

## WAGE SLASHES, LAYOFFS LOOM IN STATEHOUSE

Large Deficit Disclosed:  
Highway Funds Bored.

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 Floyd 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 \$2,000,000 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. Osgen, 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 debt has continued. 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 in 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 oblige all funds which can 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 publicity 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 Jewelers' 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 boy was found today near the east bank of White, 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 1023 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

Agé 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 Diers Building, Kansas City, Mo., is offering a new accident policy that pays up to \$100 a month for 24 months for disability and up to \$1,000 for death—costs less than 1¢ 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'

ABBIT 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, 227½ 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.

"My, oh, my," said Cohen, as he gazed upon the skins. "That is the first baby seal for 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 sanatorium. 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.

**FORGOTTEN MILLIONS'**  
OF U. S. REVEALED

Chicago Economists Press Plan to Put Huge Sum in Circulation.

By United Press

CHICAGO, May 2.—A plan whereby the United States treasury could reach figuratively into its piggy bank and pull out a "forgotten" hundred million-dollar melon was proposed today by Chicago economists.

The novel proposal has as its congressional sponsor Representative Henry T. Rainey, Democratic majority leader.

During the Civil war, the great Chicago fire, the San Francisco earthquake, the Johnstown flood, the Florida hurricane and other major disasters, large sums of paper currency were destroyed.

Gold is in the treasury vaults to redeem this vanished currency still held to cover money that no longer exists.

The sum, Professor Cyril O'Donnell of De Paul University and other economists believe, approximates \$100,000,000.

They propose passage by congress of legislation making this sum available for use by the government.

**INJUNCTION IN WATER  
CASE TO BE HEARD**

Reality 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 A. M. Meynahan Realy Company in an effort to prevent the Indianapolis Water Company from collecting increased rates.

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 reality 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.

**JOBDRIVE CONTINUED  
BY AMERICAN LEGION**

Labor, Advertising Groups' Part in Campaign Is Ended.

The American Legion and its auxiliary will continue along 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 legion headquarters.

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 875,000 persons, according to legion officials.

**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 Bicentenary Commission. It has been announced.

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

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

**EX-KLAN CHIEFTAIN  
TO 'ROT DEPRESSION'**

Forms New Organization With Palatial Chicago Headquarters.

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

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

The goal of "Eskay, 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 ex-termination of atheism.

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