

## CIVIC LEAGUES INTERESTED IN TRUCKS, TAXES

Governor to Be Asked to Call Special Session on Taxation.

Warning of a truck-bus monopoly of highways, approval of proposals for a special session of the legislature and efforts to obtain more satisfactory bus service held the attention of three civic organizations today.

At the same time, the city plan commission went forward in its municipal affairs program, following election of all its officers for another year at the annual election Tuesday.

Heads of the plan commission are: George T. O'Connor, president; Louis J. Borinstein, vice-president, and H. B. Steeg, secretary-engineer.

### Seek 1 Per Cent Limit

Meetings of the board hereafter will be held on Mondays instead of Tuesdays, it was decided.

Unanimous adoption of a resolution to Governor Harry G. Leslie asking a special legislature session to shift a portion of the real estate tax to other sources of revenue was reported at a meeting of the Grandview and North Side Civic League.

A maximum limit of 1 per cent of the fair cash value of real estate for taxing purposes was proposed.

The league urged an income tax, sales tax, reduction of the number of tax-exempt securities, diversion of 1 per cent of the gasoline tax to the general fund, and a 1 per cent tax on all mortgages.

### War on Trucks, Busses

Roads so choked with bus and truck traffic that within five years every private vehicle will be crowded off were pictured at a session of the North Side Federation of Civic Clubs.

A motion authorizing the traffic committee to gather data relative to bus and truck operation to guide the federation and legislators was adopted.

Speakers charged that the public must pay the tremendous bill of road repairs brought about by the operation of heavy motor carriers.

Operation of a through bus line from Monument Circle to Millersville road and Keystone avenue was promised to the Northeast Civic League. This district now is served by a feeder line.

### Spelling Bee Planned

Plans for the route have been approved by the public service commission, and sanction of the works board will be asked in a petition now being prepared.

Sixth annual spelling bee of the Sherman-Emerson Civic League will be held on Tuesday night at School 62, Wallace and East Tenth streets. McGuffey's speller, Mastery of Word Book No. 2, and McGuffey's speller will provide the words.

A program commemorating the birth of George Washington will be held at 8 Feb. 17 at city hospital. Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan has been invited to speak. Members of the city health board will attend, and the Eleventh Infantry band of Ft. Benjamin Harrison will play.

### HEAVY TAX SALES ARE ANTICIPATED IN STATE

Old Law Again in Effect, Expected to Increase Auctions.

Heavy tax sales in Marion county and throughout the state are expected Monday, it was predicted today by L. S. Bowman, secretary of the state tax board.

Prediction of unprecedented sales is based on the fact that the 1931 statute, which limited redemption profits to 6 per cent, has expired and the old law again is in effect.

Under the old law, redemption of property sold for taxes is possible only by payment of 10 per cent for the first six-month period, 15 per cent for the next six months and 25 per cent the second year.

### MOONEY GETS CONVERT

Democratic Floor Leader in House Joins Fight for Pardon.

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Representative Henry T. Rainey of Illinois, Democratic floor leader of the house, has joined the congressional crusade for a pardon for Tom Mooney.

Writing to the famous California prisoner, Rainey called Mooney's martyrdom "a blot upon the history of our country."

### GOTHAM SMOKE COSTLY

New Yorkers Pay Equivalent of Month's Rent Each Year.

By United Press

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—New Yorkers pay the equivalent of one month's rent each year for smoke damage. The total annual damage was estimated at \$96,000,000 by the New York and New Jersey smoke abatement commission. That is \$13,750 annually for every one of 7,000,000 persons living in greater New York or \$56 for every family.

### FREE NARCOTIC ADDICT

Federal Officials Probe Alleged Purchases at Danville.

Lee Strother, 1532 Park avenue, arrested recently as a narcotic suspect, was discharged Tuesday by Municipal Judge William H. Sheaffer.

Strother was taken to the city hospital after he admitted he took morphine each day and had pleaded with Sheaffer "to send me some place where I'll be cured."

Federal authorities are investigating Strother's statement that he purchased narcotics in Danville, Ind.

### W. W. RICHARDSON DIES

Former City Passenger Agent to Be Buried in Pennsylvania.

Last rites for William W. Richardson, former Indianapolis division passenger agent for the Pennsylvania railroad who died Tuesday in Seewickley, Pa., will be held at 7:30 a.m. at the church in front of 320 East Twenty-eighth street.

Mr. Richardson was member of the Scottish Rite, Mystic Lodge, F. & A. M., and the Keystone chapter, Royal Arch Masons, in this city.

## GIRLS, BANISH FAGS!

Try Pipe, Urges Grandma Reno



Mrs. Dora Reno, 80, smoking her pipe and warning the "girls of Indianapolis" against dire results of smoking cigarettes.

## DOCTOR POISONS FAMILY, SELF

Administers Drug Under  
Guise of Inoculation.

By United Press

HIGHBRIDGE, N. J., Feb. 3.—Temporary insanity, apparently induced by worry over finances, caused Dr. Frederick C. Low to inoculate himself and his family with a deadly poison, resulting in the death of his wife, their 11-year-old daughter, and himself, authorities believed today.

The only member of the family to survive the effect of the hypodermically administered toxin was the physician's son Frederick Jr., 15. He was in Sommerset hospital, Sommerville, where physicians sought to ward off threatening pneumonia.

It was the youth who discovered the tragedy Tuesday when, recovering consciousness after a coma lasting six hours, he staggered to his mother's room and found her dead.

His sister was dead in bed in an adjoining room. Downstairs in the living room he found his father stretched on the couch. The boy shrieked for help into a telephone and beat on the windows until neighbors came.

According to authorities, Dr. Low induced members of his family to take what he said were anti-typhoid injection.

### INDIANA CONGRESSMEN SUPPORT V. F. W. BILL

Veterans Urge Measure to Pay  
Soldiers' Bonus Immediately.

Backed by support of six Indiana congressmen, members of the legislative committee of Indiana Veterans of Foreign Wars today were pushing a congress bill for immediate cash payment of all World War adjusted compensation certificates.

Arthur G. Gresham, committee chairman, said support of the measure has been pledged by Representatives David Hogg, Glenn Griswold, Harry C. Canfield, William N. Larrabee, John W. Boehne Jr. and Louis Ludlow.

The national legislative committee today was to send telegrams to each of 2,800 V. F. W. posts throughout the nation, asking members to write congressmen, urging passage of the bill.

We have signed petitions of

75,000 ex-service men, and are going to fight this thing to a finish," Gresham said.

### SUPERINTENDENTS TO HOLD MEETING HERE

School Heads to Discuss Problems of Interpretation of Work.

Problems of interpreting school work to the public will be taken up by the Indiana Town and City Superintendents Association Friday and Saturday at the Lincoln.

W. A. Evans, public school director for Indianapolis schools, will speak on "Interpreting the Work of the Schools Through a Well-Planned Peabody Program."

Other topics will be high school achievement tests, character education, guidance and school financing.

### ANDERSON MEN HELD

State to Aid Relief Work in Minning Communities.

Community commissioners for children are to be opened in the mining district under auspices of the state, Dr. John H. Hewitt, director of state unemployment relief, announced today.

The projects will be located in churches and financed by state and local funds, he said. Only children will be served, and the commissioners will provide milk for them during school hours.

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### 8 Years Ago Today

Leslie to Confer With Operators in Effort to Avoid Strike.

Governor Harry G. Leslie announced today that he will confer with representatives of the Indiana district of the United Mine Workers regarding proposals of certain operators that a wage settlement be made in the state in advance of April 1, to avoid any strike possibility.

The operators want to cut wages below the present contract, which expires on that date.

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