

## STATEHOUSE IS UNCERTAIN IN 'OUTING DRIVE'

Governor Continues Firing and Appointing and Capitol Is in Turmoil.

### EXPECT ROBINSON O. K.

The State purchasing committee when it meets here Friday is expected to ratify the appointment of Fred B. Robinson, one of Governor Warren T. McCrary's former campaign managers, as its secretary. The Governor has announced he has appointed Mr. Robinson, although he law provides that secretary of the committee shall be appointed by the committee upon request and with the consent of the Governor. Maurice Shelton, who handed his resignation to the committee last Friday, is expected to retire Friday when the committee is expected to accept his resignation.

The Governor also has announced six other appointments. He continued to carry out his program of eliminating Goodrich employees from the state when Chester W. Loughry of Monticello would not be named. Litschert as secretary of the public service commission after May 1. Mr. Litschert was private secretary to former Governor James P. Goodrich. He was appointed secretary of the commission just before the latter's term expired. Mr. Loughry is interested in the milling business. He is a graduate of Indiana University and of the Indiana University School of Law.

The Rev. Loudon A. Harriman of Princeton was named a member of the board of State charities to succeed DeMarchus Brown. The Rev. Mr. Harriman was formerly assistant pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of Indianapolis. He has been active in National Guard affairs.

The Board of the Governor to respond Mr. Brown was said at the Statehouse to be a forrunner of an attempt to oust Amos Butler as secretary of the board of State charities. Mr. Brown was a member of the board for more than twenty-seven years, having been appointed in 1883.

### STATEHOUSE HABITUÉS ARE SLEEPLESS.

T. F. Fitzgibbon of Muncie was named a member of the board of trustees of the School for Feeble-Minded Youth at Ft. Wayne to succeed W. P. Walsh of Frankfort.

D. N. Foster of Ft. Wayne, Finley Nash of Garrett and Dr. T. Victor Keene of Indianapolis were named members of the newly created Lawton monument commission. The commission will have charge of the erection of a monument to Gen. Lawton at Arlington cemetery.

State employees and office holders of the Statehouse are also showing signs of worry as to what of the deliberate way Governor T. McCrary has taken in making many of his appointments. "Have you heard anything from the Governor's office?" is the question that greets a visitor in nearly every one of the State offices.

The Governor began by asking several Goodrich appointees to resign, and in his reason that he desired to appoint others in their places. The blow fell in some of the most unexpected places and nearly everybody in the Statehouse who was not appointed by the present administration is spending a large part of his time watching the door for the entrance of a messenger bearing a peat envelope containing a curt note which spells disaster.

**FIRE DAMPERS ON DEPARTMENT'S WORK.**

As a result of the Governor's deliberate attitude, the work is slowing down in some of the departments.

The State board of tax commissioners began its work of assessing public utilities today with a vacancy in their midst. This vacancy was caused by the resignation of Fred A. Sims, Republican. Although Mr. Sims resigned several weeks ago, the Governor had not appointed his successor. The work of the board is being done by the other two members, John Brown, Republican, and Philip Zercher, Democrat.

Affairs are even worse in the office of the State highway commission. It has been reported that at least two members of the commission have resigned and that L. H. Wright, director, is to be succeeded by Lawrence Lyons, one of Governor McCrary's former campaign managers. Pending official action, the board has decided to let no contracts. For this reason proposed new work is at a standstill, despite the fact that it is now late in the season for contract letting.

Affairs in the Indiana Guard are moving slowly, due to the uncertainty of members as to what they will do. It has been reported that the State live stock sanitary commission has been asked to resign, and with it Dr. L. E. Northrup, State veterinarian. The term of H. H. Friedley, State fire marshal, has expired and his successor has not been appointed.

## BRITAIN'S PLAN TO STAY LABOR WAR REJECTED

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guards and attacked the workers who had refused to walk out.

Four policemen and several employees were injured. The rioters penetrated the pit of one mine and smashed much machinery.

At Shotton an overseer was killed and a manager seriously injured in a mine explosion, the cause of which is still undetermined, although it is suspected to be due to sabotage.

In Levenfshire, a group of miners led by George Morgan marched on the miners' houses and forced the stoners and other workers to abandon their jobs.

**LOOKED ON AS SHREWD PLAY FOR MORE TIME.**

The government's reported proposition is conceded in all quarters to be a shrewd play for time, even the strongest sympathizers with the mine strike believe the miners will have difficulty to reject it without laying themselves open to public disapproval on the ground of stubbornness and defiance.

The question whether the two other partners of the triple alliance—rall men and transport workers—will join the miners in a sympathetic strike was to be decided tomorrow at a conference of all the delegates without power to authorize a general walkout. It is held probable, however, that the P. T. A. accepts the premier's foreshadowed proposition action will be postponed, especially inasmuch as J. H. Thomas, head of the rail men and most powerful of the labor leaders in Britain, favors a general walkout only as a last remedy after all attempts at settlement have broken down.

### Deckers to Enter Pleas of Not Guilty

Special to The Times.

WARSAW, Ind., April 5.—Pleas of not guilty will be entered by Mrs. Lydia Decker and her three sons when they are arraigned in court here next Monday to face a grand jury indictment charging them with first degree murder. Robert Buhler, their attorney, said to-day:

The Deckers are charged with slaying

### Chautauqua Worker



MRS. IDA B. COLE.

An interesting visitor in the city this week is Mrs. Ida B. Cole, secretary of the Chautauqua C. L. S. C. of New York, who came yesterday to visit the Chautauqua circles of Indianapolis, including the Heyl Study Club, the Irionton and Vincent Chautauqua Study Clubs. She is the house guest of Mrs. W. D. Long at 1716 North Delaware street, during her stay here.

## U. S. INFORMS JAPS FIRMLY

### New Note on Yap Controversy Is Positive in Tone.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—The United States has addressed a note to Japan on the Yap controversy and the subject of mandates in general which is understood to be much sharper in tone than any of its predecessors, it was learned here today.

The new communication is the latest in a series of diplomatic exchanges which has taken place in the wake of the Yap controversy. The latest cable conference began trying to dispose of the former German cables in the Pacific to which Japan has stubbornly advanced claims under the mandate powers assigned her by the league of nations.

Copies of this latest communication have been forwarded to the governments of Great Britain and France as interest in the Yap mandate controversy is also being manifested.

It is understood that the United States positively declined to admit in this communication that this government ever gave its consent to the division of the islands of the Pacific, north and south of the equator, between Great Britain and Japan.

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