

## SCHWAB IS NOT WORRIED ABOUT U. S. BUSINESS

Continued Prosperity Is Steel Man's Forecast to Manufacturers.

Charles M. Schwab, world steel emperor, believes that his and kindred industrial kingdoms, will continue to grow, and that America generally will prosper, he told the Indiana Manufacturer's Association at the Columbia Club Monday night.

"All of us were here before the wave of speculation broke over us. The wealth of the nation is not on paper, but in the brick and mortar of our factories, in the cars we own, and the things we build," he said.

The steel magnate made one jocular reference to the recent stock market crash.

"I returned to New York in November," he said, "to greet all my friends, the former millionaires."

### Scores Law Revision

In his address, preceding Schwab's speech, William L. Taylor, formerly state attorney-general, president of the Indianapolis Bar Association, attacked a contemporary movement for a constitutional convention to scrap Indiana's Constitution and supplant it with a modern state foundation.

Comparing the state with the federal Constitution, Taylor characterized the former as an up-to-date, fundamental document, standing in no greater need of change today than a year after it was drawn.

Grievances stressed by those favoring the revision, he declared, were not constitutional, but statutory matters. He cited suggested changes in township government, county boundaries and taxation as examples.

### Ball Toastmaster

Frank C. Ball, Muncie manufacturer, was toastmaster. Following the meeting, Schwab left on his private car for Houston, Tex.

At Monday afternoon's business session of the manufacturers, present officers of the organization were re-elected for the ensuing year.

They are: C. O. Grafton of the Gill Clay Pot Company, Muncie, president; M. C. Hunt of the National Automatic Tool Company, Richmond, first vice-president; H. C. Sticker of the Vigo American Clay Company, Terre Haute, second vice-president, and I. W. Lemaux of the Indianapolis Brush and Broom Company, treasurer.

### Refuses to Honor Extradition

Governor Harry G. Leslie Monday denied an Illinois extradition for Larry B. Harris of Lafayette. Harris was charged with stopping payment on a check alleged to have been given for premium payments to a Danville (Ill.) automobile insurance company.

## Gets Million



## OZARKS PUZZLE MURDER TRIAL IS UNDER WAY

Four Defendants Offer Pleas of Not Guilty in 'Connie' Riddle.

By United Press MOUNTAIN VIEW, Ark., Dec. 17.—Two farmers were seated in squeaky courtroom chairs today to decide whether Connie Franklin is dead or alive and if four men charged with torturing and burning him to death, are guilty of murder.

The jury was selected shortly before noon in rapid-fire proceedings, in sharp contrast with the easy-going life of the mountain folk, who jammed the courtroom.

The second act of the drama, likely to be tense, with the appearance as a witness of Tillie Ruettner, the country girl, who claims the defendants burned her sweetheart as she helplessly watched, was scheduled for the afternoon session.

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## PREPARE FOR RUSH

Put Scales in Corridor to Speed Mailing.

Last-minute preparations were being made today by Postmaster Robert H. Bryson for the annual Christmas mail rush with placing of tables and scales in the post office corridors.

Parcel post packages will be weighed and marked at these tables to save time at the stamp windows.

First of 600 extra Christmas employees were on duty and the remainder were to be placed at work this week, bringing the postoffice force to a total of approximately 1,800 employees.

All out-of-town mail should be posted immediately and local Christmas letters and parcels should be in the mails by Saturday, Bryson said.

### Blast Injures Two

VINCENNES, Ind., Dec. 17.—Two men were injured seriously when a boiler exploded at an oil well near Union, south of here. Harold Millsap, Hazleton, and A. R. Wilson, Robinson, Ill., were brought to a Vincennes hospital for treatment.

## \$113,900, LOW BID FOR AIRPORT CONTRACTS

Offer Submitted to Architects; Vacation Plea Denied.

Low bid of \$113,900 on the municipal airport general contract for administration building and hangar was submitted to the board of works by C. T. Caldwell. The board referred the bids to William McGuire of McGuire and Shook, architects, for the airport, for tabulations and recommendation.

Separate bids were received on heating and plumbing and electrical equipment.

The petition for vacation of a forty-foot strip along Washington street at southeast corner of New Jersey street was denied. Kirk McKinney, city chairman, a real estate man, represented the 405 East Washington Realty Company. The board refused to waive the rule that property owners pay two-thirds of the taxable value for vacation proceedings.

## What a Life!

Pola and Her Prince Now Claim They Are in Love 'Forever.'

PARIS, Dec. 17.—Two reconciled lovers, a Georgian prince and his temperamental actress wife, rejoiced in their reunion today and gave vent to considerable optimistic comment on the subject of matrimonial quarrels.

Said Prince Serge Midiani: "I am going to stay married. Our quarrels are over. I've found that there is not really much to quarrel about after all. We are having a little housewarming to celebrate our new happiness. I don't ever want to talk divorce."

Said Pola Negri: "I went to the divorce court intending to go through with it, but he was so sweet to me. He told me he still loved me and always loved me so I decided to abandon the divorce. We are now in love forever and I am very, very happy."

## MILO STUART TO SPEAK

Milo H. Stuart, Arsenal Technical high school principal and Kiwanis Club education chairman, will speak at Thursday's luncheon of the club at the Claypool, under auspices of new members admitted to the club in 1929.

New members are Dr. C. P. Clark, George W. Wells, George M. Medlam, Harry B. Burnet, Clay W. Sparks, James M. Nelson, Bryant Sando, Bert Eastman, C. Leroy Austin, Frank E. Gaines, Carl B. Watson, Sydney V. Romer, Harry T. Shanerberger, William H. Thorp, George G. Griffin, Harrison M. Bennett, Dr. Harry L. Foreman, Fred A. Chapman, Ralph C. Root, James L. Smeiers, W. S. Johnson, Warren D. Oakes, Karl C. Wolfe, Walter E. Roeder and Chester T. Spriggs.

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