

GIRL ABDUCTED, ATTACKED BY MEN IN TAXI

LEGISLATURE MAY SET RECORD FOR REPEALING LAWS

Reforms of the Past Under Fire—Move to Undo Some Measures.

If present predictions are fulfilled, the 1927 session of the Indiana Legislature, which convenes Jan. 4, may go down in Hoosier political annals as a record in proposing, and perhaps passing, laws to repeal laws.

The "too much law and too much government" war cry has been rising in pitch and volume and it is likely to be reflected when the legislative body convenes.

Touted reforms of the past are being condemned and efforts will be forthcoming to undo the measures. The list is a long one and each repeal will have the backing of popular opinion to a greater or less degree.

Commission Target

Outstanding among them may be the attempt to abolish the public service commission by repeal of the Shively-Spencer act. This move has considerable backing among citizens in the State and large and increasing popularity in Indianapolis because of the United States Supreme Court's decision upholding the water rates and the fight against the electric utility merger.

Abolition or curtailment of the functions of the State tax board is another measure that is gaining local popularity due to the tax board's reduction of Indianapolis school tax rates.

Oil inspectors jobs, under the State health board, may also be doomed, although they have passed safely through several sessions where there was considerable opposition.

The direct primary is another "reform" that has its enemies and may be the target of a legislative shaft. Senator Rollin H. Hill is studying the advisability of making it a matter of "local option."

Absent voter legislation will be attacked in the annual address of the Governor, it is reported. The Governor is not expected to touch on the direct primary fight.

Dry Law Issue

Attempts may be made to combine the offices of clerk and reporter of the Supreme Court and also to have the reporter publish advance sheets, containing the opinions as handed down from time to time. This publication is at present lodged with the West Publishing Company, St. Paul, Minn.

While on the subject of publication it is expected that Senator John S. Allredge may be back with his bill for the State publication of school books.

Senator C. Oliver Holmes, Gary, is still interested in eugenic measures.

Then there is the matter of modification of the Wright bone-dry law to permit doctors to prescribe whisky when they deem it necessary. The Indiana Anti-Saloon League does not favor this measure.

Rumblings have been heard against the State pardon board, and it, too, may develop its quota of abolitionists.

Charles Ringling of Circus Family Dies

SAFETY President O. D. Haskett and Police Chief Claude F. Johnson by the Indianapolis League of Women Voters.

Women officers are effective in crime prevention work, the league contends.

"In these departments of work the women seem to us essential, even indispensable; for the public dances and the two districts, including the Interurban and Union Stations, and for the juvenile court," the letter said. "The work of the court would undoubtedly be much hampered by their withdrawal."

"There are eight women covering the two districts with the stations and all of the public dances. Far from approving their dismissal, we believe that the number should be increased."

C. OF C. FOR TAX REFORM

Approve Ten of Eleven Recommendations of National Body.

Directors of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce favored ten of eleven recommendations of the United States Chamber of Commerce tax reform committee, in a vote taken Friday.

The board voted against recommendation that taxes upon the transfer of property at the owner's death should be an estate tax, and favored the substitution of an inheritance tax.

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Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported stolen to police belong to:

John Aldridge, 264 Farmers Trust Bldg.; Chevrolet, 401-755, from Washington St. and Capitol Ave.

George M. Carr, 1432 Woodlawn Ave.; Chevrolet, 504-480, from Wabash and Delaware Sts.

Gilbert Ryan, 2739 N. Sherman Dr.; Chevrolet, from Market and Delaware Sts.

Paul H. Talbott, 1226 N. Illinois St., Apt. 7; Ford, from Virginia Ave. and Washington St.

BACK HOME AGAIN

Automobiles reported found by police belong to:

Lincoln, license 650; found at Walnut St. and White River stripped of parts.

The meeting followed a dinner-dance.

FORM TRANSIT COMPANY

Incorporation papers of the Mayflower Transit Company were filed Friday with the Secretary of State. The company has \$50,000 common and \$50,000 preferred.

Incorporators are C. M. Gentry, Daniel Kenworthy, Robert Huffard, Fae W. Patrick and L. A. Besore. The company will start the first of the year to provide Interstate and Intrastate hauling service.

Love Death Principals



APATHY PREVAILS TOWARD START OF CONGRESS MONDAY

Opinion That Little Can Be Accomplished at Short Session Is Factor.

By United Press WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—With tax reduction, prohibition and farm relief in the foreground, the Sixty-Ninth Congress will meet here Monday for its final short session.

Although many problems of pressing national importance are to be fought out, there is less activity attending the opening of this session than usual.

There are no hasty conferences of congressional leaders; no feverish dickering over programs; no meetings of important committees framing legislation; no "viewing with alarm" and little "pointing with pride."

Few Members Arrive

Until this morning only a few Senators and Representatives had returned from their homes. Many will not arrive until the middle of next week.

There seems to be a general feeling that little can be done in the short session which will have only about six weeks of actual debate before March 4, automatically terminates the Congress. Instead of precipitating skirmishes for preferential positions for legislation, this fact has discouraged activity.

This is a "lame duck" session and it has been typical of such sessions in the past that they start off quietly and wind up in a free-for-all fight with little business transacted. They are called "lame duck" sessions because the Senators and representatives were elected two years ago and are merely holding office until the new Congress elected last November comes into authority after March 4.

Some Money Bills Ready

The House Appropriations Committee has been quietly at work upon appropriation bills the last few days and several are ready to be taken up in the House before Christmas. The first bill on the House calendar is the measure to increase the salaries of judges.

The \$100,000,000 rivers and harbors bill, including a proposal for diversion of Lake Michigan water to provide a nine-foot channel from the lakes to the gulf is first on the Senate list. It is to be taken up next week and adopted before the Christmas holidays.

ASSOCIATION ELECTS

Implement Dealers Choose D. M. Bottorff President.

The Indiana Implement Dealers' Association elected D. M. Bottorff, Columbus, president at the closing session of their three-day meeting at the Claypool Hotel, Friday. M. H. Sarp, Milford, was elected vice president and the retiring president, Floyd Grannon, Lafayette, was named as a director for three years.

Dr. W. E. Taylor, Moline, Ill., director of the soil culture department of Deere & Co., delivered the closing address. About one hundred delegates attended the convention.

MERGER OF MILK FIRMS UNDER WAY

Four Companies Furnish

Third of City Supply.

Merger of four large milk companies of Indianapolis, while under way, "is not at all definite," Thomas Hood, of the Fletcher American Company, in charge of financial arrangements, said today.

Companies involved in negotiations for the merger supply one-third of the city's milk. They are the Mutual Milk Company, Keystone and Bethel Aves.; the East End Milk Company, 1016 N. Keeling Ave.; the Weber Milk Company, 1131 Crust St., and Schaefer Brothers, Inc., Thirty-Sixth St. and Orchard Ave.

Distribution of the companies will be reorganized to prevent duplication in distributing territory, it is said. Total of the capital stock of the four companies is \$350,000.

ICE DEALERS TO MEET

Thirty-Third Annual Two-Day Convention Opens Wednesday.

About two hundred representatives from over the State will attend the thirty-third annual two-day convention of the Indiana Ice Dealers Association, which opens Wednesday at the Severin, it was announced Friday by C. Scott Johnson, executive secretary.

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