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HEARING DATE ON LEVY INDEFINITE

Board Can Not Stop to Ponder Sanitary Tax.

We cannot stop what we are doing now to hold a hearing on the disputed tax levy of the city sanitary board, so it probably will be some time until we can get to the matter." This was the assertion of John J. Brown, member of the State tax board, today when asked when the board would hold a hearing on the \$0.055 levy for the sanitary board, as ordered by the Supreme Court in rendering a decision on the appeal of the city council.

The confusion arose from a dispute between members of the city council and Mayor Shank as to who had the power to fix levy. Shank decreed that the sanitary board was entitled to only a \$0.055 levy whereas the council raised him a cent and was upheld by the Supreme Court.

The State board at present is reviewing the assessed valuation of personal property in various counties and making adjustments wherever figures of county assessors appear to be wrong.

According to William A. Hough of the tax board, southern counties have suffered heavy losses in taxable property whereas northern counties show an appreciable gain.

HURRICANE IS MOVING NORTH

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crippling telephone and telegraph service, unroofing houses and battering dangerously such shipping as remains upon the seas off the Florida coast.

Fast of the Italian steamer *Andalo San Giorgio Secundo* was still in doubt this morning. The freighter, with a crew of thirty on board, drifted rudderless before the storm all day Tuesday, while two other ships stood by. Tuesday night, as the storm increased, the rescue ships lost sight of the disabled vessel, but whether it sank or was blown farther out to sea is not yet known. A coast guard cutter is hunting for it.

The Dutch steamer *Wilhelm A. Reidermann* is in distress near Jupiter Inlet, north of Palm Beach, according to radio reports.

Fear for 25 Persons

The sixty-foot motorboat *Zuleta*, Brunswick, Ga., carrying twenty-five excursionists, is missing.

The Clyde liner *Seminole*, endanted Tuesday by the storm, turned around and made port here without damage.

No word has been heard from the Gulf Refining Company tanker, J. M. Gaffey, due here today.

Palm Beach and West Palm Beach, where the storm did \$1,000,000 damage, are the hardest hit of the southern Florida cities, over which the hurricane already has passed. Forty small yachts and houseboats in Lake Worth, between those two cities, were sunk and a wooden bridge over the lake was washed away.

One Dead at Miami

In Miami, damage was estimated at \$100,000, according to reports which came over crippled wires during the few hours that city was in communication with the rest of the country. Then the wires failed again and up to an early hour this morning communication was undependable. One man, a lineman working on storm-torn wires, was killed in Miami.

Damage to Nassau, in the Bahamas, was placed at five million dollars in garbled estimates. It may have been much higher, according to shipping men here.

Loss in small communities along the east Florida coast, bring the total damage in Florida to well over \$100,000.

Winds whipping Jacksonville are growing more severe hourly and the full force of the storm is expected to reach here today, according to weather bureau reports. Every possible precaution to prevent damage to shipping in the harbor has been taken, but heavy damage is feared.

GEORGIA IS NERVOUS

Hurricane Expected to Strike at Savannah—Troops Ready.

By United Press
SAVANNAH, Ga., July 28.—All summer residents on Tybee Island have been brought here for protection from the tropical hurricane which wrought havoc on the Florida east coast and is expected to strike here today.

Hurricane warnings have been hoisted and vessels have been secured to their moorings.

Rain was falling here this morning and a rising wind was noted.

Soldiers at the State military camp at Tybee Island were being held in readiness for emergencies.

'JUST KIDDING,' SAYS BOY

Policeman's Son, 3, Wanders Miles and Half From Home.

"I wasn't going to run away, ma, I was just kidding, yuh," said little Robert Francis Higgs, 3, son of Motorpoliceman Earl Higgs, 233 N. Tremont Ave., when he was placed back in his mother's arms after the wanderlust took him a mile and a half from his home Wednesday evening.

Higgs and Motorpoliceman Hinder were assigned to search for the boy when neighbors failed to find him in the neighborhood after he had been missing some time. A woman who did not give her name turned the boy over to police at the W. Washington St. car barns. She said she had found him in her front yard.

PANAMA CANAL PROSPERS
By United Press
WASHINGTON, July 28.—The Panama Canal has just ended its most prosperous year, except the record year of 1924—according to statistics published by the War Department today. In the year ending June 30, 24,774,591 tons of shipping passed through the canal, compared to 22,855,351 tons the previous year.

THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

SEWAGE PLANT TOPIC

Engineers to Discuss City Plant at Thursday Meeting.

Purification of only two-thirds of the city's sewage at the sewage disposal plant will be discussed by the Indianapolis Engineering Society Thursday noon at the Board of Trade.

The technical experts will consider thoroughly the drastic report of Russell T. MacFarlan at last week's meeting in which he took to task C. K. Calvert, present engineer in charge, and outlined specifically his views in regard to alleged mismanagement at the plant.

'DREAM BABY' HIS SON

British Judge Declares Master Russell Is Legitimate.

By United Press
LONDON, July 28.—Master Geoffrey Russell, the celebrated "dream baby," regarding whose paternity there raged the hardest fought and perhaps the most unusual divorce case in the history of British courts, today was pronounced the legitimate son of the Hon. John Russell and thereby put in line to succeed his doubting father in the barony of Ampthill.

Justice Swift, in the divorce division of the law courts, today granted Master Geoffrey's petition for a declaration of legitimacy, and the strange details of the "Russell divorce case" again are in the public prints.

IT WILL BE DRY PARTY

Sergeant Reilly and squad believed they spoiled some one's plans for a party when they seized 100 bottles of beer in a vacant house at 1914 Columbia Ave. The beer was destroyed.

JUDGE'S FATHER DEAD

By United Press
ELWOOD, Ind., July 28.—Funeral services will be held here tomorrow for Aaron White, 81, Civil War veteran. The widow, three sisters and one son, Daniel White of the Indianapolis municipal court, survive.

Very Latest Things in Bathing Suits



Mack Sennett, whose eyes are as good as ever, has five of his young movie actresses demonstrate the latest styles in bathing suits. They are, left to right, the Misses Thelma Hill, Violet Byrd, Ruth Taylor, Margaret Hampton, and Muriel Montrose.

FLEET NEGRO ARRESTED

Man, Who Escaped From Police Squad on Foot, Is Captured.

Wilbur Shacklett, 34, Negro, of 630 E. Wabash St., was charged with speeding, transporting liquor and operating a blind tiger, Tuesday night.

Sergeant Reilly and squad said they sighted Shacklett speeding last week, and that he drove into a blind alley, when they gave chase, leaped from the car, and escaped on foot. They confiscated his machine and said they found fifty-five gallons of alcohol.

Sergeant Barge and squad made sixteen arrests in raids Tuesday night at 621 W. North St., and 306 N. Senate Ave. Henry Jones, 22, Negro, of 221 W. North St., Herman Davis, 44, Negro, of 526 W. North St., and Mrs. Mary Stigger, 23, Negro, of 522 W. St. Clair St., were arrested on blind tiger charges.

CITY TO FIRE POLICE

Warren, Ohio, City of 40,000, "Broke"—Graft Is Rumored.

By United Press
WARREN, Ohio, July 28.—This city of 40,000 population prepared today to pay off and fire its entire police force.

Tuesday night the city council voted to abolish the department ostensibly because there are no funds with which to pay officers' salaries already \$5,780 in arrears. The back pay will be raised by popular subscription.

Charges of graft and corruption in the force, unmentioned by the council when its vote was taken, were reported to be underlying reason for its action. The sheriff's force will take over city law enforcement duties.

WCAP TO BE DISCONTINUED

By United Press
WASHINGTON, July 28.—WCAP, Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company broadcasting station here, has been acquired by the Radio Corporation of America and will be discontinued.

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MEXICANS JAIL RICH SENORITA

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opinion is based on the fact that the church discourages use of force, and no unity exists among the individuals most strenuously opposing the change.

Well Equipped Army

Furthermore, any elements of the population attempting to instigate serious disorders would face the best equipped and disciplined army in the history of Mexico.

If trouble does come, it is expected to be in the interior where the Indian population predominates, rather than in the large cities.

Churchmen say that if the Government takes over all churches in Mexico it will constitute a seizure of properties of an approximate value of \$300,000,000.

Mayor Lynched

Dispatches from Aguas Calientes, published in the Graphic here, state that a group of citizens of the town of Nochistan in the State of Zacatecas killed the mayor of their city because of his imprisoning a local priest, Humberto Cervantes.

Another account, also published in the Graphic, stated that the mayor shot and killed the priest and that the lynching was due to this act.

If the reports are confirmed it is the first bloodshed in Mexico's religious controversy.

The Church's Weapons

Against the government's might, the church is wielding two weapons:

1. Withdrawal of priests from the exercise of their various functions at the direction of Pope Pius.

2. The program of economic boycott for the purpose of producing a social crisis, which is sponsored not by the church but by the League for the Defense of Religious Liberty.

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tion and distribution of various brochures, signed and unsigned, terming the law a persecution of the church.

Although no papal edict of excommunication has come from Rome, churchmen here say that many former members of the church already have been automatically excommunicated.

Bishop Pascual Diaz of Tabasco was asked whether, in view of the actual conditions in Mexico, he considered the religious law unjust.

Disturb Peace

"The law," replied the bishop, "is contrary to natural rights which sanction religious liberty as a human postulate to these rights. The law appears also to contravene Mexican constitutional rights which, according to the opinions of eminent jurists, Catholic and non-Catholic, have been nullified by many clauses of the law which the president dictated."

"Furthermore, the law is inopportune and disturbs public peace. For a long time there have existed in Mexico irreligious laws, but relative peace has been preserved among us, thanks to non-compliance with these laws. Immediately after the government of General Calles attempted to enforce them, the nation expressed its discontent in every way. This discontent is actually intense and universal, despite the efforts of the Mexican minister in the United States to make the American people think to the contrary."

"In the joint pastoral letter of April 21, the Mexican episcopate, seeking accord, asked the government to hold the application of these laws in abeyance pending a national plebiscite, but the government, instead of accepting this recourse, made the vexations more severe because the government knew that if it called upon the popular opinion it would be conquered."

Asked whether he expected serious disorders to result from the situation, the bishop replied:

"Serious disorders are not impossible, but whether or not they come, it is not our intention to incite the people against the government, but only to fulfill the sacred duty of our conscience that commands us to defend for the church the religious liberty that is enjoyed among all cultured people."

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