

# BANDITS HOLD UP WAVEBANK

## 2 MASKED MEN GET \$1,500 IN DAYTIME HAUL

### HOLDERS AND SEEKERS VIE FOR FAVORS

City Hall Besieged as Shank Slips Out by Secret Way.

### NEW ORDERS OUT

#### Smoke Inspector Job to Be Filled After Long Vacancy.

Office holders, office seekers and favor hunters besieged Mayor Samuel Lewis Shank at the city hall today. Some got to him. About 200 still were hopefully guarding the front and back doors at noon when Mr. Shank slipped down a secret stairway and out of the city hall, to be the guest at luncheon of the Rotary Club.

Out of the morning conferences which Mr. Shank held with those permitted to pass the heavily guarded portals to the inner sanctum came announcements that the position of smoke inspector, under the board of public safety, will be filled, after having been vacant throughout the Jewett administration and the anti-smoke ordinance enforced after a two or three months' campaign to educate coal consumers, that the city council will be asked to pass an ordinance creating a welfare committee to have direction over all charitable work in the city and that John F. Walker, superintendent of street cleaning, is going to have all downtown streets cleaned only at night.

**CITY JUDGE WILMETH LOSES CONTENTION.**  
The greater part of the mayor's time was taken up with those who wanted something. One of those in this class was City Judge Delbert O. Wilmeth. He came to request that the two bills in the city court be permitted to retain the rank of sergeant. Upon Mr. Shank's instructions the board of public safety had reduced them to patrolmen. After a heated argument, in which the mayor, minded the judge that "you are a young man, you know," and Judge Wilmeth had declared he knew that but he wanted to start out right, Mr. Shank told him he might as well give up. The judge stopped and departed with an exchange of "Happy New Year."

Throughout a turbulent session "Tank," one of the mayor's four dogs, snored contentedly in a corner of the luxurious office.

**CONVINCED OF NEED OF SMOKE INSPECTOR.**  
The need for a smoke inspector and enforcement of the anti-smoke ordinance is growing every day. Mr. Shank said he was convinced. He did not want to hear down upon manufacturers and operators of big buildings at once, but wanted to give them plenty of time to learn what they must do and make the necessary installations.

"Some of these flats up north are blackening up the whole section and downtown here there are tons of soot lighting on the streets and on the people every day," said the mayor.

Mr. Shank's idea of the welfare committee is that its members shall serve without salary and that their work will be to prevent duplication of effort among the various charitable organizations.

### CHAIR FOR LITTLE SAMUEL LEWIS.

One of Mr. Shank's callers was Ed Springer, who wished if news of his appointment to a city job was really true. It was. He told Mr. Shank that he and Mrs. Springer were the proud possessors of a son born not long ago and that he had been named Samuel Lewis. The youngster's namesake gave the father an

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### OPE CHARGES STILL PILE UP

New Letters Add Strength to Watson Case Against Army Officer.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—More letters charging Maj. H. L. Ople of Stanton, Va., with shooting down American soldiers in France, reached Senator Watson of Georgia today.

William De Gille, Richmond, Va., wrote:

"I saw Major Ople take a rifle from a soldier on the morning of Oct. 9, 1918, and shoot another soldier. I walked by the dead soldier ten or fifteen minutes later."

William E. St. John of Lynchburg, Va., charged he saw Major Ople shoot down a runner, the man dying instantly.

John R. Leedy of Strasburg, Va., also said he saw Ople shoot a runner.

The three men asked to be called before the Senate committee which will resume hearings tomorrow on charges of illegal beatings and killings in the American Expeditionary Forces.

**WEATHER**  
Forecast for Indianapolis and vicinity for the twenty-four hours ending at 7 p. m. Jan. 4, 1922.  
Unsettled, with rain late tonight or Wednesday; colder Wednesday night.  
Hourly Temperatures:  
6 a. m. .... 41  
7 a. m. .... 42  
8 a. m. .... 43  
9 a. m. .... 44  
10 a. m. .... 45  
11 a. m. .... 46  
12 (noon) .... 47  
1 p. m. .... 48  
2 p. m. .... 48

### Upholds Politicians



Herman A. Metz, noted politician, who declares that there are fewer dishonest men in politics than in business and that the average politician is honest, but is not "adequately recognized" for his services to the people.

### FIRE LOSS HALF MILLION LESS IN 1921 THAN IN 1920

Gross Damage Given as \$1,262,750 as Against \$1,812,980 Year Before.

The fire loss in Indianapolis during 1921 was \$540,230 less than in 1920, according to figures compiled today by William J. Curran, superintendent of the Indianapolis Salvage Corps. The gross fire loss for the year was \$1,262,750 as compared with \$1,812,980 for the preceding year, according to the compilation.

During 1921 the fire department answered 3,088 calls as compared with 3,495 for the year 1920, or a reduction of 37. "This is an exceptionally fine showing," said Mr. Curran, "and according to a records in our office it is the first time in approximately eleven years our city has shown a decrease in the number of fires and fire loss."

"This fine showing is due in no small measure to the fire prevention campaign which has been carried on in our city during the past several months, and it is my firm conviction that the city of Indianapolis can cut its fire loss at least \$1,000,000 if all citizens will cooperate in this campaign."

"Throughout the United States the 1921 fire loss has shown an enormous increase, the latest available figures showing that the fire loss for the first eleven months of 1921 was \$19,600,000 in excess of the 1920 losses. The same is true in regard to the number of fires, our Nation showing a total of fires for the year 1921 largely in excess of the total for 1920."

"Indianapolis is one of the very few cities in the United States in which a reduction has been effected, and for this (Continued on Page Two.)"

### FLOOD WATERS NEAR PHOENIX

Officials Believe City Is in No Danger—Crest Is Reached.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 3.—Flood waters, which, during the night, broke through the Arizona Canal forming the northern boundary of the Salt River irrigation district were within two and one-half miles of Phoenix today.

Later reports reaching here stated that had stopped falling in the Bradshaw mountain district and it is believed that the crest of the flood has been reached. City officials expressed confidence that the water would be kept from the low lying section of Phoenix between the Capitol and the city limits.

### Cocktails, Dancing and Baccarat Make Life Gay for Delegates at Cannes

CANNES, France, Jan. 3.—On the eve of the meeting of the supreme council, delegates, secretaries and attaches are plunging into the gay life of a Riviera season, which promises this will be the most brilliant of international diplomatic assemblies since the war.

Most of the delegates have brought their wives and the dance floor of the luxurious Casino de la Croisette is thronged with fox trotters day and night, while an American jazz band blares out the latest melodies.

Cocktails at ten francs each, add to the gaiety of the assembly and the purses of the restaurant proprietors. During the promenade hour, at noon, the sea front is brilliant with white clad strollers.

Lloyd George's picturesque figure in a sleeveless cloak, has set the fashion

### JAY A. CRAVEN HEADS BOARD OF SANITATION

Contracts Made by Retiring President May Be Broken.

### ENDS DICTATION

#### Arbitrary Influence No Longer Felt—Economy Watchword.

The reign of Lucius B. Swift as president of the board of sanitary commissioners came to an abrupt end today when in the re-organization of the board Jay A. Craven was elected president and John L. Elliott, new member and city engineer, was elected vice president. Mr. Swift refused to vote upon either office. He said he did this in protest.

Mr. Swift's statement, which was extremely frank, was followed by assertions from Mr. Craven and Mr. Elliott outlining the positions which they intend to take as members of the board, which left Mr. Swift little doubt that such positions would not be dictated by him.

### AUTOCHTHONOUS POWER COMES TO IND.

The retiring president, who has been regarded as somewhat of an autocrat by many employees in the sanitary department and some of those who had dealings with him, indicated that he expected Mr. Craven and Mr. Elliott to throw most of the present employees out of jobs and appoint followers of Samuel Lewis Shank in their places. Both asserted that they will be the saving of money and efficiency for the people of Indianapolis.

Both Mr. Elliott and Mr. Craven criticized as discourteous the action of Mr. Swift and Frank C. Linenger, retiring member of the board, in making contracts for from six months to two years with seven employees at a special meeting Monday. Mr. Elliott said that if efficiency demands the breaking of these contracts he is prepared to do so and Mr. Craven agreed with him.

### CRAVEN "REBUTS" BOARD.

When Mr. Swift declared he refused to vote in the board reorganization as a protest, Mr. Craven explained what his attitude as a board member will be henceforth. He said he is not going to do what he feels is right and just and in the interests of efficiency. He said he regretted that the old board, in his absence yesterday, had taken action upon contracts with employees such as it had. He felt that such a matter should have been given Ireland, saying:

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### ASKS RAIL SUIT BE DISMISSED

U. S. Labor Board Claims Federal Court Has No Authority.

CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—United States District Attorney John V. Clinton, representing the United States Railway Labor Board, today entered a motion in Federal Court to dismiss a suit for an injunction brought by the Pennsylvania Railroad on the ground that the court has no jurisdiction.

The Pennsylvania suit seeks to restrain the board from declaring the road has violated its order in connection with the method to be employed in the election of employee representatives.

Attorney Clinton said the labor board was created by an act of Congress and the court, therefore, had no jurisdiction. Without further argument, Judge Landis continued the case until Jan. 18.

### U. S. Controller Calls for Reports

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The comptroller of the currency today issued a call for the condition of all national banks, as of December 31, 1921.

### HAY SUSTAINS TWO POINTS IN SWAILS' BEHALF

County Superintendency Battle to Be Fought Out on Majority Vote.

Judge Linn D. Hay of Superior Court, Room 2, today sustained the demurrer of Leo E. Swails, county superintendent of schools, to the third and fourth paragraphs of a complaint in a quo warranto proceeding brought by Robert K. Devorick, who claims that he was legally selected by the township trustees sitting as a county board of education to act as county superintendent of schools for a four-year period beginning last September.

The decision of Judge Hay gives Mr. Swails the first victory in the legal controversy over the county superintendent's office.

The court held that the allegations in the third and fourth paragraphs of the complaint did not plead sufficient facts and so sustained the demurrer of Mr. Swails. This leaves the first and second paragraphs pending on the docket.

**RULING CHIEFLY ON NOTICE.**  
Judge Hay confined his ruling chiefly to the effect that the so-called notice that Mr. Swails held a two years' teacher's license at the time the trustees considered the "selecting of a county superintendent of schools last spring had on the trustees who voted for Swails."

The court discussed at length the validity of the so-called notice upon the action of five trustees in voting for Mr. Swails. The court paid particular attention to the possible attitude of the trustees voting for Swails, whether it was in the spirit of throwing away their votes on an ineligible candidate or whether the action was taken in the spirit of compromise.

Judge Hay clearly indicated that a school superintendent should obtain a majority of the votes of the trustees of the county before he was elected. It is (Continued on Page Seven.)

### City Goes Into Rental Business by Acquiring Memorial Plaza Site

The city of Indianapolis went into the rental business today as a result of the purchase of most of the property in the north block of the war memorial plaza site.

It is estimated that it will be many months before the buildings on the property owned by the city are wrecked. Meanwhile the houses, business buildings and apartments will be rented.

The city is going to act like a regular landlord and employ janitors and custodians "and everything." If one of the tenants wishes new wall paper the board of works will determine whether it is necessary and if so the purchasing agent will provide it.

All of this is being done under the provisions of the city war memorial act passed by the 1921 Legislature. The act provides that the board of works may rent the buildings and that the proceeds of the rental, less the cost of maintenance, shall go into the war memorial funds of the city.

**BOARD OF WORKS TO DISCUSS RENTAL PLANS.**  
Definite plans for the rental of most of the property have not been worked out, and it is expected that they will be discussed at a meeting of the board of works tomorrow. Taylor E. Groninger, corporation counsel, said that the board will handle the property directly and not through a rental agency. He said no further legislation would be required to do this. The matter of fixing the rents has not been determined, but it is expected (Continued on Page Two.)

### ADVOCATES OF IRISH TREATY ASK ADOPTION

Attend Final Debate of Dail Upon Pact.

### SESSION STORMY

DUBLIN, Jan. 3.—A compromise on the Irish treaty by which the pact would be accepted under the formula of "Eire" was rejected today by the Dail. The session was stormy and the advocates of the treaty were defeated.

### GOV. SPROUL WILL SUCCEED BOIES PENROSE

Will Resign and Have Self Named to Senate.

By J. BART CAMPBELL.  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Governor William C. Sproul of Pennsylvania assured Republican leaders of the Senate over the long distance telephone today that within twenty-four hours after the funeral of Boies Penrose he would be on his way here as Penrose's senatorial successor.

Senator Watson of Indiana, one of the Republican leaders of the Senate and a close personal friend of Senator Penrose, was among those who talked with Governor Sproul over the telephone from here.

No doubt was entertained by Senator Watson, or other Administration spokesmen, that Sproul had made up his mind to succeed Penrose, by first resigning as Governor and then having himself appointed Senator by Lieutenant Governor Biddleman, who would succeed him to the governorship.

"Senator Penrose's successor will be named within the next forty-eight hours," Watson added. "He will be on his way to Washington as soon as the Penrose funeral is over."

The closeness of the Senate fight over the Ford-Newberry election contest was said to have been the chief reason for the desire of Republican leaders that Penrose's seat be filled quickly.

They admitted that they need every vote they can muster to keep Newberry in his seat. It was learned they are banking on Sproul to join the Republicans who will vote to allow Newberry to retain his seat.

The Senate was in session only a few minutes. Meeting promptly at noon, Senator Lodge, the majority leader, arose and said that the Senate had learned with profound regret of the death of Boies Penrose, the majority leader, arose (Continued on Page Seven.)

### AUTO BANDITS TAKE \$10,000

Trio, Armed With Sawed-Off Shotguns, Execute Bold Hold-up.

LOS ANGELES Cal., Jan. 3.—White hundreds of persons looted in a wholesale and terror, three automobile bandits, armed with sawed-off shotguns, today held up and robbed Roy H. Sherwood and A. N. Tryk, collectors for a company of the city of Los Angeles, in a downtown district. The bandits are reported to have obtained \$10,000 in money.

### PENROSE RITES AWAIT BROTHER

Funeral of Pennsylvania Senator to Be Private.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 3.—Arrangements for the funeral of Senator Boies Penrose have been halted pending the arrival of his brother, Spencer Penrose, from Colorado.

Rumors in Republican circles say not only will the funeral be strictly private, but secret as well, in keeping with the traditions of the Penrose family. It is pointed out, in support of this, that the father of the Senator was buried at midnight with only his sons present.

### SEVEN SAILORS LOST IN NORTH SEA

LONDON, Jan. 3.—Seven members of the crew of the German steamer Fehmarn lost their lives today, when their ship was wrecked in a gale in the North Sea. The ship of 175 tons was bound from Newcastle to Hamburg.

### SIBERIA GRIPS ATTENTION IN ARMS SESSION

French and Japanese Denials Fail to Allay Fears.

### ONLY ONE CHOICE

#### Chita Invitation Can Not Be Recognized.

PARIS, Jan. 3.—The French foreign office today emphatically denied the statement of the representatives of the Far Eastern republic at Washington, that France and Japan had entered into an agreement by which France agreed to complete domination of Eastern Siberia by the Japanese.

The statement was branded as "pure invention" by foreign office officials.

By GEORGE R. HOLMES.  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Despite the denials so vehemently voiced by French and Japanese delegates in Washington that a secret agreement exists between their government over mutual policies to be pursued in Siberia, the question was upmost as they resumed work after the holidays.

Officially the denials of the French and Japanese have been accepted by the American Government, but the word of two recognized and friendly powers, and the word of an unrecognized, uninvited republic of doubtful stability, there can be only one choice so far as the United States Government officially is concerned.

### SIBERIA DRAWS ATTENTION.

The publication of these alleged secret agreements by the unofficial delegates of the Far East (China) government, however, has served to draw maximum attention to the whole question of Siberia, which is due to be taken up by the conference shortly. In view of the disclosure of the alleged secret agreements between the French and Japanese over the matter of a resolution pledging the powers to observe the territorial integrity of Russia and Siberia will be watched with absorbing interest by the other powers of the conference.

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### WILL PROTEST BELL PLEA FOR RATE INCREASE

Groninger Cites Five Reasons Why Request Should Be Refused.

An objection to the increase in rates proposed by the Indiana Bell Telephone Company was prepared today by Taylor E. Groninger, city corporation counsel, to be filed with the State public service commission tomorrow when the telephone rate case comes to hearing.

Mr. Groninger sets out the following five objections:

1. The rates asked for in such petition are unreasonable, unjust and unnecessary.

2. The granting of the rates asked for in the petition would result in injury to the business of the city of Indianapolis.

3. The granting of petitioner's prayer will impose unjust burdens on the people of the city.

4. There is not an emergency existing which is injuring or threatening either the interest of the petitioner or the interests of the people.

5. At this particular time we are "turning the corner" in price adjustments. The officials in Washington, the heads of State, county and municipal governments are now and for several months past have been working for the process of retrenching. Capital and labor are both knocking their percentage of war-time toil. For this commission to grant the prayer of the petitioner would be to strike a blow at retrenchment. To grant the rates asked will be inimical to the welfare and the best interests of the people.

### PICKFORD CASE TO SUPREME COURT

Early Date Probably Will Be Set for Hearing.

CARSON CITY, Nev., Jan. 3.—The attorney general of the State of Nevada as appellant today, filed the closing brief in the action to set aside the divorce of Mary Pickford from Owen Moore. The State is appealing the decision of Judge Langan of Minden, who granted the divorce from Owen Moore. The Minden judge found the State had no right under the laws of the State of Nevada to intervene to set aside the divorce.

### Report K. C. Publisher Slated for Hays' Job

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 3.—Walter S. Dickey, Kansas City publisher and Republican leader, may be appointed to the place of Will Hays in President Harding's cabinet if the Postmaster General resigns to go into the motion picture business, the Post said today.

The Post said it based its report on dispatches from Washington.

### To Take Up Frisco Nitrate Plant Offer

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Secretary of War Weeks will confer on Saturday with C. C. Tingler, president of the North American Construction Company of San Francisco, with respect to the latter's offer to take over the Government's nitrate plant and power projects at Muskego Shoals, announced at the War Department today.

### Job as Juror Allures Only One of Dozen

Who wants to do jury service? That's what Judge Harry Chamberlain of the Circuit Court would like to know.

After twelve men were placed in the jury box for prospective service today, the court asked:

"How many do not want to serve? Let them stand up."

Eleven rose from their seats, one remaining seated.

The man who remained seated is considered a hero.

### Police Eject Plaintiff in Freak Action

Mrs. Teresa E. Wurtsbaugh, who professes to be an attorney and who recently started court attaches at the Marion County Courthouse by filing a \$700,000 "evil mind" damage suit against Judge A. B. Anderson of the Federal Court of this city, Judge Keneaw M. Landis of Chicago, Judge Solon J. Carter of Superior Court, Room 3, the State of Illinois, the State of California and nearly forty other defendants scattered all over the country, in Superior Court Room 4, today was escorted from the county clerk's office by two patrolmen.

County Clerk Richard V. Sipe said Mrs. Wurtsbaugh has made certain remarks against Judge Carter which might be construed as threats of violence.

"She has been committed to an insane asylum before and it is to be determined if she should again be placed there," Mr. Sipe stated.

### GRANT IS TO RETAIN PLACE AS FAIR

Lowell Man Will Have Opposition for His Present Job.

Thomas Grant of Lowell, president of the State board of agriculture, will be unopposed for re-election at the annual election of the board to be held tomorrow, it was learned today. Mr. Grant has been president of the board for the last year.

No opposition has developed thus far toward retention of any of the executives of the fair board, although there may be several contests among the delegates who also will be elected at the election.

Ray P. Speer, publicity manager of the Minnesota State board, addressed the meeting of the county district and State boards on "Fire Advertising" today in the Statehouse.

Mr. Speer said last year the Minnesota State fair board spent \$40,000 for advertising. This was only 5 per cent of the total receipts of the State fair, while five years ago \$20,000 was spent and this was approximately 11 per cent of the total receipts. This increase in business, he said, was directly credited to the advertising campaign made by the board.

### FAVORS PLENTY OF ADVERTISING

"The trouble with most fairs is they cut down on the advertising, and increase the purse for horse racing," he said. "It is not the horse racing that attracts the people, but the things which they read and know they will see, whether they go to the fair in the afternoon or evening."

Other officers who will be unopposed at the election tomorrow are: Stimson L. Taylor of Booneville, vice president, William Jones of Fairmont, financial secretary, and I. Newt Brown of Franklin, recording secretary.

### WILL HOLD ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

A portion of the afternoon meeting was devoted to the round table discussion of topics concerning State and county fairs.

Under the new law, the election of delegates to the State board will be held by congressional districts instead of agricultural districts as formerly. The election of delegates and officers will be held tomorrow.

Contests for the position of delegate from the Third, Seventh and Eighth districts are expected. Charles N. Lindsay of Salem, will oppose E. W. Pickhardt, incumbent of Huntington in the Seventh district. O. M. Foffitt of Indianapolis, will oppose S. L. Miller, incumbent of Indianapolis, and in the Eighth district, Ernest Thornburg of Winchester, will oppose W. W. Wilson, incumbent.

### "SAY IT WITH A TIMES WANT AD"

THE ORIGIN OF CRUSOE'S MAN FRIDAY has ever been a mystery. But it was recently learned that an Ad in The Times Classified Columns.

MA in 3500, Classified Adv. Dept.