

SHANK BACKS ELLIOTT IN PAVING ROW

SIPE RELATES INSIDE STORY OF FUNDS USE

Statement Will Be
Used in Grand Jury
Inquiry.

MANY INVOLVED

Coffin Says Borrowers
Must Pay or Go
to Jail.

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While Mr. Worley is laying the foundation for a grand jury investigation, County Clerk George V. Coffin is holding conferences with a number of people who are said to be well informed of the facts.

It is believed Sipe is covering loans. Mr. Coffin said plans are under way for the delivery of certain certificates of stock. In this way, the clerk hopes to make sure all losses over \$100,000 which the official hand of Sipe covers.

Mr. Coffin has announced people who have borrowed money from Sipe will be asked to pay it back.

Indications are the county is working on the theory persons who received money from Sipe merely were trustees of county money which Sipe turned over to them. On that basis officials are demanding the return of all funds advanced by Mr. Sipe.

STATEMENT GIVEN TO JURY.

Although Mr. Sipe has not stated he would appear before the grand jury to tell his story of the juggling of county funds by which his "friends" obtained vast sums of money as loans and in investments of stock, it is thought he will appear.

On the basis of Sipe's admission he would be transferred to the bonding company, which was surety on his bond, all of his property, stocks, insurance which he possessed at the time he resigned in the deduction, during the three years he was county clerk he expended approximately \$205,500, some legally and some illegally, as asserted by county officials.

SIPE'S SALARY

\$35,000, YEARLY.

Sipe's salary was \$35,000 a year, out of which he paid his office help. On a liberal basis, his office help cost about \$20,000 a year. That would leave \$6,000 for himself, added to which was approximately \$4,000 yearly from fees and (Continued on Page Twelve.)

CANDIDATES FILE NOTICE FOR PRIMARY

Many More Announce Intentions of Seeking Political Offices.

Many additional candidates today filed intent to be candidates at the coming primary. Among those who have filed since yesterday noon, are:

Joel A. Adler, Democrat, Franklin township assessor, New Berlin; Albert M. Thomas, Democrat, Franklin township trustee; A. G. Geiger, Democrat, sheriff, 2028 Winter avenue; Louis J. Pahis, Republican, Washington township assessor, 3324 Graceland avenue; Charles F. Plummer, Republican, county assessor, 900 Wright street; Paul F. Robinson, Republican, present coroner, re-nomination; Michael L. Jefferson, Republican, present assessor of Center township, re-nomination; James W. L. Deltz, 127 Bakemeyer street; and Fred G. Bruns, 431 South Alabama street.

The following Republicans filed for justice of peace of Center Township: William A. Conner, 2900 North Pennsylvania street; Elias W. Diburger, 2921 Park avenue; George W. Smith, 907 North California street; Edward L. Deltz, 127 Bakemeyer street and Fred G. Bruns, 431 South Alabama street.

A total of twenty-one filed have notice of their intentions as precinct committee men.

WEATHER

Forecast for Indianapolis and vicinity for the twenty-four hours ending at 7 a.m. March 4, 1922. Fair and warmer tonight and Saturday; lowest temperature tonight about 30 degrees.

HOURLY TEMPERATURE

6 a. m.	24
7 a. m.	24
8 a. m.	26
9 a. m.	30
10 a. m.	33
11 a. m.	34
12 (noon)	36
1 p. m.	36
2 p. m.	37

3 More Holders of Times Policies Receive Checks

Subscribers, Injured in Motor Accidents, Collect Claims Promptly.

Three claims for Indiana Daily Times accident insurance were paid today.

Herb Dyer, Jr., 1138 Villa avenue, who was fortunate enough to hold Indiana Daily Times accident insurance policy No. 24684-G, received a check for \$22.86 in payment for injuries received when his motorcycle collided with an automobile in North Capitol avenue. Mr. Dyer is a neighbor of Finley Brown, a Times subscriber, who received \$600 as compensation for injuries in a motorcycle accident.

Clarence M. Craig, 227 East New York street, a special delivery clerk at the post office, received a check for \$30 as a result of injuries received while riding his motorcycle in North Pennsylvania street. Mr. Craig took advantage of the Indiana Daily Times accident insurance plan and received policy No. 26209-G, Jan. 18, 1922.

On Feb. 11, Orville Rogers, 329 Mink street, suffered minor injuries while driving an automobile from Crawfordsville to Indianapolis. Mr. Rogers was injured when his machine turned over as a result of hitting a dog. He was the holder of Policy No. 10635-G, and received a check for \$12.80 in settlement of his claim.

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This is clearly the outstanding point of view of both directors of the National Coal Association, comprising some of the principal operators of the country, meeting here today.

The operators here insist that wage reductions are necessary. The miners, according to present indications, will fight, through the strike if necessary, to have the prevailing level virtually maintained.

DEPARTMENT HOPES TO AVOID STRIKE.

Meanwhile, Department of Labor officials continue hopeful that the strike will be averted.

The attitude of the coal operators is, according to J. D. Bradley, president of the National Coal Association.

"Wages in the coal industry must be reduced," he said. "I do not want to see a strike, but think that most of the operators, miners and management, will be a strike if we do not get a wage reduction."

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COX LEADS DEMOCRATS TO CAPITAL

Former Presidential Nominee Heads Clansmen.

WILL TAKE STUMP

Whirlwind Campaign Planned to Regain Control.

Special to Indiana Daily Times and Philadelphia Public Ledger

By FREDERICK WILLIAM WILE.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Washington this week has been the scene of the most formidable gathering of Democratic clansmen since the clan took to the cyclone cellar in November, 1920. They emerged from cover headed by James M. Cox, of Ohio, chief victim of the tornado, and pow-wowed bravely and hopefully in connection with the 1922 congressional campaign.

It was the expectation of the veterans to confer with Woodrow Wilson. The former President's physician, Dr. Cary T. Grayson, called upon the Ohio politician to advise him on medical treatment. Wile, in his convenience, was dined for a date later in the month, when Mr. and Mrs. Cox will pass through Washington on their way home from a holiday at Aiken, S. C.

Several concrete and important decisions were made by the Democrats concerning Cox, among them:

1. The waging of a whirlwind campaign throughout the country to regain control of the Senate and House.

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6 Die of Pneumonia One From Influenza

Pneumonia and influenza deaths took a spurt yesterday. There were six deaths from pneumonia and one from influenza reported to the board of public health, as compared with four from pneumonia yesterday.

Ship Thought Lost With All on Board

HALIFAX, March 3.—The Norwegian Grentoft is feared to have foundered with all hands, according to a wireless message to the Cape Race station at 11:30 o'clock today from the steamer Esthonia, which arrived at the position indicated by "SOS."

"When employees of these coal barons demand living conditions and work, it is not a strike; it is a lockout," the letter states. "The coal barons are responsible for the mailing of coal cease."

The owners will not permit the Government to ascertain their practices, costing their profits have been referred to as 200 per cent by a former secretary of the treasury; their incompetency is recorded by a Government bureau and their gouging of the public has gone beyond all records."

Proposes Sift of Reilly's Conduct

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Investigation of the conduct of Governor E. Mont Reilly of Porto Rico by the House Insular Affairs Committee, was proposed yesterday by Representative John J. McNamee, of New York, and by Representative Humphreys, Democrat of Mississippi. The investigation would be based on charges against Governor Reilly by resident Commissioner Davala of Porto Rico.

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HE INDICATES PRICE PAID FOR 'CONFESSION'

Witness for Hartman Tells of 'Package on Desk.'

FRANCIS 'SAW \$500'

Detective's Version of Blodgett Visit Given at Trial.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Here's how the new "bonus" plan would work:

All ex-service men would be entitled to say \$1 a day for domestic service and \$25 a day for foreign service under the combined cash and certificate plan, provided the total compensation exceeds the \$500 previously allowed by Congress. This amount is to be deducted from all grants under the plan.

Then if the amount the veteran is entitled to does not exceed \$500, he may take it in cash. If it does exceed \$500, he must take a certificate on which he can borrow half the face value until 1925. For instance, it is estimated the average payment will be about \$230. On this the veteran could borrow \$165 or get the entire amount in 1925.

If the veteran chooses to take the optional plans of insurance, home or farm aid, vocational training and land settlement aid this would be arranged promptly. Present plans call for giving the veteran about 40 per cent more compensation if he accepts any plan other than the cash and loan certificate proposal.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—"Bonus" leaders in the House predicted today the non-cash adjusted compensation plan will go through Congress with comparatively little trouble.

The sub-committee engaged in re-drafting legislation to eliminate all cash "bonuses" except for those who were granted \$50 or less, estimated to be \$100.

In two weeks, the bill will be ready. Members declared they could see no reason for undue delay thereafter, though experience has shown that there is many a slip between prediction and enactment.

Since the insurance certificate proposals involves no wrenching of the Treasury within the next three years there will be no particular objection to it among the majority of Representatives and Senators. President Harding is agreeable to the proposal.

The plan will involve taxation of some kind or another, but that taxation will be spread over a homoeopathic doses over a period of twenty years. Thus far, it is impossible to estimate the total cost of this new measure, though it is assumed it will run under \$5,000,000,000 in the completed period.

Initial care will be taken to shield soldiers from loan shams, and only reputable banking establishments will be permitted to engage in loaning on the certificates—then only under well defined conditions. Under the present plan, a cash "bonus" may be paid to men whose 110 days would be deducted.

The plan will be deducted from the amount of the bonus given to the veterans.

The commissioner also is considering issuance of an order to the same company to build a 200-foot two-story Louise Building housing in a vacant lot at the southwest corner of Nineteenth and Illinois streets. He said the company got permission under the former administration to erect this building temporarily and agreed to wreck it as soon as an apartment building at Twenty-First and Illinois streets was finished.

Now, Mr. Hamilton says, the company wants to continue to operate the mill until an apartment hotel in the 1400 block of Pennsylvania street is finished.

According to Mr. Holmes, Francis had said that Captain De Forster had said to him:

"There is a lot of money in this for you."

DE FORESTER LISTENS TO STATEMENT.

De Forster, who came up from Louisville to attend the trial today, was seated immediately behind Prosecutor Evans, while Mr. Holmes gave his testimony and listened intently to every word he made on comment on it after court adjourned.

The sensation of the revelations made by Mr. Holmes was so great that it even exceeded the interest displayed by spectators who had taken the stand in his own defense at the conclusion of his testimony.

Mr. Holmes, on taking the stand, said that he had gone to Louisville the day before election in response to a letter received by Hartman from Francis. The defense tried hard to get this letter in evidence, but Judge Bain sustained objection by Prosecutor Evans.

According to Mr. Holmes, Francis had said he had never seen the witness before.

He said that when he saw Francis, he asked him if he knew the Indianapolis News had furnished money for the defense implicating Hartman, and Francis had replied:

"I am a man," he said, "and I have a right to know."

"You wouldn't tell a lot of lies on an innocent man," Holmes said he asked Francis and the latter answered.

"When a fellow is in jail and broke he

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