

## INDIANA LAW PROVES BOARD'S ACTION ILLEGAL

Clearly Defines Methods for Abolishment of Any Township.

## PROVIDES FOR REMOVAL

The steam roller used by the Marion County commissioners in abolishing Pike Township by resolution as a rush order of business in an attempt to prevent Clements Purdy, trustee of Pike Township, from casting his vote for Lee E. Swalls as county superintendent of schools, today appears to have struck a stone wall.

The commissioners in their haste to "oust" Mr. Purdy following a visit of Commissioners Shank and Tuteviller to him the Saturday preceding the meeting of the county board of education, appear to have failed to acquaint themselves with the law.

That the county commissioners failed to obey the statutes when they attempted to oust Trustee Purdy under the guise of a resolution abolishing Pike Township and making it a part of Wayne Township, is shown by the Bureau of Annotated Indiana Statutes, revision of 1908, in defining the method of removing certain officials, including township trustees.

The statutes provide in Section 9618, that the only way township trustees can be removed for the period for which he is elected is by impeachment proceeding.

**STATUTES CLEARLY DEFINE PROCEDURE.**

The words of the statutes on this subject are as follows: "An accusation in writing against any district, county, township or municipal officer, or justice of the peace, or prosecuting attorney may be preferred to the grand jury of the county for which he in which the officer is elected or appointed."

Mr. Purdy was asked to state whether the following extract from his speech quoted him correctly:

"There are many in our country who

## DECKER'S 'GIRL' TO BE PLACED ON STAND AGAIN

To Testify About Confession Made to Her by Virgil.

Special to The Times.

WARSAW, Ind., June 9.—Little Carrie Eggleston, the 15-year-old sweetheart of Virgil Decker, may be called to the witness stand again in the boy's murder trial to testify regarding a whispered conversation between them in the courtroom during a recess the other day.

"I didn't kill Leroy Lovett, but I'm afraid to tell who I was," Virgil is said to have told the girl. "They left me to get rid of the body."

Prosecuting attorneys refused to say whether this would be placed before the jury. They learned of it from a farmer, who said he overheard the conversation and hurriedly made inquiries of officers of Elkhart, where Carrie lives.

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**FIRE DESTROYS BARN.**

Fire of unknown origin destroyed a two-story barn owned by O. H. Thompson, 313 Hanson avenue, last night. The loss is estimated at \$1,500.

## BATTLE HOURS WITH MADMAN

Barricaded Man Kills Two as Toledo Police Storm House.

TOLEDO, Ohio, June 9.—Machine guns, rifles, pistols and sulphur cartridges were used by the police here, in getting James Edward Kelly, a waifer, who had killed Patrolman Harry Dowell and Harold Mossburger, and who, barricaded in the attic of the house in which he lived, held off almost the entire police force for 12 hours.

After the machine guns had been brought into play the house at 611 Walnut street, near the business district, was rushed and Kelly, with both his guns loaded, was found lying across a cot dead. He had been hit twice.

Kelly flourished a revolver and announced that no policeman would take him alive when Mrs. Nellie Keys tried to collect \$75 which the man owed her for rent.

**Mellon Will Confer With Bankers Soon**

WASHINGTON, June 9.—Secretary Mellon and probably Secretary Wallace will confer with western bankers in about a week, it was learned today.

Invitations to the conference which will be held at the White House will go out within a day or two.

## WEATHER

Forecast for Indianapolis and vicinity for Friday, June 10, 1921. Unsettled weather to night and Friday; probably thunder showers. Little change in temperature.

## HOURLY TEMPERATURE

6 a. m.	66
7 a. m.	65
8 a. m.	64
9 a. m.	69
10 a. m.	70
11 a. m. (noon)	70
1 p. m.	71
2 p. m.	74

## Denby to Act Firmly if Sims Anti-Sinn Fein Talk Proves True as Reported

Secretary's Inquiry of Admiral Affects Latter's Future—Interest in Reply Keen.

WASHINGTON, June 9.—The future of Admiral Williams Sims in the Navy was to be binged today on the reply he makes to Secretary Denby's inquiry on Sims' anti-Sinn Fein speech in London. If Sims can repudiate press reports of his speech it was assumed the matter will drop, but if the accuracy of the account is admitted, Denby, it was said, is prepared to take summary action. President Harding is being urged to act also.

There was the possibility of a long controversy over the propriety of the admiral's remarks, naval regulations in such matters being regarded as highly elastic.

Sims' reply to the secretary's cable was awaited with the keenest interest. His secretary, before the English Speaking Union Club in London that afternoon should be paid to Irish sympathizers in America and other stronger Starks had caused a sensation here.

There was a strong belief that Sims' latest "indiscretion" might threaten his career in the navy. For years the admiral had borne a record as an "insurgent" and was reprimanded by secretary and President. Some of his officers criticized his latest speech because it was made in London and the admiral had the reputation of being strongly pro-British. He himself, has laughingly pointed out that he was described as "the best British admiral in the American Navy."

Sims' sympathies first got him into trouble in 1919, when, in a speech at Guild Hall, London, he declared that the United States would go to her aid. He drew a rebuke from the Secretary of the Navy at that time. After the war he was involved in a long controversy with Secretary Daniels when he refused to accept a medal for his war services on the ground that many undeserving officers had been decorated.

Denby asked Sims to state whether the following extract from his speech quoted him correctly:

"There are many in our country who

Sims Says He'll Not Repudiate 'a Word' of London Speech

LONDON, June 9.—"I have no reason to believe I was misquoted in cable accounts of my speech before the English Speaking Union Club in London. William Sims said the United Press today. Sims said he had not received the cable sent by Secretary Denby asking if the Anti-Sinn Fein quotations were correct.

"I presume Irish politicians in the United States are trying to stir up trouble," he said.

Sims said he could not comment on the secretary's action in cabling him. He did not appear greatly worried over the necessity of repudiating the "word" of repudiation.

"I said nothing that I have not said dozens of times in the United States and in my book," he declared.

Secretary Denby's cablegram, demanding verification of Admiral Sims' anti-Sinn Fein speech here, was received by the American Embassy at 2:50 p. m.

technically are Americans, naturalized and born there, but none of them Americans at all. They are Americans when they want money, but Sinn Feiners on the platform. They are making war on America today. The simple truth is that they have the blood of English and American boys on their hands. They are like zebras, either black with white stripes or white with black stripes. But we know they are not horses—they are asses. But each of these asses has a vote and there are a lot of them."

## SENATE VOTES TO PROBE SIMS TALK

WASHINGTON, June 9.—An investigation by the Senate Naval Affairs Committee to determine whether Admiral Sims was correctly quoted in his recent London speech as referring to American sympathizers with the Irish cause is to be held in a hearing to be held in the Senate today without a record vote.

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## SHANK FORCES CONTROL PARTY AFFAIRS FULLY

Clever Movement Switches Platform Committee to Advisory Body.

## WRECKED VEHICLE MUTE

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So quickly, and so neatly was the change made, and so well were the interests of Samuel Lewis Shank, candidate for mayor, protected, that the few agents of the defeated News-Journal machine could not utter one word of protest. They sat quietly and took an unexpected beating.

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