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STATE COURTS TO DISREGARD TIME CHANGE

Clerk's Office to Operate on Same Schedule Even If Council Acts.

DAYLIGHT SAVING HIT

Postmaster Says He Will Be Unable to Comply With Ordinance.

The office of the clerk of State Supreme and Appellate Courts will continue to operate upon central standard time if the Indianapolis city council finally attempts to put daylight saving time into effect, Deputy Clerk John Kramer, in charge in the absence of the clerk, declared today.

The office would be outside the law and would cause serious legal confusion if it did otherwise, Kramer declared.

City council Monday night is to reconsider the daylight saving ordinance, passed last Monday night.

Others to Ignore Change

The State official's declaration followed the announcement of the Indianapolis school board and Postmaster Robert H. Bryson that they would ignore daylight saving.

If council adopts daylight saving, the Western Union naval observatory clocks will be set up one hour throughout the city as soon as possible after the ordinance goes into effect, Superintendent A. A. Brown of the Indianapolis office announced.

Both Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies anticipate confusion, particularly between Indianapolis and other Indiana cities, since messages out of Indianapolis would be dated according to daylight saving time.

Law Balks Move

The deputy supreme clerk said that State law provides specifically that the high courts shall be open between 9 a. m. and 5 p. m. for filing of papers by attorneys and the law presumed this to be central standard time, daylight saving time not having been invented at the time the law was passed.

If the clerk's office should adopt daylight saving time, lawyers from outstate points, who usually wait until the last day for filing papers, might reach the office late in the afternoon to find it closed. To avoid such confusion, the office will retain central standard time.

Whether the rest of the Statehouse will comply is up to Governor Jackson. He was out of the city.

Postoffice Can't Comply

"It would be a physical impossibility to operate the postoffice on fast time," Postmaster Robert H. Bryson said.

"We would be unable to comply with the ordinance because of our train schedules."

"If daylight time were adopted here and we complied it would mean that downtown carriers, who now start on their routes at 8 a. m., would not get started until 9 a. m., fast time, for they would have to wait until their mail is sorted, after the trains arrive."

"Thus officers would have to wait an hour longer to get their mail."

"In addition, the last delivery, at 3:45 p. m., central time, would not do them much good, as most offices close now at 5 p. m. and would close at 4 p. m. actual time."

Dr. Leonidas F. Smith, 809 Chamber of Commerce Bldg., wrote Mayor Slack a letter saying, "Why lay night and day? Why not sleep on the dark side of the earth and work and play on the light side? It is only sensible. Put Indianapolis in the daylight column."

Mutual Insurance Companies Union filed a protest against daylight saving with City Clerk William A. Boyce Jr. H. L. Nowlin, secretary, signed the letter.

MAYOR SLACK HOST TO CITY OFFICIALS

Department Heads, Newspaper Men Guests at Cottage.

Mayor L. Ert Slack was host to city officials and newspaper men Thursday afternoon at his cottage, "The Woodrow," along Sugar Creek, eight miles south of Franklin.

Department heads spent the afternoon fishing, rowing, playing golf and tossing horseshoes. At sundown the group rowed across the stream to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Foxworthy, where a chicken dinner was served.

FEEL QUAKES 10 DAYS

Latest Tremor at Creede, Colo., Lasts Only Few Seconds.

CREEDE, Colo., May 4.—An earth shock was felt here for the tenth consecutive day today.

The tremor occurred shortly after 3 a. m., and lasted only a few seconds.

While you hold the line you can be immediately connected with Chicago by calling either "Long Distance" or dialing 211—Advertisement.

Paper Wars on Drunken 'Dry' Congressmen

WASHINGTON, May 4.—The Washington Daily News announced editorially today it proposes henceforth "to publish as news the appearance on duty of any so-called dry member of the House or Senate in an obviously intoxicated condition."

"The spectacle of a Senator or Representative, under the influence of liquor, undertaking publicly to discuss affairs of state, is always disgusting," the editor wrote.

Vote!

Vote slackers find the horse gone when they go to lock the stable door.

Vote—In the primary election next Tuesday.

If you have lived in Indiana six months before the primary, you are qualified to vote. Registration is not necessary. Even if you have moved the day before the primary, you can vote in the precinct in which you live on primary day.

JOINT CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS OF INDIANAPOLIS.

STORM BLOCKS POLAR AIRSHIP

Hangar at Kings Bay Is Damaged.

KINGS BAY, Spitzbergen, May 4.—A furious snow storm last night damaged the hangar destined to house the Italian polar dirigible Italia.

In consequence, the weather bureau has advised Gen. Umberto Nobile, her commander, to postpone his departure from Vadsø, scheduled for 6 p. m. today.

The canvas walls of the hangar were torn to ribbons. The road, painstakingly built from the beach to the hangar, was destroyed.

The crew of General Nobile's supply ship Clitta Di Milano is working feverishly in an attempt to repair the damage.

Rains today, a strong wind south of Bear's Island and frost from there northward, threaten danger of ice accumulations on the Italia if the flight is undertaken now.

It was not thought here the commander would ignore warnings sent from Kings Bay weather bureau that conditions were unsuitable for a flight.

The Italia, after refueling, was scheduled to start for King's Bay at 6 p. m. today and to reach King's Bay—her base for her cruise over the north pole—around 9 a. m. Saturday.

Hourly Temperatures			
6 a. m.	64	10 a. m.	78
7 a. m.	68	11 a. m.	81
8 a. m.	71	12 (noon).	80
9 a. m.	76	1 p. m.	81

SLIP IS FORGERY, SHUMAKER STATES

Editors Note—Below is a declaration from the Rev. E. S. Shumaker that the facsimile of a telephone slip from the D. C. Stephenson strong boxes was a forgery. The original is in possession of The Times. There were at least 2,000 copies of the slip printed Thursday and genuine by the girl who made it.

Secretary E. S. Shumaker of the Indiana Anti-Saloon League today branded as "forgery" the D. C. Stephenson date slip which bore the name, a facsimile of which was published Thursday in The Times.

The slip was said to have been taken from one of the one-time Klan dragon's strong boxes.

It was written by the stenographer of Stephenson and dated that a member of the League named Johnson had been sent by "Mr. Shumaker" to see Stephenson, then politically powerful. The date of the document was Feb. 17, 1925.

Slip Branded Forgery

Denying authenticity of the document today, Shumaker stated: "From all that I can gather, this is a forgery. If The Indianapolis Times thinks it can prove its genuineness, I suggest it get a statement from the grand jury which investigated the Stephenson case, or from Prosecutor William H. Remy."

"I have no recollection whatever of having sent any one to see D. C. Stephenson."

"There were two Johnsons in the 1925 Legislature—Bryan K. Johnson, a Methodist minister from Columbus, and Perry Johnson from Hamilton County. Neither called at my office during the 1925 session and I had no extended conversation with either at the Statehouse during that time."

Might Be Another Shumaker

Even if this card is genuine, which I am sure it is not, it does not necessarily mean that the Shumaker written upon it is myself.

"There are others in this city who spell their name the same way as I do and one is now a candidate for the Legislature."

"To The Times statement that

rial says. "When such a Senator or Representative is one who consistently votes for prohibition, the hypocrisy and rank abuse of special privilege make the spectacle intolerable."

The newspaper admits that Congressmen have as much right to the "synthetic pleasure" of drinking as any one else. It says the "great majority" of members of both houses are "gentlemen, capable of controlling their appetites." And it adds that "on

the whole, probably, there are as many or more teetotalers among the dry-voting members as among the wet-voting members," though "this is a question that has never been decided."

THE NEWS says it does not intend to "snoop," and explains:

"But when a fire-eating prohibitionist wanders aimlessly about the Senate chamber during the discussion of important business

and finally interrupts to ask the presiding officer, 'whass bizness before House,' or when a similar exponent of the Volstead act has had hard to the edge of his desk, where his legs weave unsteadily under him, as he attempts to make a speech, or when a champion of the Eighteenth Amendment relapses from maudlin inattention into snoring sleep in the midst of a Senate session, the News will undertake to make his condition clear to its readers."

ORDER RAZING OF HALF BLOCK AS FIRE PERIL

Buildings on E. Washington Unfit for Habitation, City Rules.

A half square block of buildings bounded by E. Court, N. Noble and E. Washington St., have been condemned and ordered wrecked immediately, L. D. Lee, assistant commissioner of buildings, announced today.

Most of the buildings are owned by the Walling estate of Chicago. Charles Holloway is agent for the estate. The Brown Realty and Union Trust Companies also are agents for buildings in the plot.

The buildings, belonging to the Walling estate, found to be fire menaces and in a general dilapidated condition, are found on E. Washington St., from 630 to the corner, 650, 18, 18 and 20 N. Noble, 625, 631, 633, 619, 621 E. Court St.

Unfit for Habitation

The one-story frame building at 608 E. Court St., is owned by the Brown Realty Company. The Union Trust Company is agent for the 628 E. Washington St. two-story frame building.

"Most of the places were unfit for human habitation," according to Lee. "They all are fire hazards."

The entire second floor of the building, extending from 638 to 650 E. Washington St., was used "for tenement house purposes in violation of the State housing law. There were open fires, oil hallway lamps, no running water or toilet facilities," Lee said.

The yards in the rear of the buildings were ordered cleaned, inasmuch as a great accumulation of rubbish was a fire hazard, constituting a menace to other properties, according to Lee.

Given 30 Days Time

Men are expected to start work tearing down the buildings within the next few days.

Thirty days have been given the realtors to adhere to the building commission's ruling.

The fire department and board of health have worked with the building department, and reported serious fire hazards and extreme unhealthful conditions.

Every Candidate of Stephenson's

was endorsed by Shumaker, I answer that such was not the case. I never knew about any slate of D. C. Stephenson. If the clothespin ballots put out in the 1924 campaign were his, then they did not coincide with mine."

FALL 30 FEET; HURT

Two Painters Drop While at Work on Building.

Thirty-foot fall of two men painting the L. Strauss & Co. store building attracted downtown crowds this morning. The men dropped to the roof of the Eymann store, and were severely injured.

They were Frank Schooley, 49, of 2229 W. Morris St., who sustained a fractured leg and bruises, and Claude Swain, 64, of 1029 N. La Salle St., who had his back sprained and several head cuts.

Dailey on Air Tonight

Frank C. Dailey, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor, will broadcast a campaign address from WLW, Cincinnati, Ohio, at 9 tonight, central standard time.

Speeder in Court For THIRD TIME SENTENCED

Boy, 18, Gets Ten Days for Not Heeding Judge's Order.

Theodore Hollenbeck, 18, who gave arresting officers four different local addresses, drew a ten-day sentence from Municipal Judge Clifford R. Cameron today for his failure to obey the judge's order of the last three days.

Arrest of Hollenbeck on a speeding charge was his third, prosecutors said.

He was driving the car downtown to sell it when arrested this time, he said.

Carey Zody, 808 N. Tuxedo Ave., was fined \$10 and given a suspended ten-day jail sentence on charge of driving his truck forty miles an hour.

ANCIENT ROME'S SKYSCRAPER STORE UNEARTHED

BY THOMAS B. MORGAN United Press Staff Correspondent

ROME, May 4.—Ancient Rome had a nine-story "skyscraper" housing its chief great department store.

Excavations now proceeding on the site of demolished military barracks in the via Magnanapoli have led to the disclosure and identification of a row of shops, built nine stories high, one above the other, connected by inside staircases and galleries.

Houdini Back?

Widow and Mediums' Foe Amazed at 'Writing From Tomb.'

NEW YORK, May 4.—Mrs. Harry Houdini, widow of the magician, watched Joseph Dunnigan bring a luminous ghost out of the darkness last night and saw the late astral body of her late husband as he ever had seen.

Dunnigan is a foe of mediums, the same as Houdini was. The "seance" was held in an effort to prove that spiritualism is an illusion, but the results surprised Dunnigan himself.

Messages written in the bold handwriting of Houdini appeared and a paraffin cast of an ectoplasmic hand will be examined today to see if the magician's fingerprints are on it.

Before he died, Houdini made a pact with his wife and friends that the first one to die should do everything in his power to send messages from the other world. An elaborate system of signals was devised.

Since Houdini's death, his wife has been attending an endless round of seances, watching for the sign. So far it has failed to appear.

Last night she became excited when her husband's handwriting appeared and said it was "Harry's to the life."

Dunnigan is the mild reader who forecast Mayor James J. Walker's exact plurality in the last election.

FARM BILL FEE SOON SETTLED

McNary-Haugen Measure Goes to Conference.

WASHINGTON, May 4.—Farmers should know next week whether they are to have a relief bill containing an equalization fee provision.

The Haugen bill, passed by the House Thursday night, now goes to conference, where differences between it and the McNary bill passed by the Senate are to be adjusted.

Both measures contain the fee provision and they vary little, so that it is believed the bill can be sent to President Coolidge for signature in a few days.

The farm bloc Thursday voted down, with machine-like precision, all amendments except two, which sponsors of the measure accepted. One of these, supported by the cotton bloc, would prevent operation of the equalization fee upon any commodity without approval of the commodity council, and the other would assess the same fee upon stocks held by packers as that upon livestock marketed.

NO SPECTACLES COSTLY

Forgotten Glasses Lead to Arrest and \$100 Fine.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., May 4.—Louis Cooper, traveler from distant parts of Montana, arrived in the city without his spectacles. He wanted to phone a fur dealer and unwittingly asked a deputy State game warden to find the number for him.

The resultant conversation made the warden suspicious. A bit of sleuthing disclosed \$1,500 worth of Montana beaver skins in Cooper's baggage. As a result a justice of the peace fined Cooper \$100 for illegal possession of the skins.

STATE HOTEL ENLARGED

Eighteen Sleeping Rooms Added at Clifty Falls Park Inn.

A third floor will be opened June 1 by the Clifty Falls Park Inn, which will give the State-owned history eighteen additional sleeping rooms, increasing the total to seventy.

Increases were deemed necessary because 100,000 visitors are expected through the park this summer, Richard Lieber, conservation department director, said.

VOTING BOARD OFFICIALS NAMED BY COFFIN FOUND TO HAVE CRIME RECORDS

FRAUD BRANDED ON EX-WOMAN OFFICIAL



Mrs. Florence Knapp

ALBANY, N. Y., May 4.—The direct charge that Mrs. Florence E. Knapp induced census pay checks with the names of her relatives was made in court today by Stark Stern, who served as first and second deputy under her administration as secretary of State.

The charge came near the end of the morning session in Mrs. Knapp's trial for the larceny of a check for \$2,375, payable to her step-daughter, Clara Blanche Knapp. After Stern had said that Mrs. Knapp usually received the pay checks when they came in from the comptroller's office, George Z. Medalie, the special deputy attorney general, asked him if he had ever handled any of the relatives' checks. Stern replied he had cashed them for her.

TIRED BARON SHOWS STRAIN OF WELCOME

Ocean Fliers May Be Forced to Cancel Part of Program.

NEW YORK, May 4.—The crew of the trans-Atlantic monoplane Bremen, fatigued but game, today resumed their strenuous round of receptions.

Baron Gunther Von Huenefeld is showing the strain of the turbulent welcome more than Capt. Hermann Koehl and Maj. James C. Fitzmaurice.

The baron is of slight build and the gay life affects him where the rugged constitutions of Fitzmaurice and Koehl show little signs of weakening.

Their first event today was a luncheon at the Advertising Club, after which they will retire to their hotel for a rest before going to a dinner tonight.

Thursday it was announced that the fliers probably would cancel their theater party for tonight, but Fitzmaurice seemed eager today to take in all the events scheduled. The decision will be made later in the day.

For the first time since his arrival in America, Fitzmaurice found himself at a disadvantage last night when the fliers attending a celebration at the Metropolitan Opera House, given by the United German Societies.

Koehl and Von Huenefeld have been struggling to speak and understand English at the receptions given so far, and last night their faces beamed as they heard their native tongue.

Fitzmaurice, who understood little that was being said, smiled his approval and thoroughly enjoyed the program.

Saturday the fliers will go to the races at Jamaica and in the evening will attend a city dinner to be given to Prince Spada Potensani, governor of Rome, who is visiting New York.

NEW PHONE TO EUROPE

Extra Circuit Will Be Installed to Handle Calls.

A new trans-Atlantic telephone circuit is to be put into operation to care for the increase in the number of telephone calls to Europe from America, local officials of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company announced today.

During April calls to Europe increased 55 per cent over the preceding month and 650 per cent over April of last year. A 450-acre tract, on which a short wave receiving station for the new circuit will be erected, has been obtained in northwestern New Jersey.

Check to Balk Corruption at Tuesday's Primary Bares Condition.

ONE TRIED AS KILLER

Another Was Involved in Appealed Booze Case in Local Court.

Persons interested in prevention of corruption at the polls in next Tuesday's primary today were scanning carefully the list of appointees for Republican positions on the Marion County election boards, made by George V. Coffin, Republican county chairman.

This scrutiny was intensified after names of several persons with court records were found upon the list certified by the Republican organization.

The election boards supervise the voting and counting of ballots.

On the list was found the name of John Roppold, an inspector—the head of the board—in the Fifth precinct of the Seventh ward. Roppold is also known as "Crip" Roppold or "Crip" Hennessey.

Charged With Killing

Under the latter name he was tried on a charge of strangling Henry Edwards and throwing the body into a river at Salem, Ind., two years ago. The jury disagreed.

The defense contended that Edwards was drunk and fell out of an automobile into the river.

In the Fourth precinct of the Sixth ward, Sherman Davis, Negro, Statehouse janitor, is listed as inspector. Criminal Court records show that Sherman Davis appealed from a thirty-day Indiana State Farm sentence and \$100 fine on a blind tiger charge, assessed in city court in 1920.

Convicted in Liquor Case

Henry Lee, Negro, brother of Harry (Goosie) Lee, is listed as clerk in the Third precinct of the Sixth ward. Harry recently was convicted in the Ferracane liquor conspiracy case in Federal Court.

Brother Henry also is known to the courts, but more favorably. An indictment charging Henry with participation in a hi-jacking fracas, resulting in the shooting of Adam Nuparulu in 1920, was nolleed as to Henry, in April, 1921.

Harold Shulke, named for clerk in the Ninth precinct of the Eleventh ward, may or may not be able to serve. He is scheduled to appear before Juvenile Judge Frank J. Lahry, Monday, on a charge of child neglect.

POLICE STATION ASKED

New Quarters or Remodeling of Present Structure Sought.

Police Chief Claude M. Worley's request for a modern police station or remodeling and enlarging of the present structure was considered today by Mayor L. Ert Slack.

Worley recommended the improvement at the mayor's cabinet meeting Wednesday. Funds for four new sub-stations, now located in fire stations, also was asked of councilmen.

Enlargement of the police Gamewell system, additional traffic signals and markers, twenty-four automobiles, eighteen motorcycles and money for 100 additional policemen were requested by Worley.

THREE HURT IN BLAST

Steel Plant Buildings Are Rocked By Explosion.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 4.—An explosion occurred today at the open hearth department of the Duquesne works of the Carnegie Steel Company, Duquesne, Pa. near here.

The blast rocked buildings and was reported to have slightly injured three men. They received treatment at the company hospital.

Spelling Bee

Event—Indiana Spelling Bee, under direction of The Indianapolis Times.

Time—At 8:15 tonight.

Place—Caleb Mills Hall in Shortridge High School. No admittance fee and the public is invited.

Contestants—More than thirty county spelling bee champions from the entire State will compete for the State championship and a five-day trip to Washington, D. C., with all expenses paid, to enter the national spelling bee.

Prizes—Cash prizes of \$2,500 at stake in the national event.

Officials—Leading faculty members of four colleges and universities in Indiana.