

BANDITS HOLD UP, ROB WAVERLY BANK

YANK TEETH OF SWIFT'S POWER

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 the after having been vacated throughout the Jewish and Negro districts and the anti-smoke ordinances 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 up at night.

CLIFF JAMES WILMETH LOST 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 bailiffs in city court be permitted to retain the rank of sergeant. Under Mr. Shank's structures the board of public safety had reduced the rank of public safety to sergeant. After a heated argument, in which the mayor reminded 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 stop arguing. The judge stopped and departed with an exchange of "Happy New Year."

Throughout a turbulent session "Tark," one of the mayor's four dogs, snoozed 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. One smoke and fire was considered. 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. Tons of soot lighting 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.

CLIFF JAMES WILMETH SAMUEL LEWIS.

One of Mr. Shank's callers was Ed Springer, who wished to know 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 parents of a son born not long ago, and that he had been named Samuel Lewis. The youngster's namesake gave the father an (Continued on Page Seven.)

Upholds Politicians



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 did this in protest.

Mr. Swift's statement, which was extremely frank, was supported by assertions from Mr. Craven and Mr. Elliott entitling them to 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.

AUTOCRATIC POWER COMES TO END.

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 take most of the positions which they intended to take as members of the board, which left Mr. Swift little doubt that such positions would not be dictated by him.

Both Mr. Elliott and Mr. Craven criticized as discriminatory the treatment of Mr. Swift and Frank C. Lingensfelter, retiring secretary 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 rejected it.

CRAYEN "REGRETS" ACTION OF BOARD.

When Mr. Swift declared he refused to vote in the board reorganization as a protest, Mr. Craven explained when his attitude on the board members will be known for. He said he is under obligations to do what he can and is only 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 (Continued on Page Seven.)

ASKS RAIL SUIT BE DISMISSED

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

CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—United States District Attorney John V. Cunninham, representing the United States Railway Labor Board, today entered a motion in the 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 men to be employed in the election of employee representatives.

Attorney Cunninham 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.

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OPIE CHARGES STILL PILE UP

New Letters Add Strength to Watson Case Against Army Officer.

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

William D. Gillie, Richmond, Va., wrote:

"I saw Major Opie 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 Opie shoot down a runner, the man dying instantly.

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

The three men asked to be called before the Senate committee which will resume hearings tomorrow on charges of illegal hangings 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 TEMPERATURE

6 a. m. 41
7 a. m. 42
8 a. m. 44
9 a. m. 44
10 a. m. 45
11 a. m. 46
12 (noon) 47
1 p. m. 47
2 p. m. 48

CANNES, France, Jan. 3.—On eve of the meeting of the supreme council, delegates, secretaries and attaches are pluming 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 Cannes casino is thronged with the tested 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 purse 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

which many of the delegates are following. Winston Churchill is the night owl of the set. The British statesman visited the gambling room of the Casino at 2 a. m. today.

At baccarat, the play is high with James Hutchinson of New York, filling the role of "black plunger." He stakes from five to four thousand francs on the turn of a card, and occasionally wins the maximum bank of 20,000 francs.

The sensation of Cannes has been the placing of the walls of the Riviera town with hand bills signed by a former employee of the Casino at Monte Carlo, charging roulette at Monte Carlo, the placards declare the dishonesty of the Casino cleaners up \$60,000,000 yearly.

Serious work for the delegates will commence next week.

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THE ORIGIN OF CRUSOE'S MAN FRIDAY

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