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MCCRAY EXPLAINS MEMORIAL STAND

Says It Would Be Paid for During Depression.

Declaring that the time is not yet here when the state should expend any large sum for the erection of a memorial in memory of the soldiers of the world war, Franklin McCray, senator from Marion county, has issued a statement in explanation of his opposition to the memorial bill as presented in the special session of the legislature.

Sen. McCray states that the bill for the memorial should be withheld for the regular session, which convenes the first week in January, 1921.

Sen. McCray's statement follows:

"I am opposed to the memorial bill at the present time and in its present form. It is already premature."

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YET AT WAR.

Permit me to bring difficulties surpassing the difficulties of war itself.

It is a long journey in our return to normalcy."

This journey will severely tax the energies and statesmanship of the country.

Action in this matter now must bring regret in the future.

Time and deliberation are essential to this great movement.

We must have plans and provide a revenue. We have neither.

I am decidedly opposed to signing a check for \$100,000,000 against the state without any knowledge of any specific plan of a memorial; without any knowledge of the personnel of the proposed disbursing agents of the memorialization; and with this unknown board of trustees such wide and sweeping discretionary powers.

Such a method of business by an individual would lead to inevitable receivership.

We are already burdened with an over-weighted debt.

The cost of construction at this time will be pitched upon the scale of present inflated prices of land, labor and materials and must be paid during the period of depression for the inevitable reaction is already in view.

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The bill does not expressly include the Grand Army of the Republic, the Spanish-American war veterans nor their auxiliary bodies.

This provision should be made.

The bill does not provide that this memorial shall be constructed under the exclusive supervision of the American Legion itself.

If possible, this provision should be made.

The great honor of the construction of the memorial should be the exclusive right and privilege of the veterans of the world war.

Indianapolis should immediately prepare a suitable committee to represent the American Legion and this can be done by equipping the library building at the corner of Meridian and Ohio streets for the exclusive use of this organization.

Here the American Legion could work out a comprehensive plan of its own. The method would be to have great enterprises besides the immediate control and personal supervision of the veterans of the world war themselves, and I am ready and willing to vote for any reasonable appropriation to accomplish this end.

Child Slowly Dies From Eating Poison

LAFAYETTE, Ind., July 20.—Little Alfred Duncan, 18 months old, is slowly dying at the Home hospital in this city, as a result of eating a two-grain poison tablet.

The tot was left in charge of his grandparents while his mother, Mrs. Alfred Duncan, went downtown.

The little fellow climbed on a chair and, thinking the tablet he found on a chair was candy, ate it.

His mouth was fruitfully burned and the attending physician states that the poison is slowly eating away the membrane of the stomach.

Object to Proposed Indiana Ave. Car Line

J. E. TYLER, 841 Ulliel street, was named chairman of a committee at a meeting of North Indianapolis citizens last night for the purpose of remonstrating against plans to extend the Indiana avenue car line into North Indianapolis.

The committee will ask that the car line come up the Illinois street and turn in Twenty-third street.

A mass meeting of North Indianapolis citizens will be held some time during the next two weeks to take further action.

Evansville Selects New Chief of Police

EVANSVILLE, Ind., July 20.—Ira C. Wilshire, chief of detectives and acting police chief since the resignation of Edgar Schmidt, was today regularly appointed chief of police by Mayor Boss and the board of safety.

Schmidt is now serving a two-year sentence in the federal prison at Atlanta, Ga., for conspiracy to violate the Reed amendment.

Jackson Township Fights for School

HARTFORD CITY, Ind., July 20.—Residents of Jackson township, this county, will resume their fight for a consolidated school by filing a petition for a graded and high school, to be located in the center of the township.

If the petition is rejected by the township trustees, the petitioners will appeal to the county superintendent.

What's What In Indianapolis

"Know Your Own Home Town"

(By the Reference Department, Indianapolis Public Library, C. E. Rusk, Librarian)

What sort of game inhabited these parts in the days of the pioneer?

The most substantial and valuable was the fine fat deer with which the forests abounded. Squirrels were plentiful. The woods were filled with them. They were also porcupine and marten, and in 1837 a panther measuring nine feet from tip to tail of the tail was killed by Zachariah Collins on Fall creek near Millersburg. A saddle of venison could be bought for 25 cents and turkeys of the largest kind three for a quarter.

How accessible is the milk supply of the city?

A large proportion of all its milk comes from farms not more than thirty miles away. This milk is pasteurized and distributed in sterilized bottles.

How does the Eli Lilly Company rank among other establishments of its kind?

It is the third largest plant of the kind in the world, exceeded in size in this country only by the Park Davis Company. The company manufactures chemicals and drugs, and the offices are located at 224 East McCarty street.

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MEXICAN RULER LIVES IN CASTLE

HUERTA Residence Overlooks Wide Valley.

CITY OF MEXICO, July 20.—Famous Chapultepec castle, splendidly poised high above the park bearing the same name and overlooking the wide valley of Mexico, is once more the home of a Mexican ruler.

It was this historic castle, employed as a fortress, that the Americans stormed and captured back in 1847; and on the same spot, many years before, one of the Montezumas converted the fortress into a summer residence, where he established his harem, baths and hunting lodges.

Chapultepec, beside sits historic associations and the magnificent view it commands of the Mexican valley, also wins fame from the fact that it is one of the most luxuriously appointed residences on the American continent.

But it held few charms for that bearded old ranchman, Venustiano Carranza.

Carranza spurned Chapultepec, summer and winter.

On rare occasions he used the palace as a place for entertainment, but as a living place he preferred the simplicity of a plain dwelling in the capital's residential district.

CHAPULTEPEC HAS APPEAL.

To the more cultured eye of Adolfo de la Huerta, the new provision president, Chapultepec had more appeal.

De la Huerta moved into the castle, having inaugurated a few days after he was elected.

It is not meant to create the impression that the new Mexican ruler is fond of frills.

For it is.

In many lines of administration, De la Huerta has adopted a much more practical form of pomp than even Carranza tolerated.

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DOG HILL PARAGRAFS

BARBER JHC



ILLNESS OF 9 DAYS CLAIMS A. SHAFER

Picturesque Figure in Police Circles Dies at Home.

After an illness of nine days, Adolphus C. (Doss) Shafer, Civil war veteran and for thirty-eight years a member of the Indianapolis police force, died of diabetes at his home, 241 North Hamilton avenue at 11:30 o'clock last night.

The police searched a number of camps on Fall creek, near Hammond's grove, and failing to find Shafer, who had disappeared before they arrived at the Forty-second street house, returned there.

Brady had entered by crawling over the roof of a tall porch and he was downstairs in the porch when the police searched the house and the other persons had made a hurried exit.

Brady was arrested, charged with carrying concealed weapons, drawing deadly weapons and drunkenness.

The police found a large caliber revolver in the room where Brady was arrested.

Brady said he was looking for Charles Henry, another roomer.

With the death of Doss Shafer the city loses a picturesque character noted for his kindness and his quaint bits of philosophy.

Reporters assigned to the police run for years learned to turn to Doss when they were short of a feature story, for he was a "nose for news" and always had a "story."

STATION TUNNEL.

For years Shafer was on duty at the tunnel of the Union station before the track elevation was even dreamed of.

Later he was assigned to duty at the traction station.

Shafer could pick a runaway boy or girl out of a crowd of 1,000 every time.

He enlisted in the Fifty-fifth Indiana Infantry for "100 days' service" and at the close of that time enlisted in the Second Indiana cavalry and served until the end of the war.

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