

SHANK RELIEF FUND INQUIRY PROVES FLUKE

Lone Witness Appears—And His Testimony Is Some-what Balm.

OFFICIALS ARE READY

One lone witness testified at the investigation into the city administration's use of the \$20,000 emergency relief fund launched by President Theodore J. Bernd at the regular meeting of the city council last night.

It had been advertised thoroughly that the relief was going to be far-reaching and would develop some startling facts, such as, for instance, jobless, needy men had been refused work on the \$2-a-day plan because they had not worked for Mayor Samuels Lewis Shank politically.

The inquiry collapsed when the lone complainant, John McMann, 1694 Madison avenue, admitted he had not been refused a job and the politics had not even been asked. He declared he had been sent to the Merchants Heat and Light Company to work "cutting asphalt with a chisel," and then the president explained the street department had not been able to use as many men as it wanted. It failed to become evident what conditions had been set that not much work could be done. He suggested Mr. McMann go back and apply for a job again and no doubt he would be taken once of.

COUNCILMAN RAY EXPRESSES VIEW.

Councilman Otto Ray declared he thought the relief ordinance was the "biggest mistake well make in four years" because commissioners and over the city had adopted \$2 rates an hour as the standard for common labor as a result of it. He said he had feared this when the measure was passed, and he thought it ought to be repealed at once.

BERND DEFENDS ORDINANCE.

President Bernd came to the defense of the ordinance, stating many people had told him it was the thing and through it many men had been able to find work for \$2 a week when otherwise would have to accept \$5 or \$6 a week from charity organizations in order to keep their families alive. He asked Mr. Hyland to tell what he thought of the ordinance.

The street commissioner said he thought it a fine thing and would prove even finer when conditions became even greater. He reported he has been getting an average of eight carloads of cinders a day from some of the large utilities and industries and that the number of men he had to send has depended upon the amount of cinders he could get for them to spread.

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YOUTH WORK.

Mr. King said he did not know how many youth work. Mayor Shank said the mayor had been doing, but he did know "if Mr. Shank had not been out in the State so much trying to do something about the unemployment of one man," he might know more about what the councilmen have been doing. He said he had been getting ten or twelve calls a day for assistance from the needy.

MAYOR SPEAKS
FOR BEVERAGE.

The mayor has been stumping the state for Alphonse J. Beveridge, candidate for the Republican nomination to the United States Senator. Mr. King not long ago was appointed a prohibition enforcement agent. Senator Harry S. New, Mr. Beveridge's opponent, is generally believed to pass out the patronage at the First National Bank.

After Mr. King's pleasantries, which were accompanied with the statement the only thing he had to say about the administration of the relief ordinance was city councilmen had not been sent any names to pass upon for appointment to the \$2-a-day jobs recently, as the measure was suspended, the council adjourned peacefully.

It looked rather gloomy for the investigation at the opening of the meeting when no one responded to Mr. Bernd's question if there was any one present who wished to talk about the relief ordinance. He said the matter would be taken up later, then, with regular business out of the way, he repeated his request those interested in the inquiry make themselves known. All was quiet. The president picked up the figures. Mr. Highland had supplied him and read them again. The total amount of the \$20,000 fund and \$5223 had been spent out of the \$1,000 appropriated to the assistance of the relief station operated by the National Disabled Soldiers' League and other patriotic organizations.

INVITATION BRINGS
NO RESPONSE.

"If anyone is interested they can come up and read these reports and see just what the money was spent," said Bernd, and repeated his invitation to those who thought they had been treated unfairly to come forward. No silence continued.

"I'll say in the last four or five weeks I have had no complaints out of Martin J. Hyland's department and, in all fairness, I have taken prompt action on all requests I have made of him," remarked the president. He then suggested adjournment would be in order.

Councilman Heydon W. Buchanan got the floor and asked the audience if there

ROADS DRAGGED REGULARLY NOW IN GOOD REPAIR

Highways Constructed of
Native Materials Stand
Test Creditably.

The general condition of State roads constructed of such native materials as crushed stone and gravel is excellent throughout Indiana, standing in a very creditable manner the wear and tear of traffic, said Frank A. Hinkle, director of Lawrence Lyons, director of the State highway commission, announced today. The statement was made following an inspection of 300 miles over these roads by A. H. Hinkle, chief engineer of maintenance, and under whose direction and supervision State roads were maintained this year.

Mr. Hinkle inspected stone and gravel State roads in the counties of Shelby, Harrison, Rush, Franklin, Dearborn, Wayne and Marion.

Throughout the winter, Mr. Hinkle says, his department caused these roads to be dragged and scraped regularly. Roads heavily traveled were thus treated as often as three times each week. Less heavily traveled roads were dragged at least once each week. This treatment, he declares, has the advantage of filling the porous places and causing the stones to remain on the surface into the ditch at either side of the roads. A light coating of stone and gravel is soon spread by the dragging crews when it is deemed necessary to keep the surface in proper condition.

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"The fund has done a world of good," he concluded.

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Mr. King explained that in a few instances some of the stone and gravel roads are cut up a considerable distance and should be repaired during the thawing season. However, a few days of continuous dry weather will remedy this unpleasant feature, and then the supreme advantages of proper maintenance on this class of roads will be plainly discerned. That maintenance, he said, should be one of the first features of Hoosier State road work is quite evident to the motorist who, after traveling a few miles on a State road that has been continuously dragged, routes over a road not included in the State system and which has not been treated to the drag system.

There are 1,825 miles of gravel roads, 515 miles of stone roads and 170 miles of earth roads under jurisdiction of the maintenance department at this time, and were it not for the patrol system and the constant attention given them with the exception of the winter months, it would be impossible when the drag is coming out of the ground, highway officials declare.

Second Street from the Monon Railroad.

The traffic codification ordinance was introduced with a request from the board of public safety that it be passed at the next meeting.

The ordinance authorizes the board of public health to issue \$60,000 worth of bonds to erect two new buildings at the city hospital also was presented and referred to committee.

One thousand dollars would be appropriated to the fire prevention campaign by another measure introduced.

A specific ordinance introduced provides for changes in street names as follows:

West Thirty-Fifth street, Barnes avenue to Crescent street, to Pomander Place; Water street, Barnes avenue to Crescent street, to West Thirty-Seventh street; West Thirty-Fourth street, Canal to Northwestern avenue to West Thirty-Fifth street; Clark street, same limits, to West Thirty-Fifth street; West Thirty-Third street, same limits to West Thirty-Fourth street and Regal Place, same limits, to West Thirty-Third street.

A bill was presented providing for reduction of junk dealers' licenses from \$100 to \$25 a year.

ROME LEADERS IN QUANDARY

Formation of New Cabinet
Cause of Worry.

ROME, Feb. 21.—The formation of a new Italian government which carries with it the question of date and plans for the European economic conference at Genoa, remains as acute a crisis as ever today.

There were important conferences of leaders held today at which attempts were renewed at obtaining some combination of cabinet members capable of swinging a vote of confidence in the chamber.

Former Premier Giolitti was offered the premiership last night and tried to persuade Senor Orlando and the parliamentary leader, De Nicola, to join him in forming a coalition. Both refused.

NO GAS ON TRAINS.

PARIS, Feb. 21.—Owing to a fire which followed a railroad wreck in Batignolles Tunnel, the ministry of public works has ordered the abolition of gas lighting in trains.

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garments from the American Legion distributing committee in New York.

Convalescing at Kankakee, N. C., from wounds received in the Argonne, one American Legion man sent \$1 to the Woodrow Wilson fund, and promised more payments. Many legionnaires are listed among the donors to the foundation.

Posseing all the requisites for a dance, except music, American Legion men sent in Lincoln. Not called on an ex-gob for help. He rigged up a radio phone and tuned in an orchestra 1,000 miles away.

A Spanish bull fight will be staged in Madison Square Garden, New York, by an American Legion post. One stipulation is that the bull shall not be hurt.

A married man who formerly was a member of the 172d, was applied to the American Legion, wholly destitute. He took a job as a packer at \$5 and said he was glad to get it.

Twelve majors, five naval commanders, twenty-seven captains and nearly one hundred lieutenants have applied for jobs at American Legion employment headquarters in New York.

Legion cleaned up to do reverence to the dead heroes.

"The Star-Spangled Banner" rendered on a handorgan with a monkey accompaniment, is taboo with the American Legion in New York, according to an executive of the Legion's world exhibit collections being taken for playing the national anthem.

Plans for a Connecticut State hospital for ex-service men have been indorsed by Governor Lake. It will be named for Frederick W. Gilchrist, late commander of the American Legion.

A Federal appropriation of \$16,400,000 for hospitals for wounded ex-soldiers has been made by the American Legion.

Kansas women have voted to put over State bonds to help Ida Walker, woman legislator, as told the American Legion she wants nurses included in the compensation.

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head of the department of romance languages; James A. Woodburn, head of the history department; Edgar R. Cumming, head of the English department; Dr. G. Weatherly, head of the department of economics and sociology; Guido H. Stempel, head of the department of comparative physiology; C. W. F. Osthaus, professor of German; David M. Mettler, head of the botany department; Harry C. Ritson, professor of psychology; and John B. Phillips, professor of economics.

The School of Medicine comes next with ten names in "Who's Who"; Burton L. Myers, assistant dean of the school and head of the anatomy department; William J. Moenhaus, head of the physiology department; John F. Barnhill, professor of rhinology and otology; Albert W. Brayton, professor of dermatology and syphilis; Joseph Eastman, professor of surgery; John N. Hurst, professor of hygiene and sanitary science; F. F. Hutchins, professor of mental and nervous diseases; John W. Sluss, professor of surgery; Albert E. Sterne, professor of mental and nervous diseases; and William Wishard, professor of genito-urinary surgery.

The School of Law is represented in "Who's Who" by Ernest G. Hart, dean; Ernestine, and Martin M. Hopkins, dean; the School of Music by Dean Winfred B. Merrill; the School of Commerce by Dean William A. Rawles and the School of Education by Dean Henry L. Smith, and Professor W. W. Black.

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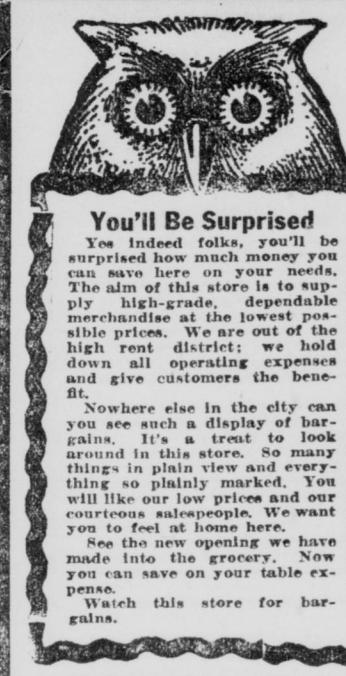
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