

## NITRATE PLANT BID FAILED BY CONGRESS

Canvass of Both Houses Shows  
Majority for Ford  
Offer.

### POLITICAL FIGHT ON

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—A preliminary canvass of Congress reveals that a majority of both houses favor the Muscle Shoals, Ala., nitrate plant.

Friends of the Ford offer have made the survey. Even opponents of Ford secretly admitted that chances of Congress eventually accepting the offer were good, but stated it would be subject to one of the most bitter political battles in recent years.

#### ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORT OFFER.

Those supporting the Ford offer are:

1. The "farm bloc" in Congress.
2. All the farm organizations, including the American farm bureau federation and the national board of farm organizations.
3. Numerous state and business associations throughout the country.

From the South and West Ford received 6,000 letters last week in support of his offer.

Those against the Ford offer are:

1. The National Fertilizer Association, which is regularly flooding Congress with propaganda against the offering, characterizing it as paternalism and charging Ford is not offering to pay enough for the project.

**ELECTRIC INTERESTS  
OPPOSE OFFER.**

2. The electric power interests. Four Southern electric associations have adopted resolutions against the offer. The Electrical World, said to represent the industry, has made several editorial attacks.

3. Wall street—"financial reviews" of several New York banking houses have attacked it. The Merchants Association of New York has claimed the development of the project as "a vicious Socialist enterprise."

4. The American Cyanamid Corporation, with its subsidiary the Air Nitrates Corporation, which fought the appropriation in the last Congress to complete the dam.

5. The By-products Oven Association.

6. Water Power Conservationists, led by Clifford Pinckney, claim the offer is against a conservative policy.

7. Opposition is expected from the aluminum interests, but it has not been manifested in the open.

## BLOOD-STAINED NOTE FOUND IN ROOM OF DEATH

Indications That Murder and  
Suicide Tragedy Was  
Planned.

### ROAD SCHOOL OPENS MONDAY

Purdue Has Short Term for  
Civil Engineers.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Jan. 21.—Plans are complete for the opening of the eighth annual Purdue road school, which will start next Monday, Jan. 22. Prospects now are for a record attendance, as inquiries have come to the school of civil engineering from all parts of the State.

The last Legislature passed a law making it necessary for every highway superintendent to attend a road school of one week some time during the year and most of the Indiana superintendents will attend the Purdue school.

The purpose of the school is to bring together all the engineers, officials, contractors and others interested in the street and highway problems in the State that they may hear various phases of their problems presented by experts of national reputation and that they may meet and exchange ideas with each other.

The design of pavements, construction methods, maintenance, etc., is changing continually and no official engineer can keep in touch with the new developments except through such road schools. The course this year was extended from one week to two days.

Efforts have been made to group the program so that there is one special day of work will be able to get their particular subjects in one or two days. Surveyors and engineers will find many of their problems covered in the course on Wednesday and Thursday.

Commissioners will be especially interested in the Thursday afternoon, Friday and Saturday morning sessions. The heart of the course will be spent especially on highway construction, while the latter half will be of greater value to city street contractors.

The program starts Monday afternoon and will end at noon Saturday.

## VIRGINIA ROAD FACES INQUIRY

U. S. Rail Board Charges  
Violation of Order.

CHICAGO, Jan. 21.—The United States Railway Labor Board, it was announced today, has filed a formal complaint against the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, operating in southwestern Virginia, to appear before it Feb. 6 for an inquiry as to whether the road has violated an order of the board.

It is charged that the company, in an order of the labor board directing it to reinstate S. B. Arwood and H. E. Silvers, a switchman and fireman, respectively, who were discharged, is alleged for giving union officials information concerning wage scales paid on the railroad. It was the contention of the unions the Interstate road was not putting into effect the wage increase order issued by the labor board in May, 1920.

The Interstate road did not combat the charges, but replied it did not care to press any evidence in the case, because it does not deal with its employees through representatives of labor organizations. The labor board sustained the positions of the labor unions and ordered Silvers and Arwood reinstated.

## SAVES TO HELP UNFORTUNATES

'Banker Joe,' 4, Proposes to  
Adopt an Orphan.



JOSEPH ASHBURY, JR.  
Out on Ashland avenue this little boy is known as "Banker Joe." He is Joseph Ashbury, Jr., and lives at 1824 Ashland avenue.

To earn money to enable him to "adopt an orphan of the Bible lands Joe, who is four years old, keeps an "Armenian bank," where most of the pennies in the neighborhood find their way. He will soon be ready to make his first \$5 payment to Near East Relief.

Joe is one of the stanchest friends the Armenian unfortunates have in this city and has told his mother that he has been refused a reconciliation. Addressed to the couple's 14-year-old daughter, the note said: "Go to Grandma Lewis." She will take care of you. There is \$10 in the bank. Take care of mother, watch and rebuffs. Forgive me, Papa."

"Grandma" Lewis is the dead man's 92-year-old mother. News of the tragedy was withheld from her for fear the shock would prove fatal. Lewis had planned the slaying and, for decades in the room were stored with clothing and the gas turned on.

## Cops Capture Negro Burglar in Film Style

Follow Tracks in Snow to  
House Where Lively Battle Ensues.

Boy! Page Will Hays! Here's a scenario!

This story has a bedroom scene in it. It's everything.

The police were called to Morris and Charles streets early today on the report of a burglar working in the neighborhood. Worthy Sherlocks that they are, they looked for fingerprints and found them. They led from one house to another until they reached the house of O. H. Reeves, 1221 Union street. The footprints went in, but they didn't come out. The police entered, the burglar was still in the house.

Following the usual procedure in a case of that kind, Sergeant Allison, who headed the squad, stationed himself at one door, Patrolman Wallace at another and Patrolmen Baker and Norman at a third.

Sergeant Allison was standing expectantly at his door with his revolver drawn when the burglar opened the door and looked out. He saw the blue coat and shining star and bolted back into the house with Sergeant Allison after him. From room to room went the chase. The burglar, a negro, ran into the room where Mrs. Reeves was sleeping and ran across the bed, as the sergeant ran around it in pursuit.

Then the negro plunged through the door where Norman and Baker were standing. He bumped into Norman and Norman sat down in the snow with the burglar on top. Baker joined the argument and the three men fought and fought. Then Sergeant Allison climbed on the pile of struggling humanity in the best football struggle.

When the fight subsided, the negro was placed under arrest. He gave his name as Frank J. Sanders, Hiwassee street. He said he couldn't remember the house number. His bond was fixed at \$5,000. Detectives say Sanders fits the description of a negro who has committed a number of burglaries in Indianapolis.

## FRIENDLY GAME BRINGS ARRESTS

Men Waiting Turns at Barber  
Shop Cop Net Victims.

While indulging in a friendly little game to while away the time when waiting for a shave at a haircut, ten men at a barber shop on Madison street, Wednesday and Thursday, City street, were disturbed by a raid conducted by seven policemen last night.

As a consequence the men were each fined \$5 and costs in gaming charges today in police court. A charge of visiting a gambling house against each man was dismissed. One man was fined \$10 and costs on the charge of keeping a gambling house.

The men fined were Clem Linn, 1350 Oliver avenue; Roy Springer, 611 Warren avenue; Lester Jones, 1715 Warren avenue; Hiram Kinnah, 341 Warren avenue; August Connor, Spencer House; John Brown, 1422 Oliver avenue; Walter Shinner, 1225 Oliver avenue; Dan Martin, Baker apartments; and Rodley Grubbs, 1817 Oliver avenue. Each was fined \$5 and costs on the gaming charge. Dan Brown, 1139 Oliver avenue, was fined \$10 and costs on the charge of keeping a gambling house and fined \$10 and costs on the charge of visiting a gambling house.

The money which was found on the table at the shop, \$150, Judge Delbert O. Wilmett explained to the men, will be turned over to the charity fund out of which needy persons are helped.

## Stole Lights From an Automobile

It was a dark night and the snow was falling fast. A crowd of persons left a schoolhouse on the Michigan road where they had attended an entertainment. When they stepped into their automobiles and turned on their lights there was no response. Investigation revealed the fact that all the lights had been stolen and the car was missing from one of the automobiles. The affair was reported to the police by A. J. Bridgeport and Harry Treator.

Point Academy at the head of his class and has since had a brilliant career in the army. He holds several war honors including the D. S. M. and D. S. C. from the United States, Legion of Honor and Croix de Guerre from France, the Italian War Cross and the Order of Leopold of Belgium.

## JAPAN'S DELAY IRRITATES ALL OTHER POWERS

Question of Meeting Expenses  
of Arms Conference Raised  
by France.

### DELEGATIONS RESTIVE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—With some of its teeth extracted the resolution providing for a listing of all existing secret treaties and commitments of the various nations of the world regarding China was adopted by the Far Eastern committee of the arms conference today.

As it now stands, the resolution exempts the listing of private Chinese commitments, granting trade and other advantages.

The conference agreed to list all international agreements.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—The Japanese policy of delay in the arms conference is beginning to irritate other delegations as well as the United States Senate.

A review of the conference status reveals that at every turn the Japanese are holding up decisions and the lack of progress, particularly this week, is beginning to irritate the other delegations.

Japanese insistence upon joint financial and operative control of the Shanghai Railway is blocking a settlement of this issue. This led to the breaking out of the first real debate on conference issues.

**WISH TWO ISLANDS  
GROUPS EXEMPTED.**

Japanese insistence that the Bonin and Oshima Island groups be exempted from the fortifications provisions of the new treaty is preventing final acceptance of this all important committee.

In the Far East committee proper, Japanese objection to filling with the conference the list of treaties and agreements on Chinese matters so far has prevented the adoption of the "cards on the table" resolution under which all the powers, except Japan, agreed to make known their Chinese commitments.

The committee tackled this job again today, with hopes that Japan would withdraw her opposition.

The cost of the conference is beginning to trouble some of the delegations. It was said the question of who is to bear the expense of the Washington meeting and of the future conferences which have been agreed upon, was recently brought up by the French in a committee meeting.

**FRENCH RAISE QUESTION  
OF MEETING EXPENSE.**

The French inquired how the expenses were to be met. They were informed that while there had been no definite agreement on this point, the prevailing idea was that each delegation should bear a fair share of the cost.

The French then put forward a tentative suggestion that if such was to be the case, the amounts expended should be "deducted from the war debt." In other words, the United States would bear the entire cost of this and future meetings.

There was no support to this suggestion and the matter was allowed to drop. It caused considerable quiet comment, however.

The increasing restiveness of the foreign delegations, reflected in a desire to wind up the conference and get home, led to predictions today by American delegates that the conference would end in two weeks.

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## BORROWS TRUCK, THEN LOSES IT

Poultry Dealer's Employee  
Tells of Unlucky Trip.

E. Vernon Darnell, a poultry dealer, 214 East Wabash street, reported to the police today that he lost his truck yesterday afternoon to an employee, West Anderson, and that Anderson returned later, declaring he had lost the truck. According to Darnell, Anderson said he took a friend home "up around Nineteenth street somewhere" and that he didn't know what happened after that. He explained he had also lost his collar and tie and his hat.

The truck, with the collar and tie and hat on the seat was found by the police on the Belt railroad tracks about twenty-five yards west of Colorado avenue. As a train had not passed the truck was still intact.

## STAGE SET FOR 'BIRTHDAY BALL' TO HONOR SHANK

Patrons and Patronesses Are  
Named for Event to Be Held  
in Tomlinson Hall.

All arrangements for the big "Birthday Ball" to be tendered Mayor Samuel Lewis Shank at Tomlinson Hall next Monday night were completed at a meeting of the Mayor's Club's general committee last night, and plans have been made to take care of a record-breaking affair, as the general public is invited, the crowd being in no wise restricted to the Mayor's Club membership.

**PATRONESSES.**

Patrons and patronesses have been named as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Giesbrecht, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hartmann, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Haskett, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hensley, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Holcombe, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Howe, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. George O. Hutwell, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick E. Schortmeier, Mr. and Mrs. Ensley W. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. August Julian, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Kreis, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Leeder, Dr. and Mrs. L. T. Leach, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph A. Lemke, Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Miller, Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Light, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Pantzer, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Rhodamel, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur A. Royce, Mr. and Mrs. Virley R. Ridd, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Buckel, Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Leopold G. Rothchild, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cantor, Mr. and Mrs. Belle Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Irving L. Lennart, Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Lennart, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Boyles, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Bramlett, Mr. and Mrs. Scott R. Bremer, Mr. and Mrs. George C. Bonds, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jarvis, Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Cantwell, Mr. and Mrs. Louis W. Carquest, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cochran, Mr. and Mrs. Charles O. Dodson, Dr. and Mrs. George R. Connor, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Royce, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Luck, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Newby, Mr. and Mrs. Linton A. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence B. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Scott S. Dinger, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Fitzpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Keating.

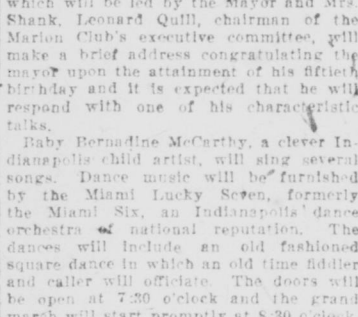
**MAJOR AND WIFE**

To LEAD MARCH Mr. and Mrs. Harry Newby, Mr. and Mrs. Linton A. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence B. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Scott S. Dinger, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Fitzpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Keating.

Aside from naming there will be no formal program, though several special features will be interpolated throughout the evening. Follows the grand march which will be led by the Mayor and Mrs. Shank, Leonard Quill, chairman of the Mayor's Club's executive committee, will make a brief address congratulating the mayor upon the attainment of his fourth birthday and it is expected that he will respond with one of his characteristic talks.

Baby Bernadette McCarthy, a clever Indianapolis child artist, will sing several songs. Dance music will be furnished by the Miami Lucky Seven, formerly the Miami Six, an Indianapolis dance orchestra of national reputation. The dances will include an old fashioned square dance in which an old time fiddler and caller will officiate. The doors will be open at 7:30 o'clock and the grand march will start promptly at 8:30 o'clock.

**OFFICER TO WED SOCIETY WOMAN**



Special to Indiana Daily Times and Philadelphia Public Ledger.

PARIS, Jan. 21.—Negotiations between France and England, which were interrupted at Cannes, will be resumed early next week in conversations between the French Ambassador at London, M. Saint-Aulaire, and Lord Curzon. This is in accordance with an understanding between Premier Poincare and Lloyd George, and it is asserted the instructions are being prepared at the French ministry of foreign affairs.

The instructions concern certain amendments to the proposed Anglo-French pact, and include France's reply to the British proposals regarding the minor and tangential questions. It is presumed Poincare will insist the last two be taken up first in London before any discussion of the treaty.

One of the negotiations questions this is the first occasion since the war that the French ambassador has fulfilled the highest function of his office in respect to international relations. He had no affairs of state—Copyright, 1922, by Public Ledger Company.

## TRUCK DRIVER IN NARROW ESCAPE

Freight Car Weights Down  
Negro Under Ice Cake.

Percy Crombs, negro, 519 North Senate avenue, had an almost miraculous escape from death today when a truck which he was driving was crushed by a freight car.

The truck, which was almost completely demolished, was turned over and the last of a cut of freight cars was thrown on top of it. Beneath the debris, with a 200-pound cake of ice resting on his head, Crombs was found about an hour after the accident. The only injuries which he suffered were a sprained ankle and a slight cut over the eye.

George Harvey, 38 Walcott street, who was conductor of the cut of cars, said that Crombs, who was driving down Langdale avenue, seemed to disregard the shouts of bystanders and the conductor. Witnesses said that the negro drove the truck squarely in front of the oncoming train. The last car of the backing out struck the truck and overturned it.

The freight car, which was crushed over and on top of the truck, the conductor, who was on this car, escaped injury by jumping as the car turned over.

Chester Norman, 1130 Roush street, was the first to reach the buried negro. He and others said that when they found Crombs a 200-pound cake of ice was resting on his head.

Crombs was taken to the city hospital in an ambulance. Attendants at the hospital say that he will be able to leave soon.

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## EIGHT STATES FIGHT CEMENT MANUFACTURER

Highway Departments An-  
nounce Boycott to Lower  
Cost.

### HOLD UP CONTRACTS

CHICAGO, Jan. 21.—Highway departments of eight States in the Mississippi Valley today declared war on cement manufacturers.

Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, South Dakota and Wisconsin today declared war on cement manufacturers.

Representatives of these States met here and pledged themselves to a "gentlemen's agreement" to this effect:

Indiana and Ohio departments were invited, but no representatives were present. The agreement has been sent to these two States.

The action taken here will tie up proposed highway construction of more than \$200,000,000 in the Mississippi Valley.

Contracts now ready to be let totaling more than \$100,000,000 are being held up.

State-owned cement mills to supply the needs of the States in being organized. Illinois already has taken steps for the construction of such a mill.

"Illinois will go ahead immediately upon the construction of a state mill," E. H. Atter, director of public works and buildings, announced. "No location has been secured, but there is \$5,000,000 available for such a mill."

"The fight against the cement manufacturers will affect all construction in the Middle West," Alexander Graham, Jefferson City, Mo., president of the Mississippi Valley conference of State highway departments, said. "It does not affect all construction, but it will affect all buildings. We think there ought to be at least a 10 per cent reduction in the cost of cement. An average of \$1.25 will net a barrel would be a fair price. We believe it."

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