platform—Business administration,
with liberal leanings.

This outline is based upon facts and
figures disclosed by the straw vote in
which not one, but every state in the
Union, had full representation.

The first returns showed McAdoo sec-
ond, Gov. Cox third, Attorney General A.
Mitchell Palmer fourth, Gov. Edward I.
Edwards of New Jersey fifth, and Wil-
liam Jennings Bryan sixth in the first
choice balloting.

McAdoo was first choice in the voting
if the totals of first, second and third
choice votes are taken as indicating
democracy's selection, rather than the
first choice votes alone.

These totals put McAdoo first with 224
votes, Hoover second with 192, Palmer
third with 152, Bryan fourth with 95,
Cox fifth with 78, and Edwards sixth
with 51 votes.

The signs seem equally to favor Gov.
Cox for vice president.

**TURKS IN ARMS
AGAINST ALLIES**

Revolt Reported Everywhere
Except at Capital.

PARIS, March 31.—A revolution di-
rected against the allies has broken out
throughout all Turkey except Constantinople,
a Budapest dispatch, quoting
the newspaper Pester Lloyd, said today.

(The text of President Wilson's note
to the allies demanding the expulsion of
the sultan and the Turks from Const-
antinople is printed on page 15.)

Detectives Robbed

WILMINGTON, Del., March 31.—Bur-
glars entered the rooms of the city de-
tective bureau early today, securing
clothing worth \$200.

**HOME RULE FOR
IRISH APPROVED
BY PARLIAMENT**

Bill Passes Second Reading
After Lloyd George Likens
Valera to Jeff Davis.

SINN FEIN URGED TO AID

LONDON, March 31.—The new
Irish home rule bill passed the house
of commons on second reading this
afternoon after a brilliant speech of
defense by Premier Lloyd George.

The vote was 348 to 94.

The premier compared Ireland to the
American south before the Civil war, and
Prof. E. DeValera, the Sinn Fein "pres-
ident of the Irish republic" to Jefferson
Davis.

"The home rule bill gives Ireland pow-
ers more extensive than those of the
American states," said the premier.

"Wales and Scotland would be proud
if the same measure of self-government
was offered to them."

"No plan which is acceptable to Brit-
ish parties would at present be accept-
able to say part of Ireland."

"If we asked Ireland they would say
overwhelmingly that they wanted inde-
pendence and a republic."

**MAKES COMPARISON
WITH CIVIL WAR.**

"DeValera is in exactly the same posi-
tion as Jefferson Davis before the Amer-
ican Civil war."

"If he insists it will lead exactly to
the same methods of oppression as the
northern states of America used to avoid
secession."

"If Wales demanded a republic we
would resist—and yet Wales is as distinct
a nationality as any other in the world."

Lloyd George appealed to the Sinn
Fein, saying that the south of Ireland
could bring unity nearer by years if
they make a real effort to make the bill
work.

"None of this house supports self-de-
termination," continued the premier.

"Labor is not prepared to grant it if it
means a republic."

The premier then turned to the labor
benches and asked if they conceded the
right of self-determination.

**GIVES CHALLENGE
TO ASQUITH.**

He challenged former Premier Asquith
to name any section of Ireland that is
ready to accept the dominion form of
government, which Mr. Asquith had sug-
gested in his speech yesterday.

Lloyd George made a jocular reference
to the Irish language, which brought
forth noisy interruptions.

Subsequently Will Thorne, a laborite,
leaped to his feet and shouted to the
house:

"You will tire of him some day," re-
ferring to Lloyd George.

William Adamson warned the govern-
ment about its Irish policy.

He declared that the Sinn Fein move-
ment "is sweeping large parts of Ire-
land like a holy war."