

Song Writers Grab Tax for Public Music
 Hotels, Cafes, Movies to Pay Toll to Authors of Popular Melodies.

"Let me write the songs of a nation and I should worry who makes its laws," was the sentiment expressed in the far distant past by some wise old bird who, like Christopher Columbus, Mr. Galileo and Professor Langley, was so far ahead of his time that he got the merry razz from all of his contemporaries.

But he was right just the same, and we know well that he undoubtedly would be one of the leading lights in the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers and would be cashing in on his musical ability at a rate that would make a war millionaire look like a street corner mendicant.

For it begins to look as if the society, which is composed of practically all the best known writers of songs and of popular music, has hit upon the softest money-making scheme in existence. It is demanding that hotels, motion picture theaters, cafes and every other class of business that uses music as an attraction to increase business take out licenses (from the society or cease playing selections written by its members).

SONG WRITERS HAVE CLOSE ORGANIZATION.

As many of the popular song writers of the day are members of the organization it means that one of three courses is open to the hotels and the other unfortunate. They can stop using music, they can fall back on "The Star-Spangled Banner," "Suwanee River" and other uncopyrighted musical selections, or they can pay the license fee.

At present there are a lot of pitiful walls ascending to high heaven about "hold-up" and "strong-arm" stuff, with occasional threats to fight the license question to the last ditch, but the society is strongly entrenched.

Edmund H. Bingham, president of the company operating the Colonial Theater, gets up the opinion of most of the plotters, business and hotel people when he said yesterday:

"There is nothing to do but to take out a license. I think it's a bad law, but it's the law just the same and all we can do is to try to get it repealed."

Here is the schedule of fees asked by the society in Indianapolis, according to B. H. Shalke, director of inspection, and Edward O. Sneed, local counsel. First-class hotel, including room, \$150 a year.

Other hotels and cafes, \$125 down to a minimum not given out.

Picture houses, at the rate of 10 cents a year for each seat.

The license for the Circle Theater, at the rate set out, would cost \$200.

FISHING CLAIMS THROUGH U. S.

It is considered that there are fifty-six section plow houses in Indianapolis in addition to the cafes, hotels and public dance halls and that the society intends to push its license right claims in every city, town and village of the United States, it can readily be figured out that these musicians are fine business people.

Along about the sixteenth century Gluck and Bach were mighty glad to get a list or two for pieces of music that has lasted through the centuries. Then Haydn, Gounod, Verdi, Mozart and other masters have fought bitter battles against poverty to produce music that has lived. From a business standpoint they certainly were not in a class with the modern composers who grind out popular music like the "Boo-Boo Blues," "Shimmy-Shaking Sal" and "Come Back the Eighteenth Amendment." With Me!

Protests made by musicians against the payment of a license fee are based largely on the fact that for years untold composers and publishers besieged musicians in public places to use their selections to popularize them. In some places high salaried "music pluggers" were employed to select selections, and it is said that in some instances orchestras charged the publishing houses for using their publications.

But with the coming of the talking machine all this changed. Now, so the story goes, the talking machine has succeeded the orchestra as a medium of popularizing musical selections. Instead of the public buying a piece of music because it had to be played in a hotel or cafe the hotel or cafe orchestra must play certain selections because their patrons demand them.

WEDE NOBLESVILLE GIRL.
 NOBLESVILLE, Ind., Feb. 2.—A marriage license has been issued in this city to Miss Thelma Curtis, daughter of Neville Curtis of Cleo, and Morton C. Haworth. The bridegroom gave his occupation as a clerk in the Indianapolis pesto office.

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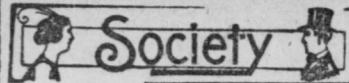
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Miss Mary Ellen Stevich has refuted the statement made by United States Senator James Reed that relief funds collected in this country were used to place Polish armies in the field of battle. Miss Stevich, who is a Leland Stanford University graduate, is in Kentucky. She, however, says she is in a position to know facts concerning the funds because she has just returned from relief work in Poland, where she has had charge of relief fund records.

The Lexington apartments announce the engagement of their daughter, Margaret, to Leigh Clarke Felton. The wedding will take place in the spring.

Mrs. R. E. Kennington, who has been attending the national board meeting of the Service Star Legion, has returned to her home, 2344 Collier avenue.

Members of the Legislative Council of Women will meet Saturday morning in the Woman's Clubroom of the Fletcher American Bank.

The second annual banquet of the Wayne County Society will be given at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday evening in the dining room of the Indianapolis Athletic Club. Reservations may be made through the secretary, Mrs. Laura Ratliff Bates, 34 West Nineteenth street. The program will include toasts, talks and musical numbers. Among the speakers will be Wilfred Jessup of Richmond.

Officers elected Wednesday at the meeting of the Marion County Council of the Woman's Auxiliary to the American Legion held in the Chamber of Commerce include Mrs. R. J. Jeffries, president; Mrs. G. W. Workman, vice president; Mrs. Paul Reddale, secretary, and Mrs. I. J. Clair, treasurer.

Miss Frances Westcott, 914 East Forty-Second street, will be hostess for the meeting of the Phi Beta Kappa sorority Saturday afternoon.

Mr. A. G. Dudley, 2603 North New Jersey street, will entertain the Woman's Auxiliary of Indianapolis post No. 4, American Legion, Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. J. E. Marcus, State president, will be a special guest.

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Dr. E. A. Willis Head of New Lions Club

The Lion's Club, a business and civic organization, held its first meeting at the Hotel Lincoln yesterday, elected officers and agreed to give aid to the starving children of Europe. China by sending 25 cents a plate for the weekly luncheon appropriation to the relief fund.

Officers elected are: Dr. Edward A. Willis, president; E. O. Steele, first vice president; Dr. H. O. Jones, second vice president; E. E. Allison, third vice presi-

dent; Roy F. Hart, secretary-treasurer; A. C. Waggoner, Roy L. Burch, O. L. Montgomery, Claude A. Rockford, C. C. Hills, Dr. H. L. Coldwell, directors.

A representative of the International Association of Lions Clubs was present. The organization is nonpolitical and non-sectarian and is composed of business and professional men. There are 185 branches in the United States and Canada, with a total membership of 10,000.

There are 7,724 women students at the various German institutions. Of these 2,050 are studying medicine.

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The variety of colors is also somewhat out of the ordinary—navy blue, black, brown, oriole, beaver, zino and Copenhagen blue. Sizes include from 16 to 44, with numerous coat styles in the larger sizes.

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—Ayres—Gown room, third floor.



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