

## AUTHORITY IN CAR REROUTING IS TO BE FIXED Uncertainty in Whether Works Board or Council Has Powers. CONFERENCE PLANNED

Definite determination of whether the public service commission or the board of public works of the city of Indianapolis will have control over rerouting, and other such service conditions of the Indianapolis Street Railway Company after the company surrenders its franchise, will be sought by the board, President H. Miller announced today.

Announcement that the public service commission and the city council will conduct an investigation preliminary to the rerouting of street cars in the downtown district and the realization that hundreds of others matters involving the point of who is in control will come up as soon as the franchise is surrendered by the Indianapolis Street Railway Company but other utilities are given up under the new State law to become effective when promulgated by Governor Warren T. McCray, caused the board to have the problem settled, Mr. Miller said.

"We are going to take up with the public service commission the question of to what extent they are going to exercise control over the utilities of the city of Indianapolis," read a statement which Mr. Miller dictated. "Heretofore it has been the understanding that the board of public works has jurisdiction over extensions, alterations and service conditions. We believe there should be no conflict of authority in this matter and we will seek an understanding."

### CLAIMS COUNCIL HAS NO AUTHORITY.

Members of the board expressed surprise that the city council would be asked to participate in the re-routing scheme since it has generally been understood heretofore that the council had no power whatever to change the routing, this right being reserved exclusively to the board of public works by the franchise law.

At the conference of the city council with the public service commission last Friday night Corporation Counsel Samuel H. Byrd advised that the city council would have no authority to surrender its franchise to the city, instead of the board of works, which represents the city in dealings with utilities.

Members of the board of works held the opinion that under the new law they will continue to have original jurisdiction over the utilities, but that the city council will have the right to appeal to the public service commission in case they do not like orders issued by the board. It is pointed out that it would be practically impossible for the board of the public service commission to take over the duties incident to regulation of service conditions now exercised by the board of works. The board of works are dozens of minor orders issued, such as permits to use poles and to cut into pavements in order to lay cables or pipes.

### NEW BOARD MEMBER TAKES SEAT.

Richard A. Shirley, new Democratic member of the board of public works, qualified and took his chair for the first time today. His appointment was announced by Mayor Charles W. Jewett last week.

Following a conference with officials of the Indianapolis Water Company the board announced the company has laid 12,294 feet of main pipe this year, which is more than has been put in in the same time within the past eight years. The company has an agreement with the board to lay 100,000 feet per year.

Charles Ambrose, assistant superintendent of the municipal garage, was promoted to superintendent when the resignation of Superintendent Herbert H. Watson was accepted. Mr. Ambrose will take a position with the local branch of the Mack International Motor Company. Ebert Oltman, a mechanic at the municipal garage, was promoted to assistant superintendent. The salary of the superintendent is \$2,200 per year.

### TENTH STREET SEWER GOES BEGGING.

No bids were received for the East Tenth street sewer from twenty-two feet east of Denny street to 135 feet east of Hawthorne lane.

Bids were received as follows:

Permanent improvement of Twenty-Eighth street from Illinois street to the city limits: American Construction Company, bituminous concrete, \$3.69 per lineal foot; Mansfield Engineering Company, bituminous concrete, \$3.75.

Permanent improvement of Shelby street from Front street to the city limits: American Construction Company, asphalt, \$1.47 per lineal foot; American Construction Company, asphalt, \$1.60; American Construction Company, asphalt, \$1.70.

Permanent improvement of Berkeley road from Belmont street to the city limits: American Construction Company, asphalt, \$1.51 per lineal foot and concrete, \$1.60; J. N. Morgan & Son, asphalt, \$1.58 and bituminous concrete, \$1.65.

Permanent improvement of Station street from Twenty-first street to the city limits: American Construction Company, asphalt, \$1.54 per lineal foot; American Construction Company, asphalt, \$1.60; American Construction Company, asphalt, \$1.70.

Grading and curbing in Station street from Twenty-first street to the city limits: American Construction Company, \$1.64 per lineal foot; American Construction Company, \$1.70; American Construction Company, \$1.80; American Construction Company, \$1.90.

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## Germany Speeding Back to Normalcy

Guy A. Wainwright, in speaking at the luncheon of the Rotary Club at the Claypool Hotel yesterday, said that German industry and commerce is picking up rapidly, and he urged a high protective tariff as the only means of preventing German-made goods from flooding American markets.

Mr. Wainwright, who recently returned from a two-month business trip to a number of European countries, said that while business conditions generally are dull in other European countries Germany is coming back to normal rapidly.

## 2 AIR ROUTES DISCONTINUED

Lack of Funds to Maintain Mail Planes Cuts Service.

WASHINGTON, June 1.—Discontinuance of the Chicago to St. Louis and Chicago to St. Paul air mail routes July 1, was announced by the Postoffice Department today.

The reason for the discontinuance of these routes was said to be the same as in the case of the New York-Washington route recently, lack of funds for their maintenance.

CHICAGO, June 1.—Eugene Majors, superintendent of the Omaha-Cleveland division of the air mail service, and five others today were suspended.

The suspension comes as a result of an investigation by Charles Clapham, post office inspector, who delivered charges that mail flyers were killed because of faulty planes and carelessness of ground men.

Five pilots have met death in the division in the last few months.

Majors said the charges against him were absurd and said he would be reinstated.

## MARION DEFEATS COMMISSION PLAN

MARION, Ind., June 1.—A special election held in this city Tuesday, the first to be held in the State under the Knapp law, to decide on the question of the adoption of the city-manager form of government, resulted in a decisive victory for the city council plan.

The total vote of 7,334 ballots tallied 5,745 against the proposition, with only 1,589 in its favor.

The vote was several thousand short of the total vote of the city. It is estimated that 50 per cent of those who voted were women. The proponents of the city-manager plan were only able to carry one precinct in the city, the Fifth precinct in the First ward.

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Program for Twenty-Fifth Annual Conclave Is Announced.

The twenty-fifth annual convention of the Indiana Bankers' Association will be held at the Claypool Hotel Wednesday and Thursday, June 22 and 23. Tuesday evening, June 21, there will be a get-together meeting in the summer garden of the hotel according to the program announced today.

The program for the opening session of the convention Wednesday morning, provides for an invocation by the Rev. B. Philpott, Indianapolis, and a prayer of welcome by Governor Warren T. McCray; a response by Henry Reis, president of the Old State National Bank of Indianapolis; an address by the president of the association, Charles L. Ziegler of the First National Bank of South Bend; the report of the treasurer, Basil J. Graesspacher of Jasper; the report of the secretary, Andrew Smith, Indianapolis; an address by A. M. Taylor, president of the First Trust and Savings Bank, and the appointment of committees; an address on "Our-elves and Others, Incorporated," by George E. Allen, deputy manager, State Bank division, Indianapolis; an address by John H. Puelcher, second vice president, American Bankers' Association, Milwaukee.

A. MEMBERS WILL MEET.

Immediately following the noon adjournment, Wednesday, a meeting will be held by the members of the American Bankers' Association in Indiana to elect delegates to the Fifty-third Annual Convention of the A. B. A., vice president for the A. B. A. for Indiana, a member to serve on the A. B. A. nominating committee at the Los Angeles convention, and vice president for Indiana for each of the following sections: Trust company section, savings bank section, State bank section and national bank section.

The program for Wednesday afternoon, June 22, includes an address on "Our Investment in Employees," by Mrs. Evelyn Aldrich, New York City; an address on "The Revenue Act of 1921—Some Provisions It Should Contain," by Theodore S. Gandy of the Fidelity National Bank and Trust Company of Kansas City, Mo.; an address on "Putting Enthusiasm into the Banking Business," by William Gamson Rose, president, William Gamson Rose, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio.

AWARD PRIZES AT CLOSING SESSION.

The program for the closing session Thursday morning includes a report of the committee on the election of officers, the awarding of a prize to the group chairman reporting the greatest percentage of county organizations this year; a general discussion of county association activities and practical banking topics.

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## Boys Say They Will Steal, if Necessary to Get Sentences

Special to The Times.

COLUMBUS, Ind., June 1.—The 10 and 11-year-old sons of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvia Craig, who live on a farm near here, told Judge John W. Donaker in Circuit Court today that they would steal something so that they would have to commit them to the Reform School for Boys; but he would not do it at their request.

The boys appeared before the judge with their parents and said they wanted to go to the Reform School. The parents requested that the boys be sent to the school, saying they could not control them.

## JUDGE SAYS GIRL OF 6 CAN'T TAKE MURDER STAND

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I was below carrying it away. Benny was over here by the side of the house and he was a bright little youngster, with big brown eyes and pale skin. He was a person from a person much older.

CECIL QUIETS MOTHER'S TEARS.

He turned to his mother occasionally to quiet her fears. Mrs. Burkett, nervous and hovering over her seven children like a fear-torn bird, kept looking at her accused son with anxious eyes. First she would stare at him, then she would turn to his mother and then turn to wipe the baby's little nose.

Clara Slavin II testified earlier that she heard Benny say, "I shot me."

Fredrick Schumann also was a witness for the defense.

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