

MANAGER BILL IS PATCHED UP IN CONFERENCE

Good as New After Foes Agree to Nullify Amendments.

The house of representatives will be asked to send the Noll city manager bill on to third reading Monday with the context of the bill undamaged despite the disastrous series of amendments proposed by State Representative Lloyd Claycombe of Indianapolis, who has lead the anti-manager fight in the house.

By changing and substituting words here and there Representative J. Glenn Harris of Gary and Claycombe have succeeded in nullifying the effect of the amendments which would have wrecked the city manager plan bill.

An amicable agreement to do this was reached at a conference Friday night of Harris, Claycombe, Fred C. Gause, counsel for the city manager league, and former Mayor Charles W. Jewett, an enemy of the city manager plan.

Vital Changes Made

The proposed amendments, as changed, will be presented to Judiciary A committee of the house Monday at 10:30 a. m., and if endorsed by the committee, will be brought on the floor when the session opens at 11.

The changes of the most importance are those which continue the various departments of the city government "until changed or abolished by ordinance."

The Claycombe amendment requires that the general assembly through special legislation had the only power to change or abolish the boards. The new phraseology gives the city manager government that right.

Claycombe has consented, according to Harris, to strike out his amendment which would permit the present city council to function under the city manager form of government and defining and prescribing the rights and powers of the council, which would have nullified any attempts of the city commission to change the form of government.

Elections Provided

It also was agreed to cut out the amendment making the city manager the mayor of the city for ceremonial purposes but retained the amendment providing that in event the supreme court holds the city manager law unconstitutional, the city election commissioners shall hold a primary for nomination of city officers sixty days after the decision is handed down by the supreme court.

An amendment that will be added, provides that the election of the city commissioners shall be conducted by the regular board of city election commissioners, according to the provisions of the general election laws in so far as they are applicable.

The city clerk, who will be appointed by the city commission is to be an ex-officio member of the election commission, the other two members to be a Republican and a Democrat.

Salaries Increased

Other amendments agreed upon, provide that any group of seven or more candidates for city commissioners may appoint one challenger and one watcher in each precinct, the appointment to be filed in writing with the election commissioners, salaries of commissioners shall be increased as follows: First class cities, \$4,000; second class cities, \$3,000; third class cities, \$2,000, and fourth and fifth class cities, \$1,000.

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NAMED TO STUTZ JOBS

Bert Dingley and E. R. Parker Made Vice-Presidents.

Appointment of Bert Dingley, former race driver, and E. R. Parker, general sales manager, as vice-presidents of the Stutz Motor Car Company, has been announced by Col. E. S. Gorrell, recently elevated to the presidency.

FINE 46 SHORT IN GAS

Find Many Filling Stations Cheat Motorists.

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 16.—Forty-six gasoline station attendants were fined from \$10 to \$50 each for selling gasoline in short measure.

The shortages ranged from a pint to one and one-quarter gallons on a five-gallon purchase.



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The most elaborate song and dance skit yet brought to the screen by Vitaphone is the offering of Ted Doner and girls, one of the features of the program at the Apollo today.

Doner, known as "Broadway's favorite dancing man," is a clever comedian as well as a "hooper" extraordinary. The girls present attractive ensemble numbers.

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Do you believe that to break a mirror means seven years' bad luck? That the howling of a dog portends death? That lighting three cigarettes with one match is unlucky? That seven is a lucky number and thirteen unlucky?

Do you think that cat's eyes are luminous in the dark? That mad dogs avoid water? That waving a red rag before a bull enrages the animal? That air at the seashore contains "ozone"? Do you think that hair grows after death? Are you sure that lightning never strikes twice in the same place? Ever hear that a person falling from a great height is dead before he reaches the ground?

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Held Over



Fannie Brice

Fannie Brice has proven herself such an excellent drawing card in "My Man," Vitaphone's talking comedy drama, her first screen vehicle, that it will be held over for a second week at the Apollo starting today.

Written especially for Miss Brice, "My Man" was inspired by the song of the same title which the comedienne made internationally famous. It is a story of theatrical life with the comedienne in the role of an ugly duckling who experiences but one love affair and suffers the sting of seeing the man to whom she is engaged, appropriated by her young sister.

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SOLDIERS ADMIT MANY HOLDUPS

Two Privates' Confessions Solve Robbery Mysteries.

Arrest and confession of a second soldier within the past twenty-four hours in connection with city holdups was effected today by police when they detained Private Chester Totten, 18 of Battery C, Third field artillery, Ft. Benjamin Harrison.

Totten was arrested at Ft. Harrison. He confessed to being an accomplice in two holdups with Private Walter T. Brown, 23, who was arrested Thursday night by police.

In his confession Totten admitted aiding Brown holdup a man at Park avenue between Nineteenth and Twentieth streets on Feb. 6 and the robbery of a second man on Feb. 9 at College avenue and Pomeroy street. Fifty cents was obtained in the first holdup and \$3 in the second.

Totten confessed that he and Brown paid \$10 for the gun used in the holdups.

Brown confessed to police his participation in two additional holdups near St. Clair and New Jersey streets, Thursday night.

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FRANCE TAKES STEPS TO EASE FARM PROBLEM

Legislative Program Pends to Meet Increasing Crisis.

(This is the second of a series of stories on European farm relief problems. It deals with conditions in France.)

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PARIS, Feb. 16.—The French agricultural problem is greatly similar to that of the United States. It centers about the scarcity of farm labor and the "spread" between the price which the farmer receives for his raw product and the price he has to pay for his finished materials.

As in America, also, the government is striving to find a solution.

The fact that 500,000 young men and women have deserted the farm acres for the factories and industrial life in the city in the ten years since 1919 and that 2,223,900 acres were left uncultivated in the four years from 1920 to 1924, makes it a governmental problem.

A review of the farm situation now being prepared for the U. S. department of commerce recites that the most important farm legislation in France, which has been in effect several years, is the credit agricole, providing state loans to farmers at low interest rates.

New legislation before parliament contemplates: A new housing plan, a scheme for social insurance which takes in every detail of farm labor protection; special grants for crop failures due to frost, floods or storms; establishment of premiums for raising of products wherein long waits and risks are necessary, such as olive culture.

Jean Hennessy, minister of agriculture, head of the family of cognac distillers, diplomat and political scientist, calls attention to the fact that parliament has voted 6,000,000 francs (about \$243,000) for the improvement of wheat culture, of which 500,000 francs (about \$19,500) will be employed by the institute of agronomic research for the creation and perfecting of different varieties of grain.

Special credits will permit greater experimentation in methodical employment of fertilizers and funds will be provided for chemical destruction of parasitic plants, Hennessy said.

To reward her success her mother decided to take the little girl to the opera, which happened to be Mme. Butterly with Destini and the famous Caruso. Vague dreams that had been floating through her head materialized as she sat enthralled in the sorrows of the hapless Butterly, and then and there she made up her mind that before she died she would sing Butterly. Although she kept it a secret from her mother, from that time her ambitions crystallized into the one of becoming a singer in opera, and she has made good her resolve.

Needless to go through the long process by which she arrived, but today the name of Edith Mason is known throughout the world. She has won in most of the principal opera houses in Europe and America, and the critics have exhausted their vocabularies in telling of the beauty of her voice. The opera that was the means of her career, Mme. Butterly, is one of those in which she excels, and for which naturally she has an extreme fondness. Those that have been fortunate enough to hear her in this role will never forget the sonorous sweetness of the entrance music for Butterly, or the wonderful "D" in Ait with which Miss Mason finishes her entrance phrase. She is a shining example of what the American girl can attain to when she makes up her mind to do so.

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