

## LESLIE STANDS FIRM ON EXTRA SESSION BAN

Governor's Main Ambition Said to Be Blocking of Legislature Call.

By Daniel M. Kidney

Governor Harry G. Leslie has one major objective in this final year of his administration, and that is to prevent calling of a special session of the legislature, it was reported today.

Since only the Governor has the power to call a special session, there seemed little doubt that his objective will be attained.

But despite the claim of Lieutenant-Governor Edgar D. Bush that he would not call a session should the chief executive be absent from the state, Leslie doesn't plan to leave.

### Gets Legislators Views

Bush, Speaker Walter Myers of the house of representatives, and Lewis Taylor of the Indiana Farm Bureau, Inc., Thursday brought the Governor a written symposium of opinions of members of the legislature regarding a special session call.

All but two agreed that should they be summoned in special session, they would confine their activities to the seven-point tax reform laid down by the "citizens committee," jointly headed by John R. Kingan, Indianapolis packer, and William H. Settle, farm bureau president.

No discussion of the symposium took place as the packet containing the data from the representatives was presented. Leslie accepted them and said that he would study them carefully.

He took them to his home and, upon leaving, announced that he would have something to say about the matter later.

### Argues With Taylor

The Governor already has pointed out that a number of members of the legislature have told him privately that, in their opinion, it would be futile to call a special session at this time.

His opposition to the farm bureau pressure for a special session was demonstrated publicly earlier this week, when he got into a discussion with Taylor at a luncheon meeting where the Governor had talked on taxation and afterward conducted an open forum.

Taylor was pointing out that intangibles should be taxed and Leslie began a counter-offensive by agreeing to this point. Then he said that the farm bureau itself was an offender in the matter of taxation in the present economic crisis.

Organized as a co-operative institution not operated for profit, the bureau conducts wholesale feed, seed, coal, and other businesses and yet escapes the tax, the Governor charged. He also emphasized that at a time when Indiana mines are in need of orders, the coal bought by the bureau was imported from outside the state.

### Patriotism Is Challenged

The Governor offered this as a challenge to the "Hoosier patriotism" of the bureau.

In a fiery statement from farm bureau headquarters, Taylor had the following to say:

"Thousands of farmers and real estate owners have been and are being forced into bankruptcy and ruin by unfair and inequitable taxes. Only prompt action by the Governor can save those still solvent from a like fate.

"Furthermore, the present tax injustice is breeding dangerous discontent that threatens all law and order among the state's most conservative citizens—the farmers.

"A gigantic 'tea party' is barely around the corner."

### WALTHER LEAGUE TO MEET HERE MAY 22, 23

Session to Draw Delegates From Louisville, Cincinnati.

Annual district convention of the Walther League May 22 and 23 at the Lincoln will draw delegates from Louisville, Cincinnati and all parts of Indiana.

Following a meeting of the resolutions committee Saturday night, the convention program will start Sunday morning with an inspiration service in the Indiana theater.

Dr. Walter A. Maier of Concordia seminary, St. Louis, radio speaker, will deliver the sermon and a mixed chorus, directed by William J. Kirchhoff, will sing.

J. W. Bosse of the state board of education will be toastmaster at the annual convention banquet at 6 p. m. at which J. W. Boehne, Evansville, representative in congress, will speak.

The program will include a business session and sight-seeing tour.

### NAB MAN AS SUSPECT IN GASOLINE THEFTS

Truck Bearing Five-Gallon Can and Hose Is Impounded.

One arrest and seizure of a truck resulted from investigation of an alleged gasoline theft Thursday night.

Robert L. Sadtler, 21, Negro, 545 West Sixteenth street was arrested following a report that he was stealing gasoline from automobiles parked in the rear of an apartment building at Sixteenth and Pennsylvania streets. Sadtler appeared while officers were examining one of the automobiles.

He said the car had been stolen nearly three hours previously, but he had not reported it. Gasoline had been spilled in the rear of the car, police said, and a five-gallon can and a piece of hose were found nearby. Sadtler is charged with vagrancy.

A five-gallon can and a length of hose were found near a truck parked at Hunter and Harris streets. The truck was impounded. It bears license M-370.

### FAVORS VOTE BOYCOTT

Dry Leader Urges Women to Shun Polls in Ohio.

NEW YORK, May 13.—Women of Ohio should boycott the polls rather than vote wet in the state gubernatorial election, according to Mrs. Henry W. Peabody, national chairman of the women's committee on law enforcement.

Mrs. Peabody's statement severely criticized the Republican party for "forcing the nomination of a wet candidate in the Ohio primaries."

## OIL TEST FEES AID FINANCES OF STATE

Inspection Service Puts \$229,023.52 Into General Fund.

Indiana's state health department, including oil inspectors, turned into the general fund \$229,023.52 in excess of legislative appropriations during the last three years. Dr. William F. King, state health director, reported to Governor Harry G. Leslie.

The report was requested by the chief executive, who is gathering data from various departments to combat charges of state governmental extravagance, or correct, if disclosed, it was said.

Dr. King's report shows that oil inspection does have some use besides that of furnishing jobs for a corps of political supporters. It helps the general fund and thereby becomes a lucrative source for raising revenue by the less painful method of indirect taxation.

Each session the legislature attempts abolition of the oil inspection department without avail. The only law for its creation is an ancient one wherein inspectors were

to test kerosene and see that it was not refined so as to explode in coal oil lamps. The lamps already have gone the way of the ox-cart, but the inspectors still remain.

Their fee collecting now is financing the state health department's other operations, King's statement disclosed.

During 1931 the oil inspectors collected \$412,561.91 in fees, with an expenditure of \$97,519.20, leaving a net surplus for the general fund of \$315,042.71. Total expenditures for the entire health department for the year 1931 was \$274,468.66.

Dr. King's report for the three-year period shows a grand total of receipts of \$924,356.36 and appropriation expenditures of \$695,332.84, making the balance of receipts over expenditures of \$229,023.52 for the entire period.

King George Visits Premier LONDON, May 13.—King George made an unannounced visit today to Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald, who is recovering from a recent operation for glaucoma.

The king motored from Buckingham palace to the Park Lane Nursing home, where MacDonald is recuperating.

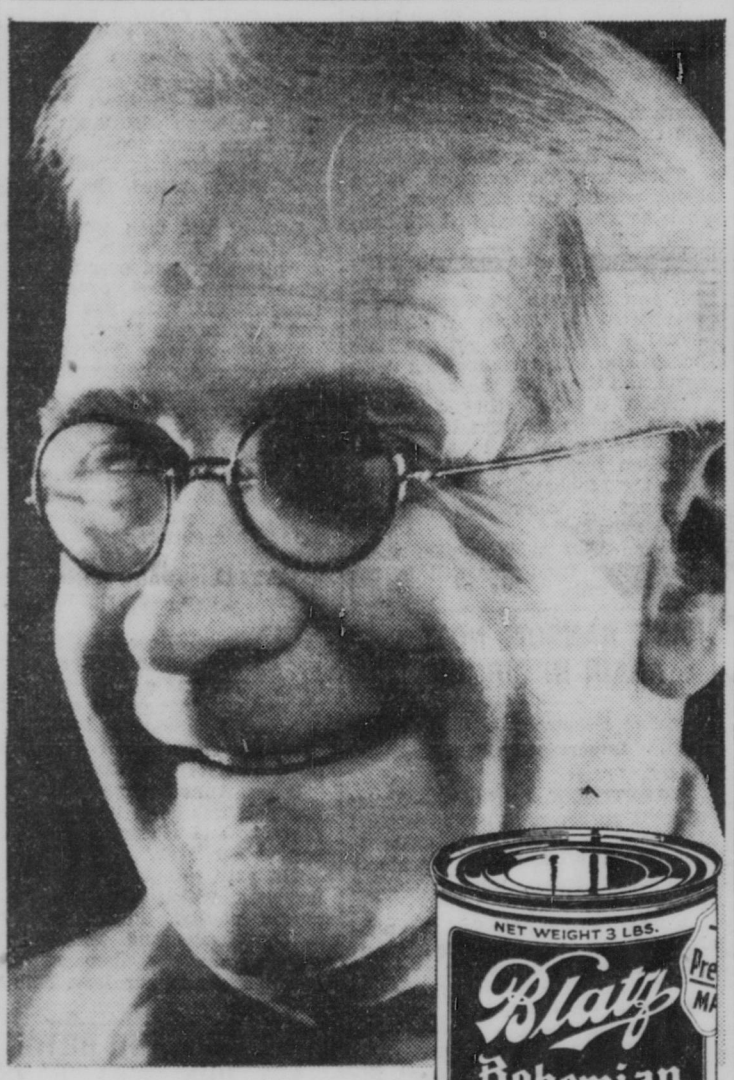
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## LINK \$26,536 BOND 'GIFT' TO JIMMY WALKER

'Present' After Creation of Board of Taxi Control Bared at Hearing.

By United Press

NEW YORK, May 13.—Mayor James J. Walker accepted \$26,536.51 worth of bonds from J. A. Sisto, financier of the Parmelee Transportation Company, just before creation of a board of taxi cab control, the taxicab promoter testified before the Hofstadter committee adjourned until next Wednesday.

Immunity was demanded from the committee by Sisto and also by John J. McKeon, his representative, who delivered the bonds to Mayor Walker in the winter of 1929.

McKeon, a close friend of both Mayor Walker and Sisto, introduced Sisto to the mayor.

Sisto felt so much "admiration" for his new friend, he said, that he

determined to buy heavily in the stock market and "split" his profits with the mayor. After accumulating about \$87,960 of profits on Couden Oil, Sisto closed the account.

He then asked McKeon, he testified, to deliver an envelope to the mayor. The envelope contained bonds worth \$26,536.51.

The mayor took the bonds from McKeon, according to Sisto's testimony, and put them in his pocket.

ASKS WET STAMP BAN

Mrs. Ella Boole of W. C. T. U. Sends Plea to Hoover.

By United Press

EVANSTON, Ill., May 13.—Mrs. Ella Boole, president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, today asked President Hoover to have letters bearing wet stickers barred from the mails.

HOOSIERS TO ATTEND MAGICIANS' SESSION

Sleight-of-Hand Performers to Meet in Kenton, O.

Sleight-of-hand performers of Hoosierdom will be well represented at the convention of the International Brotherhood of Magicians in Kenton, O., June 1, 2 and 3.

Indianapolis may send Roltaire Eggleston and Audley Dunham. Anderson will be represented by Jimmy Terhune, Paul Masters and Isaac Kursh.

Delegates from other cities are: Joe Burk, Evansville; Julius Aitfield, Phillip Foxwell, Robert Orcutt, Alex Nagy and Walter Gresge, William Stone, Benjamin Bruhn, Otto Curi and Steve Gubi, all of South Bend, and M. Van Arsdale of Goshen.

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