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Full Leased Wire Service of
the United Press Association.**CITY MANAGER
LAW MENACED
IN ASSEMBLY**Revision in Legislature Is
Seen as Loophole
for Repeal.**LABOR TO BE ACTIVE**Absent Voter Law Again
Will Be Source of
Contention.

BY ROBERT BEARD

One hundred fifty legislators
looking forward to the seventy-
sixth biennial session of the Indiana
general assembly, opening Jan.
10, discern the usual number of
disturbing signs.There is, of first importance in
Indianapolis, the prospect of re-
vision of the city manager law,
under which this city is to adopt
the manager form of government
in 1930.The City Manager League faces
the necessity of effecting some
technical changes in the law as it
now stands in order to give certain
powers now held by elective officers
to the city commission. These ef-
forts at amendment will open the
way to repeal attempts, it is feared,
although proponents of the man-
ager plan scout any hint that
actual repeal might be accom-
plished.Registration, it is believed, is cer-
tain of claiming attention of the
coming session. Although repeal of
the old registration law had the
support of both parties in 1927,
sentiment is growing for some sub-
stitute. Women's organizations are
voicing this demand and it finds
proponents in both parties.**Bone-Dry Revision Seen**Labor, which vigorously opposed
repeal of the absent voters' law in
the 1927 session, vigorously will see
to it that this matter gets into the
legislative grist, again.Prohibition probably will be left
out of legislative arguments unless
efforts are made to weaken provi-
sions of the existing state dry laws.
Dry leaders, including the Anti-
Saloon League, are not expected to
strive for further restrictions, but
will oppose stubbornly any effort
to meddle with the statutes at
written.Utility regulation, which fur-
nished the bone of contention for
the 1927 session, is regarded as
certain to engross assembly atten-
tion in the coming session. Far-
reaching in importance and effort,
it is a topic provoking a wider di-
versity of opinion, perhaps, than
any problem likely to be presented.The teacher tenure law enacted
in 1927 may become the target
from attacks by the very group
that indorsed it two years ago.
Teachers generally favored the
measure which provided: That any
teacher serving any school corpora-
tion for five or more successive
years and who thereafter contracts
for further service with such school
corporation thereupon becomes a
permanent teacher of that school
corporation, dismissible only for
cause after a hearing.**Bankers Are Interested**Bankers are interested in pro-
posed legislation to increase the
powers of the state bank examiner
and his deputies. The question has
arisen as to how far the state shall
go in granting discretionary au-
thority to these officers. Indict-
ment of examiners in the exercise
of discretionary privileges rather
than for criminal offenses has
brought the matter to a head, it
is said.Effort probably will be made to
set up new regulations for bank
loans, invoking some of the strin-
gent restrictions already applicable
to trust companies.Codification of corporation laws,
broad enough to invite foreign cor-
porations to operate in Indiana,
will be presented the coming legis-
lature. A committee, working un-
der the secretary of state, has been
at work on this for two years,
under authority from the 1927 leg-
islature.Sentiment is spotty for an in-
crease in auto license fees which
would enable Indiana to make more
rapid progress in its road paving
program. This work has pro-
gressed rapidly under the 3-cent
gasoline tax plan, but an increase
in license fees for Indiana's 900,000
automobiles would speed the work
greatly. It is estimated the present
rate of progress could be advanced
200 miles a year with an added in-
come of \$5,000,000 annually.**271 Bills Became Laws**There is little hope, it is indi-
cated, for legislation which would
give the state the full 3 cents col-
lected on each gallon of gasoline.
Counties at present get 1 cent and
the state 2 cents. Any proposal
to deprive counties of this 1 cent
would provoke a state-wide protest
that would be fatal, aver legislators.
They are skeptical of the success
of any effort to increase the tax
an additional cent.Reapportionment looms as a cer-
tain disturber of legislative peace,
in 1929. The 1927 general assem-
bly did not disturb the arrangement
under which one hundred
members of the lower Indiana
house, and the fifty members of
the upper house are elected.Two years ago 294 house bills and
310 senate bills were introduced
together with twenty resolutions.
Of this number, 271 bills found
their way eventually to the state
books.**Mrs. Jolson Quits Show;
Too Lonely Without Al**By United Press
NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—Ruby Keeler, premier tap dancer, who is one of the stars in Florenz Ziegfeld's new "Whoopee," has walked out on the company because she can't stay away from her husband, Al Jolson, the New York Daily News said in a copyright dispatch today.

Mrs. Al Jolson

**COLLEGE STUDENT
ON LARK SHOT BY
CHICAGO GANGSTER**Northwestern Grid Player
Forced From Car After
Fenders Scrape.

By United Press

CHICAGO, Nov. 12.—Shot by
gangsters because his car scraped
theirs, John C. Acher, substitute
full back on the Northwestern uni-
versity football team, is in a serious
condition in St. Luke's hospital.One of the gangster bullets lodged
in Acher's spine, and if he lives he
will be paralyzed for life, doctors
said.Police said the boy's parents are
separated and that the mother lives
in Louisville, Ky., and upon several
occasions has endeavored to per-
suade the boy to live with her.Waiting at the detective bureau
to identify any suspects was Acher's
younger brother, Chester, 16, a stu-
dent in the Missouri military academy
at Mexico, Mo., who was with his
elder brother when the shooting
occurred.

Borrow Car for Party

John, 21, and Chester were cele-
brating a double victory early Sun-
day. John had played on the
Northwestern team that beat Pur-
due, and Chester was a member of
the academy team that defeated
Morgan Park military academy here.The youths are sons of Dr. A. E.
Acher of Ft. Dodge, Iowa, who is on
a trip and has not yet been located.
Mrs. Acher was informed of the
shooting by telephone.The youths borrowed an automobile
from a fraternity brother of the
elder Acher in Evanston and started
out to make a night of it. They
stopped at several night clubs.Then they took their girl com-
panions home and were returning
to Evanston when they scraped
fenders with a large car at Michigan
avenue and Roosevelt road.

Forced From Auto

John, who was driving, kept on
going. His car was forced to the curb
by the gangster automobile and the
youths ordered to get out. They
alighted and one of the gangsters
started shooting. Two bullets
struck John, one in the back and
the other in the leg.The gangster car sped away
and Chester called two motorcycle
policemen. The gangster car circled
the block and the policemen picked
up the trail, following the large au-
tomobile through the loop and on
north, where they lost it after fir-
ing several shots.John was taken to the hospital
and Chester to detectives headquar-
ters, where he admitted he and his
brother had been drinking, but said
they were not intoxicated.

ARREST FIVE MOTORISTS

Driving While Intoxicated Is
Charges Against Men.Five men were arrested on charges
of driving motor cars while intox-
icated over the week-end. Arrests
in each case followed minor acci-
dents, but no injuries were reported.Those arrested were: William Arm-
strong, 28, Negro, 944 English avenue;
George Perkins, 38, Negro, 1420 Cornell
avenue; Wayne Mitchell, 33, Wesley
hotel; Wilson Wakefield, 37, Bridgeport,
Ind., and Leilous Bastin, 25, of 2402 Bluff road.

EDUCATOR'S CAR KILLS

President of Missouri University Is
Party to Fatal Accident.By United Press
JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Nov. 12.—Miles Blythe, 21, was killed here
last night when a truck driven by
his father, John Blythe, collided
with an automobile driven by Dr.
Stratton D. Brooks, president of the
University of Missouri.

School Officials to Meet

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Nov. 12.—The
Southern Indiana Superintendents
club and Indiana high school
principals will hold meetings here
beginning Thursday and continuing
through Friday.Illustrated Lecture Given Y. M. C.
A. on Yellowstone.Matthew Small gave an illus-
trated lecture on Yellowstone park
Sunday afternoon at the meeting
for young men at the Y. M. C. A.
Lantern slides of famous Biblical
paintings also were shown. Ber-
tram Day, president of the Crescent
Life Insurance Company, will speak
next Sunday.Walter Harriman was elected
treasurer of the organization in
charge of the meeting. Walter
Presecar was elected manager of
the lobby. Harry Knight head of
the attendance committee, and J.
Edwin Lee, recording secretary.

Boy, 15, Missing Since Thursday

HENRY LA PACK, 15, of R. R. 1, box
126, Edgewood, was reported missing
today by his father. The boy left home
Thursday to attend Southport high
school, but never returned there and has not been seen since.On the other hand, other papa
frogs have been caused to resign
from their clubs and sink in the
thickest reeds of the pond by**WHALLON IS
BOOSTED FOR
COURT BERTH**George Coffin Ally Boomed
to Take Over Bench
of Cameron.**WOULD SUCCEED WHITE**Pressure on Jackson to
Meet Boss' Wishes Is
Indicated.Thomas C. Whallon, attorney and
ally of George V. Coffin Republican
district chairman, probably will
take over the court of Judge Clifton
R. Cameron at police headquarters
if he receives a municipal court ap-
pointment from Governor Ed Jackson
Jan. 1, it was learned today.Whallon is said to have the sup-
port of the county organization, now
on the verge of a break in ranks, to
succeed Judge Dan V. White in mu-
nicipal court one, when White's term
expires.However, it was learned Coffin
favors a transfer of Cameron to the
courthouse court and Whallon, if
appointed, to Cameron's court.The courthouse courts are con-
cerned mostly with civil litigation,
while those at headquarters handle
criminal cases.White is a candidate for re-
appointment to the bench and wants
to serve a second term. However,
Coffin is said to have concentrated
all his influence with his former
co-defendant, Jackson, in getting
the post for Whallon.Whallon last week signed the
\$1,000 bond for County Councilman
Paul S. Dunn, a Coffin supporter,
who was indicted by the grand jury
on a perjury charge. Whallon and
Dunn slipped into county jail and
made bond while Sheriff Omer Haw-
kins, Republican county chairman
under Coffin, told newspaper men
Dunn would appear at his office.Whallon has been looked upon for
some time as "Coffin's messenger."
Several months prior to the recent
election, Whallon spent much of his time
in county headquarters. The attorney
was an interested spectator in the conspiracy trial in
criminal court several months ago
of Ed Jackson, Coffin and Robert
I. Marsh, former law partner of
Jackson's, who were released because
the statute of limitations had run on
their alleged effort to bribe former
Governor Warren T. McCray.Whallon, during the summer, sat
on the bench in police court and
freed Irving Webster, publisher of
a weekly Republican folder, on
a charge of fleeing after an accident.The Indianapolis Bar Association
will hold its monthly meeting
Wednesday. It is expected the
membership will discuss the mu-
nicipal court situation and go on
record for White.John Cleason, 20, Canandaigua,
N. Y., was killed when the tongue
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