

SAYS 1,800 S. H. S. PLAN IS MISTAKE

Shortridge Principal Opposes Proposal for School With Less Capacity.

FORESEES CONGESTION

Would Have 2,500 Pupils as Now, He Says.

Erection of a new Shortridge High School to accommodate 1,800 pupils at Thirty-Fourth and Meridian Sts., as proposed by the school board and some Shortridge patrons would be a mistake, George Buck, Shortridge principal, said today.

Probably 2,500 or more pupils would attend the new school and the situation would be identical with the one now prevailing at the school at Pennsylvania and Michigan Sts., Buck stated.

This school has a capacity of 1,800, but for the past five years has been overcrowded and now about 2,700 children attend school there in jammed quarters.

Not Antagonistic

"I do not want to take an antagonistic stand against the proposition, but I do believe erection of a school for 1,800 pupils would be a mistake," he said.

Buck declared the only solution for the problem was construction of a building for 2,500 pupils.

He said if the new building is erected, teachers and persons in touch with handling the children will have to wage another battle against overcrowding.

Buck stated that the junior high school program which the board has in mind to support the smaller high school, "is in the experimental stage." He said he was not against the junior high school program, but believed that with it in status, the larger school should be erected.

No Official Action

The principal further declared that construction of the Washington and Crispus Attucks High Schools, for Negroes and west side pupils, will not take enough children from Shortridge to aid conditions.

The board has taken no official action on the question of putting Shortridge at Thirty-Fourth St. or on the type of building to be erected, but it has announced it favors putting this type of structure on the site and supporting the school with junior high schools in Broad Ripple, Irvington and possibly on the south side.

It is the general feeling among Indianapolis Public School Welfare Association members that erection of the 1,800 capacity school at Thirty-Fourth St. immediately will solve the problem. This association took court action to prevent the board from selling this site and buying another on Forty-Sixth St., between Central Ave. and Washington Blvd.

HOOR OF LEE'S ARRIVAL SECRET

Alleged Murderer Believed on Way Here.

If officials knew the hour Ralph Lee, Indianapolis desperado, alleged slayer, bank robber, highway robber and escaped convict was due to arrive from Buffalo, N. Y., they kept it secret. It was believed officials were guarding against a demonstration when the prisoner is brought back by Prosecutor Remy's detectives, Jess McMurtry and Harry McGinn.

A small crowd gathered around Union Station gates Thursday night to glimpse the criminal following announcement by Remy that Lee was en route here. Subsequent telegrams to Remy from the detectives, however, contained the information their trip had been delayed and that they would start back today.

Lee faces a trial for his life. He is charged with murdering Abner Peek, Speedway City grocer, in a hold-up July 3, 1924. After the slaying he escaped jail, fled to Tennessee, was convicted of highway robbery and sent to prison. He engineered a daring prison break April 9 for fifteen prisoners. They robbed a bank and he fled to Buffalo, where Indiana's claim won for his custody.

DAWES BANK MERGER?

Combination Would Be Fourth Largest in Chicago.

By United Press
CHICAGO, April 23.—The bank founded by Vice President Charles G. Dawes, the Central Trust Company of Illinois is to be merged with another downtown Chicago bank to form the city's fourth largest banking concern, according to reports in the financial district. The merger would have deposits of about \$140,000,000.

HOURLY TEMPERATURE

6 a. m.	54	10 a. m.	60
7 a. m.	55	11 a. m.	61
8 a. m.	55	12 (noon)	62
9 a. m.	58	1 p. m.	64

Dobbin Likes Massage



Sgt. Thomas White, Battery A, 3d Field Artillery, Ft. Benjamin Harrison, demonstrating new electric vacuum machine for grooming the Army's horses and mules.

Necessity was the mother—and father, too—of the invention of Capt. A. C. Fitzhugh, commanding Battery A, 3d Field Artillery, stationed at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, for grooming and massaging the Army's horses and mules. The animals suffered from lack of care, it is said, when the Army personnel was reduced.

The machine, closely related to the household vacuum cleaner, cleans two horses in the same time a man can do the work on one. It is strapped to the groom, either in knapsack fashion or suspended from the shoulders to his side.

The animals on which the machine has been used are said to be pleased with its operation.

You Speak of Mother Love! Read of Muriel's

'I SEE,' SAID BLIND MAN

Beggar Arrested When He Picks Up Dollar Bill.

By United Press
KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 23.—Emil Porter, a "blind" beggar, was arrested here when he picked up a dollar bill dropped by a detective.

STORK HAS TWIN HABIT

Brings Five Pairs to Oakland Hospital in Two Weeks.

By United Press
OAKLAND, Cal., April 23.—The stork is developing a twin complex in this section. At the Fabiola Maternity Hospital five pairs of twins have arrived in two weeks. The average of twin births at the institution has been twelve a year.

SOLDIERS GUARD TRIAL

Bayonets Ring in Courthouse as Three Face Attack Charges.

By United Press
MADISONVILLE, Ky., April 23.—Bayonets of 300 soldiers ringed the Hopkins County courthouse today as Columbus Hollis, Nathan Bard and Bunyan Fleming, alleged Negro bandits, went on trial for the criminal attack on Miss Nell Briethaupt, 16-year-old white girl.

T. R. FOR MODIFICATION

Young Roosevelt Believes It Will Check Murder, Crime.

By United Press
PORTON, April 23.—Modification or repeal of the Volstead act is necessary to check the murder and other crimes that have followed in its wake, Theodore Roosevelt said at the annual dinner of the Bureau of Advertising of the American Newspaper Publishers Association here.

CHURCH HAS CONTEST

Temperance Will Be Topic of Young People Tonight.

Young people of First Friends Church, Thirtieth and Alabama Sts., will have a temperance contest tonight. Miss Martha E. Bennett, religious education director, said the winner of the contest will represent the church at the yearly meeting of Friends at Plainfield in August.

Walter Johnson, Robert Taylor, Donald Wright, Ann Carson, Elma Hockett and Robert Jennings will participate.

BIG USED CAR SHOW

Will Be Held at Riverside Park, June 5 to 13.

Indianapolis will have a selected used car show with special sales features at Riverside Park, June 5 to 13, it was announced today by Marvin Thornton and Mark F. Rhodes of Riverside Park. Automobile dealers are cooperating in the affair.

The show will be ushered in by a parade of cars through the downtown streets. Lew Shank, former mayor, will be in charge of the special sales. Each dealer will have five cars at the show.

REPORT TWO MISSING

Girl, 16, Falls to Return Home—City Searched.

Police searched the city for two missing persons today.

Dorothy Meyers, 16, left her home at 1427 S. Illinois St., and failed to return. She was wearing a gray coat and red hat. She has brown eyes and hair.

Cincinnati (Ohio) police asked a search be made for Donald Doelker, 11, who ran away from home. He has a gray suit and cap, tan shoes and carried a tan hand bag.

CZAR URGES TIGHTENING OF DRY LAW

Andrews Says Congress Must Pass Unit Organization Bill.

BEFORE SENATE INQUIRY

Little Chance Seen for Any Change—Dever Heard.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, April 23.—Reappearing as a witness, this time on the dry side, Lincoln C. Andrews, Federal dry czar, told the Senate prohibition investigation committee today that Congress must enact the prohibition unit reorganization bill before adjournment if the law is to be enforced efficiently.

Andrews said the coast guard had made run running unprofitable and he hopes to do the same for illicit manufacture if Congress authorizes the reorganization he has planned for July 1.

Reviews Record

Andrews reviewed his work, showing he had stopped issuance of alcoholic permits and diversion of sacramental wines.

Little hope is held for passage of the bill, or any measure tightening or modifying the Volstead act. Such measures have no places on the program of either House. The west command a minority in the Senate which they believe can stop the Andrews bill.

Mayor Dever of Chicago was another witness today. Resuming his testimony of Thursday he said bootleggers and beer makers besiege the city from suburban rendezvous. He said the city has no public vice resorts in the city itself.

Dever criticized some judges, who he said, interfere with our work, because they do not believe in prohibition law and refuse to think the people believe in it.

HAYNES DEFENDS LAW

Tells Dry Rally Attacks Only Show Prohibition Is Effective.

By United Press
DETROIT, April 23.—Public opinion passed the Eighteenth Amendment and is maintaining the law and the bitter attacks on prohibition only go to show that prohibition is effective, Roy Haynes, Federal prohibition commissioner, told the Michigan Anti-Saloon League today.

"A law that is a dead letter challenges no opposition from its foes," Haynes said.

He declared enforcement is tightening, pointing to the increased personnel, increased equipment of the coast guard and efforts of friendly foreign powers to stamp out liquor smuggling. He scoffed that prohibition had increased crime.

SQUARE; SLAIN, REPORT

Police Hear Wrestler Killed Because He Would Not "Throw" Bout.

By United Press
CHICAGO, April 23.—Reports that Andrew Anderson, prize fighter and wrestler, was murdered for failure to comply with the demands of gamblers that he "throw" a bout with Wayne (Big) Munn, were placed before authorities today for investigation.

Anderson was shot down and killed in a Cicero (Ill.) saloon nearly two months ago. Police at the time followed a theory that Anderson had been involved in a beer war.

ENGLISH GETS SUMMONS

Ordered to Answer Impeachment on May 3.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, April 23.—Federal Judge George W. English of the eastern district of Illinois was summoned today by the Senate to appear May 3 in answer to impeachment proceedings instituted against him by the House of Representatives for misuse of his judicial position.

An order making the official summons was proposed by Chairman Cummings of the Judiciary Committee and adopted without objection.

WATSON FOR FARM AID

Says Senate Must Consider Relief Before Adjournment.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, April 23.—Senator Watson of Indiana has told the Senate that it will consider agricultural relief legislation before adjournment "if I have anything to do with it."

Senate program includes the Elliott Public Buildings bill, the Watson-Parker railroad labor peace bill, the McFadden banking bill and the farm relief.

TO VOTE AT COURTHOUSE

Those Who Cannot Go to Polls May Give Ballots to Clerk.

Starting Saturday morning and continuing until next Saturday persons who cannot vote at the primary, May 4, may vote in person on the third floor of the courthouse. Albert H. Losche, county clerk, said today.

Losche said about 1,000 persons have applied for ballots with which to vote by mail.

BELL OF '76 OVER RADIO SAVES SHIP

Epic Battle With Seas Told by Skipper After 130-Day Voyage.

By Times Special
SAN PEDRO, Cal., April 23.—"We had given ourselves up for lost on Christmas day and were waiting for our fate when we decided to play a game of pinocle so we could forget our troubles. I turned on the radio and the sounding of the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia came clear and strong. 'We can't give up now boys,' I said and we broke up the game and got to work."

So runs the wild tale of Skipper Allan Rosendal, who brought his four masted lumber schooner Irene into port Thursday after a maddening 130-day voyage.

On Dec. 14, the Irene left Grays Harbor, Wash., bound for Miami in a race with another ship.

Woman a Jinx

The crew of seven at the start feared a jinx, because the wife of the skipper was aboard. They never knew of any good luck attending a sailing ship that carried a woman.

First, heavy winds drove the ship hundreds of miles off her course, far out to sea. From then on, it was a tale of head winds, doldrums and freaks of weather that held the ship helpless.

The Irene was blown as far south as the equator and at times was wallowing in the seas 2,000 miles off the North American coast. Once she was about to put into Tahiti when the wind changed.

Near Honolulu

Then she was near Honolulu and there was rejoicing, but winds raced her back toward the American coast.

Food had long ago given out. The crew caught dolphin, bonito and many sharks which followed the helpless ship, hopeful it would break apart. The steady diet of fish weakened the crew. Rainwater was caught in the ship's spread of canvas and doled out in small portions by Mrs. Rosendal.

"Our radio was the thing that kept us from going crazy," said Mrs. Rosendal.

TAXES IN INDIANA \$3,000,000 MORE

Estimate on Increase in Year Made by Auditor.

Nearly \$3,000,000 more taxes are being collected in Indiana this year than last, State Auditor L. S. Bowman, reported today after completing his tax report for the 1926 yearbook.

Last year the various divisions of State, county and township, Governments collected \$126,963,353 based on 1924 valuations. This year a total of \$129,734,145 is being collected on the same basis. Marion County, with an appraised valuation of \$741,638,770 is to pay \$20,117,162. The total State valuation last year was \$5,215,576,485 of which \$1,487,360,785 was in lands.

Forty-two per cent of the total State taxes went to schools, 18 per cent to roads and 12 per cent to the State, Bowman estimated.

PLAN CONTEMPT TRIAL

Gilliom and Legal Aids Confer in Shumaker Case.

Plans for trying contempt charges against Superintendent Edward S. Shumaker of the Anti-Saloon League and two of his associates before the State Supreme Court May 11 were laid today at a conference between Attorney General Arthur L. Gilliom and his co-counsel, Solon J. Carter and Will H. Thompson.

Gilliom later was to file additional information against Shumaker and Ethan A. Miles and Jess E. Martin, league attorneys, to prove that the League's 1925 report criticizing the Supreme Court's attitude was intended for general distribution. The new data includes copies of the Indiana edition of the American Issue, organ of the League.

SEVEN PERISH IN FIRE

Philadelphia Tenement Burns—Six Suffocated.

By United Press
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 23.—Seven Negroes are dead as the result of a fire that coursed through a four-story brick store and tenement here today. Six of the victims were suffocated and the other was killed by jumping to the pavement from the fourth floor.

WHEAT CROP IS SAVED

Rains Break Drouth of Many Weeks in Nebraska.

By United Press
OMAHA, Neb., April 23.—Rains in many sections of the State today broke a drouth of many weeks and probably will save the Nebraska wheat crop.

School Boy Fights Way Back From Death for Third Time

Rousing from stupor at Methodist Hospital today, Donald Spicer, 7, of 1234 King Ave., appeared to be winning his third encounter with death in a year.

Donald walked into the path of an automobile driven by Clayton Swift, Thirty-First St. and Lafayette Rd., last Friday afternoon in front of School 75, at Fourteenth St. and Belle View Pl. The lad had disobeyed a schoolboy traffic officer's signal.

They picked him up—one of the year's auto victims—a first grade schoolboy. Brain concussion, a skull fracture, high fever, superinduced by his nervousness, and a threat of meningitis was a pretty heavy load for an undersized convalescent. Just a few weeks before—when school resumed after spring vacation—Donald had gone back to school after a siege of pneumonia.

Before he had the pneumonia, Donald had the measles. He has been at school about one month since September. His chief concern as he became conscious was that he could go back to school.

FRIENDS OF M'GRAY TO GET ASSETS

Tentative Report of Master in Chancery Favors Goodrich Pool.

EXPECTED TO BE FILED

Trustee Sought General Distribution to Creditors.

Business men headed by former Governor James P. Goodrich, who loaned \$350,000 to former Governor Warren T. McCray just before he went bankrupt, will be allowed to retain the best assets of McCray turned over to them by McCray, Solon J. Carter, special master in chancery, indicated today.

Carter has prepared a tentative report on the matter, he disclosed holding that McCray violated the Federal bankruptcy act in soliciting the loan.

Peters, trustee in bankruptcy for McCray, endeavored to obtain these assets to liquidate many of McCray's debts.

It was indicated that the report, to be filed in Federal court, will hold McCray guilty of "hindering, delaying and defrauding creditors."

The men who placed money in the Goodrich pool, however, are not held responsible, it is said, because they were, at the time, unaware of McCray's financial condition and contributed to the fund in good faith.

This was learned following an informal hearing before Carter with legal counsel for Peters and the Actua Trust and Savings Company, trustees of the fund.

McCray is serving a ten-year sentence at Atlanta penitentiary for using the mails to defraud. Subject of his release, because of his failing health has been nationally discussed recently.

CONVENTION ADJOURNED

Police Hold Assembly of Bootleggers at Chicago.

By United Press
CHICAGO, April 23.—"Convention is adjourned," announced Chairman Joe Sattis, when police invaded the spring meeting of Chicago bootleggers. The delegates are now in jail.

ASK TO SELL STOCK

Water Company Seeks Issuance of \$404,300 Preferred.

The Indianapolis Water Company asked the public service commission today for authority to issue and sell \$404,300 preferred stocks to reimburse its treasury for money spent on additions and betterments. The issue is to consist of 4,043 shares, worth \$100 each.

BREAK IN ON GAME

Ten Negroes Arrested by Police in Early Morning Raid.

Sergeant Orrel Chitwood and squad raided a house at 329 Osage St. early today and interrupted an alleged poker game. The officers had been informed that the game would not start until after midnight.

Robert Harris, 22, Negro, of that address was charged with keeping a gambling house. Nine Negroes were charged with visiting a gambling house and one of them, William Findley, 22, of 242 W. Vermont St., was charged with carrying concealed weapons. Police said they found a revolver in his pocket.

FLOODS TAKE 8 LIVES

Streams in Texas on Rampage Following Torrential Rains.

By United Press
DALLAS, Texas, April 23.—Flood conditions existed today in virtually all streams of southeastern Texas as the result of torrential rains.

Eight persons have died from drowning or lightning in the last few days.

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By United Press
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Haugen announced that he intended to increase the proposed revolving fund in his bill from \$250,000,000 to \$350,000,000.

Just what is the equalization fee? As written into the bill first proposed by the farm organizations, it is a charge to be made to the producer on each bushel or other measure of a major food crop. In the farmers' original bill, wheat, cattle and swine were the products to be so taxed. This charge, which might be 5 to 10 cents per bushel on wheat, for example, would create a fund which could be used to defray losses which would be sustained in dumping the surplus crop abroad and selling it at the world price.

The idea is that by taking the surplus off the domestic market the home price will go up enough to recompense the farmer three or four times over for the charge per bushel or per pound that he pays.

DROPS DEAD IN PARK

John Allen, 70, Negro, 1003 E. Seventeenth St., for twenty-eight years a city fireman, recently an employee of the park department, dropped dead while at work in Douglas Park today.

TROLLEY, TRAIN CRASH

Lives of Sixty-Six Passengers Endangered in Collision.

By United Press
GARY, Ind., April 23.—Seven persons were hurt, none seriously, when a street car crashed onto a Pennsylvania passenger train today. Loss of life was prevented by the motorman, who stuck with his control. Sixty-six passengers were on the car.

CONDUCTOR FOUND DEAD

Big Four Employee Succumbs at Hotel—Heart Disease Blamed.

O. T. Hyer, about 50, Columbus, Ohio, Big Four passenger conductor, was found dead at 12:30 p. m. today in his room at the Sherman House. G. L. Fry, who lives in an adjoining room, reported that he heard violent noises in Hyer's room. When entrance was gained to the room, Hyer was dead. Fry said he believed heart disease caused the death. Coroner Paul F. Robinson was summoned. The widow survives.

\$11,925 LOOT IS NIGHT'S WORK OF THIEVES IN CITY

Thirteen Autos, Cigarets and Rings Taken—Safe Is Robbed.

Thieves took loot valued at \$11,925 during the night, police records showed today.

Robbery of a safe netted yeggs \$150. Burglars broke into a cigar dealer's warehouse and made off with 150,000 cigarettes valued at \$1,400. Auto bandits stole thirteen autos and a motorcycle of total value of at least \$10,000.

John Grubb, 114 N. Senate Ave., an employee at the Otto Schaff barber shop, 120 S. Illinois St., opened the shop this morning and found the safe moved to the dressing room. Schaff said the combination had either been worked or the safe was not locked when the shop was closed. A rear window had been broken open and \$150 was missing.

Burglars broke the locks on the rear doors at the Meyer Cigar Company, 401 S. Illinois St., and bored a hole through an inner partition large enough for a man to crawl through, police said.

Doors then were opened an 190,000 cigarettes valued at \$1,400 carted away.

Report of a diamond ring theft boosted the value of loot obtained in north side jewelry robberies in the last six weeks to near \$10,000.

Mrs. Minnie Anthony, 1226 N. Illinois St., reported her wedding ring and diamond ring, total value \$250, had been stolen. She last saw them Monday.

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NEW OFFER ON FRENCH DEBT MADE

\$25,000,000 Annually for First Five Years, Says Ambassador.

\$120,000,000 LATER

Drops Security Clause for 'Gentleman's Pact.'

By United Press
WASHINGTON, April 23.—France today made a new offer to settle its \$4,277,000,000 debt to America.

The terms presented to the American Debt Commission by French Ambassador Berenger, it was learned, were:

1. Annual payments of \$25,000,000 for the first five years.
2. Payments of \$60,000,000 to \$80,000,000 per year for the next five years.
3. Payments of \$120,000,000 per year for a period of fifty-two years.

France dropped a previous demand for insertion of a "security clause" in the agreement after having been assured that her paying capacity would be taken into consideration should it be seriously impaired during the period of refunding the debt. It is understood that France seeks, however, assurance that she could, in case of extreme need, have a two-year period of grace or reduced term—the difference to be made up in following years.

The session lasted less than thirty minutes, but the conferees will meet again tomorrow.

Some American commissioners indicated they would not be satisfied with the \$25,000,000 initial figure since it represented only about \$5,000,000 more than the French are now paying as interest.

IMMINENT, SAYS BRIAND

Will Resign if Cabinet Fails to Approve Accord.

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The city of Indianapolis was named defendant in a suit filed in Superior Court Tuesday by Preston C. Rubush and Edgar O. Hunter, architects, for drawings and specifications said to have been provided the park commissioners at a cost of \$12,775. The architects seek to collect \$12,775 judgment.

Suit alleges plans and specifications were made for a recreation building and swimming pool for Rhodius Park for \$4,275, and bathing pavilion and pool for Brookside Park for \$9,500. Complaint charges the plaintiffs received \$500 on each of these claims.

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