

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. Knapp, 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 filed 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.

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 loot early Wednesday, after smashing the store windows, police said.

Held After Chase
Eugene Ellmore, Apt. 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 'smashed. 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.

Detectives 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.

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, partner of the hotel. He was a bridegroom of two months.

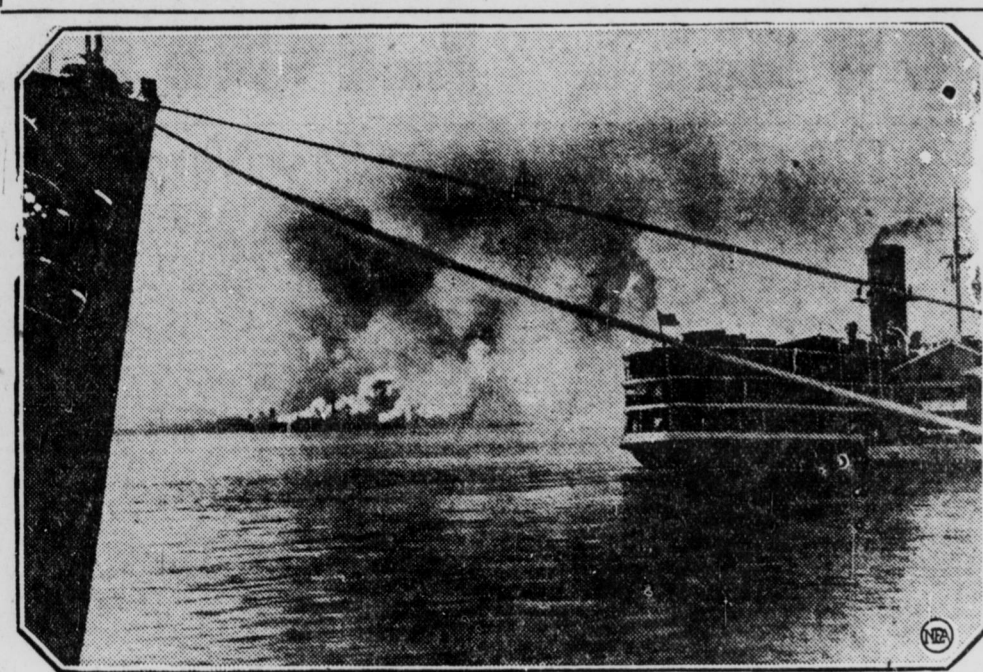
Harold Perlmutter, a bank clerk, and Michael Montforte, a chauffeur, who joined Lipschitz in struggling with the bandits, received leg wounds.

SPURNED \$100,000 OFFER

DENVER, Col., Jan. 27.—Franz Liszt, famous German composer and pianist, refused an offer of \$100,000 to appear in P. 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 today by Dr. James M. Tracy, only living American pupil of Liszt, as he celebrated his ninetieth birthday here.

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 for eigners took refuge from the Hankow mobs.



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.

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

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

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, Honkies 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 unsavory marital venture.

"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.

"Will Browning testify? Try and keep him off the stand," said Mack, an astute attorney, better versed than "Peaches" in the acquired characteristics of the Cinderella fancier.

BILL FOR CENSORSHIP
WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—To prevent publication by magazines of salacious testimony offered at the Browning separation trial, Representative Wilson (Dem.), Mississippi, has introduced a bill creating a Federal magazine censorship board.

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.

Wilson intends to speak in the House in a few days and to produce more than thirty-five magazines which he claims are publishing objectionable articles and pictures. He will also pay his respects to a "small pictorial newspaper" which he said published many phases of the famous New York case which could have been eliminated.

MELLON MAKES DENIAL
Treasury Head Declares He Owns No Property in Mexico.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Secretary of the Treasury Mellon today denied that he owns any property in Mexico.

The denial followed reports that the Mellon interests had purchased oil holdings of Lord Cowdray in the southern Republic.

Mellon explained he had been a stockholder for twenty-five years in the Gulf Oil Company, a subsidiary of which, the Mexican Gulf Oil Company, operates south of the Rio Grande. He said he has nothing to do with operations of the company.

Lindley and Trowbridge are Republicans and Shake and Denton Democrats.

Methods 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 \$557,461. With the estimated additional collections from the 1926 accounts, amounting to \$9,855.96, the total for distribution among the agencies is \$567,316.

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

Appropriations:	
Alpha House	\$ 3,480.00
American Settlement Association	2,287.00
Boys' Club	10,000.00
Boy Scouts	18,007.00
Camp Fire Girls	5,000.00
Catholic Women's Association	23,370.00
Catholic Settlement Association	2,000.00
College Settlement Association	11,500.00
Dispensary Aid Association	6,500.00
Faith House	900.00
Family Welfare Society	151,000.00
Finch House	20,022.00
Flournoy Crittenton Home	8,000.00
Girl Scouts	6,233.00
Hastings Social Service House	6,000.00
Indiana Industrial Photographs	4,000.00
Council of Social Agencies	8,084.25
Day Nursery Association	6,924.00
Flower Mission	6,900.00
Home for Aged Women	5,500.00
Humane Society	2,500.00
Orphan Asylum	8,734.08
Travelers' Aid	4,085.00
Jewish Federation	35,530.00
Old Folks' Home	6,500.00
Public Health Nursing Association	30,500.00
Red Cross	21,147.00
Salvation Army	27,600.00
Society of the Good Shepherd	3,000.00
Social Service Department	3,500.00
Church Federation	12,000.00
Volunteers of America	5,500.00
Wheeler City Mission	1,800.00
Woman's Improvement Club	1,800.00
Young Men's Christian Association	52,000.00
Y. M. C. A. Colored Branch	6,100.00
Young Women's Christian Association	35,600.00
Y. W. C. A. South Side Branch	12,500.00
W. C. A. Colored Branch	2,500.00
Community Fund, Central Office, campaign, collecting, auditing, disbursing, publicity and centralized financial service to member organizations	49,083.54
Emergency, shrinkage, etc.	33,873.08
Amount unappropriated	170.74

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

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.

"Let us be done with sham and pretense," said Reed. "The President's spokesman is the President himself and the newspapersmen are under coercion and compulsion to keep up the fiction of the spokesman in order to create the impression that the President himself does not say the things he says. I do not know why this sham is kept up unless it is to give the people an idea that the President is a silent man who speaks only words of great wisdom."

—By Blosser

He Fosters Bonus for Veterans



Bill Babcock, veteran State Representative from Rensselaer is the father of the bill for a State soldiers' bonus and to put Barrett law interest in public funds. Babcock is on the roads, public morals and insurance committees.

RAIDERS GET BIG STILL

Woman and Man Nabbed on Farm North of Ft. Wayne.

Eighty-one gallons of alleged whisky, a fifty-gallon still, 1,650 gallons of mash and complete equipment for wholesale manufacture of liquor were seized in a raid made early Wednesday morning on a farm near Ft. Wayne by five Federal prohibition agents, under the direction of George L. Winkler, deputy prohibition administrator here.

Mrs. Anna Gardner, 45, and John Brennan, 25, were arrested and charged with possession of an illicit still, manufacture of illicit liquor and operating a nuisance. They are held at Ft. Wayne.

German chemists are making wool from chemically treated pine needles.

Hires Ex-Wife as Housekeeper

By Times Special
PERU, Ind., Jan. 27.—George Messimer, railroad brakeman, has failed both as a husband and employer, his former wife, Mrs. Ethel Messimer, alleges in a suit asking \$200 as back wages for keeping house for him. Mrs. Messimer sued her husband for divorce last year. It was granted. Unable to win back her affections, Messimer hired her as a housekeeper. Then he has refused to pay her, she alleges now.

AGENT'S HOME BOMBED

None Hurt in Blow Directed at Rum Runner's Foe.

RAVENNA, Jan. 27.—The home of Fred M. Knapp, safety director here, was bombed today as a result of his activities against rum runners. None of Knapp's family was injured by the blast, which ripped away the front of the house.

Neighbors said they saw a large automobile speeding away from the scene in the direction of Cleveland shortly after the explosion.

Evansville Engineer Rescued by Tanlac

Victim of Liver Trouble, Nervous Indigestion, Loss of Sleep, Rheumatism and Run-down Condition, Finds Long-Sought Relief

Michael Heim, 200 Oakley Street, Evansville, Indiana, an engineer, says: "Telegraphic rheumatism, bad stomach and liver trouble had me in terrible shape. 'My strength had vanished. When I walked dizzy spells made me reel. And my stomach was so upset that I couldn't eat without bloating up and suffering from tormenting indigestion. Rheumatic pains in arms and legs made it difficult for me to get about. I had almost given up hope of ever recovering my lost health and strength when I took the advice of a friend and began taking Tanlac. I recommend it to all who are ailing."

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INSIST GOVERNOR PICK REGULAR FOR COMMISSION POST

Seek Organization Supporter for Burch's Job on Highway Body.

A regular Republican is being demanded of Governor Ed Jackson to succeed Alvin C. Burch, Republican, of Evansville, whose term as a member of the State highway commission expires April 1, 1927.

Opponents of the highway body feel that with the publication of a list of long distance calls to Thomas A. Adams, Vincennes publisher and charged to the State that they at last have "something" on them.

Name on List
Adams made public the letter of D. C. Stephenson, written from his prison cell, in which he declared he could "rock the State with what he knew." This brought about the Marion County grand jury probe which resulted in no indictments, but a peculiarly worded report created much comment.

Burch is president of the Bloomington Works at Evansville. His name appeared on the list of those calling Adams by telephone at various times.

Whispering around the Legislature indicate that great pressure is being brought to bear on the Governor not to reappoint Burch.

"Thousands Will Desert"
In some quarters the story is being told that Senator Arthur R. Robinson has been called upon to tell the Governor that thousands will desert the party if a "regular Republican" is not appointed to succeed Burch.

The Coffin-Trotter-Huffington branch of the combine to which the Governor is alleged to belong are after the scalp of Burch.

It is claimed that Burch has made two trips to Washington in an effort to induce Ray Luehring, special assistant attorney general of the United States, to release a report on file in Washington which is supposed to clear the commission and its director of charges of fraud.

Organization Republicans say the calls Burch made to Adams prove his participation in the "clean-up" campaign.

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