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WARD SAYS POLITICIANS 'CUT NO ICE'

District Attorney Denies Squibb Inquiry Is Being Delayed.

CHARGES CALLED 'BUNK'

Asserts Highway Report Is Not Being Held Up.

Emphatic denial that political interests are denying the Federal investigation of the disappearance of V. P. Squibb Company whisky from the Federal Bldg. and holding up public presentation of a report in connection with alleged irregularities in disposal of wa materials by the State highway commission was made today by United States District Attorney Albert Ward.

Opposition politicians are charging that supporters of Senator James E. Watson, who is seeking renomination, and Watson himself, are putting pressure on administrative authorities so neither the investigation nor the report will be effected until after the primary.

Ward said political powers could not "directly or indirectly" touch activities of the district attorney's office. He handed the reports as "political bunk."

Investigation Started

Investigation of disappearance of 330 cases of the liquor was started under Ward's directions about three weeks ago on orders of Attorney General John G. Sargent. The investigation is in the hands of the Department of Justice Bureau of Investigation.

Ward said there was no hindrance in the investigation and that it was continuing without delay.

He said the best way he could serve Watson, who appointed him, was to manage the office in a business-like and direct manner.

A report on the highway commission centering around more than \$1,000,000 worth of surplus war material was sent to Washington by Ward. He has refused to make it public until orders are received from Washington.

The Federal investigation hinges on a report of the State board of accounts charging the highway commission with disposing of the surplus war material to a group of local junk dealers for slightly less than the freight charges.

Year-Old Indictment

Year-old embezzlement indictment stands against Commission Director John D. Williams, former Commissioner Eli Crawford, former Supervisor (Turn to Page 2)

FARMER'S BODY FOUND ON PORCH

Shot in Back—Thieves Are Suspected.

By United Press

BRAZIL, Ind., April 28.—Michael Miller, 50, a bachelor farmer, was found murdered today on the porch of his home south of Brazil.

The fatal shot was fired from Miller's own double-barreled shotgun, but as the wound was under the left shoulder blade, Coroner Palm said it would have been impossible for Miller to have fired the shot.

Miller is supposed to have kept considerable money around the house. It is believed robbers visited the house and shot Miller in the back.

The body was found on the porch this morning by a neighbor who called at Miller's home.

Miller lived alone.

ROCKEFELLER RENEGES

Withdraws \$10,000,000 Offer Made to Egypt.

By United Press

CAIRO, April 28.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., has formally withdrawn his offer of \$10,000,000 for the construction of a great museum in Egypt, wherein the rare scientific discoveries from the tombs of ancient kings of that land might be preserved.

Shower Baths for Jail Prisoners

Fifteen old, dilapidated, cracked and leaky bathtubs which are used by county jail prisoners were condemned to day by the county commissioners. They will be replaced by showers, it was revealed by Charles O. Sutton, president of the commissioners.

Sheriff Omer Hawkins said each prisoner now bathes twice a week. He said shower baths will speed up the bathing. At present each bather must wash out the tub after he has bathed. The showers will be installed by Hans Clausen, county mechanic, at a very small cost, Sutton said.

A REAL JOB FOR LEE TO FLEE HERE

Two Sets of Bars, Twenty Foot Drop in Way—Trial Date May 11.

Ralph Lee, whose jail and prison escapes equal his escapades, will have to saw two sets of bars, smash a window and drop twenty feet to the ground if he breaks out of Marion County jail, where he is held on charges of slaying Abner Peek, Speedway Ave. grocer, in a hold-up July 3, 1924.

In a second tier "hull pen," where twelve Federal prisoners also are held, Lee passes his time in idle conversation on various subjects, refusing to talk about the murder charge against him. At meal times he marches near the end of the line, with his arms folded to the dining cell. He does not complain, and has not received a visitor since he was jailed Friday night.

Sheriff Hawkins said: "He knows better than to try anything here. He knows one crooked move would crack a finger around a trigger. We do not expect any trouble."

Lee, grinning, said: "I hasn't got anything to say. No—honestly."

Prosecutor William H. Remy conferred late Tuesday with Johnson County Prosecutor Elba Branigan, who will assist him, and Ira Holmes, attorney for Lee. Branigan said Judge Fremont Miller would set the case for May 11. The date was agreed upon.

100 HURT IN WRECK

Seven Coaches Overturn Near Brussels, Report.

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COMMAND COUNCILMAN

South Side Civic Club Favors Barrett Law Quiz.

Efforts of Councilman Edward Raub to secure city council investigation of disposition of Barrett law funds were commended today by South Side Taxpayers Association, John E. King, president, said.

Change of the law to permit use of the money by the public was recommended. The association will meet Friday at the office of C. H. Schwemeyer, 1844 Shelby St.

FINDS SNAKES IN CAVE

Owner Offers to Give Reptiles to Zoo for Display.

By United Press

SANTA FE, N. M., April 28.—Any one wanting to start a zoo can get a lot of fine pets from a cave on the Marlar ranch, near here.

Thousands of rattlers were discovered hibernating in the cave. They can be had for the asking.

The owner of the ranch is anxious to get rid of the reptiles and unless some other disposition is made of them he expects to inject poison gas into the cave.

STATE ACCOUNTANT QUIT

Lloyd O'Connell Accepts Post With Utility.

Lloyd O'Connell, assistant chief accountant for the Indiana public service commission, today submitted his resignation, effective Saturday, to accept a position as general auditor of the General Light and Power Company of Chicago. O'Connell and his family will move to Chicago. The commission at its Friday conference likely will choose a successor.

MORE WAGE DISPUTES

Agreements With Four Building Trades Union Near End.

With wage contracts of plumbers, hod carriers, bricklayers and steamfitters expiring at midnight Friday, employers represented by the several contractors' association today expected additional wage disputes.

At present sheet metal workers, painters and decorators and hoisting engineers are striking for higher wages.

Bricklayers already have presented a demand for an increase from \$1.50 to \$1.62½ an hour.

CRIME PLAN DRAFTED

Coolidge Given Program for Hardening Hand of Justice.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—The first Nation-wide program for discouragement of increasing numbers of crimes of violence against property and person was formulated here today and put up to President Coolidge for approval.

In an announced attempt to harden and speed the punishing hand of criminal justice the national crime commission, which includes former Governor Herbert S. Hadley of Missouri, former Governor Frank O. Lowden of Illinois, Judge Kavanaugh, noted Chicago jurist, and Newton D. Baker, former Secretary of War, drafted a plan for local crime commissions, to prosecute violence from all angles.

Coal Bill Opposed

WASHINGTON, April 28.—The Copeland bill authorizing the President to seize and operate anthracite and bituminous coal mines in times of national emergency was approved today by the Senate Committee on Education and Labor.

2,525 GIVEN AS MARK OF 1927 S.H.S.

Teachers Say Enrollment

Will Be Too Large for

1,800 School.

URGE LARGE BUILDING

Board Majority Faction

Breaks Ranks on Question.

Statistics showing that 2,525 pupils will desire to enter the new Shortridge High School when it is erected were to be presented this afternoon to Shortridge teachers at a special meeting called by Principal George Buck, when teachers were to make more emphatic their demand that a 2,500 capacity school be built immediately at Thirty-Fourth and Meridian Sts. The meeting was scheduled for 3:30 p. m.

Teachers took action when the school board announced a tentative proposal to erect an 1,800-capacity building on the site, supported by a junior high school system.

Figures compiled show that at least 12,725 pupils will compose the high school population in 1927. It is estimated that the population will be distributed among the high schools, as follows: Technical, 5,000; Manual, 2,500; Washington, 1,500, and Crispus Attucks, 1,200, leaving 2,525 for the new Shortridge.

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