

THE WEATHER

Unsettled weather tonight and Tuesday, with probably snow turning into rain.

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CONGRESS IN HOME STRETCH IN HARD DRIVE

Important Legislation Pending Threatened by Lack of Time.

NAVY BUDGET IN DANGER

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Congress turned in to the home stretch today in a neck and neck race against time.

With but ten legislative days remaining before the present session ends, there was every indication that some of the important legislation now on the books will never reach completion.

In the Senate the big task is the passing of appropriation bills, which already have been passed by the House. There are rumbles which forbode ill for some of these appropriation bills, particularly the naval appropriation bill. Senator Smith, of Indiana, has his intention to continue the fight to force a conference on disarmament and has given notice that he will discuss the naval appropriation bill at length. This may lead to a Senate row which will endanger the passage of the bill at this stage.

ARMY BILL DEBATE TO DELAY PROCEDURE.

The army appropriation bill, providing for reduced military forces, will also be the subject of considerable debate and will be the subject of a prolonged session by the upper body in disposing of the sum of legislation now steadily mounting.

Senator Penrose, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, intends to have the soldier bonus bill reported to the Senate this week. It is to get action on it before the close of this session, but inasmuch as this bill has been the subject of some frays, there is little hope of its rapid passage and it finally comes to a vote it is not likely to get out of conference during the present session.

HEARING OF LANDIS CASE OPENS IN HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Investigation of the impeachment charges brought against Judge K. M. Landis, of Chicago, by Representative W. H. of Ohio, started before the House Judiciary Committee today.

They told the committee that Landis should be removed from office because he holds the office of Federal Judge and arbitrator of organized baseball. He charged that bribery was the motive of baseball magnates in employing the Judge and that his holding both offices tends to nullify prosecution of Chicago players for throwing world series' games against the New York Giants and the defunct Federal League against the American and National Leagues in antitrust proceedings. The only witness to be heard today was W. H. of Ohio.

HOUSTON GIVES M'ADOO LOAN RESPONSIBILITY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Full responsibility for loans, credits and advances made by the Treasury Department to European governments was placed on (Continued on Page Two.)

MARSHALL ON PURDUE BOARD

Lafayette Publisher Succeeds W. V. Stuart, Who Resigned Because of Ill Health.

Governor Warren T. McCray announced today that Henry W. Marshall, publisher of the Lafayette Courier-Journal, had been appointed to the board of trustees of Purdue University. Mr. Marshall succeeded W. V. Stuart, also a resident of Lafayette, who was obliged to resign because of ill health.

The Governor intends to make only emergency appointments until after the Legislature meets in April, and then expects to fill the vacancies made up of his new official family in a group. In line with this plan it is considered doubtful that a change will be made in the highway commission, which came under fire last week in a report issued by the State board of accounts, and until all of the appointments are announced.

There is no doubt, however, according to those close to Governor McCray that L. H. Wright, director of the commissioners, will be asked to resign.

Man, 81, Struck by Auto; Leg Broken

John Roddman, 81, 2228 North Pennsylvania street, suffered a broken leg this afternoon when he was struck at Vermont and Delaware streets by an automobile driven by J. F. Judd, 32 Monument Circle. Mr. Roddman was walking across Vermont when he was struck and sprang from the east. Mr. Judd said he attempted to avoid striking the pedestrian, who apparently became confused. Mr. Roddman was knocked to the pavement, his left leg being broken just above the ankle. He was sent to the city hospital in the ambulance.

Admits Killing Man in Detroit Last May

Alvin Johnson, 34, negro, 719 West Walnut street, today confessed to Detectives Sneed and Trabue that he murdered a man in a fight over a poker game at Detroit, Mich., May 7, 1920. He said the man's name was Cambry. He said he went to Cambry's home after the man then came to Indianapolis, having been here eight months. The local department telephoned Detroit to learn if Johnson's statement were true.

Fire Destroys Hotel

LANCASTER, Pa., Feb. 21.—The Hotel Coelacat at Ephrata, said to be the finest country hotel in Pennsylvania, burned early today. Most of the guests lost everything except the clothes they wore. The loss is \$150,000.

WEATHER

Forecast for Indianapolis and vicinity for the twenty-four hours ending 7 p. m. yesterday was: weather tonight and Tuesday, probably snow, turning to rain; slowly rising temperature; lowest tonight about 30 degrees.

TEMPERATURE.

6 a. m.	24
7 a. m.	25
8 a. m.	27
9 a. m.	29
10 a. m.	31
11 a. m.	33
12 m.	35
1 p. m.	37
2 p. m.	37

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DEAF TO HIS EARNEST APPEALS



SHELBY STREET HEARING UPSET BY HOT CHARGES

South Siders Make Open Assertion That Interests Block Opening.

ACTION AGAIN DELAYED

After south side citizens favoring the opening of Shelby street from Washington to Maryland street and representatives of corporations claiming they would be damaged thereby had engaged in a bitter word battle the Board of Public Works today postponed final action on the resolution for the improvement until March 13. It was the fourth time final action has been postponed.

Mayor Charles W. Jewett sat with the board at the hearing and took up the gauntlet flung down by south side citizens, who charged that he has not given them their section fair representation in his appointment of members of the various boards.

Charged that "special interests" were behind the movement to block the opening of Shelby street and to open and widen Cruse street instead were the Pennsylvaia Railroad, the Frank M. Dill Coal Company and the Standard Oil Company as being among those "special interests." Representatives of these corporations denied the charges.

J. B. Downey, Thomas Callahan and Hugh D. O'Connell, a committee appointed at a mass meeting of residents of the southeast section, said the change in the Shelby street plan was favored. This statement was in plain language and provoked most of the bitter discussion which followed its reading by Mr. Downey.

DECLARE COST MISREPRESENTED.

It was set out that opponents of the Shelby street opening have obtained signatures to a remonstrance against it by representing that the improvement would cost each property owner within the district to be assessed for it as much as \$250. The committee denied this, asserting the entire cost of obtaining the ground necessary for the improvement would be not more than \$5,000, which would be apportioned among a thousand or more property owners.

Frank A. Davidson, attorney for the Pennsylvania Railroad, made a long speech in which he declared the committee was in error on its estimate of the (Continued on Page Two.)

LEMCKE TO COP \$10,500 SLICE IN POLL TAX DRIVE

Treasurer's Share and Added Charges Nearly Equal Principal Amount.

MAY SEIZE FURNITURE

Agents of County Treasurer Ralph A. Lemcke are attempting to collect fees totaling approximately \$10,500 from nearly 21,000 male voters of Marion County who are said to be delinquent in paying their 1919 poll tax.

Under the system used by Mr. Lemcke in collecting approximately \$42,000 in delinquent poll taxes for 1919, the costs and fees nearly equal the \$2 in each case of delinquency.

The delinquent's cost and penalty is \$2.50 which includes interest.

Costs—30 cents demand fee, which belongs to the treasurer; 10 cents for constable fee and 10 cents a mile.

COUNTY TREASURER GETS HIS SLICE.

For example, a voter living in the 1500 block on Samson street who is delinquent will receive a notice made up as follows:

Tax—\$2.50 which includes interest.

Costs—30 cents demand fee, which belongs to the treasurer; 10 cents for constable fee and 10 cents a mile.

INJUNCTION IS ISSUED IN RAIL RATE QUESTION

Federal Judges Forbid State Interference in Roads' Operations.

SUPREME TEST AWAITED

An interlocutory injunction forbidding the Public Service Commission from interfering in any way with the interstate carriers in putting into effect the schedule of freight and passenger rates for intrastate traffic in Indiana authorized by the Interstate Commerce Commission last week, was granted in Federal Court today by Judges Francis E. Baker and George T. Page of the Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago and Judge Albert B. Anderson of the Indiana District Court.

The order in question raised interstate rates in Indiana to a level with interstate rates for the same classes of traffic.

FOUR-THREE ROADS AFFECTED.

Forty-three railroads in the State are affected by the order, although only twenty-six of them have filed bills to date. The case was tried solely on the complaint of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, which filed a bill of complaint against the State and railroads it represents for the State and railroads it was agreed that the finding in the one case should apply to all.

It also was stipulated that the suit for injunction filed last week by the public service commission against the Interstate Commerce Commission should be dismissed.

The proceedings were wholly of a formal nature, Morrison R. Waite, general counsel for the railroads, and Frank C. Ell, attorney for the State and railroads it was agreed that the finding in the one case should apply to all.

The proceedings agreed in only one particular, that the question discussed was the relation of the city purchasing department to the board of public works and the city council in the matter of important sources of equipment.

The railroads agreed to let the city purchase equipment under way, and it was to get a clear understanding of procedure that the conference was called, it is said.

FEAR ANOTHER CONTROVERSY.

Mr. Ritter and the board of works engaged in a long and heated controversy recently over the type of motor trucks to be purchased for the city and building department.

Forgetting entirely the city's

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offered to buy the equipment

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