

WATER CO. ASKS RATE INCREASE TO MEET TAXES**Boost Sought From 5 to 20 Cents Per Month, According to Petition.****PLANS TO SPEND \$600,000**

In a petition for increased rates filed today with the Public Service Commission, the Indianapolis Water Company declared that the high city, county and State taxes have practically absorbed the grant made by the commission a year ago.

The company sets forth that the rate granted on Dec. 31, 1919, increased the revenue to a figure between \$123,000 and \$130,000, but that taxes increased during the same period from \$158,000 to \$244,000 and that as a consequence approximately \$80,000 of the higher rate went to pay the taxes.

The petition declares that the water company is planning extensions and improvements during the next year that will total \$600,000 and that it will be necessary to issue bonds to make this program possible. The company asks the commission to set a rate that will bring a fair return on its investment and to allow it to undertake the extensions at once.

WILL RUN FROM 5 TO 20 CENTS PER MONTH.

The schedule of rates and tolls attached to the petition shows that the amount believed necessary by the company would involve an increase of from 5 to 20 cents a month to the consumers, according to the size of their installation.

The company in the petition, specifies that during 1920 it has been "subject to increases in labor costs and also in costs of all materials used, and that petitioner's operating costs have been greatly increased during the year by reason of city, county and State taxes, which increased approximately from \$158,000 in 1919 to \$244,000 in 1920. In other words, approximately \$86,000 of the \$123,000 rate granted under the order of Dec. 31, 1919, was absorbed during the year in added taxes; that the total increases in costs have practically wiped out all of the relief given in said order."

Continuing it sets forth that the company in the last year "has expended approximately \$250,000 for extensions and betterments of the water works, and that expenditure was financed in part through the issuance of \$200,000 of 7 per cent preferred stock, which stock was sold at a discount, and petitioner says that in view of the present investment in the property and the increased cost of operation, with taxes as above recited, petitioner's net earnings are no more favorable to the company than they were as of Nov. 1, 1919."

"Petitioner further says that the requirements of the city of Indianapolis for water main extensions for the year 1921 will be in excess of \$200,000; that it is necessary for petitioner to begin immediately the construction of a storage reservoir of ten million gallons capacity to supplement petitioner's pumping capacity, to carry forth the water in excess of the summer season and that said reservoir will cost approximately \$250,000; that additional levees, bridges across the canal, new latrines, in sedimentation basins, meters and other necessary extensions to the property, will bring a total expenditure for extensions and improvements during 1921 to \$300,000; that all of said extensions will be financed by the company."

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BROWN GUILTY; 2 TO 21 YEARS**Taxi Driver Convicted of Murder in Death of Catholic Sister.**

Olivia Brown today was found guilty of murder in the death of Sister Mary Theodora, who was killed on Monument Circle when struck by a taxi cab driven by Brown.

The jury retired shortly before 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon and when a verdict was not returned late in the evening, Judge James M. Leathers, who is presiding, indicated that the jury would return a verdict at 9 o'clock this morning.

Just as the jury retired, Sister Theodora, the companion of Sister Mary Theodora, who was killed at the time of the fatal accident, walked slowly over to where Brown sat with a guard nearby. Sister Theodora said softly to the taxi driver, who only a few minutes before had admitted a criminal record, as well as acknowledging that it was his car which struck Sister Mary:

"I hope that God will be a better man and I will offer prayers for you."

The incident took place during the trial and the fact that Brown was gazed into the eyes of the aged sister, and as he realized that the eyes of the nun's words had fastened upon him and hardened aspect for a few seconds. He defended himself by saying that it was "an unavoidable accident."

Sister Theodora, again, expressed the hope that he would be a "better man."

As the aged sister, whose eyesight had been impaired by years of splendid service, walked slowly away from the taxi driver, many spectators cried softly and a lawyer or two was seen to brush away the tears.

Brown on the witness stand admitted that he had a criminal record and it was apparent that he had shaped his testimony to save himself from a prison term. Although he denied he was speeding, the State contends that when his evidence is studied carefully, everything points to fast and reckless driving.

Sister Mary Theodora McCormick, for many years sister superior of the Holy Rosary School, was fatally injured by Brown's taxi on Monument Circle about noon on April 9, last. Witnesses for the State claimed that Brown was driving at a rate of speed from twenty-five to thirty miles an hour. This Brown denied. He claimed he was going only twelve miles an hour.

Many students of the late Sister Mary attended the trial.

WEATHER

Forecast for Indianapolis and vicinity for the twenty-four hours ending 7 p. m. Nov. 20: Fair tonight and Saturday; warmer tonight.

HOURLY TEMPERATURE.

6 a. m. 40

7 a. m. 40

8 a. m. 40

9 a. m. 40

10 a. m. 40

11 a. m. 40

12 (noon) 40

1 p. m. 40

And None Knew It

A. M. Glosbrenner, Republican member of the city sinking fund commission, whose term expired Oct. 4, was reappointed Mayor Charles W. Jewett announced today. The fact that the term of the commissioner had expired more than a month ago slipped the attention of city officials and was not until a meeting of the commission during that period, it was said.

John E. Hollett is the Democratic member of the commission and City Council member Robert H. Bryson is a member, ex officio.

The mayor has indicated that he will reappoint Samuel Raub, whose term expires the end of this year, to the board of park commissioners.

SNAG RETARDS PLAN HATCHED AT WEST BADEN**Republicans Don't Want New in Cabinet and Hays as Senator.**

The West Baden conference plan of awarding a cabinet job to Senator Harry S. New and placing Will H. Hays in the United States Senate to fill the vacancy and run for election in 1922, has struck a snag.

The rank and file of the Republicans of Indiana are not warming up to the proposal, and Warren T. McCray, Governor-elect, has begun to hear some decided objections to the appointment of Hays as a Senator.

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Report 3 Americans Killed in Mexico**MEXICO CITY, Nov. 19.**—An unconfirmed report was received here today that three Americans have been killed in the State of Coahuila.

Neither Government officials nor owners of the coal mines where the riots occurred have been able to verify the report. It is admitted, however, that the violence in the mining fields is increasing.

Toole in Each Class

To find four representatives of one family attending college at the same time is considered somewhat unusual, but to find four brothers attending the same school at the same time, and each a member of a different class, is a distinction held by the Toole family.

That is the distinction enjoyed by the Toole brothers of the De Pauw University.

Carl, senior; Gale, junior; John, sophomore; and Manley E., freshman, are sons of the Rev. R. H. Toole, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Bedford, who was graduated from De Pauw University in 1907.

Aw-We All Do It!

An extremely heavy individual halted one of the downtown "four corner" weight free scales, carefully peeled off his overcoat, and stepped on the platform of the scales.

He watched with dismay as the indicator rushed past pound after pound, and when the dial finally settled on the two hundred mark he turned to a friend and moaned:

"I've gained ten pounds!"

What a Come Down

Charles E. Miller of the Vacuum Oil Company was visiting a farmer near Martinsville, in the vicinity of whose home

Hog prices today hit a new low level for the year, when a further decline of 50 cents, the bulk of the good hogs were sold at \$11.75 to \$12.

Commission men attribute the slump in the market to the large receipts that have been coming into the market in the past week, the lower tendency of some of the other leading hog markets of the country, and to the general disfavor of the public against the prevailing high prices.

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KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 19.—Declines in the hog market here continued today. Prices ranged from \$11 to \$11.65, a new low for the last four years.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Nov. 19.—For the first time since early in 1917 the best grades of hogs sold here today for \$12.30. Hogs opened 65 cents under yesterday's close.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Nov. 19.—Best grade of hogs sold at the lowest price since 1917 on the East Buffalo market today. They were quoted at \$12.50.

It was predicted by live stock men that the price will go still lower because of the drop in the price of corn.

INDIANA G. O. P. SPENT VAST SUM IN CAMPAIGN**Manufacturers and State Machine Men Donate Most of \$222,438.18 Raised.****PARTY IN DEBT \$77,202.62**

The contributions of large sums of money by important manufacturers of this city and of the State as well as by the friends and associates of Governor James P. Goodrich, and the income derived by contributions from the Republican national committee as well as candidates on the Republican State ticket, amounted to \$222,438.18.

This is revealed in a certified report of campaign contributions and disbursements made by Fred C. Gardner, treasurer of the Indiana Republican State central committee for a period extending from Nov. 16, 1918, and ending Nov. 17, 1920 and which is now on file in the office of County Clerk Richard V. Smith.

The report shows that regardless of the fact that \$222,438.18 was contributed, out of which \$222,388.44 was spent, the Indiana Republican State central committee is in debt \$77,202.62.

The report also reveals the extent to which the Indiana Republican State central committee has been successful in its campaign to elect Warren T. McCray, Governor-elect, to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy and run for election in 1922, has struck a snag.

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MOVE TO MERGE 2 DEPARTMENTS**Plan to Put State Fair Under Conservation Body.**

Steps will be taken by the State Board of Conservation today to merge the State Board of Conservation and the State Department of Conservation. It was learned here today.

It is understood that the proposition has the endorsement of Governor-elect Warren T. McCray and members of the board, but is strongly opposed by Richard L. Toole, director, and other members of the board.

This would be in line with the proposal fostered by some members of the board to abandon its present status in favor of another agricultural body which would take over the State Coal Commission and turn over the State Fair Grounds to the State government. At the present time the grounds constitute a private institution.

The next meeting of the board is prepared to discuss a bill for presentation to the Legislature which convenes in January providing for such a change. The idea of such a movement would be to direct all the efforts of the conservation department into a common channel directly with the farm life of the State.

The board is also considering the idea of merging the State Coal Commission and the State Fair Grounds into one body to make up the conservation department, would turn their energies toward improving and enlarging the crops and taking advantage of the natural resources of Indiana.

Greencastle Mayor Is Hunting for Coal**Special to The Times.**

GREENCASTLE, Ind., Nov. 19.—Mayor Bartley was in Indianapolis Thursday morning to see the State Coal Commission in an attempt to obtain a sufficient coal supply for Greencastle.

The mayor has been in communication with the commission for several weeks, but has failed to get a sufficient supply for the city. Many households here are without fuel.

Receiver Named for Transfer Company

Clarence Earl Armstrong was appointed receiver of the Armstrong Transfer and Warehouse Company by Judge Samuel H. Hurd of the United States District Court here today.

The receiver was named in a petition for services performed in the capacity of president of the company. The company had total assets of \$42,300 and a total liability of \$14,200 and convinced the court that a receiver should be appointed to manage the affairs of the company.

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Gen. Nivelle, Verdun Hero, Indianapolis' Guest Today

The hero of Verdun, Gen. Robert Georges Nivelle, will be a guest of Indianapolis tonight and tomorrow.

He will participate in the centenary celebration of the landing of the Mayflower at the First Baptist Church tonight.

Tomorrow morning he will be taken on an automobile tour of the city by a committee of the American Legion headed by Bowman Elder. In the afternoon he will attend the Vabash-De Pauw football game at Washington Park.

General Nivelle came to the United States as an official representative of the French government at the many celebrations of the anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims. He was at one time commander-in-chief of the English and French forces on the western front with the rank of field marshal.

Besides General Nivelle, Col. Paul Assan, his aide, and Dr. H. L. Willett of Chicago will be at the meeting tonight, which will be under the auspices of the Indianapolis Church Federation. At the dinner tomorrow night Governor Goodrich, Mayor Jewett and Maj. George W. Road, commander of the 5th Army Corps, will be the speakers.

The following committee was named by Mayor Jewett to meet General Nivelle, who will arrive at 4:30 o'clock: E. J. Dubois, Felix Schwartz, John Ray and Auguste Dryer, representing the Indianapolis French Society, and Blair Taylor, Mrs. Glimore, Guy A. Wainwright and Miss Marguerite Doby of the Alliance Francaise.

DECLARES PULL GERMANY PUTS UP BACK AGAIN**Investigator Testifies to Political Influence in Shipping Board Scandal.**

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—Political influence was used to prevent a thorough investigation into the purchase of shipping board supplies at New York, Peter J. Sullivan, for eleven years an investigator for the United States Treasury Department, told the congressional investigating committee today.

Sullivan said he had been ordered to "survey 'to the bottom' the activities of the purchasing department, which was in charge of David Whamond, but that when 'certain matters were being unearthed Whamond threatened to have me pulled out of the investigation.'"

"My month's work had shown," Sullivan continued, "that the firms which had made low bids had received scant attention. 'Where you pulled off the investigation?' asked Chairman Walsh.

"I was transferred to Nogales, Ariz.," Sullivan said his assistant, Martin J. Jewell, of New York, was left to complete the investigation. Jewell said he found irregularities in the shipping board supplies and the disposal of these supplies.

"Shipping board officials at New York could not cooperate with me," Jewell said. "The shipping board officials had no houses deplorable. There were no inventories and no means of checking up on an enormous supply of goods of all descriptions. We couldn't ascertain where all the stuff went to."

Governor Goodrich Issues Proclamation

Governor Goodrich's annual Thanksgiving proclamation, calling on the people to observe Thursday, Nov. 25, "as a holiday and a day of thanks to God for the blessings bestowed on us during the past year," was issued today.

Lester Winter to Be New's Secretary

It was announced today at State Republican headquarters that Lester Winter, a reporter on the Indianapolis News, would become secretary to Senator Harry S. New the first of the year. Mr. Winter will assume his new duties in Washington.

He has been in the newspaper business ever since leaving Indiana University in 1902, having served on the Anderson Herald, the Indianapolis Sun and the Indianapolis Times. He has been a member of the News staff. Mr. Winter's original home was in Martinsville.

Independent Ticket Put Out by Juniors

An independent ticket was put in the field for the coming election of officers for the Junior Chamber of Commerce for next year.

The No. 1, made up by the regular nominating committee elected at the last meeting, was announced yesterday. The second ticket, with Myron Huggel for president, Joseph Lutes for first vice president, George Mels for second vice president, and George Stafford for third vice president, was put in the field today.

Independent tickets may be put in the field by any ten members of the Junior Chamber.

The election will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 7, by ballot at the Chamber of Commerce.

Works Board Asks About Street Repair

A. J. Louth, manager of the Republic Contracting Company, was asked by the board of public works members today if his company will repair ruts and cave-ins which have developed in Park avenue between Forty-Second and Forty-Fourth streets. The company put down the street more than five years ago, but was ordered to put it in repair before the five-year guarantee period expired.

Mr. Louth said he could make no promise and the board will serve legal notice upon the company to repair the street or suffer deduction from its guarantee bond of the amount necessary to have the work done.

The contracting company contends that it is not altogether to blame for the fact that the street did not wear well. Mr. Louth asserted the city had permitted improper use of the pavement.

Whipped to Death

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES.

GREENSBORO, Ind., Nov. 19.—Henry Vogel, 50, living one mile southwest of Napoleon, was killed this morning at the home of John Hunterman, when his clothing caught in the fly wheel of a gasoline engine, dashed him to the ground and beating his head almost to a pulp.

The engine was running a corn shredder.

PUBLIC GOUGE CHANCE SEEN IN COST PLAN**Street Car Service Proposal Is Held Asks by E. I. Lewis.****VIEW GIVEN TO LEAGUE**

Expressing fear that a service-at-cost plan of street car operation merely would enable a street car company to charge up in exorbitant costs to the public, E. I. Lewis, chairman of the Indiana Public Service Commission, addressed the convention of the National Municipal League today.

Lewis divided his speech into two parts, namely, "The Five Cent Fare in Indianapolis" and "Service at Cost—Panacea or Nostrum?"

He pointed out that the service-at-cost plan would enable the company to "charge it up to the public" as his reason for opposing such a plan for Indianapolis.

He spoke with considerable pride of the fact that Indianapolis is one of the few cities with 5-cent fare and recited the history of the street car consolidation and the rate of fares.

Mr. Lewis laid special emphasis on the fact that the property of the Indianapolis Street Railway Company is assessed for taxation at nearly \$5,000,000, more than the value agreed on for rate-making purposes and pointed to high taxation as one of the reasons for the company's difficulties.

In his paper on "The State Trustee Plan," James L. Jackson, chairman of the trustees of the Boston Elevated Railway, explained that what is known as the public control act, passed by the Massachusetts Legislature, effective July 1, 1915, arranged that is practically a lease of the Boston Elevated Railway for ten years to the State of Massachusetts, as representing Boston and certain suburban cities and towns, while the railway serves, five trustees to be appointed by the Governor of the State and to hold office for the lease period, being given control over the management and operation of the railway.

"To the legislative mind," he said, "the problem for experience to solve was whether a public management could be efficient, that is, conducted without waste and without loss of ambition or pride in achievement, and it was thought that a trial was worth while."

"The basic plan for this experiment," he continued, "was that which I believe is the best for any street railway under the circumstances we would be justified in making additions to the average base price."

No change in price will be made at this time, Gary stated.

Gary's statement follows:

"Our subsidiary companies have consistently maintained and maintained the base selling prices of all iron and steel commodities which were mutually fixed by representatives of iron and steel interests in the United States and representatives of the Government on March 1918."

"Since that time producing cost of all manufacturers of iron and steel, including an advancement of wage rates aggregating \$3,000,000 a year to the steel industry and larger freight rates, have materially increased. Under usual circumstances we would be justified in making additions to the average base price."

"However, after deliberate and careful consideration, we have decided to recommend to presidents of our subsidiary companies that the present selling price of all iron and steel commodities be maintained until it becomes necessary and proper to make changes to meet altered conditions."

"We think stability in business is of the highest importance and that every man, to the extent of his opportunity and ability and even at some sacrifice, is obliged to assist in stabilizing and maintaining prices on a fair and sane basis. It is our belief that the steel industry will be benefited by this attitude."

INDIANAPOLIS MAN FINED \$5,000**Heavy Penalties Assessed in Chicago Fraud Cases.**

CHICAGO, Nov. 19.—Six men and one woman, officials and employees of the city of Chicago, were fined today in connection with a fraud case involving the city's hospital nurses.

The city of Chicago is suing today for the recovery of \$50,000, which it claims was paid to the defendants for the construction of the nurses' home.

It was decided at a conference attended by Dr. Herman G. Morgan, secretary, and Dr. M. G. Morgan, assistant secretary of the city of Chicago, that the city of Chicago is suing today for the recovery of \$50,000, which it claims was paid to the defendants for the construction of the nurses' home.

Crucible Steel Co. Elects Directors

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Nov. 19.—William R. Childs and Hamilton Stewart were elected directors for a term of three years of the Crucible Steel Company at a meeting of the board of directors held here today. The company is now out of work and expected to be unemployed within a short time, the mayor said. The track elevation work, the municipal yards, rehabilitation of the city market, and the nurses' home will provide hundreds of jobs, so that the city will measurably relieve the expected labor situation by absorbing some of the surplus.

Irish Town Official Tells of Home Burning

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—John Derham, town commissioner of Balbriggan, Ireland, today described to the unofficial American committee of 100 investigating the burning of the Irish town of Balbriggan and how the homes of fifty other sympathizers with the plan to make Ireland a republic had been destroyed.

Among other witnesses were Francis Hackett, a writer of New York, and his wife, who writes under the pen name of Signe Toksvig; Mrs. William A. King of Irontown, Ohio, and Paul J. Furman of New York, representing the Society of Friends, a British branch of which recently made an investigation of Irish affairs.

Refuses Comment

E. I. Lewis, chairman of the Indiana Public Service Commission, refused today to comment on the action of the Interstate Commerce Commission, in the case wherein a per cent of the cost of the construction of the Indianapolis street car system was allowed in New York. Mr. Lewis said in view of the case pending in Indiana he could not comment on the Federal commission's action.

2 Britons as Spies

CORK, Ireland, Nov. 19.—The execution of two British officers as spies was announced by the Sinn Fein today. According to the announcement, Captain Greene and Captain Chambers, who were recently kidnapped, were tried for espionage and then put to death.

Eat Corn Meal and Improve Your Health

Do you know how to make corn meal cheese pudding? Or corn meal fish balls? Or Philadelphia scrapple? Or polenta? You may not even know what polenta is.

Then there is corn meal mush with fruit, spatterdock, saffles, corn meal puffs and fritters. Only the initiated know the joy of cracklin bread, ash cake, corn dodger and corn pone.

There are a thousand ways to use corn meal and lend variety to the diet. It stimulates the muscles like a massage does the scalp. It is just exactly what is needed to keep you up in corn than in any other product of the American farm. The housewife who consumes corn meal is overlooking the nation's greatest food reserve.

Get the bulletin of the Department of Agriculture which tells many ways to use corn meal. It is full of practical and tempting recipes.

You Never Can Tell!

A few days ago a writer for the Times obtained a photograph of the new Manual Training High School building that collapsed yesterday, showing the progress of the construction work.

The picture was designed to illustrate a story describing this new school building. The print made was not up to the required standard for newspaper etching and was held up pending the obtaining of another photograph.

When the building collapsed the inferior print was rushed through the etching room with the result that an etching that was better than the original print was obtained in record-breaking time.

This picture, which is, as far as is known, the only photograph taken of the building before its collapse, gave the people of Indianapolis through the Times extra their first conception of the nature and the extent of the accident.

STEEL PRICES WILL BE KEPT ON SAME BASE**Increase Justified, but Business Stability First Consideration—Gary.**

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—Believing that stabilization of business is of the highest importance, the United