

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 delaying the Federal investigation of the disappearance of W. P. Squibb Company whiskey from the Federal Building and holding up public presentation of a report in connection with alleged irregularities in disposal of war 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 this district attorney's office. He branded 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 \$900,000 worth of surplus war materials 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 indictment against Commissioner John D. Williams, former Commissioner Earl Crawford, former Superintendent (Turn to Page 2)

FARMER'S BODY FOUND ON PORCH

Shot in Back—Thieves Are Suspected.

BRAZIL, Ind., April 28.—Michael Miller, 60, 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.

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 "bull pen," where twenty 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 crook a finger around a trigger. We do not expect any trouble."

Lee, grinning, said: "I ain'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.

BRUSSELS, April 28.—One hundred were reported injured, thirty seriously, when seven coaches of a train overturned at a station in the province of Antwerp.

COMMEND 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. Schwemmer, 1344 Shelby St.

FINDS SNAKES IN CAVE

Owner Offers to Give Reptiles to Zoo for Display.

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.

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

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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.

To Talk Ways, Means

Ways and means to avert the disasters of the 1,800 capacity building will be discussed at the meeting.

Charles W. Kern, majority faction school board member, attended a meeting of departmental heads of the school Tuesday when a petition was signed by the 110 teachers asking for a larger building on the present site, it was learned.

This petition was presented at the board meeting Tuesday night and brought about a break in the majority ranks.

Board President Theodore Vonnegut and Kern took a stand for a 1,800 capacity building at Thirty-Fourth St., while Mrs. Lillian Sedwick stated she wanted to see a 2,500 capacity structure at Forty-Fifth St. and Washington Blvd.

Minority Holds Ground

Charles R. Yoke and Fred Bates Johnson, minority faction members, will continue to ask for the larger capacity buildings at Thirty-Fourth St.

A special meeting probably will be called for 4 p. m. Friday, Vonnegut indicated. At this time the Shortridge matter will be taken up.

It is then that Kern and Vonnegut are expected to submit the proposal of the smaller school with a supporting junior high school system or two other high schools.

Objections on the ground that more high schools or junior highs will give the majority faction an opportunity to install more heating and ventilating systems manufactured by Clarence C. Shipp, have been heard.

Teachers' Petition

The teachers' petition pointed out that the proposal for a smaller school would not meet the reasonable expectations of patrons; that it will not provide for the present needs of the school much less the natural growth in the future; that it will hinder the proper educational development; and that "it will not recognize the past and present reputation of Shortridge, a reputation established in the city, State, nation and even in foreign countries."

DEBT SLATE CLEARED

Senate Ratifies Agreement With Czechoslovakia.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—The Senate today cleared its slate of pending debt agreements by ratifying the settlement of the \$115,000,000 Czechoslovakia obligation to this country. Further action on funding France's \$437,000,000 debt to America is likely to be postponed next week. French Ambassador Berenger is awaiting new instructions from Paris.

rites Set for Boy

Funeral for Drowning Victim, Thursday Afternoon.

Funeral services for Clifford Platt, 11, of 1246 N. Holmes Ave., drowned April 10, will be held at 2 p. m. Thursday at the Nazareth Church, Eleventh St. and King Ave. Burial will be in Floral Park cemetery.

White River yielded the boy's body Tuesday. He was drowned when he jumped from a canoe in which he was cruising the swollen stream with another boy.

REMY BEFORE EMPLOYEES

Prosecutor Addresses Columbia School Supply Company.

FATE DEALS SORROW FOR SOME FOLKS

Life and Death Came Hand-in-Hand Into Taylor Family.

By Clyde G. Byers

Life is like this, for some of us. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taylor, 335 N. Taft St., which runs north from Rockville Rd., on the western fringe of the city, got "a message from Heaven," they told their children, Edward, 6; James, 4, and Junior, 2.

The little nites sensed it made their daddy happy. He started stirring around. You see, he had a paralytic stroke a year and a half ago. But he was getting better now. He got so much better he got a job with the street car company. He got sick, though, after he worked three weeks.

Then he died.

And right while mother was sick. Then the Ambulance

When the hearse rolled away from the door, the ambulance drove up and took Mrs. Taylor downtown to a hospital.

Aunt Margaret Hardy, 517 Arnold Ave., came and stayed with the children.

Then a week ago last Saturday Aunt Margaret took them down to the hospital. Mother was so sick she didn't speak.

A nurse brought in a new little baby, all wrapped up in white. Its face was red. The nurse laid it in the bed with mother.

Mother cried. Then the baby cried, so they went back home.

Infant John Frederick is 12 days old today. But the mother—she's only 23—still is at the hospital.

PLEA FOR LABOR MADE BY ADAMS

Calls for 'Square Deal' at Terre Haute.

By United Press
TERRE HAUTE, Ind., April 28.—Charles Adams, opponent of Senator Watson for the Republican long-term senatorial nomination, called for a "square deal for labor" in a campaign speech here Tuesday night.

No class can progress at the expense of any other class, he asserted. Adams asked for an explanation of delay in acting on the railroad labor bill in charge of Senator Watson in the Senate.

He charged action was held up because of objection of manufacturing interests, but that "Watson was getting busy just before the primaries."

FROST IN STATE TONIGHT, REPORT

Little Damage Expected by Weather Bureau.

HOURLY TEMPERATURE

6 a. m. 39 10 a. m. 41
7 a. m. 40 11 a. m. 41
8 a. m. 42 12 (noon) 42
9 a. m. 42 1 p. m. 42

Clear weather tonight is due to be accompanied by frost over Indiana, the United States weather bureau said today. Not much damage is anticipated, however, as garden crops and fruit trees are not far advanced yet.

In the southern part of the State, along the Ohio River, there may be some damage. Meteorologist J. H. Armstrong stated. Spring weather has been more favorable to growth there. Fruit trees are not much damaged by frost and can stand temperatures of about 23, Armstrong said.

Thursday should be fair and warmer, according to the forecast. Temperature at 7 a. m. was 40, which is 12 degrees below normal.

MORE AUTOS ON CAPITOL SAYS CHECK

Heavier Traffic Shown Then on N. Meridian.

CIRCLE BUSSES OPPOSED

Pennsylvania and Market

Most Congested Place.

Meridian St., regarded as the champion north side artery of traffic, today was knocked out in the automobile league by Capitol Ave.

One-third more traffic passed over Capitol Ave. than Meridian St. from 3 to 6 p. m. Tuesday, according to a traffic check by the city plan commission.

Signs to Blame

Avoidance of motorists of Meridian St. because of the large number of stop and go signs was given as the reason for the decline in prestige of that thoroughfare.

Following a count of vehicles on Monument Circle, averaging one a second, Gustave G. Schmidt, plan commission president, said he would recommend stopping the use of the Circle as a bus station. The People's Motor Coach Company and the Indianapolis Street Railway Company now use the Circle.

Heaviest traffic congestion was reported by Macklin Mack, commission secretary, at Pennsylvania and Market Sts.

REMEDY NEEDED

Schmidt said downtown traffic congestion must be remedied at once.

Park board members will hold a meeting at 10 a. m. Thursday to determine whether the Peoples Motor Coach Company shall have the right to operate busses on Meridian St. and Capitol Ave. Plan commission members and members of the boards of safety, works and Mayor Duvall have been invited.

M'CARDLE WILL RETURN

Wife of Commissioner Receives Treatment in East.

John W. McCordle, chairman of the Indiana public service commission, who was called to Harrisburg, Pa., last Saturday on account of the serious illness of his wife, will return to Indianapolis Thursday, a telegram from him today stated.

Mrs. McCordle, who has been under the care of a Harrisburg specialist, will be brought back the following day, having received treatment for cancer of the stomach.

'ROBIN HOOD' BURIED

25,000 Persons Pay Tribute to Dead Corsican Bandit.

By United Press
AJACCIO, Corsica, April 28.—Ronce Romanetti, the bandit, was buried today in a blaze of glory with more than 25,000 mourners. Romanetti, who for twenty-five years, stole from the rich, gave the loot to the poor and ruled a mountain domain, was killed this week by police.

HOUSE BACKS ANDREWS

Green Bill Passed With Scattering Opposition.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, April 28.—Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Andrews' major request for legislation to strengthen enforcement of the dry law has been granted by the House.

With only scattering opposition, the House late Tuesday passed the Green bill creating separate bureaus of prohibition and customs.

Andrews has other recommendations pending, but it is unlikely they will be acted on at this session.

STORMS IN ITALY

By United Press
ROME, April 28.—Snow, gales and rising river waters plagued Italy today. One person is reported killed and two injured at Belluno.

ROTARIANS ELECT

HENDERSON, Ky., April 28.—George Tomlinson, Winchester, Ky., was named district governor of Kentucky Rotary Clubs at the annual convention here.

Even Life as a Boy Has Drawbacks, Says Martha



Martha Burns as a "Boy"

Girl, 11, Tries It for Two Days, but Tires of Long Trousers.

By Eldora Field

Every day, as far back as she can remember, Martha Burns, 11 of 1617 S. Meridian St., who ran away Sunday and returned home two days later, wanted to be a boy.

To be instead, a slender, blue-eyed girl, weighing less than fifty pounds, to be expected to play with dolls, wear skirts and ribbons, has been particularly irksome to Martha. Sunday she took matters in her own small hands. If she couldn't be a boy, she'd look like one. That took boy's clothes. Very well, then, boy's clothes she would have.

Regretfully, she "borrowed" money from her mother's possession. Then she made a delightful shop.

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HUNT FOR BOY'S BODY CONTINUED

Suspected Lad Denies He Killed Youth.

By United Press
WINSLOW, Ind., April 28.—A 12-year-old boy, Melvin Wayman, of Ayrshire, today will lead Winslow and Pike county authorities in a search for the body of Leander Roe, 10, whom he is suspected of killing.

Wayman has told three different stories of the Roe boy's disappearance last Saturday.

Roe's clothing was found on the Patoka River bank. Monday night Wayman said the lad had drowned. Late Tuesday, Wayman changed his story, saying he had hidden Roe's body beneath a brush along the river, "after he had choked to death on a garter around his neck."

This morning he denied all previous stories, saying he knows nothing about the boy's disappearance or death.

CAMP SUPPORT PLEDGED

R. Walter Jarvis, parks superintendent pledged support of Mayor Duvall and the park department to the United States Naval Reserve training camp which will open June 21 at Riverside Park in addressing Junior Chamber of Commerce today.

HERE FROM WASHINGTON

Lupton R. Ginn, assistant controller general of the United States, formerly a Hoosier, conferred today with Governor Jackson, Secretary of State F. E. Schortemeier and State Examiner Lawrence F. Orr. Ginn said he came on official business, but declined to state the nature of his mission.

GAS PRICE JUMPS

By United Press
CHICAGO, April 28.—Gasoline prices will be increased 1 cent a gallon tomorrow throughout the territory served by the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, it was announced here today.

That will make the Indianapolis price 23.2 cents.

PROSECUTOR SHOT DOWN AT CHICAGO

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MACHINE GUN IS USED

Believe McSwiggen Killed by Mistake.

By United Press
CHICAGO, April 28.—A race war for control of Chicago's beer traffic was blamed today for the assassination of Assistant State's Attorney William McSwiggen, Chicago's famous hanging prosecutor.

McSwiggen was shot down late on Tuesday night with two others by a volley from a machine gun. Two other men, James Doherty and Thomas Duffy, notorious beer runners, with whom he was talking, fell before the same fire.

Capt. John Stege, in charge of detectives investigating the case, said he was convinced that McSwiggen was shot down by accident. He exploded the theory that McSwiggen had been slain in revenge for his persecution of gunmen.

McSwiggen had been assigned to the prosecution of Martin Duncan, Chicago's shooting shark, and was making underworld investigation in connection with the case Tuesday night.

Killing Described

Witnesses to the slaying said standing together in front of a Cicero saloon when a curtained automobile drew up and stopped. A machine gun was pushed through a flap of the curtain and a rain of bullets was fired at the men. Police later counted twenty-two bullet marks on the front of the saloon and six on a tree.

Several men standing at the bar of the saloon dropped to the floor to escape the fire.

As soon as the attacking automobile had driven away the bodies of McSwiggen and Doherty were picked up and carried to another suburb—Berwyn—and left lying in a vacant lot. Duffy was taken by several of his friends to a nearby hospital, where he died without regaining consciousness.

Death Car Found

For a time authorities believed at least one of the other men—yet unidentified—had also been fatally wounded, but their automobile was found this morning with no evidence of additional deaths. It was Doherty's motor car in which the bodies had been removed. McSwiggen's spectacles were found in the tonneau.

Accused from his sleep, State's Attorney Crowe called every available police officer to his aid. Stege was assigned to round up suspects and before noon today he had

FREE HEALTH SERVICE

Inspection of Children Under School Age to Open Week.

Free health inspection of children under school age will be provided by the board of health Friday as the opening of Child Health week. Dr. Herman G. Morgan, board secretary, announced today.

Inspection will be from 9:30 to 11 a. m. at these schools: No. 10, Thirtieth and Ashland Sts.; 12, 733 S. West St.; 22, Illinois and Kansas Sts.; 30, Miley Ave. and W. Market St.; 40, Senate Ave. and Walnut St.; and 54, Dearborn and Tenth Sts.

BAKER NEW DIRECTOR

Insurance Man Named on Community Fund Board.

A. E. Baker, Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company representative, today was named director of the community fund, succeeding the late Rev. Matthew F. Smith.

Baker has been active in the activities of the body for several years.

FLAPPER FANNY SAYS

Girls may lead men on with kisses but they're always willing to follow.

