

## CONGRESS IS AT CROSS PURPOSES ON TAX REDUCTION

Agreement as to Procedure Is Chief Obstacle—Bonus Complicates Matter.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Congress is at cross purposes on tax reduction. Every other man in Congress has a pet tax theory. The chief obstacle in the way of lower taxes is agreement on a program.

Despite the overwhelming sentiment of Congress and the country for lightening the tax burden, leaders of both parties agree the virtually certain enactment of a soldier bonus law, despite Mr. Coolidge's opposition, has complicated the situation.

Tax reduction programs range from the Mellon plan of a 25 per cent income tax cut to the progressive demand of a bonus paid mainly by a tax on large incomes, excess profits and an inheritance tax.

## TWO OTHERS OF ALLEGED BANDIT GANG ARRESTED

Third Man Escapes After Running Revolver Duel.

VINCENNES, Ind., Dec. 8.—Roy Graham and Denver Meeks, two more alleged members of the Bicknell band of sixteen bandits which is said to be responsible for the Coal City and Spencer Bank robberies and other acts of banditry in Southern Indiana, were arrested at Bicknell Friday night and brought to the jail here.

Royal Dodds, a third man wanted, escaped after a running revolver duel. He is expected to be arrested today.

Graham and Meeks are charged with complicity in the Coal City Bank hold-up on Oct. 6.

Prosecutor Young said today he had obtained a confession from a prisoner in the county jail to the robbery of the Coal City Bank.

The \$4,400 obtained in the Coal City robbery was split among five men, according to Young.

ADDITIONAL SUSPECTS SOUGHT

Arrest of additional suspects in the investigation of the Spencer bank robbery will be made within the next two or three days, Harry Webster, superintendent of the protective division of the Indiana Bankers' Association, declared today.

## M'CRAY SEES NO REASON TO RESIGN

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of Noel is the one to which McCray referred in his statement.

Text of statement:

"I consider the refusal of Governor McCray to reply to my letter, delivered to him, requesting his written statement concerning an early and speedy trial on the eight indictments, consisting of 192 counts, in the Marion County court, sufficient reason for calling the State committee at the earliest date possible to take definite action looking to the welfare of the Republican party.

Friendship Abused

"I consider the meeting necessary because this man besmirched the good name of the State of Indiana, prostituted the great office of Governor, abused sacred ties of friendship and injured the great party that sponsored his election.

"This has ceased to be a political question. Every citizen of Indiana with patriotism and state pride must certainly deeply resent and deplore the manner and extent to which our state's name is being disgraced nationally.

"I am credibly informed that our Governor's conduct is being made the subject of jests on the vaudeville stage and at many other places of public gathering.

"If the Legislature is convened for impeachment purposes, I have been advised one member of the Legislature declared, many of the legislators might feel it their duty to seek to carry the impeachment proceedings further and remove from office any appointee of the present Governor who has participated with the operations which have made the name of Indiana a by-word throughout the United States.

Resignation Only Solution

"The only hope I can see for a speedy termination of the present disgraceful situation is for Governor McCray to resign and take with him everyone whose conduct and mode of thought agrees with his. As a matter of loyalty to his chief undoubtedly their resignations would follow his."

In connection with his statement, Wall sent a letter to each member of the State committee. He tentatively set the date for the State committee meeting as Dec. 17, subject to the convenience of members of the committee.

In connection with Wall's statement to the effect State employees close to McCray also should resign, it was recalled that three McCray appointees recently called on Wall and the subcommittee to intercede for the Governor. They were Fred Robinson, State purchasing agent, Eben H. Wolt, State bank commissioner, and Eph A. Dalley, member of the industrial board.

## GRIFFIS' PATRIOTISM STIRS GERMAN COURT

Honor Is Unsmirched and Short Sentence Is Imposed With 50-Cent Fine.

By United Press

MOSSBACH, Germany, Dec. 8.—The patriotism of Corliss Hoover Griffis, young American ex-officer and World War veteran, so stirred his German judges, sentencing him as the leader of the plot to kidnap the draft evader Bergdoll, they decreed the light sentence of one year and nine months imprisonment, and a fine in marks that equals less than fifty cents.

Griffis' honor is not sullied by the sentence they imposed, the judges intimated. He has made an excellent impression on the authorities, who understand his desire to act against Bergdoll.

The three months Griffis has already spent in prison awaiting trial are deducted from his sentence, leaving him a year and a half to serve.

Eugene Nelson of Chicago who was a member of the little band that planned the frontier dash, was sentenced to three months imprisonment. He automatically goes free, as he has

already remained in jail more than three months awaiting trial.

Without a smile the sympathetic judges sentenced both Griffis and Nelson to pay fines of two billion marks each. What is called "two billion" in Mossbach is really two trillion with the last ciphers left off. The gigantic fines are, in American money, less than fifty cents each.

The judges said, however, that they were unable to disregard the fact that a foreigner had attempted to accomplish something on German soil which only German officials could legally accomplish.

They pointed out that Bergdoll had used weapons in self-defense, killing Schmidt, who assisted in the attempt to snatch the deserter back to America.

There was a strange, and interesting picture as the German judges passed sentence on the dashing young American whom they obviously respected and admired for his plucky attitude on the stand.

## I. A. C. Members in First Club Inspection Sunday



CARL H. WALLERICH



CARL J. PRINZLER



A. E. DAVIS



A. H. ADAMS

More than 500 members of the Indianapolis Athletic Club will obtain their first views of the interior of their new club home, now under construction at Meridian and Vermont Sts. when they will be the guests of the board of directors and the committee of sixty.

Final plans for escorting the membership through the building and for their entertainment were made today at a meeting of the committee of sixty with its officers, Carl H. Wallerich, chairman; Carl J. Prinzler, A. E. Davis and A. H. Adams. Members of the committee, according to plans, will act as guides to the general membership, having been made acquainted with every detail of the club home at a meeting last Saturday, when they were guests of the board of directors.

Sunday's meeting at 2 p. m. will be the first meeting of the general membership in the new club home. Speakers who are familiar with the club's future program will talk, including Henry F. Campbell, president; Harry C. Stutz, chairman of the house and building committees; Dick Miller, chairman of the finance committee; and Matthew Szabady, manager of the club.

## 'Sblood!

Happy Atherton, well-known protagonist of fistic duelling, who lives at 764 Middle St., Woodruff Place, with barefist and beligerent countenance today is searching for someone, he knows not whom.

Friday night Happy went to take a final look at his trusty and beloved fighting mittens before he went to bed for a couple of yards of sweet dreams about adding more glory to the old gloves. They were gone. Happy has been on the war path ever since.

## WOMAN'S HEADLESS BODY IS FOUND IN DITCH

Wealthy Milwaukee Husband Held Pending Investigation.

By United Press

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 8.—The headless body of Mrs. Ora Tompkins, wife of Ray Tompkins, wealthy Milwaukee business man, was found in a shallow ditch in a ravine twenty-five miles north of here today.

The head is still missing.

Tompkins is held by police pending investigation.

Auto Driver Held

Earnest Earl, 52, of 2842 Kenwood Ave., was under arrest today charged with assault and battery, and Walter Horonocker, 7, of 28 S. Euclid Ave., is recovering from bruises about the head and face. Police say an automobile driven by Earl struck the boy as he was crossing the street at Linwood Ave. and E. Washington St. After treatment in the office of Dr. A. A. Hollisworth, 4119 E. Washington St., he was taken home.

Oil Production Increases

Indiana produced 92,000 barrels of oil in October and 97,000 barrels in September, Theodore Kingsbury, gas and oil inspector for the State conservation department, reported today.

Southwestern Indiana produced 64,000 barrels in October, while the northeastern fields yielded 28,000 barrels in the same period, he reported.

## PROVERB PICTURE NO. 36—DEC. 8



The answer is .....

My name is .....

I live at .....

City ..... State .....

FIRST PRIZE \$1,000 CASH

Second Prize .....\$500 Cash

Third Prize .....\$250 Cash

Fourth Prize .....\$100 Cash

Fifth Prize .....\$75 Cash

4 Prizes .....\$50 Each

6 Prizes .....\$25 Each

5 Prizes .....\$15 Each

5 Prizes .....\$10 Each

20 Prizes .....\$5 Each

RULES GOVERNING CONTEST

Prizes will be awarded for the best and most appropriate answers from among those submitted by contestants. First prize will be awarded to the person submitting largest number of such answers; second prize to the one submitting the second largest number of such answers, etc.

In the event of a tie, care and neatness displayed in preparation of answers will be considered.

Contestants must submit complete set of 60 proverb pictures in order to qualify for any prize.

Answers are not to be sent in until the entire 60 proverb pictures have appeared in The Times.

Only one answer may be submitted for each proverb. Where more than one answer is submitted to any proverb all will be thrown out.

Only one set of answers may be submitted by any one person and only one member in any one family can win a prize.

Each answer must be plainly written upon coupon published with each proverb picture. Any illegible will be thrown out.

The last proverb picture will be published Jan. 5, 1924.

Answers must be submitted in one set to The Proverb Contest Editor on or before noon Jan. 10, 1924.

Employees of The Times or members of their families cannot participate in this contest.

The Indianapolis Times will deposit each drawing and correct answer with Mr. Ralph K. Smith, vice president and cashier of the Fletcher American Bank in advance of each publication.

The judges will be Edward J. Ganspohl, president of E. J. Ganspohl & Co.; Judge James A. Ganspohl, president of the Marion County bench, and George Buck, principal of Shortridge High School.

The decision of the judges will be final in all matters related to the contest.

## THE QUESTION IS— WILL GANNA SING?

Wife of Harold McCormick Rumored in Cast of Grand Opera Company.

Will Ganna Walska, wife of Harold McCormick and prima donna, singing under an assumed name at the Murat with the Wagnerian Opera Company in "The Marriage of Figaro," tonight?

This question was being asked today following the sudden change of the night opera bill at the Murat from "Waukeere" to "The Marriage of Figaro."

It has been published this week that Ganna Walska advanced the Wagnerian Opera Company \$17,000 to pull the expensive organization out of bad financial straits and to make possible the engagement of the company in New York around the Christmas holidays. The McCormicks have denied the loan.

It is known that Ganna Walska has rehearsed "The Marriage of Figaro" with the company in Detroit. No definite reason has been given for changing the opera bill tonight to one that she is ambitious to sing the role in New York.

Nelson Trowbridge, manager of the Murat, stated that "the theater management had nothing to do whatsoever with this change or were responsible for it nor did they authorize or encourage it."

## SHRINE INITIATION IS SEEN BY 6,000

Murat Temple Raises \$828 for Harding Memorial.

At the final shrine ceremonial of the year 144 candidates were initiated at the Murat Temple Friday night. The ceremonial was the largest in the history of the Indianapolis shrine. There was an attendance of about 6,000.

Those at the ceremonial gave \$828.46 to the Harding memorial and \$1,562.90 for the Christmas basket distribution.

Delegations were present from most States east of the Rocky Mountains.

O'Brien has been considering for some time the proposal of his friends to become a candidate. It was reported he had been seeking the support of Thomas Taggart, but that Taggart was determined to support Dr. McCulloch.

## HOTEL OWNERS WILL MEET HERE DEC. 14-15

The Indiana Hotel Men's Association will hold its annual convention Dec. 14-15 at the Claypool. Local hotel owners are planning a busy round of entertainment for the visitors.

Mayor Shank will welcome the guests. Business sessions will complete the day's work followed by a dinner-dance at 6:30 p. m.

Women attending the conferences will be entertained at the Lincoln and Severin at lunches. Speakers include prominent hotel owners and editors of hotel papers.

A. C. Welsberg of South Bend is president of the Indiana association; J. J. Kinder of Huntington, vice president, and William W. Lowry, Indianapolis, secretary treasurer.

A feature was an address by Benjamin J. Burris, State superintendent of public instruction.

## Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported stolen belong to:

G. L. Jones, Twenty-first St. and G. Quincy St., from 2315 E. Washington St., from New Jersey and Michigan Sts.

Arthur Lyons Connersville, Ind., from Capitol Ave. and Michigan St.

Josephine Rice, 9, 615 S. California St., suffered a sprained left ankle and a slight cut on the head today when she was struck by an automobile driven by F. E. Ayres, 1501 E. Raymond St., at Merrill and California Sts., today, according to police. Ayres was charged with assault and battery.

## FILM ENDORSERS ANNOUNCE SERIES OF CHARITY FETES

Elaborate Program Arranged for Benefit of County Dependents.

More elaborate program than usual will be presented between now and Christmas by the Indiana Endorsers of Photoplays, of which Mrs. David Ross is president.

Mrs. Walter Gelsel is chairman of the committee in charge of these programs at various hospitals, sanitariums and orphanages in Marion County. Mrs. D. Y. Byrkit is chairman of the automobile committee to provide conveyances for those taking part in programs and for the necessary paraphernalia.

"Nanook of the North" was shown today at the public library. Mrs. Henry Sturges was hostess in charge; Miss Emma Gardner, captain of Troop 23, Girl Scouts, was in charge of the ushers.

The following programs and hostesses have been announced:

St. Vincent's Hospital, hostess, Mrs. Fred L. Pettijohn; Robert W. Long Hospital, hostess, Mrs. H. A. McDonald; Tuberculosis Hospital, hostess, Mrs. Robert Kendall; city hospital, hostess, Mrs. Oscar Jones; Julietta Hospital, hostess, Mrs. T. W. Demmerly; colored home for aged women, hostess, Mrs. W. A. Harrison; home for aged women, hostess, Mrs. William Kirk; colored orphanage, hostess, Mrs. B. F. Schmidt; white orphanage, hostess, Mrs. B. H. Moore; sunny-side sanitarium, hostess, Mrs. J. W. Vestal; Guardian home, hostess, Miss Caroline Goodhart; Commercial building, hostess, Mrs. Geoff Sussman; Little Sisters of the Poor, hostess, Mrs. E. L. Burnett; poor farm, hostess, Mrs. O. C. Lokenall; colored and white Y. W. C. A., hostess, Mrs. M. E. Roberts; free kindergarten, hostess, Mrs. Samuel Zecher; Foreign house, hostess, Mrs. Solomon; Shelby St. library, hostess, Mrs. J. Jones; Francis Ake, hostess, Mrs. J. Jones; Mrs. Charles H. Smith.

## ADDITION BOOSTS SECTION OF CITY

1,300 Home Sites Are Platted by Company.

Development of southwest Indianapolis is being boosted by the recent opening of the Richland addition at Troy Ave. and Harding St., comprising more than 500 acres and divide into approximately 2,000 lots. Nearly 1,300 home sites have already been laid out.

Strengthening and dredging of White River has eliminated danger of floods while construction of a new belt railroad from Beech Grove to Mars Hill and a boulevard south of White River are planned for that part of the city. The new city disposal plant, situated near the addition, has installed modern deodorizing machinery.

Callahan & Long, 503 City Trust Bldg., are agents for the Richland addition. Officers: J. W. Speicher, president; R. W. Lockabill, vice president; L. B. Lockabill, secretary, and H. Rybolt, treasurer.

## IMPERSONATOR TO ENTERTAIN SUNDAY

Big Meeting 'Ladies' Day' to Be Observed.

The first "Ladies' Day" of the season will be observed Sunday at the Big Meeting at English's, Edwin M. Whitney, impersonator, will be the main attraction.

Whitney will present "Hit the Trail Holiday." This is his fourth appearance at the Big Meeting. In giving "Hit the Trail Holiday," Whitney will impersonate fifteen characters without using any make-up and without leaving the stage.

The Irvington Masonic Double Male Quartette will sing. Community singing will be led by A. H. Godard. The Big Meeting Orchestra will begin a thirty-minute concert when the doors open at 3 p. m.

## HUSBAND BEATS WIFE, THEN DIES

Police Are Called Just Before Tragedy.

A suicide was being investigated by police and Coroner Paul F. Robinson today.

Vernon Rogers, 720 N. Delaware St., died from effects of poison shortly after police arrested him in his home. His wife, Mary Rogers, called police and told them her husband was drunk and was beating her.

Motor Policemen Long and Schley responded. When they discovered Rogers' condition, they called an ambulance. He died while being attended by an ambulance physician.

## COOLIDGE'S ATTITUDE ON BONUS DISLIKED BY BALL

State Legion Command Pleaded With Stand on Remedial Legislation.

By Times Special

MUNCIE, Ind., Dec. 8.—E. D. Arthur Ball, State commander of the American Legion, today stated that the stand of President Coolidge, indorsing remedial legislation for the disabled veteran, was coincidental with his own views.

Commander Ball, however, regretted the President's attitude on the soldiers' bonus.

## Meetings Here Today

Electroplaters. Meeting. Denison. University Women. Luncheon. Meeting. Spink-Arms. Indianapolis Alumni Association. Delta Tau Delta. Banquet. Severin. Fifth Indiana History Conference. Meeting. Banquet. Claypool. Indiana Transfer and Warehouse Association. Meeting. Banquet. Claypool. Indiana Farm Federation Bureau. Meeting. Claypool. Concert. Wagnerian Opera Company. Murat Theater. Society of Indiana Pioneers. Meeting. Dinner. Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, speaker. Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Luncheon. Lincoln. Beta. Luncheon. Board of Trade. Old Colony Club. Ball. Severin.

## BATHING BEAUTIES LURE THROGS AT Y. W. C. A. CARNIVAL

Spirit of Revelry Supreme in Variety of Joy Stunts.

Every floor of the Young Women's Christian Association Building is teeming today with festivities of the carnival which opened Friday night.

In the basement the "Bathing Beauties," a chorus with "girls" of from 10 to 53 years, perform under leadership of Mrs. Anna Rodcap.

A riotous bit of drama, "The Tragedy of the Lighthouse Keeper," lures audiences into tears.

On the first floor Friday night was the famous "Bean Family," disclosing personal secrets before large audiences at four performances.

"The Y. W. C. A. Winter Garden," with nymphs and goddesses and lovers and fantastic acting, ran the headliners a close race, while Mayor Lew Shank's auction sale in the lobby held rare charms of its own.

On the second floor are moving pictures, Jackie Coogan in "Daddies" and living pictures along with an exhibition of curios.

Rows of booths in the cafeteria are being conducted by the "Tadpoles," a group of federation girls. Nearly every group in the federation of Industrial and Student Council girls is represented in the carnival, imbued with the spirit of revelry and good fellowship from auditorium to swimming pool.

The council will "carry on" through tonight until every one has laughed his fill and bought his quota of Christmas "suggestions." Mrs. Walter Montgomery is general chairman.

## OFFICERS TO HONOR STATE S. A. HEAD

Major W. B. Sowers Will Be Installed Monday.

Seventy-five field officers in Indiana will participate Monday night in the installation of Major W. B. Sowers, Oklahoma City, Okla., as State commander of the Salvation Army. Major and Mrs. Sowers arrived in Indianapolis this week.

Preceding the installation ceremony at headquarters, 24 S. Capitol Ave., field officers and members of the local corps will parade downtown streets. Col. John Flynn, Chicago, will be in charge of the installation.

Major Sowers entered the Salvation Army in New York twenty-eight years ago, and since then has been stationed in various sections of the country. His work at Oklahoma City is reported to have been highly successful. He will direct all corps in Indiana and several in Chicago.

## W.C.T.U. MEETING SUNDAY

Program at Presbyterian Church Is Announced.

A meeting under auspices of the West Washington Street W. C. T. U. will be held Sunday evening at the West Washington Street Presbyterian Church at Mile Ave. and W. Washington St. Mrs. R. Eldin will preside; Mrs. W. W. Reedy, president of the Central W. C. T. U., will be the speaker.

The program: Music by the Dillard Harker Orchestra, reading by Miss Avis Rybolt, themes by the church choir, readings by Miss Fay Jones and Mrs. Ruth Nolan, solo by Dillard Harker, Scripture lesson, Mrs. Lillian Sedwick, and benediction by the Rev. T. Simpson.

## Gold Coins for Christmas

During the Christmas season we will be pleased to offer Gold Coins to our friends in exchange for regular currency. This will help solve your Christmas Gift problems.

Why not open a Christmas savings account for next year with this Strong Company—the oldest in Indiana. You can start with 25 cents per week or more. Let us tell you about it.

## The Indiana Trust Company For Savings

Capital Surplus \$2,000,000

Open Saturday Evenings, 6 to 8 o'clock

## GIRL VICTIM OF INSANE KIDNAPER RETURNS HOME

12-Year-Old 'Little Mother' Held Prisoner Five Days in Attic Bedroom.

By United Press

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—Rose Borth, 12-year-old victim of a demented kidnaper, rested her tired and abused body in a hospital today following five days of imprisonment in a tiny attic bedroom.

From her bed at the hospital, Rose told what she remembered of her experience, relating how a "strange man" took her for a long street car ride and then took her to a dirty room where she slept most of the time.

Rose was returned to her parents last night by her kidnaper. The man called neighbors of the Borths by telephone and told them to meet the girl at the car line. Police accompanied the girl's parents and friends as she alighted at the designated corner. She was weakened by her experiences, her hair was disheveled and her face was pinched from lack of nourishment for five days and nights.

Kidnaper Is Sought.

From Rose's vague and uncertain story, police started a search for the girl's kidnaper. They felt certain they knew the man.

Rose, who was known in the suburb of Mt. Clare as the "little mother" because she was the "official" story teller to children of the neighborhood, disappeared last Sunday evening while on an errand to a corner store. The mystery of her disappearance caused a city wide search day and night.

In the room where the girl was kept prisoner, they found several bottles of a drug which kept Rose asleep most of the time. Other occupants of the small house knew nothing of her presence.

Does Not Remember Much

"I don't remember much after I went to the store," Rose said today from her bed in the hospital.

"I was starting home when a man met me in that vacant lot, took my groceries and said he was going to take me for a nice ride. I didn't want to go, but he pinched my arm and told me to be quiet."

## WORK WINS OVER LUCK IN CONTEST

Solve Proverbs and Fill Your Bank Account.

If you haven't all the proverb pictures, you may get the first fifteen without cost. After the fifteenth the pictures you obtain will cost you 2 cents each. Address your request, giving the number of the proverb pictures, to Proverb Editor, The Indianapolis Times.

Lucky person will not win the proverb contest, but only those who patiently work at each proverb picture until they find the right proverb. That is what makes the contest fair and interesting. Stay in until the finish and then send your complete list of proverb pictures to the Proverb Editor.

## SEVEN PERISH IN FLAMES OF HOME

Two Mothers and Five Children Trapped in Blaze.

By United Press

WALLACEBURG, Ont., Dec. 8.—Trapped in the kitchen of a blazing farm house, two mothers and their five children were burned to death last night.

Nearly all the bodies were found in the kitchen near the door, indicating a desperate attempt to escape the flames just before the roof fell in.

Mrs. Harry Babcock, Wallaceburg, and her four children, and Mrs. Ramsey, Port Huron, Mich., and her baby son, were the victims. Mrs. Ramsey is a sister of Mrs. Babcock.

The fire is believed to have started from the explosion of a lamp.

New Rule Effective

One of the first arrests made since establishment of the rule requiring traffic officers to patrol a block near their corner, without directing traffic, was that of Orville La Follette, 16, of 145 S. Illinois St. He was in city prison today charged with vagrancy and held on \$3,000 bond. Arrest was made by Officer Viles, who said the boy has been held before for bicycle thefts.