

STATE IS FACED BY NEW SHORTAGE IN GENERAL FUND

Pay Roll and Bills Exceed Total Amount of Money Available.

The State of Indiana today had a balance in the general fund of \$141,600. From this Auditor Robert W. Bräcken will be asked to meet a pay roll of \$135,000 Saturday and construction bills from the Indiana Reformatory totaling approximately \$113,000.

Thus the State is facing its monthly financial shortage, with borrowing of more money as the only solution.

Prison Labor Used

The Indiana Reformatory remaining at present of \$270,652 from the combined appropriations of \$3,000,000. This balance, however, is on paper, but not in actual money. Prison labor is being utilized in an attempt to complete the building program within the appropriation limits.

General contractors have withdrawn from active work, although their fees must be paid on the basis of a percentage on material purchased whether used or unused. Attorney General U. S. Lesh has ruled.

Benevolent Fund Low

April 1 the inheritance taxes of approximately \$250,000, which formerly aided the general fund, will go into the State highway fund.

The general fund indebtedness is \$3,950,000.

The benevolent fund is nearing the rocks as well, Carl L. Cue, assistant auditor, indicated. The balance of \$222,450.56 will be wiped out by the end of next week.

A total of \$284,938.99 was checked out in February for January expenses of State institutions.

ACTION ON SAFETY BILLS IS DELAYED

Fire Measures Will Not Be Introduced Monday.

Ordinances aimed to reduce fire hazards in office buildings will not be introduced in city council meeting Monday night, it was indicated today.

Although Francis F. Hamilton, city building commissioner, has two measures drafted, members of the board of safety and the safety committee of the council will confer before the measures reach council. The council committee has been unable to promise any definite time for the meeting. John E. King is chairman of the committee.

One ordinance requires smoke tower fire escapes on all buildings hereafter to be erected. The other requires open stairways and elevator shafts in present buildings be encased in fireproof walls. Buildings three stories or more in height are affected.

Surveys have shown many downtown buildings without outside fire escapes.

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Newton D. Baker, Democratic Presidential Possibility, Makes Good on Job Despite His Physical Handicaps



By NEA Service

LEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 2.—Newton D. Baker looks like a bookkeeper in a hardware store.

He is short of stature, devoid of orientation, careless of conventionalities. His face is colorless, except for his brown eyes. He does not look by ten years like a man in the middle of life.

The casual acquaintances finds it difficult to believe he was secretary of the War Department during the great conflict and that now, he is considered as a presidential possibility by his friends in the Democratic party. He refuses to discuss his candidacy.

Baker realizes his handicaps.

"If I were only six feet tall and had whiskers and a gruff manner, my job would be a lot easier," he said when Secretary of War. "I have to accustom myself to being mistaken for my office boy."

Shined Own Shoes

When Baker was mayor of Cleveland he shined his own shoes each day. He had a little bootblack stand and brushes in his own office and he didn't care who saw him at it.

Today he is just as careless of what others think. He built a house in a fashionable Cleveland neighborhood, adjacent to one of the city's

finest golf courses. But he doesn't play golf and the Baker washing waves in the breeze at the thirteenth hole.

In a few weeks the Bakers will be out in their back yard putting in their garden. Neither is ashamed to be seen in old clothes at work in the soil, although their neighbors employ butlers and gardeners.

Rides on Trolley

Baker rides to work in a street car, his nose buried in a book. Books are his hobby and his thirst for knowledge is insatiable.

Newton D. Baker and His Family. Above, left to right: JACK BAKER; THE FORMER WAR SECRETARY AT HIS DESK; AND BETTY BAKER, HIS OLDER DAUGHTER. BELOW: PEGGY BAKER, YOUNGEST BAKER CHILD, AND MR. AND MRS. BAKER.

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