

INSANE ARE JAILED WHILE IN NEED OF MEDICAL ATTENTION

BANK AND FARM RELATION TOPIC OF PURDUE MEET

Interests of Both Closely Affiliated in Indiana, Key-note of Conference.

By United Press
LAFAYETTE, Ind., Jan. 12.—A farmer-banker conference, attended by the agricultural commission of American Bankers Association, of officers and the agricultural committee of the Indiana Bankers Association and by leaders of farmers' organization throughout the State, was held at Purdue University today.

Burton H. Smith, chairman of the agricultural commission of the American Bankers Association, said the bankers organization realized the agricultural interests of the country needed intelligent, active assistance, and were anxious to do everything in their power to help.

C. S. Kittaman, of Cambridge City, president of the Indiana Bankers Association, pledged the support of the Indiana bankers in the development of any practicable farm program.

Farm and Bank Relations
"Indiana banks will prosper when agriculture prospers," he said. "When agriculture is not successful, the banks inevitably feel the pinch. The problem now is to know just what is most needed in the way of assistance for the farmers. When the farmers again return to a measure of prosperity, the entire economic status of the middle west will be changed."

Cooperative Program
Director G. I. Christie of the university agricultural extension department, presented a program for agricultural development which calls for the support of bankers, farm organizations, business men's associations, the university and all other interested agencies.

MRS. HESS ASKS DIVORCE
Wife Says Husband Misrepresented Number of Children.
Allimony of \$35,000 and divorce from George H. Hess, 1549-Mentokim St., real estate dealer, is asked in a suit filed in Circuit Court by Mrs. Hazel T. Hess.

In her complaint Mrs. Hess alleged Hess told her before their marriage in 1920 that he had three children, but that he really had five, all grown, who lived with them and abused her. Hess was "close in his finances" and all the clothes he bought her were one wrap, a dress and a pair of shoes, she alleges.

He also required her to do the washing and cooking for the entire family, she charges, and often required her to do hard manual labor on his farm in Jefferson County. According to her complaint her husband owns property in Marion County worth at least \$35,000. She also asks \$5,000 as fees for her attorneys, Rochford, Wall and Rochford.

Authoress With Her Baby



THIS PHOTO, TAKEN RECENTLY, SHOWS NINA WILCOX PUTNAM SANDERSON, FAMOUS AUTHOR, WITH HER SON, JOHN FRANCIS. MRS. SANDERSON'S RECENT DIVORCE DECREE WAS DECLARED RESCINDED.

TELLS WIFE, THEN DIES

Suicide of John C. Johnson Is Investigated by Coroner.
Coroner Paul F. Robinson investigated the suicide of John C. Johnson, 43, of 1015 Edison Pl., Friday night at his home. He drank poison.

Mrs. Nellie Johnson, his wife, told Motor Policemen Gooch and Bernauer that her husband left the house and in a short time returned and called her to a bedroom and informed her of his act. He died before the arrival of officers and a doctor.

AGREEMENT RUMOR IN DITCH CASE

Compromise Would Involve Dredging Tippecanoe.
By United Press
PLYMOUTH, Ind., Jan. 12.—Rumors of a compromise, involving dredging of the Tippecanoe river bed, were heard today in the Matchett ditch case on trial in the Marshall County Circuit Court here before Special Judge Adam Wise.

The costs in the case thus far amount to approximately \$6,000, and it has been suggested that if the remonstrants will help pay the costs the petition will be dismissed.

The State conservation department is taking an active part in the trial. The proposed ditch would drain about 2,000 acres of land and would cost about \$400,000.

BOY CHARGED WITH THEFT OF LAUNDRY

Police Allege 'Business' of Stealing Washings.
A 12-year-old boy is in the detention home today on a charge of petit larceny, involving a "business" he is alleged to have conducted in stealing and selling laundry left in front of apartments.

Police say the boy attempted to sell laundry valued at \$8 taken from L. H. Harty, 310 N. Alabama St., to Mrs. W. E. Parker, Vienna apartments, Alabama and New York Sts.

MAN, WANTED AS FIREBUG, OUTRUNS PURSUING FIREMEN

Detectives Blame Pyromaniac for Five Alarms in Several Hours.
After a thrilling chase through back yards, alleys and streets in the vicinity of Sixteenth and Mill Sts. early today, firemen from engine house No. 5 were outdistanced by a negro who police believe turned in five false alarms between 12:30 and 2:30 a. m.

Boxes were rung at Tenth St. and the canal, Eighteenth St. and Capitol Ave., Twentieth St. and Highland Pl., Box 215, Boulevard Pl., and Twenty-First St. and Fourteenth and West Sts. Firemen returning from the last box sighted the colored man.

Card Is Left.
At Box 215 the man, who, according to detectives, probably is a pyromaniac, left a card.

The card, a description of the man and impressions of footprints left in the snow, were turned over to the detectives by Battalion Chief Kennedy. Overheated clothing covered with grease, left to dry on a radiator, caused a small shed at the Readhouse & Kahler packing plant, the old Gardner Packing plant in Gardner Lane, to burn down Friday night. Loss was given as \$150.

Summer Cottage Damaged.
Rats chewing matches or spontaneous combustion was given as probable origin of a blaze at the Star Publishing Company, Pennsylvania and New York Sts., early today. There was no loss.

Clarence Miller, colored janitor, 404 Torbett St., who turned in the alarm, used a hand extinguisher. Fire of unknown origin damaged the summer cottage at Ravenswood of Henry Swift, 5694 N. Meridian St. Friday.

Radio Program
Sunday Jan. 13, 1924
Chicago, Ill.—KWV (Central, 535)
11 A. M.—Central Church Service.
6:30 P. M.—Excerpts from the New Testament—An American translation.
7 P. M.—Chicago Sunday Evening Club.

Schenectady, N. Y.—WGY (Eastern, 280)
10:30 A. M.—Services—Emmanuel Baptist Church, 839 P. M.—Orchestra Grace E. Simmons, soprano. 7:30 P. M.—Emmanuel Baptist Church services.

J. A. Brown, State Charities Secretary, Asserts 900 Persons Mentally and Physically Ill Were Placed in Cells in Indiana Counties in Year—Pleads for Relief.

More than 900 insane persons "ill in body and needing medical attention were committed to county jails in Indiana during the past fiscal year, J. A. Brown, secretary of the State board of charities, declared today, commenting on the movement to remedy conditions in Marion county.

"We are constantly being shocked by the reports of such persons dying in jail, of suicides and of attacks upon other inmates or the sheriff," Brown said.

"These persons do themselves serious injury and destroy property. The practice is inhuman."

"Relief Essential"
Local provision for temporary care of the insane pending admission to State hospitals is essential, Brown said. Distinction should be made, however, between a psychopathic ward and a detention ward, he warned.

"A detention ward in a general hospital is the best plan," Brown said. "All county general hospitals now being erected are required to have such wards. A county that does not have a general hospital should arrange with a neighboring county."

Psychopathic Ward
"A psychopathic ward or hospital, however, means a place where study can be made of patients, medical care provided and definite treatment given."

"Indianapolis does not need a psychopathic ward at the hospital. It does need a detention ward. If a man meets with an accident or is the victim of a serious physical ailment, he is hurried to a hospital. Everyone appreciates his need of prompt treatment."

Recovery Slowed
"But if it happens to be his mind that is in trouble, there is a long and tedious legal process of arrest, examination, commitment and acceptance at the State hospital, during which time he is usually confined in the county jail, as though he were a criminal."

"He needs facilities of a hospital. A county jail has no such provisions. The surroundings only aggravate the trouble. Every day spent there counts against recovery."

"When he finally reaches the hospital, the State has a longer and more difficult task."

YANKEE AVIATOR FOUND IN CHANNEL
Sperry Loses Life in Attempting Flivver Flight.
By United Press
LONDON, Jan. 12.—The body of a man, washed up by the sea between Dungeness and Rye, was definitely identified today as that of Lawrence Sperry, intrepid American aviator of Garden City, N. Y.

P. R. Jackson, representative of the Sperry Gyroscope Company in London, identified the body by physical characteristics and the clothing, the latter bearing trademarks of New York firms.

Sperry lost his life when he attempted to fly from England to the continent last month in his special twenty-foot "flivver plane."

A workman reported seeing the plane collapse and fall into the British channel. Later the machine was found but there was no trace of the body until it was washed up by the sea yesterday.

Although a pioneer in aviation, Sperry's greatest achievement was development of the aerial torpedo during the war.

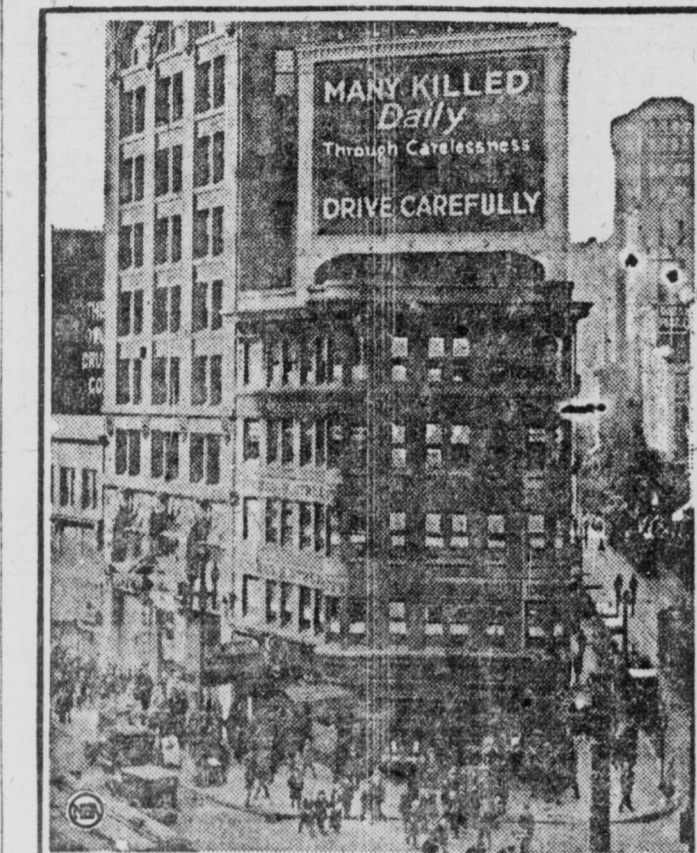
PAY DAYS ARE DOUBLED
County "Ghost" Will Walk Twice a Month.
The "ghost" will walk twice a month for county employees henceforth instead of once, County Auditor Harry Dunn announced today, much to the delight of everybody, from Judge James A. Collins of Criminal Court and Sheriff George Snyder down to the humblesten in the various offices. Employees of the county institutions are included.

In addition, individual vouchers will be issued, each man or lady drawing his or her own check, Dunn decreed. Under the system maintained by Leo K. Peeler, auditor until Jan. 1, department and institution heads were given a lump sum, and paid off their help themselves.

FOUNTAINS TURNED OFF
Drinking Places for Horses Are Discontinued.
Old Dobbin has received another jolt from the city administration—this time from the board of works.

On advice of Martin J. Hyland, street commissioner, the board discontinued five drinking fountains for horses. Hyland said there were two fountains remaining, which is sufficient for the present number of horses. By cutting off the fountains, the city made an annual saving of \$2,250 in water rent.

Bill Board War Against Death



THE HUGE ADVERTISING SIGN SHOWN ABOVE REPRESENTS SAN FRANCISCO'S LATEST WAR ON AUTO ACCIDENTS. AT THE BUSIEST CORNER OF THE CITY IT STANDS AS A REMINDER THAT CARELESSNESS IS THE CHIEF CAUSE OF ACCIDENTAL DEATH.

THE SIGN, WITH ITS SHIBBOLETH OF SAFETY, "WATCH YOUR STEP—DRIVE CAREFULLY," IS SAID TO HAVE EXERTED A SALUTARY INFLUENCE ON MOTORISTS AND PEDESTRIANS ALIKE.

HOPE FOR L-24 IS LOST

British Admiralty Believes Crew of Forty-Three Has Perished.
By United Press
LONDON, Jan. 12.—"All hope of saving the sunken L-24 has been abandoned," the admiralty said today.

The undersize boat with forty-three men aboard, was rammed by the battleship Resolution late Wednesday and sank immediately.

VEGETABLES STAY STEADY IN PRICE

New Potatoes Reappear on City Market.
New potatoes reappeared at the city market today to complete a supply of vegetables steady in price throughout the week. Slight changes in fruit prices represented the only turnover.

Strawberries, after slumping to 45 and 50 cents a quart Thursday, jumped to 60 cents today. Pineapples of exceptional size were 50 cents each; smaller variety, 35 cents each. Other fruits: Red grapes, 30 cents a pound; limes, 40 cents a dozen; white grapes, 40 cents a pound; tangerines, 50 cents a dozen; grape fruit, 10 cents each, three to 25 cents.

Vegetable prices: Tomatoes, 50 cents a pound; radishes, 15 cents a bunch; green onions, 10 cents a bunch; peas, 30 cents a pound; green beans, 25 cents a pound; cyster plant, two bunches for 15 cents; celery, 25 cents a bunch; cucumbers, 20 cents each; mushrooms, \$1 a pound.

Poultry and produce prices were unchanged.

CASE UNDER ADVISEMENT

Judgment Withheld Until Jan. 25—City Fireman Defendant.
The case of Justice Hornaday, 2403 Kenwood Ave., a city fireman, charged with driving while under the influence of liquor, has been taken under advisement until Jan. 25, in city court.

According to Motor Policemen Pfaffenberger and Norman, Hornaday failed to hold out his hand when he turned south on Capitol Ave., from Fall Creek Blvd., about 8 p. m. Jan. 9, and caused the police car to skid completely around twice to avoid a collision. Hornaday did not stop, the officers said, until overtaken at Twenty-Fourth St., and Kenwood Ave.

VETERAN COBBLER DIES

Funeral for John G. Woessner to Be Held at Son's Home Monday.
The funeral of John G. Woessner, 91, who died Friday at the home of his son, John C. Woessner, 311 W. St. Clair St., will be held at the home Monday at 2 p. m. Burial in Crown Hill.

Mr. Woessner was born in Germany. He came to this country in 1877.

For twenty-two years, Mr. Woessner was a cobbler. He retired five years ago.

FALL PLAYS HIDE AND SEEK WITH \$100,000 LOAN

McLean Denies 'Story' and Says Former Secretary Returned Checks to Him.
By United Press
PALM BEACH, Fla., Jan. 12.—Now there are two versions as to where former Secretary of the Interior Fall obtained the \$100,000 which he used in the purchase of a ranch in New Mexico soon after the famous Teapot Dome oil reserve was leased to Harry F. Sinclair.

In a sworn affidavit filed with the Senate investigating committee at Washington, Fall stated he borrowed \$100,000 from McLean to finance the ranch deal. The Senate committee tried to get McLean to tell his part in the alleged transaction, but McLean pleaded illness.

Walsh Goes to Florida
Senator Walsh of Montana, Democrat, was then sent to take McLean's deposition.

McLean, wearing golf knickers, appeared before Walsh Friday, and said he had given Fall checks and received notes in exchange.

"Three days later, Fall returned the checks without having cashed them," McLean said.

"Then you really didn't advance him the money?" asked Walsh.

"He said he had made other arrangements,"

Fall Evades Statement.
Walsh made an effort to reach Fall, who is here to question him regarding the conflicting statements. Walsh wrote a letter and asked McLean to deliver it to Fall, but the Washington publisher demurred. Walsh threatened to have a sheriff search the hotel.

McLean then delivered the letter.

Fall said word he was too ill to appear Friday, but would testify Saturday. Then later he notified Walsh he was too ill to appear Saturday.

TONER DISCUSSES HIGH TAX MENACE

Speaks Before Kiwanis Club at Tipton.
By Times Special
TIPTON, Ind., Jan. 12.—Advocating increased economy in the administration of the State's affairs, Edward C. Toner, publisher of the Anderson Herald, a candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor of Indiana, spoke before the Kiwanis Club here Friday night.

He stated that taxes must go down or their increasing burdens will prove a menace to the progress of the country. He said that the problem of high taxes had gone beyond an economic question, that it involved the peace and happiness of American homes.

VINCENNES GAS RATES REDUCED

State Commission Orders Cut of 10 Cents.
"Citing outstanding securities of approximately \$1,000,000 on property valued at only \$482,845—to the Central States Gas Company, Vincennes, the public service commission Friday slashed rates 10 cents per 1,000 cubic feet.

A reduction of \$15,000 in consumers' gas bills will result.

"Because of imprudent investments and unwise management in the organization and financing of this institution, it clearly appears that the present fair value of the property of this utility is much less than the outstanding securities," the order said.

GASOLINE PRICES GO UP

Example of Standard Is Followed by Others.
Gasoline prices jumped 2 cents a gallon throughout Indiana today. The increase was announced by the Standard Oil Company of Indiana Friday and was followed at once by independent companies. Kerosene prices went up one cent a gallon. Gasoline prices now range from 20.2 to 24 cents a gallon.

This is the second gasoline price increase in two weeks.

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Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported stolen belong to:

Dr. J. S. Leffel, Connersville, Ind., reports his Dodge coupe, taken from Connersville and driven this direction.

Man Held for U. S. Investigation
William Donahue, 23, Grand Hotel, is held today by police for Federal investigation. According to officers, Dr. Douglas Leathers, 1021 College Ave., declared he did not sign a prescription for narcotics which Donahue had presented to Merrill Christie, druggist, 1277 Oliver Ave., to be filled.

G. O. P. SUPPORT OF MELLON TAX BILL NOT ENTHUSIASTIC

Position of Hoosier Delegation Is Still Question as Plan Is Studied.
By JOHN CARSON,
Times Staff Correspondent
WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Indiana Republicans in Congress who stood so loyally behind President Harding in his demand for lower surtaxes, are not so enthusiastic in their support of the Mellon tax proposals.

What the delegation will do is still a question. They now insist they have not had time to study the various tax proposals. With the exception of two members, Representatives Moores and Wood, they have had a varying position.

When Secretary Mellon first made his proposals and the entire country appeared to rise in applause, there was no evidence of dissent in the Indiana delegation or with any other Republicans. Then the incessant propaganda began to nauseate some of the Hoosiers and to irritate others. Finally, with the Democratic proposal the pendulum has swung so rapidly and so far that a favorable consideration is moving in that direction.

Hull Best Authority
The Democratic plan offered in the name of Representative Garner, Texas, is really the work of Representative Hull, Tennessee, who is today the best authority in Congress on the income tax.

Hull's bill provides a greater reduction in income taxes for the small tax payer, for the farmer and the small business man. It provides for a greatly increased tax on the wealthy classes.

And the figures for Indiana show the few voters in the wealthy classes and the tremendous number who would be benefited by the Democratic proposals.

Indiana Returns Shown
The Indiana returns for 1921 are the only detailed information, so far, on the distribution of taxable wealth in the State. They show the following:

Total returns made for income tax were 150,300. Of this total, returns of 147,617 were from persons having income of \$10,000 a year or less. Only 2,683 persons in the State had an income of more than \$10,000.

The 147,617 persons with incomes of \$10,000 or less paid \$3,199,512 in tax to the Government. The 2,683 persons with incomes of more than \$10,000 paid \$5,774,149 to the Government.

The Democratic proposals would lessen the tax on the 147,617 persons as compared with the Republican proposals. The Democratic proposals would increase the tax on the 2,683 persons as compared with the Republican proposals.

Democratic Appeal Greater
Therefore, the Democratic appeal is to 147,600 voters and the Republican appeal to only 2,683 voters.

It is this reaction which has begun to make it difficult for the Hoosiers in Congress to support the Republican bill, although the propaganda up to this time has demanded such support.

Another point is made now the propaganda is studied. It is insisted by the Hoosiers that not exceeding 100 letters favoring the Republican proposals have come from farmers or wage earners and all the letters have come directly or indirectly from the wealthy classes who would benefit directly from the Mellon bill.

Indiana farmers are on record, however, for reducing the higher surtaxes. In 1921 Congress had a similar plight to contend with. The House had voted for a maximum surtax of 32 per cent and the Senate for a maximum of 50 per cent. (To compromise, President Harding suggested the maximum should be fixed at 40 per cent and that vote came before the House. The proposal was defeated and majority of the House changed front and stood for the 50 per cent proposal in opposition to President Harding's request.

Hoosiers Supported Harding
The entire Hoosier delegation, however, stood with the President. They supported the proposal for a 32 per cent maximum and then for the compromise of 40 per cent. They spurned the progressives and insurgents who wanted a maximum of 50 per cent.

BRAZIL MAYOR IS ILL

Attack of Nervous Prostration Follows Charges Preferred by Council.
By United Press
BRASIL, Ind., Jan. 12.—Mayor James Q. Layne, charged with neglect of duty by the city council, is suffering from an attack of nervous prostration and heart trouble. The attack came following preferring of charges by the council.

School Improvements Suggested
Crippled children would be given proper education by special facilities in various sections of the city, if plans of Miss Edna L. Hamilton of the Public Health Nursing Association are carried out. Miss Hamilton's plan will be presented to the school board. It provides buses to carry the children, hot lunches at noon, and special vocational rooms at the schools.

Poor Marksman
Police today searched for Mrs. Nettie Marshall, colored, 727 W. Eleventh St. The officers say she fired five shots at her husband. Her aim was poor, they said.

Wife Seeks Husband
Edward A. Knight, 29, of 447 N. Alabama St., is reported missing by Mrs. Knight. When he left Wednesday he was wearing a white shirt, black coat, brown trousers, gray cap and has brown hair, gray eyes and a complexion. Police were asked to search for him. He is a sign painter.

Shank Fight Starts Feb. 6
Campaign managers of Mayor Shank, candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor, have decided to open his campaign with a mass meeting at Tomlinson Hall the night of Feb. 6. Shank will deliver his formal keynote speech at that time.