

## MERIDIAN WILL BE WITNESS AS CITY ADVANCES

Plan Commission Sees Big Business Growth South of Sixteenth.

### WARNING TO BUILDERS

North Meridian street eventually must be widened to 120 feet and persons contemplating building in the rapidly expanding business section south of Sixteenth street might well keep this in mind. Members of the city plan commission expressed this unanimous opinion informally in a discussion at a special meeting yesterday. The commission formally went on record as opposing the subdivision of plots into lots of less than forty feet width.

The commission was told that an apartment building, for which excavation has been started in Meridian street near Sixteenth street, is to be built to within five feet of the sidewalk. This provoked the discussion, which resulted in every member present expressing the belief that the street will be practically doubled in width and the property owner who builds close to the property line will have to remodel his building eventually.

J. Clyde Hoffman, attorney for the commission, was instructed to confer with the owners of the apartment under erection in an effort to get them to build a reasonable distance back.

**COMMISSION'S FINANCIAL STANDING.**  
Mr. Hoffman also was instructed to look into legal phases of the commission's financial standing. The commission has an appropriation of \$24,000 available for its work this year. There is not enough money left in the city treasury to meet the commission's bills, however.

Members thought that this would be taken care of when City Controller Joseph L. Hogue gets the temporary loan of \$500,000 for the general fund authorized by the city council Wednesday evening. Mr. Hoffman questioned this, saying that as one of the framers of the city plan law he had tried to prevent the commission from becoming a department of the city and rather a separate department. It will be necessary for it to have a separate temporary loan of enough to run it until June taxes come in.

### NEW MEMBERS TAKE SEATS

New members of the commission, who had been elected by the city council, took their seats on the commission in the places left vacant by their predecessors. Charles E. Coffey, made chairman of the zoning commission, Charles A. Bookwalter, was chosen the public parks committee, and J. H. Elliott on the public health and sanitation committee and Lloyd D. Clay on the transportation committee.

### ILLINOIS STATION PERMITS REFUSED

Permission to erect a filling station at Michigan street and Tenth avenue was refused by the city council yesterday. It was decided that permission for a filling station would be refused William Brannan at the northwest corner of Sixteenth street and Tenth avenue unless it is placed twenty-five feet back of Sixteenth street and thirty feet back of central avenue. The Western Oil Refining Company's location of a filling station at Capitol avenue and North street was approved as was the proposed erection of a one-story automobile sales building at St. Charles street.

### SMALL CASE GOES OVER UNTIL JAN. 14

Continuance Granted at Request of Governor's Counsel.

WAKEFAN, Ill., Jan. 7.—The case of Governor Lenox, charged with conspiracy to embezzle State funds, today was continued until Jan. 14.

Edward Free, assistant State's attorney of Sangamon County, made objection and the judge continued the case.

C. C. Laforge, the Governor's chief counsel, remained in Chicago. Neither Small nor Vorn, Curtis, Grant, Clark, Banker and co-defendant, appeared in court.

Next Saturday, the defense will offer any objections it has to the bill of particulars which has been filed. The defense charged that the defendants conspired and embezzled \$535,000 of State funds.

This was done, the State alleged, by depositing State funds in the Grant Park Bank, controlled by Curtis, and by charging that the defendants conspired and embezzled \$535,000 of State funds.

Motion for separate trials for Small and Curtis will be made when the case comes up again.

## BODY OF STUDENT FOUND IN RIVER

Search on for Two Others Lost in Canoe Trip.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 7.—Farmers today found the body of Clyde Crook, 18-year-old high school student, in the back-water of the flooded Ohio River.

Crook was confined for the bodies of Leo Winkler, Purdue University student, and Thomas Fruehe, high school student, who have been missing since last Saturday, when they accompanied Crook on a duck hunting trip in a canoe.

Crook's clothing was found in the branches of a submerged tree yesterday.

## Names State Fair Department Heads

Appointment of department heads for the next State fair were announced by Thomas Grant, of Lowell, president of the State board of agriculture, today. They are G. R. Kemper, manager of the horse department; W. W. Wilson, in charge of grand stand; Harry Mohr, mechanical; E. J. Barker, cutting; Guy C. C. Phillips, swine; Samuel J. Miller, concessions; L. N. Wilson, horses; G. Y. Hepler, poultry; Charles S. Smith, parking and police; J. C. Brouse, sheep; John Isebauger, woman's building; and S. W. Taylor, horticulture.

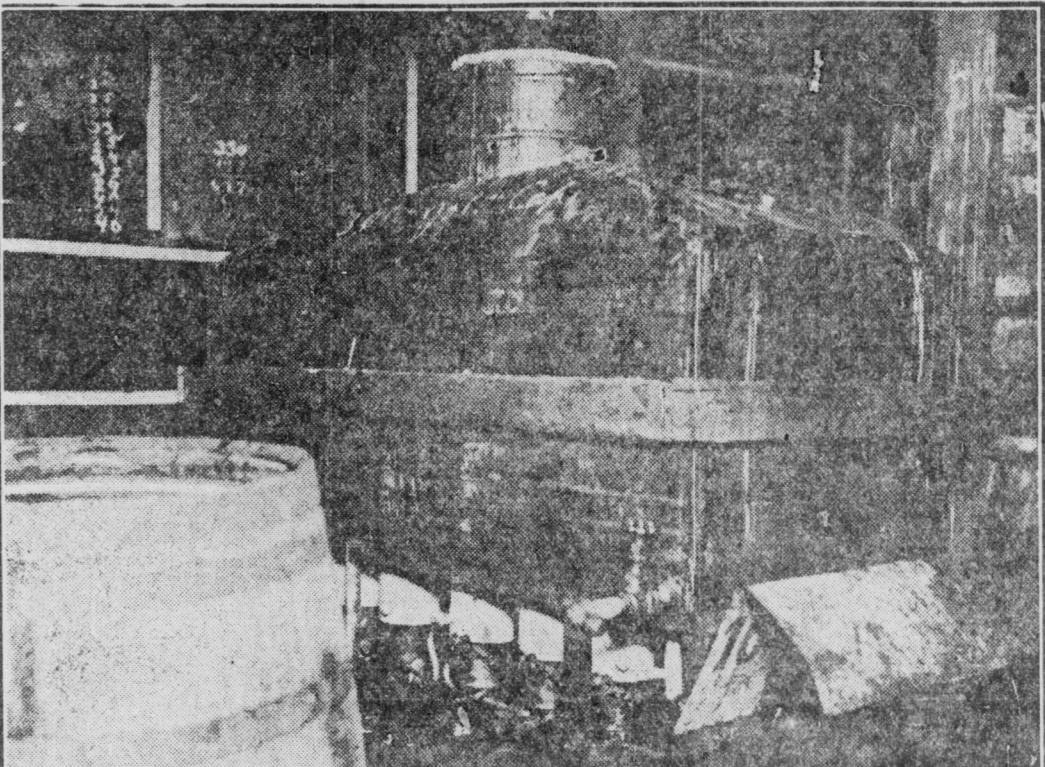
The executive committee of the fair will be composed of E. J. Barker and Harry Mohr.

### HEAVY SENTENCE SUSPENDED

Judge Delbert O. Wilmoth today gave an exceptionally heavy penalty in a case where a man and woman were charged with a statutory offense. George Dickson, 28, negro, and Nora E. Humes, negro, both of 411 West North street, each was fined \$1 and costs and sentenced to serve ninety days in jail. However, the city clerk's records show that the court suspended the heavy jail sentences.

Statutory charges against Charles Hoffman, 46; Robert Vasson, 21; May Harris, 22, and Goldie Vennard, 23, caught in a raid last night on 922 Massachusetts avenue, were continued to Jan. 14.

## LARGEST STILL EVER TAKEN IN MARION COUNTY



This still, which the police say, is the largest ever captured in Marion County, was found in a barn in the rear of a house at Emerson and Fletcher avenues yesterday. The still has a capacity of 300 gallons. Miss Bisset, 617 East Merrill street, who rented the barn, and Louis Vingo, living at the Clinton Hotel, were arrested. Beside the still the police found several gallons of white mule, fifty barrels of mash, a large number of empty barrels and jugs and other boot-leggers' equipment.

## IRISH KIDNAP NEWS REPORTER

London Correspondent Released After Trial by Army Heads.

LONDON, England, Jan. 7.—The kidnapping of A. B. Kay, London Times correspondent at Dublin, resulted from articles he had written about the Irish Republican army, and not from his accounts of proceedings in Dail Eireann, said a dispatch from Kay today.

After being kidnaped in Dublin and taken to Cork, Kay was placed on trial before a court-martial composed of Irish army officers. They charged him with publishing unauthorized news which did not represent the views of the army members in Cork. Kay was allowed to go, after signing a statement that he had not interviewed any members of the army staff and had not secured any information from members of the army.

The Irish officers warned him if he claimed to have secured information from members of the army he would be deported.

## HOPE FOR IRISH PACT TO PASS ON FIRST VOTE

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trip, took a leading part in the fight against the treaty.

GRIFITH, FOUNDER OF SINN FEIN, SPEAKS.  
The chief speakers at the afternoon session were Cathal Brugha, one of the mainstays of the Irish Republican army, and Arthur Griffith, founder of the Sinn Fein. It was expected De Valera would address a few words to the house after Griffith and that the motion for a vote upon the treaty would follow.

De Valera got the floor following Brugha at the morning session, and hotly denied he was trying to split the country.

The windup of his speech Boland told of his financial activities in America. He said that for the purpose of impressing the American Government he had conducted concentrated campaigns in New York, Chicago, Philadelphia and Boston.

In a year, he said, he collected \$307,000 at a cost of \$80,000 in Illinois. In the last three weeks he collected \$572,000 in various States and cities at a cost of \$80,000.

When Dail convened, forty-five members had spoken against the treaty and forty-one in favor of it. Several were uncertain. And perhaps more will not vote.

## BIG STILL CASE OVER TO JAN. 11

Trial Date Set by City Judge Wilmoth.

Charles of operating a "blind tiger" against Mike Bisset, 617 East Merrill street, and Louis Vingo, Clinton Hotel, who were arrested yesterday afternoon at the corner of Emerson and Fletcher avenues, where they had one of the largest stills ever found in Indiana, were continued in city court today until Jan. 11 by Judge Delbert O. Wilmoth.

They had been arrested by police who had been waiting for them. The house was partially furnished. In the barn was a twenty-four burner stove under a 300-gallon still, fifty barrels of mash, and a number of empty barrels and jugs. Also nearly seventy-five gallons of "white mule."

Federal authorities say the bootleggers in the case had been operating for a number of weeks. Neighbors of the men say they have been selling "white mule" for about six weeks. They say trucks and automobiles came and went at night. At the time the still was found a fruit truck belonging to Bisset was found near the barn. In the car, covered with straw, were many jugs. Bisset is a commission merchant at 215 East Maryland.

Bisset admitted, arresting officers say, that he had been convicted previously for violation of the prohibition laws. He was convicted on a "blind tiger" charge in 1919 in Criminal Court, receiving a fine of \$300 and a thirty-day jail sentence. He appealed the case and was at liberty for two years. It was then discovered that his appeal had not been perfected and he was ordered to jail.

Police say Bisset also served a term of six months imposed in the Federal Court on a charge of violating the Federal prohibition laws.

## Texas Town Swept by Fire; 9 Buildings Burn

LITTLE ELM, Texas, Jan. 7.—Practically the entire business section of this town was in ruins today as the result of a fire destroyed nine buildings last night. The only means of fighting the blaze was a "bucket brigade," which saved several houses in the path of the fire.

### ORDERS HEAT CHARGE CUT

The public service commission today ordered the Indiana Gas and Electric Company of Lafayette, to decrease its rates for hot water from forty-one to thirty-five cents per square foot of radiation.

## ILLNESS REPUTED CAUSE OF FAILURE TO REACH ALTAR

John P. Cudahy's Marriage to St. Louis Society Girl Fails to Materialize.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 7.—John J. Cudahy, alleged "balking bridegroom" who was nowhere to be found on the day set for his wedding to Miss Francis, his brother, Gerald, announced today.

Cudahy was to have married Miss Louise Chenier Francis, St. Louis society girl.

When rumors gained credence that the bridegroom was to be dropped from sight on his wedding eve, Miss Francis and her mother, Mrs. Arthur G. Francis, also quietly "disappeared."

At the Miramar Hotel, in Santa Monica, it was said the Francis party had gone "touring." Last night newspapermen ascertained that the touring had been confined to the inner recesses of the Francis apartment at the hotel.

Members of the British delegation, who have been in California, "disappeared" two years ago. He has spent in California, Gerald said in explaining his brother's narrow escape from matrimony. "He has had two operations recently. His doctors advised him he hadn't recovered sufficiently to marry, so he didn't. That's all there is to it."

Arthur O. Francis, father of the bride-to-be, said Miss Francis and her mother would finish a brief vacation here and return to St. Louis.

## DOUBLE PHONE SYSTEM COSTS MORE, IS PLEA

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balance in "red ink" Mr. Wampler said. The balance in "red ink" to which Mr. Wampler referred, was a deficit of about \$82,000, which he said would be paid by the powers here in the closing days of the conference.

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## ELEVATOR HEAD BADLY INJURED

Skull Crushed in Attack by Former Employee.

LA PORTE, Ind., Jan. 7.—C. O. Gifford, manager of the Chatterbox Elevator Company at La Crosse, near here, is in the Christian Hospital at Valparaiso with a fractured skull the result of an attack late yesterday afternoon by Charles Coleman, a discharged employee who struck Gifford twice back of the head with a hammer, according to eye-witnesses.

An operation was performed on Gifford last night. Hospital authorities told reporters his condition was favorable. Coleman is in jail here to await trial, being unable to furnish \$10,000 bond.

## BAN USE OF POISON GAS IN WARFARE

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away, just as did the opposition to the banning of submarine attacks on commercial vessels.

It appears that three distinct steps toward "humanizing" warfare will be taken by the powers here in the closing days of the conference:

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## HOUSE TO REST AS 'REWARD' FOR PASSING BILL

Treasury Appropriation of \$169,000,000 Was Hurried Through.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—As a reward for "good behavior" in sticking on the job to get the treasury appropriation bill passed yesterday, members of the House were permitted to take a rest today.

When this bill, carrying approximately \$169,000,000, was taken up by the House Thursday, it was the plan of leaders that its consideration would run into Saturday. Rapid progress was made with the measure, however, and Chairman Maclean of the Appropriations Committee held out the promise that if the members would stay on the job and complete the bill before demanding the closing of the session for the day, he would help get the adjournment.

The scheme fell in with the plans of Democrats, who are fighting to delay action as long as possible on the Dyer anti-lusting bill and they lined up with Madden.

## PERU BANKER SENTENCED TO 4-YEAR TERM

Former Cashier Released Under Bonds Pending Appeal Plans.

Sentence of four years in the Federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., and a fine of \$2,000 were imposed upon Charles M. Charters, formerly cashier of the Citizens National Bank at Peru, by Judge Albert B. Anderson today, upon each of two counts on which he was found guilty by a jury in Federal Court almost two months ago. The court ordered that the sentences should run concurrently, which makes the punishment the same as if he had been sentenced on one count only.

The case will be appealed to the Circuit Court of Appeals at Chicago and Charters was released on bond of \$10,000, signed by Frank Beards of Peru and Otto Rettig of Greencastle.

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## OPPOSITION DEVELOPS TO R. H. BRYSON

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three certified, and to a town in this State where they say President Harding appointed a man who had been given only seventh place by the postoffice inspector.

No official word that he had received the highest grade had been received by Mr. Bryson today.

"All I know is what I have read in the newspapers," Mr. Bryson said. "But I certainly consider it a high honor that from among nineteen candidates of undoubted ability that I was given the highest grade by the civil service commission."

The three certified and their grades are: Robert H. Bryson, Republican, former postmaster at La Crosse, Wis., under the Jewell administration, \$5,200.  
Charles W. Byfield, Democrat, many years in the postal service, and at present assistant postmaster, \$2,400.

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## Ministerial Crisis Threatened in Spain

MADRID, Jan. 7.—A ministerial crisis is threatened here as a result of the Moroccan war and reports here of difficulties in the army. It was reported today that the present cabinet will be succeeded by a conservative ministry.

## COURT ALLOWS CHECK WORKER A NEW CHANCE

Collins Suspends Two Terms, but Three Others Are Not So Lucky.

WILBUR L. Quellholst, 24, charged with issuing a fraudulent check, was sentenced to from one to five years at the Indiana State Reformatory today, but Judge James A. Collins of the Criminal Court suspended the sentence during good behavior. Quellholst was found not guilty on two other charges of issuing fraudulent checks.

George Graham, a negro, charged with assault with intent to rape, was sentenced from two to four years at the Indiana State Reformatory.

James L. Collins, a petit larceny, was fined \$1 and sentenced to one day in jail.

Karl Brown pleaded guilty to assault and battery with intent to murder, and was sentenced to from one to four years in the reformatory.

James Scott, charged with attempting to steal the pocketbook of Mrs. Inez M. Miller, 1209 East Pratt street, was fined \$100 and costs and sentenced to six months at the Indiana State Farm.

Russell Owens, 21, negro, charged with petit larceny, was sentenced to a year on the prison at La Crosse, Wis., but the sentence was suspended. Judge Collins said that Owens had a splendid record as a soldier.

## CITY TO GET BACK PART OF JUNK PROFIT

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the purchasing agent can sell obsolete property for city departments without approval of the council where the total realized value is less than \$200.

JUNK DEALERS REFUSE OFFER.  
Mr. Ritter said he had had two or three junk dealers look over the junk and wire and offer him a bid on it, but they did not care to buy it.

Then Cohen offered to buy it. He said he took Cohen's word that there was only five tons of the junk, appraised at \$7 a ton and 1,800 pounds of wire, appraised according to whether it was covered or uncovered at 5 and 10 cents a pound. On this basis he authorized payment to Cohen who had the city under the name of "Harry" Cohen of \$33 for the junk and \$15 for the wire, the total of which amounted to less than \$200. Mr. Ritter said the city was entirely within the law in so doing.

Cohen was called before Mr. Ogden and City Clerk Agent W. S. Henry today and confronted with evidence that, after he had purchased the material from the city, he had sold to Julius Szagowsky, another wholesale junk dealer, thirty-two tons of junk and 4,675 pounds of wire.

According to the evidence Cohen received from Szagowsky \$214 for the junk and \$470.18 for the wire. He stoutly maintained he had received only five tons of junk and 1,800 pounds of wire from the city as he had informed Mr. Ritter.

COHEN SAID TO ADMIT FRAUD.  
Mr. Ritter and Mayor Shank came into the conference and after further questioning Cohen admitted that he had sold the larger amounts of both junk and wire from the city, having misinformed Mr. Ritter as to the weights.

When this admission was made city officials said Mr. Ritter was accordingly authorized to make an order for the larger amounts of both junk and wire from the city, the matter might be straightened out by the passage of an ordinance approving the appraisals and authorizing the sale.

After a conference with Dr. E. E. Hodge, president of the board of public health, Mr. Shank said the State fire marshal will be asked to inspect the middle of the three units at the city hospital to determine if it should be condemned and replaced with a fire-proof structure.

## ASKS U. S. TO KEEP HOLD ON PLANT

Tinkler Confers With Weeks in Muscle Shoals Deal.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Send Government control of the nitrate plant and water power projects at Muscle Shoals, Ala., were among suggestions made by Secretary of War Weeks today by Charles C. Tinkler, president of the North American Construction Company of San Francisco, when he presented his formal proposal for taking over the Southern properties.

Tinkler and his chief engineer, F. C. Hitchcock, after a recent inspection of the Muscle Shoals property, went into conference with the Secretary of War proposed to operate the nitrate plant. The conference lasted almost an hour, and at its conclusion Secretary Weeks requested Tinkler and Hitchcock to submit to the engineers all the technical phases of their work. Tinkler asked them to be prepared for further conferences after they conclude with the Army engineers.

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## NEGRO SHOTS AND WOUNDS POLICE OFFICER

Fires Three Times as Woman He Threatened Appeals for Aid.

HIS HURTS NOT SERIOUS

Douglass Johnson, 33, negro, shot Patrolman George G. Mueller in the right arm when a negro, Madeline Sandifer, 30, appealed to the policeman for protection early today. While Johnson was en route to police headquarters in the patrol wagon he cut and seriously wounded the woman, who also had been detained as a witness.

The trouble occurred shortly after midnight in Illinois street, near Sixteenth street. Both Johnson and the woman said they lived in the rear of 1522 North Illinois street.

The woman, who was slashed twice by the negro, is in a serious condition. She is at the city hospital. Two long knife wounds across her left breast were inflicted by Johnson before he could be disarmed by Wagonman William Mellen and Chauffeur Lee Henley.

"He is going to kill me," screamed the negro as she ran up to Patrolmen Mueller and Maurice R. Wilkerson, as the negroes were walking in Illinois street. Before the officers had time to turn around they heard three shots and a bullet struck Mueller in the right arm. Wilkerson seized Johnson, and Mueller and Chauffeur Lee Henley.

Captain Ed Schubert was notified and sent police officers from headquarters to the scene. The wounded patrolman was sent to the hospital, where it was found his injuries are not serious.

The negro was placed in the patrol wagon and chained after it, it is said he had been searched. Chauffeur Henley was driving and Wagonman Mellen was guarding the prisoner when, suddenly, Johnson drew a knife and made two slashes at the Sandifer woman. She screamed and Mellen struck Johnson with his "blackjack" and followed a battle between the desperate negro and the policeman. Henley stopped the patrol and went to Mellen's assistance. The police got the knife away from Johnson and then took the wounded woman to the city hospital. She was weak from loss of blood.