

WHILE CLEVELAND SLASHES GOLF FEES LOCAL RATE SOARS.

REYNOLDS HOLDS NEW POPULATION ESTIMATE IS FAIR

Chamber Secretary Predicts Rate of Gain Will Increase.

"The census estimate of 342,718 as the population of Indianapolis is a fair, conservative figure, according to our own statistics," John B. Reynolds, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, today. He commented on the official report of the United States Census Bureau, placing the gain here since the 1920 census at 25,524. The estimate was based on the average gain from 1910 to 1920.

"The city's gain since 1920 apparently has been at about the same rate in the preceding decade," Reynolds said. "As the population grows, however, the rate of increase probably will, as in New York and Chicago, become greater. The larger the city, the greater the percentage of new residents attracted."

Not Growing "Too Fast"

"Indianapolis draws new blood from all Indiana, Kentucky and other nearby States. Its unparalleled position as a center of distribution, and its attractions as a city of homes make it a magnet to native-born Americans. The percentage of foreign-born inhabitants is smaller than in any other first-class city with the exception of Kansas City, Mo."

Reynolds said he was glad the city is not growing "too fast."

"A gradual increase in population is much more healthy in the long run," he said. "Beyond a certain limit a city can not absorb large increases to advantage."

DAUGHERTY'S SON DEFIES BLACKMAIL

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death and implied that he must be taken care of. Daugherty threatened to knock his ears into his shoes and let the matter go, at that, but gave it considerable thought, nevertheless.

Daugherty is able to tell who this man is. Mitchell is able to tell nothing because he never was actually approached for blackmail, "Dot's" death intervening to ruin the entire promotion for the schemers.

Unfortunate Choice

As Daugherty's story reached the police, the blackmailers could not have made a more unfortunate choice of a prospective victim. He was an Army officer in France and no type of man to compromise with treachery. But in the first place he did have anything to fear. He had met "Dot" King socially, and the mere fact of his knowing the girl meant no more to him than his acquaintance with Jim Jones.

Police information points to one man, a close associate of "Dot" King, as the one who conceived and urged upon "Dot" the plot to "take" Mitchell for "one hundred grand," which is the Broadway and the ringside patter for one hundred thousand dollars. They were not able to find direct evidence against him, however, and contented themselves with rather well-aimed insinuations.

Dares Police

Frederick G. Goldsmith, counsel for Albert E. Guimares, the "sweet daddy" of "Dot," took the initiative, accepting these insinuations as a challenge to his client. Assuming that the police were referring to Guimares, Goldsmith dared them to come and arrest him, and intimated that the man is within a 5-cent carfare of police headquarters, although he has been among those missing from Broadway for several days.

Guimares is a Puerto Rican, but knows his way about Broadway and his who's who of the street. None better. He is tall and swarthy with a manner best described as "Up-Stage." Not the least of his physical charms which captivated "Dot" King was a little black pet of a moustache which accentuated the whiteness of his long teeth. Until it disappeared from his lip a few days ago.

He was not present when Goldsmith held forth in his defense, but he couldn't have added anything to the virtues with which the attorney endowed him.

Liked Good Time

Guimares is neither a blackmailer nor a thief and he never struck "Dot" or took any money from her. From this premise, Goldsmith proceeded to venture that Guimares liked a "good time" as well as Mitchell and paid as much for his pleasures along Broadway as the Philadelphia millionaire paid for his own.

And, of course, never having heard of Mitchell, Guimares never heard of the letter Mitchell wrote to "Dot" from Palm Beach about the time he was resigning himself to the boredom of a luncheon for Princess Anastasia of Greece, in which the naughty millionaire expressed a desire to kiss "Dot" pretty, pink toes and kiss them, and kiss them and kiss them.

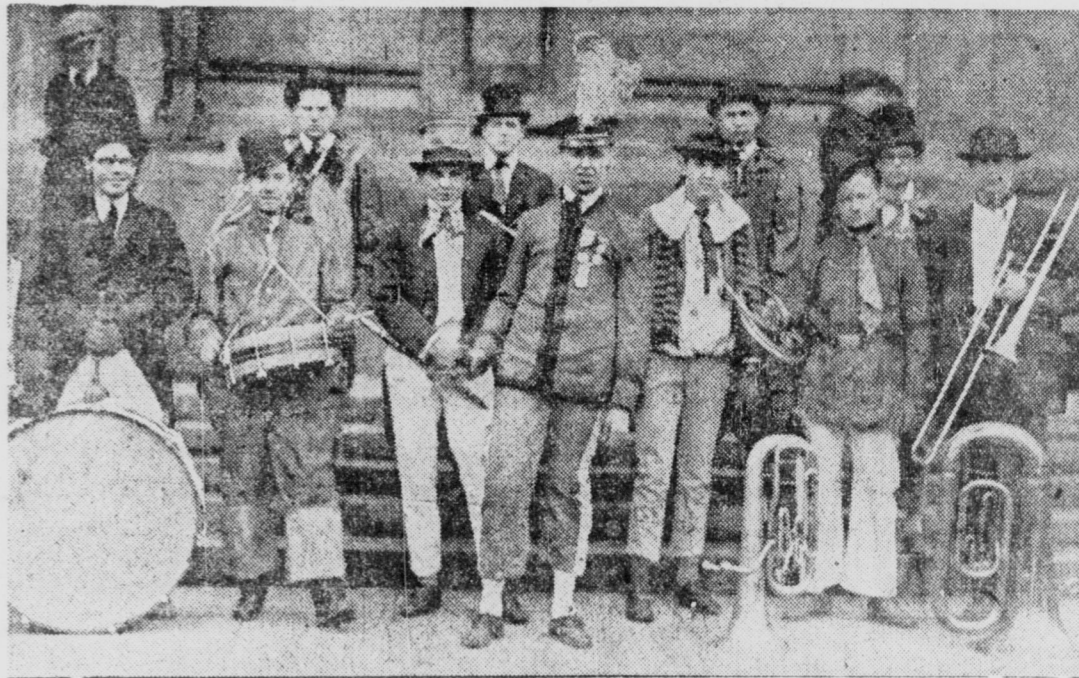
However much money Guimares lavished upon "Dot," he is destitute now, Goldsmith said, except the fur coat which "Dot" is said to have given him and which, for all its having costs \$700, "wouldn't hook for \$30 today."

"Mitchell was a bit-and-run guy," Goldsmith sparkled on, "whereas my fellow lingered along and has paid the penalty in the end."

Frank L. Logsdon Missing

Police today were searching for Frank L. Logsdon, 35, who has disappeared from home according to his Southeastern Ave. Logsdon is 5 feet 8 inches tall. He was a brown felt hat and a suit.

When Junior Chamber Band Strikes Up



JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CLOWN BAND.

The noise is awful, but the crowd, up. It is playing before each performance of the "Circus Frolic" at the Chamber of Commerce band strikes the Palace this week.

FORMAL OPENING PLANNED FOR NEW PURDUE BUILDING

Home Economics Laboratories Said to Be Most Complete in Middle West.

By Times Special LAFAYETTE, Ind., March 27.—The new home economics building at Purdue University will be opened formally Wednesday, April 11, according to announcements made today. Every branch of the work for the instruction of girls will have been equipped and either in operation or ready for class use by that time. A program is being prepared by a faculty and co-ed committee.

A fashion show with women students displaying coats and dresses which they have made themselves, will be a feature. The millinery classes will be included in the display. Modern labor-saving laundry devices will be shown. The nutrition section will give experiments with different vitamins to white rats and guinea pigs. The cafeteria in which the girls receive practical work in lunch room management will be in full swing.

The new structure is perhaps the most complete of its kind in the country. It is fire-proof, of brick construction with the roof, is two stories high and is thoroughly modern. It was erected at a cost of \$240,000, which includes \$26,000 for equipment.

STATE FAILS TO LINK COMMUNISTS

Foster Defense Evades Efforts of Prosecution.

By Times Press ST. JOSEPH, Mich., March 27.—Attorneys prosecuting William Z. Foster failed today in efforts through testimony of defense witnesses, to connect communists in Russia with those of America.

C. W. Gore, cross examining Charles E. Ruthenberg, star witness for Foster on trial for alleged violation of the Michigan syndicalist law asked:

"Is it not true that B. R. Bernstein attended the Bridgman communists

convention as an official representative of the Red trade union international of Moscow?"

"Not officially," the witness replied.

"But he was there in the interest of the Red trade union international?" asked Gore.

"He is connected with that organization."

"Well he was there officially?" the attorney asked.

"Hardly officially," Ruthenberg answered, explaining that Reinstein was in America on other business and was invited to come to Bridgman as

a fraternal delegate."

Ruthenberg testified when the communist part of America was formed, the principles of the communists were adopted in substance as the basis of the branch in this country.

Four Automobiles Stolen

Four automobiles were reported stolen Monday night. Owners: Louis F. Brady, 912 McCarthy St.; John R. Snowball, 361 E. Morris St.; Orville Chenault, 1644 Cornell Ave., and Walter J. Brown, 3001 E. Washington St.

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FARES TO BE CUT BY RAILROADS FOR CAMP AT MUNCIE

Indiana G. A. R. Leaders Prepare Arrangements for Annual Meeting.

Arrangements for the annual State encampment of the G. A. R. at Muncie, May 15-17 were formulated by State headquarters here today.

Special rates of one and one-half fare for the round trip will be in effect to Muncie and return from any point in the State on steam and electric roads. Tickets will be on sale May 11-17, and will be good up to May 23.

Business sessions for the G. A. R. encampment will be held in the Auditorium Theater on High St. The Woman's Relief Corps will meet at the Methodist Episcopal Church, High and Adams Sts.; Sons of Veterans in the K. of H. Hall, S. O. V. Auxiliary in Elks' Hall, and Daughters of Veterans at the Chamber of Commerce.

W. A. Kelsey, department commander for Indiana, has named aids-de-camp for department commanders, and all committees to carry on the work.

LABOR COST RISE INCREASES PHONE COMPANY UPKEEP

Chicago Engineer Says Carter's Figures Are 'Rough Approximation.'

Evidence tending to show that increase in labor costs during the last ten years have caused considerable rise in the expense of erecting, repairing and providing necessary additions to telephone property was presented today by J. G. Wray of Chicago, a consulting telephone engineer, as witness for the Indiana Bell Telephone Company, in the rate investigation by the public service commission.

Wray, who said he was consulting engineer for the telephone company at Ft. Wayne, declared figures given previously by Earl L. Carter, chief engineer for the commission, were not representative of actual increase in labor costs. Wray said Carter's figures represented "rough approximations."

Using costs in 1914 as a 100 per cent basis, Wray showed charts to prove that New York telephone labor costs have increased to 229 per cent in 1920, followed by a decrease the two following years. He showed another chart indicating costs in Indianapolis had remained practically at a 100 per cent constant from 1914 to 1917, with a rise to more than 325 per cent in 1920, followed by a decrease by 1922.

Wray said Carter's chart showed relatively lower labor costs over the entire period than had been actually experienced by telephone companies.

CONTRACT DISAPPROVED

Tri-State Commission Will Probe Insurance Problem.

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Indianapolis Golfers Question Inequality of Charges on Municipal Courses Here—Tends to Restrict Some Links for Well-to-Do, Is Argument.

While increased fees for municipal golf courses go into effect in Indianapolis this season, Mayor Kohler of Cleveland has twice reduced rates there recently.

Cutting the fee from 75 cents a day to 50 cents, Kohler said: "I don't see why golfers should pay \$40,000 a year profit to the city for using the parks, while thousands of others use the parks and have their fun without paying a dime."

Next Cut to Forty Cents

A few days later Kohler announced a further reduction to 40 cents a day and a cut on season tickets of from \$25 to \$15.

On the theory that players wanted charges increased to permit better regulation and lessen congestion the local board has raised fees as follows:

Riverside course, season ticket from \$10 green fee and \$5 locker fee to \$25 green and locker fee.

Pleasant Run, season ticket, \$5 to \$10.

South Grove, from \$5 locker and no green fee to \$8 green fee and \$5 locker fee.

The daily fee at Riverside is increased from 50 cents to 75 cents.

The city late last season took over the old Highland course, renaming it the Charles E. Coffin course. Charges there are 75 cents daily or \$25 season green and locker fee.

Double Season Ticket for \$35 For \$35 a season ticket good for both Coffin and Riverside courses, with one locker either at Coffin or Riverside is sold.

City officials say the high fees are necessary to meet expenses of keeping up the courses, considered by many among the finest in the country.

Golfers Raise Argument

Many golfers question whether the city has a right to charge for use of public property and question the advisability of requiring more on one course than another. The unequal fees tend to restrict the use of the Riverside and Coffin courses to play, or financially fortunate and drive those of lesser means to South Grove, already overcrowded, it has been pointed out.

Those who favor free courses or low, uniform fees, say more people

Meetings Here Wednesday

Peoria Life Insurance Company—Luncheon, dinner and meetings, Claypool.