

## AUTHOR RECALLS STATE HIGHWAY QUIZ RESOLUTION

Another Move for More  
Drastic Probe Expected  
to Be Made in House  
Thursday.

### SPEAKER TAKES FLOOR

Declares Matter Is One for  
Executive Branch to  
Handle.

The resolution calling for appointment of a committee to probe affairs of the State highway commission since 1921 was withdrawn today by Representative De Haven, Indianapolis, Republican, the author.

This followed a speech by Speaker Leslie, in which Leslie asked the withdrawal, saying he intended no subterfuge, but only wanted "to make it doubly sure there will be an investigation."

It was indicated another resolution with more "teeth" in it would be introduced Thursday.

### Says He Is for Quiz

This resolution, it was understood, would provide that Governor Jackson name an "unbiased investigating body" to inquire into the commission's affairs, including all evidence now in the hands of the Marion County grand jury.

"This resolution calls for an investigation," said Leslie. "I favor investigations when we have reason to believe there should be one—I favor that at all times."

"Who shall investigate? I do not consider that a legislative matter. It is not a legislative matter—it is an executive matter. The executive department has done its duty and it has been placed in the hands of a judicial department. The executive department of this State has placed that matter in the hands of the judicial department and it is sleeping there now."

"I want to see this investigation made, in some way or other, and I believe it will be made. There seems to be a rumor that the public wants to know what's going on, principally for the welfare of the State. Why is it lying in the hands of the judicial department? Who's sitting on the lid, I want to know? I also want to know that we shall proceed in the right way to know what this resolution expresses."

### Favor Expedition

"I have been an advocate always of the highway commission and I still am, and of any commission that functions. After we have given the prosecutor of this county and the grand jury a chance to explain why this investigation has been idle since last July we will be able to determine the course. I called the prosecutor yesterday. We have a right to know who shall do investigating and how it shall be done."

"It's a matter of procedure with me. At \$6 a day you can't get a very good accountant. The next resolution I shall favor at some future date is one empowering the Governor to appoint an unbiased auditing committee. We have all we can do to attend to our own business. I'm going to ask you at this time to give them an opportunity to make an explanation. I ask of you, in the name of the State of Indiana, and your own good names, that you withdraw this resolution, not for the purpose of covering a thing, but to expedite matters," Leslie said.

### Conference Is Held

Governor Jackson called a conference with the commission Tuesday afternoon and the session lasted until into the night. Charles W. Ziegler, Attorney General, chairman of the commission, declared the conference "most satisfactory."

It has been freely predicted that Governor Jackson was to make a housecleaning in the highway department and that John D. Williams, director of the commission, was slated to go, along with other members.

### FLAPPER FANNY says



"Bashful men used to drink cognac and propose. Now they drink ginger ale and pop."

## Downtown End of Kentucky Ave. Clogged by Busses and Taxis



KENTUCKY AVE. LOOKING NORTHEAST FROM MARYLAND ST.

## CREDITORS MAY GET 10 CENTS ON HAWKINS DOLLAR

Warrack Wallace Is Named  
Trustee at First  
Meeting.

"Warrack Wallace, 4407 Central Ave., son of Lew Wallace, receiver for the Hawkins Mortgage Company, was elected trustee in bankruptcy for the company and his bond at \$30,000 at the first meeting of the company's creditors, before Harry C. Sheridan, referee in bankruptcy, at the Federal Bldg. today."

More than 100 creditors attended and filed claims. Claims of all creditors will approximate \$4,000,000, according to Lew Wallace. The trustee may be able to pay 10 cents on the dollar, he said.

Lew Wallace told the creditors less than \$20,000 of the cash assets of the company were in the hands of the trustee and that all other assets would have to be procured through litigation. Wallace said it would probably be a year before all claims were filed.

Anthony Scheib and Carl B. Anderson, former vice president and treasurer of the company, were expected to appear for examination at the hearing but failed to come.

Hearing will be held Friday before Sheridan on a petition on behalf of former contract holders in the United Home Builders of America, of St. Louis, Mo., to reclaim their contracts, aggregating about \$400,000, which they charge the Hawkins Mortgage Company obtained through fraud. Wallace said the former contract holders expect to realize about 50 per cent on their holdings.

### CITIZENSHIP FOR 'JIM'

Texas Senate Plans to Restore  
Rights to Former Governor.

AUSTIN, Texas, Jan. 28.—A committee of the Texas Senate was to report today on possible legal steps to restore rights of citizenship to James E. Ferguson, former Governor, and husband of "Ma" Ferguson, present Governor.

Ferguson was impeached and removed from office in 1917 when found guilty of misapplication of State funds. Amendment to the State constitution by vote of the people may be necessary to restore Ferguson's citizenship.

### NEW FRAUD CASE BARED BY STONE

Says He Has Evidence  
Against Senator Wheeler.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Attorney General Stone today told the Senate Judiciary Committee that his new proceedings against Senator Burton K. Wheeler were based upon evidence "indicating an effort to defraud the United States of its public land and minerals."

The testimony was given in open session of the committee considering Stone's nomination to the Supreme Court. At the same time a special grand jury to hear the new charges against Wheeler, starting Monday, was sworn in.

"The new evidence," Stone said, "was a report of postoffice investigators in the case of Gordon Campbell, Montana oil man and Wheeler's client."

"It indicated Campbell's promotion scheme involved fraudulent obtaining of credentials for public lands from the officers of the Interior Department," Stone said.

### BANDITS ARE SENTENCED

Two Given One to Fourteen-Year  
Terms in State Prison.

Criminal Judge James A. Collins today fined Morris Denton, 30, and Avery Robinson, 31, of 624 E. Wabash St., \$1 and costs and sentenced each to one to fourteen years at the Indiana State Prison on charges of robbery and grand larceny.

Adam Puckett, 135 E. Michigan St., testified they held him up Oct. 17 and took \$65.

THIS is the situation the city council is trying to correct with an ordinance prohibiting parking in the center of Kentucky Ave., between Washington and Maryland Sts.

Busses clog up the southwestern end of the block and taxicabs the northeastern.

Police several times have called attention to the fact that this

### CHARGE SIGNAL SNUBBED

Police Investigate After Crash at  
Sixteenth and Central.

Police were investigating complaints today that the traffic signal at Sixteenth St. and Central Ave. is being violated.

Autos driven by W. G. Martz, 3745 Washington Ave., and Oles Bell, 57, colored, 1119 E. Nineteenth St., collided there Tuesday evening. Richard Martz, 5, was hurt. Martz was slotted on a charge of violating the signal and Bell for assault and battery.

### FREE SCHOOL BOOKS

Bill Provides State Purchase Books  
Through Special Levy.

Representative Carlson, Huntington, introduced a "free school book" bill in the House today. School officials would be empowered to buy the books through a special levy. Books adopted could not be changed oftener than every ten years.

### DISH WASHER TO BOSS

Son, 30, Heads \$10,000,000 Restaurant  
Chain Started by Father.

CHICAGO, Jan. 28.—From dish washer to the presidency of a string of 100 restaurants in less than two years is the climb made by John R. Thompson Jr., 30. Today he assumed full control of the \$10,000,000 restaurant chain, built by his father.

### FRANCE INTENDS TO PAY

Premier Herriot Declares Debts Will  
Not Be Repudiated.

PARIS, Jan. 28.—"France does not intend to repudiate her debts," Premier Herriot declared in the Chamber of Deputies this afternoon, "but we have a right to appeal to the solidarity of our allies."

Herriot stipulated debt settlement is bound up with reparations.

## CHIROPRACTORS LOSE IN HOUSE

Bill Amended, Halting Separation  
Board Plan.

Backers of the chiropractic bill were defeated today in the House when an amendment to the measure by Representative Gottschalk, Democratic floor leader, Berns, placing the chiropractors under the State board of medical examiners, was adopted and the bill sent to engrossment.

Gottschalk's amendment stood the attack of more than an hour's debate. An attempt to table by Representative Bebinger, Indianapolis, lost, and Representative De Haven, author of the bill, was refused permission to withdraw the measure.

The Gottschalk amendment defeats aim of the chiropractors to establish a separate chiropractic board and provides for the addition of a chiropractor to the State medical board, which was urged by the Indiana State Medical Association.

### Fashion Edict

FLIPPING, extremely wide trousers are obsolete, according to spring style edict announced here at convention of the National Association of Merchant Tailors.

Spring suits must conform to this style:

Wedge shaped coats: tighter about the hips, cut away in front and growing longer as they reach the shoulders.

Trousers, a trifle narrower.

Suits possessing a forward slant with points of modest size.

Grays running from silver to smoke predominate among colors with a large sprinkling of fawns and tans.

### Licenses Move Slowly

Holders of city licenses are taking out 1925 licenses more slowly than ever before, Joseph L. Hogue, city controller, said today. Arrest for failure to take them out will begin Feb. 2, he said.

## DO TAXICAB DRIVERS SPEED?

Benevolent Impostor Discovers Nurmi Could Beat Them, but Traffic Cops Help Them Clip Off Time.

By ROSS H. GARRIGUS

TAXI drivers do not break the speed laws downtown, but it must be because they are in cahoots with the traffic cops.

Whenever I cruise on the main thoroughfares, it seems every corner pedestrian protector is in league against me. His sweetest is the siren song of my intentions to get somewhere in a hurry.

But taxi drivers—ah! I hurried into the Washington hotel after the afternoon, gave a hurried look around the lobby as if I were looking for some one, and then dashed back to the taxi stand at the entrance.

The taxi driver was dozing on his chair, probably dreaming of fat fees in Florida, when dragging forth a borrowed watch, I feverishly demanded if I could be whisked to the Union Station by 3:30 p. m. The hand of the b. w. showed it was then 3:27.

The driver stifled a "ho, hum," and nodded, while I fumbled with the heavy door. He woke up. "Gee, whiz!" he muttered, or taxi-driver words to that effect: "I didn't know it was that late."

### "He's Off"

His cross-word taxi was standing hitched at the curb. He beat me out the door, flung the cab portable wide, and I jumped in, the borrowed watch still in hand.

"Step on it," I uttered, flashing under his nose a bill that will stir most men to temptation.

He shot the car back, whirled out around another car parked in the street and shot down to Meridian and Washington Sts., driving with one hand. With the other he was trying desperately to make the whatchamacallit flop down that makes the meter work. Speed or no speed, the meter had to work.

Here's where the traffic cop plays his part. As we dashed down the street, he gave us the go sign. My driver made a left hand turn and was ordered to proceed. Then he throttled down his speed to a snail's pace, and I estimated at twenty miles an hour. I couldn't see the speedometer.

### See 'Em Go!

At Maryland and Meridian Sts., the traffic cop there abruptly changed the semaphore in our favor and we continued without changing gears or slowing speed. From there on, it was smooth sailing. If such is possible on S. Meridian St.

Meanwhile, I wasn't succeeding in making my Ben-Hur break the speed limit. I hammered on the window. But he was a sphinx. He never heard a sound. I pounded on the floor boards, still clutching the borrowed watch and working myself into the situation, a la movie actor, that a wife and eight children were about to depart on a three thirty train. But my mental broadcasting was full of static.

At Jackson Pl., we turned and then my driver stopped on it somehow. Probably wanted to show the other cabs up. We whirled around on two wheels, brakes were slammed and we made a perfect landing. He lost valuable seconds getting the door open and stabbed the cash register again for the bad news.

I flashed him a bill, yelled at him carlessly—he was office money—and fled into the station, running down to the nearest pillar, where I slipped behind and hid. I pulled out my watch. It was 3:29.

We had made the four blocks in two and a half minutes. That's a third of a mile. Time: Mile in seven and a half minutes.

Speeding?

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the city, and that it sometimes takes motorists several minutes to get through.

Busses and taxicabs maneuver for parking spaces or to turn around in the middle of the block, adding to traffic hazards. The condition is worst at the rush hours, when as many as twenty-five busses wait for passengers near the bus terminal.

### EIGHT DRIVERS SLATED

Cold Weather Again Checks Speeding, Police Say.

Cold weather again checked speeding, police reports showed today. Only eight motorists were slated Tuesday night. They are:

Elmer F. Wenger, 36, Greenville, Ohio; Ralph Tobin, 24, of 629 S. New Jersey St.; Clarence Roberson, 45, of 170 N. Meridian St.; Donald Newman, 22, of 947 Eastern Ave.; Frank Johnson, 37, of 3742 Bellefontaine St.; Isadore Goldband, 21, of 1901 S. Illinois St.; Paul Nutting, 26, of 1516 N. Delaware St.; Max Bernstein, 19, of 327 S. Illinois St.

### UTILITIES ARE ATTACKED

Another "Anti" Measure Is Introduced in Senate.

Another bill attacking public utilities was introduced today by State Senator Quillen, Indianapolis. It would forbid such companies from selling, leasing or assigning franchises or works to any other firm or corporation without consent of the public service commission.

It would also prevent utilities from contracting for service from another corporation, or for operation of its system by another without consent of the commission.

Owning stock, bonds or property of another utility in the same line of business is forbidden.

## UTILITY MEASURE LOSES IN SENATE

Move to Control A. T. and T.  
Defeated.

The bill designed to bring the American Telegraph and Telephone Company in Indiana under control of the public service commission was indefinitely postponed today in the Indiana Senate, when a minority report was accepted by a vote of 25 to 23.

The bill, introduced by Senator Quillen, Indianapolis, provided any holding company owning more than 50 per cent of the stock of a public utility should be declared a public utility.

The administration banking bill was indefinitely postponed on second reading, after a heated fight on amendments.

"This bill was drawn to protect the stockholders, not the bankers," said Senator Holmes, Gary, Republican, who led the fight for the bill. "The opposition came from bankers."

### MINE FATALITY PROBED

Bodies of Two Shot Miners Found in Shaft.

CLINTON, Ind., Jan. 28.—Investigation was being made today into the death of Roy West, 35, and Tony Krahts, 26, shot miners at Brinkley mine No. 2, near here, whose bodies were found last night.

The bodies of the two men were found by miners in an adjoining working, who heard an explosion in the mine in which the two men were working.

### GLORIA SWANSON WEDS

Film Star Is Wife of French Nobleman, Dispatch Says.

LONDON, Jan. 28.—Gloria Swanson, film star, was married in Paris today to Marquis DePalouse, according to the Central News.

### IN LAST 24 HOURS

Four persons have been injured in traffic accidents in Indianapolis.

TOTAL INJURED TOTAL DEATHS THIS YEAR LAST YEAR

119 7

## HOUSE CONSIDERS AMENDMENTS TO HORSETHIEF BILL

Measures Combining Several  
State Departments  
Ready.

With debate on amendments to the Burns bill on horsethief detective associations made a special order of business today, the Indiana House faced a busy session this afternoon. Amendments would weaken the bill, it was said.

A bill also is considered to repeal the old acts under which the associations were established.

A measure will be introduced on Thursday by Senator Moorhead, Indianapolis, providing for creation of a State board of public safety, including the State motor police, fish and game wardens, State fire marshal, oil inspectors, factory and boiler inspectors and department of women and children in industry.

Pittenger said.

The third budget measure will amend the 1921 budget law, to include all departments under the budget and broaden the powers of the State budget commissioner.

As the outgrowth of the hearing on Representative Korff's bill making mandatory liability insurance for all automobile owners, by House Judiciary A committee, a bill will be introduced soon to provide for a special State force whose duties will be limited to automobile law violations.

Glenn Harris, Gary, probably will introduce the measure. He had a similar bill in the 1923 session. Insurance men opposed the Korff bill, although agreeing with the principle involved. Labor unions also opposed the measure.

## SOARING MERCURY ENDS COLD WAVE

Rise Follows Low Mark of  
Two Above.

1 a. m.	7 above
2 a. m.	6 above
3 a. m.	5 above
4 a. m.	4 above
5 a. m.	4 above
6 a. m.	4 above
6:30 a. m.	3 above
7 a. m.	3 above
8 a. m.	3 above
9 a. m.	3 above
10 a. m.	11 above
11 a. m.	17 above
12 noon	21 above
1 p. m.	23 above

Back of the cold wave, which has held Indianapolis in a near zero grip since Monday, was broken today when temperatures climbed from the low mark of 2 above at 6:30 to 23 at 1 p. m.

A minimum of from 12 to 18 was forecast for tonight by J. H. Armstrong, Government meteorologist.

Indianapolis, according to Armstrong, is just west of a zero line running north and south. Cincinnati, Ohio, reported 6 below; Ft. Wayne, Ind., 4 below; Louisville, 2 below; Evansville, zero. Terre Haute, Ind., however, had the highest temperature in the State with 6 above.

Snow was expected tonight or Thursday, Armstrong stated.

### CAPITAL SHIVERS

District of Columbia in Path of  
Blizzard.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The spent end of the Northwest blizzard lashed Maryland and the District of Columbia and the northern fringe of Virginia, during the night, brought a four-inch snow blanket and driving temperature close to zero.

The capital shivered with the thermometer at 6 above.

### OHIO IN GRASP

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 28.—Near zero temperatures were reported throughout Ohio again today.

Rural traffic was resumed with difficulty in the Hocking, Muskingum and Licking Valleys, where high winds drove sifting snow into drifts in the main roads.

Weather bureau predicted rising temperatures.

## HOUSE RECEIVES DRIVER LICENSE AND PERMANENT AUTOMOBILE PLATE BILL

Measure Would Require All Operators  
of Motor Vehicles, Excepting Those  
With Chauffeur's Permits, to Pay  
Annual State Fee.

## MUST CARRY CERTIFICATE AT ALL TIMES WHEN USING CAR

Increase in Gasoline Tax Would Make  
Up for Loss of Yearly Tax Upon  
Conveyances, Only \$1.00 Being  
Charged for Renewal.

Every automobile driver in Indiana would be required to hold a State license, for which he would pay \$1 a year, under a bill introduced in the State House of Representatives today by Representative Ebang, Indianapolis, and Babcock, Rensselaer.

The bill also provides for permanent automobile license plates. This was advocated by Governor Jackson in his campaign speeches and message to the Legislature.

The driver license sections provide that each automobile operator, excepting those who hold chauffeur's licenses, must carry with him at all times while behind the wheel, his driver license. First conviction for violation of the statute would be punishable by a fine of from \$50 to \$500 and second conviction by \$100 to \$1,000 fine.

### Effective Jan. 1, 1926

Both permanent auto license plates and driver licenses would go into effect Jan. 1, 1926.

The bill provides that after payment of a license plate fee, similar to that now in effect, the automobile owner would have to pay each year thereafter only a fee of \$1 for renewal of the license on his car.

The deficit in State funds caused thereby would be met by increasing gasoline tax from 2 to 4 cents a gallon, a bill for which is pending.

### Seals to Be Issued

In lieu of new plates each year, automobile owners would be issued small aluminum seals. Such seals would have to be obtained not later than Feb. 1 of each year. The seals would have to be fastened on cars.

Drivers licenses would be issued to no person under 16 years of age and no person physically impaired as to be incapable of safely handling a motor vehicle. The law applies to motorcycles as well as four-wheeled vehicles.

Persons applying for drivers' licenses would be required to state name, address, age and physical condition, including sight, hearing and any serious physical defects.

A specific fine of \$100 for making a false statement in application is provided. Licenses also could be revoked for one year for violation of any part of the bill.

### Two Bills Conflict

House bill 103, providing a recodified automobile license law and sponsored by H. D. McClelland, manager of the automobile license department, provides substantially higher licenses than the permanent license plate bill introduced in the House today.

The permanent plate bill, in which the license is paid only the first year and \$1 a year charged for renewal, ranges from \$5 to \$10 on passenger cars but stipulates horse power and car weight in such a way that it effects a cheaper license than the recodification bill.

The recodification bill proposes \$5 to \$200 for truck licenses while the permanent plate bill range is from \$5 to only \$21. The recodification bill proposes \$10 a passenger a year on motor bus capacity while the permanent plate bill provides up to \$25 on busses of twenty-five passengers or over.

### PIANIST STILL MISSING

But Less Fear Is Felt for Safety of  
Ethel Leginska.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—Less alarm was felt today for the safety of Ethel Leginska, missing pianist. Uncertainty as to the whereabouts of the artist existed, for no one with authority to speak would come forward and say where Leginska was. Miss Leginska, friend and pupil of the pianist, insisted she had not heard from Leginska and still knew nothing of the latter's whereabouts.

### UNIDENTIFIED MAN HURT

Emil Leppert, Auto Driver, Charged  
With Assault and Battery.

An unidentified man is at city hospital, where he was taken Tuesday night suffering from a fractured skull, and other injuries received when struck by an auto at New Jersey St. and Virginia Ave. Witnesses told police Emil Leppert, 25, of 1621 S. Talbot Ave., was driving about ten miles an hour when he struck the man.

### Not Much Help

S. LAILE, county clerk at Denver, Col., on a tour of the Middle West to gather data for the building of a \$5,000,000 court-house, visited Indianapolis today.

He looked at Marion County's million dollar seat of government, built so long ago officials couldn't find the plans when they talked of remodeling. "Well, I can't get much here," said Laile.