

UNIONS DEMAND EXPLANATION FOR CONVICT LABOR VOTE

AUTO THEFT RING CASE READY FOR U.S. JURY TODAY

Former Bank Cashier Denies
Testimony of Other Defendants.

The case of Heber Alton Beeson, formerly cashier of the Farmers Loan and Trust Company of Columbia City, went to a jury in Federal Court late today. Beeson was indicted by the Federal grand jury last month on a charge of conspiracy to violate the national motor vehicle act. Seven other defendants have pleaded guilty. At the conclusion of the evidence Judge Albert B. Anderson overruled a motion of attorneys for Beeson to instruct the jury to return a verdict of not guilty.

The court ruled that it was up to the jury to decide between stories told of Beeson and Charles W. Thompson, garage man, of Columbia City.

Thompson had testified that he paid \$200 for a stolen car, but a fictitious person, through the bank, that to cover the transaction, Beeson put a check for \$1,000, made out to

Judge Anderson criticized H. P. Bloom, of Columbia City, one of Beeson's attorneys, who formerly was Thompson's lawyer, saying that Bloom had defended Beeson at the expense of Thompson.

Several witnesses testified Thompson had told them Beeson had nothing to do with any stolen cars. Thompson denied these statements.

Defendants who pleaded guilty were George and Russell McCulloch, Charles R. Rodgers, Frank Flirth, Hugh McLean and Lee Woods, all of Ft. Wayne, and Thompson.

COST-PLUS PLAN PRAISED

Business Men Indorse State Contracts For Reformatory.

The cost-plus contracts entered into by the State for the construction of the new reformatory at Pendleton will result to the financial advantage of the State, letters from Stoughton A. Fletcher, president of the Fletcher-American National Bank; Bowman Elder, real estate dealer, and P. J. Landers, superintendent of the Indianapolis Union Railway, assert.

The contractor will receive 3 per cent above the cost of the institution, under the contract. The architect will receive 4½ per cent. The trustees, not the contractor, buy the materials.

JONES BILL ADVANCES

Measure Would Exempt Municipal Plants From Regulation.

Municipalities could own and operate public utilities free from regulation of the public service commission through the Jap Jones bill, which passed second reading in the House Monday after being amended so it would not affect the Bloomington water situation. A similar bill, introduced by Representative Myers, having fewer restrictions, was to be recommended for indefinite postponement.

Little Girls Fashion Own Valentines to Be Sure Friends Will Receive Thought With Dainty Gifts



ONE DEAD; SCORES INJURED IN FIRE

Syracuse Blaze Entails Loss of \$1,000,000.

By United Press

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Feb. 13.—One man is dead, one dying and scores are in the hospital as a result of a fire which swept the Castle Theater and two other business buildings last night.

The dead man, John P. Shea, real estate broker, jumped from a sixth floor and missed the life net. Otto Schwane, 22, a salesman and Edward P. Lull, a tailor, tenants, are missing and Fred J. Green, a fireman, is dying from burns.

The fire loss is estimated at more than \$1,000,000.

FUNERAL OF MRS. HINKLE

Funeral services of Mrs. Elvina J. Hinkle, 91, who died Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lucy M. Bell, 1819 N. Talbot Ave., were held today at West Salem, Ill. She had passed about five years in Indianapolis with her daughter. Mrs. Hinkle fell about fourteen months ago. She never regained her health.

Tools Worth \$700 Gone

Construction work by the Pittsburgh-Des Moines Steel Company at the Marion County Hospital for the Insane was delayed temporarily today because \$700 worth of tools used in constructing the water tower were missing. Benjamin Morgan, asylum superintendent, asked for special police protection.

SPEEDWAY BILL FIGHT IS NEAR CLIMAX

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be altered to meet the resolutions of the other post, was elected secretary of the new district organization. Jacob Morgan, commander of the Hutton B. Brown Jr. post, was chosen temporary chairman of the new committee.

"Duncan's stand is indefensible because it is based upon actions of posts representing 412 members, whereas posts representing 2,187 members in Marion County have gone on record against the bill and posts representing 315 members have been non-committal," said Ebaugh.

Irvington post adopted a resolution opposing the bill Monday night. Olaf Oleson, commander, submitted his resignation when a motion to oppose the bill was tabled last week.

The resignation was not accepted. It is understood Oleson will withdraw his resignation.

Attempts will be made by commandants of Seventh district posts to arrive at more amicable terms with Faulkner by inviting him to a conference.

Frank J. Montani, commander of one of the "recalcitrant" posts, made the vote.

The amendment, which would have required a two-thirds majority, failed.

Two Democrats, Post and Punshon, voted with the Republicans for the bill. The vote.

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