

MOORHEAD OSTER BILL UP THURSDAY

After devoting Tuesday to listening to the merits and demerits of the Cann utilities bill and then killing it by a vote of 17 to 30, Indiana Senators faced the Moorhead bill as a matter of special business at 2 p. m. Thursday.

The bill, introduced by Senator Robert L. Moorhead (Rep.), Indianapolis, calls for election of five public service commissioners, one from each Supreme Court judicial district. It also demands ousting of the present commissioners by May 1, and appointment of others until they can be elected next fall.

Senator Moorhead, when the measure came as special business, this morning, moved that the bill be considered Thursday. Several changes are to be made, he said. Two new utility bills were introduced.

Municipal Plans
A bill offered by Senator J. Francis Lechard (Dem.), Milan, would take the regulation of all municipally owned plants from under the public service commission and provide for rate making and all other control by city councils.

A similar bill was introduced into the House of Representatives by Representative Delph L. McKesson. Senator B. R. Inman (Rep.), Danville, introduced a bill to require all municipal plants to create an "extension and improvement fund." The fund shall not exceed 7 per cent of the total property value of the plant.

Amendments that will be offered when the bill comes up on second reading, are designed to eliminate the elective feature and to require Senate approval of appointees.

Senator Howard A. Cann (Rep.), Frankfort, author of the Cann bill, and Senator Anderson Ketchum (Dem.), Greensburg, both have announced that they would amend the Moorhead measure.

The bill may be debated and killed or go to third reading. It is predicted that it may muster a few more supporters than the Cann bill, but not enough to secure a constitutional majority and final passage, without drastic changes.

Past Table Motion
Cann's bill called for complete repeal of the Spencer-Shivley utilities act, which would mean abolition of the Indiana public service commission and all state control.

After its defeat Senator James J. Nejdil (Rep.), Whiting, made sure that it would not be brought up again by securing passage of a motion to reconsider and table. Despite the protest of Cann that unless the Republicans backed the bill they would be defeated in 1928, only six of the majority party voted for it. Eleven Democrats supported the measure. Four Democrats voted with the twenty-seven Republicans against it.

LACK CLEW TO CHILD

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Feb. 16.—Although no trace of William Gaffney, 4, missing from his home since Friday, had been found on the sixth day of his absence, detectives in overalls today resumed their search of all out-of-the-way places near the Gaffney home.

Coal bins, storage rooms, ships berthed near the home and scows were searched.

As the days passed with no word of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Gaffney, exhausted by the nervous tension, fear that he is dead. Neither have been able to sleep. The mother is suffering from extreme exhaustion. The kidnapping theory has been abandoned by police, except that a mother, crazed with loss of her own child, might have stolen the boy.

YOUTH TAKES POISON

Charles Prather, 25, of 1001 N. Alabama St., is in a serious condition today at the city hospital. Prather took poison. Police were told that he went to the home of a cousin, Mrs. Nellie Dean, 318 E. Tenth St., where he collapsed. Worry over lack of employment was ascribed as the motive.

Sure of Himself Now!



So Clean Inside, No Fear of Perspiration Offense, However Over-Heated

Once a person realizes the wonderful properties in cascara, no other laxative in the market would ever be considered. It's no trick to "clean out the bowels." Dozens of things will do that. But a little natural cascara purifies the system clear through. Cascarets even the pores of your skin. Removes perspiration as inoffensive as so much dew! The old-fashioned way was "salts." They get action, but they take the mucous membranes along with the waste matter! Mineral oils are gentler, but they leave the bowels with a film of poisons for the blood to carry off through the pores. But when you cascade the system, you get rid of all the poisons by normal muscular action of the bowels. If you have the habit of taking medicine for constipation, or even for auto-intoxication, stop it. For a candy-cascared a delightful food in which to take cascara; children love them, and the taste tempts most grown-ups to have "more."

And what a comfort to know you are in that clean, wholesome condition that does away with any need of deodorant, even in warm weather! Try a cascared tonight—see how you feel next day, and for days after! With the skin fresh and fragrant. All druggists, 30c and 25c.

CASCARETS

Says Dangerous Varicose Veins Can Be Reducad at Home

Rub Gently and Upward Toward the Heart as Blood in Veins Flows That Way.

If you or any relative or friends are worried because of varicose veins, or bunches, the best advice that anyone in this world can give you is to ask your druggist for an

TITLE BUILDING SOLD

Savings Association Will Open Headquarters.

Sale of the Indiana Title Guaranty and Loan Company building, 118-20 N. Delaware St., to the People's Mutual Savings and Loan Association, was announced Tuesday by W. H. Bockstahler, savings and loan association secretary. The purchasing firm will have headquarters in the building.

Property is a two-story brick structure with a 19 1/2 foot frontage on Delaware St. The consideration involved was not announced.

GRAFT IN LOCAL POLITICS CHARGED AT HOUSE HEARING

Friends and foes of Indiana's primary law took up verbal cudgels in defense of their views at a public hearing on the Bender-Hughes bill before the House of Representatives election committee Tuesday.

Charges of Marion County political corruption were made freely. Past and present city officials, women club leaders, farm and labor representatives and reformers asked that "teeth" be put in the present primary law to prevent primary election practices now charged against George V. Coffin's ring in particular.

Shows Statements
City Clerk William A. Boyce, Jr., exhibited eighteen sworn statements charging attempts to buy off candidates and other irregularities at the last Marion County primary.

Boyce said he was unable to get indictments against the men accused because the present law is not specific.

William A. Pickens, State Bar Association president, opposed the primary system. "A primary needs too much money to run for office via the primary," Pickens said. Turning to the hundred or more women who attended the hearing, Pickens said, "Women do not know what is good for them."

Lew Shank, former mayor, shook the skeletons of old time party conventions before the assembly, and said, "I spent \$7,500 in the primary for Governor."

Pickens asked Shank if it was true that "George V. Coffin controlled the last Marion County primary."

"Absolutely," replied Shank. Edward S. Shumaker, Anti-Saloon League superintendent, said he was speaking unofficially for the league in advocating the primary.

Dry Forces in Balance

"If the primary law is repealed the dry forces will be broken," he said. Emsley Johnson, former party board president; Alva J. Rucker, former city corporation counsel; J. Kirby Risk, Lafayette; Elizabeth T. Stanley, State president; W. C. T. U.; Mrs. Allen T. Fleming, president, Legislative Forum of Indianapolis women; Mrs. O. Lukenbill; Mrs. Alma Sickler, Indiana League of Women Voters; Mrs. Frank Lahr; Edward P. Barry, Indiana Federation of Labor vice president, and Edgar Bush, Indiana Farm Bureau Federation, spoke in favor of the primary.

The elections committee was not expected to report today. Discussion at the public hearing was designed to throw light on the Bender-Hughes plan of safeguarding the primary, but it took a general turn and little definite action was taken.

Mental Telepathy to Get Radio Test

LONDON, Feb. 16.—For the second time in six months radio will be used tonight as a link in a mental telepathy test reaching millions of owners of radio receiving sets in England. At exactly 11 p. m., radio fans will be asked to listen to Oliver Lodge, famous exponent of spiritual communication, the nature of a series of objects which commencing at that moment will be shown one at a time to a group of students of psychic phenomena closeted in the offices of the Psychological Research Society in London.

20 DEDICATE SURGERY

The city hospital new surgical unit will be turned over to the city tonight by Dr. F. E. Jackson, health board president. Mayor Duvall will accept the unit.

The unit, completed at a cost of \$385,000, is as complete as any surgery in the United States, according to Dr. W. A. Doepfers, superintendent.

The hospital was open today for public inspection.

PAY INCREASE HELD UP

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The Indiana House of Representatives fees and salaries committee, did not agree with Representative Russell V. Duncan, who introduced a bill raising Pierce's salary from \$2,500 to \$3,600 a year.

REDUCE SALARY BILL

The Marion and Lake County commissioners salary increase bill was cut from \$5,000 to \$4,000 a year on recommendation of the committee in the Indiana House of Representatives. The measure provides for increase from \$2,800.

The bill affects only Marion and Lake counties.

HAYS CITES VAST BURDENS HEAPED UPON MINISTERS

"It is not wise, nor is it Christian, to add financial cares to a minister's other burdens," Will H. Hays, president of the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America, asserted Tuesday night at the first report dinner of the Presbyterian Church, which is attempting to raise \$150,000,000 in a national drive to pension aged ministers and missionaries. Hays is general chairman of the laymen's committee and is directing the Nation-wide drive. "We look with scorn on people who do not prepare for old age and become a public charge, but those who fulfill what is the highest office in a community we give a pittance without hope of provision for the future," he said.

500 Attend

Approximately 500 clergymen and laymen from the six districts in the Indianapolis presbytery attended. They reported a total of \$54,522.50 raised since the opening of the drive last Friday. The quota of the presbytery, which includes forty-six churches in and around Indianapolis, is \$102,000. Another report dinner will be held at the Indianapolis Athletic Club Monday evening.

"The thinning of the ranks of prospective ministers should make us pause," Hays asserted. "We are expecting too much of human nature when we ask a man to dedicate himself to present need and future hardships."

Need Ministers

"Were they not men of strong character, reconciled to devoting their lives to the service of God and their fellowmen, at immeasurable personal sacrifice, the attractions to them in commercial life, where in telepathy is bound to find its place, would already have demoralized the effective preaching of the gospel."

"If you would realize what the minister means to the individual or to the community," he continued, "try to imagine what existence would be without him—no worship, no sacraments, no baptism, no marriage ceremonies except the signing of a contract, at the grave the lowering of the coffin without a word of comfort. We could not bear it a week. We would starve. We could not exist as a nation without the ministers, who get wages scarcely larger than the garbage collector."

Hays' speech was broadcast over WFBM.

CITY FOREMEN TO MEET SATURDAY

Superintendents and foremen of all Indianapolis factories and business establishments have been invited to attend a general meeting of shop and department keymen Saturday afternoon at the Claypool.

Edward H. Tingley, O. will speak on "Leadership in Industry."

Tingley is editor of The Foreman's Magazine, official organ of the National Association of Foremen.

Louis Ruthenberg, general manager of the Yellow Sleeve Valve Engine Works of East Moline, Ill.; Homer D. Sayre, commissioner of the National Metal Trades Association, and W. E. Odum, director of the association's industrial relations department, both of Chicago, will also talk on "Foremanship Courses."

Arrangements are in charge of a committee composed of D. C. McRobert, G. and J. Tire Company; Guy E. Street, American Foundry Company; W. K. Swigert, Stutz Motor Car Company; James H. Wechsler, Robbins Body Corporation; and Ferris T. Taylor, Dean Brothers Company.

Friday evening Mr. Tingley also will speak on the work and activities of the National Association of Foremen, at the twenty-third annual meeting and dinner of the Associated Employers of Indianapolis at 6:30 in the Riley room, Claypool Hotel.

Ladies are invited, and musical entertainment will be furnished by Harry Dickerson's Elks Club orchestra. The dinner is informal.

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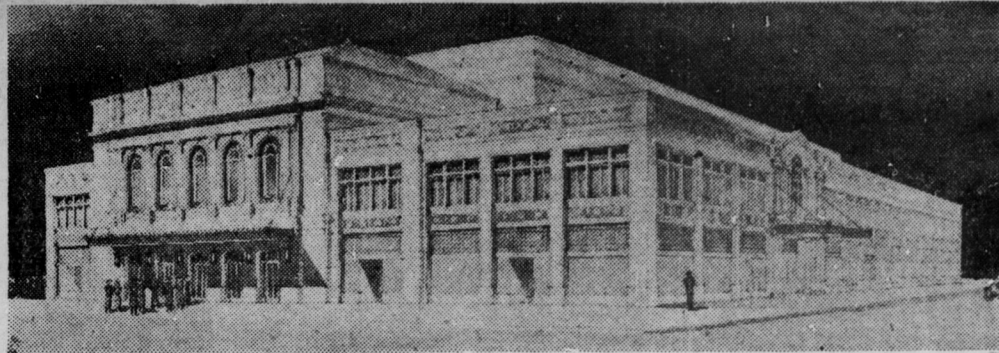
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Proposed North Side Theater Sketch



This is a sketch of the \$1,250,000 vaudeville and picture house which M. Margolis, representatives of a Chicago concern, proposes to erect at the southwest corner of Thirty-Eighth and Meridian Sts. Board of zoning appeals set March 1 for a public hearing on a petition for a building permit, after a group of Methodist Church leaders opposed the proposed building Tuesday. The proposed theater will be modern, with store-rooms on the street floor. A. Katzow, 1124 S. Illinois St., handled the real estate transactions. No announcement has been made of a lease.

AUTO ACCIDENTS LAND 2 DRIVERS IN POLICE COURT

Garnett Ensley, 27, of 431 N. Illinois St., was arrested today by Sgt. Frank Owens of the police accident prevention bureau, who charged assault and battery and failure to stop after an accident. Owens said Ensley was driving a taxicab Monday that struck George Freeman, 65, of 27 1/2 E. Ohio St., at Ohio and Meridian Sts., knocking him to the pavement and injuring his right arm and shoulder.

William A. Volz, 24, of 1626 Central Ave., was charged with assault and battery and failure to stop for a street car unloading passengers Tuesday night.

Police say his auto struck Miss Brnice McMurray, 21, Negro, 2429 Northwestern Ave., as she stepped from a Central Ave. street car at Nineteenth St. She was not seriously injured.

The police drive on motorists who fail to stop at "stop and go" signals and preferential streets resulted in fourteen men and one woman being slated at city prison. Nine alleged speeders were charged. They were: A. C. Linn, 33, of 631 W. Thirtieth St.; Charles Cummings, 23, of 1918 Ingram Ave.; Harold L. Krause, 30, of 3330 Central Ave.; Clifford Ward, 27, of 216 Shiel Apt., 220 N. Illinois St.; Roy Oakes, 26, of 2105 Barth Ave.; Eddie Hill, 23, of 2274 S. Pennsylvania St.; Gale Esty, 23, of 409 E. Forty-Third St.; Noble Landreth, 23, of 945 Bradley Ave., and George Check, 18, of 2721 Cornell Ave.

TAX COURSE DEFENDED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The Government today presented evidence in the \$36,000,000 Ford stock sale tax hearing designed to combat intimations of counsel for Senator James Couzens and associates that the internal revenue-bureau discriminated by levying additional assessments long after the original tax had been paid.

Albert Lewis, chief of the audit section of the bureau, testified the action in making two different assessments against Couzens and associates was not unusual. There is no limit to the assessments the bureau may make, and no tax case is finally closed until the statute of limitations outlaws it, Lewis declared.

THE TINY MITE



(READ THE STORY, THEN COLOR THE PICTURE)

"Hello there, all you little men, the big balloon man said. And then he asked the Tines if they'd like to watch him for a spell. 'If you'll just keep hands off,' said he, 'I'll gladly let you stay with me. Now watch, when these balloons are blown and see how fast they swell.'"

The Tines sat down on the ground, all might glad that they had found a man who made the big balloons that all kids like to buy. "Oh, gee," said Scouty, this is great. "It's fun to watch you operate. I wonder how you have the strength to blow them so high."

"That's easy," said the man, when through. "Now see if you can do it, too." And then he handed Scouty one that still was very flat. "All right, said Scouty, 'Here I go.' He blew as hard as he could blow, and up the big balloon went, till it knocked off Scouty's hat. "Ha, ha," the others laughed, in glee. "Why, you're as clumsy as

Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported stolen by police belong to:

Louis Lucas, 859 W. Thirtieth St., Chevrolet, from Meridian and New York Sts.

James Seiberling, Marion, Ind., Nash, from 125 N. East St.

Henry Van Bank, 1465 N. New Jersey St., Chevrolet, \$24576, from Palmer and Meridian Sts.

Thomas F. Hatfield, 1919 N. New Jersey St., Nash, 505-051, from Maryland and Meridian Sts.

Charles G. Sanders, 3342 Carrollton Ave., Jordan, M301-1, from State Fairgrounds.

City of Indianapolis, Electrical Department, Ford, City 63, from rear of city hall.

G. W. Quinn, 1854 Central Ave., Ford, 590-247, from Ohio and Alabama Sts.

Ray Jackson, 5142 Ellenberger Dr., Chevrolet, 535-282, from above address.

BACK HOME AGAIN

Automobiles reported found by police belong to:

Paul J. Meredith, English Hotel, Ford, found at Delaware and Market Sts.

George Helise, 4061 Broadway, Ford, found at 740 W. New York St.

Leo Pundsack, 1705 S. Delaware St., Ford, found at Thirtieth and Sangster Ave.

The Reo Ehrich Malarky Company, Reo, found at Meridian and St. Clair St.

FLIGHT NEWS BANNED

ROME, Feb. 16.—Exercising the fair for the dramatic which has characterized his administration of the Fascist state, Premier Mussolini today forbade Italian newspapers to publish news of Col. Francesco de Pinedo's attempt, scheduled for today, to span the south Atlantic in a non-stop flight. The government insists that the country should know nothing of the progress until he steps ashore on the South American continent, having accomplished what no other man has before.

MABEL SERIOUSLY ILL

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Feb. 16.—Mabel Normand, motion picture comedienne, was reported in a serious condition with pneumonia at a Santa Monica hospital last night. She was removed from her Beverly Hills home late yesterday.

SCREAMS OF GIRL HALT KIDNAPING

Police today sought four young men who attempted to kidnap Miss Thelma Dunn, 17, of 1127 Marlowe Ave., Tuesday night.

After attending a neighborhood picture show Miss Dunn told police she started for her home about 9 p. m. She noticed that a young man followed her from the show to Washington St. and Highland Ave. An auto with three other young men in it stopped at the curb. The youths attempted to force her into the auto. She screamed and fought until she gained her freedom and fled, she said.

She ran through a yard and alley to Ohio St., where a second kidnapping attempt was made. Her screams again frightened the youths and they fled.

MAN SET AFIRE BY BANDIT DIES

Grand Jury to Investigate the Case.

By United Press
MONTICELLO, Ind., Feb. 16.—John Baker, 70, who was robbed and then set on fire by a bandit in his lonely farm home near here Monday night, died at noon today from his burns.

The grand jury will meet Thursday to investigate the case. Baker was alone when the bandit entered the house, demanded money, poured a bottle of explosive fluid on his victim and applied a match. No trace of the bandit has been found.

WILL ANALYZE FLUID

Prosecutor Consults Fire Marshal in Bandit Case.

Prosecutor John Rothrock, Monticello, today turned over to the State fire marshal's office a bottle of fluid with which a bandit ignited the clothes of John Baker, a Monticello farmer, causing his death. The fluid was given to the State health board for analysis. The bottle was at first believed to have contained gasoline, but Rothrock said he thought the fluid was some other high explosive.

PLAN MASS MEETING

The White People's Protective League will hold a mass meeting at Tomlinson Hall Thursday at 8 p. m. A. J. Moore of Lexington, Ky., the Rev. H. H. Shelton and the Rev. J. G. Moore of Indianapolis will speak.

BILL PROVIDES FOR REFORM OF ELECTION LAWS

Correction of irregularities and deficiencies in State election laws are provided in a bill prepared by Fred C. Gause and William W. Spencer, State election commissioners, and introduced in the Indiana Senate by Senators James J. Nejdil and Thomas H. Branaman.

The election measure was one of twelve new bills introduced today. The number of voters to a precinct is limited in the new bill. Where voting machines are used 600 would be allotted to a precinct and where ballots prevail the number is held to 250.

Pay of sheriffs, clerks, judges and inspectors is increased in the proposed measure. Sheriffs of elections would receive \$6 a day where they now get \$1.50. Clerks and judges would go to \$9 a day whereas their present pay is \$3, and inspectors are increased from \$1.50 a day to \$3.

A challenged voter must step aside and not interfere with the voting under the changed plan.

It would require 2,000 names instead of 500 to be listed as a candidate for State office. Congressmen nominations will take 500 instead of 200, and proportionate increases are provided for offices down to township trustees.

Gause and Spencer, in explaining the requested change in the required number of signatures, said that if this provision had been in force close to \$125,000 could have been saved in former elections.

Display of the national flag at the polling place is made mandatory. The commissioners say that such a step would not only provide a means of ready identification, but will be a "symbol of the true spirit of the election franchise, a patriotic duty for every citizen."

KELLOGG NETTLED AS FRANCE TURNS DOWN ARMS PLAN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—France's rejection of the American proposal for a five-power pact limiting auxiliary naval craft, turned the Administration's hope today to its alternative plan for a three-power treaty with Great Britain and Japan.

Italy may be willing to negotiate arms limitations, but she is not expected actually to limit her ships unless France does likewise.

Pending receipt of British and Japanese replies to the original proposal, Secretary of State Kellogg hastened to challenge the French note's claim for special League of Nations' prerogatives in disarmament matters.

Without disguising his surprised displeasure that France opposed the Coolidge plan on grounds of league loyalty, charging the plan would "undermine" the league, Kellogg said:

"It is true that Article 8 of the covenant entrusted the problem of disarmament to the league. Nothing was done, however, except at the Washington conference."

SKULL PROBERS LEAVE

By United Press

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., Feb. 16.—Clyde Underwood, prosecuting attorney, and George Smith, police chief, returned today to Ferndale, Mich., after questioning James Coyner, Negro convict, in the Ferndale skull mystery.

Through two days of grilling Coyner suddenly denied any knowledge of the skulls of four white women found in a trunk in his former home at Ferndale.

Underwood and Smith, however, were convinced that Coyner was withholding information they sought and expected upon their arrival in Ferndale to follow out new angles of the investigation uncovered in their questioning of the giant Negro convict.

Coyner, who is serving a sentence for robbing a grave in Lake County, Indiana, grinned when the four skulls were shown to him, but shrieked in fright when a strand of bloody human hair found in the trunk was placed before him.

RIFLE FOUND; 7 HELD

Sgt. Roy Pope and squad raided the home of Claude Brown, 1729 E. Maryland St. A high-powered rifle was found, Pope said. Brown and six men were held.

Pleasant Davis, 28 McClain Pl., was charged with keeping a gaming house. Sergeant O'Connor charged eight men with gambling.

DEER INVADERS HOME

NASHUA, N. H., Feb. 16.—Running wild to escape pursuing dogs, a buck deer entered Mrs. Fred Marshall's home here, wrecked furniture, plunged through a window, upset Emory Benjamin, a pedestrian, and dashed through the residential district to freedom.

A Croupy Cough?

Take care of it!
A croupy cough soon weakens any child. For 54 years, Mothers have relied on Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It cures whooping cough and stops the cough. Ask your druggist. Mothers—write for free booklet on "Care of the Sick." Chamberlain Medicine Co., 606 Park, Des Moines.



SUIT INCLUDING INDIANAPOLIS IS NEAR COLLAPSE

By Roscoe B. Fleming, Times Staff Correspondent
WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The Interstate Commerce Commission is preparing to dismiss the anti-monopoly case against the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, started by Boston eighteen months ago and joined by several other cities.

Commissioner Meyer has notified Mayor Nichols of Boston the case will be canceled unless Boston files exhibit evidence asked by the commission nine months ago.

Nichols, it is understood, has dismissed the special counsel working on the case a year, and is expected to notify Mayor Go ahead and cancel. Failure of Boston to get other large American cities, including New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Chicago interested in a municipal league to finance the fight is understood to be behind the impending collapse of the case.

Boston, after a rate fight with the New England Telephone Company, A. T. & T. subsidiary, charged that long distance rates were too high and that A. T. & T. was a waterlogged trust, violating four sections of the Clayton act.

Many cities, including Indianapolis, Youngstown, El Paso and San Diego,