

WAGE SLASHES, LAYOFFS IN STATEHOUSE

Large Deficit Disclosed: Highway Funds Borrowed.

Salary slashes and wholesale discharge of employees looms for state departments and institutions, it was learned today.

Governor Harry G. Leslie admitted this policy already has been put into effect secretly in state institutions. So far, the statehouse has been affected little, but is next on the list. Action will follow the primary election, it was said.

Figures on file with Fred E. Williamson, state auditor, disclose the state had a deficit of \$311,625.97 for the first six months of the fiscal year, which commenced Oct. 1, and was only saved from a genuine showing in the red figure column by having taken \$5,000,000 from state highway funds and putting it into the general fund.

Move Held Illegal

This procedure was declared illegal in an official opinion from Attorney-General James M. Ogden, but the state administration needed the money and took it.

One of the boasts of the Leslie regime is that state fiscal affairs are in good condition and the constitutional provision of never accumulating a deficit has been maintained. It was admitted at the time the \$2,000,000 was taken from the highway department that the general fund would not be levied on to pay it back.

But deep holes were made in this sum during the last month, so departments will be forced to trim expenditures, it appears. The state, as does other governmental units, faces the possibility of revenue loss through failure of the spring tax payments and there is no possibility of taking any more millions from the state highway funds.

Sensing this possibility, the state highway department has speeded up contracting for payment and making road maintenance plans to obligate all funds which may be anticipated from the federal government, state automobile license and gasoline tax.

Three Typists Out

The chain store tax pay roll will be cut to the vanishing point shortly after the primary election. Three typists were released by L. O. Johnson, chief of the department, Saturday. The tax will be collected soon so that only a nominal force of the thirty-three employees will be needed to carry on the work, Johnson said today.

The department operates a part of the state tax board, where a cut in their salaries or personnel or both will be necessary to keep within the budget during the remainder of the year.

IMMEDIATE TAX RELIEF DEMANDED BY FISCHER

Tells Women Hundreds Facing Loss of Their Homes.

Pleading for immediate and substantial relief, James E. Fischer, chairman of the public utility committee and speakers' bureau of the Marion County Association for Tax Reduction, today asserted in an address to the Women's Rotary Club at the Columbia Club that "already hundreds of our citizens are faced with the loss of their homes because of their inability to pay taxes."

"The steadily mounting cost of government," said Fischer, "which must be paid before other expenses are met, is unquestionably one of the greatest contributing causes of the business depression."

Fischer will address the Indianapolis Jewellers' Guild Tuesday night at 6:30 at the Washington.

\$50,000 LOSS IN BLAST

Vigo Ice Company in Terre Haute Victim of Gas Explosion.

By United Press

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., May 2.—Wreckage of the Vigo Ice company was cleared away today, following an ammonia gas explosion that caused damage estimated at \$50,000. None was injured, workmen having left the plant a half hour before the blast.

Ammonia fumes permeated the west side of the city following the explosion, hampering firemen and workmen.

BABY IS FOUND SLAIN

Unclothed Baby Left in Shallows of White River.

Body of a newly born baby was found today near the east bank of White river about one-quarter mile north of Michigan street. The body was unclothed. A newspaper in which the baby apparently had been wrapped was found near the body.

Henry Maxey, 35, Negro, of 1033 North Belmont avenue, member of a fishing party, found the body in shallow water about three feet from the river bank.

FREE: TOO ILL TO MOVE

Aged Convict Confined to Prison Hospital at Auburn.

By United Press

AUBURN, N. Y., May 2.—A 79-year-old convict at Auburn prison was released officially today, but he lay ill in the prison hospital unable to take advantage of his freedom.

He was Charles D. Personius, sentenced from Steuben county for forgery in 1928. His ten-year term was commuted recently by Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt.

ONE CENT A DAY PAYS UP TO \$100 A MONTH

The Postal Life & Casualty Insurance Co., 3405 Dierks Building, Kansas City, Mo., is offering a new accident policy that pays up to \$100 a month for 24 months for disability costs less than \$1,000.00 for death—costs less than a day—\$3.50 a year. Over 100,000 already have this protection. Men, women and children, ages 10 to 70, eligible. Send no money. Simply send name, address, age, beneficiary's name and relationship and they will send this policy on 10 days' FREE inspection. No examination is required. This offer is limited, so write them today.—Advertisement.

JUST A SKIN GAME

Woman Loses \$405 in 'Fur Deal'

RABBIT skins—forty-one of them—were used in a baby seal "skin" game which cost the victim \$405. So far the swindlers have the jump on the law.

A man known only to her as Cohen appeared Saturday at the home of Mrs. Caroline Hollingsworth, 277 1/2 East Ohio street, and was making inquiries about renting a room when another man, who said he was Paul Meton, appeared with forty-one pieces of fur-covered skin. Meton interrupted the room-renting negotiations.

But Cohen was not offended.

"My, oh, my," said Cohen, as he gazed upon the skins. "That is the first baby seal I've seen since the war."

Cohen positively "had to have two of the skins" to make a scarf for his wife.

Meton explained he had just arrived from Alaska and was en route to Phoenix, Ariz., where he said his brother had died in a sanitarium. He exhibited a telegram which showed the brother was dead.

Cohen left, without engaging a room. Shortly afterward he telephoned Mrs. Hollingsworth that she must hold Meton "at all costs" until Cohen could return with the money for two of the skins.

She told Meton. But there was a train he must catch regardless of Cohen.

FINALLY in a burst of what appeared to be generosity, especially since Meton had said he intended to have a coat made from the furs for his mother, he offered to sell the whole lot to Mrs. Hollingsworth.

"I've got only \$405," she explained. Meton appeared satisfied. He went to a bank with Mrs. Hollingsworth. She withdrew \$405 and gave it to Meton and he left the furs with her. Hours passed. Cohen did not return. Meton apparently caught that train.

Mrs. Hollingsworth had the furs examined and learned to her dismay that forty-one rabbits had provided the supposed seal skin. Then she called police.

ZONING BOARD RULE UPHELD

Court Approves Ban Put on Gas Station.

Circuit Judge Harry O. Chamberlin upheld the decision of the city's zoning board in denying John M. Riley permission to erect a filling station at the northwest corner of Thirtieth and Meridian streets.

In his ruling, Chamberlin also upheld the circuit court's right to review any decision of the board of zoning appeals. The board had questioned jurisdiction of the court.

Chamberlin ruled that "a filling station at the location asked would tend to decrease values of adjoining property, and that there would be an added hazard to school children; that a filling station there would be the entering wedge for the creation of a new business district in that neighborhood, not contemplated by school authorities and inimical to the interest of school children and that there has been no public community demand for a filling station at that point."

Riley had petitioned the board for a variance from the existing zoning ordinance and the judge held the board's ruling was "doing the greatest good for the greatest number."

NOMINATE LUESSE FOR GOVERNORSHIP

Committee Announces Its Plans at Demonstrations.

Theodore Luesse, unemployed leader, whom Governor Harry G. Leslie has refused release from the Indiana state farm, is a candidate for the governorship.

Among the speeches and announcements of the May day demonstrations of the Communist party Sunday was one which made Luesse their gubernatorial candidate.

Mrs. Fay Allen, who was arrested by police when leading unemployed demonstrators on the statehouse steps last week, was announced as the party candidate for secretary of state.

A hunger march of state-wide proportions to terminate at the statehouse in June is being planned, it was said.

First speaking was at Camp Sullivan and from there the program was continued with a parade and more speeches at the Workers' center, 932 1/2 South Meridian street.

Nathaniel Ross, Indianapolis secretary, presided at both meetings.

WASHINGTON ESSAY WINS SCHOOL PRIZE

Miss Martha Spille, Daughter of Immigrant Parents, Honored.

"The Many-Sidedness of George Washington," an essay by Miss Martha Spille, Union City, daughter of immigrant parents, won first place in the state contest sponsored by the Indiana George Washington Bicentennial Commission. It has been announced.

Miss Spille is 15. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Spille.

Second prize winner in the contest was Harold Cooper, Technical high school pupil. Third prize went to Miss Mary Nan Coxen of Reitz high school, Evansville. Twenty-nine high schools of Indiana were represented in the contest.

EX-KLAN CHIEFTAIN TO 'ROUT DEPRESSION'

Forms New Organization With Palatial Chicago Headquarters.

By United Press

CHICAGO, May 2.—Ex-Imperial Kluge Edward Clarke Young of Atlanta, Ga., whose Ku-Klux Klan thrived, has invaded L. S. S. street with "Eskaye, Inc.," which he says is an organization which will eradicate depression.

"Eskaye, Inc.," has a swank skyscraper office and, Young said, 75,000 members paid from \$10 to \$25 to belong. Those who pay \$25 can blackball the \$10 members if they wish, the one-time Kluge revealed.

The goal of "Eskaye, Inc.," said Young, is 15,000,000 members. Its program includes arbitrary fixing of prices of agricultural products, 50 per cent reduction in taxes and governmental expenditures and extermination of atheism.

VOICE INTEREST OF U. S. TURNED ON CALIFORNIA

Democrats in 3-Cornered Presidential Fight on West Coast.

By United Press

SACRAMENTO, Cal., May 2.—Political interest turned to California today when Democrats closed a three-cornered fight for convention delegates and Republicans prepared to unite at Tuesday's primaries solidly behind President Hoover.

With the unopposed Republican delegation pledged to California's "favorite son," interest in the campaign centered on Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt, ex-Governor Alfred E. Smith and Speaker John N. Garner, Democratic opponents.

Garner forces, headed by William G. McAdoo, ex-secretary of the treasury and now a Los Angeles attorney, counted most of their strength in southern California. Smith backers looked to Los Angeles and San Francisco city districts.

Justus S. Wardell, state democratic executive committee chairman and leader of Governor Roosevelt's campaign, claimed almost every county.

Democrats enter the primaries with 947,462 registered voters, the largest number California ever gave the party. The number of delegates—forty-eight, with a total of forty-four votes—also was a record.

The campaign has been shadowed by a struggle between McAdoo and Wardell forces for control of the party in California—McAdoo, a bone dry and Wardell supporting the avowedly wet New York Governor.

Governor James Rolph Jr. leads the single Republican ticket. The Republicans will vote on forty-seven delegates, each with a full convention vote. Outnumbering the Democrats in registrations by more than half a million, the Republicans sought as large a vote as possible to "show confidence in President Hoover."

NAB PURSE SNATCHER

Six Theft Suspects Are Seized; Loot \$200.

An alleged Negro purse snatcher was captured by a pedestrian and six theft suspects were arrested by police in connection with week-end thefts, loot of which was estimated at \$200.

The alleged purse snatcher is Charles Ross, 31, of Detroit. He was nabbed by James Riggs, 847 West Twenty-first street, near the latter's home last Saturday after falling on an attempt to steal the purse of Mrs. Riggs. Ross was to be questioned today in connection with several other recent purse snatchings in the vicinity.

Nabbed by police Saturday in an alleged stolen auto, Roy Hart, 18, of 433 1/2 East Washington street; Robert Payne, 17, of 525 Lord street, and Verle Bottoms, 17, of 602 Lord street, were charged with vagrancy.

Theft of accessories from several parked cars near Prospect and Shelby streets was relieved by police today with the arrest of Ray Johnson, 17, of 218 McKim street and William Bedford, 17, of 1118 Spanish avenue, on vagrancy charges.

Caught after he is alleged to have broken into a display window of a downtown store, a young man, arrested May 2, of 1311 Hoyt avenue, was arrested today on a charge of burglary.

Thefts were reported by Samuel Paul, 340 Colfax avenue, apartment No. 5, 235; Andy Bruce, 36 West Vermont street; 440; Stella Hawkins, Akron, O., 332; and J. L. Alexander, 2100 N. 5th.

INJUNCTION IN WATER CASE TO BE HEARD

Realty Company Seeks to Block Increase in Rates.

Superior Judge Joseph R. Williams will hear evidence at 1:30 today in the injunction suit brought by the T. A. Moynahan Realty Company in an effort to prevent the Indianapolis Water Company from collecting increased rates.

Under the new schedule granted recently by the public service commission the minimum monthly domestic rate was reduced from \$1.50 for 700 cubic feet to \$1.08 for 500 cubic feet.

Increases were granted for users of more than 700 cubic feet and it is this part of the schedule that the realty companies are seeking to block.

Should an injunction be granted, however, the entire new schedule probably will be thrown out by the commission and the old rates reinstated.

JOB DRIVE CONTINUED BY AMERICAN LEGION

Labor, Advertising Groups Part in Campaign Is Ended.

The American Legion and its auxiliary will continue alone the campaign to provide 1,000,000 persons with jobs which has been conducted with the American Federation of Labor and the Association of National Advertisers, according to an announcement from national headquarters here.

The Federation of Labor and the Association of National Advertisers, it was explained, feel that their part in the campaign—organization and education work—has been accomplished. To date, jobs have been provided for 675,000 persons, according to legion officials.

GOVERNORS END FLIGHT

Rolph and Balzar Reach West Coast in Plane Hop.

By United Press

BURBANK, Cal., May 2.—Governor James Rolph Jr. of California and Governor Fred L. Balzar of Nevada were back in California today after a trans-continental flight from Washington in an airplane piloted by Colonel Roscoe Turner. They reached Burbank early Sunday morning and proceeded to Los Angeles by Automobile.

Ira M. Holmes is the only Republican Candidate for Congress in the Twelfth District who represents the 24,245 voters in Indianapolis who are referred to in the following special:

5,729 of 29,974 Here

Vote Dry in Digest Poll

(Special to The Indianapolis Star)

NEW YORK, April 20.—The second incomplete returns of 29,974 total votes tallied from Indianapolis in the Literary Digest prohibition poll give 5,729 for continuance of the eighteenth amendment and 24,245 for repeal.

His opponents for the nomination in the primary election on the Republican ballot are dry. Vote with this majority of 24,245 residents of the city and nominate Mr. Holmes at the Primary Election, Tuesday, May 3rd, 1932. Vote for Ira M. Holmes, Republican Ballot, No. 14.—Paid Political Advertisement.

Retains Post



John W. McCordle

Public service commissioners at the annual reorganization meeting today re-elected John W. McCordle chairman for his sixth term, four of which have been consecutive.

At expiration of the term next year he will have served sixteen years, a record without precedent in the commission's history. McCordle first was appointed by Governor James P. Goodrich.

The commission re-elected its secretary, Fred I. King, for a term of one year.

MISTAKE COSTS FIREMAN'S LIFE

Careless Act Cause of Lieut. Mueller's Death.

Failure of a fellow fireman to observe an elementary fire prevention rule led to the death Sunday night of Lieutenant George F. Mueller, 54, stationed at pumper house 23, Rader and Udel streets. His home is at 3729 West Sixteenth street.

While Lieutenant Mueller and Peter J. Gallagher, another fireman, were filling the tank of an automobile at the pumper house March 28, a third fireman, Charles Kersey, 321 West Fortieth street, lit a cigarette, causing gasoline to explode. Flaming gasoline was thrown on Mueller, and he was burned from the waist down.

Mueller had been a fireman twenty-four years, having been appointed in 1908. He was promoted to chauffeur in 1921 and a year later was made a lieutenant.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon at the home of a sister, Mrs. Marie Egerton, 426 North Gray street. Burial will be in Crown Hill cemetery.

He leaves three children, Louis G. and Lawrence F. Mueller, and Mrs. Elizabeth Hayes; two grandchildren, Lawrence Donald and Ruth Ann Mueller, and another sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Bailey.

VICTORY SEEN FOR OLD AGE PENSIONS

Deluse Believes Candidates Who Favor Measure Will Win.

Confidence that legislative candidates favorable to old age pensions will be victors in the primary election Tuesday was expressed today by Otto P. Deluse of Indianapolis, chairman of the Indiana old age pension commission of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Recalling that a pension bill was passed by the 1931 Indiana general assembly, he said that a like measure which the order will have introduced in the 1933 session hardly is likely to meet the fate of the other measure, which failed because of lack of votes.

"Great strides have been made in the pension movement during the last year and a half," Deluse continued. "Five more states have entered the pension ranks. In January, a committee of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States endorsed the principle of old age pensions and retirement annuities."

CUT THIS OUT

Ex-Service Men's Slate

National United American Veterans, Inc.

These Candidates are Ex-Service men and those who are favorable to Ex-Service men and the masses of people. They have been investigated as to their qualifications and warrant the support of all Voters.

REPUBLICAN

For Congress—11th District (17) Dale B. Spencer

For Congress—12th District (13) William Henry Harrison.

For Judge Circuit Court (18) Harry O. Chamberlin.

For Prosecuting Attorney (22) Judson L. Stark.

For State Senator (24) Charles E. Bebinger.

(30) Louis R. Markun.

(31) Albert Meurer.

(34) John Niblack.

For Joint Senator (41) Linton A. Cox.

For State Representative (43) Harry Bason.

(48) Robert Lee Brokenburr.

(51) Herman F. Carter.

(64) Benjamin W. Heaton.

(67) Martha Huggins.

(70) Howard E. Keeshin.

(81) Ferdinand J. Montani.

(84) Frank J. Noll Jr.

(87) Walter C. Rothermel.

(90) Lawrence A. Shaw.

For Joint State Representative (106) Carl E. House.

For County Treasurer (107) Frank Cones.

For County Sheriff (117) Charles L. Roush.

(119) Harry R. Van Dever.

For County Coroner (121) Dr. Charles H. Keever.

(123) Dr. Austin H. Todd.

For County Surveyor (123A) Paul R. Brown.

For County Commissioner, 2nd District (127) Robert Walter Jarvis.

For County Commissioner, 3rd District (133) Frank McCain.

(Paid Political Advertisement)

HOOVER FIGHTS TO SALVAGE HIS FURLOUGH PLAN

Tilson Tells President Thousands May Lose Jobs.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, May 2.—President Herbert Hoover, in fighting mood, held hurried conferences at the White House today with minority leaders of the house in an effort to salvage his furlough plan, and some other phases of the \$200,000,000 economy bill.

The President was advised by Representatives Snell, (Rep. N. Y.) and Tilson (Rep. Conn.), that there still is some possibility the Hoover furlough plan, perhaps in modified form, would be approved by the house for certain classes of government workers.

Fears Loss of Jobs

Tilson said that "the worst thing we have to face in the whole economy mixup is the senate's 10 per cent flat cut in all appropriations."

"This will throw thousands of government workers out of jobs," Tilson said, apparently quoting the President, "and will be bad for the morale of the service—it would be bad all around."

"The furlough plan, however, would enable us to hire some of these people and take up the slack, but otherwise we can't do anything about it."

The \$200,000,000 economy bill has been all but wrecked in the house. The parts that remain are principally those favored by Mr. Hoover, and it was decided an effort would be made to round out the program with other administration features.

The senate finance committee, revising the billion dollar revenue bill, approved graduated taxes on telephone and telegraph messages and struck out the house provision exempting news messages.

Add to Worst Tax

The committee added additional tax burdens today to work, used exclusively in the making of beer, by raising the rate from 10 to 15 cents a gallon. The original house rate was 5 cents a gallon. Senator Bingham (Rep., Conn.) said the tax on malt syrup was reduced from 4 to 3 cents a pound.

Leaders of the senate stock market investigation were out of town and plans for renewing the inquiry awaited their return.

The Goldsborough bill to restore commodity prices was ordered on to the house floor under the extraordinary procedure instituted by house leaders.

Senator Shortridge (Rep., Cal.) defended his bill for the exclusion of Filipinos, in testimony before the senate immigration committee.

The house agriculture committee reported favorably on a senate bill to appropriate \$1,000,000 for the fight against grasshoppers in western states.

G. O. P. WORKERS SAD

Statehouse Crew Assessed 5 Per Cent of Pay.

Republican employees at the statehouse are singing the blues today for the sad news that their state committee campaign assessment is to be 5 per cent of their annual salary, which makes it the largest ever levied.

Many are particularly sad because they feel that G. O. P. chances for victory in the fall are at least a great deal less hopeful than usual, and they are to pay a big price for a "dead horse."

Highest previous assessment in any election was 3 per cent, while in many departments it was kept at 2 1/2 per cent. The 5 per cent is modernized in that employees have been given six months to pay.

Files Candidacy for Secretary of State Post



Homer H. Beals

Homer H. Beals of Noblesville has announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for secretary of state.

Beals was president of the Republican Traveling Men's Club of Indiana during the 1920 campaign and vice-president of the National Harding and Coolidge Club of Traveling Men.

He is a native of Hamilton county, 58, married and the father of two sons. He is a member of the United Commercial Travelers and Travelers' Protective Associations, a former president of the Indiana Shoe Travelers' Association and of the National Shoe Travelers' Association.

FREE CONCERT SET

Program Is Announced for Music Week Feature.

As a feature of National Music week, the Indianapolis Symphony orchestra will give a free concert at 8:15 Thursday night at the Murat theater.

The program, announced by Ferdinand Schaefer, director, includes numbers which proved most popular at five concerts during the winter season.

Among selections will be: Rhenz Overture (Wagner), selections from the "Nut Cracker Suite" (Tchaikowski), selections from "Peer Gynt Suite" (Grieg), waltz, Johann Strauss; Festival March from "Tannhauser" (Wagner).

THOUGHT PLANE A BIRD

Borneo Natives Asked Halliburton If It Laid Eggs.

By United Press

NEW YORK, May 2.—Dayaks, Borneo natives, were intrigued by his airplane flight and wanted to know if the plane was a bird that laid eggs, according to a message from Richard Halliburton, traveler-author, received here today from Manila. He is due in San Francisco May 31 aboard the liner McKinley.

"S-M-E-F"

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Don't let them count you out!

Just for the lack of a clear skin ~ ~ ~

Why not try this reasonable, safe and effective way—

just as others are happily doing?

Say good-bye to a pimply skin

"I AM simply overjoyed that my skin is clear again—now I can mingle with my friends and associates with confidence and enthusiasm. It's wonderful the difference it makes in the way you feel and look when your blood strength is right."

Medical authorities stress the importance of building up the system when in a weakened, "run-down" condition, or to combat pimples and boils.

If you require a tonic you should by all means try S.S.S.—this long

BIG CARNERA IS SMACKED HARD BY CHORUS GIRL

Heavyweight Begins to 'Get Tough' When Blows in Play Scuffle Hurt.

By United Press

PARIS, May 2.—A "playful" chorus girl who tried to punch the man-eating heavyweight, Primo Carnera, and actually landed a blow or two that hurt, furnished the boulevards with an amusing topic of conversation today.

Mickey Devine, Broadway show-girl, met Carnera at the Lido Club. Others present were Beryl Wallace, show girl; Earl Carroll and Leon Garfield, former Stanford university football player, who is dancing here under the name of Gary Leon.

Miss Devine jokingly tapped Carnera on the nose, but her diamond ring hurt him.

"This is no joke," the big boxer growled. The girl then gave him a second, heavy punch. The management finally separated the two brawlers, declaring it was just in fun.

Carnera rubbed his smarting face, and the incident was closed.

FLAY PROPOSALS TO CURTAIL VETERAN AID

Legion, Spanish-American Groups to Insist on Full Bonus.

Proposals in congress to curtail benefits allowed to disabled veterans were scored at joint meeting Sunday of the state executive committees of the American Legion and the Spanish-American War Veterans.

The fire of the committee was leveled particularly at the proposal that veterans must be "paupers" if they are to receive veterans' compensation.

Dr. A. C. Arnett of Lafayette, who will represent Indiana in the national executive committee meeting this month, was instructed to follow the mandate of the state convention and to insist upon payment of adjusted compensation or bonus certificates in full.

FIGHTING