

COLD SNAP WOULD PERIL SCHOOL SYSTEM, SAYS OSLER

YEAR'S REPAIR FUND ALREADY HALF EXPENDED

Denied Money by State Tax Board, Commissioners Face Trouble.

FEAR SEVERE WEATHER

Boilers in Some Buildings Dangerous, Board Is Informed.

Mild weather this winter is responsible for keeping a lot of Indianapolis public schools going," asserted H. F. Osler, superintendent of buildings and grounds, today.

"There isn't a bit of doubt but that we would have many schools closed right now if a severe cold spell hit the city."

"Our schools most certainly are not in shape to resist severe cold weather. And we do not have the funds to do anything about it."

1931 Funds Half Gone

Osler scanned his records to show that the charges of "unsafe and insanitary" conditions in Indianapolis schools are correct.

"Our schools," he said, "and especially the old ones, need a lot of work done on them."

"We need fireproof stairways, sanitary toilet equipment, improved lighting facilities, and several new boilers to replace those old dilapidated things we call boilers."

"We need to repair many other boilers, and we are forty schools behind in our painting program."

Starting the year with \$100,000 for repairs and maintenance to the eighty-seven elementary schools, Osler reported today that \$52,574 already has been spent, and that only \$47,426 remains in the coffers of the department.

Osler Lists Repairs

"Almost all of the money spent," he asserted, "has been for routine repairs."

His figures reveal brick and stone work completed at Schools 3, 15, 18, 22, 26, 38, 41, 51, 57, 62, 66 and 67.

Brick ventilating flues were repaired at Schools 7, 10, 12, 13, 14, 17, 20, 39 and 41.

"Thousands of dollars have been spent in laying wooden floors, overhauling and repairing window shades, repairing boilers at ten schools, repairing gutters, downspouts, revolving ventilators, skylights, thermostats, and much other work that Osler characterizes as necessary routine."

Conditions "Alarming"

"This year our budget is lower than it has been for years," said Osler. "Every year the buildings get older, and need more repairs. They are just like old automobiles."

Osler's year-end report to the board of school commissioners bared such alarming conditions that Russell Wilson, president of the board, asked for additional information.

"Too many schools are in a near-dangerous condition," declared Osler. "We can't afford to take chances. It's about time we wake up."

COURT WEIGHS APPEAL FOR 8 DOOMED NEGROES

Mob Hysteria Prevented Fair Trial, Alabama Judges Are Told.

By United Press
MONTGOMERY, Ala., Jan. 23.—Arguments for a new trial for the eight Negroes sentenced to death for attacking two white girls in the Scottsboro case were before the supreme court today with the defense ready to carry the fight to the United States supreme court should its plea be denied here.

Attorneys for both sides ended their arguments Friday. A heavy guard was maintained around the Capitol during the hearing to safeguard the lives of officials who had been threatened with violence.

Thomas E. Knight Jr., attorney-general, urged the death sentences for the Negroes be sustained, arguing they received a fair trial.

Defense counsel, headed by George W. Chamlee of Chattanooga, pleaded for a new trial on the grounds that mob hysteria had prevented the defendants from receiving a fair trial at Scottsboro.

BILLS WOULD INCREASE POSTAL DEPOSIT LIMITS

Congressmen Argue Passage Would Circulate Hoarded Money.

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance
WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Hearings on proposals to increase the maximum amounts which persons may deposit in postal savings accounts will begin Monday before a house subcommittee headed by Representative Arthur P. Lamneck (Dem., O.). Under existing regulations, the maximum is \$2,500.

A bill sponsored by Representative John T. Buckbee (Rep., Ill.) seeks to increase this to \$5,000, and another by Representative Martin L. Sweeney (Dem., O.) provides for amounts reaching \$10,000.

Both Postmaster-General Brown and his predecessor recommended to congress increasing the amount to \$5,000, but no action has been taken.

Representative Sweeney said to-day he believed enactment of his bill would aid in terminating the depression by bringing hoarded money into circulation.

Thieves Plague Crime Probe

By United Press
CHICAGO, Jan. 23.—Alexander Jamie is chief investigator for the "Secret Six" crime fighting organization, but he hasn't been able to keep thieves from stealing his son's automobile three times in the last six months.

Sheriff Takes Lesson From Mule

MUNDA, Tex., Jan. 23.—Sheriff C. R. Elliott, Knox county, stooped to examine a mules rear hoof. The doctor said it would be several weeks before the lacerations on the mule's head healed.



Lovers of trees populate the vicinity of the 400 block on West Twenty-eighth street in such numbers that they've stopped traffic in an alley on the west side of 415 West Twenty-eighth street.

The traffic blockade is shown in the above photo in the person of a thin elm tree growing in the center of the alley between two houses.

YEGGS BLOW SAFE, FLEE WITH LOOT

Thieves Enter Stores, Cars, Homes, Make Hauls Valued at \$270.

Breaking into business places, homes and automobiles, thieves Friday night and early today obtained loot valued at \$270.

Safe crackers who used dynamite to blow the strongbox at the Home Coal Company, 1100 East Maryland street, obtained \$15.

Tobacco valued at \$30 was stolen from a grocery at 1146 South West street. Leonard Meisberger, 3541 North Meridian street, is owner of the store.

Ransacking the home of Robert Martin, 1320 East Thirteenth street, burglars Friday night stole two watches valued at \$90.

A radio set, valued at \$40, was stolen Friday night from the residence of Emory Wallen, 1545 Hiatt street.

While en route home from work, George Rogers, 519 North Traub avenue, was robbed of \$23 by two bandits on Traub avenue and Michigan street. Other thefts reported to police:

Hermon Burgett, 2823 Burton street, food valued at \$30; C. F. Frye, 31 North Irvington avenue, clothing valued at \$40.

'FUNERAL WAR' CLOSES AS UNION BACKS DOWN

Chicago Chauffeurs Withdraw Ban on Drivers of Private Cars.

By United Press

CHICAGO, Jan. 23.—The "funeral war" was ended today after a week of burials marred by disorder and one death indirectly blamed to a union ruling barring nonunion drivers from funeral processions.

The chauffeurs' union announced withdrawal of its edict after a conference with state's attorneys who have been investigating the labor group's action with a view to possible criminal proceedings.

State's Attorney John A. Swanson had announced his intention of fighting the order as "an injustice."

Numerous funerals were disrupted in attempts to enforce the prohibition on private drivers. A high school girl was killed in an automobile accident that followed evolution of the car in which she was riding from a funeral procession. A near-riot resulted at one ceremony and police were ordered to guard corteges.

FORD SHIPS BANTAM AUTOS TO EUROPE

Detroit Plant May Turn Out Baby Cars to Compete Abroad.

By United Press

DETROIT, Jan. 23.—"Bantam Fords, similar in size to the Austin, have been shipped to England secretly, according to a statement appearing today in the Michigan Manufacturer and Financial Record.

The article stated that twelve of the tiny cars were produced secretly at the Ford laboratories and shipped a few days ago.

The machines, the paper said, are less than ten feet in length from bumper to bumper, have a fender width of fifty-five inches and a height of fifty-three inches. The engine has a small bore and is exactly eleven inches long, the magazine added.

"A new car of the type shipped from Detroit last week," stated the report, "would put Ford in direct competition with the cars of mini-mized bore, stroke and wheelbase, produced in Europe."

Lodge to Be Inspected

Broad Ripple chapter, No. 146, Royal Arch Masons, will be inspected on the Royal Arch degree today at Prather Masonic temple, Forty-second street and College avenue. The work will begin at 4. Stanley Sheard is high priest.

More than 155,170,000 books, exclusive of those printed for school use, were sold in the United States during 1929.

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JAPANESE NAVY MENACES CHINA IN 'HONOR' ROW

Ships Stand Off Shanghai to Carry Out Threat of "Drastic Action."

By H. R. EKINS
United Press Staff Correspondent

SHANGHAI, Jan. 23.—The Japanese cruiser Ohi and four destroyers arrived here today, while Japanese officials threatened "drastic naval action" unless they received satisfaction in accordance with ultimatums delivered to China.

The Japanese warships steamed into port while local Japanese residents were attending the funeral of one of their Nationals killed in riots here Wednesday. A mass meeting of the Japanese Club, in the heart of the international settlement, followed the funeral.

Despite continued tension, there was no trouble, due to the presence of heavy settlement guard detachments, reinforced by Japanese consular police. Chinese troops were standing by in the native sections of the city.

2,000 Jam Mass Meeting

The Japanese funeral and mass meeting were held without incident. After radical elements at the mass meeting had been quieted, a resolution was adopted placing confidence in the attitude of the navy and agreeing to depend upon the navy to obtain cessation of anti-Japanese movements, in accordance with the demands presented to the Chinese.

Five hundred Japanese attended the funeral, and 2,000 were at the mass meeting.

Japanese officials urged their nationals not to create disturbance and to leave procedure to the naval and consular authorities who received their instructions from Tokyo.

Threaten Action

The Japanese demands for satisfaction were issued by consular and naval officials to Chinese authorities, and to the publishers of the newspapers Minkuo and the Shanghai Daily News, which allegedly insulted the Japanese.

The Chinese were warned that the ultimatums would expire shortly and that "drastic naval action" might be expected unless satisfaction was obtained. The Japanese demands were made in connection with Wednesday's riots, in which two Chinese factories were burned by Japanese mobs, and two Chinese police and one Japanese civilian were killed.

The Japanese aircraft carrier Notoro was expected here Sunday. Four Japanese warships were in port before today's arrivals. The Ohi had 500 marines aboard, supplementing the 900 marines already in Shanghai.

OPPOSITION VOTED TO ARMY STRENGTH CUT

Reserve Officers Take Action; Hear Talk by General Drum.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Preparations were being made today to reopen the senatorial foreign bond investigation Monday, with witnesses who can testify to the naval and consular corporation tax in favor of the Coash company has not caused scarcity of currency, Chile stated:

An accounting was given by Chile of her expenses in connection with the grant of the nitrate monopoly to the Guggenheim-Grace-National City interests. Organization cost \$7,213,690, the note stated. Of this, \$2,750,000 went to indemnify companies merged into the Cosach combine. Expenses of the combine were \$3,056,855, including \$1,192,702 for lawyers in Chile, Great Britain and the United States.

Chile's foreign loans amounted to \$296,112,000, she reported.

Johnson has declined to indicate yet who his Chilean witnesses will be. After he has finished with that phase of the inquiry, Senator King (Dem., Utah) is expected to drive into the financing of Cuban loans.

LA PORTE DEMOCRAT SEEKS NOMINATION

Ralph N. Smith Announces Candidacy for Supreme Court Bench.

Ralph N. Smith, La Porte attorney, has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for judge of the supreme court from the fifth judicial circuit, now held by Judge Julius C. Travis, Republican.

Smith was born in Ripley county, Ohio, in 1875. He attended Ohio Northern University and graduated from Valparaiso law school in 1896. For five years he practiced law in Monroe, Ill., moving to La Porte in 1901.

Smith was La Porte county prosecutor three terms, and was Democratic candidate for congress in 1920. He is a member of the state and national bar associations.

RELIEF PLAN ATTACKED

Hurley Assails \$5,000,000 Bond Issue for Public Works.

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