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U.S. STARTS STATE ROAD BOARD QUIZ

District Attorney Ward Says He Is Ready to Investigate Muddle Concerning Highway Commission Sale of War Materials.

GRAND JURY CALL IS ASKED BY WASHINGTON

Government Official States Facts Are Before Him and He Will Study Them During Holidays—'Too Busy' Short Time Ago.

Federal investigation of the State highway commission sale of war machinery was started today.

United States District Attorney Albert Ward said:

"Now I'm ready to look into the highway commission trouble."

Ward said he had all the information before him and expected to go into the situation during the holidays.

Grand Jury Call

Along with this, came word that Attorney General Harry Sargent had telephoned Ward to call the Federal grand jury as soon as possible to consider a certain case.

Ward did not link the two incidents together, but it is thought that Washington authorities have ordered the investigation.

The Federal Grand Jury will assemble in Indianapolis Jan. 12, and will go into session the following day.

Ward, prior, had said he "didn't have time to investigate the case but would get to it as soon as possible."

State men are now under indictment in Marion County Criminal Court on charge of conspiracy to embezzle. They are: Earl Crawford, highway commissioner; John D. Williams, commission director; George Bartley, former garage superintendent, and George Whaley, M. L., and Victor Goldberg, junk dealers.

The indictment bonds that the War Department ordered war materials and machinery to be distributed in various States for road-making purposes, and that if it was not to be placed on sale privately, it was charged that more than \$8,000,000 worth of such machinery was received in Indiana and the proceeds received from the sale of a large part of it was barely sufficient to pay freight charges.

Symposium Taken

A symposium conducted by The Indianapolis Times in connection with calling a special session of the Legislature to investigate the commission, showed that seven Representatives and Senators favored a special session, while forty-one were opposed.

It also showed that three were neutral. Seventeen favored the highway commission, thirteen opposed it and twenty-one were neutral.

Several months it was disclosed that operatives from the United States Department of Justice had been in Indianapolis checking up on affairs of the commission. Ward at first denied knowledge that such an investigation was in progress, but later admitted it had been brought to his attention.

The Marion County indictment against members of the commission and their associates has been forwarded to Ward, who, in turn, had sent it to Washington. It was returned with instructions to do as he saw fit.

M'NAMARA PLEA FILED

Iron Worker Takes Appeal to Supreme Court.

Attorneys for John J. McNamara, official of the local iron workers' union convicted of conspiracy to commit blackmail, filed an appeal to Supreme Court. McNamara is out on bond pending decision on the appeal. If the conviction is sustained he will be compelled to serve one to five years in prison.

SPEEDING TRAIN LEAVES RAILS

Challenge for Santa Claus Helpers

Let's Make It a Hundred Families We've Helped This Christmas.

COME on folks. Let's make it a hundred by Christmas day. When this was written more than sixty needy families had been put in touch with kind-heater Santa Claus assistants who will see that they have a happy Christmas. This, through The Times Santa Claus department.

And since then more families have been checked off the list with assurance that there will be no empty stocking for them since.

That's the way it goes for the Santa Claus Editor. He just gets the (Turn to Page 3)

HEALTH BOARD WINS VERDICT OVER DR. KING

Injunction, Preventing Trying of Secretary, Is Killed.

Members of the State board of health were preparing today to press charges against Dr. William F. King, secretary of the board, following a court decision in favor of the board members by Circuit Judge Z. E. Dougan at Danville, Friday.

Judge Dougan sustained a demurrer filed by the members of the board, thus in effect overruling an injunction against board members issued by Circuit Judge Clinton H. Givian.

The injunction prevented board members from trying Dr. King. The board members took a change of venue to Hendricks County.

King was charged with discharging health board employees without the knowledge and consent of the board, and with obtaining money from the United States Census Bureau for services while drawing a salary from the State.

One of the members of the board said that the charges against Dr. King had been put in the hands of an attorney and that legal proceed will be used in bringing the board secretary to trial before the board members.

"So far as I am concerned, I have nothing to say," was Dr. King's only comment.

SALARY SLASH RULING MONDAY

Hearing Held on Finance Committee Action.

Judge Harry G. Chamberlin will rule Monday on a demurrer to a suit to enjoin the State auditor from paying \$6,002 a year salaries to members of the public service commissioners, following a hearing today in Circuit Court. Alvah J. Rucker, attorney for Lowell H. Patterson, plaintiff, contended that the State finance committee named by Governor Jackson had a right to reduce the commissioners' salaries to \$5,000 a year.

He argued the committee had authority to cut the salaries of all State employees, high and low. Rucker cited a number of briefs which were referred to Judge Chamberlin for consideration.

Attorney General Arthur L. Gilmore declared the committee's act in cutting the salaries was unconstitutional. He declared that State officers elected to office were not to be considered the same as "employees" who were appointed to their positions.

EX-MINISTER INDICTED

Federal Jury Alleges He Swindled Hundreds of Clergymen.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 19.—Among thirty-eight indictments rendered here by the Federal grand jury is one against William E. Etchells, former Baptist minister of Kirkwood, Mo., charged with having swindled clergymen throughout the country of \$275,000 by means of a fake oil project.

Etchells is alleged to have promoted wildcat drilling operations by advertising through the preachers' magazine, which he edits. About 2,000 ministers are thought to have been swindled.

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TWO STORES LOSE \$1,200 IN JEWELRY

Window Smasher Hurts Brick Through Glass in Downtown Shops—Timelines, Other Small Articles Taken.

WESTERN UNION GIRL GIVES POLICE CLEW

Woman Finds Pearl Necklace, Dropped on Street—Other Robberies and Hold-ups Reported to Police Department.

Windows of two downtown jewelry stores were smashed early today and jewelry worth approximately \$1,200 taken.

A padded brick was used in both instances.

Watches and other small jewelry valued at \$900 were taken from the window of the Evard Jewelry Company at 26 Monument Pl., according to Harry Evard, 1124 N. New Jersey St., manager.

Six watches, worth \$384.50, were taken from the window of the Hamilton Jewelry Company, 9 N. Meridian St., S. Seka, 1441 Fairfield Ave., president of the company, said.

Police said the same man is believed to have done both jobs.

Seen By Girl

A slight clew was obtained from a Western Union girl.

She said as she came to work about 6 a. m. this morning, a roughly dressed man stopped her in front of White's cafeteria and tried to prevent her from passing him. She described the man.

Evard said the robbery was discovered shortly after 6 a. m. when a woman found a pearl necklace on the street which the robber had dropped.

Bandits Lose

Two holdup men fared badly early today when they attacked Jerry Hollowell, colored, 3505 N. Pennsylvania St. Hollowell told police the men knocked him down near his home and searched him, but he had nothing.

Curry Patterson, colored, 24, of 2430 Northwestern Ave., told police that he was riding his bicycle at Twenty-First and Northwestern Ave., when two white men held him up and took \$22 from him.

The Standard Oil filling station, Massachusetts Ave., and North St., reported \$57 taken from the safe.

A burglar "limbed" a window at the home of Mrs. L. J. Husbands, 321 E. Thirty-Sixth St., visiting in Florida, and took a \$6 gun.

Martin Dobson, 2209 Central Ave., reported her hen house raided and thirty fowls valued at \$40 taken.

Mrs. Anna McKinney, 20 E. Le Grande Ave., said \$45 was picked from her pocket downtown. Miss Mary Coleman, 638 Madison Ave., reported a similar loss of \$5.

FALL, DOHENYS LOSERS AGAIN

Rehearing Denied on Validity of Indictments.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The District of Columbia Court of Appeals today denied Albert B. Fall, Edward L. Doheny and Edward L. Doheny, Jr., a rehearing on the validity of the bribery indictments returned against them. The court recently held the indictments valid, reversing a lower court.

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