

## SHANK CHARGES PROPERTY HIDDEN

Informed Merchants Sequester \$23,000,000 From Tax Books.

Merchants within the mile square hid \$23,000,000 worth of personal property from assessors who fixed taxation valuations this year, Mayor Shank today said he was informed.

"I am going to take the city council and others on a trip through some of these downtown stores to see whether valuations the owners have made affidavit to are fair," said the mayor.

George Gay and John Feasey of the Pettis Dry Goods Company told me last night in my office they would testify before the State tax board the city is getting cheated out of \$25,000,000 worth of valuation right in the mile square."

### Orders Work Stopped

Pending his investigation the mayor ordered all work on the city tax levy stopped. If the mayor can get something added to the valuation, which the county auditor said would be reduced \$20,000,000, the tax rate will not be so high, in 1923.

Controller Joseph L. Hogue had just estimated on the reduced valuation the city levy would be \$1,031, an increase of 8.8 cents over this year.

The mayor discussed the situation with the State board of tax commissioners. He said they told him they were vitally interested, had not thought of such a thing, and wanted him to collect his evidence and bring it before them after Aug. 8. The mayor said he also would go before the county board of review.

### Mayor's Ire Aroused

Ire of his honor was aroused by discovery of a small furniture store in E. Washington St., is valued at \$100,000, while a big one in W. Washington St. is the same. He said he was informed the latter had at least a million dollars' worth of goods out on payments which it still owns and should be paying taxes on.

Upon indication the city council would cut the recreation levy from 2 to 1 cents, Hogue decided to ask for only 1 cent. This will give the department about \$60,000 to operate on. It has \$118,000 this year.

## ARE YOU THIRSTY? THERE'S THE RIVER

Only Eight Public Drinking Places for Thousands Downtown.

A reporter, thoroughly in accord with prohibition, set out to find a drink of water.

He tramped the business district over and found:

Four streams oozing from iron pipes at the four corners of the monument.

Another iron pipe fountain on the indescribable pile in the north court-house yard.

An honest to goodness sanitary fountain at Massachusetts Ave. and Pennsylvania St.

That was all.

He thought he might quench his thirst at the public comfort station, Kentucky Ave. and Illinois St. It was marked "Closed." Board of works office reported repairs in progress.

The park board intends to install two fountains in University Square.

Then there will be eight public places where the thousands of persons who tread hot downtown pavements may drink water.

### ROAD TESTS PLANNED

Purdue University Signs Contract With U. S. Bureau.

By United Press

LAFAYETTE, Aug. 2.—Studies to determine the wearing qualities of gravel and stone roads and the wearing of different types of concrete roads under various conditions of traffic have been arranged in a new contract just drawn up between the engineering experiment station of Purdue University and the United States Bureau of Public Roads.

It is expected the United States Bureau of Public Roads will station two research engineers at Purdue this fall to help carry on the tests.

### BOOST INDIANA RATES

Discrimination Shown as Compared to Illinois Freight Tariff.

Freight rates from Indiana to Missouri River points have been subjected to three increases which did not apply to Illinois, railroad representatives admitted yesterday at an interstate commerce commission hearing at the Federal building. Indiana shippers are fighting for a reduction of rates to the Illinois level.

### FOUNDRY MEN STRIKE

One Hundred Workers Join Walkout at Muncie Plant.

By United Press

MUNCIE, Ind., Aug. 2.—A hundred chippers and grinders at the Muncie Foundry and Manufacturing Plant walked out today in protest against a reduction of wages. The plant will be closed unless the men return.

### PLANT SHUTS DOWN

Lack of Coal Forces Terre Haute Factory to Suspend.

By Times Special

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Aug. 2.—Two hundred men were thrown out of work here when the Terre Haute Paper Company plant was forced to shut down from lack of coal.

### HART HEADS K. C.

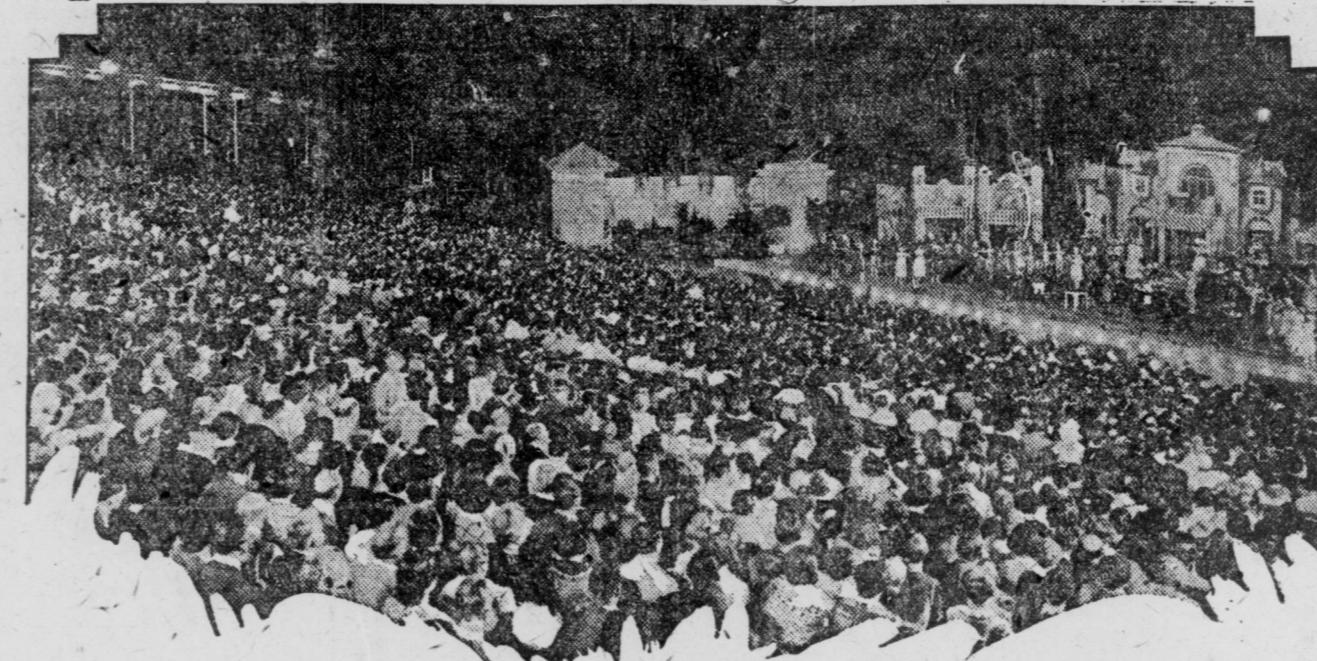
By United Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Aug. 2.—Luke E. Hart, St. Louis, was today elected supreme advocate of the Knights of Columbus at the annual convention here.

### Says He Stole \$600

Charles E. Miller, 42, London, Ind., was arrested today on the charge of grand larceny growing out of a warrant filed by Esther Wheatsley, 841 Birch St., which alleged he stole \$600 from her.

## St. Louis Profits Financially Through Free Opera in World's Largest Out-Door Theater



By NEA Service

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 1.—When most cities go into the opera business there is sure to be a follow-up of financial deficit and consequent city-wide wallowing.

St. Louis is not only regularly in the opera business, but is running the entertainments at a big financial profit, and in addition is providing free entertainment for 1,700 persons who otherwise could not afford to attend shows.

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vided a free school to which St. Louis is indebted for a chorus of singers and dancers that the best of private impresarios can well envy.

### How It Started

But does it pay in dollars and cents? It does, indeed. It wasn't for financial profit that it was founded, but it has done so well in that respect that the management has been puzzled once or twice to decide what to do with accumulated funds.

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Thereupon they formed the Municipal Theater Association, established the present beautiful open-air auditorium in the cool setting of Forest Park and proceeded to produce a series of high-grade musical entertainments.

There was a deficit at first but the backers met the loss cheerfully. The next season the venture did better financially. Last year there was a profit of \$24,000.

### Have Free Seats

"What shall we do with all this money?" asked the surprised management, for the association's charter requires the re-investment of such funds in the enterprise itself. Part of the

\$24,000 was spent for new seats and other theater needs, but a goodly sum still remained.

"Let's spend it in training our own chorus, and develop finally a Free Municipal School of Light Opera," some one suggested.

And this is what's being done now.

During the present eight-week season, eight operas and operettas have been given at a cost of approximately \$20,000 each, and when the books are audited a profit of some \$40,000 will be shown.

Municipal opera audiences are as democratic as any crowds at a baseball game. For those who could not attend otherwise, there are 1,700 free seats.

## BROTHERHOODS MAY JOIN SOON

Unless Settlement Comes in Thirty Days Trainmen Expect to Walk Out.

By United Press

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Aug. 2.—Unless the strike of railroad shopmen is ended within thirty days, all railroad unions, including the big four brotherhoods, will become involved.

This prediction was made in an exclusive statement to the United Press today by an official of one of the big railroad brotherhoods, who requested that his name be withheld.

### FAIL TO PAY FEES

Three Hundred Standholders at Market May Lose Concessions.

Three hundred city market standholders failed to pay their semi-annual rent installment July 1, thereby forfeiting their leases, Controller Joseph L. Hogue told the board of public safety today. The board gave the standholders ten days in which to pay or vacate.

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## Jazz Band Feature of Opening of Annual Convention of Negroes

By United News

NEW YORK, Aug. 2.—The third annual international convention of the Negro Peoples of the World, designed to plan a vast black empire in Africa, got under way here Tuesday to the strains of a jazz band and the glitter of gold braid.

Five thousand marchers paraded through the negro quarter in Harlem under the red, green and yellow flag of the African "Kingdom," and the uniforms of dukes, potentates and imperial ministers flashed in the sultry sun. The band played "Stumbling."

As the battalions passed before Provincial President Marcus Garvey and his Supreme Highness Gabriel M. Johnson, potentate of the Universal

Negro Improvement Association and Mayor of Monroe City, Liberia, a light rain spotted the dazzling regalia and batteries of trucks loaded with watermelons lined up to refresh the delegates.

A grand court reception will be given by their highnesses, the potentates and the supreme deputy of the association, Aug. 10, for "personages who have distinguished themselves in art, literature, science, higher education, statesmanship, the professions, the ministry and industry." No one will be admitted, who is not in by dukes, duchesses, barons and other members of the nobility," whose titles have been conferred on them for conspicuous service for the empire.

## SHOWDOWN IN GARBAGE FRACAS

Elliott Jumps Into Mix-up to Help Out Jay Craven.

John L. Elliott, vice president of the board of sanitary commissioners, today jumped into the new garbage plant fracas to help out President Jay A. Craven. A showdown, which gave promise of some plain speaking, was considered likely at the Thursday meeting.

Elliott said he was with Craven in his announced intention of preventing Charles H. Hurd, consulting engineer, from continuing in employ of the board at \$18,000 a year. Commissioner A. Swift stands against them for Hurd, it is understood. Swift wants Hurd to resign and supervise construction of the new garbage plant. Craven and Elliott said they can get an engineer for less than Hurd costs the taxpayers. Hurd is supervising construction of the sewage disposal plant. Swift said his work on the garbage plant would cost nothing extra, because he could work on it at the same time as the sewage disposal system.

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### DOCTORS TOO HASTY

Physicians Answering Call Knock Woman Down With Car.

By Times Special

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Aug. 2.—In answering a call to attend a man hit by a street car, two doctors, W. A. Biggs and Dalton Wilson, in their haste, ran down and injured Mrs. Anna Doyle with an automobile.

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"The oddly-shaped and oversized tomato, onion and carrot will meet the same fate if brought to the fair," Mr. Cantwell said. "The same is true of other kinds of vegetables, just as it

is of fruits, grains or even livestock. Odd-shaped vegetables have no more place at the fair than a deformed cow, horse or rooster."

Prize money totaling \$8,500 will be paid out to winners in the vegetable show. Entries must be at the office of the board by Aug. 21.

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