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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 predicament 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 23, 1925, demanding Crawford's resignation, and with it Crawford's account of a conference in the Governor's chamber which prefaced 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 nulled 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. Zart, F. Wayne, A. V. Birch, 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
9 a. m.	33	1 p. m.	43

## WAIT BANK QUIZ ACTION BY JURY

### 740 Indiana Basket Teams Out for Title

Full Details on Sport Page

Indiana's annual basketball 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 sectionals 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 session.

## LINDY'S FLIGHT IS HELD SECRET

Hops Off From Boston After Slipping Crowds.

By Times Special

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 had followed him since he came home Thursday to see his mother honored by the National Education Convention.

Arising 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 J. 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 skimmed 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.

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## 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 jury returned to regular cases after D. C. Stephenson, former Klan dragon, completed testimony Thursday morning. He arrived here Tuesday and left at noon Thursday.

### Told Full Story

It is understood he told the full story of alleged "banking intrigue" in Indiana that he indicated he would reveal when Prosecutor Homer Miller talked to him in his prison cell several weeks ago.

Stephenson caused a sensation when he carried documents, telegrams, notes and other written data before the jury. These, it was said, are some of the documents in the original "black boxes" composing data that had never before been presented to prosecuting authorities.

The information is additional to that which was presented the Marion County jury. The documents were delivered to Clin R. Holt, attorney for Stephenson, Thursday morning. Later J. C. Julian, former business associate of the life prisoner, was seen leaving Holt's office and it was understood he brought the data to this city.

### Expect County Probes

It was expected the information placed before the jury will result in a series of county jury investigations. It was said much of it is out of the jurisdiction of Howard County and will be turned over to other prosecutors.

Miller has been in touch with Marion County Prosecutor William H. Remy, relative to obtaining documents turned over to the Indianapolis probe body from the "black boxes" that may tie up with additional data produced by Stephenson Thursday. Remy said he plans to permit Miller to view the impounded evidence.

It was denied here that Ora J. Davis, former State treasurer, and Ed Bowen, Ninth district Republican chairman, had any connection with the Hot Spot Oil Company of Lafayette. It was said Thursday Stephenson had information relating to an oil company.

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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 this 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, Atchafalaya, 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 93 per cent. A. T. & T. assets as of Dec. 31, 1927, are listed at \$1,949,690,037, and assets of the Bell system at \$3,457,467,311.

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

Employees.—At the end of 1927 the company had on its pay roll 398,919 persons, enough to populate a city the size of Columbus, Ohio.

Stockholders.—423,580, more than half of whom owned from one to ten shares 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.—\$126,614,000 in 1926. (\$11.76 a share.) 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 20,145,421,995 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. Weiter today and bond placed at \$4,000. 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.

Members of the family, menaced by smoke suffocation, were routed from the house in their night clothes.

The flames spread to the home of Mrs. F. Fisch, 914 E. Georgia St., but caused only slight damage. Members of the Ira Potter family, 748 Elder St., were driven from their home at 1 a. m. by an \$800 fire resulting from an overheated stove.

## CAPITOL SEES LIQUOR AGAIN, BUT SIGHT IS LIMIT

ment, saying they are too harmful to the drinker.

The House dry leader, Representative Cranton (Rep.), Michigan, made a point of order against the demonstration and "wets" took up the challenge.

D. Cranton withdrew his point of order, following rally from "wets," when Sirovich explained he did not intend to use the bottles except as illustrations.

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

Cranton was serious through-

## 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-eastern 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—well, 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's" prediction came true, because Miss Sullivan has made good on the stage. She is playing this week with Fred Stone in "Crisis Cross" at the English Theater.

Miss Sullivan was the center attraction Thursday afternoon at the healthy baby show at the Indianapolis Pure Food and Household Appliance Show at Cadle Tabernacle. More than 30,000 persons have visited the show since its opening, according to Edward V. Richardson, director.

## FARMER DENIES HIS GUILT OF SCHOOL BLAST CHARGE

### Two-Hour Klaxon Toot Case Pondered by Judge

Fifteen days of meditation was set aside by Municipal Judge Pro Tem. Harry Ratanio today to ponder whether incessant tooting of an automobile horn from 1 to 3 a. m. in front of a hotel constitutes disorderly conduct. He will rule March 16.

Many were ready to testify that they poked their heads from bedroom windows at the Spink-Arms on the night, or rather, in the wee small hours of the morning of Feb. 28, and begged Forest Knight, 40, of 1309 University Ct., to cease his horn blowing. At 1 a. m. he had parked his car in front of the hotel and a second afterward he parked his fist on the electric horn and there is remained for two hours.

Knight failed to recall the incident. He not only failed to remember what the hotel guests shouted (which was plenty), but whether the horn was working.

## OFFICER IS CLEARED FOR KILLING THIEF

After a conference with safety board members, Police Chief Claude M. Worley today exonerated Detective Emmett Enright of the fatal shooting of Frank Woodman, 20, Chicago, Wednesday afternoon at Illinois and Bird Sts.

Worley decided that Enright shot in the performance of his duty and that under the circumstances Enright was justified. Woodman had been caught attempting to take a vacuum cleaner from a parked car.

The body of Woodman, who died at city hospital Thursday, was sent to the home of his mother at Chicago this morning.

Coroner Charles H. Keever is continuing his investigation.

## CITY FIREMAN HURT

Lawrence Curry Falls; Fire Losses \$1,100.

Lawrence Curry, 37 N. La Salle St., fireman at No. 11 station, injured his foot when he slipped from a ladder while fighting a fire at the home of John Mounts, 910 E. Georgia St., at 4:45 a. m. today.

The fire was caused by an overheated kitchen stove. Loss was estimated at \$300.

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## PLAN THEATER OPENING

Merchants to Attend Showing at Palace Saturday Night.

Members of the Pennsylvania St. Merchants' Association and their families will attend Loew's Palace Theater in a body Saturday night. It will be formally opened to the public Saturday morning after expenditure of \$500,000 for remodeling.

## REMOVING HEARING ENDS

Judge to Announce Decision Within Next Two Weeks.

By United Press

LIMA, Ohio, March 2.—A decision will be announced within the next two weeks on the habeas corpus petition of George Remus, former millionaire Cincinnati bootlegger, for his freedom from the State asylum here.

Testimony in the hearing was completed last night and the Court of Appeals today began a review of the transcript of evidence.

Remus was sent to the asylum after a jury acquitted him of murdering his wife, Imogene.

## Confession Untrue, Reed Declared; Immunity Is Pledged, He Says.

By United Press

OTTAWA, Ill., March 2.—Hiram Reed testified in his own defense today and flatly denied that he placed dynamite in the Mt. Pleasant schoolhouse stove in an attempt to kill his sweetheart, Iola Bradford.

The youthful farmer-defendant identified the "confession" introduced by the State yesterday and admitted signing it, but contended it was untrue. He said he signed it because he was promised immunity in return.

Reed denied he had provided the details of the explosion contained in the confession. He said State's Attorney Russell O. Hanson drew it up and asked him to sign it to avoid "publicity to both myself and Miss Bradford."

"It is not true—I never placed the dynamite in the schoolhouse stove and never intended to escape marrying Miss Bradford," he said.

Reed followed Dilliam E. Tydem, chemist instructor at the Ottawa high school, on the stand. The defense had sought to show the explosion was of coal gas and not dynamite.

"If a lump of coal were left in the stove overnight and in the morning corn cobs and paper were placed around it and lighted, and an explosion followed, what would you say it was?" Springer asked Tydem.

"Coal gas," the witness replied.

## STEWART INDICTED

District Grand Jury Enters True Bill.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Col. Robert W. Stewart, re-elected chairman of the Standard Oil of Indiana, yesterday was indicted by a District of Columbia grand jury today on a charge of contempt of the Senate.

The charge resulted from the millionaire oil man's refusal to tell the Senate Testimony Committee a month ago what he knew concerning disposition of the Continental Trading Company's \$3,000,000 in Liberty Bonds. Stewart confirmed his testimony to a denial that he received or disbursed any of the bonds.

## 74 REBELS ARE KILLED

Casualties Are Heavy in Mexican Battle.

By United Press

MEXICO CITY, March 2.—Seventy-four rebels were killed in an all-day battle near Fresno, Jalisco, with federal troops, including part of a regiment of crack presidential guards, a Guadalajara dispatch to the newspaper Universal said today.

## Lodge News

Starting next week, The Indianapolis Times lodge page will appear on Monday instead of Saturday.

The change was made for the convenience of fraternal organizations whose meetings are held the latter part of the week.

It has been found that many lodges meet on week-end nights, and articles on their activities necessarily were eliminated because of the time element.

With a desire to serve subscribers and to print an even more complete account of fraternal activities, the change was made.

There will be no lodge page Saturday, March 3. The next lodge page will appear Monday, March 5.

Secretaries are asked to bring this notice to the attention of members and publicity committees, so that news from all organizations may be included in the next lodge page.