

DEMOCRATS WILL DEMAND WHOLESALE SAVING BY STATE

Republican Aid Expected in Attempt to Cut Yearly Expenditure of Indiana Government From \$36,000,000 to \$26,000,000.

Wholesale retrenchment in the operation of the State government will be demanded by Democrats in the coming session of the Legislature. In this they expect to be assisted by a number of Republicans.

Some measures along this line already have been drafted and others were discussed informally by members of the committee of assemblymen who met yesterday to consider details of carrying out platform pledges.

One legislator who has spent years studying the State government expressed the opinion that through judicious rearrangement and curtailment of State affairs \$10,000,000 of the approximately \$36,000,000 spent annually by the State could be saved. He pointed out that State expenses have increased from \$14,000,000 annually since before the war.

List of Proposals

Some of the proposals which have been discussed informally include:

Abolition of the conservation commission, going back to the old system of separate departments with the addition of a department of public parks and the limitation of the number of employees in each department.

Abolition of the oil inspection department and the placing of oil inspection duties in the hands of highway department district superintendents.

Placing the insurance and banking departments under the direction of the Auditor of State.

Limiting the expenditures of numerous other departments.

The department of conservation was created under the Goodrich administration. Since that time it has grown considerably. The 1921 year book gives its expenditures for that year as \$219,447.44 and its receipts, \$172,552.27. The receipts given are exclusive of appropriations. The department includes the divisions of entomology, geology, fish and game and engineering.

The banking and insurance departments were originally a part of the auditor's office but were made separate departments under the Goodrich administration.

The oil inspection department has long been an eyesore to legislators bent on reform, but it has also been a political power. Many have argued that such a department is unnecessary.

In Striking Distance

The Democrats at the next session will find themselves in a more powerful position than previously because of increased numbers and thus will be better able to attempt to carry out their plans than in previous years.

Although they have not gone record officially, many Democratic members have expressed opposition to the proposed tax on gasoline. Some have argued that the collection of the tax would cost so much as to make it unprofitable.

The outright repeal of the State tax law and the enactment of an entirely new law probably will not be attempted. It is certain, however, that an effort will be made to shear the tax board of some of its powers.

One of the questions which has been discussed is that of whether the board should be allowed to retain its appellate powers over bond issues or whether power over bond issues should be entirely with officials of taxing units affected. It is almost certain that an effort will be made to take away from the board the power to fix any tax levies.

In considering road legislation, the committee drafting bills has considered the repeal either of the three-mile road law or the county unit road law. Both are not needed, it is held, and the expense of operating both is too great.

M'CRAY ESTIMATE MAY BE OPPOSED

The proposal of Governor McCray that the Legislature appropriate \$2,000,000 toward the construction of the new reformatory at Pendleton may meet with opposition from some members of the assembly. The Governor announced some time ago that he would ask for an appropriation of only \$1,000,000, but upon investigation he doubled his figures.

The measure to remove the reformatory from Jeffersonville when it was presented at the 1921 session met with considerable opposition, although it was enacted. At that time the statement was made as coming from administration sources that with the amount appropriated then and the sale price, amounting to some \$900,000 in all, the institution could be built.

If the appropriation bill should not be enacted the State might find itself in a position of having a large number of prisoners to keep and no place to keep them. The State is under contract to deliver the old reformatory property to Colgate and Company, to which it already has been sold. Without additional money the new plant could not be finished.

BAD MAN IS TAKEN AFTER DESPERATE BATTLE

Home Is Bombed With Machine Gun by Sheriff's Posse.

WELLSBURG, W. Va., Dec. 28.—Follansbee's "bad man" was safely behind the bars in the Brooke County jail here today.

Joe Jones, who waged a desperate battle with a sheriff's posse in the hills near Follansbee in which his house was bombed with machine gun fire, was finally captured with a bullet in his leg.

HELD AS FUGITIVE

Charles F. Wheeler, 29, of 2162 N. Pennsylvania St., charged with being a fugitive from justice, is wanted in Montezuma, Ill., to answer a charge involving a check transaction, detectives say.

STANDARD OIL BOOSTS CAPITAL

Directors Meet to Declare Stock Dividend.

The capital stock of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana has been increased from \$140,000,000 to \$250,000,000, according to notice filed in the office of the secretary of State here today. The shares have a par value of \$25 each.

Directors of the company were expected to meet at Chicago today for the purpose of declaring a 100 per cent stock dividend. Of the \$140,000,000 authorized stock only \$109,000,000 is outstanding, making possible such a dividend. It has been announced that the surplus of the company as of Sept. 30 was \$179,000.

About two years ago the capitalization of the company was increased from \$100,000,000 to \$140,000,000.

SPECIAL JURY IS CALLED AT GARY

Lake County and Federal Bodies

Will Probe Liquor Traffic.

By United Press
GARY, Ind., Dec. 28.—A special grand jury for the investigation of Lake County liquor violations has been ordered, Judge Martin Smith of the Criminal Court announced today.

Smith said the investigation would be more thorough than any yet undertaken. The Federal grand jury at Indianapolis has proposed a special investigation of liquor conspiracy cases in Lake County also.

The special grand jury will begin its investigation Jan. 3.

Mary Wants to Play in Kitchen and Give Parties

By United Press
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 28.—Mary Miles Minter, youthful screen beauty, has written a declaration of independence, cut the maternal apron strings which bound her and has gone into a house of her own where she can "do funny little things." And, "have a kitchen to play with."

Mary has left her mother, Mrs. Charlotte Shelly, and is now to be found all alone in a big house on the side of Hollywood hill.

"I just wanted a place of my own, where I can do funny little things and have a kitchen and bathroom to play with and give parties and plan dinners," said Mary, whose name is really Juliette O'Reilly.

Disappearing Davenport Has Another Journey

Once again the magnificent tan leather couch is missing from the office of the auditor of State.

Just before William G. Oliver took office as auditor two years ago the couch disappeared. He demanded it back and it was found in a basement office.

When Robert Bracken succeeded

Holiday Bride



BRETTZMAN Photo.

Uncle Sam's Cook Book Cakes and Cookies

Our Washington bureau has finished the compilation of a section of Uncle Sam's Cook Book. It is devoted to recipes for cakes and

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MRS. WILLIAM H. CALLISS

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Caliss are visiting in the East and will be at home after Jan. 15 in Buffalo, N. Y. Before her marriage, which took place yesterday, Mrs. Caliss was Miss Marjorie Mercer. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Mercer of N. Pennsylvania St.

Tale of Pathos and Misery Is Being Written in Thracian Modern 'Evangeline'



Pathes Photo

The Christian population of this Turk-ruled country is being ruthlessly driven out. Families are separated. Lover ones are lost in the haste and scramble as the epic of Longfellow's "Evangeline" is re-enacted in modern times.

Under the Mudania armistice the Christians must quit the country.

Their personal effects are loaded into ox carts and pitiful scenes of suffering are enacted along the trail to the frontier. Box cars are being used for homes and the American Red Cross is doing all in its power to alleviate the suffering. These scenes are typical along the route of the evicted Thracians.

DEMOCRATS MAKE PLANS FOR FEAST

Annual Editorial Banquet to Be Held Feb. 8.

The annual mid-winter banquet of the Indiana Democratic Editorial Association will be held at the Riley room of the Claypool Hotel the night of Feb. 8. The following speakers were selected by the executive committee, which met at the Hotel Denison today: Samuel M. Ralston, United States Senator-elect; Thomas Taggart, Mrs. John W. Kern and Meredith Nicholson. John Heller of Ft. Wayne, president of the association, will act as toastmaster.

Two committees were named with instructions to report at the meeting the morning of Feb. 9. The committee on resolutions was composed of Lew Ellington, Ft. Wayne; Oscar Cravens, Bloomington, and Thomas McCullough, Anderson.

Dale Crittenden, Anderson; Odie Baker, Noblesville, and M. M. McStoops, Petersburg, were named on the nominating committee.

BOARD TO BAR PRODUCE STANDS

Commissioners Determine to Beautify Courthouse.

Of the ninety stands in the courthouse yard supposed to be operated by county producers, only two ever were run by farmers, and all will have to go Jan. 1. County Commissioners Harry Tutewiler and Albert Hoffman said again today. The edict was brought in response to the clamor raised by the peddlers of bananas and other warehouse goods who have been enjoying a lucrative trade on practically rent-free sites, said John Carlisle, chief deputy for the board, who instigated the fight to keep the yard free from stands after Jan. 1.

"This is a county courthouse, but you might never guess it by the gabbling and yelling going on out there," said Carlisle. "Why, it's got so that people cannot find a place to park their cars when they come down to pay taxes or get a marriage license or attend court."

Merchants Complain
The members of the commissioners made yesterday in spite of the stand merchants' threats to line up their "political influence" against the commissioners, was final, said Tutewiler. "Most of them aren't naturalized and they cannot vote, so what's the difference?" said one of the commissioners.

"Just look at that lawn there," said Leo K. Fesler, county auditor, as he surveyed the wreckage left by Christmas tree vendors. "We paid \$700 to improve that lawn last summer, and a man watered it all the time. Now it is tramped in the mud with banana peelings, broken boxes and paper."

The commissioners and Fesler expressed their determination to beautify the place, in spite of the peddlers' belief that it couldn't be true.

"What'll we do with our business?" indignantly demanded one of the stand merchants.

"What's that to us?" countered Tutewiler.

"You might rent a store and go into business where you could pay a few taxes and a little rent towards the support of the community," was one suggestion made the peddler.

"Here we are with the National Road passing the building and thousands of outsiders viewing the city's disgrace each year," said Carlisle. "It looks like a hog pen, and we are going to make a park of it if the people of the city and county want it done."

CAR THIEF BOLD
Nellie Starnet, 22, Beville Ave., parked her automobile in front of the police headquarters last night. A thief stole the car.

BOY AUTO HELD
John Dithmer, 16, of 2130 N. Capitol Ave., was arrested last night on a charge of speeding. The arrest was made by Sgt. Harris and a squad of nightriders.

The meeting was called by Royal L. W. McClain, county agricultural agent, and William Bosson, chairman of the Marion County Farm Bureau. Interest in the bureau was to be aroused by the gathering. Invitations were sent to 150 rural citizens.

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**STIFF SENTENCE
IN LIQUOR CASE**

John Powell, arrested at Raymond St. and White River, Nov. 9, when police found a large still and a quantity of "white mule," was fined \$250 and costs and sentenced to 120 days on the penal farm today in city court.

Powell was arrested with Louis Stancu, who was released on \$1,000 bond. Stancu disappeared and Judge Yockey declared the bond forfeited today. Stancu had put up a \$1,000 Liberty bond as surety.

It was learned that Stancu was an escaped prisoner from the State penal farm, where he had been serving a sentence for operating a blind tiger. According to police here they had not been notified of the escape of Stancu before his release on bond.

**RICHMOND HOTEL CLERK
HELD AT MILWAUKEE**

By United Press
MILWAUKEE, Dec. 28.—Guy L. Barnes, 29, wanted by Richmond (Ind.) police on a charge of embezzlement in connection with the disappearance of \$1,000 from the hotel safe, where Barnes was employed as clerk, is being held by local police.

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