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HOUSE SLICES \$212,000 FROM STATE BUDGET

Governor Emergency Fund
Is Cut in Half for
Biennial Period.

FURTHER SLASH DUE

\$500,000 More Expected to
Be Lopped Off Before
Final Passage.

Lopping \$212,000 off the \$76,000-
000 biennial appropriation bill for
state departments at its morning
session as a committee of the whole,
the house of representatives pre-
pared to cut off at least \$500,000
more this afternoon.

With but slight skirmishing the
house adopted an amendment sub-
mitted by Representative Earl
Crawford (Union and Wayne),
Democratic caucus chairman, to cut
to \$5,000 the \$6,000 a year allotted
the supreme court for equipment by
the state budget committee.

First setback in the pruning plans
was received when the house re-
jected an amendment reducing
annual appropriation of \$13,000
allotted the attorney-general for
anti-trust law enforcement to
\$5,000 a year.

In that instance, an amendment of
Crawford's was lost after Rep-
resentative Sam J. Farrell (Black-
ford and Grant), Republican mem-
ber of the state budget committee
and spokesman for Governor Harry
G. Leslie, set out that the attorney-
general, through the exercise of
this fund, brought revenues of
more than \$40,000 last year.

Emergency Fund Halved

Following plans outlined at a
caucus before today's session, the
Republican minority of twenty-five
members, voted as a unit.

The big battle came when Farrell
attempted to halt slashing of the
Governor's \$200,000 annual emer-
gency contingent fund appropria-
tion to \$100,000.

He described it as a necessity such
as fund for emergencies. Quoting from
The Times, Representative Fred
Galloway (Dem., Marion) told
how money from this fund had been
used to purchase expensive brie-
fcase and furnishings for the
Governor's mansion. And Crawford
pointed out that \$100,000 would be
enough to take care of emergencies
for two years.

"Records reveal that a lot of
things were paid for out of the
emergency fund which could not at
any time be construed to be emer-
gencies," Crawford said.

"I think she's dead."

William Davidson, who said he
knew Kirkland "by sight" and was
called to the youth's car by Kirk-
land after the latter had left the
restaurant where he and his com-
panions went for sandwiches, tes-
tified.

"I saw him in the back seat of
the auto," Davidson told the jury.
"He had the girl in his arms. Virgil
called me over and said 'My God
feel her pulse.' I think she's dead.'

"I didn't think she was dead, so
I didn't feel her pulse. I figured
she had just passed out. I did
feel her hands and face and they
were cold. I told Kirkland to get
her a cup of coffee. Virgil seemed
scared and said she couldn't drink
anything."

The defense will attempt to show
that the romantic yearnings of
youth, the laxness of society today
the bootleg emporiums of Gary
Ind., were responsible for the crime
and not Kirkland's character.

Although the defense, surprised
by the state with the announcement
that Kirkland would take the stand
in his own behalf, the prosecution
in cross-examining him is expected
to bolster his case by querying him
regarding his dismissal from the
Gary high school for alleged sex
delinquency.

Farrell did not answer this question,
but contented himself with de-
claring that the mansion was state
property and should be kept in good
condition.

Committee Recesses

"When Marshall was Governor he
refused to accept \$900 for house
rent appropriation by the 1930 legis-
lature," pointed out Representative
Sam Benz (Dem., Crawford and
Harrison), and the present Governor
should set an example in economy."

The committee recessed until 2:30

To meet various emergencies, in-
creases totaling \$62,495 will be re-
commended for various units by the
committee.

Reductions which were agreed
upon and will be asked on the floor,
include: auto theft department capital
outlay from \$20,000 to \$15,000;
automobile license list appropriation from
\$20,000 to \$500; state tax board salaries from
\$57,000 to \$50,000; board of health
personal service \$170,000 to \$160,000 and
operating fund from \$60,000 to \$50,000; in-
surance department \$40,400 to \$45,000; in-
dustrial board personal service, \$69,500 to
\$60,000; employment commission, \$18,000
to \$10,000; mines and mining salaries, \$16,800 to \$10,000; department of conserva-
tion administration and general, \$234,000
to \$220,000; state highway department, \$180,000 to
\$125,000; public service commission, salary
fund from \$80,000 to \$20,000; adjuster-
mental personal service, \$50,000 to \$40,
000; and \$20,000 annual appropriation for
Indiana naval militia, abolished.

FINDS LARGE METEORITE

Discoverer Stakes Mining Claim to
Obtain Legal Title.

By Science Service
LONDON, March 2.—The world's
largest meteorite is reported found
by Johannesburg land agent in
the Tanganyika region of Africa.

It consists of a mass of iron and
nickel weighing nearly to eighty
tons and measuring nearly fourteen
feet long. Its discoverer, W. H. Nott,
staked a mining claim in order to
obtain legal title to his discovery.

The meteorite was found in open
country about half way between
Lake Nyasa and Lake Tanganyika.

SISTER OF ARLENE ON WITNESS STAND IN GIN DEATH CASE

Testimony Against Gary
Youth Is Expected to
End Today.

BY CARLOS LANE
Times Staff Correspondent

VALPARAISO, Ind., March 2.—
Her voice choked with emotion, Miss
Elsie Draves, Highland school teacher,
today took the witness stand to
identify clothing worn by her sis-
ter, Arlene, the night of her death,
following a gin party at Gary,
Nov. 28.

Miss Draves, a surprise witness,
appeared as one of the final wit-
nesses before the state rests its case
today against Virgil Kirkland, whom
the prosecution seeks to send to
the electric chair for the alleged
murder of Arlene.

The defense, with eight or nine
witnesses to present, including
Kirkland, may lose late Wednes-
day or Thursday.

Courtroom Is Packed

Before a packed courtroom, Miss
Draves identified stockings, dress,
brassiere and stepping worn by her
sister the night of her death and
showed where they were torn.

Her voice was choked with sobs as
she described bruises on Arlene's
head, throat, arms and hands as
she viewed the body next day in
a morgue.

In describing wounds on her sis-
ter's body, Miss Draves said.
"I noticed her hands. They were
all scratched—like some one had
clawed her."

Nick Christoff, owner of a hot
dog stand who was on the stand
Saturday, was recalled for cross-
examination today.

Oscar Thiel, defense attorney,
called Christoff if the day after the
alleged murder Christoff had not
told a man he did not know Kirk-
land. Christoff denied the conver-
sation.

He identified four photographs of
Indiana and said a street light in front of the stand burns all night. This line of questioning,
it was believed, was to show that
Arlene was not attacked in front
of the hot dog stand, as the state
charges, because of the light from
the street lamp.

Near the close of the morning
session, Judge Grant Crumpacker
ruled that the alleged confessions
of Kirkland's four companions, also
charged with murder, could not be
used against the defendant.

Death Claims Springsteen

Ex-Postmaster, Councilman
Succumbs at Hospital.

Complications following a long ill-
ness early today caused the death of
Robert E. Springsteen, 73, former
postmaster and city councilman, at
St. Vincent's hospital.

Mr. Springsteen was taken to the
hospital Friday noon after he be-
came seriously ill.

He had been a resident of Indiana-
polis all his life, residing during
recent years at the Dolly Madison
apartments, 234 East Twelfth
street.

Funeral services will be held at
2 Wednesday afternoon at the Rags-
dale & Price undertaking establish-
ment, 1219 North Alabama street,
followed by burial in Crown Hill
cemetery. The body will lie in state
Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Springsteen served as post-
master from 1913 to 1922, being ap-
pointed during the early part of
the administration of the late Pres-
ident Woodrow Wilson. Prior to this
he had been manager of the When
Clothing Company and later operated
a merchant tailoring establish-
ment.

During the Duvall and Slack city
administrations, Mr. Springsteen served as
city councilman.

Survivors are a daughter, Mrs.
John H. Ott Jr., Coral Gables, Fla.;
a sister, Mrs. Anna Beerbaur, St.
Louis, Mo., and a cousin, Harry
Springsteen, 5255 North Illinois
street, city market master.

U. S. Reaction Is Awaited on Naval Accord

By United Press

PARIS, March 2.—Reaction of
the United States to the new naval
limitations accord reached by
France, Britain and Italy was await-
ed today with obvious anxiety in
official circles.

Attention of British, French and
Italian officials centered on the re-
ception of the new accord in Wash-
ington, where, it was suggested,
there may be opposition to pro-
posals for limitation of battleships
to 25,000 tons.

In Strange Love Mixup



PROBERS SLAM JOHN J. BROWN AS NEGLIGENT

Branded Ignorant of Details
in Methods to Get
U. S. Road Aid.

REPORT GIVEN SENATE

Highway Chief Called as
Witness; Quiz Board
Lists 'Faults.'

Drastic denunciation of Director
John J. Brown and alleged unbusi-
nesslike conduct of the present
state highway commission marked the
Senate highway investigation
committee's report introduced in the
Senate today.

The Senate by a vote of 26 to 18
suspended the rules to permit in-
troduction of the minority report,
upon urging of Senator Anderson
Ketchum (Dem., Bartholomew, De-
catur, Franklin, Union).

The report bore the signature of
Ketchum, who prepared it, and Senator
Charles L. Strey (Rep., Wash-
ington), probe committee chairman.
The two are authors of the Senate
bill to abolish the existing highway
commission setup.

Three Fail to Sign

The three members of the Senate
highway investigating commission
who did not sign the report, but
who expect to submit a majority report
of their own, are Senators C.
Oliver Holmes (Rep., Lake), Glenn
R. Slenker (Rep., Carroll, Clinton,
White) and William P. Denning
(Dem., Daviess, Knox).

The Senate recessed before the
minority report could be read.
Findings of the committee were as
follows:

1. That Director John J. Brown
has no knowledge of the details of
how federal aid is handled.

2. That ill will between the Indiana
state highway department and the
federal bureau of roads was brought
about by the state extending
proper advertisement and letting of
bids.

3. That, despite pleas to the con-
trary, no allocation of federal aid
has been made for the Evansville
bridge.

Work Done Illegally

4. That this is the only department
that put the state in debt by
exceeding its budget, borrowing
money, issuing certificates of indebtedness
and letting contracts with promise of future payment.

5. That construction work con-
tinues to be done under the term
"bettlements" by the maintenance
division, contrary to an opinion of
the attorney-general declaring it
illegal.

6. That the maintenance division
construction program failed to collect
\$250,000 in federal aid that
could have been obtained in 1930.

7. That \$2,247,000 was spent for
bridges in 1930 with no attempt
made to collect federal aid.

8. That the purpose of the state
highway department's creation was
the collection of federal aid and that
in 1930, with more state revenues
than any year in the department's history,
less federal aid was collected than any
time since 1922.

Branded as Paper Plans

9. That the department made no
effort in 1930 to co-operate with
congress in securing additional federal
aid for drought and unemployment.

10. That the setup of the department
whereby it claims that all federal
aid balances will be exhausted in
1931 are largely paper plans and that
actual contracts to absorb federal aid amount to but
\$1,462,000 at this time.

In commenting upon the latter
point the report set out:

"Any reference made to amounts
on which they testify they intend
to obligate and place under
contract in the future, can not at this
time be construed as binding upon
the commission, especially since in
the early part of 1930, a similar
condition prevailed and was im-
mediately abandoned.

Road Patronage Is Issue

"From their own statements the
state highway commission has either
blindly entered into a program for
the year 1931, which is impossible
of completion, and which will bring
financial difficulty of much greater
magnitude and far-reaching effect
than the difficulty of 1930, or that
they have deliberately and sys-
tematically set about to deceive the
public, the legislature, and if possible,
the members of the investigating
committee, as to what their
actual program will be."

Following this charge the report
warns members of the Senate not to be
surprised if the department fails to
deliver "roads and improvements
which have from time to time been
suggested to them as in this year's program."

Senator Strey, chairman of the
committee, has charged openly that
road patronage is being used as a
commission defense.

Motorists and members of the
general assembly should be resentful
of the mismanagement of funds in
1930, the report declares.

"Our conclusion is that the high-
way commission is guilty of one
of three things; either lack of
ability and comprehension of the
job which confronts them, gross
negligence, or that they had un-
consciously proceeded into a financial
difficulty from which they were
unable to intelligently construct an
avenue of escape."

rising temperature; lowest tonight about 30.

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Gordon Death Witness Believed to Be Found



Vivian Gordon

Cuban Girl, Said to Have
Vital Information, Gives
Up to Police.

NEW YORK, March 2.—A girl,
said to be a Cuban maid and mas-
seuse, with information perhaps
vital to solution of the Vivian Gordon
slaying, surrendered today to
police at Mt. Vernon, according to
the Mt. Vernon Daily Argus. Mt.
Vernon, adjoins New York and is
not far from the Gordon home.

The girl was said to have given the
Gordon woman massage treatments
daily, and to have ridden with two
men in an auto, the night Miss
Gordon was strangled, apparently in
a taxicab after which the body
was thrown out into Van Cortland
park on the edge of New York.

The Cuban girl, according to the
Argus, entered the car at Fortieth
street in New York and rode to Mt.