

## COP BELIEVED HE WAS DOING DUTY, HE SAYS

Suspended Patrolman Declares Visiting Movies Once Was Order.

Four patrolmen, suspended for thirty days by the board of public safety on charges that they loafed in a motion picture theater on the Illinois streets, thought they were performing their duty by visiting the show declared Thomas Bledsoe, one of the four, in a statement today.

Bledsoe said he never had orders not to enter picture shows and that Chief of Police Herman Rikhoff did not post an order prohibiting policemen from going into them until April 24, the day after the four were suspended.

During the Jewett administration, W. H. Griffith, manager of the Garrick Theater at Illinois and Thirtieth streets, asked for police protection from boys who were creating disturbances almost nightly, Bledsoe said. The theater is operated with non-union labor and Griffith said he had received a threatening letter from the union, according to the policeman.

Not taking into account the change of administration, the theater manager said he understood the orders to protect his place still was in effect and asked Bledsoe, Donald Bushong, Thomas Hopson and Daniel Foley, the other patrolmen, to drop into the show when they were in the neighborhood and see how things were running, Bledsoe said.

"I do not deny I spent about forty-five minutes in the theater," said Bledsoe, "but I do deny I neglected my duty. When I went on the police force more than thirteen years ago I was told by the chief that I was the servant of the taxpayers. Mr. Griffith is a taxpayer and I thought it my duty to respond to his request for protection."

Bledsoe said all of the policemen suspended have been on the force more than ten years and this is the first time they have been reprimanded by the board of safety.

Judge Frank Lahr of Juvenile Court testified to Bledsoe's responsibility as an officer before the board.

Another patrolman, Patrick Lyons, was suspended today, by Chief of Police Rikhoff. According to the chief, Lyons was found by Lieutenant Johnson and Sergeant Clifford Richter in a drunken condition in a car at the Red Onion roadhouse on Prospect street near the Belt railroad. He was not supposed to be on duty at the time.

## HAVE DESIRE TO COOPERATE, SAYS COUNCIL

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the council refused to pledge support to Mayor Shank's improvement program, asserting that they wanted more time to study it. There was the start. It has continued in various degrees of intensity since. At some meetings the council has voted for administration measures with even more objection, but at the Monday evening session practically everything department heads desired passed was voted down.

Refusal of Councilman John E. King, to vote to suspend rules on an ordinance to correct a slight error in an ordinance passed two weeks before authorizing a bond issue to pay the city's share of improving three streets under the contract, was the start of a bill transferring \$60,000 from the city's treasury so as to provide money for the purchase of six automobiles for the engineering department and defeat of another transfer to make possible payment of a bill for new street signs inherited from the Jewett administration were examples of the city's mood.

Administration leaders claim that what lies behind the council's opposition is a mystery to them. They say they have had streets patched, cinders put on alleys, appointments made and done other favors for the councilmen in an effort to win their friendship, but that the situation has seemed to grow worse.

One councilman declared that he doubted "if you can buy the members of the council to admit that he is bucking the administration," and Mr. Bernd said the council is not blindly, unreasonably opposed to anything the mayor wants. Both Mr. King and Mr. Bernd have been leaders in defeating or holding up administration projects, other councilmen say.

Both Mr. Bernd and Mr. King said the administration can get any proper measure passed if it will take the trouble to come before the council and give full explanation. They said the administration bills were turned down Monday night because it was not felt that proper explanation had been given.

"The mayor talks about us bucking him," said Mr. Bernd. "We're not trying to do that. We only want to be fully informed. The mayor talked about taking into his confidence, and he has had as many opportunities for meetings several times. But we've been holding meetings in the council chamber for the months now and he has not been up to a single meeting. It's a shame. If he thought anything of us he'd come up to see us once in a while."

"We can't always follow the mayor's ideas, he changes them so often. If we tried to know where we were we'd be from one day to the next. He was going to buy Laurel Hall, then that place of property at Alabama street. He was going to buy Golden Hill, and a lot of other places. Where in the world would we be? We bought all those places? Where is the money coming from?"

They talk about economy and then the keep sending appropriation and then the city's expenditures up to us until it looks like they're trying to spend everything in sight.

"They want us to pass a bond issue of \$50,000 for the city hospital addition. They wanted to build a wing, a fine administration building and a nurses' home. Now they say they don't want the wing, but must have the administration building and the nurses' home. We're willing to build them a nurses' home, not so late as the wing, but of the type that could be added to later, but we don't see the necessity of a fine administration building. It would be just a

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LIEUT. COL. PAUL W. BECK.

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Other telephone company valuations arrived at were:

Atkins Telephone Company of Columbus, \$10,470.

Consolidated Telephone Company of Danville, \$124,485.

Cooperative Telephone Company, Albany, \$33,245.

Convers Consolidated Telephone Company, \$35,280.

Citizens Telephone Company, \$46,234.

## VALUATION OF TELEPHONE CO. MILLION MORE

Tax Board Fixes Added Values of Bell Properties.

The valuation of the Indiana Bell Telephone Company for purposes of taxation was fixed at \$19,700,000, an increase of nearly \$1,000,000 over the valuation fixed in 1921, by the State board of tax commissioner today.

The valuation does not include property of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company used by the Indiana Bell Company under lease nor the local real estate figure in the valuation. The Indiana Bell Telephone Company has telephone lines in most of the State.

The valuation of the counties company in 1921 was \$18,882,158.

Allen V. Buskirk, tax attorney for the telephone company, presented figures to the board of tax commissioners showing that the company had lost money and seeking a reduced valuation. For every dollar of revenue received by the company, 7.2 cents goes in payment of taxes, figures indicated. The company has paid \$60,000,000 in taxes this year, according to the company's report, not including the franchise tax or the company stock tax, which would increase the figure.

Figures brought out by the company indicated that its total expenses in the year ending Dec. 31, 1921, were greater than the total income. According to figures of the company the total expenses for 1921 were \$8,150,000, while the income was \$6,000,490,231.

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William F. Engeling, 1430 S. Talbot 28, Gertrude Klinman, 1020 S. Meridian 28, Mattie Bonner, 2452 North Oxford st., 48; Julius A. Mattiello, Ft. Benj. Harrison 23; Margaret L. Hall, Ft. Benj. Harrison 19; Theodore R. Neese, 4624 Winthrop st., 42; Faunie Boyer, 4201 Winthrop st., 41; Fred W. Phiper, Terre Haute, Ind., 20; Charlotte M. Boz, 1205 North st., 20.

**Births**

Lisle and Lella Wishart, 412 North Fulton, boy.

Henry and Edna Bucklester, 1137

Gimber, boy.

Harry and Dorothy Spivey, 710 North Meridian, girl.

William and Grace Golden, 1130 Sinclair, girl.

John and Amanda Given, 335 West 5th, boy.

William and Jannie Stubbs, 2156 Boulevard place, girl.

Buford and Luavenda Ewing, 977 Colton, girl.

William and Anna Love, 523 East Ohio, girl.

Ernest and Lila Sturm, 3032 East Michigan, girl.

Lee and Ruth Krome, 1604 Woodlawn, girl.

Lee and Margaret Boughton, 2319 North New Jersey, boy.

John and Melva Young, 4821 Carrollton, girl.

George and Sarah Watson, 2335 North Delaware, boy.

John and Julia Stone, 345 West Thirty-Fourth.

Wallace and Ethel Barnett, Methodist Hospital, boy.

John and Bessie Rassall, 1540 Holtz, girl.

Leslie and Lillian Carr, city hospital, boy.

Robert and Mildred Bennett, 509 Tecumseh, girl.

Thomas and Georgia Dodson, 871 Talbot, boy.

John and Julia Wurster, 343 North Beville, girl.

Herman d'Margaret Schelgeist, 1636 Sprague, boy.

Harry and Helen Oliver, 734 Prospect, girl.

Ralph and Clarabelle Anderson, Long Hospital, boy.

Oscar and Sarah Davis, 1101½ North Illinois, girl.

Clifford and Ruth Alderman, city hospital, boy.

Jerry and Ade Stine, 3437 North Illinois, girl.

John and Margaret Mills, 728 Grove, boy.

Maxie and Florence Mills, 1924 Columbia, twin girls, girl.

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