

INDIANA NATIONAL BANK IS ROBBED

BURT NEW IS NAMED REVENUE COLLECTOR FOR INDIANA DIST.

News of Appointment to Post Comes as Surprise to Federal Building Officials and Democratic Leaders.

ELDER ASKED TO BE RELIEVED

Burt New, executive secretary of the Democratic State Committee during the last campaign, today was nominated by President Wilson to become internal revenue collector of the district of Indiana, according to a dispatch from Washington. The nomination was among others sent to the Senate for confirmation by the President.

Mr. New will succeed William L. Elder, who assumed the office more than a year ago after the retirement of Peter Kruger of South Bend.

Mr. New refused to discuss his appointment.

The news of the President's action, however, came as a surprise to Federal building officials and to leading Democrats who professed to know nothing of the impending appointment.

SENT IN RESIGNATION

Following the announcement of Mr. New's nomination, Mr. Elder revealed the fact that he had sent his resignation to Washington several months ago.

It has been desired for some time to be relieved of his duties as collector of internal revenue and have so indicated to officials at Washington. Mr. Elder said, finally, until then my formal resignation, which, of course, could not become effective until my successor is formally appointed.

Mr. Elder would not say just when it was he sent his resignation to Washington. He said his reason for wishing to be relieved was the pressure of personal affairs.

When Mr. New was notified at his home at 1535 North Meridian street of his nomination for the post he declined

REPORT PENNY TRANSFER PLAN RUNS SMOOTHLY

Street Car Co. Begins Charge of 1 Cent for Paper Slips Issued as Fare.

GRANT U. T. RATE BOOST

The 1-cent transfer plan was in full operation today and things were going smoothly, Robert I. Todd, president of the Indianapolis Street Railway Company, reported. The order of the Public Service Commission, authorizing the company to charge 1 cent for transfers, went into effect at midnight last night.

Little complaint was made by persons required to pay for transfers, it was said. There was reported to be a decided falling off in the issuance of transfers, however, only persons who expected actually to use them asking for the bargain trip tickets.

Some difficulty was experienced in regard to the cars where fares are dropped in boxes as the passengers enter. Signs were posted in them asking passengers to give their transfer money directly to the conductors.

CITY OFFICIALS DIVIDED IN OPINION

City officials were divided today in their expressions regarding the public service commission's order granting the Indianapolis Street Railway Company the right to charge 1 cent for each transfer, made public Saturday.

Corporate Counsel Samuel Ashby, who opposed the grant, simply said, "I'm sorry," refusing to comment further for the reason, he said, that he never comments upon a court's decision after it is made.

George Lemaux, president of the board of public works, said he considers the order "one of the best the commission has ever handed down." Mr. Lemaux has favored a 1-cent transfer charge ever since the city was organized. He said the street railway company announced it was in financial difficulties.

The board of works president said that with more funds in sight the company will be ordered by the board to make just as many improvements in 1921 as possible. He praised the company for its attitude of the past year, asserting (Continued on Page Three.)

Woman, Accused Slayer of Oil Magnate, Tells Story of Love and Horror

(San Blair, staff correspondent of Universal Service, and the Chicago Herald-Examiner, has found Clara Smith Hamon in her way back to Ardmore, Okla., to face a jury on a charge of slaying Jake L. Hamon, multi-millionaire oil magnate and Republican national committeeman from Oklahoma. She will tell the Ardmore jury the story she told me last night in the public park at Chihuahua, Mexico.)

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EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 20.—Clara Smith Hamon is on her way back to Ardmore, Okla., to face a jury on a charge of slaying Jake L. Hamon, multi-millionaire oil magnate and Republican national committeeman from Oklahoma. She will tell the Ardmore jury the story she told me last night in the public park at Chihuahua, Mexico.

The story rushed to a climax with an account of the last meeting of Hamon and Clara in the Ardmore hospital after the shooting.

It closed with a benediction on the soul of the man that is as strong as the conflict of emotions which now seethe in the heart of the woman accused.

"He was always cruel and snarling with me," she said, and lifted my fingers to her hair so that I might feel the furrowed scar, result of one of his many blows, she said. Then she cried:

"That bullet which killed him should have been fired ten years ago. I was advised to kill him—yes, by several of the biggest men in Oklahoma."

"I LOVED HIM—"

"I STILL LOVE HIM."

"But I loved him. I still love him. He made his peace with God. He told me so that morning in the hospital after he said he was dying and that I should go away and he would tell the world he had shot himself. He made his peace with God and God and I forgive him on that day. He told me he would meet me in Heaven—and I'll meet him there."



CITY HOSPITAL EFFICIENT AS LAWS PERMIT

Taxpayers Have Not Allowed Institution to Become Better, Investigation Shows.

RECENT CHANGES MADE

By R. A. BUTLER, Editor of The Times. Prompted by one specific written complaint and a number of others less complete, The Times has made a thorough inspection of all departments of the City Hospital, with the result that its investigators, have arrived at the following conclusions:

1. The administration of the City Hospital is as efficient as limited financial support, under existing laws and ordinances and human fallibility will permit.
2. There are no general administrative failures that, except to the disadvantage of the patients for whom the institution is conducted.
3. There are specific failures due usually to lack of desired facilities and occasionally to human fallibility such as is always present in organizations of this size.
4. The City Hospital is just as good and no better than the taxpayers of Indianapolis have permitted it to become.
5. There is an urgent need of enlargement of the plant, increase in the personnel and a restoration of public confidence in the institution among those persons for whom it is maintained.

PATIENTS' COMPLAINT

PROPOSED INVESTIGATION.

The specific complaint of the City Hospital which prompted The Times to investigate its condition at this time was made by a man who was admitted to the institution on Dec. 19 and who left it dissatisfied with his treatment a few days later.

Investigation discloses that he was ordered to the hospital by a practicing physician of Indianapolis who diagnosed his sickness as lobar pneumonia and that for a period of time he was treated as a pneumonia patient and later transferred to another division for treatment of an infected finger and infected eye.

His complaint is in four counts:

1. He insists that he was not a pneumonia patient, but was suffering from an infection which was not immediately recognized and treated by the hospital.
2. He was badly bitten by bedbugs immediately after he entered the hospital.
3. He asserts he was maltreated in the extraction of blood for a blood test.
4. He complains of neglect by the nurses, the nurses and the clerks.

The record of the case and the statements of the patient disclose that he (Continued on Page Eleven.)

BOND SIGNERS AGAIN ON JOB IN CITY COURT

Names of Three Favorite 'Professionals' Scratched From Barred List.

WORK AT POLLS CITED

Professional bondsmen, who were barred by City Judge Walter Pritchard's order following the expense in City Court, Nov. 29, are not worried, for already three of the "political favorites" are back in the business at police headquarters, and it is expected the other four before very long again will be meeting prisoners on the stairway leading to the offices of the turkey and matron and signing bonds.

The police are laughing as they had predicted that the order barring bondsmen would not last long when the political leaders got busy and explained to the court what "good fellows" some of the bondsmen really are (at election time).

'RED UNION' OWNER GETS PERMIT

Edward ("Chip") Lewis, negro, political power and known as the proprietor of the notorious "Red Union" roadhouse, southeast of the city, who has been arrested a number of times, was on the barred list of bondsmen, but was among the first to again be permitted to sign bonds.

While Lewis has been busy signing bonds for some days nothing was said about it by the new turkeys and the court says that "Chip" never solicits bonding business, and, therefore, can sign all the bonds he wishes to. He signed two bonds last night, one for a man charged with operating a blind tiger and the other for a woman charged with a statutory offense.

Charles Temple, another political power, whose name appeared in Judge Pritchard's order issued less than a month ago, is again signing bonds as a lead pencil man has been scratched through his name on the list hanging on the wall of the turkey's office.

Hyman Unger, a power among the south side political workers, whose name was on the list of barred bondsmen, is no longer under the ban and he signs bonds.

This leaves four men on the barred list, Kinney Hlatt, John "Bull Moose" Walker, Henry Winkler and Sam Farber. Rumor around police headquarters had it that a movement is on foot to have Hlatt reinstated as a bondsman as he is the political boss in the eastern part of the city.

Efforts are being made by the other men to "pull the ropes" to get back into the bond signing business.

TO CONFER OVER BRIDGE MUDDLE

Commissioners and Council to Meet Wednesday.

A joint informal meeting of the Marion County council and the board of county commissioners will be held Wednesday morning at the Courthouse in a final attempt to agree on some action regarding the Northwestern avenue bridge muddle.

Attorney Morley N. A. Walker, representing the receiver of the Yawger County Contract, which holds the \$274,000 contract for building the Northwestern avenue bridge over White River, appeared before the commissioners today and recommended that the commissioners cancel the contract, since an opinion of the State board of accounts holds that the Yawger contract was illegally awarded and is void.

Although two of the commissioners recently passed a resolution refusing to cancel the contract, yet Commissioners Lewis George and Chas. Shank now are of the opinion that the best interests of the community would be served to cancel the contract and advertise for new bids.

All action will be postponed until the commissioners meet Wednesday with the county council.

SCIENTIST TALK IS HEARD BY LOCAL PEOPLE

Prof. Hermann S. Hering, C. S. B., Delivers Lecture at Murat Theater.

Prof. Herman S. Hering, C. S. B., delivered a lecture at the Murat Theater Sunday afternoon under the auspices of the First Church of Christ, Scientist. He was introduced by Mrs. Annet Brown.

Prof. Hering's lecture is as follows: When we consider the unsettled conditions and turmoil prevalent in the world today, though nature remains out for both their cause and their solution. The world is an aggregation of individuals, hence its condition, and, therefore, conditions are the product of the lives and mentalities of its people, their habits of thought, their desires, their ambitions, and their resultant conduct. If the members of a community live rightly, that community will be measurably harmonious, healthy, happy, peaceable; if they live wrongly, are selfish, immoral and vicious, the conditions of their environment will be correspondingly discordant, unhealthy, unhappy.

Let them inquire into the Science of Right Living—what is the Principle and law involved. Most people want to live rightly and to do right, but many do not know what right is, and therefore cannot grasp the advantages of righteous living. They really do not choose to do wrong, but make the mistake of thinking there is some advantage in it. The allurements of sin and ill-gotten gain is seen only from a selfish viewpoint. People often do wrong because they do not believe in life after death and do not recognize that their thoughts and acts here and now make or mar their individual character, which outlasts the so-called pleasures of indulgence and determines their environment in life, wherever that may be. The influence of heredity, environment and education is responsible for our habits of thought as well as our desires, but it is generally admitted that what is wrong in all these things can be corrected through right moral education and the appeal to reason. When people realize that indulgence in evil is a distinct disadvantage to them and that it results in inevitable suffering, and that when they do right, and live in good, right, and justice results in real benefit, they will be more careful of (Continued on Page Four.)

'Ash Day' Earlier This Week, Board Warns

Put your ashes out a day earlier than usual this week, the board of public works cautioned the public.

The ash collection department will be granted a Christmas holiday Saturday and the collection schedule is being advanced one day all over the city in order that there may be no accumulation to clean up when work is resumed Monday, the board explained.

6 Nurses Hurt When They Jump From Fire

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 20.—Six nurses were injured seriously when fire destroyed the nurses' home at the University of Nebraska Hospital, here, early today.

The nurses were sleeping when the fire broke out. Twenty of them leaped from second-story windows in their night clothes. Five of the injured suffered broken legs.

CITY NEWSPAPERMAN DIES

A. G. Wiley, city editor of a local newspaper, died at "Norway's" sanitarium this morning at 4 o'clock after a four-day illness from pneumonia. The body probably will be taken to the home of his parents in Kansas City.

WEATHER

Forecast for Indianapolis and vicinity for the twenty-four hours ending 7 p. m., Dec. 21: Snow late tonight and Tuesday; slowly rising temperature; lowest tonight 20 to 25 degrees.

HOURLY TEMPERATURE

6 a. m.	18
7 a. m.	19
8 a. m.	19
9 a. m.	20
10 a. m.	22
11 a. m.	23
12 m.	23
1 p. m.	23
2 p. m.	21
3 p. m.	21

High Court Holds Lehigh Co. to Order

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The United States Supreme Court today denied the motion of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company to modify its decree of court ordering dissolution of its hard coal combination.

The court recessed over the Christmas holidays until Jan. 3.

'Hip-Liquor' Runners Prohi Man's Object

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Chief Prohibition Enforcement Agent Frank Richardson today started against "hip" liquor. Richardson advised prohibition officials in all districts to place an agent at all cabarets, buffets and other places of amusement during the holidays to watch for "liquor carriers."

Stores to Remain Open After 6 at Night

Announcement was made today that closing stores in the Merchants Association will remain open after 6 o'clock Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Other retail stores that are members of the association will close at 6 o'clock instead of at 5:30 o'clock.

The stores that will remain open are L. Strauss & Co., clothing department of The W. H. and E. J. Gausepohl.

The closing schedule as announced by the stores will include Christmas eve.

Army Fliers Seek Missing Balloons

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 20.—Search for the Naval balloon and its three passengers that vanished with the north wind which swept New York State last week was begun here today by two Army airplanes.

The balloons, which were reported to have been repaired and they expected to hop off in their flight over the Adirondack region before night.

Reports that the balloon had been seen in the air last night near Ellenville were discounted by Lieutenant Commander Delaney, in charge of the local Naval station.

Wilson Weighs Plea for Debs and Others

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—President Wilson is today considering Christmas pardons for many prisoners in Federal prisons, it was announced at the White House.

Most urgent and general pleas for pardon which the President is considering is that of Eugene V. Debs, the Socialist leader imprisoned for violation of the espionage act. The President is also considering requests for general amnesty for all so-called political prisoners.

Secretary Tumulty announced that he would discuss the matter of pardons with the President, but there was no indication whether the President is preparing to grant any sizeable number of Christmas pardons.

SHOP NOW



SUIT FOR RECOVERY OF \$243,262 IS BROUGHT AGAINST VAN BRIGGLE

Charges Head of Motor Device Company 'Manipulated' Stockholders Out of That Sum.

Operations rivaling those of various get-rich-quick individuals of fiction are charged in a suit filed in Circuit Court today against Lillburn Howard Van Briggie and Frances Mary Van Briggie by William R. Hirst, receiver for the Van Briggie Motor Device Company. The suit seeks to recover a total of \$243,262.79, charging that L. H. Van Briggie defrauded the company of that amount.

Van Briggie is president of the motor device company.

Mr. Van Briggie is no longer president of the Van Briggie Motor Device Company, one of the concerns which he assisted in organizing. The company also has a new board of directors. It has petitioned the Circuit Court for permission to change its name to the Celery Vase Company.

The suit charges that Van Briggie received his gains through false royalty and stock deals, made possible by means of impressive statements by his associates. One of his devices for adding impressiveness to his activities, according to the complaint, was to open directors' meetings with prayer.

The complaint charges in furtherance of the suit that Van Briggie caused to be organized the Van Briggie Motor Device Company, as a result of previously conceived scheme to defraud. The company was organized, according to the complaint, had a capital stock of \$150,000, divided into 1,500 shares of \$100 each. It is alleged that Van Briggie caused to be issued 1,500 shares of \$100 each. It is alleged that Van Briggie caused to be issued 1,500 shares of \$100 each.

On account of the payment of alleged dividend of 10 per cent on the 1,500 shares of stock, 12,500.00

On account of commissions alleged to have been illegally obtained in the purchase of machinery, 720.00

On account of monies received from the alleged illegal sale of 250 shares of capital stock, 30,000.00

On account of royalties alleged to have been obtained on a fraudulent contract, 35,000.00

On account of cash alleged to have been transferred from the funds of his company to his own personal use, 2,000.00

On account of alleged royalties on machinery, 12,000.00

On account of expenses in patent litigation and destruction of machinery, 20,032.49

On account of stock issued and never paid for, 5,000.00

Total known amounts, \$243,262.49

company exclusive rights to its manufacture providing it turned over to him (Continued on Page Nine.)

WINKLER QUILTS POLICE FORCE

Just Resigns, That's All, Says Chief Kinney.

George Winkler, patrolman, former chief of the morals squad, today resigned from the force of the Indianapolis Police Department, after he had left the office the chief announced that Winkler had resigned.

"Winkler made no comment," said the chief. "He feels about the affair Saturday morning, but he had nothing to say. He just resigned, that was all."

Winkler some weeks ago was reduced from the grade of sergeant of the morals squad to patrolman when it was generally commented on that many places were being "overlooked by both morals squads."

Saturday morning an affair in which two women figured and in which five shots were fired at the close of what is described as a "party" in which liquor was served," ended the police career of Winkler.

John W. Billingsley, 2618 Schumann avenue, owner of the property at 2622 Schumann avenue, went to that place to order Marie Jenkins, 1415 West Ohio (Continued on Page Three.)

TAKE LATE DEPOSITS THAT MAKE UP \$12,000 FROM BOOK VAULT

Selig's Cloak and Suit House Entered by Burglars, Who Carry Off Furs Valued at \$11,000.

BANDITS KILL N. Y. MISSION CASHIER

The crime wave that is sweeping the country reached a high mark in Indianapolis over the week end.

The book vault at the Indiana National Bank was looted of approximately \$12,000—late deposits received after the main vault had been closed Saturday—presumably by robbers who gained entrance to the building through a trap door.

Selig's cloak and suit house at 20-22 West Washington street was robbed of furs valued at \$11,000. The thieves entered the store some time Sunday, as nearly as can be determined, between the hours of 5:30 a. m. and 4:30 p. m. They picked the lock of the front door.

Petty robberies and holdups were numerous.

In New York, while Police Commissioner Enright was telling of steps taken to check crime there, a mission cashier was shot and killed by bandits, who escaped with \$400, and the home of Mrs. Cecile Sartoris, granddaughter of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, was entered and robbed.

Bank Thieves Use Trap-Door

Approximately \$12,000 was taken from the book vault of the Indiana National Bank, Pennsylvania street and Virginia avenue, either last night or Saturday night, by burglars.

The men gained entrance to the building through a trap-door. Money from late Saturday afternoon deposits had been left in the book vault after the main vault had been closed.

Silver money and checks were left untouched. Frank D. Stalnsker, president of the bank, said that pending a careful check, the exact amount missing could not be determined, but that the amount would not run over \$17,000. The loot consisted mainly of bills taken from six stacks.

The bank is a two-story stone building located at Pennsylvania street and Virginia avenue and is triangular in shape. It is on one of the most prominently located corners in the city and the robbery equiva or surpasses the burglary at the Selig Cloak and Suit House, a block distant, for boldness.

The book vault from which the money was stolen is located on the south end of the first floor of the building.

There are two doors to the outside of the vault, one a large steel door that is closed at night, while the other, the inner one, is a heavy steel grating.

This door was locked, but the burglars bent in the steel bar near the lock until it could reach through and turn the knob.

Bold Thieves Work at Stores

Following the stealing of fur coats valued at \$11,000 from the Selig Cloak and Suit House, 20-22 West Washington street, Sunday, the police dragged today was spread throughout the city in an effort to capture the burglars.

The work of the burglars was one of the most successful of the police say. No robbery that has ever been committed in Indianapolis.

The police believe the thieves are the same ones who entered and robbed the People's Outfitting Company, one block west of the Selig store, last Wednesday night. In that robbery jewelry valued at \$10,000 was taken.

SAME METHOD USED IN RECENT ROBBERY. The method of opening the People's Outfitting Company's safe was the same as that used yesterday in opening a steel safe at Selig's, the police say.

The combination was battered off and a punch was used to force the tumblers inside the door.

James M. Brothers, 118 North Senate avenue, night watchman at Selig's, said he left the building at 5:30 o'clock Sunday morning and returned at 4:30 Sunday afternoon. It was between those hours that the robbery took place.

LOOT TAKEN AWAY. The police are confident that the thieves had an automobile waiting in the alley in the rear of the store in which to carry away the coats, as the number was estimated the value of the loot obtained by the thieves at \$11,000. The loss was probably covered by insurance, he said.

An unsuccessful attempt was made early Sunday morning by a negro to enter the Herbert H. Reiner fur store, 336 Massachusetts avenue, but a burglar alarm system reaching the American Telegram Company's office, 28 S. Levee building, prevented the robbery.

M. L. Leary, 1446 Central avenue, employed by the A. D. T. Company, went to the store and saw a negro run from the doorway. He discovered that a small hole had been cut in the glass of the door near the lock, which had set off the alarm. The store had not been entered.

Police raids have been continuous in cafes and restaurants, from elaborate Broadway cabarets to the cheap east side coffee houses, and burglaries in hundreds of robberies and burglaries in the last six months. A small arsenal was confiscated in the rooms.

Gotham Crime Wave Continues

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Two bandits in a bold daylight raid on the Sumner Mission at 507 West street, shot and killed James Russell, the cashier, and escaped with \$400 today.

The robbers attempted to unlock the front door and when his key would not turn the lock he telephoned for Herbert Selig. When Mr. Selig's key also would not turn, it was discovered that the lock had been tampered with. The lock on the east double door was found to be broken when an attempt was made to unlock it. Mr. Selig went to the rear of the store, a back escape and broke a window, and on entering the store discovered the robbery. The police were notified and Sergeant Johnson and

One of the men shot and a bullet entered Russell's breast just as he was about to enter the store. He was dead when the police arrived.

Both bandits were masked. The \$400 represented the receipts taken in at the mission since Saturday morning.

The mission is a home for aged soldiers.

Burglars broke into the home of Mrs. Cecile Sartoris, granddaughter of President Ulysses S. Grant, and stole a number of valuables, including jewelry, gowns, cash and a watch that belonged to General Grant.

Meanwhile more than 300 arrests have been made in the greatest police round-