

## JURY ACQUITS FRANKFORT OF BRIE CHARGE

State Loses First Case of Trials Growing From Corruption Probe.

Martin Frankfort, 31, of 6109 Washington Blvd., realty dealer, was free today of charges of bribery of the Indianapolis city council.

Frankfort's acquittal by a Criminal Court jury Tuesday after an hour's deliberation was the first case lost by the State in trials resulting from the political corruption probe.

The jury stood nine to three for acquittal on the first ballot ten to two on the second and third, while on the fourth those holding out for conviction voted with the majority.

Felicitated by Friends

Frankfort's bride of two months, formerly Miss Leona Foppiano, and his mother, Mrs. Hannah Frankfort, were beside him and his attorney, Henry Winkler, when the jury reported. Criminal Judge James A. Collins received the verdict.

Each rushed toward the jury, shaking hands with the individual members and thanking them for their service during the two-day trial. After congratulations from numerous friends who had stayed until after 4 o'clock to hear the verdict, Mr. and Mrs. Frankfort and his mother left the courtroom.

The case built up by Prosecutor William H. Remy and Special Assistant Emsley W. Johnson centered around testimony of Thomas A. Moynahan, realty dealer and builder, that he gave \$1,400 to Frankfort for plans and specifications and building costs on a store room after the then City Councilman Boynton J. Moore sent him to Frankfort for information as to how to get the northwest corner of Twenty-Seventh and Meridian Sts. rezoned for business.

One Defense Witness

The indictment charged Moore convicted himself of bribery and free because of clemency of Governor Ed Jackson, received part of the bribe money, but Moore did not take the stand either for the State or to deny it for the defense.

Frankfort was the only defense witness, while the State used three, Moynahan, City Clerk William A. Boyce and ex-Councilman O. Ray Albertson, who said he received \$150 after voting for the rezoning ordinance.

### PHONE TO SWITZERLAND

New Service Open Today; Rate, \$52.50.

Switzerland, the ninth European country to be hooked on the American nation-wide telephone system, will have its American service begin today, officials of the Indiana Bell Telephone Company announced.

Service will be available from 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. (C. S. T.) Rates are: \$5.50 for the first three minutes and \$1.75 for each additional minute. A report charge of \$6.50 will be made if party can not be located.

### Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported to the police as stolen:

Mrs. Sally Lucas, 430 N. State St., Overland, 643-273, from Riverside Park.

T. M. Marcy, Arlington Ave. and Thirty-Fourth St., Ford, from Capitol Ave. and Ohio St.

L. T. Stafford, Milroy, Ind., Student, from Pendleton Pike, near Anderson, Ind.

Martin Binford, Greenfield, Ind., Hudson, from Greenfield, Ind.

Claire Syfres, 128 E. Twenty-Fifth St., Peerless, from Pennsylvania and Thirtieth Sts.

### BACK HOME AGAIN

Stolen automobiles reported recovered by the police:

Florence B. Mahon, 2947 Park Ave., Chevrolet, found at 18 W. Maryland St.

Paul Hoffert, 1307 N. Oxford, Ford, found at Keystone and Bethel Aves.

Ford, 163-077 Indiana, found at Sellers Farm.

Leonard Shelley, 227 Minerva St., Chevrolet, found on Market St. near Delaware St.

Chevrolet coupe, 183-422, found at 30th St. and White River. 1928 license plates on car, but 1927 title in car shows it is owned by August Klein, New Albany, Ind.

Three boys were seen in car Tuesday night.

Ford touring, found 1000 E. Georgia St., Gene Williams, driver arrested for failing to display license, no title in car, and blind ticket.

## 4-H Club Youngsters Combine Play, Study in Week's Camping



Looking like three huge sunflowers, the three little modern farmerettes above are spending a five-day outing with 150 other members of the 4-H Club at the Fairground.

Left to right: Freda Mock, Charlotte Lafforge and Harriet Moore, all of Oakland.

Below, (left) Harriet Hanna, Martinsville, smoothing out her pillow in preparation for a cool mid-afternoon nap.

Right, (below) Miss Irene Potter, Paragon, waiting for her turn in the "grub" line.

### APPRaise PLANT SITE

#### Valuation to Be Set on Property Laid as Street.

Appraisers were named today by the board of works to fix a valuation on a factory site on property laid out for a city street.

On petition of Edgerton & Co., decorators, on the east side of Canal St., between Cora and Thirteenth Sts., the board is considering vacating a strip of ground occupied by the factory building.

The company has occupied the street for a factory site for years. It now plans to enlarge the plant. Ernest F. Frick, board secretary, is preparing the plans.

Classes in nature study, home economics, agriculture, Y. M. C. A. work, handicraft, health rules, vocational work, are conducted during the morning.

Plans were prepared by former City Engineer Frank C. Lingenfelter in April, 1927, but were not acted upon. The plans were found in the works board files when Frick took over the office.

The works board has agreed to vacate the section of Canal St. occupied by the factory on payment of damages to the city.

Fred Rassmann, George Montgomery and Albert Losche will appraise the property.

### DELAY BANDIT CASE

#### Sanity Hearing Is Asked for Alleged Bank Robber.

Delay in the speedy justice promised two young men charged with robbery of the Central Avenue State Bank last Friday was seen today when attorneys for one, Arthur McGinnis, 26, asked a hearing into his sanity.

Criminal Judge James M. Collins named Coroner Charles H. Keever and Jail Physician Harold B. Cox to examine McGinnis, who has refused to divulge information or talk coherently since his arrest, and to report their findings Monday.

The second member, Claude F. Parker, 25, of 504 E. Raymond St., waived arraignment today and pleaded not guilty. The trial was to have been set for Thursday, but the sanity inquest will cause a delay.

The motion was presented by Pauper Attorney H. B. Pike, who also will represent Parker. Parker's wife and other members of his family were in court today. Pike said this is the first trouble Parker has ever been in.

Prosecutor William H. Remy promised to insist on a trial as soon as the sanity findings are reported.

### SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR MOLESTING GIRL

Thirty-Day Term and \$100 Fine Given Man on Park Charge.

Charged with molesting a 12-year-old girl at Riverside Park, July 9, Alexander Samardzoeff, 2340 W. Tenth St., was fined \$100 and sentenced to thirty days in jail on a disorderly charge by Municipal Judge Paul C. Wetter.

Assault and battery and attack charges against Samardzoeff were dismissed.

The girl, attending a Sunday school picnic at the park, testified that Samardzoeff invited her to eat dinner with him. She refused and ran away. He followed until her screams brought two Riverside golf course caddies to her aid.

Horseshoe Match Will Feature the Program

Thomas F. Carson and Herbert G. Knight will captain the horseshoe pitching teams that will start the picnic program of the Indianapolis Real Estate Board at 1:30 p.m. at Walnut Garden Thursday. An indoor baseball game will be staged at 2:30 p.m. Games to be chosen by Wayne W. Schmidt and J. Roy Moore. Usual picnic games will follow. The entertainment program will close with swimming and diving contests for both men and women. Chicken dinner will be served at night, followed by dancing. Frank A. Throop is chairman of the committee.

### ASK TRUCK COST CUT

#### Tri-State Transfer Men to Meet Here.

One hundred fifty trim knickered boy and girl members of the 4-H Club of Marion, Hancock, Morgan and Hamilton Counties are enjoying an "educational outing" at the fairground this week. There are seventeen clubs represented at the meeting sponsored by Purdue University.

Following reveille, at 6 in the morning, the children have flag raising exercises, setting up exercises, and then, that fun of fun when you are camping out—eating exercises.

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"Indiana is the logical place for such display," Snyder declared, in making the announcement. "Indiana, because of its long standing good road program, has been a leader in motor truck transportation."

"Every type of truck is expected to be on display, including such improvements as special designs for coal hauling, furniture hauling, commercial hauling, and even refrigerated trucks for milk hauling."

Partial financing of the State bridge will be by collection of tolls. The privately owned bridge also will be a toll bridge.

More Money Received From Corporations.

Fees collected from foreign corporations desiring to do business in Indiana increased \$32,980.22 during the first six months of 1928 over the same period in 1927. Frederick E. Schrottemeler, Secretary of State, announced today.

Fees for the six months of 1928 totaled \$74,429.50, compared with \$41,449.35 for the same period in 1927.

A decrease is noticed in fees paid by domestic corporations, which totaled \$112,747.56 for the first six months of 1927, and \$13,061.75 for the first six months of this year.

This does not indicate a large decrease in corporate activity, Schrottemeler said, but is due to several large mergers perfected last year.

Total fees of the corporation department for the first six months of 1928 totaled \$159,372.95, as compared with \$167,651.60 for the same period in 1927.

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JACKSON IS SPEAKER AT M'CORICK PARK

Helps Dedicate New Outdoor Swimming Pool at State Playground.

Governor Ed Jackson was the principal speaker at the Spencer County conservation celebration today which marked the opening and dedication of the new outdoor swimming pool and natural showers at the McCormick's Creek State Park.

The governor discussed the work of the conservation department which has opened seven State parks during the past decade.

A talk on conservation in Southern Indiana was made by Capt. Charles G. Sauer, assistant to Richard Lieber, State conservation director.

"Southern Indiana will prosper through the three T's," Sauer said. "Trees, Talk and Tourists."

## NOTHING WILL HALT NEW SPAN AT EVANSVILLE

Williams Says Work to Be Rushed on Construction of Bridge.

Nothing will deter construction of the Evansville bridge across the Ohio, for which \$2,000,000 of bonds have been offered for sale by the Vanderburgh County treasurer, John D. Williams, State highway director, announced today.

Immediate steps will be taken to obtain a consulting engineer, and all efforts will be made to put the span up as speedily as possible, he added.

Efforts of L. M. Barr, representative of the P. W. Chapman Company, investment bankers of Chicago, and Frank Hatfield, Evansville attorney, to discourage the construction of the bridge by the State, were of no avail.

Jackson Attends Parley

Both men appeared before the commission Tuesday evening and explained their plans for building a privately owned span.

Governor Ed Jackson attended the conference, by invitation of the commission, but took no part in the discussion. Williams said.

The Governor is reported to advocate the State built bridge, cost for which is borne in equal portions by both Vanderburgh County and the State.

Ambassador Morrow's "shirt-sleeve" diplomacy of the last few months had brought the two republics closer together than they had been since the retirement of President Diaz in 1910. The American government saw in the re-election of Obregon to the presidency a guarantee that this friendship would be continued and probably strengthened, not only because of his friendly attitude toward the United States, but also because he appeared to be the principal hope for a continuance of a strong and stable government in the southern republic.

Kellogg Is Shocked

Upon being informed of the assassination, Secretary of State Kellogg telegraphed acting Foreign Minister Estrada in Mexico City that he had been "terribly shocked by the news of the dastardly attack on President Obregon."

Ambassador Tellez of Mexico said he was convinced the people of Mexico would "feel deeply grieved and concerned over the felonious action against the life of one of the most prominent men Mexico ever had."

When the ill-fated Serrano-Gomez insurrection burst forth last October, public opinion in Mexico was almost unanimous in supporting the government's efforts to suppress the rebels.

Should a revolutionary outbreak result from the general unrest which may be expected to follow the Obregon assassination it is believed that President Calles will take stern measures to put it down.

Don't Expect Revolt

There was, however, no thought on the part of officials here that a revolution was likely to follow. Nevertheless, it was conceded that Obregon's passing has left only one "strong" man in Mexico—President Calles—and that the ability of Calles and his faction to stand firm in the face of the anticipated unrest would face a severe test.

Obregon's work during his first administration opened the way to a settlement of the many differences between the United States and Mexico.

As president, Obregon also was expected to stimulate the financial and economic rehabilitation program now being carried out by President Calles. He was one of the wealthiest men in Mexico and had, moreover, displayed a keen interest in the Calles' program.

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Companion suit also was filed by Attorneys James A. Ermiston and James P. Cleary in Superior Court Two asking a conveyance of the real estate to the Millikans or set aside, and for \$5,000 damages. Mrs. Koepke also is plaintiff in this action, and William T. Bailey, executor, is named co-defendant. Hearing will be this fall before Probate Judge Mahlon E. Bash.

Stone Worker Electrocuted

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., July 18.—Ora Snow, 38, Bedford, was electrocuted while working on a machine at the Ingalls Stone Company plant.

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