

## COOLIDGE OPPOSES WARSHIP CHANGES, COMMITTEE TOLD

Wilbur Appears Before  
House Body—Explains  
Gun Elevation Stand.

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—President Coolidge is opposed to the proposal to elevate the guns on thirteen American battleships, Secretary of the Navy Wilbur today informed the House naval affairs committee.

Wilbur said the proposed alteration, costing \$6,500,000 would restore the Navy to the 5-5-3 ratio of the Washington arms treaty. He informed the committee, however, that the President, after due deliberation had decided the expenditure was "in conflict with his financial program."

Great Britain has informed this country that the British government feels elevation of turret guns on capital ships would be a violation of the spirit, if not the letter, of the Washington arms treaty. Secretary of State Hughes today wrote Chairman Butler of the House Naval Affairs Committee.

Hughes said the Japanese government did not regard gun elevation as a violation of the treaty.

**PRESIDENT KILLS' PROBE**

Administration Squelches Proposal  
to Investigate Navy.

By Times Special

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The Coolidge Administration has cracked the whip over Republicans as well as Democratic members of Congress, who have been endeavoring to bring about an investigation of the Navy.

Such inquiry as there will be now, will most probably end with the appearance of Secretary of the Navy Wilbur today before the House Naval Affairs Committee.

In fact, even the calling of Secretary Wilbur came near being squelched. Chairman Butler of Pennsylvania, head of the Naval affairs committee, yielded only after a stormy session during which the charge was made that he was trying to thwart the will of a majority of the committee.

The committee Wednesday took its cue from the House and passed out word the Navy needs no looking into. There will be no inquiry, therefore, for the time being and Congress is preparing to wash its hands of the matter. Nevertheless, Congress is known to be in possession of reports tending to show that as a sea power generally we stand today somewhere between a poor second and a bad third.

## ESTATE CASE CONTINUES

Attorneys Defend Actions of Trustee  
of Gray Property.

Argument on petition for an accounting by Will W. Gray, trustee of estate of James Gray, deceased millionaire of Evansville, Ind., entered its fourth day today. Charles C. Grassham, of Paducah, Ky., and Orville McGinnis, of Evansville, defense attorneys, were expected to take up most of the day.

Heirs to the estate, Mrs. Margaret Gray, and Mrs. Margaret Gray Patterson, of Evansville, widow and daughter of James Gray, alleged the trustee, a brother of James Gray, has handled the estate properly. Defense claims property was correctly handled and all accounted for.

**BERKSHIRE MEN ELECT**

Paul Randall of Noblesville Made  
Head of Association.

Paul Randall, Noblesville, Ind., is new president of Indiana Berkshire Association, which met Wednesday at the Claypool. Other officers: Glen Riss, Windfall, secretary-treasurer, and E. J. Barker of Thorntown, R. A. Bell of Frankfort, Ralph Jenkins of Oleans, and A. J. Core of Lebanon, directors.

Meeting next year also will be in Indianapolis.

**Tax Committee Meets**

Indiana State Chamber of Commerce conference committee on tax revision, headed by J. E. Frederick, president, met late today in office of George H. Mosser, president. Findings will be used as basis of recommendations to the Legislature.

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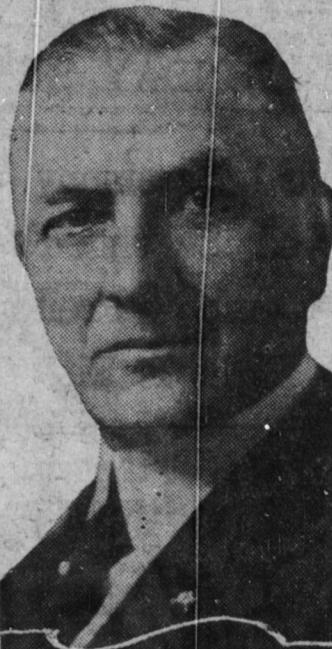
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## Minority Heads



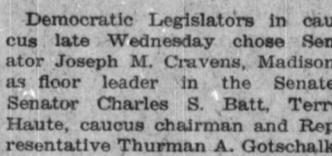
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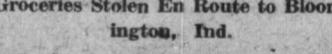
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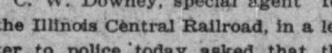
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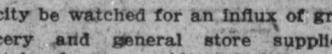
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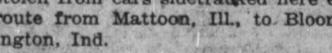
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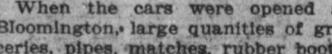
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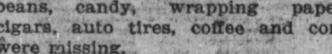
GROCERIES STOLEN EN ROUTE TO BLOOMINGTON, IND.



C. W. Downey, special agent for the Illinois Central Railroad, in a letter to police today asked that the city be watched for an influx of grocery and general store supplies stolen from cars sidetracked here en route from Mattoon, Ill., to Bloomington, Ind.



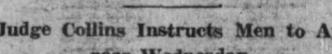
When the cars were opened at Bloomington, large quantities of groceries, pipes, matches, rubber boots, beans, candy, wrapping paper, cigars, auto tires, coffee and corn were missing.



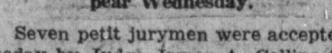
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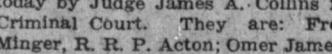
County Commissioners Take Case  
Under Advisement.



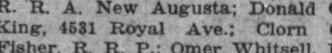
County commissioners today took under advisement claims of the Lowell F. Parker Company for paving of the Russell N. Edwards Rd., a continuation of N. Pennsylvania St., following a hearing today. Parker company charges \$12,805.54 is due them. Work was sublet with the Taylor Finance Company, which charges it has a \$7,500 claim against the Parker company.



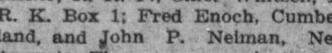
BANKRUPTCY Litigation of the Taylor Company is pending in Federal Court.



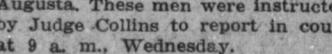
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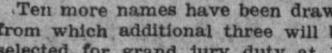
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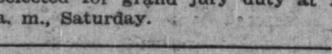
Bus Drivers Fined \$15



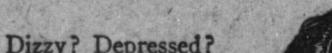
George Delger, 26, of Muncie, Ind., driver of an Anderson-Muncie bus, was fine \$15 and doctored on charge of driving thirty-five miles an hour on Massachusetts Ave., in speeder session of city court today.



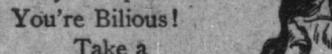
More names have been drawn from which additional three will be selected for grand jury duty at 10 a. m., Saturday.



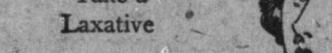
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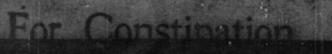
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