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TOLL OF HURRICANE STANDS AT 370

Judge Orders City Police Investigation

FIX STATE TAX RATE 23 CENTS

Officials Decline to Cut Levy
6 Cents as Anticipated.

FIVE CENTS REDUCTION

\$3,000,000 Balance in Treasury Expected.

Declining, through fear of subsequent embarrassment to reduce the State tax levy to 22 cents, as was deemed entirely feasible by persons familiar with State finances, leaders of the Indiana administration met today and ordered a 5-cent cut in the 1927 State levy, making the 1927 cut 23 cents.

Even with the 5-cent cut, State leaders anticipate a balance of nearly \$3,000,000 in the treasury when the incoming fiscal year ends on Sept. 30, 1927. The 6-cent cut, which was advocated by many who work on the levy problem, would have reduced this balance about \$4,000,000, still leaving plenty at the end of the next fiscal year to tide the State over until the following tax settlements.

Pay in Less, Better

In the face of these facts it was declared by those who met that Hoosier taxpayers will pay in approximately \$2,500,000 less next year than during the current year.

In placing the levy, administration leaders paid no attention to an item of nearly \$1,000,000 which will be returned to the State general fund at the close of the present fiscal year, a week hence. This money will be available for the State's use during the coming fiscal year and will actually reduce the needs that amount.

All reductions were confined to the general fund levy, which has stood at 18.1 cents on every \$100 worth of taxable property. The coming general fund rate will be 13.1 cents. The general fund now comprises several former distinct funds, all of which were combined at the last Legislature on insistence of Governor Jackson, to permit juggling and the retirement of an enormous State debt contracted during previous Republican administrations. From the general fund disbursements are made for all benevolent, penal and educational institutions; the highway commission, vocational education and the agricultural experiment station.

Levies Undisturbed

These levies were undisturbed. State school fund, 7 cents; soldiers' memorial fund, 6 mills; teachers' pension fund, 3/4 cents; Dunes Park fund, 2 mills; State forestry fund, 1/2 mill; and the agriculture board fund, 2 1/2 mills.

The 23-cent levy was based on a total State valuation this year of \$5,307,340,267, which is about \$35,000,000 greater than last year's total. Applied to this total, the new levy is expected to raise \$12,206,896. This year's 28-cent levy raised \$14,760,339 and it was on these figures that the State administration relied for its statement that about \$2,500,000 would be saved.

Total expenses for the coming fiscal year were figured at about \$26,000,000 by State Auditor L. S. Bowman. This included appropriations of \$24,353,990, expense of the 1927 Legislature of \$110,000 and miscellaneous expenses of more than \$1,000,000.

More Gas Tax

In addition to the inevitable going of next year's balance because of refusal to make the reduction 6 cents instead of 5, the general fund will be boosted further through the return of unused appropriations and an estimated increase of more than \$1,000,000 in gasoline tax receipts.

During the past year the gasoline tax department collected \$7,585,651. Through increased consumption this will gain one-sixth, it has been estimated. Receipts from sources other than taxes are expected to amount to about \$5,000,000.

The State poll tax was fixed at \$1.50, 50 cents for State school purposes and \$1 for revenue.

PRINCETON ATHLETE KILLED

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GO BACK FOR EDUCATION

By United Press
NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—Fifty American girls have sailed on the Lloyd Sabaudo liner Conte Rosso for Naples. They are returning to their schools in south of France and in Florence, Italy, after visiting their parents here.

Gave Beer to Six Indianapolis Officers, Bootlegger Tells Baltzell.

An immediate and thorough investigation of the Indianapolis police department was ordered today by Federal Judge Robert C. Baltzell, when John Cox, 730 1/2 Ft. Wayne Ave., who pleaded guilty to violating the liquor laws, gave the judge the names of six Indianapolis policemen, who he said visited his place and were given home brew beer.

United States District Attorney Albert Ward was ordered to make the investigation.

The liquor was given the men, not sold them, with the understanding he was to be given protection, Cox told the judge.

Judge Interested

"Did they tell you, you could continue to operate?" Judge Baltzell asked.

"Not exactly that," said Cox, "but they said I'd be protected."

"If information for the indictment of these police can be obtained they ought to be indicted," the court declared. "I'll pass on them."

Edward Little, attorney for Cox, charged that Ward had not given his client a chance to tell his story to the grand jury.

Ward said the grand jury had considered facts submitted by Little and found they could not be substantiated.

Promised Leniency

Little declared Assistant District Attorney Alexander G. Cavinis, had asked for the facts and these had been presented in written form. He said Cavinis indicated, if Cox would tell the truth, he would be brought before the grand jury and leniency might be shown him.

"This was never done," Little charged. "He never went before the grand jury and was not given a chance to tell his story."

"No," Ward said. "The grand jury was not able to substantiate the facts given and decided not call him in. Henceforth, you shall have an opportunity to tell the truth."

The last part of the statement was directed at Cox.

Continuation Ordered

"I want you to continue the investigation," Judge Baltzell told Ward. "If we have police officers (Turn to Page 13)

INJURED IN ACCIDENT

Woman Driver Arrested After Striking Mrs. Kate Pratt.

Mrs. Kate D. Pratt, 58, of 548 Gilbert Ave., had her shoulder fractured and was severely bruised when struck and knocked down by the automobile of Mrs. James W. Hamblen, 5430 N. Delaware St., The accident occurred in front of 5631 Carrollton Ave. today.

The injured woman was taken to Methodist Hospital. Mrs. Hamblen was charged with assault and battery.

G. O. P. SEES VICTORY

Senatorial Campaign Committee Meets in Chicago.

By United Press
CHICAGO, Sept. 22.—The Republican party will maintain its grip in the Senate and all reports point to an overwhelming victory in the coming congressional off-year elections, the Republican senatorial campaign committee, meeting in Chicago, has declared on the basis of reports from all sections of the country.

Five of seven members of the committee attended the sessions Tuesday.

CIVIC EVANGELIST TALKS AT SCHOOLS

Tells Pupils They Owe Debt to Taxpayers for Giving Them

Means of Education—Urges Boosting.

"Schools Day" was observed today by workers of the Indianapolis First movement.

Dan Weigel, civic evangelist and Harvey Hartsock, addressed students of Shortridge High School, while William P. Evans, former Marion County prosecutor, spoke at Marion.

TO HONOR NOVELIST

Tree To Be Planted at Courthouse Lawn by Officials.

Governor Jackson and Conservation Director Richard Lieber will be principal speakers next Tuesday at a tree planting on the Statehouse lawn, in honor of the late Gene Stratton-Porter, Hoosier novelist.

Lieber will issue a proclamation calling for observance of a memorial week in Mrs. Porter's honor. The tree will be a tulip recently designated as the official State flower.

Plans are being laid for raising \$4,000 to purchase Limberlost tract, mentioned frequently in Mrs. Porter's works.

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Here's the strangest traffic jam in any city's history. It shows the remains of a fleet of Miami, Fla. pleasure craft, moored snugly in the Fair Haven canal when the hurricane started, that were carried over into South Miami Ave., there to block the thoroughfare completely.

RED CROSS TOTAL FOR RELIEF FUND REACHES \$5,000

Thirteen Former Hoosiers Known Dead—Radio Boosts Donations.

With receipts of checks amounting to \$2,500 from the morning mail, the Indianapolis Red Cross fund for relief of sufferers in the Florida hurricane mounted to \$5,000 today.

Accompanying the contributions were many letters, expressing sympathy of local citizens for those who suffered terrible losses in the disaster, according to William Fortune, local Red Cross chairman.

Latest check received was for \$500 from the Perfect Circle Company of Hagerstown, Ind., dispatched by R. R. Teeter. A similar amount was received late Tuesday from the Sanborn Electric Company.

Frederick M. Ayres contributed \$250 while there were seven checks for \$100 in the morning mail. They were from Emma Claypool, Frank M. Faure and Mrs. Faure, C. A. McCotter, J. L. Keach, Kahn Tailoring Company, Mrs. Charles F. Sayles (Turn to Page 2)

TELLS HORRORS OF FLORIDA DISASTER

Wisconsin Man, Passing Through on Train, Relates Experiences as Storm Struck Miami Hotel.

Passing through Indianapolis this noon on a train from Florida, en route to his home at Racine, Wis., J. Jensen, business man of Racine related a graphic story of the Florida hurricane.

"I was in Miami investigating some real estate holdings," said Jensen. "The city was beautiful, everything looked prosperous and I sat down to write out my favorable report. As I was writing shortly after midnight Friday I noticed a sort of heavy blanket of heat that seemed to descend suddenly. I undressed, although I was almost suffocating, and in a few minutes was really suffer-

ing. Then a fire engine clangled by and the air became full of confused, threatening sounds.

"We had been warned that a storm was brewing from the Bahamas, but had paid no attention to it. But now, people out in the halls were calling out. More fire engines, more confused sounds. Suddenly, the lights went out. I fished in the dark for clothes. In the hall outside, everything was dark. The elevator, without electricity, was not running. Everyone was stumbling around trying to find the stairs. I was on the fourth floor. It seemed an age before we were on the steps. Some rolled down. There was screaming among the women. When we got down to the lobby, people were pouring in from the streets. Porters, bellboys, everybody was calling to the guests in the hotel. 'Come down, the building is in danger.'

"Flashes of lightning lit things up. It was like a horrible nightmare. The wind was blowing gale and signs were flying against the building. Rain was pouring in. I got over in one corner of the lobby and the plastered ceiling fell down. This was in the Tamiami Hotel, a fine, supposedly strong structure. People were covered with plaster and soiled through. As the lightning flashed fear increased.

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HOURS RESTS IN CASE

Hamrick Defense Evidence Being Presented Now.

The State rested its case today against Jess D. Hamrick, attorney, and wife, Mrs. Delta M. Hamrick, charged with conspiracy to commit arson, in Criminal Court. The defense began to present evidence in an attempt to purge the Hamricks of the charge of burning their \$14,000 home Jan. 26 on the Michigan Rd., near Stop 5.

CHINESE CABINET QUIT

Does Not Mean Much, as Militarist in Charge Has Say.

PEKING, Sept. 22.—The Chinese cabinet resigned today.

The most practical manner in which you may pay your debt of gratitude is to boost Indianapolis.

"Go home and argue with your parents if they are knocking Indianapolis. Tell them to throw away the mall order catalogs and buy from Indianapolis merchants."

The main dining room of the Chamber will be closed to the public Thursday noon, while team workers hold their conference.

ELLEN NEW "CIVIC LEADERS" WERE SELECTED

Eleven new "civic leaders" were selected today to replace nine who have withdrawn, because of unavoidable circumstances. They are: Lorenz D. Ginger, Henley T. Hettell, H. E. Capenhurst, Earl H. Richardson, Harold H. Hampton, Herbert Jennings, George B. Wellbaum, Frank Miller, Fred B. Rakeman, B. J. T. Jeup and L. H. Lewis.

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