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CHAOS FEARED IF \$1.50 TAX LIMIT HOLDS

Unpaid Teachers, School Term of Five Months or Less Forecast.

SEEK TO AVERT CRASH

City and Education Heads Will Confer in Move to Halt Breakdown.

Chaos in school city, civil city, county and township government in Marion county, with defaulted pay rolls and huge deficits, was forecast today by local officials, if the new \$1.50 tax limitation law is enforced. Officials drew a picture of unpaid school teachers and other school city and county employees, four or five months of school, inability to float temporary loans and other circumstances resembling the bankrupt condition of Chicago.

Further conferences were to be held immediately by heads of the school city and the civil city, seeking a way to prevent a complete governmental breakdown. School board members, who will meet tonight, have held several conferences since the law was proposed.

Would Cut School Term

"We have figured out that without relief by the county board we can not run the schools longer than four or five months," said Russell Willson, board president.

"Taking into consideration the \$100,000,000 center township assessed valuation reduction, it is certain that the school city will not be entitled to more than a 50-cent levy, if that much."

Willson pointed out that teachers' contracts, providing for a 5 per cent salary cut, already have been signed and are in effect.

Operating the schools only four or five months, Willson said, the school city would be obliged to pay teachers for the full ten-month term, under their contracts.

One Ray of Hope

"We just will have to pay them what we can and let them obtain judgments against us for the rest, or else issue scrip, as has been done in Chicago," he said.

Strongest ray of hope of governmental heads lay in the provision of the law authorizing the newly set up county board of tax adjustment. It would be composed of the county auditor, three county councilmen and three persons to be named by the circuit judge, to permit emergency increases in the levy.

Temporary loans would be impossible, because banks and individuals would refuse to purchase temporary loan certificates unless there was definite assurance that sufficient funds to retire the indebtedness would be received from taxes, it was said.

"It is the most serious question we ever have faced. With valuations decreased 20 per cent, the county is in danger of bankruptcy this coming year," Timothy P. Sexton, county treasurer, declared.

Sees \$4 Tax Rate

Charles A. Grossart, county auditor, predicted that to meet obligations and balance the huge decline in taxable property values, the county tax rate should be \$4 in 1933.

"There has been so much tax evasion and delinquency in payment of taxes that Marion county can not possibly get along on a \$1.50 tax rate," the treasurer said.

Officials predict at least 25 cents of the \$1.50 rate will be necessary to meet poor relief bills. City councilmen met with Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan Monday and discussed substantial reductions in the 1933 budget, but agreed that it is impossible to act on the budget intelligently until the legislature has adjourned.

Reaffirm Pay Slash

Decision to cut all city salaries substantially, including those fixed by statute, reached at a conference of city officials last spring, was reaffirmed.

City officials were unable to forecast what steps would be taken to comply with the \$1.50 maximum law.

Without relief, it was said, the law probably would force the temporary closing of several city departments.

COP NAMED ASSAILANT BY MAN ON DEATH BED

Wounded Doctor Succumbs to Injuries; Policeman Is Held.

NORTH LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Aug. 9.—James H. Lindsey, a policeman, was held in jail without bond here today awaiting formal charge for the alleged fatal shooting of Dr. Clyde S. Roth, formerly of South Bend, Ind. Dr. Roth died of bullet wounds inflicted Saturday night. Before he died he accused Lindsey of shooting him.

"He said 'You killed my brother and I'm going to kill you.' I make this statement knowing I likely will not recover," he died a few hours later.

Dr. Roth was charged with the murder of Luther W. Lindsey, also a patrolman and brother of the accused slayer of the doctor. He was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment. Later the state supreme court set the sentence aside.

LIFE BET ON SHOT; FAILS

Miracle Saves Man Lost in Jungle

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—Starved and facing almost certain death, lost and alone, in the unexplored Ecuadorian jungle, a young American fired his last hoarded bullet.

So weak from hunger he hardly could stand, his only hope for food was the small bird at which he dispatched the bullet.

For days—he could not remember how many—he had saved that last cartridge, afraid to attempt to kill one of the tiny birds, the only game, for fear it would be wasted.

But now, he had shot—and missed!

He sank to the ground, weeping. It seemed the end.

An hour passed and there was a slight rustle in the jungle. He looked up.

A large, fat deer was standing only eight feet away.

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Harold Foard

his own life often; in a shallow grave dug with a hunting knife, he had buried his best friend and companion, Thomas Walsh Jr. of Chicago, who, less hardy, died from hardships.

"The irony of missing that bird drove me off my head, I guess," said Foard. "I don't remember a thing until I woke up in a native hunter's hut."

"This hunter had been stalking

the deer that I saw, and found me. He took me to his hut and nursed me until I got back my strength."

FOARD and Walsh, both chemists, were employed at a mine in Oroya, Peru, and when they were laid off in October, 1931, they decided to prospect for gold in the Paute region of Ecuador.

They set out through the jungle to reach Monzon, their base.

For many days they traveled up the Hualaga river, only to discover their maps were inaccurate, and were leading them deeper into wilderness.

Finally, their canoe was smashed against a rock. They took to the jungle with such equipment as they could carry.

Food was scarce. Walsh weakened rapidly. On July 29 they had been seven days without food. Walsh was near collapse.

Foard shot a small bird and gave it to Walsh. When he returned, Walsh was on the ground, in delirium.

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FRANTIC HUNT IS BEGUN FOR NEW REVENUE

State Bankruptcy Is Seen in Passage of Tax Limitation Law.

COMMITTEE AT WORK

Income Levy Measure Is Approved by House; Now Up to Senate.

Republican senate leaders, realizing today that their failure to call the \$1.50 property tax limitation bill puts the state in danger of bankruptcy, took steps toward seeking new revenues.

Upon motion of Senator Alonzo H. Lindley (Rep.), Kingman, one of the backers of the \$1.50 bill, a bi-partisan committee of four senators was appointed to consider ways and means of augmenting governmental funds to meet necessary budgets.

The tax limit measure automatically became a law last midnight, when Governor Harry Leslie neither signed nor vetoed it.

Lindley suggested that the committee draft "gross income or gross sales tax bills," but scope of the motion was expanded by Senator C. Oliver Holmes (Rep.), Gary, to cover the entire taxation field.

Income Bill Passed

The house already has passed an income tax measure, taxing both personal and corporate incomes. The bill now awaits senate action and likely will be referred to the special committee.

Members of the committee, appointed by Lieutenant Governor Edgar D. Bush, are Senators Anderson Ketchum and J. Francis Lochard, Democrats, and Lindley and J. Clyde Hoffman, Republicans.

Half hour was consumed by the senators in listening to Senator Lee J. Hartzell, Republican leader, present a resolution praising the senate for its conduct to date and urging that it not adjourn until the house had acted on its bills.

Blamed on People

Attempt of Representative John F. White (Dem., Indianapolis), to bring about adjournment of the legislature Friday, failed when opponents gathered enough votes to drown out the voices of the backers of the early adjournment. The session officially ends at midnight Monday.

"If the people had any sense, we would not be here," Representative Miles J. Furnas (Rep.), Winchester, stated.

"Did you ever see a legislature

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LANCASTER TELLS OF 'WILD PARTIES'

testified when recalled to the stand today after adjournment cut short his story last Monday.

Clarke, a Miami newspaper man, was shot to death in a sleeping porch he occupied with Lancaster in the Keith-Miller home here last April 21. Lancaster contends Clarke committed suicide. The state committed.

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Famed Defender of Poor Is on Trial for Murder

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 9.—Frank J. Egan is on trial for his life here today, seeming still the strong, confident, superman of criminal law who won national fame as public defender of a great city's underprivileged poor.

Jointly accused with the self-made attorney is Albert Tinnin, thin-faced ex-convict, who finished a term for the attempted chloro