

BOOST IN CHAIN STORE TAXES IS DEMANDED

Independent Merchants, at Committee Meeting, Call for Increase.

More than seventy-five representatives of independent merchants appeared Tuesday night before the house of representatives ways and means committee to urge passage of the Galloway-Cantley-Martin chain store tax bill which provides for an increase from \$25 to \$200 a store for chains of twenty or more.

Proponents of the tax charged that chains draw profits into New York where they are used to establish new stores and drive out of business independent and wholesale merchants. They also charged chain

—SO THEY JUST STEPPED OUT AND MADE THEIR OWN JOBS



These six college girls were graduated with no jobs in sight. So they made themselves jobs. They organized the Southwestern Courier Corps in Los Angeles to act as companions to old or infirm people traveling alone, and generally make travel less tedious. They already secured a five-year contract with one rail way. Left to right, they are Jane Stolaroff, Margaret Cooper, Evelyn Johnson, Kay Robinson, Eleanor Herchide and Sue Ussery.

employees work for such low wages that they are unable to accumulate reserves for old age and that competing chains will combine when independent opposition has been smothered and thus price reduction will cease.

Sole defender of the chain stores was Chester Jackson, president of

the Standard Grocery Company, which operates 226 chain stores in Indianapolis.

Jackson asserted if the tax is raised, he will be forced to close 100 Indianapolis stores, leaving store-rooms vacant and forcing a large number of employees into ranks of the jobless.

Pageant Is Presented

Girl Reserves of School 73 at 4101 East Thirtieth street, under auspices of the Parent-Teacher Association, last Thursday presented "Lucy's Twilight Dream," an original pageant developed from a study of the wedding ceremonies in several coun- tries.

ARSON PROBE IS ASSIGNED TO \$1,000,000 FIRE

Crawfordsville Case to Be Studied by Investigator of State Unit.

At the behest of insurance adjusters, Harper McClure, investigator of the arson division of the state fire marshal's office, today was assigned to probe the recent \$750,000 blaze at Crawfordsville, which resulted in the razing of six buildings and stock loss to eleven stores.

Possibility that the blaze was incendiary in origin will be investigated by McClure.

The fire started at the Goodman department store and, fanned by a stiff southeast wind, gained such

COMMAND LEGION MEMBERS DRIVE



CHINESE ACT TO MERGE ARMIES

Regulars and Guerrillas May Join Forces to Resist Japanese Drive.

By United Press PEIPING, Jan. 18.—Chinese military commanders sought today to merge regular and irregular Chinese forces to delay further resumption of the Japanese offensive against Jehol province.

General Feng Shan-Hai, commander of guerrillas, who have harassed the Japanese outside the great wall, reported that the Japanese continued aerial bombing in the Kuanlin district, attempting to destroy three Chinese radio stations. Feng said he was sending General Li Fan-Ting to Chengtu, Jehol capital, and to Peiping to arrange co-operation between Chinese regulars and irregulars.

With Governor Paul V. McNutt and Raymond Springer, Commissary attorney directing, Indiana department of the American Legion is staging a state-wide drive for 12,000 members which will close Feb. 11.

Campaign leaders, shown above are (left to right) Clarence A. Jackson, Newcastle, state chairman; Springer, honorary chairman; William O. Nelson, Anderson, state commander, and McNutt.

headway that the destruction of one-quarter of a business block in the heart of Crawfordsville was certain within a half hour.

Efforts are being made by Crawfordsville business leaders to obtain a \$250,000 loan from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

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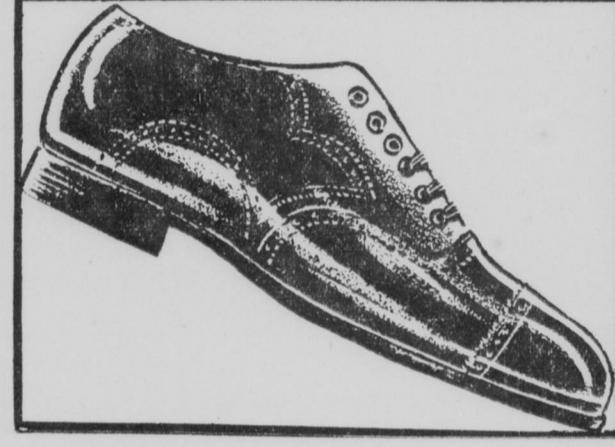
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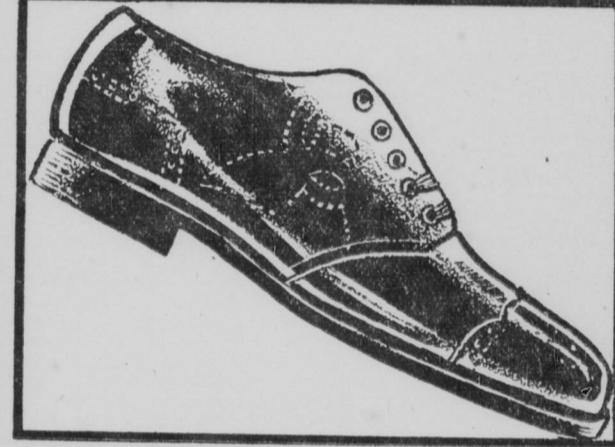
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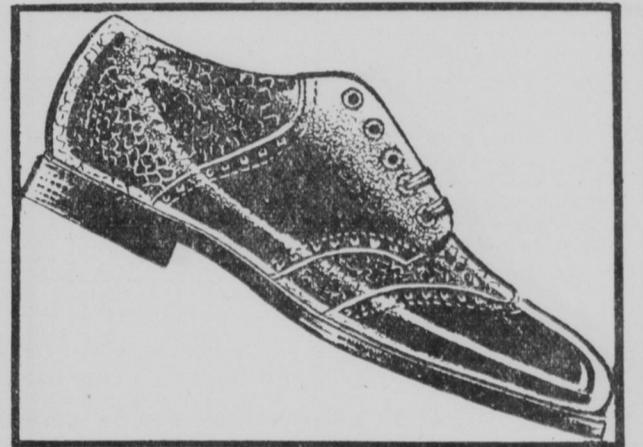
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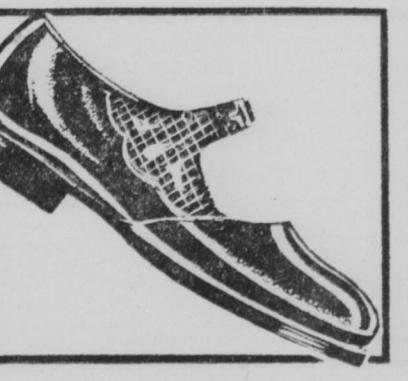


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