

# 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—Muskego, Okla.

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

Everybody here is happy with it—Portland, Maine.

Attracts 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 doubled our population—Dayton, Ohio.

Now we have scientific street improvements—Muskego, 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 the names of courts 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 units while the city can issue several more millions in bonds.

Mrs. George Finfrock, in the audience, arose and objected to his reference to the school and park boards, 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. Affected at a cost of \$193,546.94, the net recoveries totaled \$131,658.51.

Pay of field examiners cost the State \$170,256.76, the report shows. Incidental departmental expenses totaled \$23,990.18, leaving \$7,593.32 of the appropriation unexpended. Considerable space 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. Head, 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 Praised Move to Raise Deficit in Campaign.

Women workers in the 1927 Community Fund campaign are celebrating the victory of their collective quota of \$54,560 today by redoubling their pre-Thanksgiving 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 \$34,083." Mrs. Fortune said, "and this amount is besides the \$200 which Mrs. Wolf Sussman has been gleaned from the cards which were turned back to headquarters."

Mrs. Sussman, with Miss Leona Foppiano, 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 \$1450.

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

### LOWLANDS ARE FLOODED

Ohio River Rises Six Inches Over Night at Evansville.

*By United Press*

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Nov. 4.—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.

His testimony came soon after the aged Indian was called to the witness stand by Judge Knox, who is hearing the suit brought by Elmer Bailey, Barnett's guardian, to void the gift of \$550,000 of Jackson's fortune to the American Baptist Home-Mission Society for the benefit of the Bacon Indian School in Oklahoma.

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*By United Press*

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—Jackson Barnett, Creek Indian and reputed to be the wealthiest of his race, told Federal Judge John C. Knox today that he never had signed any paper which would authorize anybody to give any of his money to any school.

He is the last Indian to be called to the witness stand by Judge Knox, who is hearing the suit brought by Elmer Bailey, Barnett's guardian, to void the gift of \$550,000 of Jackson's fortune to the American Baptist Home-Mission Society for the benefit of the Bacon Indian School in Oklahoma.

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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."

He explains one particular point that may puzzle many people who see the picture—namely, the method by which a single rower was able to operate an oar of the great length needed to reach from the topmost tier of benches to the water.

"The rowers upon the first and second bench sat, while those upon the third, having oars to work, were suffered to stand," writes General Wallace. "The oars were loaded with lead in the handles, and near the point of balance hung to pliant tongs, making possible the delicate touch called feathering, but, at the same time, increasing the need of skill, since an eccentric wave might at any moment catch a heedless fellow and hurl him from his seat."

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

## ASSERT INSULL WILL GET OUT OF LOCAL FIELD

### Brief in Merger Filed by Attorneys for Power and Light Company.

Denial that Samuel Insull, Chicago utilities czar, will have any further interest in the Indianapolis field was made today in a brief filed with the public service commission by attorneys for the Indianapolis Power and Light Company, which proposes to absorb the two local electric utilities.

In the document, filed by James W. Fesler and assisting attorneys

four main points are given in support of the new company's petition to purchase the two present concerns and in opposition to motions of various civic organizations to dismiss the case. The reasons given follow:

"That present move is only toward purchase of capital stock of the two concerns and is not a merger, as charged.

That the commission has ample jurisdiction in case.

That the purchasing company is a public utility as defined in the state creating the public service commission.

That Insull will retire completely from the local utility field with exception of continuing operation of power lines leading to Indianapolis.

In support of the third point, the brief declared, "A public utility must necessarily be created in successive steps. At various stages the corporation has not all the rights, powers, duties and responsibilities of a full-fledged utility. This is a plain case of purchase and sale."

With evidence of a growing feeling on the part of public service commissioners that their body lacks jurisdiction, rumors are being circulated in utility circles that the petition might be withdrawn.

Artman Expresses Self

One commissioner, Samuel R. Artman, already has expressed himself as believing the State body lacks jurisdiction, and two others are known to maintain a doubtful attitude.

Should the petition be withdrawn, it is understood that merger backers would attempt consolidation independently of the commission.

Meanwhile, the commission is giving its attention to the petition of the Indianapolis Power and Light to issue more than \$55 million in securities to finance purchase of the Indianapolis Light and Heat Company and the Merchants Heat and Light Company.

The two latter are taxed for a total of \$18,000,000, occasioning charges of "high finance and speculation."

A ruling is expected in a few

days on motion of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce to dismiss the petition for want of jurisdiction.

If the motion is upheld, the case ends and if it is denied the commission will turn to consideration of motions of the Indianapolis Federation of Community Civic Clubs and a group of heavy power users to postpone the hearing at least two months.

Attorneys for the merger backers are preparing briefs in support of the merger and those for the opponents are drafting briefs favoring dismissal.

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