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GOV. JACKSON IGNORES OWN 1925 DEMAND

Letter Shows He Requested
Indicted Commissioner
to Quit Post.

REVERSES HIS ATTITUDE

Turns Deaf Ear to Similar
Insistence on His
Resignation.

Jackson letter on Page 2

Governor Ed Jackson, deaf now to State-wide demands for his resignation, three years ago demanded the resignation of an indicted State official, because of the "reflection" his predication cast upon the State.

The Governor's reversed attitude on odium in office and administrative ethics was revealed clearly today, when The Times obtained from Earl Crawford, former State highway commissioner, a letter written by Jackson, April 28, 1925, demanding Crawford's resignation, and with it Crawford's account of a conference in the Governor's chamber which preface the demand.

Crawford, then a highway commissioner; John D. Williams, highway director, and others were indicted in the spring of 1925, charged with irregularities in the sale of surplus war materials.

Trial Demands Denied

Vigorously denying their guilt, Crawford and Williams made frequent appeals for trial, but after repeated delays the prosecution was dropped and the indictments nolled because of insufficient evidence.

"It was after the indictments were returned and the Legislature had adjourned," Crawford said, that all commissioners were in the Governor's office for a conference. They were W. G. Zahrt, Ft. Wayne; A. V. Burch, Evansville; Charles Ziegler, Attica, Williams and myself.

"The Governor said he felt that Williams and I should resign—not that he believed we were guilty, but that there were plenty of men not under indictment who could perform the duties of our positions and would not cast any reflection on the State's affairs or his administration.

Writes for Resignation

"When I didn't resign, he sent me the letter demanding my resignation, which I, of course, refused."

Crawford continued to serve on the Highway Commission until his term expired, April 17, 1926.

The alleged irregularities resulting in the indictments against him and Williams were recited in a report of the board of accounts, of which Lawrence L. Orr was chief examiner. The report precipitated a pitched battle between the Accounts Board and the Highway Commission.

Legislation Balked

Efforts were made in the Legislature, then in session, to enact a bill which would have empowered Jackson to remove all highway commission members then serving and appoint others of his choice.

For the last two years Crawford has been connected with the Indiana Farm Bureau Federation, addressing farmers' meetings throughout the State.

Announcing his candidacy a month ago for the Democratic nomination for Governor, he resigned his farm bureau post and is preparing a vigorous campaign for the nomination.

Governor Ignores Demands

In direct contradiction of his attitude on the propriety of Crawford and Williams remaining in office after their indictment, the Governor has ignored resignation demands from the time of his indictment Sept. 9, 1927, to the present.

Jackson, with George V. Coffin, Republican city and county chairman, and Robert I. Marsh, his former law partner and Klan attorney, was charged with conspiracy to commit a felony, in offering \$10,000 and immunity from conviction to former Governor Warren T. McCray for the appointment of James E. McDonald as Marion County prosecutor.

McCray Spurns Offer

McCray spurned the offer, he testified in Jackson's trial and appointed William H. Remy to the post.

Demands for Jackson's resignation increased in number and vehemence when the Governor was acquitted on a directed verdict without taking the stand to relate his own story.

Because the State was held to have proved no positive acts of concealment of the alleged offense, its case was lost on a technicality under the statute of limitations.

Owens 263-Year-Old Bible

GARY, Ind., March 2.—Neil Vermaire, Gary school board employee, is the owner of a Bible printed in Holland 263 years ago. The book is printed on paper made of straw and the binding is a combination of oak and leather.

Hourly Temperatures

6 a. m.	27	10 a. m.	35
7 a. m.	28	11 a. m.	38
8 a. m.	30	12 (noon)	41
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WAIT BANK QUIZ ACTION BY JURY

740 Indiana Basket Teams Out for Title

Full Details on Sport Page

Testimony May Result in Series of Howard County Investigations.

By Times Special
KOKOMO, Ind., March 2.—Further action of the Howard County grand jury in the investigation of the failure of the American Trust Company and alleged political corruption was awaited here today.

The jurors returned four routine true bills Thursday and will adjourn this afternoon until next Thursday. Another partial report may be made then, it was said.

The sixty-four sectional tournaments started today in sixty-four sectional centers spread over the State, with 740 teams contending for topnotch honors, the State championship, which will be decided at conclusion of the State finals tournament Friday and Saturday, March 16 and 17, at the new Butler fieldhouse.

The sixty-four sectional tournaments today and Saturday drew thousands upon thousands of basketball fans, and following final games Saturday the sixty-four winners will prepare for the regional tournaments, to be staged in sixteen centers next Saturday, March 10.

Four sectional champions will compete in each regional and the sixteen survivors meet in Indianapolis the following Friday and Saturday for the drive, which is expected to draw 15,000 persons to each section.

LINDY'S FLIGHT IS HELD SECRET

Hops Off From Boston After Slipping Crowds.

By United Press

BOSTON, March 2.—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh left Boston Airport at 7:50 a. m. today without announcing his destination.

Lindbergh stole a march on the crowds which have followed him since he came here Thursday to see his mother honored by the National Education Convention.

Airline early, he went to the airport with his three companions on the flight from Albany, Major John Robertson and H. M. Bixby of St. Louis and U. S. Hill, manager of an Albany theater.

After warming up the motor, the three took their places in the Ryan cabin monoplane, a similar plane to the Spirit of St. Louis, and took off.

The silver-winged plane skinned over the city almost unnoticed by office-bound throngs.

Mrs. Lindbergh, at a hotel, heard the familiar sound of the motor, and looking out the window saw her son speeding over the city.

She refused to disclose Lindbergh's destination.

DEATHS OF BOYS IN CANAL UNDER QUIZ

By Times Special

INDIANA HARBOR, Ind., March 2.—Bodies of two unidentified boys, 7 or 8 years old, taken from the Indiana Harbor Canal within the past nine days lie side by side in a morgue here while authorities work on a theory that the body found Thursday is that of a murder victim. It has been partially established that the first boy was a drowning victim.

Marks on the body found last indicate an attack before the canal waters closed over it, authorities announce. There is a bruise over the

left eye and two teeth are broken off.

It is believed the boys are brothers and that they came from well to do families. They appeared well nourished and were well dressed, clothing of each being almost identical. Two theories are held in the case. One is that parents who tired of their duties did away with the boys; the other, that they were the victims of a friend.

No reports of missing boys answering the description of the two have been made recently in this section, which adds another baffling factor to the case.

INSURANCE FIRM IN RECEIVERS' HANDS

By Times Special

GARRET OLD, and Emsley W. Johnson, attorneys, were appointed co-receivers for the Federal Auto-Mobile Insurance Association, 1709 N. Meridian St., by Superior Judge Byron K. Elliott today.

Judge Elliott was to rule later this afternoon on the application for a receiver for the Federal Underwriters, Inc., same address, whose finances are linked with those of the association.

Finances of the companies were

ROBINSON IS READY

Organization Complete for Drive, Says Senator.

By Times Special

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Sen. Arthur R. Robinson's organization for the coming campaign is "practically complete in every Indiana county," he said today, following the announcement that Solon J. Carter would enter the senatorial race against him.

Robinson said a full announcement of his plans would be made in Indianapolis when he returned to a meeting of the Indiana Republican Editorial Association next week.

"I do not intend to be in Indiana enough to harm my work here," he said.

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A. T. & T. NOW FIRST OF U. S. CORPORATIONS

Only Four Billion-Dollar
Concern Makes Bow
to America.

U. S. STEEL IS SECOND

Vast Achievement Shown in
Report of Mammoth
Wire Company.

By United Press

NEW YORK. March 2.—The United States, richest of all nations, has produced its first four-billion dollar corporation.

The annual report of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, made public today, places that corporation at the head of all industrial concerns in the country.

Second to the A. T. & T. is the United States Steel Corporation with assets of nearly \$2,500,000,000. Next in order, all in the billion-dollar class, come Southern Pacific Railroad, Pennsylvania Lines, New York Central Railroad, Standard Oil of New Jersey, Union Pacific Railroad, Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad, General Motors and Ford Motor Company.

Owens Most of Bell Stock

The A. T. & T. establishes its lead through a combination of its individual worth and that of the Bell Telephone system, of which it owns 99 per cent. A. T. & T. assets as of Dec. 31, 1927, are listed at \$1,949,690,657, and assets of the Bell system at \$1,457,467,311.

Other respects in which the A. T. & T. is first include:

Employees—At the end of 1927 the company had on its pay roll 308,911 persons, enough to populate a city the size of Columbus, Ohio.

Stockholders—422,580, more than half of whom owned from one to ten share each. The Ford company has only three stockholders. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ford and their son, Edsel.

Amount of Stock—10,932,420 shares.

Earnings—\$128,614,000 in 1926.

Dividends—\$9 a share since 1921 and never less than \$7.50 a share in the last forty-six years. In 1927 dividends totaled \$97,379,000.

Romance in Growth

Behind this vast achievement lies much of the romance of America's industrial growth, the conquering of mountain and plain by the men who went out to string the first of the telephone and telegraph wires which are operated in its own name and the telephone lines of its subsidiary, the Bell system.

The A. T. & T. owns 56,822,895 miles of wire, the equal in length of 236 lines from here to the moon.

Although the company's chief source of revenue is from telephones, it also makes millions of dollars annually by leasing wires to press associations, newspapers and brokers.

The wires on which this dispatch was delivered to newspapers throughout the country is leased from the A. T. & T. by the United Press.

The company's report says that at the end of 1927 it was operating 18,356,000 telephones and that during the year 20,145,421,998 calls were made, a daily average of 55,195,677.

More Than Billion Spent

In the last five years the A. T. & T. has spent \$1,800,000,000 on improvements, additions and replacements. In the next five years it expects to spend two billion dollars in the same way.

Reviewing some of the company's achievements in 1927, the report says that its scope has been widened to include trans-Atlantic radio telephony, television, extension of telephone service to Mexico and continental Europe, and transmission of pictures across the Atlantic by radio.

BIND OVER BUS DRIVER

Alleged Bandit Is Held for Grand
Jury.

ARTHUR MORGAN, former Chicago bus driver who it is alleged, turned bandit here Thursday, was held to the grand jury by Municipal Judge Paul C. Wetter today and bound over for trial.

He is charged with robbery. Morgan was captured after a chase when he attempted to hold up Manager Louis Haynes in the Kroeger grocery, 901 N. Illinois St.

The bus driver was held for trial.

CAPITOL SEES LIQUOR AGAIN, BUT SIGHT IS LIMIT

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Liquor was brought into the United States capitol openly today for the first time since the Volstead act became effective, when an exhibition was staged on the House floor by Representative Sirovich (Dem.), New York.

When the House met, members

sat on a table at the front of the chamber a row of bottles by Sirovich, a physician, to demonstrate that chemicals can be put into liquor without making it poisonous.

He said he would make an "intellectual address" and then expounded chemist arguments to prove his theory.

Sirovich opposes the present

denaturants used by the Govern-

Three 'Babies' and All Prize Ones



Some babies! And all three prize winners. The one crying on the left is Jack Leonard McCormack, son of Mr. and Mrs. Neal McCormack, 1212 South Central Ave.

The smiling chap on the right is Billy Riggs, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Riggs, 2335 Winter Ave.

The one in the center, holding the other two, is Miss Marietta Sullivan, 1313 University Court, prize baby in the first annual Indianapolis baby show in 19—, several years ago.

Mayor Samuel Lewis Shank was the master of ceremonies when Miss Sullivan took first prize. "Lew,"

in his old brusque way, shouted, "This is the best looking baby I ever saw. She knows how to act."

And "Lew