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SHANK READY TO ASK FOR COMMISSION PLAN IN CITY GOVERNMENT?

Mayor Disgusted With Conditions in Local Politics—Report Says He Is Preparing to Foster Move for New System.

Mayor Shank has had petitions prepared for an election to put Indianapolis under a commission form of government, it is believed.

Disgusted with the interference of politics with city affairs and convinced that there can be no remedy under existing conditions, Shank is prepared to circulate the petitions within a short time, it is said.

According to reports about City Hall the mayor will circulate the petitions immediately after the Republican city convention should George V. Coffin and his forces gain control of the city organization.

Meantime Mayor Shank continues his battle against the order of the Republican State committee giving county chairmen the power to preside over conventions of city precinct committees next Saturday.

Letter to Walb

He called upon Clyde A. Walb, Republican State chairman to revoke the action of the State committee immediately, in a letter today. The letter was similar in tone to the one sent United States Senator James E. Watson, Friday.

It said:

"Dear Mr. Walb:
I was never so surprised in my life than when you permitted your office to be used as you did the other day when you issued the call for the election of a city chairman. You and the rest of the committee know that our city chairman is still in existence, nobody dead nor resigned and they are elected to hold office until their successors are elected.

"The people of Indianapolis believe in a square deal and when any one tries to overrule the rights of any one they will not stand for it. Personally I am not interested in this matter of who is city chairman and if Mr. Coffin can get the majority of the votes of the committee in a regularly called meeting I nor no other person will object.

"Of course, if you and your committee are interested in electing a Democratic mayor this fall my advice to you is to go ahead and pull this raw deal, the worst thing ever attempted by any party in Indianapolis. The disgust of the people is shown by the telephone calls I have received. You had best retract that call at once—Mr. Lemieux and Mr. Reilly Adams and the other members of the regularly elected committee have the confidence and respect of a great majority of our voters."

Bitter Against Watson

So bitter is Mayor Shank against Watson that today he threatened to become a candidate for the Republican senatorial nomination against him in 1926.

"The best way to fight a man is to run against him and get right out in the open with what you have to say," he declared.

Legal action to prevent Coffin from presiding at the convention next Saturday and to prevent unseating of twenty-seven precinct commissioners favorable to the Shank-Jewett, Lemcke faction, probably will be instituted before Judge Harry O. Chamebrin in Circuit Court within a few days.

Coffin recently removed the twenty-seven commissioners on grounds of party disloyalty. Coffin's power to remove elected commissioners will be attacked in the court proceedings.

WHISKY NEAR SCHOOL

Students Discover Cache and Notify Principal.

An attempt to supply students at Shortridge High School with liquor was seen by police today with three quarts of whisky seized near the school Friday.

Principal George Buck said two students, Franklin Couts, #421 Adams St., and Robert De Vie, 115 Graceland Ave., found the liquor beneath a board walk near the school and brought it to his office.

NEW SCHEDULE FILED

Water Company Accepts New Rate Under Protest.

The tariff department of the Public Service Commission today placed on file the new rate schedule for the Indianapolis Water Company which was accepted under protest by the company late Friday.

The new rates are calculated to return 6 1/2 per cent on the \$19,000 valuation allowed by a Federal Court injunction, an increased revenue of \$118,000 a year. C. H. Geist, president of the company, protested the per cent return, the valuation, and the depreciated value as found by the commission, declaring the return would be \$7,000 less than estimated by the commission.

ZINOVIEV IS ATTACKED

Moscow Reports Say Communist Secretary Fired Upon.

London, Jan. 10.—The Central News Berlin correspondent quotes Moscow dispatches to the effect that Gregory Zinoviev, secretary of the Communist Internationale, was fired upon with a revolver by an unidentified assailant at Leningrad. Zinoviev's attacker was arrested. There are no further details.

Takes Office



THOMAS KENNEDY

BLAZE IN OFFICE BUILDING CAUSES \$100,000 DAMAGE

Fireman Injured as Flames Sweep Transportation Structure at South and Delaware.

RAILROADS LOSE PAPERS

Overheated Flue or Defective Wiring Believed Cause.

Timber Strikes Fireman

Fellow firemen performed a thrilling rescue of Fireman William Russell King, 32, of 563 N. Oxford St.

King was struck on the head and shoulder by timber as the roof fell. He was on a ladder near the top of the building handling a hose at the time. Fellow firemen of the ladder with him kept him from falling to the ground and helped him down the ladder.

He was taken to city hospital where his injuries were reported serious.

Origin of the fire is unknown, according to O'Brien. He said it might have been caused by an overheated flue or defective wiring.

Offices Relocated

C. J. Pfleger, building manager for Transportation Realty Company, owners was getting companies on the fifth floor relocated in temporary quarters in vacant rooms on the lower floors. He said the building, with the fifth floor would be restored to normal Monday.

He hired a large force of laborers to sweep water from offices and assist firemen in cleaning the building. He would not estimate the loss.

O'Brien said he understood the loss to the building probably would be fully covered by insurance.

HOOSIERS RECEIVE REFUND ON TAXES

Indianapolis Firms Recover Thousands.

By C. A. RANDAU

Times Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—The urgent deficiency bill now before the Senate providing for tax refunds to the extent of \$150,000,000 grants these refunds of \$20,000 or more to Indiana individuals and corporations.

Commercial Distilling Company, Terre Haute, \$45,946; Presto-Lite Company, Indianapolis, \$64,894; Indianapolis Union Railway Company, \$22,916; Diamond Chain and Manufacturing Company, Indianapolis, \$21,092; William H. Mooney, North Vernon, \$33,041; Citizens Gas Company, Indianapolis, \$28,549; Big Vein Mining Company, Terre Haute, \$30,361; National Springs Company, Newcastle, \$40,041; Green Engineering Company, East Chicago, \$52,783; Van Camp Packing Company, Indianapolis, \$75,815; Gary Screw and Bolt Company, Gary, \$84,730.

Those receiving amounts of less than \$20,000 have not been disclosed.

Steinauer Acts Quickly

Battalion Chief William Steinauer, at engine house 30, saw the flames from the window as he slid down the pole on the first alarm. He sent in the second alarm before he left the house. This action probably saved the building, it was said. O'Brien said the entire roof was fallen.

It was spectacular, he said, as the cupola that adorned the old building and the statue that sat high above on a tower remained and the heavy slate roof fell in.

Practically the entire fifth floor was occupied by the claim department of the Big Four Railroad. R. V. Vance, Big Four claim agent, said the records were water damaged, but would not be entirely lost to the company, for two duplicates of each record are at other offices.

The department of construction engineering of the Big Four also located on the fifth floor suffered loss to its records. W. F. Burnett said that until the debris from the caving in roof could be cleared away he could not estimate the damage to records and drawings.

The Transportation Building was occupied by St. Vincent Hospital before the hospital was moved to Fall Creek and Illinois Sts.

HARDWARE STORE BURNS

Five Adjoining Places Damaged by Smoke and Water.

Fire starting in the basement of the office and hardware store of the Barb & Combs Planing Mill, 4307-09 E. Michigan St., early today caused a loss of between \$9,000 and \$10,000 and damaged a grocery, barber shop, garage, meat market and a beauty shop.

Edward E. Barb of the company said his loss was covered by his insurance. J. W. Wiley, manager of an A. & P. grocery, 4303 E. Michigan St., reported damage from smoke and fumes, no estimate of loss. P. J. Barbara, 4303 E. Michigan St., barber shop, \$50; J. W. Jennings, huter shop, \$30; 4305 E. Michigan St., \$50; Mark Irwin, garage, 4311 E. Michigan St., slightly damaged; Custer Beauty Shop, 445 N. Colorado St., \$200 damaged.

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'Bored'

By United Press

COLUMBUS, Ind., Jan. 10.—While every one else was laughing at a comic film Friday night, Russell Kelly, 15, was bored and fell asleep and was locked in the theater when it closed for the night.

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HOURLY TEMPERATURE

6 a. m.	28	10 a. m.	31
7 a. m.	28	11 a. m.	34
8 a. m.	28	12 noon	32
9 a. m.	28	1 p. m.	39

De Pauw University Men Vote on Indianapolis Girls Among Thirty-Five in Beauty Competition



MISS DOROTHY DREW AND MISS ALBERTA OLSEN.

VINCENNES NET STAR KILLED BY SPEEDING AUTO

Burglar Enters Both Sides, Escapes With Jewelry and Money.

A burglary in both halves of a double house in Irvington was reported to police today. Jewelry and money, totaling \$25, were taken from the home of Mrs. M. Thomas, 48 N. Audubon Rd., and a pair of eye glasses, valued at \$9, from the home of Bert Day, 46 N. Audubon Rd.

George Kixmiller Dies in Evansville Hospital—Jones Injured.

By United Press

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 10.—While police were hunting the driver of the automobile that early last night struck and killed George Kixmiller, 26, Vincennes athlete, on the Dixie Bee Highway, Russell Jackson, Fort Branch, Ind., coal mine superintendent, returned here and was restored to normal Monday.

Kixmiller, son of a prominent Vincennes family, and known throughout the State for his ability in high school as a basketball and football player, died without regaining consciousness in the Deaconess Hospital here at 9 o'clock last night, an hour and a half after the accident. His young wife, who sat in the car when her husband was injured, was at the bedside.

Reese Jones, Vincennes, member of the championship basketball team in 1923, is in the hospital with a crushed leg. The third man escaped injury.

Kixmiller was manager of the Y. M. C. A. Sun basketball team of Vincennes, which was en route by auto bus to play a local five here.

The car, after it had struck the trio, carried Kixmiller forty feet, fracturing his skull and both legs.

Anti-Nejd Forces Line Up as Anti-Administration Forces.

Sharp division in the ranks of the Republican senatorial bloc promises a sharp fight on administration measures in the coming session of the Legislature, according to statements today from opposing factors.

The Republican majority in the Senate is definitely split with Senator Murray S. Barker, Thorntown, chairman of the committee, leading the supporters of Senator Thomas A. Daily, Indianapolis, in the race for presidency, and Senators Hill, Carthage and Southworth, Lafayette, leading the forces arrayed for Senator Nejd for the speakership.

Democrats May Aid

Although outpointed by one vote, when Senator Penrod, Loogootee, changed his vote from Daily to Nejd on the second ballot, the so-called anti-Nejd forces promise strong opposition to some important measures, and aided by the Democratic minority may prevent proposed legislation.

Barker in his position as caucus chairman holds a whip hand, it is said, and is in a strategic post to "make hay."

The senatorial division apparently is as follows:

Anti-Nejd or anti-administration: Senators Barker, Thorntown; Bradford, South Bend; Cann, Howard; Daily, Indianapolis; Dickerman, Indianapolis; English, Indianapolis; Fitch, Munroe; Hodges, Gary; Holman, Elkhart; Holmes, Gary; Indiana, Danville; Lindsey, Kingman; Moorehead, Indianapolis; Pelli, Carmel and Quillen, Indianapolis.

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Nejd Group

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ACCIDENT IS INTRICATE

Autos Collide; One Knocks Lamp Post Through House Door.

Three persons were slightly injured and one was arrested today following an automobile collision at Union and McCarty Sts., in which a lamp post was knocked through the door of a home.

When cars driven by Bernard Rieser, 19, of 1540 S. Meridian St., and Otto Boettcher, 3115 N. Delaware St., collided, Rieser's car struck a lamp post, knocking it through a door in the home of Mrs. Mary Chappell, 748 Union St. The post struck and injured Mrs. Chappell and her granddaughter, Mervin Burgess.

Arthur Fields, 26, E. Palmer St., riding with Rieser, was hurt. Boettcher's car stopped as it reached the steps of the other home, the Chappell home, a four-story house.

Rieser was cited for speeding, assault and battery and malicious trespass.

BUILDING CRASHES; 3 DIE

Skeleton of New Chicago Hotel Collapses—Four Others Hurt.

By United Press

CHICAGO, Jan. 10.—Three men are dead, a fourth is reported dying, and three others are in hospitals as a result of injuries received to-day when the skeleton structure of a new hotel being erected collapsed.

Lives of scores of pedestrians were endangered when tons of steel and concrete came crashing down after an arch support on the eighth floor gave way. All those killed or injured were employees.

MOTORMAN EXONERATED

Dismissed in City Court; Car Killed Nick Weyer Dec. 26.

Heidt blamed by Coronor Paul F. Robinson, Roy McDonald, 13