

## STATE LEGISLATURE OPENS

BRANCH ASKS  
ECONOMY OF  
LAW MAKERS

Governor, in Legislative Message,  
Urges Tax Measure Be Left Alone,  
1923 Auto License Re-enacted and  
Teeth for Blue Sky Bill.

Urging members of the Legislature to "leave their politics at home while making laws," Governor Emmett F. Branch in his message to the joint session of the General Assembly today called for a rigid retrenchment wherever possible in State expenditures.

After recommending that the burden of taxation be kept at the lowest point consistent with good government, Governor Branch told the Legislature the budget system should be extended to include all State departments.

The legislative program recommended by the Governor included these planks:

Modification of the primary law so that it will be optional as to local primaries and compulsory to select delegates to the State conventions which shall nominate the entire State tickets.

Taxation of busses and trucks and their regulation by the public service commission.

Re-enactment of the 1923 schedule of auto license fees.

Strengthening of the blue sky law.

Extension of the system of rural police.

Taxation of all bonds.

Creation of a department of safety in the public service commission.

Stringent laws dealing with reckless auto drivers.

Passage of the county unit school bill.

Authority for the Governor to remove local law enforcement officers for failure to perform their duties.

Branch expressed his opposition to centralization of control of State institutions in the hands of a board of three or five members.

**Favors Separate Control**

"Under our present system we have a nonpartisan board which gives its attention to the needs of each institution," the Governor said.

"The results have been splendid. We should not lower the standard of control or permit the boards to become involved in politics."

The best thing the Legislature can do to the State tax law is to leave it alone, Branch declared.

"The present law is the best Indiana has had in my opinion," he continued. "It should not be marred by legislative efforts and I suggest that you do not tinker with it."

Pointing out that there are hundreds of mental defectives in the State for whose care no provision has been made, the Governor told the Legislature to use the pruning knife with discretion in dealing with the appropriation requests of benevolent institutions.

"Requests of these institutions have been carefully checked by the (Turn to Page 6)

**PARIS CONFERENCE**

**OVERSHADOWED BY**

**DEBT DISCUSSIONS**

Britain Willing to Permit  
Cancellation of French  
Obligations.

By United Press.

PARIS, Jan. 8.—International debts overshadowed the Paris financial conference today.

Before today's session of the conference of finance ministers took up partition of Dawes payments, Winston Churchill and M. Clementel resumed discussion of the French debt to England.

The British chancellor of the exchequer informed the French finance minister that Britain maintains proposals made by the late Bonar Law providing for almost total cancellation of the debt under certain conditions. These include abandonment by France of a billion gold marks sent to the Bank of England in wartime.

Col. James A. Logan, one of the American representatives at the conference, also conferred again today with Churchill, continuing negotiations on the subject on the claims of the United States to a share in the Dawes payments.

The United States claims the right to share in Dawes payments to the extent of the cost of the Rhine Army of Occupation and American war damages. All the allies save Britain agreed in principle with the American claims.

The French foreign office hinted vaguely today that proposals for a broad debt settlement may be discussed by representatives of the United States, England, France and Italy during the present financial conference.

France and Belgium are believed to favor a general debt conference at Brussels. Winston Churchill denied knowledge of such a plan.

**AGREEMENT REPORTED**

British Have Consented to American Claims, Washington Believes.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—An agreement between Great Britain and the United States under which the latter will receive payments of war claims out of the reparations fund is in sight, officials said today after reading Ambassador Herick's cabled report of Wednesday's session of the Paris financial conference.

Winston Churchill, British chancellor of the exchequer, has agreed to the compromise offered by the United States more than a month ago and reaffirmed in the Washington note to London last Monday, it is understood.

**Rooms Are Being Quickly Rented**

Ogden Brooking ran this little want ad in The Times:

40 S. SUMMIT ST.; large front room; unfurnished; light housekeeping; private home; very reasonable.

And rented the room immediately. There are still hundreds of prospects for vacant rooms who can be reached through a little Times want ad.

Phone M 11300

Ask for the want ad dept.

Women Members of Indiana House Say They  
Will Make Speeches and Offer Several Bills

MRS. ANTOINETTE C. HAGENWALD (RIGHT) AND MRS. ELIZABETH H. DAUGHERTY.

THE two women members of the lower house of the Seventy-Fourth General Assembly are eager politicians and are deeply interested in politics generally. Mrs. Antoinette C. Hagenwald is from Terre Haute and Mrs. Elizabeth H. Daugherty from Treant.

"Like it? Why, I'm just crazy about it," said Mrs. Hagenwald. She referred to politics.

"I just get so interested in things, and although every time I join the 'Never Again Club' when the next election rolls around I just get right in and do everything I can to help," the legislator said.

"I suppose I will have to make some speeches in the House, for I am going to have some bills to present," Mrs. Hagenwald said.

"You know, we women can talk when we want something. And don't think we don't read the tax receipts and know what we're paying taxes for," she said.

Mrs. Hagenwald is a Republican and says the remarkable thing about her election is that she was chosen in Vigo County.

Mrs. Daugherty said she would introduce several bills, one of im-

portance to farmers. She will speak for them, too.

"I am a farmer, you know," Mrs. Daugherty said, "and the mortgage exemption laws are most unfair to them."

Mrs. Daugherty's bill will provide that instead of \$1,000 mortgage exemption as now provided, 37 per cent of the assessed valuation will be exempt.

DENTIST VICTIM  
ON TONG HATRED

University Graduate Stabbed  
With Seaman's Stiletto.

By United Press.

MUNCIE, Ind., Jan. 8.—Death, resulting from bloody tongue war hatred that already had caused murder of two relatives within a month, Wednesday night claimed Dr. Wah Chang, graduate of the Vanderbilt dental clinic, Columbia University.

Chang was found in his office, a Chinese seaman's stiletto through his neck. Chin Hing and Chin Song, cousins of the victim, recently were slain in similar fashion.

A trial resulting from the tongue war ended here today when a jury found Lee Hai, gunman, guilty of second degree murder in the death of Gong Cheng Foon, who was killed in his laundry Thanksgiving.

Lee Hai was sentenced from twenty years to life imprisonment.

**MUNCIE JUDGE DIES**

Succumbs Suddenly in City Court—Overwork Blamed by Doctors.

By United Press.

MUNCIE, Ind., Jan. 8.—City Judge Lance M. Coons, 55, dropped dead in court today. Attending physicians assigned heart trouble and overwork as the cause. He was serving the last year of a four-year term.

**LIEUTENANT IS GALLANT**

Speed Cop O. K.'s Check for Fine of Girl He Arrested.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Investigation of the prohibition unit by the Couzens Senate committee opened behind closed doors today, the committee deciding "publicity is not compatible with the best interests of the Government."

Closed sessions were agreed on following statement of Senator James E. Watson, Indiana Republican, that he was opposed to "any pub-

CHILD LABOR LAW  
OPPONENTS SCORED

'Insidious Lobby' Works to Prevent Enactment of  
Amendment, Senator Walsh Charges.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—A charge that a "sickening and sordid" movement has been organized to defeat ratification of the child labor amendment by the State Legislatures was made in the Senate today by Senator Thomas J. Walsh, chief investigator in the Teapot Dome inquiry.

Walsh said that in this movement, which is well organized and "liberally financed," are some lobbyists who have been previously discredited.

He advocated an investigation by the Senate into activities of the "insidious lobby of 1923" and charged that the National Association of Manufacturers and its counsel, James Emery, at present agitating against child labor amendment, then received "unenviable prominence."

"It was then estimated by correspondents that the unspeakable Mr. Mulhall had operated for a number of years about Washington as the paid lobbyist for that organization under the direction of Emery," Walsh said.

"The activities of the pair took a wide range, but centered in an effort to defeat all legislation in which labor was interested."

"The disclosures constitute the senator of that day, the nature of which can be learned by consulting the files of the press for the summer of that year. It is sufficient to say that neither the association nor its counsel has been conspicuous about the capital, since, and it is a matter of speculation whether the boldness evidenced by their present

appearance is due to a conviction on their part of a decadence in the moral tone of public life or whether it arises from the belief that times has mollified the general indignation to which their acts gave rise."

"The National Association of Manufacturers as such has no special interest in children, except to make money out of their labor. It is a credit to say that it exists for the purpose of protecting the financial interests of its members. Its opposition to the child labor amendment is sordidly and sickeningly selfish."

**CLUB SUES MEMBERS**

F. W. Ball and W. H. Diddell Are Named Defendants.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—A resolution denouncing "false and unwarranted attacks upon the cooperative marketing movement and its leaders by Henry Ford's magazine, the Dearborn Independent, was adopted by National Council of Farm Cooperative Associations at closing session of its convention today.

**City Doctor to Speak**

"Your Health Problems in Indianapolis" will be the subject of an address by Dr. Herman G. Morgan, secretary of the city board of health, at a dinner of the Men's Club of Carrollton Avenue Reformed Church Friday night.

**KORETZ SLOWLY DYING**

Arch Swindler Has Not Taken Food for a Week.

By United Press.

JOLIET, Ill., Jan. 8.—Without food for a week, Leo Koretz, blue sky manipulator who is near death at the State penitentiary hospital, from diabetes, today begged for morphine to ease his suffering.

The Bayano Oil stock swindler, his voice a bare whisper and his skin turned to copper-color, is in a critical condition.

**Prosecutor Remy Recovering**

Prosecutor William H. Remy, who has been seriously ill at his home, is expected to resume his work Monday.

Byron Elliott, deputy prosecutor, is expected to resume his work Monday.

**IN LAST 24 HOURS**

Three persons have been injured in traffic accidents in Indianapolis.

TOTAL INJURED THIS YEAR 32

TOTAL DEATHS THIS YEAR 3

THE TIMES

Officers of Both Branches Chosen in  
Republican Caucuses Are Formally  
Elected — Governor's Message Is  
Heard in Joint Session.

HOUSE ADJOURNS TO 11 A. M.  
MONDAY, SENATE TO 10 A. M.

Usual Ceremony Accompanies Start  
of Seventy-Fourth General As-  
sembly—Preliminary G. O. P. Party  
Fight Is Bitter.

## Assembly Leaders

Officers of the Seventy-Fourth General Assembly:

HOUSE.

Harry G. Leslie, Lafayette, Speaker.

Lemuel A. Pittinger, Selma, Republican floor leader.

W. T. Lytle, Burlington, principal clerk.

Miss Nina Schmidt, Indianapolis, assistant clerk.

Everett Newlin, Plainfield, principal doorkeeper.

SENATE.

James J. Nejd, Whiting, President pro tem.

Murray S. Barker, Thorntown, caucus chairman.

Zell C. Swain, Middletown, secretary.

Mrs. R. H. Miller, Indianapolis, assistant secretary.

George Graham, Logansport, postmaster.

Jerome Brown, Anderson, chief doorkeeper.

The seventy-fourth session of the Indiana General Assembly was definitely under way today with organization of machinery in the House and Senate.

Ratification of the officers chosen in bitterly contested Republican caucuses Wednesday night was a formality, and shortly after 11 a. m. both houses adjourned and reconvened in joint session in the House chamber to hear the message of Governor Emmett F. Branch. At 12:15 the Senate adjourned until 10 a. m. Monday and the House until 11 a. m. Monday.

Senator James J. Nejd, Lake county, was formally elected president pro tem. of the Senate and Representative Harry G. Leslie, Lafayette, was sworn in as speaker of the House of Representatives.

There was little preliminary work in either house and organization was completed as scheduled, the Republican administration slate of officers in both branches of the Legislature being completely in control.

**Bowman Presides**

Lewis S. Bowman, auditor of State, called the Senate to order at 10:20 a. m. and presided until Senator James J. Nejd, Republican, of Whiting, was elected president pro tem., the State having no Lieutenant-Governor to preside. Prayer was offered by the Rev. J. A. Long, pastor of the North Park Christian Church, Indianapolis.

Zell Swain of Middletown, was appointed temporary secretary of the Senate by Bowman. Roll call showed Senator Robert B. Shirley, Democrat, of Woodburn, the only Senator absent.

The twenty-five Senators elected in 1924 were then called to the front where the oath of office was administered by Justice Julius Travis of the Indiana Supreme Court.

Nejd was nominated by Senator Ray M. Southworth, Republican, of Lafayette, and was seconded by Senator Delbert V. Blackburn, Republican, of Evansville.

Senator Joseph M. Cravens of Madison, choice of the Democrats for president pro tem., was placed in nomination by Senator Ora C. King, Democrat, of Sweetser, and seconded by Senator John Sweeney of Tell City.

Roll call showed Nejd elected an strict party lines, thirty-two votes being cast for him and seventeen for Cravens. Cravens and Nejd exchanged compliments, each voting for the other.

**Elected to Chair**

Bowman then appointed Senators Thomas A. Dally and William E. English, Republicans, of Indianapolis, and Senators Cravens to escort Nejd to the chair.

Nejd called for nominations for permanent secretary. Swain and Chester McCormick, Democrat, of North Judson being put in nomination. Again the Republican majority prevailed, and Swain was elected. Vote was 32-17.

Mrs. R. H. Miller of Indianapolis was nominated assistant secretary by Senator Dally. Democrats named Edward Mullen of Bristol. Mrs. Miller was elected by the solid Republican vote.

Jerome Brown, doorkeeper in the 1923 session again succeeded in getting that office as agreed in Republican caucus. He was opposed by (Turn to Page 6)

**SCORES ESCAPE IN TRAIN CRASH**

Engineer Sticks to Post—Prevents Disaster.

By United Press.

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 8.—Scores of passengers had miraculous escapes when the Georgia Railroad train No. 7 ran into a split rail one mile from Stone Mountain and was wrecked.

Five coaches piled in a heap, but none of the passengers was seriously injured.

R. L. Palmer, veteran engineer, stuck to his post and jammed on the airbrakes when disaster seemed certain.

The building is occupied by James Thurston, 1537 College Ave.; Mrs. Roy Osborne, 1544 College Ave.; Mrs. Florence Misenheimer, 1541 College Ave.; and Mrs. Lulu Broadhead, 1543 College Ave.

**FIRE DAMAGE SERIOUS**

Double Duplex at Sixteenth St. and College Ave. Burned.

By United Press.

First starting in the cupola of a double duplex at Sixteenth St. and College Ave., today caused serious loss from flames and water. No estimate of the damage had been made this afternoon.

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**HOURLY TEMPERATURE**

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7 a. m. 26 11 a. m. 26

8 a. m. 26 12 noon 26

9 a. m. 27 1 p. m. 27