

TAX LEVY PASSED WITHOUT BUDGET; FINANCE TANGLED

Council Orders Higher Rate Than One Asked by Shank.

Indianapolis will operate its city government next year with a tax levy 8.2 cents higher than 1923 on a budget calling for the 1923 levy of only 94.7 cents, it was indicated today, following a session of city council Monday night unopposed in local history when the 1924 levy was passed and the budget rejected.

Administration heads were conferring with the legal department today over the effect the action would have. The situation presents a problem faced by few cities in the country. A tax levy is provided, but there is no appropriation ordinance.

Officials today believe it would mean that departments operating under the general fund, including police and fire forces, would receive the same amounts in 1924 as in this year. Departments operating under their own levies will not be affected, it was said.

\$14,350 Budget Rejected
A fight, led by Councilman Thompson, to cut the unitemized city plan budget of \$26,650, to an itemized \$14,350, paved the way for discussion which a secret conference of nearly two hours failed to knit.

Thompson's amendment in various forms was killed by the council. Councilman Claycombe then moved adoption of the budget as originally submitted, with addition of 1.5 cents to the maintenance department of the sanitary board for operation of the sewage disposal plant.

The motion was lost, 5 to 4, six being necessary for passage. Councilmen Buchanan, Bramblett, Wise, Claycombe and King voted "aye." Councilmen Thompson, Bernd, Ray and Clauer opposed it. Clauer voted "aye," but changed his vote before it was announced.

Apparently in hopeless deadlock, Councilman Claycombe then moved adjournment, which carried.

1.5 Cents Over Shank Plan
The \$1.035 levy as passed, representing 1.5 cents more than proposed by Mayor Shank, was fought by Councilmen Bernd, Clauer and Thompson. Councilmen Clauer, Ray and Thompson opposed the 1.5-cent increase asked by the sanitary board.

Only one protest against the tax levy for 1924 was voiced in a public hearing before the tax levy was passed. Mrs. Martin J. Reiffel, 845 Middle Dr., Woodruff Place, protested high tax rates which she said city officials pledged to reduce when they were elected.

R. Walter Jarvis, superintendent of parks, resented attacks on his department, as did other citizens who answered Mrs. Reiffel.

May Handicap Officials
The budget of 1923 which still remains in effect with the new tax levy will give the city council power to tie the hands of the administration, it was said. Excess money over 1923 department requests must go to the general fund and cannot be transferred without council approval.

The park sinking fund levy of 2.25 cents already in the hands of the county auditor makes a total levy of \$1.925 for next year. Original department requests were \$1,394.3 on each \$100 of taxable property.

The ordinance requiring passing motorists to dim their lights on signal of the other within the city limits was passed 6-3. Another measure making substitute firemen regular firemen after one year of probation service was passed unanimously. Councilman Ray's amendment inserting an emergency clause also passed.

Pass \$300,000 Street Plan
Other ordinances passed, including ratification of a contract made by the board of works, with the North Electric Manufacturing Company of Galion, Ohio, for a special automatic switchboard in city hall. The board will cost \$3,962.31 installed.

The \$300,000 street resurfacing and widening program was assured when council unanimously authorized the bond issue. A \$55,000 loan to the park department to meet current expenses also was passed unanimously.

The smoke ordinance introduced at the last meeting was not called to vote. Councilman Wise asked for additional time when opposition to the measure was voiced.

City Territory Disannexed
An ordinance was passed unanimously annexing certain territory to the city between Fifty-Ninth and Forty-Second Sts., between Arsenal Ave. and the present city limits.

An ordinance, ordering the board of works to pave North St., between Noble and Pine Sts., over remonstrance of majority of property owners, was introduced.

Another measure authorized payment of \$981.66 to Oscar Sims, who was injured while a city employee.

A disannexation ordinance cutting off present city territory between Southern Ave., Gilbert St., Meridian St. and Bluff Rd. was introduced and passed under suspension of rules.

DISTANCE WALKER HELD

Arrested in Connection With Burning of Buildings at Warsaw.

By United Press
WARSAW, Ind., Sept. 4.—Stephen Kosko, of New Haven, Conn., was arrested here today and held as a suspect in connection with the burning of a barn and several small buildings on the farm of Charles Cook, three miles southwest of Warsaw.

Kosko denied any knowledge of the fire and claimed he was walking from New Haven to Wyoming.

COUNTY PICNIC ON SUNDAY

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FIRE AND TREMORS WRECK JAPAN'S BUILDINGS



THE MITSUKOSHI STORE—ONE OF THE BIGGEST DEPARTMENT STORES IN THE ORIENT—IS WHERE THE TOKIO FIRE STARTED. OWING TO THE BREAKING OF WATER MAINS THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS HELPLESS IN TRYING TO CHECK ITS SPREAD.

FAMINE FOLLOWS JAPAN'S QUAKE

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from the United States in the form of President Coolidge's offer of help.

1,000 Commit Suicide
One thousand persons in Tokio who escaped the earthquake and fire that followed have committed suicide by drowning, insane with grief.

In Tokio and Yokohama less than forty-eight hours' food supply remains and many thousands are suffering from lack of drinking water. Engineers are doing their utmost to repair the mains and reservoirs.

The flames approached the Tokio jail and, fearing that nearly 1,000 prisoners would be roasted alive, the officials released them. Many of the convicts immediately started looting.

FIRST DIRECT WORD

Wireless Dispatch From Tokio Places Dead at 500 to 1,000.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. 4.—First direct word from Tokio in three days and the first report from an American source, reached the United Press at 11:23 p. m. (east time) Monday night in the form of a wireless dispatch, filed apparently by Clarence Dubose, United Press staff correspondent in Tokio.

The United Press dispatch was transmitted from the Tomicka wireless station, which is about 144 miles north of Tokio. "Tokio and Yokohama were fourths destroyed by a tremendous earthquake and fire at 12:20 p. m. Sept. 1."

"Most of the buildings of the cities were completely razed. Three million persons are homeless and 500 or 1,000 are dead."

"A food shortage exists and there is no water. Martial law has been declared, but the morale is splendid. 'No Americans are dead.'"

"Scarcely a single building stands. 'The destruction was the worst in history and the deaths less.'"

TOKIO AMBASSADOR SAFE

Consulate Destroyed, But Personnel Escaped With Lives.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—Cyrus E. Woods, United States ambassador to Japan, Mrs. Woods and the whole personnel of the American embassy in Tokio are safe, Woods notified the State Department today.

Woods' message said the embassy was totally destroyed by the earthquake. It was very brief and did not disclose whether any of the other Americans in Tokio or Yokohama were victims of the disaster.

Message Undated
Following is the message from Woods, sent from the radio station at Iwakai and undated:

"All embassy buildings totally destroyed, but not one in embassy injured. Food situation very acute. Send rations at once from Philippines."

The department also received today the following message from Consul John K. Davis at Shanghai:

"Following from master of steamer President Jefferson to Admiral Line here from Yokohama, noon by radio direct:

"Yokohama completely wiped out by earthquake and fire. Tokio and Yokohama also. Refugees report Nanyangshita and Hakone also destroyed. Admiral Oriental line office ruined, everything lost, all employees safe. Do not accept traffic for Yokohama, but route all ships there to render all possible assistance given supplies. Returning to Kobe with 350 destitute refugees. Sailing Kobe, Seattle direct soon possible. Esler last seen Grand Hotel, whereabouts unknown. Ackerman unknown. Eshing and wife safe aboard. Fires are still burning. United States consul at Kokohama are all out north of Nikimoto, except Asahika. Approach inside breakwater Yokohama bottom come up."

The department made no comment on the captain's message. There was no way here of identifying the persons mentioned in it, except the Ackerman.

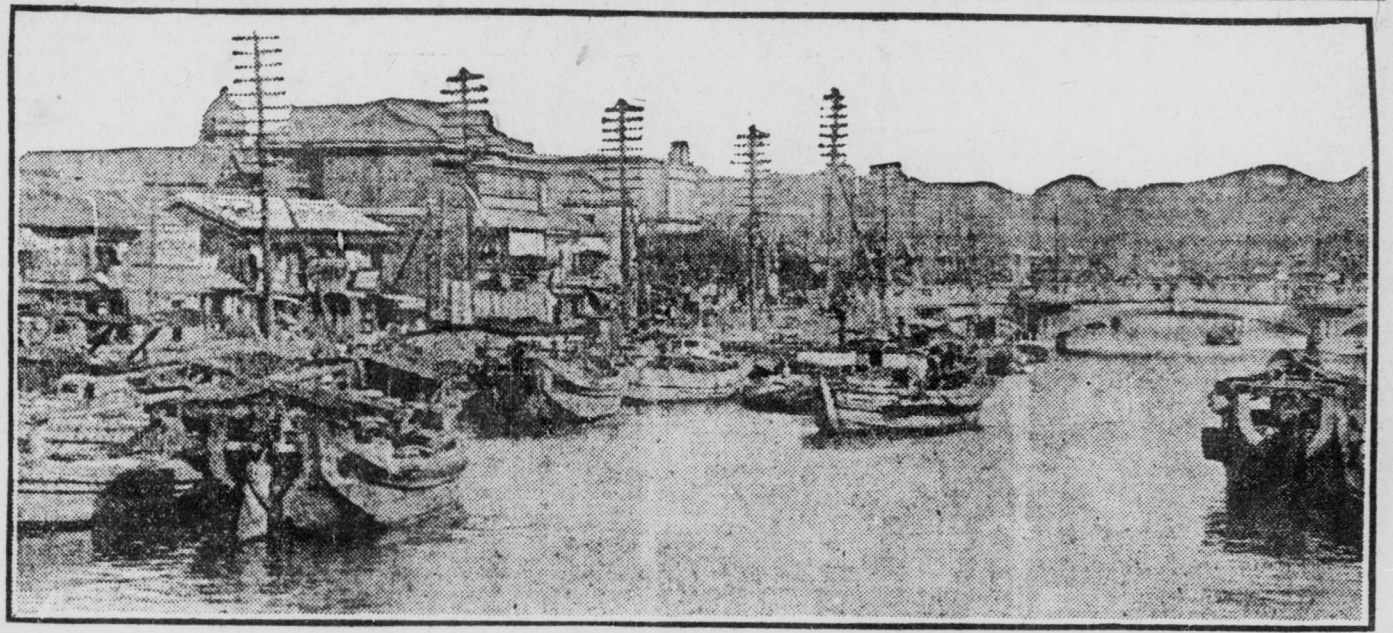
Urges Fast Ship
"Suggest Asiatic fleet send fast ships at once. Relief urgently needed. Doctors, nurses and medical supplies. Publish a navigation warning all ships leaving lights approaching Yokohama are all out north of Nikimoto, except Asahika. Approach inside breakwater Yokohama bottom come up."

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SHANK WILL SIGN NEW TAX LEVY AS O. K. BY COUNCIL

With the announcement of Mayor Shank today that he would sign the ordinance providing for a city tax levy of \$1.035 in 1924, James M. Ogden, city attorney, was investigating legality of council action Monday night in which it passed the tax levy ordinance but failed to accept the budget carrying out appropriations. State law views passing of a tax levy and budget as one step, while no provision is made for passage of one without the other. The law provides that if the council fails to agree by the first meeting night in September, the rate of the preceding year shall be effective.

Ten or more taxpayers may carry protests of high tax rate to the State tax board not later than the fourth Monday in September, the law provides.

Joseph Hogue, city controller, estimated today that passage of the 1924 tax levy with a 1923 budget would place \$97,894.33 extra in the general fund.

Mayor Shank today predicted that the present situation would prompt many ordinances to provide for transfer of funds next year before the levy and the budget could be adjusted. He said a veto, however, would automatically put the old levy of \$0.947 in effect which would be "too little to efficiently operate city government."

'T WAS NO HOLIDAY FOR AUTO DRIVERS

Six motorists, enjoying Labor day, were arrested on charges of speeding Monday, as the drive against fast driving continued.

George G. E. Moore, 35, of 1031 St. Paul St., was under arrest today charged with failure to stop after his car crashed, police say, into the rear of a car parked at Villa Ave. and Prospect Sts. A man who jumped upon the running board was pushed off when he attempted to stop Moore, it is alleged.

William McCloskey, 29, of 731 E. McCarty St., city fireman, was charged with speeding after his machine struck a car driven by F. L. Bridges, 1109 Park Ave., at Ft. Wayne Ave. and Alabama St. McCloskey's car was traveling at a high rate of speed, police declare.

Joe Baker, 21, of 625 1/2 N. Illinois St.; Mike Northern, 22, of 328 S. Warren Ave.; Albert Strider, colored, 403 W. Walnut St., and Kolmer Coyle, 23, of 227 N. Holmes Ave., are all slated for speeding.

'OFFICER' GENUINE, RUMOR

Principals in Mysterious Visit Subjects of Inquiry.

An investigation among police officers Monday has led to a rumor that a regular patrolman in a car with Chris Mello, 552 W. Washington St., Sunday night when, according to Mrs. Myrtle Small, 330 N. Blackford St., Mello stopped at her home and his companion, saying he was an officer, threatened her and demanded the whereabouts of one "Minerva."

It is rumored the officer will face Acting Chief of Police Walter White, Police Chief Herman F. Rikhoff being out of the city.

Robe Is Stolen

Lloyd Harrell, Shelbyville, Ind., reported to the police today that a lap robe valued at \$5 was taken from his automobile parked at Washington and Delaware Sts.

Dishes Are Stolen

Kenneth Dotter, 407 E. Pratt St., reported to detectives that a set of forty-seven china dishes valued at \$85 were taken from his home.

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VISITORS GREETED BY CITY COURTEOUS

Welcome to Indianapolis, Hoosier friends!

This is the "City Courteous," so make yourself at home.

Policemen, firemen, street car employees, department store clerks, are all eager to answer your questions. Blaine McGrath of Chamber of Commerce, announced today that all Indiana residents living outside of Marion County are invited to enter a letter writing contest.

You must get your material for the letter while visiting Indianapolis and the State Fair this week. There is no limit to the length of the letter, but the more apt you will be to win a prize, Mr. McGrath hints.

The Chamber of Commerce is offering \$100 in prizes for the four best letters. Prizes: \$50, first; \$25, second; \$15, third, and \$10, fourth. Letters must be written on one side of the paper only.

Judges of the contest, selected by Benjamin Burris, State superintendent of public instruction, are: E. E. Ramsey, State chief high school inspector; O. H. Williams, inspector of teacher training institutions; and Miss Blanche Merry, State attendance officer.

Courtesy stations are in operation at the fairground under the direction of Miss Martha Hays, assisted by Boy Scouts. Courtesy talks are being made daily to the employees of the various downtown department stores.

W. Earl Allman, advertising manager of the Pettis Dry Goods Company, is distributing cards bearing courtesy messages among the employees of his store each day.

The Hoosier Motor Club and the Advertising Club of Indianapolis have distributed thousands of windshield stickers for courtesy week.

NO TRACE YET OF MISSING A. E. DEAN

No word of the whereabouts of Austin E. Dean, 32, of 10 1/2 Eastern Ave., real estate salesman, who disappeared from home Wednesday, had been received by his relatives and friends today.

Dean left Wednesday presumably for Noblesville to collect a debt of \$2,100 from F. M. Anderson. He left his card at a bank at Noblesville and notified a hotel clerk that he would return later in the day.

Dean cashed a check for \$100 at the J. F. Wild State Bank before going to Noblesville.

It is not believed that Dean was in financial straits at the time of his disappearance.

Local detectives have been assisting the sheriff of Hamilton County in the search.

The Indianapolis Times—Circulation Statement—For the Month of August 1923

| | City. | City and Sub. | Total Dis. |
|-------------------|-----------|---------------|------------|
| August 1 | 37,469 | 48,551 | 53,367 |
| August 2 | 39,064 | 50,199 | 55,007 |
| August 3 | 52,039 | 69,694 | 76,709 |
| August 4 | 38,511 | 50,818 | 56,688 |
| August 5—Sunday. | | | |
| August 6 | 39,263 | 51,664 | 57,058 |
| August 7 | 38,829 | 51,405 | 56,606 |
| August 8 | 39,619 | 52,023 | 57,552 |
| August 9 | 39,750 | 52,155 | 57,517 |
| August 10 | 38,929 | 51,332 | 56,648 |
| August 11 | 39,268 | 50,903 | 55,966 |
| August 12—Sunday. | | | |
| August 13 | 39,119 | 50,537 | 55,616 |
| August 14 | 40,216 | 51,568 | 56,609 |
| August 15 | 39,113 | 50,406 | 55,411 |
| August 16 | 39,226 | 50,463 | 55,420 |
| August 17 | 36,990 | 48,080 | 54,965 |
| August 18 | 38,910 | 50,250 | 56,169 |
| August 19—Sunday. | | | |
| August 20 | 40,007 | 51,304 | 56,218 |
| August 21 | 39,433 | 50,648 | 57,912 |
| August 22 | 39,506 | 50,751 | 55,566 |
| August 23 | 39,624 | 50,816 | 55,679 |
| August 24 | 39,177 | 50,356 | 55,152 |
| August 25 | 38,448 | 49,733 | 54,613 |
| August 26—Sunday. | | | |
| August 27 | 38,897 | 50,073 | 54,918 |
| August 28 | 39,559 | 50,718 | 55,539 |
| August 29 | 40,351 | 51,799 | 56,628 |
| August 30 | 41,771 | 53,674 | 59,015 |
| August 31 | 40,199 | 51,332 | 56,154 |
| | 1,073,287 | 1,391,252 | 1,534,702 |

Total distribution 1,534,702

Daily average distribution 56,841

Daily average unpaid 727

DAILY AVERAGE NET PAID 56,114

Average net paid circulation for August, 1923 56,114

Average net paid circulation for July, 1923 55,667

GAIN 447

C. B. JULIAN, Manager of Circulation of The Indianapolis Times, being duly sworn, solemnly declares that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of the circulation of that newspaper.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of September, 1923.

(SEAL) W. B. NICEWANGER
My Commission Expires January 29th, 1924. Notary Public.

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