

'GUESS' HELD RUINOUS TO LIGHT PAYERS

Chamber of Commerce's
1927 Committee Blamed
for 'Compromise.'
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that the effort to discredit the committee's action is unjust and not in accordance with the facts."

No Audit Made

Also of interest in connection with the alleged guessing in the case is the fact that no audit of the books of the utility companies was made by the accounting department of the public service commission, nor by the auditors employed by the Chamber of Commerce. "guessing committee," nor by any one else.

Ward B. Hiner, head of a committee of public-spirited members of the Chamber of Commerce, offered to deposit \$1,000 in cash in any bank in the city, if the officials who agreed to the compromise will call an election and vote of the members of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce to find out whether members of the Chamber of Commerce approved the actions of the guardians and officials of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Hiner and his committee offered the \$1,000 to charity, if the action of the compromise committee should be approved by a majority of the members.

Explanations' Made

Behind closed doors, Frederick E. Matson, attorney for the "guessing committee," made "explanations" of the action of the Chamber of Commerce committee in the alleged "grab case" on a valuation of \$40,000,000 "fixed-up" between the guessing committee and the promoters.

Outside his office, the press waited without being admitted to the conference.

On one occasion, while newspaper men waited for another "explanation," Andrew F. Sutton, 1115 North Alabama street, sought admittance to the conference.

"I am a taxpayer and there are several things I would like to have explained too," Mr. Sutton announced.

Only for Members

He was informed that the meeting only was for members of the Merchants Association, the Indianapolis Real Estate Board, the Associated Employers and the Indianapolis Board of Trade, who had been invited to attend.

"But I am a substantial taxpayer and I am interested, too," Mr. Sutton protested.

Indignant, Mr. Sutton turned to the newspapermen and said:

"I want them to explain to me, too, what was the hurry in this deal anyway. I pay taxes of \$200 a year, and my light bill is considerable. I notice in the new schedule of light rates that I get no reductions but the big power users get theirs, all right."

Next—Alleged fictitious property values.

**The New Aid in
VICKS
Mose & Throat
DROPS**
CLEAR'S HEAD QUICKLY

'I THINK PEOPLE ARE SWELL'

First Lady May Go Down As Most Revered Woman

(This is the last of a series of articles on Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, first lady of the land.)

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 4. Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt is no aid to employment among White House secret service men.

It was on last March 3 that the secret service made this discovery. The Roosevelts were staying at the Mayflower hotel in Washington, having arrived the night before from New York. Mrs. Roosevelt rose early and decided to take a 20-cent taxi around town to call on relatives at another hotel and visit a St. Gaudens sculpture in a local cemetery. She had learned to know and love this St. Gaudens work, famous for its beauty, while she was in Washington during the war.

A friend waited for her on the sidewalk in front of the hotel while she ran back through the lobby to the presidential suite, for her little black dog, Meggie. As the friend waited, she was approached by a secret service man.

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