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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 Lislites Cost.

Charging an organized attempt is being made to shield members of the State highway commission, Frank J. Burns, 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. Burns said he was in favor of a special session, believing that its cost would save tax payers in the long run.

Duncan in Favor

Russel 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 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 2,800 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 (Turn to Page 30)

\$25,000 A YEAR FOR EXECUTIVE

Cincinnati City Manager Is Employed.

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.

BURWASH, Eng., Dec. 4.—Rudyard Kipling passed an indifferent night in his fight against pneumonia, but the disease 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

ELKHART PLEA HEARD

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, official observers 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 Tarriff 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.

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Defy Duvall

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Before Chamber

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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 was 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 Rhinelander 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 Huegenot family and the daughter of a negro taxi driver.

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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.

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.

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A second stir will be created over reappointment of Charles W. Hunt, Iowa, to the Federal Trade Commission. It is the contention of the independents 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.

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GALES CRIPPLE OCEAN TRAFFIC

Three Die in New Jersey Storm.

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