

WHITE HOUSE IS MAKING HEALTHIER MAN OF HOOVER

PRESIDENT, 57 TODAY, IN BEST TRIM IN YEARS

Harried and Irritable, Chief of Nation in Fine Physical State.

HAS LOST 23 POUNDS

Mental Worries Engrave Deep Lines, Splash Hair With Gray.

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—No President since Woodrow Wilson has been bowed down by the burdens of the presidency as heavily as Herbert Hoover, who celebrates his 57th birthday today—probably because no chief executive since Wilson had to struggle with so many staggering problems in the space of two years in the White House.

Physically, Hoover is declared by presidential physicians to be in excellent condition, perhaps better than when he crossed the White House portico on the rainy March 4 of 1929.

The medicals at the White House, of course, always issue optimistic statements; that is their job. But other medical experts, including Senator Copeland of New York, are authority for the opinion that Hoover is in finer health than the average man holding such a strenuous office at his age.

Follow Friends' Advice

Prior to entering the White House, Hoover was inclined to rotundity, plump living and irregular methods of eating and sleeping. Naturally healthy, his ideal state never was a consideration with him.

Since he became President, Hoover has followed the advice of friends who warned against neglect of his health. He has paid great attention to his eating, exercise and sleeping. He lives according to a definite schedule that rarely varies.

Reduces His Weight

As commerce secretary, he worked at any hours. Now he keeps his eyes on the clock. Up at 6:15 each morning, he reaches his office at 8:30, has lunch at 1:15, quits his office at 4:30, has dinner at 8 and retires at 10:30 or 11.

By this routine he has reduced his weight from 210 pounds to about 187, he has lost pounds from his waistline, which once had the appearance to be expected in a middle-aged man who took no exercise. His face has lost the flabbiness it had, and the paunches have disappeared from beneath his eyes.

But the nervous strain has marked him, as it would any man whose days have been crowded with one "crisis," "emergency" and "reverse" after another. It has engraved deep wrinkles beneath his eyes, deepened the lines of his once-round face, splashed his hair with broad strokes of gray. It has made him more irritable, although sensitivity has been his chief characteristic.

Succession to "Complex"

At times he has shown, publicly and privately, that he was succumbing to a "persecution complex." He is, as might be expected, harassed and worried over the outcome of grave problems which confront him. And it would be only natural if he resented indications that his popularity is lessening steadily.

He does not look or act like a happy man, at least not with respect to the fortunes of the administration for which he had such high hopes.

Warren Harding once expressed a sentiment many Presidents feel after a few years in the presidency.

"Jim," he confided in wistful tones to ex-Senator Wadsworth of New York, "the White House is a prison. Had I known what it was going to be like, I never would have accepted the nomination."

Hoover does not feel that way. Harding's reaction resulted from the fact that his office kept him from full enjoyment of the human things he liked—the cards and cronies and cocktails of pre-presidential days.

Hoover does not feel the need, and never has, for such diversions. Hard work and restrained recreation keep him happy and healthy. In that respect he resembles Calvin Coolidge. Both thrilled at the honor and glory of their office.

JAPAN HOLDS FLIERS

Pangborn, Herndon Held Under Surveillance at Tokio.

TOKIO, Aug. 10.—Still intent on a nonstop flight from Tokio to Seattle, Clyde Pangborn and Hugh Herndon Jr., American around-the-world fliers, chafed under surveillance today while they awaited release of their plane by Japanese authorities.

The ship was ordered seized on the fliers' arrival from Khabarovsk, Siberia, when a camera was found aboard. It was said to have contained films giving a birdseye view of one of the strategic fortified zones of Japan. The fliers' situation was complicated because they had no permit to land in Japan.

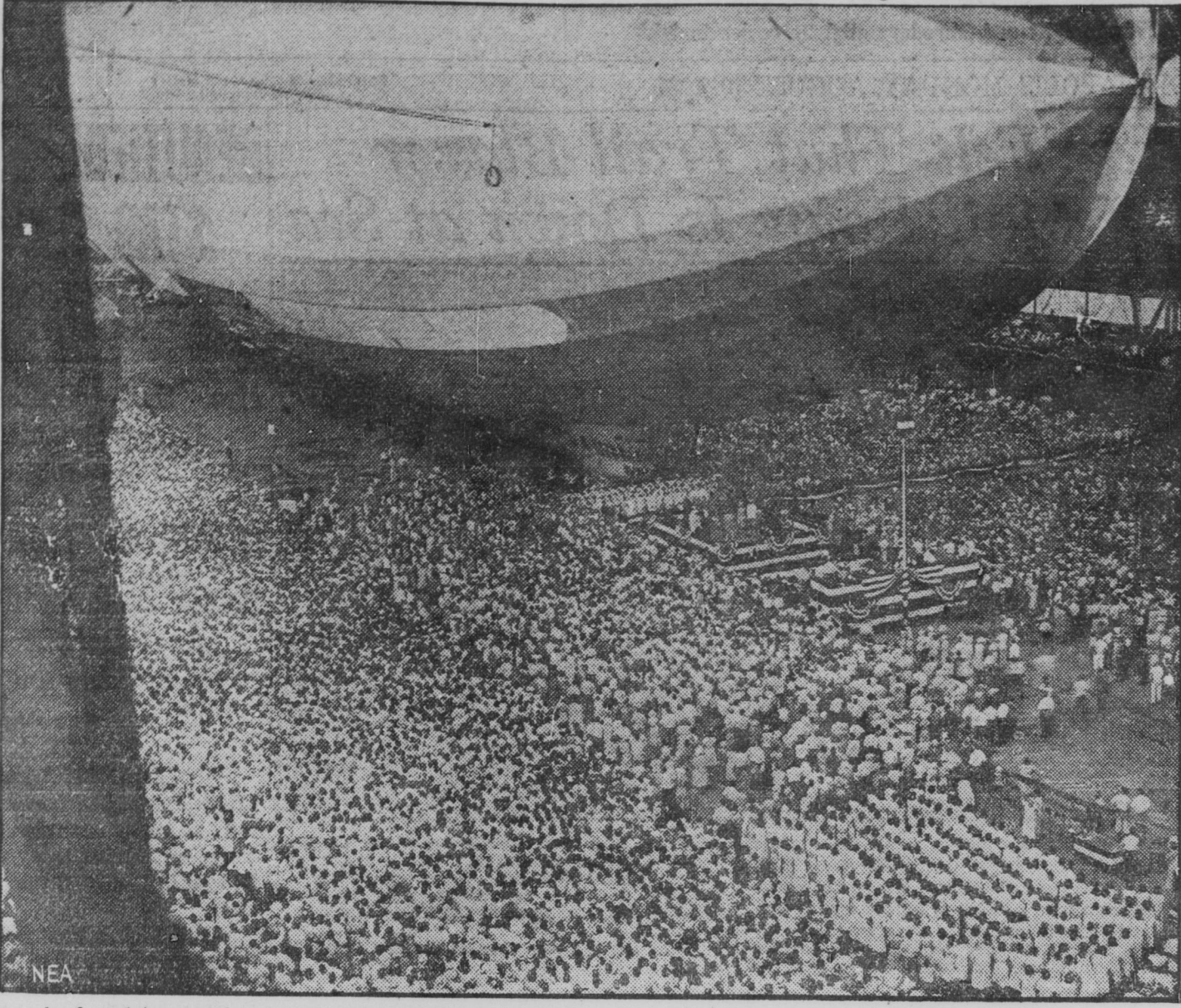
ISSUE TAX HIKE ORDERS

Edicts to Be Delivered to Six of Seventeen Counties.

Sixteen counties in which the state tax board ordered levy increases, will be given blanket orders for the increase because they refused the board's demands, for township raises.

All seventeen have replied to the request. Tax commissioners will issue the blanket orders at once.

Thousands See Christening of Akron



Thousands of spectators are shown in this striking picture gathered inside the hangar of the Akron, world's mightiest airship, at Akron, O., to watch Mrs. Herbert Hoover christen the flying fortress. A crowd estimated at 100,000 attended Saturday's ceremonies.

FIREMEN IN SESSION

1,500 Attend Convention of Association at Evansville.

By Times Special

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Aug. 10.—The fifteenth annual convention of the Indiana Firemen's Association opened here today to continue through Wednesday. Attendance is about 1,500, and in addition to firemen, mayors and other city officials are here.

Paul V. McNutt, past national commander of the American Legion, will speak Tuesday morning. A barbecue dinner will be served at 5 p. m.

The program Wednesday will open with a memorial service, Judge Walter E. Treanor of the Indiana supreme court will speak.

There will be a demonstration of fire fighting equipment at 1 p. m., followed by a boat ride on the Ohio river. The annual banquet and smoker will be held at 7 p. m.

Frank H. Miller, Terre Haute, is president of the association.

AUTO CRASH KILLS 3

Two Americans, Canadian Perish in Wreck in Laurentians.

MONTREAL, Aug. 10.—A Dayton (O.) couple and a Montreal man were killed in an automobile accident near St. Agatha, in the Laurentian mountains last Sunday. The dead are:

Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Brun, Dayton.

R. Labonte of Montreal.

The accident occurred when the automobile in which the Americans were traveling tried to pass other cars on a hill and crashed into a bus. Brun and Labonte, the latter a bus passenger, were killed instantly. Mrs. Brun died soon after.

ESCAPES BANDIT TRAP

Earl Park (Ind.) Man Outdistances Gunman in Road Holdup.

Two large sedans roared backwards and toward Flackville on State Road 52 early today.

In one was W. G. Timothy, Earl Park, Ind., and in the other two Negroes, brandishing revolvers, who had attempted to halt Timothy's car northwest of the city.

Timothy told deputy sheriffs that he shoved his car in reverse to escape the bandits and they pursued him in reverse. Timothy said that he was able to outdistance the highwaymen and turned his car toward Indianapolis to escape.

STIMSON FORMS PLAN

War Debts Adjustment Scheme Is to Be Presented Hoover.

By Times Press

LONDON, Aug. 10.—The Daily Mail said today that Henry L. Stimson, secretary of state, had prepared a plan for adjustment, or cancellation of world war debts.

Stimson and Premier J. Ramsay MacDonald discussed international finances and the war debts question at Stimson's shooting lodge in Scotland over the week-end, the Daily Mail said, after which Stimson prepared his plan for presentation to President Hoover.

A HINDU MYSTERY

—WHAT A RACKET!

Prince Alibi Gives Up; and His Name Is Plain Roy.

For disruption of his Hindu living burial mystery Prince Alibi today had no alibi except the ignorance of the sucker audience that paid him dimes to watch a living man entombed.

Murmuring mystic syllables over Luther Woods, 20, Negro, 1041 East Twenty-sixth street, Prince Alibi hypnotized Woods Saturday night in full view of hundreds of other Negroes at Northwestern avenue and Twenty-fifth street.

Then, garbed in a crude coffin, Woods was lowered into a grave and buried. For a small sum the curious could peer through a pipe and watch him, sleeping until Sunday when another rendition of the mystic formula, Prince Alibi said, would restore him to life.

But the crowd was dubious, and its doubts were inflamed when two brothers of Woods appeared and demanded immediate resurrection of their undead, but well buried brother.

Prince Alibi made a dash for a street car, and clung to a window. Police pulled him off. He confessed he was Roy Burton, 327 West Twenty-eighth street, not a Hindu prince of magic, but merely working a racket.

They didn't see the hamburgers and pop, and fixed on the other end of the coffin," he explained to police. He is being held on a vagrancy charge.

7 BARELY MISS DEATH

Auto Plunges Over 12-Foot Embankment at Anderson.

By Times Special

ANDERSON, Ind., Aug. 10.—Seven persons had fortunate escapes from injury when an automobile driven by Henry Killian, Pontiac, Mich., plunged over the edge of a dead-end street and down a twelve-foot embankment to the tracks of the Anderson Belt railroad.

Other occupants of the automobile were Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Powell of Pontiac and their four children, and Mrs. A. D. Dunderer, St. Louis. The party was returning from a vacation at Poplar Bluffs, Mo. Several persons have been killed at the scene of the accident.

LAGRANGE BANK CLOSES

Eighteen-Year-Old Institution Shut by State Examiners.

Doors of the La Grange County Trust Company, founded eighteen years ago by Clyde Walb, former Republican state chairman, were closed today by examiners of the state banking department.

E. O. Grady is president of the institution, and Rollo L. Walter, state senator, secretary. Last report of the bank listed liabilities, \$350,000; deposits, \$300,000, and surplus and profits, \$25,000.

Mr. Pullen had been in ill health and resigned as president of the Citizens state bank about six months ago. He also was affiliated with the Maple Road state bank.

He recently had recovered from what was considered a suicide attempt when he was found lying beneath his auto, the motor of which was running, in the garage in the rear of his home.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday. Burial will be in Crown Hill cemetery.

Mr. Pullen was a member of the West Michigan Street M. E. church, the Scottish Rite and the Murat Shrine. Survivors are the widow, Mrs. Laura Pullen; a son Oran and a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Wood of Muncie.

INTO FRYING PAN

Not Chicks, but Three Men Who Stole 'Em.

Sixty chickens and a \$40 check led three men into the arms of police today.

Frank Smiser, 2315 East Tenth street, handed the check over to a man who called himself "John Jones" when he appeared with five dozen fries. Thinking over the deal, Smiser stopped payment of the check and called police.

Officers went to an east side bank and held three men who entered to have the check cashed. "John Jones" turned out to be James King, 28, of Marion, who, police say, admitted stealing the chickens in a town west of Indianapolis.

The others gave names and addresses as Lake Harmon, 23, of 4507 East Seventeenth street, and William King, 37, of 4503 East Seventeenth street. All are charged with vagrancy.

MUM ON BANK RAID

Winkler Refuses to Name Robbers in \$2,500,000 Job.

By Times Press

ST. JOSEPH, Mich., Aug. 10.—The promise of Gus Winkler, reputed big-time bank robber, that he would "tell all" failed to materialize and today officers were as much in the dark as ever concerning his activities.

Winkler, slowly recovering from injuries suffered when his car overturned near here, refused to give Max Towle, county attorney from Lincoln, Neb., information about \$2,500,000 bank robbery there, although he said he knew who staged the raid.

"The three men arrested for the robbery are innocent," Winkler told Towle. "I didn't figure in the job, but I know who did and I know where the bonds were taken."

When Towle protested he did not wish to prosecute innocent persons and asked Winkler to name the guilty men, Winkler refused.

"You wouldn't believe me if I did tell you," he said.

ONE FOR RIPLEY—CITY HAS STEAMSHIP CO.

White River May—and May Not—Get Some of Business.

Indianapolis—the greatest inland city in the world—now has a steamship company.

Incorporation papers filed today by Jacob F. White, local attorney, set out formation of the Globe Steamship Company, with 7,575 shares of \$100 par value stock for operation of the company.

Purpose of the steamship firm will be to operate boats in the Great Lakes and adjoining waters, and build merchant vessels. White is out of the city and it was not learned whether White river will get some of the business.

Confesses to Murder

Police today held Willis Moten, alias Reid, 35, Negro, for Mississippi authorities after Moten confessed he killed another Negro there after an argument over a woman.

Moten said words with Willie Brown, in Charleston, Miss., led to the murder, after a woman took Moten's money and then went off with Brown.

DEATH TOLL BY VIOLENCE IS 19 OVER WEEK-END

Crossing Crashes Take Ten Lives in State; Auto Collisions Four.

By United Press

The week-end violent death toll in Indiana today was reported at eighteen, with ten of the victims killed in railroad and interurban crossing crashes.

Auto accidents took four lives and one auto race driver was killed. Two persons were heat victims and two drowned.

The dead were: Owen Hamm, 22, Greencastle; Marie Hoopengartner, 18, Van Buren; Ruth Mencer, 18, Van Buren; Genevieve Wilson, 18, Van Buren, and Eva Turner, 18, Van Buren, all killed when their auto was struck by an interurban at a crossing five miles east of Greencastle.

At a railroad crossing near New Albany, Walter Evans, 36; his wife Norma, 27, and her brother, William Lewis, 17, were killed when their automobile was struck by a train. They lived near New Albany.

Two Die at Edinburgh

Two brothers died after their auto was struck by an interurban at a crossing south of Edinburgh. The victims were Richard Chessie, 18, and Bernard Chessie, 16, living near Edinburgh.

William Stenge, 47, Dayton, O., was killed in an automobile crash at Indianapolis.

Three-year-old Evalene Lovelace, Greenwood, was injured fatally in an automobile collision near Columbus.

Russell Bush, 19, Bloomington, was killed near Vincennes when he fell from a truck and was run over by a machine.

When an auto overturned on U. S. road 52 near Lebanon, Mrs. Katherine McLaughlin, 50, Louisville, was injured fatally.

Race Driver Killed

Al Burrell, 28, Columbus, O., auto race driver was killed while driving his car over a Port Wayne race track at a speed of ninety miles an hour. His car struck the machine ahead and overturned.

Edward Russell, 51, Anderson, fell dead in the yard at his home, as a train approached and he was drowned in the stream below.

Louis Rock, 50, was a heat victim at Petersburg, his home.

Mrs. Margaret Ter Doest, 45, leaped from a railroad bridge over Sugar Creek, near Crawfordsville, after a fight with her husband, William H. Hodgson, died several years ago.

Merrill E. Christy, 43, Chicago, was drowned in Lake Michigan while swimming west of Michigan City.

Killed on Tracks

By Times Press

THREE RIVERS, Mich., Aug. 10.—Nate Beadell, of Ft. Wayne, Ind., was killed instantly and his wife seriously injured today when a New York Central passenger train crashed into their automobile, which stalled on the tracks.

Mrs. Beadell was admitted to Three Rivers hospital in critical condition.

MISSING FAMILY IS HUNTED IN INDIANA

State-Wide Search Is Asked of Officers by Neighbors.

Anxiety over the failure of J. J. Blum of Chicago and members of his family to return to the residence of his mother, Mrs. Catherine Blum, 726 Cottage avenue, after leaving for an auto drive Sunday afternoon, caused neighbors to ask state-wide police search today.

Police said they found the residence with windows open, despite the terrific rain Sunday night. Blum, his mother, his two children, Catherine and Marie, and Mrs. Cecilia Ritter, an aunt of Blum's left in mid-afternoon Sunday, neighbors told officers.

Homes of relatives where the group might have gone to avoid the storm revealed no trace of the family, police said.

MASKED KILLER FLEES

Invades St. Louis Rooming House and Shoots Woman to Death.

By Times Press

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 10.—A man with a handkerchief over his face rang the bell of a lodging house today, forced his way past the woman who answered, and went directly to a rear bedroom where John Cole and his wife were sleeping.

"Get out of the way," he shouted at Cole. He then fired three shots at Cole's 32-year-old wife and killed her.

He escaped in an automobile.

On the Air



Beverly Bayne

If you had a chance to interview Miss Beverly Bayne, the star of many a silent picture, what would you ask her? Walter D. Hickman of The Times has always wanted to interview this woman and ask some of his pet questions. You can hear him do it at 12:32 p. m. Tuesday during his regular time over WKBF. She is being featured this week at English's in "As Husbands Go."

HODGSON RITES HELD AT HOME

Veteran Contractor Buried at Crown Hill.

Funeral services for James Hodgson Sr., 74, were held this afternoon at the home of his daughter, Mrs. David McClure, 1718 Central avenue, followed by burial at Crown Hill.

He had been ill about six months and died Friday night at the McClure home.

Mr. Hodgson was head of the firm of James Hodgson & Sons, 733 Lemcke building. He was a native of England and settled in Indianapolis in 1887, where, with his sons, he built the business bearing his name.

Many leading college and commercial buildings of the state were erected by the concern.

Mr. Hodgson was a member of the Indianapolis Y. M. C. A., Scottish Rite, Murat Shrine, Mason Contractors' Association, Associated Builders and Contractors' Association and Central Avenue M. E. church.

Survivors are a son, James Hodgson Jr., the daughter and four grandchildren. Another son, William H. Hodgson, died several years ago.

HUNT MISSING BOY

Police Probe Mystery of Youth's Disappearance.

Mysterious disappearance of Clarence Organ, 17, of Garfield addition, from a neighborhood movie house Sunday night, is being probed today by police and deputy sheriffs.

According to report of relatives to police, the youth attended the theater with his brother-in-law, Daniel Wilcock, 20, of 941 Bell street. During the show, Organ said he was going to get a drink of water and failed to return, police were told.

Relatives at the Bell street address declared two uniformed officers came to the residence late Sunday night and said the boy had been injured in an auto accident. No trace of such a visit by authorities or any accident in which Organ might have been involved is recorded at police headquarters or the county road patrol office, officials said.

BURGLARS LOOT HOME

Get \$5 and \$150 in Clothes From North Side House.

Burglars entered the home of L. J. Pritchard, 5741 Winthrop avenue, by breaking glass in the bath room window, and took \$5 in money and clothing valued at \$150.

Miss Evelyn Allison, Bloomington, reported theft of clothing worth \$150, from her auto parked at Capitol avenue and Market street.

A robbery attempt was frustrated Sunday night when Ceste Mavrijes, 40, of 133 North Illinois street, an ice cream vendor, shrieked when burglars tried to hold him up in the 800 block Chadwick street. The thugs, two Negroes, fled.

Old Fiddlers to Compete

An old fiddlers' contest will feature the fourth annual celebration of the Tibbs Avenue and Eagle Creek Civic League to be held Friday and Saturday nights at 3700 West North street. Proceeds of the fete will be used for the construction of a community house.

JUDGE BRANDS LESLIE ACTION 'MERE COMEDY'

Williams Scoffs as He Defies Extradition Order Here.

Granting of extradition papers by Governor Harry G. Leslie for transfer of a Marion county resident to Kentucky on child neglect charges was described as "mere comedy" by Judge Joseph R. Williams today in superior court.

Judge Williams defied the extradition order, obtained by Kentucky's Governor, by releasing Robert L. Smith, R. R. 7, Box 206, from the Marion county jail.

Smith was told to return to his farm and continue supporting his four boys, who appeared in court to help their father in his fight for liberty.

Charged With Neglect

The court granted Smith his freedom on a habeas corpus petition, which charged he was "unlawfully restrained in jail for neglect and as a fugitive from justice by reason of child neglect."

Smith's wife, against whom he has filed suit for divorce in Marion county, filed an affidavit for his arrest in Whitley county, Kentucky. She charges Smith with neglecting his young daughter.

The extradition order was obtained after Superior Judge John R. Kern ordered Smith released from jail last week.

The Whitley county (Kentucky) sheriff went home today without his prisoner, and carried \$2, which Smith directed him to give to the daughter.

"Just Mere Comedy"

"I don't think this man should be returned to Kentucky. He has four children here who must be taken care of," Judge Williams decided.

"This extradition matter is getting to be just mere comedy between states," the judge declared. Extradition papers are allowed with the Governor's "O. K." without investigation from the Governor's office, in cases where the prisoner does not demand a hearing, it is said. Such orders are issued on police officers' statements.

Smith has been living and working in this county for two years and his wife has not sought support for the other child until the divorce suit was filed, evidence indicated at the hearing.

"There is no justice in throwing four boys on charity in this state in order to care for one child in Kentucky," the judge said.

BAR ELECTS BATCHELOR

Indianapolis Attorney Renamed as State Association Secretary.

Thomas C. Batchelor, Indianapolis, was re-elected secretary and treasurer of the Indiana State Bar Association at a meeting of the board of governors held here Saturday.

It was decided that the annual mid-winter meeting of the association will be held in Indianapolis, Jan. 15, 1932.

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