

TAX LEVY PASSED WITHOUT BUDGET; FINANCE TANGLING

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 unparalleled 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 \$26,850, to an itemized \$14,350, paved the way for dissension 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 voted "no." 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.

May Handicap Officials

The budget of 1923 which still remains in effect with the new tax levy will give the city council power to 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 \$1,525 for next year. Original department requests were \$1,3043 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 Galloway, 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.

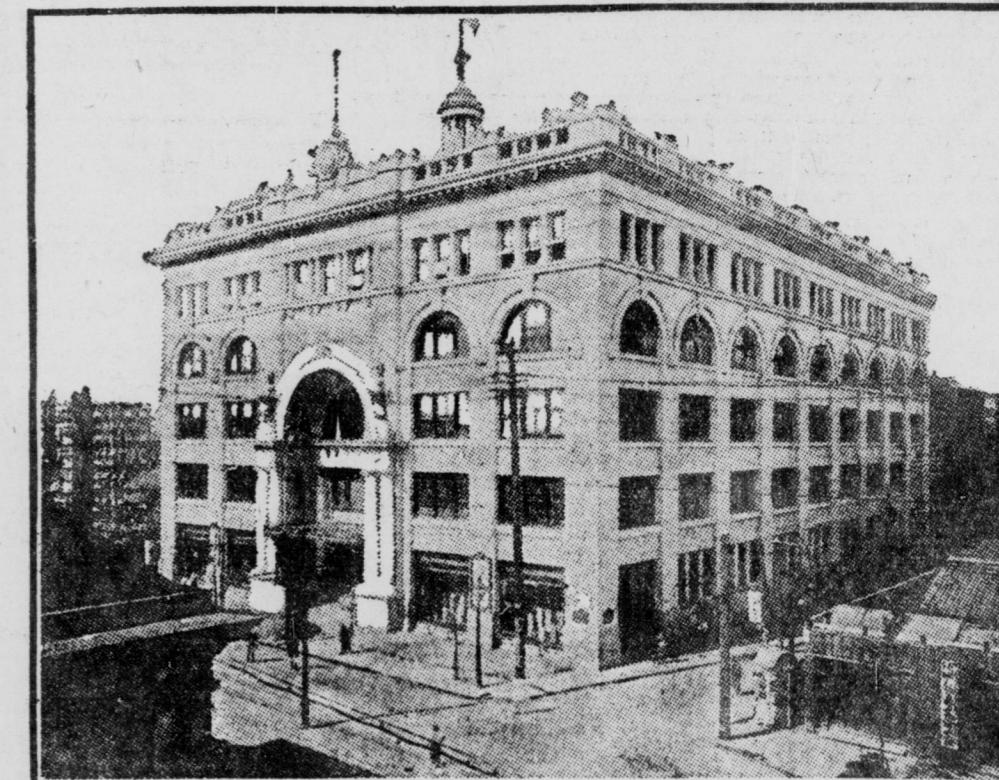
COUNTY PICNIC ON SUNDAY

Annual Feast of Former Residents Brookside Park Planned.

The annual picnic and basket supper the Wayne County Society will be held at Brookside Park beginning at 1 p.m. next Sunday.

Officers: William E. Osborne, president; Mrs. John A. Shaefer, secretary; Mrs. Claude H. Dill, treasurer.

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.

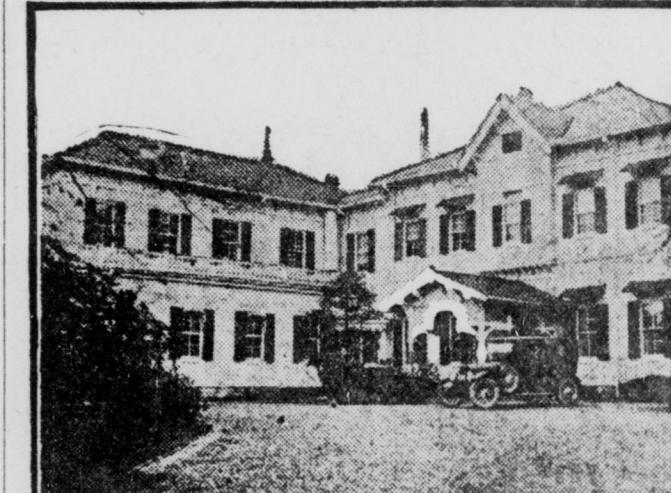
1,000 Commits Suicide

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.

AMERICAN CONSULATE AT TOKIO WAS TOTALLY DESTROYED BY THE QUAKE BUT AMBASSADOR WOODS AND PERSONNEL OF STAFF ESCAPED UNINJURED.



State Fair Program

TONIGHT

Coliseum, 7:30 p.m.: Acrobatic program, livestock parade, light harness and saddle horse show, concert by Royal Scotch Highlanders band.

Race track, infield, 7:45 p.m.: Fireworks display.

WEDNESDAY

Coliseum, all day: Judging of Percheron horses, Shorthorn and Guernsey cattle.

Swine pavilion, all day: Judging of Duroc, Jersey, Hampshire and Berkshire swine.

Sheep pavilion, all day: Judging of Cotswold, Leicester, Lincoln, American and Delaine Merinos, Cheviots, Dorset, Tunis and Rambo sheep.

Agriculture and Horticulture building, all day: Judging of soil, dairy and orchard products and flowers.

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Message Undated

Following is the message from Wood, sent from the radio station at Iwaki and undated:

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

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

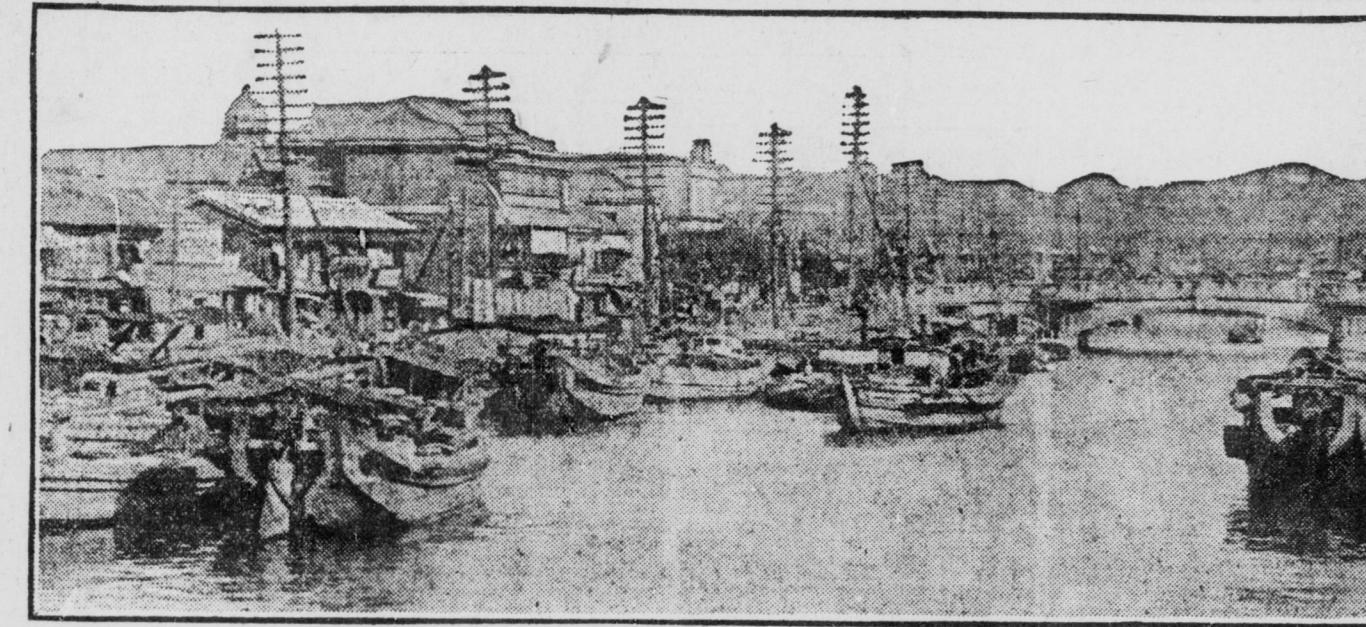
"Following from master of steamer President Jefferson to Admiral Line here from Yokohama, noon by radio direct:

"Yokohama completely wiped out by earthquake and fire. Tokio and Yokosho also. Refugees report Ni-sanshita 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 soon possible. Easier last seen Grand Hotel, whereabouts unknown. Ackerman unknown. Eshing and wife safe aboard. Fires are still burning. United States consul at Kokohama and wife dead. Casualties among foreigners are very numerous. Publish list survivors arrival Kobe. Empress Australia disabled. Empress Canada arrived Monday freight and also landing supplies and taking sick and wounded. All houses on bluff and Grand Hotel Oriental are gone."

Urge Fast Ships

"Suggest Asiatic fleet send fast ships at once. Relief urgently needed. Doctors, nurses and medical supplies. Leave navigation warning all ships leaving lights approaching Yokohama are all out north of Nikumoto, except Asahita. 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



YOKOHAMA IS JAPAN'S LARGEST SEAPORT, AND SHIPS FROM EVERY MARITIME NATION LOAD AT ITS MODERN DOCKS. THERE IS A RIVER FLEET OF THOUSANDS OF BOATS, TOO, ENGAGED IN LIGHTERING AND IN BRINGING TO THE PIERS THE PRODUCTS OF THE INTERIOR AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT. THIS PICTURE SHOWS PART OF THE RIVER FLEET OF NATIVE BOATS.

SHANK WILL SIGN NEW TAX LEVY AS O.K'D 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 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 him to propose 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 \$9,404 in effect which would be "too little to efficiently operate city government."

'TWAS 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. McCloskey St., citizen fireman was charged with speeding after his machine struck a car driven by F. L. Bridges, 1100 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 625½ 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.

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Principals in Mysterious Visit Subjects of Inquiry.

An investigation among police officers Monday has led to a rumor that a regular patrolman was 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.

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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.

All you have to do is write a letter to the Chamber of Commerce, 28 S. Meridian St., telling why you like Indianapolis.

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The Chamber of Commerce is offering \$100 in prizes for the four best letters. Prizes: \$50, first; \$25, sec-

ond; \$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.

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

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

NO TRACE YET OF MISSING A. E. DEAN

No word of the whereabouts of Austin E. Dean, 32, of 10½ Eastern Ave., real estate salesman, who disappeared from home Wednesday, had been received by his relatives and friends to-day.

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