

BUS REGULATION AND INCREASE IN GAS TAX WANTED

Motor Association Will Recommend Changes to Legislature.

Increase of 1 cent a gallon in the gasoline tax and regulation of motor bus transportation will be urged upon the Legislature by the Motor Bus Association of Indiana. Resolutions to this effect were adopted at its annual convention today.

H. E. Jahns of La Porte and Ted C. Brown of Indianapolis were elected president and secretary, respectively.

Other officers elected: William L. Platter, Rockville, first vice president; B. F. Davis, Plainfield, second vice president; A. G. Harman, Franklin, treasurer; S. R. Sundstrom, Indianapolis, sergeant at arms; directors, J. G. Gregg, Brazil; Frank Kern, Logansport; Lester Warner, Windfall; W. E. Rentschler, Plymouth, and W. Furrur, Lagrange.

About sixty bus owners from all parts of Indiana attended.

A general feeling that motor bus lines will be in unfriendly hands if regulatory power is placed with the public service commission, was noticeable. The fact that 90 per cent of the bus lines operate on State highways and made the highway commission the logical regulatory body, resolution stated.

ONE MAN HIRES 50,000 ANNUALLY

Americans Like to Work for Government.

By N.E.A. Service
WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—William C. Deming is the world's biggest employer.

As president of the United States Civil Service Commission he hires 50,000 workers annually.

About 200,000 take these tests annually. Fifty per cent pass and half of them receive appointments.

In one examination alone—one for mail clerks—27,000 applications were received from all parts of the country.

"Americans have a certain pride in holding Government jobs," says Deming. "Then, too, there are certain privileges in civil service work that appeals to them."

"In departmental service one gets thirty days annually with pay, and if needed a sick leave of thirty days, also with pay. And then there is a retirement system accompanied by a pension effective at 65 or 70, for those who have been in the Government service fifteen years or more. Jobs compares favorably with that in similar lines of work on the outside."

RECEPTION IS PLANNED

Junior Chamber of Commerce to Welcome New Citizens.

Reception for new citizens in the next naturalization class to be admitted Jan. 30 will be given by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, according to C. August Schrader, president. He will name a committee to be in charge this week.

Further steps were taken at the annual dinner Monday night at the Chamber of Commerce to organize a women's auxiliary. The formation of the auxiliary will be definitely presented to the membership at a buncy party and dance to be given at the Chamber of Commerce, Jan. 19.

Monument Lights Studied

Col. Orrin Perry, representing the board of control of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument, said appropriation of \$15,000 was insufficient to provide flood lights for the monument, and board had promised not to ask for additional funds, at a committee meeting at Chamber of Commerce today. Committee was favorable to better lighting.

Dad Compromises
"When our little girl was born I wanted her called Pamela, but my wife wanted her called Elizabeth, so we compromised. Elizabeth, come and say, 'How d'you do?' to Mrs. Brown,"—Judge.

NOW

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On Savings

Fletcher Savings and Trust Company

Defenders of the Philippines



ABOVE—PHILIPPINE CONTABARU. CRITICS SAY JAPAN COULD TAKE OUR ISLANDS IN THE PACIFIC IN TWO WEEKS. BELOW—MALACANAN PALACE, GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE, MANILA.

WILLIAM PHILLIP SIMMS, TIMES FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT, BEGINS A SERIES OF ARTICLES ON PAGE ONE TODAY WHICH WILL EXPLAIN THE DEFENSE NEEDS OF THE UNITED STATES.

ORIENTALS, BORN IN HAWAII, WANT TO COME TO U.S.



PEOPLE TO SETTLE FASCISTI QUESTION

Mussolini Keeps Control of Government Only to Give Public Opinion Chance to Decide Future Course of Events, Writer Says.

By J. W. T. MASON, (Written for the United Press.) (Copyright, 1925, by United Press.)

PUBLIC opinion and not revolution will decide the Fascisti issued in Italy and will determine whether Mussolini's work is now completed. The black shirt militia is not holding Italy under despotic power, but is keeping the field clear for a popular judgment on the results of the Fascisti government.

Italy is passing through one of its periods of popular summing up of the stock-taking, restless opponents of Mussolini's work. During the stock-taking, restless opponents of

SLOW PROGRESS SHOWN

Smoke Inspector Belittles Effect of Patent Consumers

Smoke cannot be eliminated by so-called patent smoke consumers, H. F. Templeton, assistant chief smoke inspector, said today in his annual report covering 1924.

"It is only by a gradual building up of the smoke department that results can be obtained," he said. He cited Chicago, spending \$70,000 for smoke abatement each year; St. Louis, with \$35,000, and Cincinnati, with \$10,575,229.

Templeton showed his department sent out 332 warnings of violations, but no cases have been taken to court since the ordinance was amended declaring smoke a nuisance.

Industrial plants make 40 per cent of the city's smoke; railroads 30 per cent; apartments and business houses 15 per cent, and residences 15 per cent. Templeton reported.

CUSTODIAN REPORT MADE

Accounts Board Lists Personal Debts of Roy Couch.

State board of accounts today made public financial report of Henry Roberts, Statehouse custodian, which listed contracts made by Roy Couch, former Statehouse custodian, who, it is alleged, had personal accounts with five local firms and the State highway commission in the name of the State.

Firms and amount contracted are: State highway commission, \$331,48; Madden & Copley Co., \$12,59; Indiana Bell Telephone Company, \$80,03; Central Wall Paper Company, \$80,03; the Gibson Company, \$25 to \$35, and Charles Mayer Company, \$7,50.

It was reported \$1,264,92 in claims were filed by fourteen local firms with the State budget department for action by the Legislature. Firms alleged Couch was given funds to make settlement, but failed. Couch was promoted to lieutenant, and Fireman James Cassidy was promoted to chauffeur.

The board promoted Patrolman Joshua Spears to sergeant and transferred trafficman Hiram Fisher from Jack o'Lantern Gardens to active police duty.

HANDBAG FOUND BY BOYS

Policeman Search for Owner of Watches and Flash.

As Traffic Officer Wray left his home, 1220 Shelby St., after lunch today, Merrill Miller, 1652 Shelby St., and Morris Howell, 1210 Beecher St., turned over to him a woman's brown handbag, which they had found.

Wray took the bag containing two wrist watches, a silver perfume flask and a white gold wrist band to police headquarters to await the owner.

BIG SLASH DISCUSSED

State Institutions May Be Placed on 1921 Money Basis.

The \$19,000,000 appropriation total asked by State institutions will be slashed to the bone and there is some sentiment in favor of putting institutions on the 1921 maintenance basis, according to Walter S. Chambers, Democratic State Senator and member of the budget committee.

Chambers declared the committee has seriously considered such a step. It would cut institutional appropriations to around \$7,000,000.

OHIO ARCHBISHOP DIES

Cincinnati Churchman Succumbs at Age of 75.

By United Press
CINCINNATI, Ohio, Jan. 6.—Heart disease late Monday ended the long career of Archbishop Henry Moeller, 75. Extreme medical attention was administered, but all efforts to save the aged priest were futile.

Trunk Is Robbed
Seneca Beall, 79, of 215 E. South St., reported his trunk robbed of pension papers, \$20 gold and \$15 in money.

Fall Fatal to Woman
Coroner Paul F. Robinson today reported that death of Mrs. Anna Barbara Hareth, 34, of 6240 Washington Blvd., Jan. 4, was due to pneumonia following a fall at her home Dec. 27 when she broke her hip.

'Silent Night'

Even the harmonious tones of the Police and Firemen's Band will be withdrawn from city hall tonight during the meeting when councilmen may jump at each other's throats.

Lieut. Samuel Geddes, director, has ordered the weekly practice at fire headquarters.

"Why not go in and play 'Silent Night' for the meeting?" suggested John Fire Chief O'Brien.

"Just before the battle would be better," said Police Chief Rikhoff.

WHITE MAKES RULING

Assistant Attorney General Refuses Clerk More Pay.

Assistant Attorney General Edward M. White today held George H. Healey, clerk of the State printing board, was not entitled to additional compensation as clerk of the State board of election commissioners. The commissioners on Nov. 29 voted to compensate Maurice E. Tenant, William E. Spencer, attorneys, Ed D. Donnell, assistant clerk, and Healey \$750 each for election services. White held Healey was not entitled to any other compensation than that received as clerk of the printing board.

The boys department of the Y. M. C. A. today reported that 1,695 boys attended fifty-nine gymnasium and shower bath and swimming periods during December. J. H. Appel was at \$15 under-privileged boys at Christmas dinner.

Twenty-six socials and entertainments during the month were attended by 820 boys, report shows. Boys' meetings on Sunday afternoons drew 315 boys; weekly Bible classes, 443; and Christian citizenship and employed boys' brotherhood discussion groups, 285.

To Scott's testimony that he twice offered her a loaded revolver and told her to shoot him if he lied, when he charged her with misconduct, Mrs. Scott, Monday, said disdainfully: "Sensational display, I don't think the revolver was even loaded."

"It seems almost every one we've heard about in this trial has been drinking," Judge Frank Emerick intoned at one point.

"Yes, sir," replied Mrs. Scott, while a titter ran over the spectators.

If You Want to See Calvin, You Must See 'Ike'; He's Been Chief Usher at White House for Years

Has Held Job Under Eight Presidents—Knows Many People.

By N.E.A. Service
WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—I. H. Hoover probably has a wider acquaintance than any other man in the United States.

As chief usher at the White House, he comes in contact with foreign potentates, native celebrities, cross-country hikers and every type of people under the sun.

So it has been the last thirty-four years, for Hoover has held his job under eight Presidents.

Every one who has an engagement, other than official business with a member of the presidential family, must see Hoover first. He looks over all credentials, does all arranging and the introducing. His office is just inside the White House front door.

Hoover probably has more titles than anyone else in the world. Officially, of course, he is chief usher.

"But," he explains, "I've been called White House superintendent, head doorman, master of ceremonies, major domo and heaven only knows what."

And to his friends he's simply plain "Ike."

Hoover likes his job a lot—but he will not talk about it.

"I can't," he tells you. "If I did, the people with whom I come into such intimate contact might lose confidence in me."

"Yes I do say it is intensely interesting—meeting notables from all over the world and seeing what they're actually like face-to-face."

"This was true particularly during my two trips to Europe with President Wilson, I had the opportunity then to meet men of whom I always had heard, but never seen—diplomats such as Lloyd George, Clemenceau, Polk and a score of others—and comparing them with our statesmen."

On these trips Hoover arranged all the President's conferences. As a diplomat he takes no back seat himself.

But he is a diplomat who stays behind the scenes.

ESTATE CASE CONTINUED

Hearing on Petition for Accounting by Trustee Held.

Police Want Man Who Rings Door Bells.

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HOUSEWIVES GET SCARE

Man Confesses to Hold-Up of Filling Station Attendant.

Detectives Sneed and Trabue today re-arrested Ben Wade, 22, colored, 416 W. Twelfth St., on a charge of robbery.

According to detectives, Wade confessed to holding up James Finney, 401 W. Twenty-Ninth St., attendant at a filling station at North St. and Capitol Ave., Dec. 25, and taking \$165. Wade was arrested Jan. 2, by Sergt. Helm

on a charge of vagrancy.

ALLEGED THIEF HELD

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