

ACCOUNTS BOARD POWERS DEFINED IN COURT RULING

Judges' Decision Ignored in Reports Criticizing State Officials.

Action of the State board of accounts in criticizing or questioning the discretion, not only of the public service commission, in a report made public Saturday, but also of the State highway commission, in a report filed some time ago, is in direct violation of the public accounting law as interpreted by an Indiana State Appellate Court decision (Cause No. 11,165, State ex rel Licking Tp. vs. Clamme et al.), handed down in 1922. State officials pointed out today.

The report on the service commission criticized payment of retainer fees for legal services and by implication questioned the commission's discretion in expending extra funds for special rate investigations, even though the investigations were conducted in by both ex-Governor Emmett F. Branch and by Governor Ed Jackson.

Overpayment Charged

The report on the highway commission's equipment division openly charged 10.9 per cent over-payment to a dealer for auto parts. The accounts board fixed the "overcharge" at \$50,000 and turned over to the State treasurer a check for that amount which the salesman had deposited weeks before as a guarantee against loss to the State should it appear his transactions were not legitimate. It is understood arrangements are being made to sue for recovery of the money.

The Appellate Court opinion was adopted as final by the Supreme Court when a petition to transfer the case was denied in June, 1923.

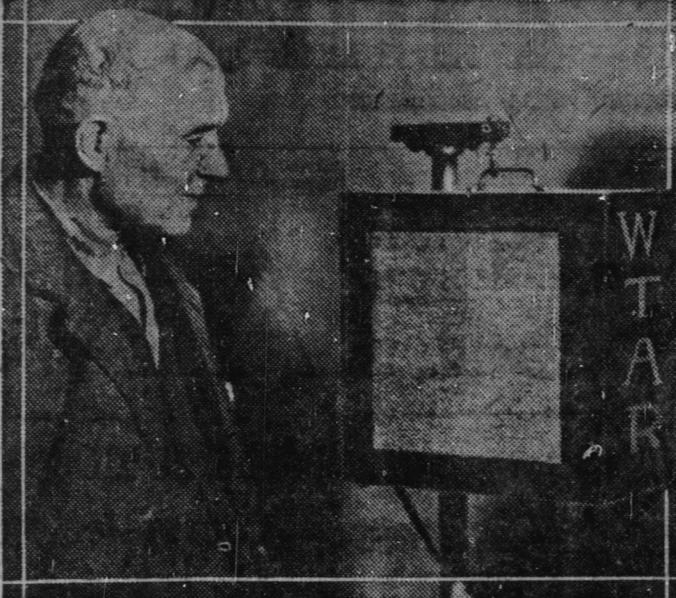
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Chief Justice E. A. Dauselman, who wrote the opinion, in discussing duties and powers given the accounts board by the amended laws, said, in part:

"There is absolutely nothing in any of the legislation relating to this subject which tends in the slightest degree to authorize the department to control the discretion of any public officer, administrative board or any governmental agency whatsoever."

Indeed the Legislature could not create a department and endow it with power to supervise and control public officers in the performance of their duties generally without amending all the laws relating to the powers and duties of the officers of the State and of every administrative subdivision of the state."

Radio Helps Solve Mystery



FOR TWO MONTHS THE IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES AT NORFOLK, VA., HELD A MAN WHOSE NATIONALITY OR LANGUAGE NO ONE KNEW. AT LAST HE BROADCASTED THE SERIES OF GRUNTS AND SQUEALS WHICH PASSED WITH HIM FOR LANGUAGE, A YOUNG FINLANDER CAME FORWARD AND IDENTIFIED THE PUZZLE AS A FINNISH NATURALIST AND WRITER NAMED OXEQUALA, WHO SPOKE AN OBSCURE FINNISH DIALECT.

POLICE AUTO STOLEN

Lieut. Anderson Says Thieves Aren't One Bit Careful.

Whoever said the thieves are careful, whom they steal from might talk to Lieut. George Anderson to day.

Anderson drove to Tomlinson Hall to cover his detail and parked police car 26 in front. An hour later he came back and the car was gone.

DANIEL G. REID ILL

Hoosier Millionaire in Serious Condition at New York.

By Times Special
RICHMOND, Ind., Jan. 16.—Relatives here have been informed that Daniel G. Reid, multimillionaire, philanthropist and founder of the American Tin Plate Company, is seriously ill at his home in New York City.

HEADACHE

Hurry! Get a 10c package of Dr. James Headache Powders

Two minutes! Headache gone! Distress and pain from any headache are gone when your head clears and you are again ready for work or play. Druggists sell millions of "Dr. James Headache Powders" because they are safe. —Advertisement

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Till Nine



Strauss High-
Grade High
Shoes Step
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5.50
Tan and Black

Many \$55
High-Grade
Overcoats
Revised to
\$42.50

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THE HOME ON THE OVERCOAT

DETECTIVES FIND BODY OF GIRL

Mystery at Sherlock's Home Is Solved.

By United Press
CROBROUH, England, Jan. 16.—A dismembered body, dug up by Scotland Yard detectives on the poultry farm of Norman Thorn today, proved to be that of Elsie Cameron, Thorn's fiancee, missing since Dec. 6. The young farmer will be formally charged today.

Discovery of the body brought to an end the investigation of Scotland Yard, which was conducted with bloodhounds and all the old school methods of detecting, through farm lands, moors and hills around Crobrough, home of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and scene of many of the adventures of Sherlock Holmes.

Body Found in Barn

By Times Special
GREENSBURG, Ind., Jan. 16.—Heart trouble was blamed today for the death of Curtis C. Collicott, 57, brother of Jacob Collicott, ex-superintendent of Indianapolis schools. He was found dead in a barn.

To Stop a Cold in One Day
Take Laxative BROMO QUININE Tablets. (The First and Original Cold and Grip Tablet.) A Safe and Proven Remedy. The box bears signature of E. W. Grove. 30c.—Advertisement.

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