

# DOCTORS FOR LIQUOR PRESCRIPTION IN STATE

## PRAISE OF CITY MANAGER FORM RECEIVED HERE

Other Chambers of Commerce Send in Telegrams, Says Esterline.

Scores of telegrams praising the operation of the city manager form of government have been received here from Chambers of Commerce, J. W. Esterline of the Esterline-Angus Company, announced today.

The manager form of government is a success in more than 300 cities, according to Esterline.

Among the replies Esterline received to a request from the chambers for an honest opinion as to the workings of the manager form in their communities were:

It has reduced expenses of government 21 per cent—Kenosha, Wis. The old political rings have been wiped out—Norfolk, Va.

We wouldn't return to the old system—Phoenix, Ariz.

Efficiency Increased

Police efficiency has been greatly increased and our operating costs have been diminished—Muskegon, Okla.

It has been successful for eight years—Wheeling, W. Va.

Everybody here is happy with it—Portland, Maine.

Grants better men to public life—Grand Rapids, Mich.

Budget preparation is thorough and public—Niagara Falls, N. Y.

We collect less and spend less, although we have doubled our population—Dayton, Ohio.

Now we have scientific street improvements—Muskegon, Mich.

The political boss really rules the city under the form of government now existing in Indianapolis, Esterline declared in a speech before the Indianapolis Council of Women Tuesday at the Third Christian Church, Seventeenth St. and Broadway.

Esterline advocated adoption of the city manager form of government for Indianapolis.

"It is the boss who really rules. If I want to be mayor I must first make my promises to the boss. The boss has friends in all departments, and the mayor must see the boss before he can accomplish anything."

Esterline's speech was in the nature of a debate with City Corporation Counsel Alvah J. Rucker, who defended the present form of government later on the program, and in his speech he challenged Rucker to tell what he knows of the political manipulation of courts.

Special Judge System

"Rucker could tell you the names of attorneys who could fix certain things for certain people in certain courts," he declared, and described the system whereby attorneys are named as special judges to sit in cases in the absence of the regular judges.

Rucker defended the present form of government, denying that the city is run by bootleggers and gamblers. He admitted there is too much boss rule, but declared the general attitude of "let George do it" is responsible.

"Utopian dreams will not save you from your own laziness," he declared.

He cited the school board and park board as examples of the commission form of government. The two boards, he said, are bonded to their limits while the city can issue several million bonds.

Mrs. George Finckel, in the audience, arose and objected to his reference to the school board, asserting that the commission form is different from the city manager form.

RECOVERIES BY BOARD

Recoveries of \$325,205.45 were made by the State board of accounts during the last fiscal year, according to the annual report of State Examiner Lawrence F. Orr. Effected at a cost of \$133,546.94, the net recoveries totaled \$191,658.51.

Pay of field examiners cost the State \$170,256.76, the report shows. Incidental departmental expenses totaled \$23,290.13, leaving \$7,099.82 of the appropriation unexpended. Considerable pace in the report is given over to a defense of the department.

School Children May Have Free Tickets to 'Ben-Hur' Movie

School children of Indianapolis and Indiana, as well, will have a chance by writing winning essays to see free of cost the great photoplay, "Ben-Hur," now playing to great business at English's.

A. F. Miller, manager of English's and Mr. Hoad, in charge of the picture, has cooperated with The Times in giving good essay writers in the schools of Indianapolis and other Indiana cities a chance to see "Ben-Hur" next week on Monday and Tuesday nights free of cost.

The idea is to write such a good essay on "The Roman Galley." The essay is not to be longer than 250 words. Neatness, penmanship and exactness of the description will have much to do in determining the winners by the judges who will be announced later.

The best twenty essays in the opinion of the judges, each will be given a pair of tickets for "Ben-Hur" at English's. Ten of these pairs will be good on Monday night, and the other ten pairs on Tuesday night at English's.

So write your essay, put your name and address on your essay with the name of the school and your English teacher. Send it to The Times "Ben-Hur" Editor, in care of The Indianapolis Times.

This essay educational contest will close on next Monday morning at 8 o'clock.

The following data concerning the Roman Galley has been furnished by a representative of the "Ben-Hur" picture:

Most beautiful, perhaps, of the

## Miller Named New C. of C. Head



Dick Miller, president of the City Trust Company, who was elected president of the Chamber of Commerce by Chamber directors today.

## WOMEN WORKERS DOUBLE EFFORTS TO RAISE QUOTA

Community Fund Head Praises Move to Raise Deficit in Campaign.

Women workers in the 1927 Community Fund campaign are celebrating the victory of their collecting quota of \$54,560 today by rebelling the victory of their efforts to raise the \$63,000 goal.

"Our success has only stimulated us to bring in more money," said Mrs. Russell Fortune this morning.

"The army is 'over the top' by \$344.05," Mrs. Fortune said, "and this amount is besides the \$200 which Mrs. Wolf Sussman has been gleaming from the cards which were turned back to headquarters."

Mrs. Sussman, with Miss Leona Poppiano, co-chairman, led the south division of the women's army to its quota-victory first, piling up more than 131 per cent of that quota. She turned her efforts to other districts and to date has brought in from these sources more than \$450.

Herman P. Lieber, campaign chairman, praised the work of the women.

"But even with their success, we have still more than \$5,000 to make if we would compete with last year's record," Lieber said.

It is hoped that by Friday, when the campaign closes, necessary funds with which to carry on a year's work in the thirty-six social service agencies will be pledged. To date, the total is \$645,550.

Of this amount, \$462 was contributed since Saturday through the mails, newspaper coupons, notes, and personal solicitation.

## SERVICES FRIDAY FOR PIT VICTIM

Rites Will Be Held at Home for William Weddel.

Funeral services for William Weddel, 46, who was found dead in a cement coal pit Tuesday at the United Ice Company, 1101 S. Harding St., will be held at the home, 1042 S. Harding St., Friday at 2 p. m., with burial in Floral Park cemetery.

Weddel, who was employed by the company, left his home at 6 p. m. Monday. When he failed to return a search began which was carried on until his body accidentally was discovered by a workman at the plant.

It is believed Weddel stumbled while walking at the edge of the pit, plunged six feet and struck the wall, which was leaning over.

He is survived by the widow, eight children and one adopted orphan child, son of his wife's sister. Coroner Paul F. Robinson began an inquest today. Police discredit foul play.

LOWLANDS ARE FLOODED

Ohio River Rises Six Inches Over Night at Evansville.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Nov. 24.—The Ohio River, which has made a nine-foot jump since last Friday at Evansville, was at a stage of 30.8 feet today, rising six inches over night.

The river was rising at a decreasing rate and the weather bureau reported that the river probably would come to a standstill today without reaching flood stage of thirty-five feet.

Lowland areas in the river bottoms are under water, but no serious damage has been reported. A few families have been forced to move out of their homes, but this occurs whenever there is considerable rise in the river.

They Say Men Are Sentimentalists

Women at the helm in the Washington Conference on the Cause and Cure of War, to be held Dec. 5-10. From left to right, secretary, Miss Josephine Schain; general chairman, Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt; president of the National League of Women Voters, Miss Belle Sherwin.

By NEA Service

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—"War is the last infirmity of the sentimental male mind," cry the feminists. "Drums and flag-waving and personal bravery are the last relics of romanticism in a modern world committed to hard facts and common sense."

And to prove that men are the sentimentalists and women are the

realists, up steps Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, who for thirty-five years has been leading the jousting against man's political tyranny over women, and whose lance is now in rest for woman's oldest enemy, the war god.

During December, Mrs. Catt will preside, in Washington, at the second conference on the cause and cure of war, at which nine national

women's organizations totalling a membership of several millions will be represented.

Always accused of sentimentality and emotionalism by the menfolk, the women are planning this time such a hard-boiled, cold-facts attack as will abash the hardest male.

"We intend to explode the fallacy that women's opposition to war is a sentimentalism," said Mrs. Catt.

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