

## LABOR LEADERS PROTEST WAGES BE MAINTAINED

Say Roads Should Save in Other Ways to Meet Reduced Freight Rates.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—Demands of railway executives, that wages of their employees must be reduced in proportion to the rate cuts, decreed by the Interstate Commerce Commission, brought loud protests today from railroad labor leaders here.

Former requests of the carriers for wage reductions, ranging from 10 to 25 per cent are now being considered by the Railroad Labor Board at Chicago, but labor chiefs contend the railroads must effect economies in other directions before July 1, instead of depending upon a wage slash to bring down their expenses.

"It is not possible for the labor board to order further reduction in railroad wages," William H. Johnston, president of the International Association of Machinists, declared. "Even now the average railway worker does not make a decent living wage, and if additional cuts are made, anything is liable to happen. The men are in an ugly frame of mind."

"In view of the present reorganization of the principle of the decent living wage, we do not expect wage cuts to be ordered just because the Interstate Commerce Commission has reduced the income of the railroads by lowering freight rates."

Despite the protests of Johnston and others, leaders of the railroad's employed department of the American Federation of Labor, official intimations have been given that the Railroad Labor Board will be expected to afford some relief to the carriers, by ordering a wage cut.

## SURVEY OF TAX SITUATION IN STATE URGED

Indiana Manufacturers' Association Hear Views of A. M. Glossbrenner on Subject.

Recommendations that a thorough survey of taxation in Indiana be made by officials of the Indiana Manufacturers' Association were contained in a talk on "The Tax Situation in Indiana" by A. M. Glossbrenner, president of the Levey Printing Company, before the annual convention of the association today.

Part Mr. Glossbrenner said:

"In view of the fact that in the recent century a great French engineer, Gustave Caillebotte, defined taxation as 'the art of plucking the goose as to secure the largest amount of feathers with the least amount of squawking.' The public goose has been plucked clean in the last few years, so thoroughly, in fact, that the citizens who wants to save his skin had better begin to squeak, or he will be plucked in some other way."

"The closest increase of taxation generally, and in this State particularly, during the last six years, is in effect so alarming that it should receive the attention of all citizens, as well as the most circumspect consideration of the legislative and executive departments of our government."

"Prosperity signifies simply the good health of business and our previous discussion has indicated how closely interwoven are business and government; anything that affects one affects the other. Consequently in determining the right tax policies to practice there should be close cooperation between our political representatives and administrative experts, on the one hand, and the representatives of the leading associations of business men on the other."

## C. I. & W. BUYS COAL ROAD IN WEST OF STATE

Commerce Commission to Put O. K. on Rail Purchase.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., May 25.—The Cincinnati, Indiana and Western Railroad has completed the purchase of the Indiana and Western coal road between Brazil and West Union, it officially was learned here today.

"The purchase of the road, however, is made subject to the approval of the Interstate commerce commission.

The road was purchased from the receiver of the coal road, acting under the ruling of the Chicago Federal Court.

The Cincinnati road was given a ninety-day lease on the road, to expire June 18.

## WOMAN BALKS COPS' INQUIRY

Refuses to Give Names of Men Who Figured in Alleged Fisticuffs.

A report of a fight caused the police to visit Apartment 15, at 221 North Pennsylvania street, early today. Margaret Reynolds, who lives at that address, explained to the police that she had been downtown with a friend and he brought her home. When they arrived, she said, another friend was waiting for them and hit the man she was with, knocking him down. She refused to tell the police the names of the two men and both had disappeared before the police arrived.

## FIRST WORD ON RECOUNT GIVEN

First returns from the primary recount were made public today. The contest in which all ballots have been counted cast for the office is that of Wayne township trustee. This is, of course, the tallest of the six recounts being conducted.

The nomination of Frank C. McCain, as trustee, was affirmed. His plurality over the contestor, George H. Ingling, decreased from eighty-five to forty. Ingling will have to pay the expense of the recount.

Discrepancies of an average of three votes to the precinct were found. This is considered by county officials to be exceedingly small.

## World Tour of 2 Boys Is Halted

Two Evansville boys started out to see the world but today they were being detained by the Indianapolis police until their parents send for them. Frank Jordan, 12, 315 Magnolia avenue, Evansville, and his friend, Bert Ballou, chief of detectives of that city, and Dan Likin, 17, 414 Campbell street, are the son of an Evansville patrol wagon driver. The boys were found at the Union Depot, 1

## State G. O. P. Platform

The full text of the Republican platform as prepared for submission to the State convention today, follows:

The Republicans of Indiana in convention assembled reaffirm their steadfast devotion to the principles of the Republic, which are a guarantee of established institution—the orderly processes of government, the honor of the Nation, the protection of the civil rights of man and the prosperity and welfare of American citizens at home.

We congratulate President Harding upon his successful administration of the first year of his Administration which have left his fellow countrymen and the world his debtors. Under his leadership, the peace was initiated and the world's public opinion has greatly moved more toward the end of all war—the conference for the limitation of armaments, concluded and called by President Harding, its produce being promptly ratified by a Republican Senate.

We hail the treaties agreed upon in the interest of great forward steps in the interest of the world and humanity.

### ENDORSE RECORDS OF U. S. SENATORS.

We wholeheartedly endorse the records of Senators Harry S. New and James E. Watson, and the Republican members of the lower House of Congress. They have played a leading part in the constructive legislative program of Congress and have been systematic and placed upon a business basis, the result of which will be general saving to the taxpayers and better returns for the money's expended.

The enactment of the splendid budget law by a Republican Congress, in response to a request of a Republican administration, is a great achievement which exists between the legislative and executive branches of the Government under the leadership of the President, and to this end we commend our Republican Congress.

We commend our Republican Congress for its splendid record; for the several acts which extend legislative aid to the textile industry of agriculture; for the laws for the revision and reduction of taxes.

### STATE ADMINISTRATION IS ENDORSED.

We commend the administration of Governor Warren G. Harding and the members of the cabinet, business-like and sound business judgment are an asset to the State in his position.

The last General Assembly took a long step in the direction of providing ade-

quate and equal opportunities for the education of all the children of the State, rich and poor alike, by removing unequal advantages and by providing for a better future for the State. We believe that it may be placed upon a sound economic and efficient basis; and the welfare of the faithful teachers, who in many places are denied that relief is at hand from the industrial depression in which the Democratic Administration left them.

We favor the earliest possible repeal of the present Democratic law of land banks which have been wide-spread and which there has been wide-spread depression and unemployment before and since the World War, and the enactment of a new and necessary law to American labor and enterprise rates fully equalizing the cost of production at home and abroad. We predict that the result will be great forward steps in the interest of the nation.

### REMOVAL OF REFORMATORY.

The removal of the reformatory from the extreme southern end of the State to a central location, on better lands, and the preparation for the construction, of a new and more efficient building, has been a matter of considerable effort on the part of this administration, but the work has been well done and is of great value to the State.

During the administration of Governor McCray the budget law was enacted and has been placed in operation, and the financial affairs of the State have been systematized and placed upon a business basis, the result of which will be general saving to the taxpayers and better returns for the money's expended.

### EQUAL OPPORTUNITY. FOR BOTH SEXES.

We favor equal opportunity for women under such restrictions as may be necessary to protect their health and welfare and to serve and promote the public welfare, and we favor improving working conditions and believe that wages should be based upon the principle of equal pay for equal work.

Another step in the right direction is the removal of the State highway department from the Executive branch to the Legislative.

### LAWS GOVERNING ROAD CONSTRUCTION.

In addition to that, the laws governing the construction and maintenance of local roads were strengthened, including the roads leading to the State fair.

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Another one of the beneficial laws passed by the Republican administration is known as the "Blue Sky Law," which is one of the best laws upon the subject in the country, and which has proven to be a great protection to the small savings of the general public against those who formerly preyed upon them.

Under the administration of Governor McCray the various State departments have been working in perfect harmony, and have been making every effort to increase their efficiency on the economic basis, and the entire State government is, at this time, working as carefully and efficiently as possible.

### OPPOSED TO MORE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

We oppose the creation of additional departments, boards or commissions in connection with the administration of government, and declare for the simplification of the State government.

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We congratulate this Republican administration for amending the Sherman anti-trust act making possible the formation of cooperatives marketing schemes for farm products and we commend them for the revival of the powers of the War Finance Board making possible the extension of much needed credit to our farmers and we hope in future farm legislation. We believe that the present Republican Congress will be guided by the fundamental principle of protection of our products from competition with those produced by the over-drawn and poorly fed labor of other lands.

We congratulate ourselves that in Governor McCray, the farmers of Indiana have a stanch friend, who understands their problems and who is always ready to promote their well-being in any way possible. We pledge continued support to the great American President Warren G. Harding and a Republican Congress.

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## FEMALE CROOKS INCREASING IN POLICE RECORD

Women Robbers and Bandits Operating Successfully Along Gold Coast.

CHICAGO, May 25.—Women robbers and bandits are on the increase, according to records of Chicago police.

A greater number of women have been reported during the first part of the present year than ever before in the city's history.

While women criminals formerly were connected with robberies involving small amounts, the charged often run into the thousands.

The largest proportion of women robbers are the work of thieves who gain entrances to homes posing as maids, the records show. Maid police believe, operate usually as members of gangs, enlisting them to work with them in breaking into homes.

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