

Administration was evident at city hall.

Factional politicians were declaring: "I've got my desk cleaned out, ready to go."

Employees were undecided as to whether to go ahead or "wait for a shake-up."

Slack was reading a newspaper in his office when first informed by The Times he had been named the city's executive Tuesday afternoon.

#### Given News Over Phone

Slack had returned from Morgantown, where he attended a bankrupt sale. First word that he was being considered was received when a friend called over the phone and told him council had nominated him and that he had four votes on one ballot.

Mayor Slack's first act after he received the official notice from City Clerk William A. Boyce, Jr., was to call his wife by telephone.

The word flashed over the city and scores of friends called by phone to extend congratulations to the new mayor, according to Miss Anne Cunningham, secretary to Slack. Frederick Van Nuyts and William L. Elder were the first visitors.

"I've been awfully busy, but I am tickled, anyway I haven't had time to powder my nose for three hours," she said.

#### Sworn in by Boyce

After being snapped at his desk, Slack went to city council chamber, accompanied by Howard Robertson, an insurance man, and Harmon Smoke of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. There he was sworn in by Boyce.

At 4:24 p. m. Tuesday Slack became mayor of Indianapolis, succeeding Council President Claude E. Negley, mayor pro tem, in the presence of a small group of councilmen, spectators and newspaper reporters and photographers.

Slack was greeted warmly by Negley when he entered the council chamber.

"We'll get along all right," Slack told Negley.

"I'm still president of the council and will be glad to cooperate with you," Negley said.

#### Keys Turned Over

Slack, Negley, Boyce and a few spectators, including some city officials, went to the mayor's office at 4:30 p. m., when Negley turned over the keys to the office. Claude C. McCoy, council sergeant-at-arms, went with Slack to the executive's office.

"You probably remember that I

## Cars Show Fund Progress



Pedestrians along Washington St. might have rubbed dust from their eyes as the Community Fund "racing cars" sped along the "500-mile track" erected on

the north side of the street from Illinois to Meridian.

The picture shows firemen from engine house No. 13, moving the "Employees Divisions" racer a little nearer its goal.

changed the locks on all the doors," Negley commented.

"Well, I did hear something of that kind," Slack said.

Slack looked over the office, answered several phone calls, greeted visitors for fifteen minutes, and returned to his private office, 521 Chamber of Commerce Bldg.

#### Several Early Callers

Clifford L. Harrod, A. Kiefer May-er, and William H. Book of the Chamber of Commerce were early callers at the Mayor's office.

"Bob, what do you know about this? It came out of a clear sky," Slack said to Councilman Robert E. Springsteen, Democrat.

Several city official "dropped in" to shake hands with their new boss.

"Chief Claude M. Worley called and I told him to sit tight. I may say something later," Slack said.

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#### TARIFF PACT RUMORED

U. S. Delivers Another Note to French Foreign Office.

By United Press

PARIS, Nov. 9.—With the delivery to the French foreign office of the latest American tariff note, French and American official and business circles believe that the last remaining objections have been smoothed away to permit a temporary agreement re-establishing the former tariff for American goods.

American export firms established in Paris, insist that such an agreement is necessary immediately if America's export trade in France is to be kept alive.

The Salvation Army has 1,262 field posts and outposts in this country.

## SLACK IS 25TH MAYOR OF CITY

7 Republicans, 5 Democrats  
Preceded Him.

L. Ert Slack is the twenty-fifth mayor of Indianapolis. Since 1886, including Slack, there have been seven Republican and five Democratic mayors, but three of the Republican mayors served more than one term.

The mayors:  
Samuel Herderson, 1847-49.  
Horatio C. Newcomb, 1849-51.  
Caleb Scudder, 1851-54.  
James McCreary, 1854-56.  
Henry F. West, 1856.  
Charles Coulon, 1856.  
William John Wallace, 1856-58.  
Samuel D. Maxwell, 1858-63.  
John Caven, 1863-67, 1875-81.  
Daniel Macauley, 1867-73.  
James L. Mitchell, 1873-75.  
Daniel W. Grubbs, 1881-84.  
John L. McMaster, 1884-86.  
Caleb S. Denny, 1886-90, 1893-95  
(Rep.).

Thomas L. Sullivan, 1890-93  
(Dem.).

Thomas Taggart, 1895-1901 (Dem.).

Charles A. Bookwalter, 1901-03.

1905-10 (Rep.).

John W. Holtzman, 1903-05  
(Dem.).

Samuel Lewis Shank, 1910-13,  
1922-26 (Rep.).

Harry Wallace, 1913-14 (Rep.).

Joseph E. Bell, 1914-15 (Rep.).

Charles W. Jewett, 1918-22 (Rep.).

John L. Duvall, 1926-Oct. 28, 1927  
(Rep.).

Claude E. Negley, Oct. 28-Nov. 8, 1927 (Rep.).

L. Ert Slack, Nov. 8, 1927 (Dem.).

Charles F. Coffin, chairman of

directors of the City Manager

League, praised Slack as a friend of

many years in whose integrity and

ability he had faith and said:

"The council did a splendid piece of work and the members are entitled to the thanks and appreciation of every citizen of Indianapolis."

Slack is elected to complete the term of John L. Duvall, which expires early in January, 1930. City manager government becomes effective then.

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