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Forecast

AIR and somewhat colder tonight; Sunday partly cloudy and colder.

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WILL PUSH DRIVE FOR NEW RULE

Vigorous Campaign Planned
for City Manager
Form.

TO INSTRUCT VOTERS

Executive Committee Win
Be Increased.

An intensive campaign for adoption of the city manager form of government in Indianapolis will begin at once, Charles F. Coffin, city manager chairman, announced today.

Coffin, head of the citizen's committee which sponsored the movement, began last spring, said, "We will use all possible vigor in pushing the drive."

Executive committee members decided to continue the movement and instructed the executive committee from

Charles F. Coffin, vice president and general counsel of the State Life Insurance Company, is chairman of the city manager committee of 1,000.

George V. Coffin, Republican political boss, has no connection whatever with the city manager movement.

twenty-five to fifty and possibly later 100 members, at a meeting at the Chamber of Commerce Friday.

Educate Voters

Present efforts will be education of voters on the benefits of the city manager form. Later the petition asking an election on the question, to which 20,000 signatures already have been obtained, will be filed.

Fred Hoke, chairman; Lucius Wainwright and Franklin Vonnegut were named to select additional committees.

Plan Meetings

Weekly meetings are planned and reorganization of committees will be perfected as soon as additional names are added to the executive body.

The law provides for an election not less than thirty nor more than sixty days after the following filing of the petition with the city clerk who certifies it to the council. Election of commissioners would not be before November, 1927. If the new form was adopted, additional names probably will be secured to the petition.

ST. LOUIS CASE PLEAS DENIED

Judge Baltzell Overrules Mo-
in Rum Probe.

Federal Judge Robert C. Baltzell today overruled demurrers, pleas of jurisdiction and motions to quash service, filed in behalf of nineteen of the thirty-nine defendants in the alleged St. Louis Indiana booze ring.

The persons were indicted recently by a special Federal grand jury on charges of conspiracy to violate the national prohibition law. The case centers about the alleged substitution of water for whisky in \$90 barrels in the Jack Daniel distillery, St. Louis.

SHAW TRIAL DATE SET

Murder Case to Be Started at
Martinsville on Jan. 21.

By United Press
MARTINSVILLE, Ind., Nov. 21.—The third trial of John Thomas Shaw, colored, charged with murder of Mrs. Helen Hager Whelchel in Indianapolis has been set for trial in Morgan Circuit Court, Jan. 21, 1926.

On motion of Prosecutor William H. Remy of Marion County the case was continued from the date of Nov. 30 originally set. S. C. Kivett will defend Shaw again. Kivett was Shaw's lawyer in his second trial held here, when the jury disagreed. Shaw was convicted by a Marion County jury and sentenced to be electrocuted, but given a new trial by the State Supreme Court on a technicality.

DEATH PENALTY SOUGHT

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ENGLAND WILL BURY ALEXANDRA FRIDAY

Mourned Wherever Union Jack Flies, Queen Mother to Be
Laid Beside Late Husband, King Edward.

By Times Special

LONDON, Nov. 21.—Queen Mother Mary Alexandra, mother of King George V, will be buried Friday with royal ceremonies in St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, near London, where she was married to King Edward sixty-two years ago. Many royal burials have taken place there. In St. George's Chapel's vaults where eight of England's kings repose, Queen Alexandra probably

will be laid near King Edward. It was her oft-expressed desire that she be buried in this royal company of the dead.

England will pay her marked tribute of mourning unparalleled since King Edward was buried fifteen years ago. At Westminster Abbey at 11:30 a. m., Friday a memorial service will occur simultaneously with the funeral services at Windsor.

The beloved Queen Mother's death at Sandringham House has plunged the country into the most profound sorrow in living memory.

Theaters are closed.

Laborite Socialists who were discussing the advisability of turning to Bolshevism five years ago, are mourning with the rest of the empire.

The royal mourning period is three months. Queen Victoria's death was mourned officially for a year.

Word came to London that the dowager empress of Russia, sister of Queen Alexandra, is dangerously ill at her villa near Copenhagen.

TESTIMONY FOR BELL IS GIVEN BY WITNESSES

Chicago Appraisal Expert
Cross-Examined by
Attorneys.

After a listless forenoon in which attorneys for the Indiana Bell Telephone Company cross-examined Edward W. Bemis, Chicago appraisal expert, in an effort to upset his \$28,000,000 valuation on Bell property, made for the public service commission, the company this afternoon turned to introduction of its own witnesses.

Thomas R. Keyes, vice president and general auditor of the Indiana Bell, was the company's first witness in the afternoon. Fred C. Dickson and George C. Forey, local investment brokers, at the forenoon session testified for the Bell. Dickson said any utility should enjoy a 7 1/2 per cent return and Forey a 10 1/2 per cent. Bemis, head of the commission's appraisal forces, said that a 6 per cent return is sufficient.

Dickson told Will H. Thompson, Bell counsel, that it would be difficult for the company to sell its securities if the buying public were aware that the company had never paid dividends on its common stock.

It was a significant statement, considering the fact that present rates are higher than Bemis' valuation and proposed rate of return would allow.

Thompson spent the greater part of the forenoon trying to draw from Bemis an admission that gross discrepancies exist in the figures from which he derived the total "fair value."

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As insurance company had reported tires stolen a week ago.

SAW LINCOLN SLAIN

Eye-Witness of Assassination of
President Dies.

By United Press

MARLBOROUGH, Mass., Nov. 21.—William H. Barney, one of the few eye-witnesses of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, died at his home here early today in his 85th year.

FIRE INTERRUPTS DINNER

Chief O'Brien and Mayor Shank
Feted at Headquarters.

Call to duty, as the bell rang, interrupted a farewell dinner city firemen held for Mayor Shank and Fire Chief John J. O'Brien at fire headquarters, New York and Alabama Sts.

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ONE KILLED, FOUR HURT

Gas Explosion Wrecks Frame Build-
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By United Press

MARTINS FERRY, Ohio, Nov. 21.—Fire enveloped the ruins after a two-story frame building was wrecked by a gas explosion here early today in which P. J. Donahue, 22, was killed and four injured seriously, but not fatally.

PACT WINS APPROVAL

German Reichsamt Supports Locarno
Security Treaty.

By United Press

BERLIN, Nov. 21.—The Reichsamt today approved the Locarno safety treaties by a vote of 46 to 4 with fourteen abstaining. The Reichsamt, somewhat similar to the American Senate, has delegations from each German State. The treaties come up next week in the Reichstag on a vote to approve their signing. The passage appears certain.

'BAD BOYS' IS TOPIC

Meeting Sunday Afternoon at Y. M. C. A.

A meeting for boys only will be held at the Y. M. C. A., Sunday at 2:30 p. m. L. C. Murr, a former chaplain at Michigan City, will speak on "What Makes Bad Boys Bad."

Miss Mildred Schmedel will sing and Miss Virginia Manterson will give readings.

BURRIS TO BE SPEAKER

Sectional Rural Education Con-
ference at Auburn Planned.

Benjamin F. Burriss, president of the Indiana State Normal at Muncie, will speak at the tenth sectional conference on rural education at Auburn, Dec. 5. It was announced by the State department of public instruction today.

G. O. P. PAID \$25,264.05

Election Report Filed With City
Clerk by Republicans.

The Republican party paid \$25,264.05 for victory in the recent city election. A report filed by Harry Dunn, Republican city treasurer, with the city clerk today revealed the party collected \$25,785.25. Before the campaign it had \$42.55 in its treasury. A balance of \$563.75 remains.

Principal contributors included Roy Shanberger, newly-appointed board of works member, \$1,000; George Coffin, city chairman, \$610; Postmaster General Harry S. New, \$200; Ralph Lemcke, \$100; Harry Tutewiller, \$500; E. G. Sourbier, Secretary of State Frederick Schortemeyer, and Capt. William Paulsell, of the police prohibition squad, \$50 each.

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TRIP OVER, JOHN SEES 'THE BOYS'

Fugitive Mayor-Elect, at
Courthouse, Looks
Haggard.

NO ONE ELSE NAMED

Office-seekers Talk, but Get
No Promises.

Haggard from a conference with councilmen-elect Friday night which lasted until 2:30 a. m., according to a Klansman, John L. Duvall, mayor-elect, returned from flight today to meet discordant representatives of supporters.

Reports from the night session are that Klan stock is on the up-grade.

"A councilman told me they had agreed to authorize payment of no bills Jan. 15, unless Duvall comes across," Mayor Shank said today.

"Very Satisfied"

"I was very well satisfied with the prospects," said a prominent Klansman, who interviewed the runaway mayor at the county treasurer's office. "He told me to call him by phone at 5 o'clock."

"I'm making no further appointments and do not contemplate any changes in my recent appointments," Duvall said to a Times reporter. He said any reported changes he may make are groundless.

"I have not received any complaints yet, and until I do they'll stand," the mayor-elect emphasized. He said he had received no special requests from the Klan.

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Promises Nothing

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EX-POSTMASTER
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SURVEY UNWISE

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SHANK TO SEEK OPINION

Will Hold Up Ordinance for \$4,200

Advertising Bill.

Mayor Shank today he would ask opinion of the State board of

accounts before submitting to city council the signed ordinance appropriating \$4,200 for publishing the new building code ordinance in a local business newspaper