

# BOARD OF HEALTH ASKS HIGHER TAXES AS WAY OUT OF DEBT

## MRS. LEEDS BARES MORE OF HER LIFE WITH J. A. STILLMAN

Two Children Younger Than 'Jay' Died Shortly After Birth, She Declared in Exclusive Interview

With the United Press.

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NEW YORK, May 22.—"I will stick till they carry you out in a cold pine box."

Such was Flo Leeds' promise to James A. Stillman in her last appeal, written to him on Oct. 22, 1922, in a final effort to persuade the former New York banker to continue her old allowance of \$1,500 a month for the support and care for the boy, Jay.

This letter, and many letters, written by the banker to Mrs. Leeds will be made public if the differences between Mrs. Leeds and Stillman lead to a clash in court. In these letters, Mrs. Leeds declares the banker asserted he was only awaiting the day when he could acknowledge the boy as his son before the world.

Stillman drew a will for Mrs. Leeds, making himself guardian for Jay in the event of her death, she said today in a second exclusive interview with the United Press.

Jay was not the only child of her union with Stillman, Mrs. Leeds disclosed. Two other children were born after the birth of the chubby "Sturdie," as she calls Jay, and in whom her whole life now centered.

Her letter of final appeal to Stillman, dated Oct. 22, 1922, read as follows:

### The Final Appeal

Nine Hundred and Sixty-nine Park Ave., Oct. 22, 1922.

"Consider not how I write this appeal to you, J. but why."

"It's for the love I bear our boy, and my desire to do everything that is best for him."

"Together with the existence of my loneliness, the solitude of my thoughts and the bitterness of my unbelief—these are what prompt this last attempt to touch that which I hope exists in your nature—honour."

"Nearly two years ago you pleaded with me to stand by you. I did, loyally, and while I would not raise my voice to the detriment of the woman—or a child—that was born to me, I loved you, and told you."

"I will stick till they carry you out in a cold pine box."

"I have never gone back on that, but I know now that it is not what you want, and with this realization, I cast aside all pride—all of the things that are for those that were—and in this moment I do not seek your love or your purse—for myself—but just a word, a helpful suggestion, for the welfare of little Jay."

"No matter who your interests are centered in, J. do not interfere this appeal, for whoever claims your attention now will pass—it is only a question of time—but Jay is your flesh and blood—a part of you."

### Ask for Consideration

"It is wrong of you to leave two helpless humans, without a word, and I know it is equally wrong to urge the unwilling to return—but surely moments such as we have known—in suffering together—count for at least—consideration."

"To remind you of all this is very humiliating, I can assure you, but down in my heart I know I have done everything that is noble by the man, the woman and the child, under the circumstances."

"I did what you hoped I would do: myself control and silence surprised you; the ordeal has brought out anything that was fine in me. I am better for having gone through it, and while externally defeated in my loss of you, I have established something within me that will never die. And in closing this door behind me, I feel I shall open up another into better and finer things."

"In less elaborate terms the helpful suggestions I ask of you deal mostly with the will. To review it up, making yourself guardian of Jay."

"If anything unforeseen happens, do you still want to take him?"

"If you have changed your mind with regard to this, too, I must make a new selection. Settling this will greatly aid to my peace of mind."

"When this place, it is beyond me with its taxes and upkeep, and far exceeds my purse—since you have never returned the money I spent out in traveling during your hour of trouble."

"All this actuates my placing it (the apartment at 969 Park Ave., where Mrs. Leeds now lives) on the market. The return will keep the wolf from the door till Jay is old enough to work for himself."

"I believe that any large principal is a hindrance to a man. It does not give his character a chance to assert itself. But I hoped you would continue Jay's monthly allowance until he was 21, which could have been applied to his education."

"And then, too, you promised you would."

"There are many things which I will not attempt to enumerate here. 'Cannot we go over them all—together—it would only take an hour.'"

"You often wrote you were proud of me, and that I had the commendation of your sisters, but surely not a Christian man would speak to you, if they knew of your behavior, so please don't fall me."

"I am absolutely alone—with my problems—and your boy."

Stillman, Mrs. Leeds said, never replied to this letter.

## Why Is the College Flapper? Co-ed at De Pauw Comes to Her Defense



—Photo by Hillary G. Bailey.

KATHERINE E. DAVIS.

All college women aren't flappers. Nay, not more than one-fifth of them are. Even so, she's not so bad as she's painted.

Accept it from Miss Katherine E. Davis, De Pauw University co-ed, who, at classic Greentide, essays to the effect that:

"It is the popular thing to paint the modern girl as reckless and careless and to sum up all our contempt by calling her a flapper because she smokes too much and dares to wear clothes designed by modistes without her advance knowledge."

"The campus flapper is being re-

placed by the 'earnest, purposeful girl of our times.'"

"Because there is glamour in being called 'a good sport' the modern girl, knickered and sweated, climbs the steepest hill, chooses the roughest riding horse, explores the most mysterious caves and plays the fastest and hardest game of tennis."

Serious girls do not pass all their time outside classes reading love stories, having fudge parties and staging pillow fights, continues Miss Davis.

The modern girl "is trying with zest and the best of intentions to be just a good sport," she adds, defending the flapper.

## FEDERAL JURY TO DECIDE VALIDITY OF WONDER BALL PRISONERS REVEAL DISTILLERY PLOTS

Suspects, Two Wounded, Say 'Higher Ups' Had Roles.

By United Press  
WAUKEGAN, Ill., May 22.—Three men, declared by Police Chief Balz, to have confessed participation in between twenty and thirty distillery robberies in Kentucky are in custody.

Two of the prisoners are suffering from buckshot wounds they said were received in an attempted hold-up of the Samuels distillery at Deatsville, Ky., last Tuesday.

They gave their names as W. A. Robey, Peter Walker and Marion Hall, which police believe fictitious.

According to Balz, they admitted operations of their gang resulted in many casualties within the bandit ranks in the last few months.

Their "organization" totaled twenty picked men.

The captured men, Balz said, admitted "higher ups" of the running disposed of the stolen liquor in wholesale quantities by a "greased line" in Chicago.

The trio was captured when Dr. Florence Stone, a physician, notified police that she had treated the two wounded in a shack on the outskirts of Waukegan.

PRINTERS ARE TO VOTE WEDNESDAY

Alden B. Hattery Is Unopposed for President.

Typographical Union No. 1 is ready for its annual election of local officers and three delegates to the 68th International Typographical Union convention at Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 13-14.

Those on the local ticket to be voted on Wednesday are:

Alden B. Hattery, for president; unopposed.

Hubert Riley, vice president; unopposed.

William A. Green, for recording secretary; unopposed.

For financial-corresponding secretary and business agent, William Campbell and Guy S. McCoy.

There are four candidates for delegate (three to be elected): Herbert W. Paine, Eugene B. Chappell, Ralph Verege and Edwin E. Hofstatter.

Three members are to be elected for local election board for the ensuing year from a field of eleven candidates, as follows:

Harry Alexander, John W. Hines, Edward L. Reinhardt, Joseph Gibson, Charles F. Bohm, John McCarthy, Harry Mauer, Robert L. Plummer, V. T. White, Robert Richardson, Gustav Schulz.

## BLOW AT DAN CUPID

Deitling Is Charged With "Soliciting Marriages."

George Deitling, 72, a minister living at 204 S. Delaware St., was arrested today by Patrolmen Bledsoe and Eldridge on a warrant charging soliciting marriages. The affidavit was filed Saturday by Patrolman Bledsoe.

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## HOLD-UP SUSPECT KILLS POLICEMAN

Two Others Are Wounded in Battle at Jersey City.

By United Press  
JERSEY CITY, N. J., May 22.—In a gun duel with Frank J. Sayes, who they had gone to arrest for questioning in connection with a hold-up, two policemen were killed today and two wounded.

The dead are Detective Sergeant John Black and Patrolman Clarence Ward.

Detectives James Walton and Lieut. Harry Otis were wounded, the latter seriously.

Sayes, in an improvised fortress in the attic, held the police at bay until he was forced to surrender by the use of tear gas bombs.

A woman who says she is Sayes' wife was taken into custody. There were powder marks on her hands, police said. They believe she fired some of the shots.

SOMEONE WAS WINNER, BUT WHO? THEY ASK

Judge and Lawyers Study Verdict Half an Hour.

Half an hour was spent today in Circuit Court by Judge and a dozen high-priced attorneys flurrying out what a jury verdict meant. Somebody had won something. The verdict found for one defendant and two plaintiffs.

After seven days of juggling of bushels of figures in a suit for \$300,000 filed by two coal mining companies against the Indiana Railways and Light Company of Kokomo and the Consumers Coal Company of Indianapolis on breach of contract the jury brought in a verdict today that the two companies must pay the "invoices." The jury had forgotten the figures, the judge said.

The invoices for coal actually delivered totaled \$13,938.03, which the Panhandle Coal Company of Biemell and the Hinton-Summit Coal Company of Hinton will get, it finally was agreed.

CARS DAMAGED IN CRASH

No one was injured when two cars were badly damaged in a collision today at Twenty-Fourth and New Jersey Sts. Ernest Lucas, 21, 2412 Cornell Ave., and Leo Farrell, 2338 Central Ave., were the drivers.

Farrell left before police arrived. Police stated he would be arrested on charge of failing to stop after an accident and failure to show certificate of title.

## City Department Is Behind in Payment of Monthly Bills and Temporary Loan Is Coming Due Soon—Exact Condition Covered Up.

Inability to pay bills and a continuous round of temporary loans has always been the experience of the board of health, but its present financial condition is probably the worst in years, as the board is \$40,000 deeper in debt than it was at this time last year.

In a plea for a high enough tax levy for the coming year to put the board on sound financial footing, Dr. Herman G. Morgan, executive secretary, told Mayor Shank and city department heads at a cabinet meeting Monday of the board's additional \$40,000 burden and predicted that if expenditures were continued at the present rate the amount would be more than doubled by the end of the year.

## EARLY SETTLEMENT OF BRITISH DEBT IS BALDWIN PLAN

Selection of New Prime Minister Will Speed Up Funding of \$4,000,000,000.

By LAWRENCE MARTIN  
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WASHINGTON, May 22.—Selection of Stanley Baldwin as prime minister of Britain means an early final agreement between the United States and Great Britain on the funding of the British \$4,000,000,000 war debt.

While it has been generally supposed that this matter was all settled, the fact is it has been hanging fire, and only today the British ambassador here sent to his government the "last word" of the United States on certain changes desired by the British government in the agreement.

Technical Changes

These changes have to do in part with the bonds that the British government is to issue to these governments. The changes British seeks are technical and relative, but to the treasuries of the two governments they are important and to talk disagreement about them might conceivably endanger the whole situation.

Baldwin, it was recalled here today by treasury officials, was in the main responsible for getting his government's approval of the debt settlement's main terms. He, in fact, "went to the mat" with Bonar Law about it, and argued that for a number of reasons, not the least of which was American-British friendship, the British government could not afford to refuse to sanction the arrangement reached at Washington.

New Type of Politician.

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"We are still operating on the same level as we did eight years ago, but the city's growth has not stood still," Dr. Morgan said. "The city hospital is running at capacity. It is imperative that something be done for next year. This year we will have to cut expenditures to a minimum if we do not show a large deficit at the end of the year."

### Statement Confidential

Dr. Morgan was asked for an exact financial statement of the board, but refused to show it except "in confidence." Its exact condition could not be learned as no one seemed to have any idea of the amount of unpaid bills.

Controller Joseph L. Hogue said he believed the board "had a special place to keep their bills as only a few were ever paid and creditors were continually running to his office asking for their money."

Hogue said the board had paid in all about one month's bills since the first of the year and it probably would be able to pay that many more when taxes are received in June. He said that amount would probably be all it would be able to pay this year.

### Loan Due June 20.

The controller's books show the board has on hand now \$68,000, while at this time last year it had \$32,000. A temporary loan of \$175,000 is due June 20.

The board's pay roll is about \$22,000 a month and there are two more due before taxes are received. Controller Hogue said that after the board pays its temporary loan from taxes, "if they are lucky they will be able to meet one month's bills." Expenses run approximately \$40,000 a month.

Dr. Morgan said the constantly increasing debt is due to increased cost of supplies, increased scope of the board's work and the many patients that had been taken care of at the city hospital. He said the diphtheria and respiratory disease waves had kept the hospital overcrowded and running at its capacity constantly.

## RILEY FUND GETS \$6,412 FROM CITY HALL EMPLOYEES

Tabulation Under Way at State Headquarters for Memorial.

Charles G. Duvall, chief inspector in the city civil engineer's office, who has charge of subscriptions and pledges to the Riley Memorial Hospital for Children at city hall, announced today that city hall employees have raised \$6,412. Many other pledges also were announced from the State campaign headquarters, 1603 National City Bank building.

Leaders in the campaign said work is going forward on tabulation of returns from the various organizations of the city that are raising special funds to enable them to perpetuate the names of their organizations within the completed institution.

Other subscriptions received today: Golden Rule department store, \$421.50; American Leather Products Company, \$100; Indianapolis Coal Company employees, \$100; McNamara-Rosier Foundry Company, \$100; American Loan Company, \$100; W. Kennedy & Son employees, \$80; The Better Industries League, a colored organization, \$50; through the Meridian Heights Presbyterian Church, \$328; through the Central Christian Church, \$145; through the Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, \$125; through the Blaine Methodist Episcopal Church, \$15; Mrs. Joseph J. Daniels, \$200.

Mrs. J. L. E. M. to \$100; Indianapolis Woman's Club, \$100; Mr. and Mrs. Howard M. Foltz, \$100; Mrs. A. B. Anderson, \$100; Bowser & Sons, \$100; Charles Ind., \$100; Maurice J. Peck, \$100; Charles W. Moore, \$100; T. P. Burke, \$100; Mrs. Lena Mendenhall, \$100; County Auditor of the American League, \$100; Del. E. E. Bible class of St. Paul M. E. Church, \$100; Fred Davis, \$50; Sammie Drucker, \$50; W. M. Madden, \$50; Charles G. Sams, \$50; Frank Neesler, \$50; Joseph J. Davis, \$50; the Fortnightly Study Club, \$25.

Mrs. Phillips is employing every device to escape extradition to the United States in custody of Under-sheriff Eugene Biscuit, who is here to take her back to California, where she is under sentence for killing Mrs. Alberta Meadows with a hammer.

She declares that if taken back to Los Angeles she will be able to prove the killing was done by another woman. This woman, she says, was one of the witnesses against her.

She denounces Jesse Carson, who has posed here as her husband, and planned him for her predicament. He persuaded her to leave Mexico, she said, where she would have been safe from extradition.

HOBBO KILLED ON TRAIN

Man Found With Skull Crushed and Neck Broken.

By Times Special  
MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., May 22.—When a Michigan Central train arrived here, Joe Morarity, Winchester, Idaho, who had been riding the bumper, climbed on top to find his companion, Archie Anderson, who had been riding on the top of the train. Anderson was dead. His skull was crushed and his neck broken. It is thought that he received injuries when the train pulled through the Sixty-Third St. viaduct in Chicago. Morarity is held by police for the inquest.

### Five Fires Reported

The fire department answered five fire calls this morning. Sparks on the roof of the Fred Branding Dressmaking Company, 1608 Northwestern Ave., caused loss estimated at \$100. A fire in a shed in the rear of 1346 S. Meridian St., caused a \$50 loss. The other three were extinguished before any damage was done.

World's most famous rug is the Arbad rug in the South Kensington museum, England, and valued at \$250,000.

## DROWNINGS AT PICNIC

Three 12-Year-Old Boys Perish in Wisconsin.

By United Press  
GREEN BAY, Wis., May 22.—Robert Maguire, Raymond Roskowski and Edward Tiobel, all 12 years old, were drowned during a Catholic parochial school picnic.

They are tuning 'em up in Linwood Ave., where the fifth revival of the Pushmobile Classic will be run.

Away from school the kids scamper, as fast as sturdy legs will carry them, to sundry coal sheds, barns, garages, cellars, grape arbors, and what not kind of a shelter, to wheel out their mounts.

They are tinkering a bit at another race course, out west of town, where 150,000 people will gather soon to see those new motor bugs fit around a brick oval 200 times at 100 miles or so an hour. Tinkering a bit, but not a whit more industriously, or hopelessly than forty or fifty Indianapolis kids are playing their tools against June 16, when the annual Pushmobile Classic will be run.

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