

PLUNDER HAND SEEN IN TABLE FOR ASSEMBLY

Increased Tax Levies and
More Commissions Being
Hinted At.

MANY SCHEMES ON FIRE

Plunder in the Legislature which convenes next week will consist of provisions for additional commissions, additional employees for various departments and increased tax levies, if plans of a number of the majority members of the Legislature are carried out. Indications are there will be efforts to increase tax revenues far above the present peak which has followed the operation of the Goodrich tax board.

On top of the situation, it has been pointed out, that values are dropping and that it will be necessary eventually to decrease the enormous valuations now put on property by the tax board. A revaluation of real estate in the near future is among the possibilities.

Not all the proposals made by members of the Legislature are likely to meet public approval. In this class especially, is the demand for increased educational facilities. The State institutions are asking for a 5-cent tax rate. The State department of education is asking for more employees. The teachers are asking for a new pension system. There is a strong movement toward supplying free textbooks. All this must mean an enormous increase in taxes.

ROAD PLAN CALLS FOR 100 YEARS

The State highway commission has decided that at the present rate of building it will require 100 years to complete the 2,500 miles of highway designed for improvement. By that time, it has been discovered, the highways now built or under construction will long ago have been worn out. For this reason the commission is expected to ask for more money. It showed up in the State department of agriculture for study after the opening of the McCay administration. Examiners of the State board of accounts have been engaged in going over the books of the department.

Then there is the proposal that the State Board of Agriculture be placed directly under the supervision of the State. It is now a private corporation with semi-public powers. While, when commercial State fair, there appears to be no indication that the commission will be drawn on the public treasury, there is always a possibility.

The all-time health officer and health commission bills are to be presented again at the coming session. Constabulary money will be necessary to support this new enterprise.

The biennial bill for the formation of a State commission is being agitated again. The formation of such an organization will mean the maintenance of a police department by the State with all the attendant expenses of salary and equipment.

JUDGES ASKING MORE MONEY

Judges of the Circuit, Superior and Criminal Courts of the State, commissioners of the State and other officials, are asking for salary increases and indications are they will be granted. Then there is the movement for the establishment of a municipal court system in Indianapolis and courts of domestic relations in Indianapolis and the other large cities of the State, all anticipating the creation of more offices and more salaries.

The recently proposed new State commission is a juvenile commission to have charges of the administration of laws concerning children. Members of the commission, with two exceptions, are to be salaried and the commissioners must be provided with a fund with which to operate.

The State department of conservation proposed recently to exempt certain types of timber from taxation. On top of this it is asking for additional appropriations for reforestation.

This is only one of the many departments asking for higher appropriations. The State institutions are demanding more, far in excess of amounts previously appropriated.

These are some of the things that have been proposed. Beginning next week 150 legislators will set about in earnest to find other ways to spend the State's money.

ON THE CUBA R. R.
Tourist—I want a time-table.
Ticket Agent—Where are you going?
Tourist—Santiago de Cuba.
Ticket Agent—you don't want no time-table if you are going all the way to Santiago. What you want is a calendar.

Romance to End?



MISS AGATHA REIFENSTEIN.

LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS IS HOPEFUL SIGN

Third Christmas After German Surrender Sees Europe in Belligerent Mood.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The third Christmas since the surrender of Germany found the European nations still in belligerent moods but gradually returning to more normal conditions.

A desire for limitation of armament, which has especially marked this Christmas in Great Britain, is the most pronounced sign that Europe is getting back to peacetime conditions. France has not shown as much interest in the movement as might be desirable. But that is because the French people are still troubled by the fear of a revival of German militarism. Nevertheless, even in this respect, France is far less suspicious than she has been at any time since the armistice. The reduction of the conscription term to eighteen months from two years, urged by the Ministry of War, is an indication that France has not lost all belief in the possibility of peace on earth.

GERMAN AMBITION

Anglo-French relations were more strained this Christmas than they have been for many years. Not the present interest, but future ambitions, are the cause. France wants to secure an over-subsidy out of the war equaling the British gain. This is a very difficult ideal to realize because of the enormous expense involved. Nevertheless, France is trying to make her own power paramount in Asia Minor to counteract British influence, especially in the financial rivalry that ensued will be detrimental to the interests of both countries in the end. A termination of the present Anglo-French competition for international prestige is to be expected.

Italian recovery from the effects of the war is the weakest among all the allies. Italy's financial situation this Christmas is disquieting. Government expenses are not being met by taxation and there seems no present way whereby enough

\$1,000 a Plate for Benefit Dinner

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The \$1,000 a plate dinner to be given in the Hotel Commodore to benefit the European children will consist of three courses—beef stew, bread and coco. It was announced today. Its cost will be 22 cents a plate, but that it will be just twice as elaborate as the meals served to European youngsters by American relief workers. Among the guests will be Herbert Hoover and General Pershing. Fritz Kreisler will play.

new taxes can be imposed without threatening consequences.

The Russians did not celebrate Christmas because they had nothing with which to celebrate it. This is the fourth Christmas since the Bolsheviks came to power. Each succeeding one has been worse than its predecessor. But the Bolsheviks have at last convinced the allies of the uselessness of trying to fight Bolshevism by warring upon it from without.

GERMAN VIEWPOINT

Germany had every reason to celebrate happy Christmas. During the last year world opinion has unmistakably turned to the point of view that the German people have behaved throughout as an economic policy of benefit to the world at large. The German government has carried through a shrewd campaign designed to impress the allies with Germany's sincere efforts to carry out the full terms of the peace treaty. It is Germany's purpose thus to try to demonstrate that the terms are impossible. Already the allies are beginning to discuss the German viewpoint.

The European nations, Greece had the highest Christmas sales, have had the highest Christmas sales. The return of Constantine to Athens after the plebiscite in his favor makes him the only king in the world who holds his throne by direct vote of his people.

Race Apportionment Shows in Little Rock

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Of the 65,142 people comprising the 1920 population of Little Rock, Ark., 47,638 are white, or 73.2 per cent; 17,474 are colored, or 26.8 per cent and 10 all other races, the Census Bureau announced today.

Gettin' Even, Eh?

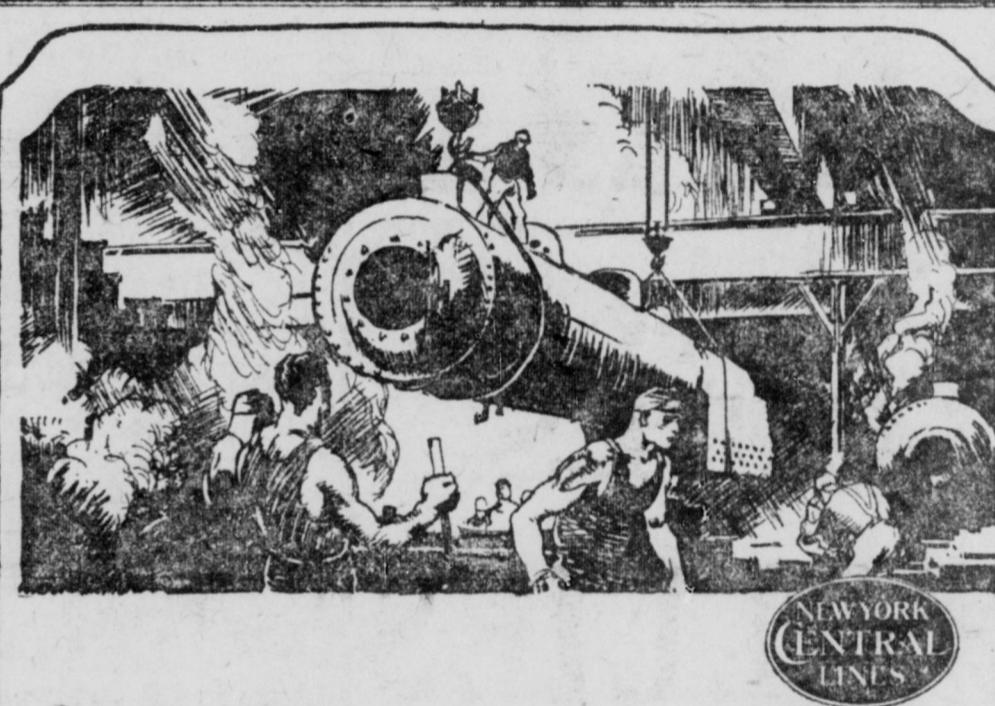


PESS WHITAKER.

Fess Whitaker, jailer at Whitesburg, Ky., and one of Kentucky's famous characters, was sentenced to his own jail by the judge of the court on a charge of attacking officers. While in jail Whitaker conducted a campaign for election for judge and defeated the man who beat him.

Balloonists Lost Two Weeks; Abandon Hope

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Two weeks have elapsed since the day three naval lieutenants—A. L. Kloor, Walter Hinton and Stephen A. Farrell—sailed away from the station at Rockaway Point, L. I., in a naval spherical balloon bound for Canada, and not a word as to their fate has been received. While searchers are still combing the Adirondack forests and Canadian officials are lending their aid in the hunt, hope that the missing officers will be found alive has been abandoned.



Sound at the Core

THE fundamental soundness of America is a guarantee for better business in 1921.

During the present period of economic readjustment, business men are putting their houses in order in confident preparation for the period of better business, soon to come.

The New York Central Lines, which carry one-tenth of the railroad traffic of this country, are ready to perform their full share of the work ahead.

Every business man knows the part that bad transportation can play in aggravating business troubles. Every business man knows how, at times in the past, he has been embarrassed and hindered by freight congestion and slow deliveries.

Sound transportation conditions are a stimulus to business, just as are sound banking conditions. Transportation and credit are the cornerstones of good business.

Substantial progress has already been made in rehabilitating the New York Central Lines from the rack and tear of War demands. New cars and locomotives are now coming into service; much has been done in overhauling existing equipment; and the New York Central Lines are, today, in position to carry even a greater share of the burden of transportation than ever before.

New York Central preparedness means ease of transportation, which invites fuller production and business growth over a wide and industrially dominant territory.

TRIES TO LOOSEN BOLT; ONE DEAD

Two Others Hurt When Bit of
Capped Pipe Explodes.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Herbert Brumm, recovering today from an accidental bomb explosion, told how his experiment with a strange bit of gas pipe led to the death of John McKenney, Jr., and the severe injury of Paul Cladow, another chum.

Brumm, a gas company meter reader, was attempting to loosen a nut on a bit of capped pipe which he had found. The pipe was 12 inches long, containing a small metal which wounded himself and Cladow and instantly killed McKenney. Other occupants of the house were thrown from their chairs by the shock. Police were sent to search the place for other explosives.

Plans to Be Made for European Aid

An organization meeting to be attended by representatives of local clubs and the Church Federation, will be held at 8 o'clock this evening, in the assembly hall at the Y. M. C. A., to complete plans for the collection to be taken for Marion County's share of the Herbert Hoover fund, \$1,000,000 to feed the hungry and a half million starving children of Central Europe. At this meeting Harper J. Ransburg, county chairman, will submit plans for the work in this county.

The collection has received the endorsement of many organizations, and Mr. Ransburg has the assurance of the cooperation of a large force of business men as well as club workers and individuals, who have volunteered their services. The appeal of the starving children, for whom Mr. Hoover is asking but one meal a day, is finding an echo in all parts of the city, and although the Marion County campaign has not yet formally opened, hundreds of dollars in voluntary offerings have been received.

The meeting this evening will be attended by Prof. George Laird, representing Mr. Hoover, who will explain the latter's plans.

A THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

Signs around Havana proclaim the fact that "Dios Existe"—God Exists. "He's got nothing on me," said a victim of the moratorium the other day. "That's all I'm doing."

FORMER MOVIE MEN ARRESTED

Facing Charges of Embezzlement of Theater Money.

Ernest "Curley" Hodgett, formerly manager of the Isis Theater, 113 North Illinois street, and Claude Welker, formerly ticket taker at the same theater, were bound over to the Marion County grand jury today by James M. Deery, sitting as special judge in City Court, on a charge of embezzlement.

Both of the men were arrested at their homes in Newcastle Saturday, where they had gone to pass Christmas with relatives.

Welker, according to Detectives Manning and Reynolds, who received the men from the Newcastle police, left the employ of the theater last August while an investigation was being conducted. They traced him to Chicago, but heard nothing more of him until he was picked

up by the Newcastle authorities Saturday.

He was arrested on an affidavit charging him with embezzlement. On being taken into custody he confessed, the detective said, and implicated Hodgett, who also was visiting in Newcastle. The latter was arrested. He had been released from the employ of the theater last September, according to the police.

Hodgett declared the embezzlement could not exceed \$210. Both men are held in jail pending the giving of \$500 bond.

According to the story gathered by the Detectives Hodgett and Welker operated a ticket system of their own while employed with the theater. That is they had some special tickets made which they sold through the window. In the evening when they checked up they deducted the amount gained from the sale of their own tickets, the officers said.

IRELAND IS DEFANT.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 27.—England can put all Ireland in jail and the Irish will still continue to fight for their independence. This, in brief, sums up the recent comment made by President Eamon de Valera of the Irish Republic.

LOCAL LADY'S STORY SHOWS WHERE THE DIFFERENCE LIES

Unlike Harsh Purgatives, Trutona REGULATES Bowels—Famous Tonic Freees Patient from Constant Use of Laxatives.

Trutona has won the praise of thousands as an unsurpassed remedy for constipation. Unlike many harsh purgatives, which induce unnatural bowel action, followed again by constipation, Trutona REGULATES the bowels. Particularly during winter, the bowels should be kept in perfect condition. There is none so susceptible to colds and ills as the person who systemically takes laxatives.

Trutona is sold in Indianapolis at O. W. Brooks' Drug Store, Pennsylvania and Ohio streets; by the Heck Chair of Dependable Drug Stores and by all good druggists.—Advertisement

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FIRE SALE

Thousands of purchasers visited our Fire Sale in the last three days. We were compelled to lock our doors several times in order to handle the gigantic throngs.

Come Early Tuesday The Following Prices Speak for Themselves WAISTS—LADIES'—COATS

Silk, Georgette and Crepe de Chine, beaded and embroidered, in all colors; \$8 values,

\$2.97

Quantity is limited—Come early!

During the day we will run specials in values up to \$20 for 25c and 50c

Ladies' \$15.00	\$7.48
Furs	\$3.98
Ladies' All-Wool Sweaters, up to \$10.00 values	97c
Ladies' Flannelette Nightgowns, regular \$2.00 values	23c
Ladies' Lisle Hose, regular 50c values	1.49
Ladies' \$3.00 Union Suits	79c
Ladies' Envelope Chemises, \$2.00 values	89c
Ladies' Fancy Silk Camisoles, trimmed in embroidery and lace, all colors	39c
Men's All-Silk Neckwear, up to \$2.00 values	23c
Men's Narrow Ties	1.39
Men's Cotton Sweaters	4.98
Boys' Wool Suits	49c
Boys' Knee Pants Suits	23c
Children's Wool Sweaters, Caps and Toques; regular \$1.00 and \$1.50 values	23c



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