

EXPERT DENIES UTILITY BILL IS HOME RULE BAR

Truck, Bus Line Measure Is
Defined by Chief of
State Division.

Enactment of the bill extending Indiana public service commission jurisdiction over truck and bus lines in municipalities has nothing whatever to do with abolition of "home rule," in the opinion of Ralph Young, chief of the bus inspection division of the commission.

Young declared today that while the bill, which survived a hectic legislative career to receive a quick signature on the last night of the session by Governor Harry G. Leslie, is "somewhat drastic," it is not so along the line of local jurisdiction.

"An opinion from Attorney-General James M. Ogleen to the contrary," Young explained, "this commission never has conceded that it did not have complete jurisdiction over routing of bus lines on city streets."

ROUTING TO CONTINUE

"It is true that the commissioners have required bus operators to obtain routing orders from city board of works and this practice will continue."

There has never been a court decision in the matter. The new law leaves no doubt regarding the commission jurisdiction however."

The law, which has been brought back into the limelight by disclosure of failure of the senate journal to record that a conference committee report was adopted before the Governor signed it, was introduced as House Bill 6, by Representative William B. Conner (Dem., Marion).

REQUIRED CERTIFICATE

As originally introduced it brought contract bus and truckmen under public service commission jurisdiction and required that they obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate. The bill passed the house, and Edward H. Knight, Indianapolis corporation counsel, had it amended in the senate.

The Knight amendment struck out all but the enacting clause and substituted a new bill giving city administrations the complete jurisdiction over bus lines "originating anywhere in the county in which the city is located." This would have shorn the public service commission of all power, it was said.

STRIKE OUT DESIGNATION

Transportation utilities also obtained a share in the Knight amendment. They struck out the designation "common carrier" and put all trucks and bus lines under commission control. This provision remained in the measure as it was.

But the Knight amendment was struck out by a conference committee after the house failed to approve it. Senate members of the conference committee agreed, but according to the records, did not report to the senate for approval of this action.

As the law now stands it is the original Conner bill, with the transportation utility amendments added.

House Bill 6 was the only one signed by Governor Leslie after 6 p.m. on the closing night of the session.

TRACE DENVER'S HIGH INFANT DEATH RATE

Survey Reveals Low Incomes in Health City to Blame.

By United Press
DENVER, March 25.—The high rate of infant mortality in Denver, highest of any city of its size or larger in the United States, has been traced directly to low incomes by Dr. A. D. H. Kaplan.

Dr. Kaplan undertook an extensive survey of infant mortality and its causes two years ago at the behest of the members of thirty-three civic organizations who wanted to know why Denver, which boasted to the world that its climate was superior to any city, had the highest ratio of infant deaths.

Half of Denver's babies, Dr. Kaplan reported, came from families whose total annual income was less than \$1,500.

In these families the infant death rate was 99.2 a thousand, as compared to a rate of 47.5 a thousand in families with incomes above \$1,500.

VACCINATION FOR HAY FEVER IS ATTACKED

Method Merely Approach to Subjects, Physicians College Told.

By United Press
BALTIMORE, March 25.—Upwards of 1,500 people attending the annual clinical session of the American College of Physicians heard Dr. Harry L. Alexander, St. Louis, Mo., dash the hopes of hay-fever and hives sufferers that the source of their difficulties could be positively identified by "in tests which would enable relief."

Alexander told the physicians a positive reaction had no general significance and that the vaccination method of diagnosis is only an approach to the subject. He cited records of 4,000 cases.

INJURED BOY GETS \$750

By Times Special
GREENCASTLE, Ind., March 25.—A verdict for \$750 was returned by a Putnam circuit court jury in the case of Laverne Smiley, 10, who sought \$10,000 damages from Charles W. Tribby, as a result of injuries suffered when struck by a taxi cab operated by the defendant.

TRAIN KILLS AGED MAN

By United Press
BLOOMFIELD, Ind., March 25.—James Silvers, 71, living near here, was killed when he drove his automobile in front of a freight train on the Illinois Central railroad tracks. He leaves his widow and several children.

Easter Carol Service to Be Held



The scene of last Easter, to be re-enacted Easter morning on Monument steps.

The ninth annual Easter Sunday sunrise carol service, sponsored by Mrs. James M. Ogleen and the Ogleen Junior Choral, will be held Easter morning, April 5, on the north steps of the Soldiers and Sailors monument.

At 6, Dave Neafus will play the carillon at the Scottish Rite cathedral. At 6:30, approximately 500 children, comprising fifteen groups from as many churches, will join with the Ogleen Junior Choral in the presentation of the musical numbers.

Thousands attended the services pictured above of last year. As many more are expected to turn out this Easter. In case of unfavorable weather the program will be given in Circle theater.

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INDUSTRIAL AND PAY ROLL GAINS ARE REVEALED

February Shows 4 Per Cent Increase Over Two Preceding Months.

By HERBERT LITTLE
United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, March 25.—A slight improvement in industrial output and pay rolls was reported by the federal reserve board today as business men from thirty-four nations announced plans to deal with the obstacles to recovery from the world-wide depression.

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Plan World Drive

Meanwhile, the International Chamber of Commerce, meeting here from May 4 to 9, announced a program to mobilize the business forces of the world in a united drive to overcome the obstacles that stand in the way of economic recovery.

The world silver problem, on which President Hoover has been considering the calling of an international conference, the Russian five-year industrial plan, and the movement for a European economic union, are important subjects to be taken up by the business leaders. It is the first congress of the international chamber to be held in this country.

Pass Seasonal Increases

The federal reserve board's survey noted more than seasonal increases in production of automobiles, steel, shoes and textiles. Steel production continued to increase in early March.

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Nearly a hundred Masons received the first division of higher degrees at ceremonies Tuesday, with John F. Engelke, thrice potent master, presiding at the fourteenth degree closing the day's work.

Degrees today will be conferred by Sarahian council, Princes of Jerusalem, and Indianapolis chapter of Ross Croix, with Gall H. Moorehead and J. Ralph Fenstermaker, presiding.

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Gandhi Faces Greatest Test

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