

TRIO ADMITS JEWELRY STORE ROBBERIES

PUBLIC SERVICE MEMBERS STRUCK BY SENATE BILL

Moorehead Would Oust All Present Men on State Commission.

The five present members of the public service commission would be summarily ousted and temporarily replaced by five new men named by Governor Jackson under a bill introduced by Senator Robert H. Moorehead (Rep.), Indianapolis, in the Indiana Senate.

The bill further provides for the election of five public service commissioners, one from each of the five Supreme Court districts. The elected commissioners would take office after the general election in November, 1928.

Effective May 1

The present commission would be abolished as soon as the law becomes effective, May 1, and the Governor would name five commissioners to serve until the new commissioners are elected.

The measure was drawn, it is reported, by Samuel R. Artman of the State Industrial board, former commissioner.

Some say it is unconstitutional.

An attempt to do away with consideration of the "reproduction new" theory in arriving at valuations for rate making purposes is made in the bill.

The bill provides that "the commission shall value all used and useful property of every utility company as a going concern at the actual present value thereof."

The law now provides that "as one of the elements of such valuation the commission shall give weight to the reasonable cost of bringing the property to its then state of efficiency."

In the decision of the United States Supreme Court in the appeal of the local water company from a decision of the Indiana public service commission a definite rule for the determination of the basis for utility rates was laid down as follows:

"....the present value of lands, plus the present cost of constructing the plant, less depreciation if any, is a fair measure of the value of the physical elements of the property."

Gas Company Case

On the basis of "spot reproduction value" as followed in the Federal Court, William P. Kappes, sitting as a special master in chancery, allowed the Citizens Gas Company a value of more than \$16,000,000 with about \$4,000,000 added for intangibles although the balance sheet of Dec. 31, 1925, shows assets of approximately \$11,000,000.

The bill would cancel all indeterminate permits under which most of the utilities now operate. In their place the commission to be formed would issue new indeterminate permits to contain an agreement by which the utility would contract to take its appeal from any ruling of the commission to the State courts.

Many attorneys say that this provision is unconstitutional on the basis that constitutional rights cannot be signed away.

Holding companies would come under the plan, as would associations or individuals which have control of more than 50 per cent of the common stock of any public utility company.

Control of outside holding companies such as the American Telephone and Telegraph Company would also pass into the hands of the commission under the measure.

SEEKS INCREASE OF BODY'S POWER

Measure Would Give Commission Right to Probe Finances.

Another public service commission bill has been announced for the legislative hopper by Senator Denver C. Harlan, Richmond. It will be the fifth measure having to do with utilities regulation.

The Harlan bill is designed to increase, rather than to curtail or abolish, the power of the present commission. It plans to extend to the commissioners opportunity to peer behind the scenes and learn what money is expended for various purposes not recorded in the financial statements of the companies.

The measure is aimed directly at the huge amounts said to be supplied for attorney fees and lobbying when utility concerns are endeavoring to "put something across."

Don't Risk Pneumonia By Neglecting a Cold

If you have a cough or cold, don't neglect it during this pneumonia weather. A cough or cold weakens your resistance. If you let it "go down" into your chest it always causes congestion in your bronchial tubes—and these tubes lead directly into your lungs.

If you get pneumonia, call a doctor immediately. But if you have a threatening cold or cough—even bronchitis—Ayer's Cherry Pectoral at once! End it before inflammation goes down into the "danger zone."

Quickly and unfailingly Cherry

FLAMES SWEEP PROPERTY OF BRITISH AS COOLIES JOIN CHINESE UPRISING



Fire, started by victorious Cantonese troops, rages through Wuchang, China. This view was taken from Wuchang's sister city, Hankow, on the opposite side of the Yangtze River, where uprising coolies swept through and destroyed part of the British concession. In the foreground are two of the vessels on which foragers took refuge from the Hankow mob.



Nanking Road, the principal thoroughfare of Shanghai, China. It was here that employees of the Municipal Tramway Company fought a pitched battle with the police by way of celebrating their victory in a two-day strike. Residents of the American quarter were the first to volunteer to protect foreign property.

Police Say Youths Confess Smashing Two Downtown Shop Windows.

ONE ARRESTED IN CHASE

Saws, Glass Cutter Found at Apartment.

Three 19-year-old youths were held today on charges of burglary and grand larceny when police said they confessed to smashing in two downtown jewelry store windows.

The trio admitted implication in the robbing of the Crown Jewelry Store, 21 S. Illinois St., early today, and the Hamilton Jewelry Company, 3 N. Meridian St., of \$300 lost early Wednesday, after smashing the store windows, police said.

Held After Chase

Eugene Ellmore, 26, of 419 E. North St., was arrested shortly after he is alleged to have smashed the glass at the Crown store. Two other youths were arrested later.

Stewart Coleman, 1951 Broadway, and Miles Lane, 2425 Ashland Ave., American District Telegraph burglar alarm employees answered an alarm sounded when the glass was shattered.

They chased two men, but captured only Ellmore.

Five Watches, a Cameo Ring

A glass cutter and a small wrench were found in Ellmore's pockets, they told police. The Crown store window had been cut with a cutter and smashed with a wrench.

Police found James Wolfe, who said he is Ellmore's roommate, in bed at the North St. address. A piece of plate glass and a watch were found in one of the youth's pockets.

Drove Auto

Edward Carson, who said he shared the apartment, came in the rear entrance while police searched the place. Carson admitted he drove Wolfe and Ellmore to the scene of the robbery in a rented car.

Wolfe and Ellmore alighted in front of the store, while Carson drove down the street and waited. Growing tired of waiting, he told police, he returned the auto. Police found saws, chisels and a glass cutter in a suit case carried by Carson.

Loot at the Crown store totaled \$175, police said, but it all was recovered.

The trio admitted attempting to rob the barber shop at 29 S. Capitol Ave., where Wolfe was employed, police said.

Detectors say the trio admitted they formerly lived at the Masonic Orphans Home, Franklin, Ind., and since leaving there made two trips back, stealing band musical instruments each time.

MEDICAL FREEDOM LEAGUE OPPOSED

Bill to Enjoin Unlicensed Healers Scored.

The Indiana League for Medical Freedom with headquarters here today expressed vigorous disapproval of the House bill pending in the Indiana Legislature which provides for injunctions against unlicensed healers.

The bill would make it impossible for citizens to select the type of attention they desire in case of illness, the league pointed out.

BANDITS WIDOW BRIDE

Slay Clerk in Hotel Hold-Up—Actress Hurt by Jumping.

By United Press NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—Two young bandits today entered the Hotel Charles in Harlem, killed the night clerk, wounded two guests and under cover of revolver fire escaped with their loot—a diamond pin and \$143 in cash. Miss Adele Strauss, actress, terrified at the sounds of shooting, jumped through a second floor window. She suffered a fractured skull and internal injuries.

The slain man was Samuel Lipschitz, 25, part owner of the hotel. He was a bridegroom of two months.

Harold Perlmuter, a bank clerk, and Michael Montforte, a chauffeur, who joined Lipschitz in struggling with the bandits, received leg wounds.

SPURNED \$100,000 OFFER

By United Press DENVER, Col., Jan. 27.—Franz Liszt, famous German composer and pianist, refused an offer of \$100,000 to appear in F. T. Barnum's circus, as Jenny Lind had done, because he didn't want crowds to stare at him as they do at fat men and bearded ladies.

This and other hitherto unpublished incidents in the private life of the great musician were recalled yesterday by Dr. James M. Tracy, only living American pupil of Liszt, as he celebrated his ninetieth birthday here.

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'PEACHES' BETS 'DADDY' FEARS TO TELL HIS STORY

But Browning's Attorney Declares, 'Try and Keep Him Off the Stand'—Resume Hearing Monday.

By United Press NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—Having moved back to Broadway from suburban White Plains, Edward West Browning today had four days to consider his wife's revelations about his penchant for rubber eggs. Honking ganders and toy dogs, before he must go to the witness stand and "tell all."

The millionaire realty operator, who is 52 years old and doesn't look a day over 60, is expected to testify Monday in the separation suit brought against his 16-year-old wife, Frances (Peaches) Heenan, substantial-figured blonde, who already has recounted her story of the sanitary marionette.

"I'll bet he won't. He's afraid to," was the girl's trenchant comment when informed that "Daddy" was to be a witness in his own behalf.

Which observation, to those who have breathlessly followed the career of Browning, proved that she didn't understand him. John E. Mack, trial counsel for the plaintiff, summarized the situation more effectively:

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Wilson offered his bill as a result of testimony published in newspapers. He fears that much of it, withheld now, might find its way later in to "art" and "Snappy" magazines.

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SEEK LIMIT FOR FARMERS' TAXES

Will Submit Bill to Prohibit Taxes Exceeding Revenues.

Relief of farmers from the high burden of taxation was provided in a tax measure, to be submitted to the Legislature, outlined at a meeting of the farm bloc of both houses of the Legislature Wednesday night.

It provides that taxation of real or personal property be limited to 2 per cent of its fair cash value and that the taxes on no real or personal property, depending for its value entirely upon its revenue, should exceed 20 per cent of its normal net income.

The suggestions are to be placed in the proper form by a committee consisting of Senator Alonzo H. Lindley, Senator Curtis Shake, Representative Charles M. Trowbridge and Representative Harlan R. Denton.

Lindley and Trowbridge are Republicans and Shake and Denton Democrats.

Method of appeal to the courts from the board of review will be included in the measure.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 36 SOCIAL AGENCIES PASSED

\$667,316 to Be Distributed Among Organizations in Community Fund.

The 1927 appropriation for the thirty-six agencies affiliated with the Community Fund were approved today by directors at the Indianapolis Athletic Club.

The subscription for 1927 totaled \$657,461. With the estimated additional collections from the 1926 accounts, amounting to \$9,855.06, the total amount for distribution among the agencies is \$667,316.

Mrs. William H. Cole and Mrs. P. C. Reilly were nominated for directors, to be elected Feb. 8 at annual meeting. Mrs. Reilly was nominated for two years, so at least one woman will be on the board each year.

Appropriations:	\$
Alpha Home	3,480,000
American Settlement Association	7,287,000
Boys' Club	18,007,000
Camp Fire Girls	5,000,000
Catholic Social Service	2,600,000
Catholic Women's Association	6,500,000
College Settlement Association	11,500,000
Displaced Aid Association	900,000
Family Home	131,000,000
Family Welfare Society	5,000,000
Planned Parenthood	8,000,000
Planned Parenthood	5,000,000
Girl Scouts	5,000,000
Hawthorne Social Service House	6,000,000
Indoor Indoor Photoplay	4,000,000
Council of Social Agencies	8,094,26
Day Nurses Association	4,000,000
Domestic Mission	6,000,000
Home for Aged Women	5,500,000
Home for the Handicapped	2,000,000
Orphan Asylum	5,700,000
Orphans' Aid	4,085,000
Old Folks' Aid	5,500,000
Old Folks' Home	6,500,000
Public Health Nursing Association	30,500,00
Red Cross	31,147,00
Saints' Army	27,600,00
Society of Good Shepherd	3,000,000
Social Service Department	1,500,00
Church Federation	12,000,00
Wheeler City Mission	5,500,00
Woman's Improvement Club	1,800,00
Young Men's Christian Association	52,000,00
Young Women's Christian Association	6,100,00
Y. W. C. A.	35,600,00
Y. W. C. A. South Side Branch	12,500,00
Community Fund Central Office	3,500,00
for Auditing, Disbursing, Publicity and Centralized Finances	49,063,54
Emergency, shrinkage, etc.	32,873,08
Amount unappropriated	176,74

ABSENT VOTERS' LAW HIT

Repeal of the absent voter's ballot law was recommended in the committee report on a repeal measure passed by the Indiana House of Representatives Wednesday. The repeal bill now goes to second reading.

Introduced as a Democratic bill by Representatives Edward B. Bender and William Dentlinger, a divided committee report was returned.

Representative John W. Scott (Rep.), of Lake County, submitted a minority report signed by himself and spoke for its adoption.

Jim Reed Attacks Spokesman Sham

By United Press WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—The President's spokesman who makes his statements to the press is actually President Coolidge himself, Senator Reed (Dem.), Missouri, charged in the Senate during the tax debate.

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