

# FUTURE OF POLICY ON POWER AT STAKE IN FIGHT

## FIRING OF THREE STIRS BITTER CAPITAL ROW

Angry Senators to Demand New Chief of Board Be Unseated.

### HINT SWIFT REPRISALS

Walsh, Who Voted for Smith, May Lead Battle on His Action.

BY THOMAS L. STOKES

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Dis-missal of three federal power commission employees by George Otis Smith, chairman, has created a critical situation that was expected today to develop swift reprisals and to have bearing upon the whole future policy of government water-power regulations.

Senate champions of two of the dismissed employees who have insisted upon right government water power control—Charles H. Russell, solicitor, and William V. King, chief accountant—now are bent upon removal of Smith and possibly other members of the new commission. Smith was confirmed by the senate only last Saturday.

The third employee to be dismissed was F. E. Bonner, executive secretary.

Bonner has been at odds repeatedly with Russell and King, who have charged him with favoritism toward power companies.

Russell, likewise, has been the target of some senators who are championing King and Russell.

### Minor Sensation Caused

Smith explained he dismissed all three to stop "squabbling" within the commission and in order that the newly organized commission might get a fresh start.

Smith's order of dismissal—the first act since his confirmation—caused a minor sensation at the capital, and the repercussions continued today in what promises to develop into a major battle in the senate when congress reconvenes Jan. 5.

Friends of King and Russell are laying their plans to remove Smith, if possible. Senator Brookhart (Rep., Ia.) announced he would seek reconsideration of Smith's confirmation, which was voted 38 to 22. A switch of nine votes would reject him.

### Criticized by Walsh

Senator Walsh (Dem., Mont.) criticized Smith in a letter to the chairman for dismissal of Russell and King, and since he voted for confirmation, it is possible he may lead the fight by moving for reconsideration.

When the Montana senator, who achieved national fame in the Teapot Dome oil investigation, gets into a fight, he makes it big. This issue perhaps is broader than the oil lease matter, as it involves a permanent policy rather than isolated cases.

If Democrats generally join against Smith, a real battle would ensue.

King and Russell are planning a fight for reinstatement, contending the chairman had no power, under the act creating the commission, to dismiss them. Smith argues that all appointments lapsed with the expiration of the old commission. But the real fight hinges on the deeper issues involved.

### Accounting System Fought

When King became chief accountant he instituted an accounting system which denied applicants for waterpower licenses the right to include various items in their investment figure. This is fundamental, since rates are based upon investment.

Bonner criticized this method, saying the chief accountant was "too meticulous."

There was an open break when King reduced, by nearly half, a \$11,000,000 investment claim made by the Clinton River Power Company of Pennsylvania, which King revealed had included such things as cost of a celebration at opening of the place, of cigars, and \$144 for neckties.

This case attracted nation-wide attention, bringing to King's defense such outstanding figures as Governor-Elect Gifford Pinchot of Pennsylvania. The case now is pending in the courts.

### Fundamental Issues

Other fundamental issues are involved in another case which enters into the intra-commission friction, the so-called New River (Va.) case.

Changes have been made in the senate that Bonner made the recommendations to Attorney-General Mitchell which were carried out in Mitchell's decision holding that New River was a non-navigable stream and, therefore, the Appalachian Power Company was entitled to a "minor part" license for a proposed 80,000-horse power plant. Such a license waives all government regulation, and leaves only the right to recapture after fifty years.

Since that decision, which also is to be taken to the courts for final action, several other companies have applied for "minor part" licenses.

Russell denounced this decision as nullifying the whole water power act.

### AGED MAN, STRUCK BY CAR, DIES OF INJURIES

Wade H. Calvert, 73, Survived by 2 Sons, 2 Daughters and Widow.

Wade H. Calvert, 73, of 2168 Bosart avenue, died Tuesday in city hospital from injuries suffered when he was struck by an auto in the 4600 block East Twenty-first street Friday.

He was struck by an auto driven by Delbert Shearer, 20, of R. R. 11, Box 249. Police who investigated said Shearer was not to blame for the accident.

Funeral services, not completed, will be held at Royer & Ashin undertaking establishment. Survivors are two sons, Wade Jr. and Hampton Calvert; two daughters, Miss Myrtle Calvert and Mrs. George Montgomery; and the widow, Miss Florence Calvert.

## Officer Quits



Lieutenant O. D. Thomas  
After twenty-two years' service, Lieutenant O. D. Thomas has resigned from the police department. His resignation will become effective Jan. 1, after which he will become a traveling representative for the Police and Firemen's Insurance Company.

## Dad Is Gift

Judge Frees Man, Up for Stealing \$1 Worth of Coal for Family.

JACKIE JORDAN, 8, received a Christmas gift from Municipal Judge Clifton R. Cameron today. It was Jackie's father, Tom Jordan, 35, of 234 Detroit street, charged with theft of \$1 worth of coal from the Big Four store.

Jackie and a smaller brother and sister were cold, Jordan explained, adding he never had asked charity of any one, but he couldn't let the youngsters freeze. Judge Cameron suspended a \$1 and costs fine and sent Tom home to his family.

### Christmas in Hospital

With the exception of gifts and visits from friends, Christmas will mean just another day in the hospital for Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan.

Sullivan was informed Tuesday that his release would be delayed until several days after Christmas. The mayor has been in St. Vincent's hospital more than eight weeks suffering from a vertebra fracture received in an airplane spill at South Bend early in the football season.

Dr. L. L. Shuler, attending physician, said Sullivan will recover completely.

### Hurt Packing Yule Gifts

Acting as an agent for Santa Claus and John Ingram, 91½ East Maryland street, in the hospital early today.

Manager of a Standard grocery at 419 East Washington street, Ingram was packing Christmas baskets when he opened the elevator door and stepped into the shaft, falling fifteen feet and fracturing a hip. He was taken to city hospital.

### Spirit of the Season

ROBERT HAYES, Negro, 523 West Michigan street, admits he's guilty of operating a blind tiger, for which he was arrested a week ago, but he isn't ready to start serving any jail term for the offense.

He told Municipal Judge Paul C. Wetter today he wanted to stay around until Santa Claus made his annual pilgrimage, and the judge asked Lieutenant John Sheehan, arresting officer, how he felt about it.

"What's wrong, no Christmas spirit?" the judge asked when Sheehan said the case should be disposed of today.

The lieutenant agreed the case could hang over until Friday.

### Wrist Watch for Mayor

The works board and department heads under it will try to change antipathy of Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan toward strap watches.

Today they presented him with one as a Christmas gift. It is to supplant pocket watch purchased for the mayor fourteen years ago by Charles O. Britten, board member.

### Santa to Prisoner

Mrs. Elzora Kumpart, 1215 Madison avenue, played Santa Claus to a prisoner in municipal court today. He had stolen jewelry worth \$50 from her, but on her request Municipal Judge Paul C. Wetter suspended a six-months state farm sentence and costs, fining the man, Wilbur Aydelotte, 20, of 2414 Sugar Grove avenue, \$25.

### Poincare Reads Political News

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Raymond Poincare improved sufficiently in health today to take an active interest in the political situation. He asked Madame Poincare to read the newspapers to him, especially the political news.

### Bridge Contract Let

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### Keep Typo Home Here

Home of the International Typographical union at Twenty-eight and Meridian streets.

Indianapolis' Christmas stocking bulged a day early with the announcement today that the International Typographical union's half-million dollar home at Twenty-eighth and Meridian streets, will remain as national headquarters for the union.

Vote returns announced by Woodruff Randolph, secretary-treasurer, showed the proposal to move this headquarters was de-

feated by a two-to-one majority, 34,530 to 14,933.

Likewise, a proposal to change the constitution to read "headquarters city" instead of "Indianapolis" lost, 27,643 to 20,667. Another proposal to increase the salary of the first vice-president lost, 26,057 to 23,582.

However, a proposal to codify laws of the union, facilitating adjustment of scales and other transactions won, 31,822 to 16,966.

## PERMIT MEDICS TO USE WHISKY, IS WHITE'S AIM

Marion County Democratic Delegation May Back Dry Law Change.

Possibility that all of the Marion county Democratic representatives may support a bill to modify the Wright bone dry law so as to remove the proscription against the prescribing of whisky and its sale for medicinal purposes loomed today as John F. White, civic leader and staunch dry declared he would vote for such a measure.

White was endorsed by the Indiana Anti-Saloon League in the election, "but," he said, "I informed the heads of the league when they informed me that I would support a medicinal whisky bill."

It is the announced purpose of Fred S. Galloway, another Marion county representative, to introduce a measure for repeal of the Wright act and in this he has the tacit support of the other members of the delegation.

### Supported Dry Cause

Besides White, the league endorsed Gerritt M. Bates, who is silent on his stand, but it is understood he may support a medicinal whisky measure. Russell J. Dean, Albert F. Walsman, E. Curtis White and Guy A. Broughton.

The five are expected to go along with the remaining six representatives who have signified their intention of advocating modification.

White long has been identified with the dry cause.

"Enactment of a bill to permit persons to obtain whisky legally for medicinal purposes is in the interest of rational enforcement of the prohibition law," White said.

White was one of the leaders in the city manager movement here, was city civil service commissioner in 1927 and a member of the city council selected after the Duval fiasco.

The present state dry law permits physicians to prescribe one quart of pure grain alcohol to patients, but this means nothing because of the federal law prohibiting druggists from filling the prescription.

In order to obtain alcohol for a patient a physician must obtain a permit from the treasury department to purchase a limited quantity of alcohol and then sell it in small quantities to his patients.

## MINE ATTACK FATAL

Bullets From Ambush Kill Worker.

BY MADISON PRESS

MADISONVILLE, Ky., Dec. 24.—One Negro miner was shot to death, another wounded and six white miners miraculously escaped injury when they were fired on from ambush en route to the Trio Coal Company's mine near here today.

Robert Springfield, 17, was killed and Negro Samuel, 20, was wounded critically. The white miners said at least ten persons composed the ambush party.

The mine recently was re-opened under protection of an injunction restraining discharged miners from interfering with operations of the mine.

### EMPLOYEES GET BONUSES

Richman Clothiers Give Christmas Checks to All Workers.

Following an annual custom, Richman Brothers, clothing manufacturers and distributors, today gave Christmas checks to their employees, including twenty-five in the Indianapolis store, of which Roy L. Johnson is manager.

The checks are for one week's pay. Besides all store employees in fifty-seven branch stores throughout the United States, 4,000 employees in the factory at Cleveland are included on the Christmas list.

### HURT BADLY BY AUTO

Negro Woman Is Struck by Car Driven by R. Bowen, Greenwood.

Mrs. Ada Chambers, 43, Negro, 1418 North Missouri street, was in city hospital today with serious injuries sustained when she was struck by an auto driven by Ronald Bowen, 23, of Greenwood, at Meridian and Fourteenth streets Tuesday night.

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## DREAMS COME TRUE

Romance Brings Opera Triumph



Emma Redell

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—A dream that carried with it a tale of chance meeting and love and earnest effort was fulfilled today in the triumph of Emma Redell as Elsa in Lohengrin at the Chicago Civic opera house Tuesday night.

Twelve years ago this month, J. A. Marcus, then connected with the United States department of commerce, happened to drop into the Y. M. C. A. at Washington, D. C.

"I found a concert going on," he recalled today. "Taking a seat at the rear of the hall, I listened attentively. A young girl apparently just out of high school, was singing a Russian song. The depths she reached in that song touched me to tears."

"Why it should have come to my mind to move Heaven and earth to help her get to the top rung of the operatic ladder, I can not explain. I vowed that I would not rest until she had been given a chance to develop her talents. Her name was Emma Redell."

Marcus had come from New York for the special purpose of witnessing Miss Redell's Lohengrin performance for the first time in America. He was as keenly interested in her career as he had been when first he saw her—perhaps even more so, for she had become Mrs. Marcus.

He declined to tell of the romance that had grown between them, but he related readily the difficulties she had encountered in reaching operatic heights.

## Woman Helps Guide Big Railway System

Widow of Katy President Holds Position as Assistant to Present Executive.

BY LELAND L. CHESLEY

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ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 24.—A woman's touch is being applied to a great railroad system by Mrs. Frances Whitehead, widow of the former president of the Missouri-Kansas-Texas lines.

As assistant to President M. H. Cahill, a position to which she was appointed a few weeks ago, Mrs. Whitehead admitted today, "I really don't know just what I'm supposed to do."

She then disclosed that her job, besides being one of the most unique ever held by a woman, is an important one.

Mrs. Whitehead is slight, middle aged, barely five feet in height and of the business type, with authoritative style of speech.

"My job right now," she said, "is to travel over the lines and make practical suggestions I think will improve the service from a woman's point of view."

Such matters as beautifying stretches of right-of-way, making cars more comfortable and attractive, and train personnel more courteous, are included in her job.

Based on long years of travel on American and European railroads, her knowledge of what constitutes good train service from a woman's point of view is complete.

"But as yet I haven't formed definite conclusions as to the suggestions I will make," she said, "and my first task is to learn all about the Katy system from top to bottom."

"I've really been a railroad man at heart for thirty-two years. I didn't work for a railroad, but when I married, my husband was secretary to the superintendent of the southwest division. I took as much interest in railroad as he did—and we climbed together."

Mrs. Whitehead already has com-

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## LIEBER BUDGET REQUEST SHOWS HUGE INCREASE

Nearly Two Million Dollars Sought for Department of Conservation.

Nearly \$2,000,000 in biennial budget requests was asked of the state budget committee today by the state conservation department.

The exact total, as filed with A. C. McDaniels, state budget clerk, by Director Richard Lieber of the department is \$1,904,459, an increase of almost a half million dollars.

Of this sum, \$492,700 would be expended for structural improvements at the various state parks.

Total appropriations for the five divisions of forestry, geology, entomology, lands and waters and engineering were \$795,411.04 in 1929-30. The sum of \$613,807 for 1931, and \$540,492 for 1932, is requested in the new budget.

Receipts for the division of fish and game for the last biennial period were \$63,246.09, and the sum of \$750,160, to be supplied by receipts, is asked for the next two years.

Plans for this division include the erection of a super-hatchery for fish, but details remain undisclosed.

In submitting the request the department director asks that moneys be allowed unclassified as among the ninety-five subdivisions of the five divisions.

### Swimming Pool Proposed

Structural improvements requested include a \$45,500 swimming pool for Turkey Run state park and a vehicle bridge over Newby gulch to cost \$11,400; \$42,000 hotel annex and \$56,000 swimming pool for Clifty Falls; \$35,900 hotel addition for Pokagon; \$38,000 additional parking pavement and \$102,000 second hotel unit for the Dunes; \$40,500 new hotel building; \$4,800 summer camp and \$9,100 road entrance for McCormick's creek; \$4,500 flume and water wheel; \$14,600 for restoration of lower residence and \$8,800 for cave development and lighting at Spring Mill; \$9,900 bath house; \$11,100 for cabins; \$4,200 bathhouse, and \$3,800 pavilion for Shakamak; \$12,100 for cabins and \$6,900 pavilion for Brown county; \$3,800 pavilion and \$3,200 bathhouse for Anderson Mounds.

### Money Asked for New Parks

Twenty thousand dollars is asked for new parks to come into the state system within the next two years.

The budget request does not ask removal of the 2 mill special tax for the state park system.

In closing comment on the request Lieber had the following to say:

"This appropriation request has been prepared with conscientious deliberation. It represents only a normal increase of the department activities at a minimum of overhead expense. The construction program, including projects that have been needed for several years, has been pruned to the minimum."

### PARTIES PLEDGE PEACE TO PASS TAX LAWS

Republicans and Democrats Promise to Co-operate on Measures.

Co-operation in obtaining enactment of measures needed for Indianapolis has been pledged by Republican and Democratic members of the general assembly from Marion county.

The love feast was held at the Washington and an informal discussion of various measures occurred in which Republican senators declared that they preferred the low exemptions of the income tax measure proposed by the tax survey commission to the high ones in the Democratic platform proposal.

Gerritt M. Bates, chairman of the Marion county representatives delegation, presided. All members of the delegation were present except Senator J. Clyde Hoffman and Representative Clyde Karrer.

## State Choice



John C. Kidd

Thirty years in the insurance business is the background John C. Kidd of Brazil will carry to the office of Indiana insurance commissioner when he assumes that post Jan. 1. Kidd's appointment to succeed Clarence C. Wyson is regarded as a certainty.

## M'CRAY IS PARDONED

Heavy Fine Is Remitted as Christmas Gift.

The United States government Tuesday played Santa Claus to Warren T. McCray, former Governor of Indiana, granting him almost on the eve of Christmas, an unconditional pardon and remission of the heavy fine assessed on his conviction and sentence to Atlanta penitentiary on a charge of using the mails to defraud.

At liberty since Aug. 31, 1927 on a parole, McCray now has the right to vote and enjoy all rights of a citizen.

He now is living on his old farm at Kendall, bought back for him by friends when the former Governor left Atlanta with only the \$5 the government gives each discharged prisoner.