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Forecast

RAIN changing to snow tonight; colder, lowest temperature, 25 to 30. Saturday, snow flurries and colder.

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PROTECTION IN HIGHWAY FIGHT SEEN

Marion County Representative Charges Organized Attempt to Save Commission—Says Citizens Have Swamped Him.

DUNCAN ALSO IN FAVOR OF SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

Difficulty Foreseen With 'Too Many Persons in Powerful Places Holding Back Movement'—Clark Lislikes Cost.

Charging an organized attempt is being made to shield members of the State highway commission, Frank J. Borna, member of the last Legislature, said today he had been "swamped with complaints" from persons, not only from Indianapolis but the State, protesting against the way the commission had conducted its affairs and asking that a special session of the Assembly be called for another investigation.

Borna said he was in favor of a special session, believing that its cost would save tax payers in the long run.

Duncan in Favor

Russell V. Duncan, another Marion County Representative, said he favored a special session of the Legislature. Charles W. Clark, joint Representative from Marion and Johnson Counties, stated he was undecided due to the cost of such a session.

"I most certainly favor a special session of the Legislature to investigate the highway commission," said Duncan.

"The trouble is, there are too many persons in powerful places, who are holding back this movement. Then too, there is the pressure of 2,500 employees of the commission who are performing services for it."

QUIZ UNDER WAY

Talk of a special session came as Lawrence F. Orr, chief examiner of the State Board of Accounts, launched an investigation of conditions at the State Highway Garage. Examiners are checking the commission's transactions during the fiscal year.

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\$25,000 A YEAR FOR EXECUTIVE

Cincinnati City Manager Is Employed.

By United Press
CINCINNATI, Dec. 4.—Col. Clarence O. Sherrill, superintendent of buildings in Washington, D. C., was on his way back to the capital today, Cincinnati's first city manager. Although there had been no formal vote, Sherrill, it is understood, was told "to go back to Washington and make arrangements to take the job" following a conference with Cincinnati's new city council last night.

The council will meet Saturday at 11 a. m. to name Sherrill, it is said. Sherrill will receive \$25,000 a year, it is reported.

KIPLING IS IMPROVED

Encouraging Bulletin Is Issued by Physicians.

By United Press
BURWASH, Eng., Dec. 4.—Rudyard Kipling passed an indifferent night in his fight against pneumonia, but his strength was maintained and the disease did not spread. This encouraging bulletin was issued today from the poet's estate on the Sussex Downs, but, despite it, there was still anxiety for his fate.

17 MORE SHOPPING DAYS

CHRISTMAS

ROBBERS GET \$8,000

Five Bank Employees Locked up by Illinois Bandits.

By United Press
ROSELLE, Ill., Dec. 4.—Four bandits at the Roselle State Bank today, locked up five employees in a room and escaped with \$8,000.

AMBASSADOR TO ACT

French Debt to Be Settled Through Envoy, It Is Said.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—France is expected to reopen negotiations for settling her \$4,000,000 war debt to America early next year, through the French ambassador to the United States. The work, officials observe here today said, can and will be carried on without a special debt commission.

COOLIDGE FACES SENATE BATTLE ON APPOINTEES

Independent Group Suspicious President 'Stacking' Commissions.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—President Coolidge again will run into a Senate fight over the deluge of appointments he will unload upon that body for confirmation soon after Congress convenes Monday.

The independent group is suspicious that Coolidge is "stacking" the various governmental commissions like the Interstate Commerce Commission, the Shipping Board, the Federal Trade Commission, and the Tariff Commission with men of his own school of thought.

The first tiff starts when the name of Thomas F. Woodlock, New York, of the Interstate Commerce Commission is sent up. His nomination twice failed of action, once in the old Congress and once in the special session.

A second stir will be created over reappointment of Charles W. Hunt, Iowa, to the Federal Trade Commission. It is the contention of the independent group that the personnel of the commission has nullified its effectiveness, and despite the efforts of Senator Cummins, Republican, of Iowa, to round up sympathy for Hunt, his nomination will be opposed.

No new nominations for the Shipping Board and Tariff Commission are expected at the outset, but their personnel will be analyzed in arguments over the other candidates, and when new nominations for these posts are brought forward they will be closely scrutinized.

BRIBING OF U. S. AGENTS BARED

Buckner Says Syndicate Had 'Corruption Department.'

By United Press
NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Revelation of a "corruption department" in a liquor smuggling syndicate which monthly paid thousands of dollars to whole crews of coast guard vessels, Federal agents and others as bribes, made here today by United States Attorney Emory R. Buckner.

Revelation of the syndicate, as elaborately organized as any great corporation, followed the arrest of twenty-five "directors," and the entire crew of United States Coast Guard Cutter No. 119.

Bribes paid by the syndicate, which Buckner announced, was headed by William Dwyer, millionaire race track owner, total millions of dollars. The syndicate, the attorney declared virtually has supplied the entire eastern part of the nation with smuggled whisky.

JURY PONDERS KIP'S 'FREEDOM'

Deliberations Begun After Lengthy Instructions.

By United Press
WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Dec. 4.—The future of Leonard Kip Rhineland and Alice Beatrice Jones as a married couple rests with the jury of twelve West Chester County citizens who for four weeks have listened to the story of the courtship and marriage of the son of a wealthy Huguenot family and the daughter of a negro taxi driver.

After hearing lengthy instructions by Supreme Court Justice Morschauer the jury retired at 11:27 a. m. today to begin its deliberations.

The judge's instructions stressed the point that even though Leonard was deceived as to his wife's color, if he maintained marriage relations with her after learning the true facts then he cannot claim annulment, he asks.

ELKHART PLEA HEARD

State Representative Walter A. Huffman of Elkhart today headed a group of citizens from that city who appealed to the State tax board to hasten action on the Elkhart county tax levy in order that construction might begin on a proposed bridge in the city.

JOHNSON TO HEAD POLICE THIS MONTH

Worley's Hopes Doomed as Mayor Announces New Chief, Named by Duvall, Will Go Into Office Before End of Administration.

WILL SUCCEED RIKHOFF, NAMED ON PARK BOARD

Appointment to Bookwalter's Place Causes Surprise as Members Were Promised They Could Select New Man—Defeat for Klan.

Mayor Shank today announced Claude F. Johnson, appointed police chief by Mayor-Elect John Duvall, will be named chief and take office before the end of the present administration.

Johnson will succeed Police Chief Herman F. Rikhoff, who will resign to become a member of the park board in place of Charles A. Bookwalter, president. Bookwalter is resigning because of ill health.

Rikhoff's appointment came as a surprise to politicians. Mayor Shank Tuesday said he would let the park board members themselves choose a "good Republican."

Defy Duvall

Bookwalter is the only member who has announced he will resign. The others told Mayor Shank Tuesday they had agreed to retain their positions to maintain the non-partisan feature of the park board law, in defiance to Duvall's announced plan of reappointing new members.

Announcement of Shank created dismay among those who hoped to have Claude Worley, Marion County Criminal Court Investigator, named chief.

"My object is to give the people of Indianapolis an open-book administration," said Johnson. "I know I will be subjected to pressure from the politicians, but I believe I will have the support of the public."

Johnson is considered one of Duvall's strongest appointments.

Before Chamber

Duvall's plan to change the personnel of the park board was discussed by the civic affairs committee of the Chamber of Commerce this noon. A report was submitted, citing that the law intended to preserve the park department against periodic raids by office seekers.

"Persons who receive appointment accept the responsibility of public trust for a definite term of four years to carry out both the letter and the intent of the law governing park administration," the report said.

"They should not be any act of resignation, except for compelling reasons," the report said.

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GALES CRIPPLE OCEAN TRAFFIC

Three Die in New Jersey Storm.

By United Press
NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—The storm which has swept the Atlantic seaboard from Florida to Maine raged along the northern coast line last night but was subsiding today.

Shipping was crippled and delayed by gales. Vessels were driven into port, sailings delayed, the naval collier Orion was forced to put back into the Norfolk Navy yard with a buckled hull and the schooner Azum was reported at the mercy of the winds in an almost waterlogged condition off Savannah lights.

The storm caused three fatalities in New Jersey and numerous injuries here. Heavy property damage was done and traffic was generally delayed by the rain.

SNOW AND COLD ARE PREDICTED

Bureau Says More Wintry Weather is Due.

HOURLY TEMPERATURE
6 a. m. 44 10 a. m. 47
7 a. m. 44 11 a. m. 48
8 a. m. 45 12 noon 49
9 a. m. 46 1 p. m. 50

More wintry weather is due in Indianapolis tonight and Saturday, the United States weather bureau forecasting today. Rain, changing to snow is on the night's bill, while temperature is expected to be 25 to 30.

On Saturday snow flurries are predicted, and winds should be strong from the northwest. Temperature was 44 at 7 a. m. 13 degrees above normal and 16 degrees above the mark for the same hour Thursday.

GRAND JURY STARTS ON DUVALL DONATIONS QUIZ

PONZI OFFERS 200% IN 60 DAYS



Charles Ponzi's Florida Real Estate Office. (Inset) Ponzi.

'Bushel Basket Millionaire' Starts New Finance Career.

Note: Charles Ponzi, just freed from prison, has started real estate operations in Florida with a scheme which he claims will enable him to pay back the creditors who lost in his famous Boston racket and to become once again wealthy.

By E. T. Leach

Times Staff Correspondent
ACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 4.—Charles Ponzi, the "bushel basket millionaire," has turned real estate dealer.

Thus far Ponzi hasn't needed any bushel baskets to hold the flood of currency pouring in over his counter, as he did back in Boston in 1920. But before long he may.

For the union of the magic and well-advertised names of Florida and Ponzi, plus a vision of 200 per cent profits in sixty days—already is bringing a growing number of purchasers for his \$10 Florida lots. And within a few days Ponzi promises to declare his first 200 per cent dividend, which he says will immediately bring him hundred of new investors.

Thus Ponzi is starting once more on a career which he declares will far exceed the scope of his operations back in Ple Alley, and which he believes he cannot touch.

Free only a few months from Federal Prison, and with a seven-year State sentence still hanging over his head, the little Italian immigrant declares he has started on the road to vindication and wealth.

"Not that I want to be wealthy," he told me. "I would rather have five thousand a year and happiness than all the millions in the world, with the troubles that accompany them. But I won't help being wealthy."

And this new road to wealth, despite his pictures of profits far greater and more rapid than he

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AUCTION PUTS MORE VALUE ON FURNITURE

Mayor and Controller Gain When Marion Club Furnishings, Bought of Receiver, Are Sold.

Mayor Shank and Joseph L. Hogue, city controller, were considerably richer today as a result of an auction sale of their share of Marion Club furnishings, bought through Frank A. Symmes, club receiver.

Symmes said that the club furniture was in poor condition, but nearly one hundred bidders were eager to purchase the goods for a price rather low, but considerably higher than the cost to Hogue and Shank.

Symmes Saturday sold the furnishings for \$2,831.15 to three Republican politicians, Hogue, Harry Tutewiler, former county commissioners and John A. George, whom Mayor-elect John L. Duvall appointed to the board of safety in the next administration. Shank owns a half of Hogue's interest.

Cash Registers Sold

Five of six cash registers sold by Symmes for \$90 were auctioned for \$23. The large one that tinkled the bad news in the lobby brought \$125, \$35 more than the price Symmes received for the six.

Mayor Shank, who personally directed the work of his auctioneer, apparently was delighted.

"Get a good price for them," he ordered. "Why they cost us \$15 apiece." He chuckled.

Photographs, however, were dull on the market today. Pictures of President Benjamin Harrison, and former Governor Frank M. Lowden, were resold at 50 cents each.

"Who are those fellows?" a colored prospective purchaser asked.

Estimates Approved

Estimates submitted by Symmes were approved by Marion Superior Court Judge Clinton H. Givan.

The Columbia Club is said to have paid \$15,000 a year for use of the club with its furnishings.

However, the club refrigerator,

MANY EXPECTED TO ATTEND BOND FIGHT

More Than 800 to Be at Tax Board Hearing on Remonstrance.

More than 800 persons representing six Indianapolis organizations are expected to attend the hearing on the remonstrance against the \$1,200,000 bond issue for the new Shortridge High School, which will be held by the State tax board at 9:30 a. m. Saturday.

The hearing will be held in the House of Representatives chamber, because of the crowd. The remonstrance was filed ten days ago by the Indiana Taxpayers' Association.

Directors of the Chamber of Commerce at noon adopted a resolution reaffirming approval of the civic affairs committee action in endeavoring to reduce school costs to a minimum with doing injury to the essential school program of erecting much needed new buildings.

The resolution, presented by William Fortune, chairman of the Chamber civic affairs committee, urged that school building programs be carried into effect without delay, after reasonable review had been made.

It is expected that the majority of persons attending the meeting will support the school board. The following organizations will be represented: Indianapolis Real Estate Board, Lions Club, Scientific Club, Shortridge High School Parents' Association.

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\$60,000,000 IS ASKED IN SUIT

Eight Great Radio, Electrical Firms Accused.

By United Press
BOSTON, Dec. 4.—A sixty million dollar damage suit alleging eight nationally known radio and electrical firms have been formed a combination to monopolize the radio industry by destroying competition, was filed against them in Federal court here today by Reginald A. Fessenden.

The organizations named are the General Electric Company, Radio Corporation of America, American Telephone and Telegraph Company, Western Electric Company, Inc., Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, International Radio Telegraph Company, United Fruit Company and the Wireless Specialty Apparatus Company.

Fessenden is an internationally known scientist and inventor," according to his bill of complaint.

His radio discoveries, inventions, patents and patent rights have been destroyed or lessened in value by the combination composed of the organizations named, the complaint says.

RICH YOUTH GUARDED

Jury Disagrees in Criminal Attack Case Against Him.

By United Press
BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Dec. 4.—Police precautions were taken today to guard Arthur C. Rich, son of a wealthy Battle Creek manufacturer, following threats said to have been received as a result of disagreement of the jury in the criminal assault case brought against him by Miss Louise King of Washington, Pa.

Rich was alleged to have criminally attacked Miss King on the golf links of the Battle Creek Country Club following an automobile ride on which considerable drinking was said to have occurred.

Prosecutor Remy Investigates to Determine Whether Contributions to Mayor-Elect's Campaign Fund Violated Corrupt Practices Act.

CONTRACTORS AND PAVEMENT COMPANIES IN FIRST REPORT

Clyde Robinson and Asphalt Company Employee Called to Give Facts—Thorough Probe of Matter and Prosecution Promised.

The Marion County grand jury today began an investigation to determine whether paving interests and corporations contributed to the campaign fund of Mayor-Elect John L. Duvall.

Contributions from several paving companies and contractors were listed in a financial report of Clyde E. Robinson, treasurer of the Duvall-for-Mayor Club, filed in city clerk's office, and later corrected to take out the names of corporations.

Robinson and Charles Duvall, who Robinson said in his report correction, gave him the money originally credited to the paving interests, were before the grand jury this morning.

The grand jury investigation was ordered by Prosecutor William H. Remy late Thursday. Deputy Prosecutor William Shaeffer began work at once and took evidence before the grand jury.

Others to Be Called

Schaeffer said other witnesses will be called before the jurors.

It was learned a copy of the contribution list filed with the city clerk was studied by the jurors and each contribution explained by Robinson. Robinson was said to have produced receipts for each contribution which he claims was personal.

Robinson is said to have asserted that the first report made was incorrect and denied that any corporation gave any sum.

Duvall, it is understood, insisted he only collected contributions given him by friends. He denied he ever solicited for any money. Some of the "friends" who contributed are expected to be subpoenaed before the grand jury.

Remy promised a thorough investigation of the contributions.

"If any evidence is secured that the corrupt practices act has been violated, prosecutions will follow," he said.

Contributions by a corporation or any officer or agent of a corporation to election fund of any candidate for office is prohibited in the corrupt practices law.

At least one corporation, the Granite Sand and Gravel Company, was listed in Robinson's report. The corporation was credited with giving \$250.

W. B. Miller, president of the company, refused to affirm or deny to a Times reporter Thursday that his concern had made the gift.

The "Union Asphalt" was credited in the report with giving \$500. Mrs. C. F. Fitch, secretary and treasurer of the Union Asphalt Construction Company, also incorporated, denied that her firm had made any gift.

Second Report

In a supplementary report filed late Wednesday after a Times photograph of the original statement, Robinson said the contributions from the Union Asphalt and Granite Sand and Gravel Company and \$800 listed from the Gravel Association, were listed incorrectly.

He said he had received those contributions from Charles Duvall. Duvall is superintendent of the Granite Sand and Gravel Company and was named a member of the park board by Mayor-elect Duvall.

Both of the reports filed by Robinson were still at city clerk's office this morning.

Food Companies Gave

Contributions by food supply companies to the Duvall campaign were shown by a check of the report of Harry Dunn, treasurer for the Republican city committee.

Mayor-elect Duvall filed his personal expense list late Thursday. A \$130 contribution from William C. Buser was the only contribution listed. Expenses were not listed. Buser, Duvall's brother-in-law, has been named city controller of the new administration.

Duvall said in the report: "I agreed to two recommendations for positions which were canceled previous to my becoming a candidate," the report said.

WOOD VETOES MEASURE

Referendum on Philippine Independence Overruled, Report.

By United Press
MANILA, Dec. 4.—It is understood that Governor General Leonard Wood has vetoed the measure passed by the Philippine legislature, providing for a referendum on the independence question. No definite statement however, has been made at the Governor's office. It is believed that the measure was vetoed on the ground that a referendum would accomplish nothing and would waste money.

DARROW TO BE IN TRIAL HERE

Noted Criminal Lawyer Confers About Case.

Clarence Darrow, noted Chicago criminal attorney, and Eph Imman, criminal lawyer, today appeared in the office of the United States district attorney as counsel for Daniel Levy, Philadelphia, under \$7,500 bond for using the United States mails to defraud. They conferred with the defendant and United States District Attorneys Albert Ward, Alexander Cavins and William Mitchell.

Levy formerly was head of the Fourteen Oil Producers Consolidated, Inc., in Chicago and Gary, and is alleged to have defrauded persons of about \$18,000 in a stock selling scheme.

He was arraigned in Federal Court No. 14, and pleaded not guilty, after being brought here from Tampa, Fla. His trial is set for Dec. 14. Levy returned from Chicago today with Darrow, who left shortly after noon for Chicago.

SEARCH WRITS FLAYED AGAIN

Judge Collins Frees Two on Liquor Charges.

Two men were freed on charges of violating the prohibition law today by Criminal Judge James A. Collins after he sustained motions to quash the evidence obtained by search warrants. Judge Collins reaffirmed his opinion made last Tuesday when he ruled an officer had no authority to search a home without first having knowledge of law violation and probable cause.

Those released were Charles Asios, 345 Ketchum St., and Sam Davis, 322 Fulton St. Asios was indicted on a charge of unlawful possession of a still after he was arrested by Federal Prohibition Officer George Winkler.

Davis appealed from city court where he was fined \$100 and costs and sentenced thirty days on the Indiana State Farm on a blind tiger charge.

150 CANDIDATES TO BE INITIATED

Imperial Potentate Special Guest of Shrine.

About 150 candidates for the Shrine were to be initiated at Murat Temple this afternoon. Imperial Potentate James C. Burger of Denver, Colo., was special guest.

Uniformed organizations were to escort Burger from the Union Station to the Temple at 2:30, if weather permitted.

The ceremony will begin at 8:30 p. m., following lunch in the banquet room, which opens at 3:30. Burger will speak informally.

Entertainment for Mrs. Burger, who accompanied her husband, was provided by a committee named by Potentate Charles J. Orblson. A theater party will be held for women following dinner at the Severin.