

# ECONOMY IS KEYNOTE OF MAYOR'S PROGRAM FOR 1923

## INSTITUTIONS DUE TO RECEIVE BIG CUTS IN BUDGETS

State Unable to Allow Increased Appropriations Asked by Departments.

SALARIES WILL BE AFFECTED

Merging of Commissions May Save Funds—Committee Hears Requests.

If the Legislature should grant all the requests of State institutions and State departments for appropriations, the State could not obtain sufficient money to pay them, Jesse E. Eschbach, head of the State budget commission, declared today.

The commission has been hearing requests of officials and institution heads for appropriations preparatory to making recommendations to the Legislature. It took a recess today but will resume its activities tomorrow. It already has heard most of the requests.

"There is not an institution or a department in the State heard thus far that has not asked an increase over the appropriation of two years ago," Eschbach said.

All May Be Cut  
"There probably will not be an institution or a department that will not have its estimate cut."

Eschbach intimated that some of the cuts will be large. He said he believed the requests of most of the State institutions are more reasonable than those of most departments, and that the cut in the institution estimates may not be so large on the average as those in department estimates.

It was indicated that the cuts in institutional estimates will be applied largely to salaries and expenses of employed personnel rather than to items that concern the inmates directly.

Some Want Buildings

Some of the institutions are asking for specific appropriations for new buildings. Some of these probably will be cut. Among the institutions asking for new buildings are the School for Feeble-Minded Youth at Ft. Wayne and the Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Rockville.

State commissions, indications were, probably will be the hardest hit by the cuts of the budget commission. There is a movement to combine the State historical commission with the State library, putting a assistant to the librarian in charge of the historical work. This would reduce the appropriation considerably.

The longest time before the commission was spent by representatives of the conservation department, who asked for some increases. Indications were that this department will be among those suffering the greatest cuts.

Collects Fees

Under the 1919 law, the conservation commission collects numerous fees, which are put into a fund for the exclusive use of that department. One member of the budget commission suggested that these fees be placed in the general fund and the department operated on a definite appropriation, so its expenditures can be limited. At present it has an appropriation in addition to the fees.

Two members of the budget commission, Representatives Oliver LaFuge and John W. Kitch, visited the colony for feeble-minded at Butlerville.

EX-POLICEMAN FINED ON BLIND TIGER COUNT

Judge Yockey Also Gives Patrick Foran Days.

Special Judge Harry Yockey yesterday found Patrick Foran, ex-policeman, 509 S. Missouri St., guilty of operating a blind tiger. Foran was fined \$200 and costs and sentenced to serve sixty days on the Indiana State Farm. The case was appealed.

Foran's arrest grew out of testimony given in city court Wednesday by two city firemen who were tried on charges of drunkenness. These firemen, William B. Sweeney, 3413 Southeastern Ave., and Walter J. Miles, 829 Union St., arrested Dec. 19, testified they caught "maule."

BREWER IS FOUND DEAD IN OFFICE

By United Press  
ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 29.—William J. Lemp, 55, president of the brewery company bearing his name, was found shot to death in his office today.

Lemp, the third member of the famous brewery family to meet a violent death, had been shot twice near the heart. A revolver was found at his feet. There was no note of explanation.

Emancipation

The man whose wife goes out of town and insists he must water the fern frequently while he is away, has at last been emancipated.

Frank N. Wallace, State entomologist, has invented an automatic fern waterer.

He takes a bucket of water and places it in a position above the fern. Hanging over the side of the bucket, with one end in the water and the other end hanging down toward the fern, he places a piece of yarn. The yarn absorbs the water, which constantly drips from the end down on the fern.

Wallace is now working on an automatic gold fish feeders.

## Heads Division of First Army Corps



Maj. Gen. Andrew Brewster, above, has been appointed to succeed Maj. Gen. Clarence E. Edwards as commander of the First Army Corps area. His headquarters are at Boston.

## BLAZE DESTROYS \$4,000 RESIDENCE

Unoccupied Home Razed by Fire of Unknown Origin.

A six-room frame residence at Twenty-Seventh and Rose Sts. was destroyed by fire at 4 a. m. today. Firemen prevented the flames from reaching the garage. The loss was estimated at \$4,000. No one had lived in the house for two weeks.

Mrs. Mary Lathrop, 1723 Bellefontaine St., owned the Rose St. residence and had lived there during the summer. Later she rented the house furnished and it was occupied until two weeks ago. The furniture in the house, valued at \$600, was destroyed. The cause of the fire is unknown. There was no water near the building and firemen were forced to use chemicals to prevent the flames reaching the garage. The owner did not know the house was burned until a Times reporter notified her.

## 'Ghost' Voice May Make Her Diva



MRS. CARMEN NUNCIO

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 29.—Will a ghost voice, implanted in the delicate throat of Mrs. Carmen Nuncio, 25, by a departed singer friend, make her an American operatic phenomenon?

As a little girl, Mrs. Nuncio had an Italian friend, an accomplished singer.

"When I die," he told the little girl one day, "I'll leave you a wonderful gift."

Carmen forgot that. Then just a few days ago the Italian died. Mrs.

Policy for City Includes Curtailment of Bond Issues, Cut in Operating Expenses, More Street Building and Removal of Public Jobs From Politics.

Curtailment of bond issues to the absolute minimum is the policy that Mayor Shank hopes to follow in the coming year, he announced today.

Other important plans and policies the mayor wants carried out are reduction of the operating expenses of the city government; a higher street building program and removal of public jobs from politics, as far as possible.

In outlining plans for the street building program for the coming year the mayor said: "If the board of works will carry out my wishes, we shall improve as many more streets and alleys as the contractors can finish."

## SHIPS OFF COAST HIT BY STORM

Five Vessels in Distress—Seaboard Cities Coated in Ice.

By United Press  
NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Five ships are in distress on the Atlantic coast, scores are held in port unable to go out, seaboard cities are sheathed in ice and five persons are known dead, the result of gales which raged during the last twenty-four hours.

The schooner Maize Peabody was believed to have gone down fifty miles off Point Comfort. An S O S was received from the steamer Munimora, with a crew of thirty-four men, which was partly waterlogged. The steamer Santa Rosa was ashore off Charleston, S. C. The steamer Coutade, somewhere off New York, wireless that she was in distress and listing badly. The schooner Anna L. Spindler of Nova Scotia grounded at Race Point, near Provincetown, Mass. Coast guardsmen in response to her distress signals saved the crew with breeches buoys. Many liners were reported behind schedule, including the Cunarder Berengaria, bringing Ambassador Harvey home.

WISCONSIN NAMED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Balthazar H. Meyer of Wisconsin was today appointed chairman of the interstate commerce commission for the coming year. Meyer succeeds Charles C. Mc Cord, who served this year.

## Health Considered

"By Jan. 1, 1924, I hope Indianapolis will have 100 miles more of improved streets added to the system. It is economy to have streets paved, when records from the health department show that most contagious diseases start in districts where the streets are muddy. And, too, when a few streets have to carry the burden of traffic, they begin to break down years before they should."

In discussing the boulevard system, the mayor said that, owing to the cost of upkeep on dirt boulevards, which was between \$40,000 and \$50,000 a year, it was his intention to replace such roads with hard-surfaced streets. A change in the system of obtaining inspectors on road-building jobs will be requested of the board of works, the mayor said. The mayor said he wants these inspectors hired for the entire year, instead of for a few months at a time, in order to get more efficient men.

## Material and Labor High

"Although I will ask a large road building program, it is foolish to think of a large bond issue at the present time for municipal buildings," asserted Mayor Shank. "On the question of building the new market house, I think at the present time that labor and material are too high and the city is in no financial condition to be heavily bonded for such a purpose. Building municipal buildings at the present time means competing with business enterprises for labor and my intention is to build city buildings when I can help men by giving them jobs and not take them away from other employment."

War on motorists without proper lights will be the first thing the mayor will take up after the start of the year.

"All these fellows that drive without proper lights are going to be arrested. We are going to arrest a lot and see what the judge will do with them. After the first of the year bicycle riders who do not have lights also will be arrested."

Motorization of the police department is another thing the mayor will seek to carry out.

## LEGAL TANGLES LEAVE TWO FREE

Detective and Defendant Play 'Hide and Seek.'

Two judges, a detective, two lawyers and a defendant played a game of hide-and-seek in city court today.

When the tangle was straightened out, Olin Mullins of Lawrenceville, Ill., and James Hill of North Vernon, Ind., held by police on vagrancy charges, were free.

Special Judge Fred Bonfield waited for an hour and fifteen minutes for Parke County officers to show up with a warrant, charging the men with robbery. They were said to have been members of a party of five who held up, shot and robbed John Heinrich, Cooper Ave. and Sixty-First St., near Dockville a few days before Thanksgiving.

But the Parke County officials did not come. The judge discharged both defendants.

When Detective Rugenstein started to re-arrest Hill, the judge said he would be in contempt of court. Rugenstein stationed himself near a door and watched Hill.

Hill left the court room, after a cat-and-mouse chase. Rugenstein arrested him on a charge of unlawfully possessing a revolver, found in his room at a hotel.

Special Judge Ralph E. Urdike, who had taken the bench, ruled the gun was taken while on a search warrant and discharged Hill, giving him back the revolver. Holmes took the gun and Hill departed, unmolested at last.

BIRTHS

Girls  
Nola and Mildred Richardson, 731 Lynn, Frank and Blanche Werner, 2019 Singletons.

Boys  
Fred and Maude Wickham, 1305 S. Sheffield.  
Thomas and Myrtle Nolan, 1237 Nordyke.  
James and Ruth Nichols, 1354 W. New York.

Ernest and Lydia Blundin, 1238 Shaw.  
James and Pauline Biegow, 1243 Roscoe.  
August and Zora Kelley, 833 Grove.  
Robert and Willette Hayes, 1601 North.

Award and Genevieve Keyman, Methodist Hospital.  
William and Ruth Sachs, Methodist Hospital.  
Carl and Vera Whitney, Methodist Hospital.

Ralph and Letha Schneider, Methodist Hospital.  
Suzanne and Clara Cain, Methodist Hospital.  
Arvid and Lenora Smith, 2518 N. Talbot.  
Nunzio and Philomena Bruno, 2019 College.

Boys  
Ralph and Marion Heady, 5117 Park.  
Arvid and Oda Rowen, 920 N. Tuxedo.  
Frank and Katherine Kitchner, city hospital.  
Francis and Juana Boyden, 1151 Gimber.  
Harry and Viola Higgins, 135 S. Oriental.

Ernest and Eva Armstrong, 1421 Pine.  
William and Louise Peake, Long Hospital.  
Walter and Helen Wiley, Long Hospital.  
James and Ruth Nicholson, 1554 W. New York.  
Henry and Ruby Hilgadicke, 1121 S. Key Stone.  
Eli and Viola Bass, Methodist Hospital.  
William and Viola Southard, Methodist Hospital.  
Francis and Grace Ballow, Methodist Hospital.  
Ralph and Esta Ross, Methodist Hospital.  
Andrew and Stella Wallen, 620 N. East.  
Arvid and Elizabeth Hosland, 518 Vinton.

## Mer Rouge Ex-Mayor Seized



Dr. B. M. McKoin, former mayor of Mer Rouge, La., was seized in Baltimore under telegraphic request from Louisiana authorities who think McKoin may be able to throw light on two alleged slayings and other outrages by masked bands in Morehouse Parish, La. Here McKoin (center) being conducted to Johns Hopkins Hospital by police headquarters by detectives.

## Johnson and Borah Break Over Economic Parley Policy

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Crowded galleries witnessed the strange sight of Senator Hiram Johnson of California and Senator Borah of Idaho glaring in anger and hurling biting words at each other in the Senate on Thursday.

These two prominent Senators, close personal and political friends for years, broke when Johnson recently issued a statement denouncing Borah's economic conference suggestion and accusing the Idaho Senator of deserting his irreconcilable comrades.

Johnson had planned to speak, but was out of the Senate chamber when his turn came. Borah obtained the floor and obligingly delayed proceedings, knowing that Johnson would be speaking in opposition to his amendment.

Johnson was hurriedly paced and, entering the chamber, said he was not ready to speak.

"Then I am ready to take a vote on this proposition now," Borah said. "I know what is going to happen to it."

"I know what I hope will happen to it," Johnson shouted, turning suddenly toward Borah.

"The Senator's hopes will be realized," Borah replied.

"And the hopes of the Senator from Idaho, as expressed in this resolution, are a whole lot different from what they were a year or two ago," continued Johnson.

"Oh, yes, it is," and Johnson waved his hand hotly at Borah.

Borah stood transfixed. The galleries were deadly silent. Borah opened his mouth and started to speak, but snapped it shut again, turned slowly aside and sat down.

EDWARD J. ROBISON IS LAID TO REST TODAY

Victim of Accidental Shooting Buried—Legionaries Are Bailbearers

Funeral services for Edward J. Robison were arranged for 2 p. m. today at the Central Christian Church. Bailbearers were Dr. Frank E. Long, John Paul Ragsdale, Forrest Marlette and Willard S. Boyle, commanders of the Bruce P. Robison post of the American Legion, Barnett Breckinridge, present commander, and Donaldson G. Trone.

Edward J. Robison was the father of Bruce P. Robison, and was a deacon in the Central Christian Church, with which the post is affiliated.

Mr. Robison died Tuesday after being shot accidentally.

DEAN OF MARQUETTE SPEAKER AT BANQUET

Indianapolis Alumni Pledge Support to Drive.

The Rev. John Danahy, S. J., dean of the school of journalism of Marquette University, was the guest of honor at the annual meeting of the Indianapolis chapter of the Marquette University Alumni Association, in the Chippewa Hotel last night.

The meeting was in the form of a boost for the new \$500,000 stadium, drive now being conducted by the students and alumni of the northern school. The local chapter pledged its allotment.

## Eagle Eyes and Tape Open Dirty License War

Armed with a 100-foot steel tape and a pair of 20-20 eyes, which in army parlance is "perfect," two traffic policemen will tally forth bright and early New Year's day to bring word to all auto owners with dirty or illegible license plates.

The order went forth this morning from Traffic Captain Mike Glenn, that two of his best traffic "cops" journeyed to a local optician's office to have their eyes tested. The steel tape

## MAYOR TO STOP AMBULANCE DELAY

Would Station Emergency in Downtown District.

An ambulance will be stationed permanently in the downtown district to answer emergency calls, Mayor Shank declared today. He said he would take up the matter of quarters for the ambulance with the board of public works and the board of public safety.

The mayor's decision came after Captain Schubert reported that it had taken an ambulance twenty-five minutes to get from the city hospital to 653 S. Delaware St. where Freddy Sims, embalmer, had cut his throat with a razor.

"It is too far from the city hospital to the downtown district," Mayor Shank said. "We have constant reports of long waits for ambulances. These delays are not always the fault of the ambulance drivers and much better service can be given with an ambulance ready for service in the heart of the downtown district."

## CAUSE OF CROP DISEASE FOUND

Hundreds of Millions Will Be Saved by Discovery.

By United Press  
CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 29.—Cause of Mosaic disease which destroys nearly 30 per cent of the country's potato crop and wrecks havoc in the tomato, lettuce, clover and tobacco crops, has been discovered.

Announcement of the discovery, it was estimated, will save the farmers of the country hundreds of millions of dollars.

Dr. Nelson said that he had found that a one-cell animal of the type known to scientists as a horsetail, causes the Mosaic disease, which has been one of the farmer's greatest enemies. The animal is about two thousandths of an inch long, he said.

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## I Spied Today

She Blushed  
Saw a woman pulling a youngster on a sled a few days ago. She didn't notice the baby roll from the sled. A man ran up calling, "Lady! Lady! you lost your baby." I know from the way she blushed it wasn't her child.—D. S.

Killing Two Birds  
Saw a newsboy passing his papers and at the same time giving his baby brother an airing in a baby carriage. In the meantime many customers waited for their evening literature.—B. K.

Make You Hungry  
Saw seven mushrooms of the sponge variety along the Big Four Railroad tracks.—B. E.

HIRAM JOHNSON ASSAILS BORAH

Californian Declares Former Colleague Tool of Bankers.

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Bitterly and sarcastically assailing Senator Borah and his proposal for a world economic conference, Senator Hiram Johnson of California in a speech in the Senate today charged that Borah's plan was in the interest of the international bankers. He declared he would rather see the United States in the League of Nations than in such a conference as Borah suggested.

Just before Johnson started his speech Senator Bismarck of New Mexico introduced a resolution for a loan of \$1,000,000,000 to Germany, to be used in purchasing farm products and farm implements in this country. The loan will be secured by German industrial securities.

It was explained the purpose of Thompson's testimony was to answer testimony previously given that some of the Bell equipment was of inferior quality.

'THRILLS' LEAD GIRL TO COURT

Alleged Shoplifter Freed on Promise.

Desire for "thrills and sport" led Miss Bernice Thompson, 20, of 218 N. Mount St., to steal from downtown stores, Police Captain Rodgers testified in city court today. Miss Thompson was released by Special Judge Ralph E. Urdike on a promise not to come into the court again and to pay \$10 to the police pension fund. He threatened punishment if a second offense occurs.

"She told us that she did not have to steal, that she had \$3,000 in the bank and that the reason she had been stealing was for the thrill and sport of the thing," said the police woman.

Police women arrested Miss Thompson Dec. 17, alleging she stole \$25 worth of goods from counters.

OUTGOING CLERK LEAVES \$145,000

Funds Transferred to Albert H. Losche, New County Official.

A total of approximately \$145,000 will change hands tomorrow in the county clerk's office when George V. Coffin, retiring county clerk, makes his quarterly and final statement to the treasurer's office and transfers his trust funds to Albert H. Losche, new clerk.

The county will receive about \$20,000 collected in fees etc. in the last three months. Losche will be given charge of nearly \$125,000 held in trust by the county clerk. This includes witness fees, court judgments, alimony, justice of peace costs and similar items.

Included in the trust fund at this time is the \$100,000 collected from the bonding company that was surety for Richard V. Sims, who defaulted with \$145,000 belonging to citizens and held in trust by him. The sum at present is held up by a court said by the company to get Sims's assets, for which the county is also suing.

The clerk will be put on a salary basis of \$7,500 at the beginning of the year, the county to pay all expenses of the office. At present Coffin receives \$31,000 a year and meets all expenses, which amounted to \$34,000 this year, according to figures of Frank Childers, chief deputy. This was due to the fact that there was both a primary and regular election during the ten months of Coffin's regime.

Losche has given bond of \$100,000. The State board of accounts is examining the books at Childers's request.

ALLEN CO. TREASURER MAY TAKE PLACE NOW

Attorney General Gives Opinion Settling Dispute.

Thomas J. Connelly, treasurer-elect of Allen County, can take office immediately, U. S. Leach, attorney general, said today in an opinion sent Ed Jackson, secretary of State.

The question as to the time when Connelly should take office arose over the fact that he is to succeed Mrs. E. G. Kemper, who was appointed some time ago to succeed her husband when he died.

Connelly could hold office only until her successor was elected and qualified.

CAPITAL INCREASED

The Gill Clay Pot Company of Muncie today filed notice with the secretary of State of an increase in capital stock from \$100,000 to \$200,000.

AYRES BUILDING OWNERS BOOST STOCK FIVE TIMES

The Murray Investment Company, owners of the property occupied by the L. S. Ayres & Co. department store, Meridian and Washington Sts., today increased its capital stock from \$250,000 to \$1,250,000. It was explained the increase is not based on earnings but on the accrued value of the property.

BLIZZARD SWEEPS OVER NEW YORK—COAL SCARCE

Two-day Fuel Supply on Hand as Hurricane Blows in From Sea.

By United Press  
NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—New York's coal reserve divided to a two days' supply as a blizzard howled over the city today.

Fuel administration officials estimated the reserve tonnage undelivered to dealers at 61,600 tons. Hundreds of tenants reported only a few days supply of coal.

The hurricane that blew in from the sea wrecked two schooners on Long Island Sound.

## ENGINEERS TELL OF EQUIPMENT

Witnesses Describe Devices Used by Phone Companies.

Detailed descriptions of devices and equipments used by the Indiana Bell Telephone Company and supplied through the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, were given the public service commission today in its investigation of the affairs of the local concern.

The devices were described by B. G. Halstead, engineer of the Indiana Company, and George K. Thompson of New York, engineer for the American company. The testimony was presented for the purpose of showing the service supplied the local concern by the American company. The commission is attempting to establish the relationship of the two companies.

Thompson testified yesterday afternoon concerning transmitters and receivers used in the Bell system. He said the American company is engaged principally in developing and inventing telephone equipment.

The transmitters and receivers, he said, have been copied by some independent companies.

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