

'HARD-BOILED' SMITH SOUGHT AS WITNESS

MAYOR THREATENS TO PUT LAYMAN ON CITY HEALTH BOARD

Tires of Doctors' Row and May Settle It for Them, Shank Declares — Has Law Looked Up.

QUEST FOR LOST PROPERTY GOES ON

"If these doctors don't settle their scrap pretty soon I'm going to appoint a layman on the board of health and settle it for them," declared Mayor Samuel Lewis Shank today. The second Democratic membership upon the board has not been filled because of a contest between Dr. Karl R. Ruddell and Dr. W. H. Foreman for the place, which broke out in a row on Monday morning, Jan. 2.

"I think we ought to have at least one member of the board who is not a doctor anyway," said the mayor, as he inquired of City Attorney James M. Ogden if the law requires that all members of the board be physicians. After a hasty examination of the statutes Mr. Ogden said that so far as he could discover in such a brief study the law does not require that any member of the board

When this word reached him Mr. Shank said he would offer the appointment to William H. Armistead, to hold at least until the doctors are able to settle their differences. It was pointed out that Mr. Armistead is a candidate for the Republican chairmanship and probably would not be interested in a Democratic board membership.

"That doesn't make any difference," said the mayor. "I'll make a Democrat out of him for a few weeks and then turn him back into a Republican."

ARMISTEAD, HOWEVER, DECLINES PROPOSAL.

When the proposal was put up to Mr. Armistead, however, he declined. Mr. Shank was to have a conference with Dr. E. E. Hodgins, chairman of the health board, upon the vacant membership this afternoon. The health board has not formally organized, pending the appointment.

The mayor has two city detectives continuing his investigation of missing city property. Several employees of the municipal garage, holding over from the former administration were called to the mayor's office and questioned about the use of city gasoline, oil, and parts in their private automobiles. The mayor said one of them confessed that he had taken a total of sixty gallons of gasoline from the city garage last year. A stenographic report of the testimony is to be turned over to the board of public works tomorrow.

Mayor Shank is considering employing an expert to check books at the city hall in order to ascertain the extent of property thought to be missing.

Alvin J. 60, of Bridgeport, foreman of the city yards under the Jewett administration, whose arrest the board of public works ordered yesterday morning when he was found with a pump owned by the city at his home, was taken into custody late yesterday afternoon and released under \$1,000 bond signed by Alex. Alexander, 3017 West Morris street.

The rounds of the city hall resembled a first class employment bureau. City employees sat behind a desk past which a long line of men seeking jobs filed. Each gave his name, address and the kind of work he wanted. The mayor hit upon this scheme to relieve himself of the heavy task of personally facing the job hunters.

FIRE CHIEF O'BRIEN BRINGS IN PROTEST.

Fire Chief John J. O'Brien came to the mayor to protest against the order issued by the board of works yesterday which stopped the practice of the city paying gas bills for fire stations. The board was informed that firemen used gas in stores upon which they cooked their meals. Chief O'Brien told the mayor this (Continued on Page Two.)

MAY ABOLISH COURTHOUSE CURB MARKET

Re-establishment of Selling on North Half of Square Considered.

The abolishment of the curb market around the court house square and the re-establishment of the market on the north half of the courthouse square, Market street, today were being considered by the Marion County commissioners.

Commissioner Carlin Shank said the commissioners are considering a plan by which the north half of the courthouse square would be turned into a "market square" with accommodations for at least three hundred booths. Streets and sidewalks would be established in the "market square."

"Under the proposed plan," Mr. Shank explained, "all stands would be taken off of the curbs and the sidewalks. Personally, I think the new plan would solve the market problem. It would eliminate congestion on the streets around the courthouse, on market days, and would enable the people to beautify the south side of the courthouse lawn. I would like to know what the public thinks of the proposed plan."

Under the plan proposed, people could do their marketing in a certain district which would eliminate a walk around the entire courthouse square. Regulations would be imposed which would result in better sanitary conditions, Mr. Shank thinks.

The market problem has been one which has given the commissioners much concern.

WEATHER

Forecast for Indianapolis and vicinity for the twenty-four hours ending at 7 P. M., Jan. 11, 1922:

Unsettled tonight and Wednesday; probably rain or snow; temperature near freezing tonight; somewhat colder on Wednesday.

HOURLY TEMPERATURE.

6 A. M.	32
7 A. M.	32
8 A. M.	32
9 A. M.	32
10 A. M.	32
11 A. M.	32
12 (noon)	32
1 P. M.	32

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Pepper was accompanied to Washington by his wife, his son, George W. Pepper, Jr., and his two daughters, Mrs. Theodore S. Paul and Mrs. F. E. Newbold.

MEASURED SERVICE HELD UNDESIRABLE

Many Oppose Phone Proposal, Investigator Says.

TELLS OF WORK

Hirst's Estimate of Removals Less Than Wilde's Figures.

Proposals for measured telephone service are not meeting with general approval in Indianapolis, W. R. Hirst, a special investigator for the public service commission, testified today in the hearing on the petition of the Indiana Bell Telephone Company for increased rates.

Mr. Hirst said he had interviewed a number of business men in many lines and that some of them said that measured service would be satisfactory and that others told him it would not fit in well with their business. He said that residential subscribers objected to measured service and that only a few of them told him they believed it would be desirable.

ESTIMATES 5,000 TO 6,000 WOULD QUIT.

Commissioner John Van Auker asked Mr. Hirst for an estimate of the number of subscribers who would have their telephones removed should the proposed rate increase be put into effect. He said he estimated that between 5,000 and 6,000 telephones would be removed. This is less than the estimate made by Carl Wilde, director of service of the commission, in his testimony yesterday.

Mr. Hirst said he believed that most of the persons who would have their telephones disconnected are those who have two party residence service. He said he believed a large number of users of independent lines would have them changed to two party lines. As to the service itself, Mr. Hirst testified that it is satisfactory except for the delay in obtaining telephone connections when they are ordered. He said, however, that he believed this difficulty will be done away with as soon as unification of the automatic and the manual system is completed. He testified that on Dec. 31, 1921, there were 982 orders for service waiting to be filled. He said that is an unusually high number and is due to lack of facilities at the present time.

Of the orders that were waiting to be filled, Mr. Hirst said that 706 were in the plant department and 276 in the contract department. He said the orders in the plant department were those to which (Continued on Page Eleven.)

HOOSIER MOTOR CLUB OPPOSES TOWER SYSTEM

Believes Plan Would Not Work in Busy Centers of Indianapolis.

Considering the many difficult problems, the report of the traffic committee made to Mayor Samuel Lewis Shank last week has made fewer unpopular recommendations than might have been expected, according to a statement issued today by the Hoosier Motor Club.

"The best part of the entire report is an indication that radical changes are not to be urged all at once, but that innovations be made gradually," the statement says. "Considering the fact that there are hundreds of drivers in Indianapolis who are not yet familiar with present traffic rules, the benefit of gradual changes can be understood."

"There is one feature of the traffic committee's report which we are not ready to endorse at present, and that is in reference to the tower system of controlling traffic for several blocks at a time. As we pointed out in a previous statement, this system works well in Fifth avenue, New York, because there are no car lines on that street. We are not convinced that such a system will operate properly in Indianapolis when all the streets on which such towers are suggested are laden with street car traffic of the heaviest sort."

"A 'Y' sign for east and west given at the intersection of the streets, repeated on towers at Meridian and Pennsylvania streets, would not mean that two blocks of traffic (or more) could move smoothly and simultaneously, when it is further considered that at all (Continued on Page Eleven.)

COMMISSION IS STILL 'COMING'

Indiana is still without a United States president of the commission for the Homer Elliott of Martinsville, who is to succeed Frederick Van Nuys, has not yet arrived. According to a letter Mr. Elliott received from Senator Harry S. New Monday, the commission was mailed from Washington Saturday.

When the commission did not arrive on the noon mail today, Mr. Elliott said he believed he would make inquiries at some of the freight houses for the missing article. The resignation of Mr. Van Nuys took effect last Saturday.

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Girl Fights Kidnaping Burglar With Her Teeth

Helen Ludwig Puts Up Battle and Man Flees.

A brand new variety of burglar, the kidnaping burglar, made his appearance in Indianapolis last night, and took his place alongside the barefoot burglar, the masked burglar, and all the others of the predatory clan.

His first appearance resulted in failure, however, for after carrying Helen Ludwig, 16, of 161 West Arizona street, from the couch on which she was sleeping, to the middle of the street, he dropped the girl and ran when she succeeded in burying her teeth in his hand until he yelled with pain.

Miss Ludwig, who is the stepdaughter of Thomas W. McKenzie, was sleeping on a couch in the living-room. She was awakened as the man started to lift her, but her cries were stifled as the prowler held a hand over her mouth. He then started to carry her from the house, the young woman struggling with all her might.

Finally, after she had bitten him severely he gave up the struggle, dropped her in the middle of the street and fled. The kidnaping burglar had ransacked the house. He entered through a dining room window and seems to have taken great pains to insure a path of escape, as he had unlocked the two rear doors of the house and the front door leading to the porch.

Miss Ludwig's grandmother, Mrs. Minnie Dietrich, was awakened by the girl's screams after the burglar had carried her from the house and she aroused the rest of the family.

Police who investigated found marks of the assailant's fingers imprinted deeply on Miss Ludwig's throat.

The pickpocket industry took on increased activity during the last twenty-four hours, reports the police, claiming that three persons yielded \$205.35 in that fashion. Burglars went after cash during the night, \$236.00 representing the net proceeds of a robbery reported to the police. The hold-up business took a slump, only one victim reporting a loss of \$10.

Pickpockets are operating in the city. John M. Bailey, 3456 North Pennsylvania street, was robbed of his purse and \$200 as he boarded a street car at Market and Pennsylvania streets.

Joseph Gallagher, 444 Bright street, reported his purse containing \$2 stolen at Illinois and Washington streets.

Mrs. Jennie Fry, 907 North Pennsylvania street, was robbed of \$3.35 while shopping.

ROBBERY USE CARBOLIC ACID.

Mrs. C. Wagner, employed in a grocery at 547 Massachusetts avenue, told the police a man attempted to seize \$5 which she had in her hand while making change for a customer. The man ran from the store and escaped.

Don Black of Elwood was attacked by two negro hold-up men in Court street, near Liberty street. The thugs sprayed carbolic acid from an atomizer into Black's face, then slugged him and took \$40 from him. He was not seriously injured.

While William Gardner, 1055 Olive avenue, was away from home, a burglar entered and ransacked the house, taking \$200 from a dresser drawer.

C. P. Davis, 2009 North Delaware street, said a spotlight was taken from his automobile while it was parked in front of 2054 North Delaware street.

Frank W. King, 531 North Bellview street, a street car conductor, reported a bag of money stolen from his car at the Highland avenue car barns. The bag contained \$30.00.

Mrs. Ella Brock, negro, 3204 West Walnut street, was robbed of a leather coat by a man who followed her to her home. Mrs. Brock is the sister of Detective George W. Sneed.

Woman Justice of Peace Binds 3 to Grand Jury

On the orders of the first woman justice of the peace in Marion County, two young men today were in the Marion County jail awaiting grand jury investigation and one was out on bail.

Yesterday afternoon, Mrs. M. J. Behrman, 6105 Broadway, and justice of the peace of Washington township, heard her first cases. Joseph Behrman, 18, 4157 Keystone avenue; Virgil Roberts, 23, 107 Hillside avenue; and Virgil Barlow, 18, 2222 East Forty-fourth street, appeared before her on charges of attempting to burglarize the home of Jonas Johnson, a farmer living on the Allisonville road.

All three were promptly bound over to the grand jury.

Behrman was fined at \$100 which he gave to Bentz and Barber were taken to jail when they failed to give bonds in sums of \$500 each.

Behrman said the new justice handled the cases with dispatch. The trial was held in the town hall where Mrs. Behrman has established her court for the present.

'Bonus' Held Up Again

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Soldiers' "bonus" legislation will be held up again today by the House Ways and Means Committee until the Senate has indicated what action it will take on the foreign debt funding bill, according to a decision reached by House Republican leaders today.

Fights With Teeth



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BOARDMAKES SOME CHANGES OF POLICEMEN

George Bradley, Detective, Requests That He Be Demoted.

Ser. Louis Johnson of the uniform Sergeant Louis Johnson of the uniform department of the police force was slated for promotion to lieutenant at the regular meeting of the board of public safety this afternoon. A number of other changes in police personnel also were to be made.

Patrolman William Fields was to be promoted to sergeant in place of Johnson, according to advance information given out by Mayor Samuel Lewis Shank.

Other scheduled changes were promotion of Patrolman John Thompson to sergeant and assignment as assistant to Lieut. Albert Porro to the Bertillon department; promotion of Bicycleman Ben Lansing to detective sergeant in place of George Bradley who was to be reduced to patrolman upon his own request; promotion of Patrolman James Todd, Thomas Leonard and William Paul to bicycleman and reduction of policemen assigned to the Union Station and Terminal Station from sergeants to patrolmen.

"George Bradley asked to be reduced to patrolman himself. He said that after trying out the work for a week he did not believe he had had enough experience to be a detective and would like to go back to his old job for a while. I'll bet he's the first policeman in history to do that and it was a pretty square thing for him to do," said Mr. Shank.

Mr. Shank explained that State Senator Robert L. Moorhead of the Robt-Merrill Company made the request of the commissioners yesterday but that it had not been granted. Mr. Shank said that he was not informed whether Mr. Beveridge would be at the meeting.

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Street Car Operator Clubbed by Miner

Special to The Times.

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C. B. Miller Ill

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 10.—Clarence B. Miller, secretary of the Republican National Central committee, and former Congressman from Minnesota, was reported in an extremely critical condition at the Miller Hospital here today. Physicians said Mr. Miller had shown no improvement since his operation for appendicitis last week.

PARLEY MAY NOT END FOR MANY WEEKS

Wrangle Over Five-Powered Treaty Is Cause.

BALFOUR TO STAY

British Chief Delegation Cancels Passage.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Difficulties in the adjustment of the five-powered naval treaty, and more particularly in connection with the Far East side of the armament conference have arisen in such number as to make it virtually certain that the parley will continue well toward the end of January, it was learned today.

Arthur J. Balfour, head of the British delegation, who had planned to sail for England Saturday, has canceled his passage and will remain in Washington for another ten days at least.

Both British and Japanese delegations now plan to leave the last week in January, the British sailing from New York and the Japanese from San Francisco.

The explanation offered for the change in plans was that the details that remain to be adjusted are too numerous for quick settlement. One of them is that portion of the five-power naval treaty dealing with Pacific fortifications. Another is the Shantung question, with which Balfour is directly associated as one of the two mediators.

Each of the delegations—American, British, French, Japanese and Italian—met today individually to consider the treaty prior to the meeting of the heads of delegations in the Pan-American building. The American delegates met with Secretary Hughes at the State Department. Later Hughes will meet Balfour, Kato, Sarraut and Schanzer.

A plenary session of the conference is expected Friday to announce to the world the powers' acceptance of the naval limitation treaty.

CONFERENCE NEARS END.

Signatures of delegates of the United States, Great Britain, France, Japan and Italy, the five powers involved in the treaty, will be affixed Saturday, according to present plans. Arthur Balfour has postponed his departure to participate in the announcement and the signing of the treaty.

The conference is now approaching a spectacular wind-up and its achievements will be proclaimed to the world (Continued on Page Eleven.)

Shank Avers Beveridge Is Winning Man

"I'm for Beveridge," declared Mayor Samuel Lewis Shank today in explanation of his attendance Sunday at a conference of men interested in the candidacy of Albert J. Beveridge for the nomination for United States Senator. "I don't think this other fellow can beat Beveridge."

It was suggested to the mayor that Mr. Beveridge has not declared that he is a candidate.

"I've never got on a dead horse very often, have I?" questioned Mr. Shank in response.

"I'm just for Beveridge personally. I'm not going to take a party line. I said in my campaign speeches that I was not going to force anybody to be for anybody else and I'm not. The boys held a little meeting over here the other night and I didn't even attend."

"I'm for Beveridge because I think he's the kind of a man we're going to have to put on the ticket if we expect to win in the State this fall. Why 75 per cent of the people you talk to are for Beveridge. Didn't I tell you they stood up in Portland and Maine and voted for him?"

"Count the other day? You just start an argument on an interurban car and hear the Beveridge talk."

Another development in the political situation was the announcement by County Commissioner Carlin Shank that the board of commissioners has given permission for the holding of a public mass meeting next Thursday night in the Criminal Court room for the purpose of starting a boom for Mr. Beveridge.

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SENATORS HEARING WATSON'S CHARGES WISH TO QUIZ HIM

Anxious to Learn More About Treatment of Soldiers in Training Camps Near Paris.

HIS WHEREABOUTS NOT KNOWN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Calling of "Hard-Boiled" Smith as a witness, if he can be located, was considered today by the Senate committee investigating alleged illegal hangings, murders and brutalities in the American Army during the world war.

The investigators want Smith to testify concerning cruelty charges of soldiers who were in the American training camps, near Paris.

If Smith, who is reported to be in Mexico, can not be located one of the officers who served under him at the Paris prison term will be summoned, Senator Overman of the committee said.

The hearing was resumed with Senator Watson of Georgia asking questions of Col. W. A. Bethel of the Army General Staff about the eleven hangings in France on which the War Department has no record.

"Yes, true," Watson asked, "that the people in America never heard word about these hangings?"

"No," replied Bethel. "I declared that the committee decided to subpoena Representative Royal B. Johnson of South Dakota, who charged in a speech in the House recently that American officers 'frequently' shot men who they considered a menace to the war."

NOT ALLOWED TO WRITE OF DEATHS.

"When soldiers were hanged in France, could any soldier have found out why he was hanged?" Senator Brandegee asked Col. Walter A. Bethel, former adjutant general of the American Expeditionary Force.

"Yes," replied Bethel. "I declared that the committee decided to subpoena Representative Royal B. Johnson of South Dakota, who charged in a speech in the House recently that American officers 'frequently' shot men who they considered a menace to the war."

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