

## HOUSTON IS IN CENTER OF OIL PRODUCTION

Sulphur, Salt and Ship Interests Recently Acquired.

### BUSINESS ACTIVE

Deep Waterway Leads Ocean Vessels to Wharves.

Special to Indiana Daily Times and Philadelphia Public Ledger.

By RICHARD SPILLANE.

HOUSTON, Texas, Oct. 24.—Once Houston's interests were centered largely on cotton and cattle, wheat and lumber. Now they include oil and sulphur, salt and ships.

The city is the center of a great oil producing region, and, as if it does not have enough to draw upon, the West Columbia, Blue Ridge, Goose Creek, Humble and various other fields, that of the Mexico district, has been added lately.

Like Los Angeles, Houston has made a port for itself. It had in Buffalo Bayou a waterway that light draft vessels could navigate in. It was the aid of the Government it has deepened and widened this stream and today ocean-going craft can come up to the turning basin within the city limits.

**OIL ACTIVITIES BRING IMPROVEMENTS.**

For eight miles along the fifty miles of available water frontage the ship channel is dotted with warehouses and wharves, cotton compresses, oil refineries, grain elevators and various industrial establishments. There are oil pipe lines and pumping stations and tank farms galore. Of oil refineries alone there are eleven, including the Sinclair, Galena, Signal, Crown, Kosh and Woolf, Deep Water, Patex, Mogul, Humble, Turbow, Port Houston and Laporte companies.

Houston has faith in becoming a great port. In 1920, the first full year of the port's activities, its commerce, foreign and domestic, aggregated 1,110,240 tons, of \$22,301,162 value. This year's total probably will be less. There is more movement of grain, but the cotton crop is very short and the oil business is not so hot as it was last year.

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## MIAMI SUICIDE IS NOT SPURGIN, MISSING BANKER

Unidentified Man Not as Large as Chicagoan, Who Is in Mexico.

MIAMI, Fla., Oct. 24.—Denial that the body found in the Pershing Hotel here Friday is that of Warren C. Spurgin, missing president of the Michigan Avenue Trust Company of Chicago, was made here today by Chicagoans in this city. The suicide, it is stated, was a man of only five feet ten inches, while Spurgin, it is said, is six feet six inches. The body here weighed 160 pounds, while Spurgin, it is declared, weighed a hundred pounds more than this figure.

### SPURGIN STILL IN MEXICO

MARFA, Texas, Oct. 24.—The idea that the body of the "mystery man" found in a hotel at Miami, Fla., is that of Warren C. Spurgin, absconding head of the Michigan Avenue Trust Company of Chicago, is scouted by the district manager of a nationally known detective agency who traced Spurgin to Chihuahua, Mexico.

"It is either a case of mistaken identity or a ruse to try and get us off the trail. I received a telegram Sunday from my men in Chihuahua and he still was there," the district head announced.

### DAUGHTER ON WAY TO MIAMI

CHICAGO, Oct. 24.—Miss Virginia Spurgin, daughter of Warren C. Spurgin, absconding Chicago banker, left here today for Miami, Fla., where her father was discovered a suicide in his room in the Pershing Hotel, to confirm the identification of the body and bring it back for burial.

Spurgin shot himself through the head. The body was identified by W. E. Bennett of Miami, a former Chicago banker who up to two years ago was an intimate friend of the fugitive banker. Spurgin had registered at the hotel as "C. Hayden, New York."

Publication of "Hayden's" photograph in a Miami paper resulted in the identification, Bennett recognizing the picture as that of Spurgin.

Spurgin, who disappeared July 21, following the discovery of a \$1,000,000 shortage in the accounts of the Michigan Avenue Trust Company, of which he was president, was "broke" when he killed himself. Before ending his life, he tried to destroy every clue to his identity.

Miami authorities said Spurgin had been in that city two weeks and that he appeared to be worried and despondent. For several months the police had been on the trail of Spurgin, their hunt leading into all parts of the country and to Mexico.

### Canadian Boat Wins

HALIFAX, N. S., Oct. 24.—The schooner Blue Rose of Lunenburg, by winning today's race with the Gloucester schooner Elsie, in five hours and twenty minutes, lifted the International Fishermen's trophy, won last year by the Gloucester schooner Esperanto.

### WEATHER

Forecast for Indianapolis and vicinity for the twenty-four hours ending 7 p. m., Oct. 25, 1921:

Fair and warmer tonight and Tuesday; increasing cloudiness.

HOURLY TEMPERATURE.

7 a. m. .... 54  
8 a. m. .... 54  
9 a. m. .... 54  
10 a. m. .... 54  
11 a. m. .... 54  
12 (noon) .... 54  
1 p. m. .... 54

## Republican Party on Brink of Disaster Because of Dilatory Tactics of Congress

Threatening Muttters From Business on Increase.

Special to Indiana Daily Times and Philadelphia Public Ledger.

By FREDERICK WILLIAM WILE.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—That the Republican party is on the brink of disaster is the conclusion frankly reached at a conference of leaders in Washington last week. Conceded failure of the huge G. O. P. majority in Congress to satisfy the country's expectations of taxation and tariff reform is the cause of alarm. What leaders said to themselves, in cold-blooded candor, is that the party has not kept its campaign pledges to the people. They are convinced the situation is such as to threaten overwhelming rebuke in the 1922 elections.

No one is more upset over the state of affairs than Senator Penrose. He did not mince words in his discussion of it with organization officials. The chairman of the Senate Finance Committee told them it is plain as daylight that the G. O. P. is "slipping"—and "slipping" to possibly irretrievable depths.

The insurgent Republicans in the Senate, notably the "farm bloc," primarily are blamed for clogging the legislative wheels and frustrating the Administration's plighted business program. It is the "Ken-Cap-Klan"—Senator Moses' picturesque nickname for the Western agricultural group headed by Senators Kenyon and Capper—keeps up its fight on the tax bill, the railroad-funding scheme and the foreign debt project recommended by Secretary Mellon.

Republican leaders, make no bones about saying the jig is up.

The party, they lugubriously lament, might as well get ready for defeat at next year's congressional polls. Senator Penrose is quoted as having said the Republican majority in Congress already has met its Waterloo. He declares the humiliation is all the hands to blame, because it has been brought about from within, and not from without the organization's own ranks.

**ORGANIZATION LEADERS RAYSTEN TO WASHINGTON.**

Feeling that Washington often is over dangerously out of touch with popular sentiment, Republican organization leaders hastened to the Capital to reflect it. Many of them came with blood in their eyes. What they had to report

was that the party was in a state of confusion. The party was in a state of confusion. The party was in a state of confusion.

Supreme Court Holds Suits for Recovery Unlawful.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—The Supreme Court of the United States today decided that suits cannot be maintained against a collector of internal revenue to recover back taxes alleged to have been exacted illegally by and paid to his predecessor in office.

The Indiana Steel Company brought such action against Collector Sonleuck, at Chicago. The Circuit Court of Appeals at Chicago asked the Supreme Court to decide the question involved.

The conviction and sentence of A. C. Townley and Joseph Gilbert of the National Nonpartisan League for violation of the Minnesota law against interference with the draft or selective service law and the sale of Liberty bonds, must stand. The Supreme Court of the United States refused an appeal from the judgment of the lower courts.

The court set for argument the Wisconsin rate cases on Dec. 3 and the North Dakota rate cases on Jan. 3. These cases involve the legality of provisions of the transportation act of 1920, having to do with intrastate traffic and rates.

The court dismissed the appeal for rehearing brought by the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, contesting lower court decision.

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### MRS. BURKETT GETS SENTENCE

Hillsdale (Ind.) Woman, Who Forged Roosevelt Note, Goes to Prison.

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—Emma Richardson Burkett, Hillsdale, Ind., sentenced to from six months to three years in the penitentiary today by Judge Alfred J. Talley for forging the name of the late Col. Theodore Roosevelt to a note.

Her husband, George Burkett, of Hillsdale, conferred with Judge Talley before sentence was passed. He said his wife was considered a "crank" in Hillsdale and that she had acted "mysteriously" for several years. He said she was once convicted of attempting to defraud through use of the mails.

**ATTACK POLISH VILLAGES.**

LONDON, Oct. 24.—Bands of armed Germans were attacking Polish villages and have clashed with French soldiers, according to a dispatch from Benben, a Silesian town, stated today.

### Blood-Soaked Cotton, Cigar Stubs and Sweepings Used in Mattresses, Morgan Says

Evidence to show that there have been and are hundreds of mattresses offered for sale in Indianapolis department, furniture and second hand stores, unlabelled in violation of State laws and filled with such refuse as blood-soaked cotton, filth of abandoned mattresses, cigar stubs and floor sweepings, and that such mattresses are being manufactured by certain concerns in Indianapolis will be turned over to William P. Morgan, prosecuting attorney, in a few days by Dr. H. C. Morgan, secretary of the board of public health.

"I would not be surprised if we find that some of these mattresses are in use

### Plan Long Hours to Make Senate Act on Tax Bill

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—By holding the Senate in session from early morning until late at night, Republican leaders planned today a determined drive to force passage of the pending compromise tax bill by the end of this or the early part of next week.

Sessions from 10 a. m. to midnight, if necessary, were suggested by Senators Penrose, Republican Pennsylvania, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, in charge of the bill, to avoid what he described as "needless and frivolous delays." Senator Lodge, Massachusetts, Republican leader, and Curtis, Kansas, Republican whip, agreed to join with Penrose in bringing pressure to compel a full attendance of the Senate on the bill at all hours. Democratic leaders arranged to have their side constantly on hand in anticipation of the bitter fight brewing over the proposed repeal of the excess profits tax.

In a nutshell, is that the Nation is satisfied with President Harding—that his popularity is unmistakably on the increase—but that disgust with the tactics and "politics" of Congress is vast and widespread. The view that President Harding is more or less on probation at the moment in connection with the railroad strike. They declared the country as a whole was ready for any kind of leadership in the railroad war except weakness—that if Mr. Harding showed any inclination to yield the line to the railroad, the country would be inflamed now concentrated on Capitol Hill inevitably would be widened to include the White House.

Leaders pointed out it would be impossible to exaggerate the disaffection in the business world with Congress failure to effect tax reform. Financiers, manufacturers, merchants, small fry trades peoples of all sorts, traditionally rock-ribbed in Republican loyalty, now can be heard threatening, from one end of the Capitol to the other, to desert the party at the first opportunity unless action

is taken. The situation, in all its naked menace, fairly and squarely has been laid before President Harding. Because Republican leaders have exposed to the public the fact of the party with complete frankness, they are leaving Washington in the hope he may put his shoulder to the wheel to some purpose. But as they certify the determined and truculent demeanor of the farm bloc insurgents and their Democratic allies, their confidence is not quite 100 per cent that even Mr. Harding can check a procedure that seems to foreshadow a probing at the hands of a disillusioned electorate. The prospect of an anti-Administration Congress in 1922 looms today, leaders concede, as a definite possibility. Copyright, 1921, by Public Ledger Company.

### Jitneys Ordered Out of Des Moines; Cars Start Tonight

DES MOINES, Iowa, Oct. 24.—Buses were ordered from the streets of Des Moines today by city police. The service, halted two weeks ago, will be resumed late today.

Federal Judge Wade ordered cars locked up in the barns when the company, which owned the cars, failed to pay \$55,000 a month due to competition of buses which charged only 5 cents a ride while the trolley fare was 8 cents. The new franchise includes the old rate of fare.

### WILMETH MADE A DEFENDANT IN HARTMAN SUIT

Contented He's Legal Candidate for City Judge on G. O. P. Ticket.

Delbert O. Wilmeth, who was named by the Republican city committee as the Republican candidate for city judge today, was made a party defendant in a suit brought by J. Herbert Hartman, who was nominated as the candidate, to maintain the city board of election commissioners in the hands of the receiver, Justices of the Supreme Court, in his petition, declared he is the Republican candidate for judge and is recognized as such, and that he is the only legally qualified candidate for city judge. He contended that Hartman is not qualified.

Mr. Wilmeth said he was pleading "his right to protect his right as such a candidate." It was stated that the receiver's pleadings will be filed in Mr. Wilmeth's behalf some time today. Attorneys representing Mr. Wilmeth are Keating & Hugg, Hanna, Hally, Linton A. Cox and William E. Kelley.

Judge W. W. Thornton of Superior Court room 1, announced that he would hear the application for an injunction designed to keep the name of Mr. Wilmeth out of the Republican ticket at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. The court (Continued on Page Two.)

### MORE DELAY IN POWELL'S CASE; UP NEXT NOV. 14

More delay in the actual hearing of the case of Perry E. Powell, 3400 Carroll avenue, a real estate man, who is said to be a former minister, charged with contributing to the delinquency of Edwin Smith, a minor, 2350 Eugene street, came to be continued until Nov. 14, before Special Judge John C. Ruckelshaus in the juvenile court today.

It was announced that the Smith boy was "out of the city" and so could not be present to testify. The boy's parents wherever found, he said in court after a recess of Nov. 14.

The case against Powell was filed June 6, 1921, and has been set for trial on numerous occasions.

The fundamental idea of the Indiana free employment service is to make the office a cooperative unit to which manufacturers as well as individuals can apply for their help, with the satisfaction of knowing their wants will receive the best of attention.

Thomas A. Riley, member of the industrial board in charge of the employment service, announces the establishment of offices in East Chicago and South Bend.

**RABBIT CHASE FATAL.**

NORFOLK, England, Oct. 23.—Accidentally struck on the thumb by a stick while chasing a rabbit, Charles W. Woodhouse died in the local hospital from oakleaf.

**TRAINED HIS WIFE.**

CHICAGO, Oct. 23.—Mrs. Clarence Fry sued for divorce on the grounds of cruelty. She said that whenever she went out with him she had to "walk behind like a dog."

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### Harding Appealed to by Leaders Who Visit Capital.

tion at Washington speedily superseded daily-dillying. The G. O. P. treasury still faces considerable deficit. It is proving thankless business to pass the tax bill, in the view of the people of the country amid prevailing conditions in Washington.

**BUSINESS ANNOYED AT SENATE'S NEGLECT.**

There is another serious indictment of the Republican regime, leaders reported. It refers to the growing annoyance of business over the still persisting chaos, as it is termed, in the executive division of the country. The charge is made that it is just as difficult for big firms and corporations to get adjustments of urgent income tax and profit tax claims as ever it was under "Wilsonism." Instead of reducing the mountain of unsettled business on hand March 4, 1921, the Treasury is letting the pile increase. Liability to "get action" is as bad as it ever was, if not worse. The tax division is still adding 1917 tax matters with new ones accumulating from day to day. Business men tell Republican leaders they are tiring of paying fat fees to attorneys and accountants and on having these representatives of the government in light because machinery for dual settlement is lacking at the Treasury Department. Another prolific source of discontent is that business people are required to send expensive agents on expensive trips to Washington to discuss taxation affairs because the Treasury has no regional offices for their transaction.

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GEORGE SCHAEPLER, 828 Cottage avenue, cut and bruised.

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Boy, 7, Killed by Street Car Backing Up.

NEGRO IS BURNED

Seven Arrests Follow Auto Collisions and Wrecks.

Two killed, ten injured, three overcome by gas, seven persons arrested and five automobiles wrecked, is the toll of eight accidents yesterday and today. Of this number five were automobile accidents.

A street car accident took one life and a man was burned to death, while "white mule" figured in many of the automobile accidents which exacted an unusually heavy toll of injured over the week-end.

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### U. S. WELCOMES HERO OF JUTLAND

Admiral Earl Beatty of the British navy, and Lady Beatty, photographed aboard the United States Navy cutter Vigilant, which transported the Beatty party ashore from the steamship Aquitania, Admiral Rodman, U. S. N., is shown to the right. He went down New York Bay to greet the hero of J