

# WIRT QUIZ TO END SHORTLY, PROBERS HINT

'He Talked So Much That  
We Couldn't,' Declare  
Party Guests.

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, April 18.—House investigating committee members indicated today they would close the Wirt case without paying further attention to discrepancies in testimony of Dr. William A. Wirt and six fellow guests at a Virginia dinner party.

Colleagues of the committeemen suggested that the attention of the District of Columbia district attorney be called to the contradictions. However, it was expected that the case would be closed without his action.

The six other guests at the party denied statements attributed to them by Wirt concerning a plot to overthrow the social order and a characterization of President Roosevelt as "only the Kerensky of this revolution."

Each asserted that Wirt talked all the time at the party and they couldn't get in a word.

House officials said that no direct action could be taken by the committee because of the conflicting testimony. Contempt of the house action is only possible when a witness refuses to answer a question or declines to appear.

Dr. Wirt was understood to have left for his Gary (Ind.) home. His council, former Senator James A. Reed of Missouri, was also reported en route west. Neither would comment on the testimony before leaving.

Republicans, who first appeared hopeful they could make a campaign issue out of the brain trust plot case, retreated.

"He is not our baby," Representative Hamilton Fish (Rep., N. Y.) told Democrats, "although you try to put him on our doorstep."

Representative Harold McGugin (Rep., Kan.) said he would again demand that "the real brain-trusters implicated" be called. The committee, said Alfred L. Bulwinkle (Dem., N. C.) will meet late today. He indicated its report would be ready in a few days.

## LIQUOR SIGN HEARING CONTINUED TO FRIDAY

Permanent Injunction Asked by  
City Council.

Hearing on a permanent injunction to restrain Paul Fry, excise director of Indiana, from enforcing a regulation preventing the use of outside liquor signs was continued yesterday in circuit court until 10:30 Friday morning.

The suit was filed by the Allied Neon Signs, Inc., against Mr. Fry. A temporary restraining order was granted by Circuit Judge Earl R. Cox against enforcement of the order. It was set for hearing today.

## WIRT'S HOSTESS REPUDIATES HOOSIER'S CHARGES



"At no time did I hear the names of Kerensky, Stalin, Tugwell or Wallace. But Dr. Wirt has an infinite capacity for talking three or four hours at a stretch." Thus did Miss Alice Barrows, left, deny before a house investigating committee in Washington the charges of Dr. William A. Wirt, Gary

educator, that a "brain trust" red plot was discussed at the now famous dinner party Miss Barrows gave at her Virginia home.

Dr. Wirt is shown at the right gravely listening to the contradiction of his story. Beside him sits his counsel, the white-haired former Senator James A. Reed.

## SCHOOL-HEALTH LINK ADVOCATED

Tuberculosis Society Points  
to Importance of  
Co-Operation.

Necessity for the co-operation of health and educational agencies was stressed yesterday at the meeting of the Indiana Tuberculosis Association in the Lincoln.

Mrs. Ruth K. Heavenridge, general supervisor of special education in Indianapolis schools, said general ability of the child in the classroom is increased on a ratio with physical development.

Reports show more than one thousand parents enrolled this season in the afternoon adult education schools conducted in this city by the Federal Emergency educational Fund administration.

Cass county was announced as the winner of the Christmas seal sale for the state.

Dr. Mary H. Westfall of the Indiana State Dental Association was speaker at the luncheon. The meeting closes today.

London has 4,203 acres of docks, including a water area of 722 acres.

## WEST AFRICAN CHIEF SENDS CARVED CHAIR AS ROOSEVELT GIFT

By United Press

WASHINGTON, April 18.—The fame of the new deal has spread to the Gold Coast of West Africa.

A handsome chair has just been received at the White House from Paramount Chief Nana Oforikuma II of Akwapim, West Africa. It is embellished with carving and has a solid base. The chair is of the type used by chieftains when sitting in solemn state councils.

On it were inscribed the words: "A humble present to Franklin D. Roosevelt."

## Grocery Store Looted

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## GAS REHEARING DENIED

Ruling Upholds Decision That Trust  
Was Not Abrogated.

Rehearing in the Citizens Gas Company case appeal to the supreme court, brought by Allen G. Williams, has been denied. The high court previously upheld the lower court decision, which found that the trust agreement between the company and city of Indianapolis had not been abrogated.

# ZION OVERSEER THREATENED BY TOWN'S WOMEN

'Run Him Out of Town,' Is  
Cry After Parochial  
School Edict.

By United Press

ZION, Ill., April 18.—Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva, "once the dominating figure over all he surveyed in Zion, today peeped apprehensively from a front window before venturing forth to put into effect a drastic edict to punish his flock.

Voliva feared that Mrs. Onias W. Farley might have already started her campaign by which she hopes to convince the women of Zion to "run Voliva out of town."

Mrs. Farley is the wife of the man who defeated Voliva's candidacy in an election for the presidency of the school board. She stood before Voliva's house last night and denounced the overseer to groups of curious. Voliva peeped from a front window after refusing to see her.

Mrs. Farley's demonstration came after Voliva announced the closing of the parochial school he operates in conjunction with his Christian Catholic Apostolic church. This closing would loose some 1,300 pupils upon the public schools, which now are overcrowded with 800 pupils.

"I have been too benevolent with the people of Zion," Voliva said yesterday in announcing the edict. "I did it to teach them a lesson. I have saved the taxpayers \$143,550 in taxes since 1916 by operating the parochial school. Farley promised to pay teachers in cash, remodel school buildings and provide free bus service. Now I say 'let him do it.'"

Mrs. Farley accused the men of Zion of lacking courage. She said they would run Voliva out of town and tar and feather him if they dared. Several fist fights broke out in her audience.

## N. Y. SOCIALIST WILL ADDRESS GROUP HERE

Dr. Crosswaith Was Candidate for  
Governor of Eastern State.

"Some Contradictions in Capitalism" will be discussed by Dr. Frank Crosswaith, instructor in the Rand School of Social Science, New York, at 8 tomorrow night in Buschman's hall, Eleventh street and College avenue. Dr. Crosswaith is an outstanding liberal and was American Labor party candidate for Governor of New York in 1924. This year, he was the Socialist party candidate for congressman from the Twenty-first New York district.

Thief Takes \$65 Rug  
Gaining entrance by crawling through an unlocked window, a thief last night looted the apartment of Gladie Lenington, 1032 College avenue, of a \$65 rug and clothing valued at \$25.

## DOLLAR VOLUME OF GROCERY SALES UP

Commerce Department Also Reports  
20 Per cent Price Raise.

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, April 18.—The dollar volume of grocery sales for March was 11½ per cent higher than a year ago, the commerce department reported today. Retail food prices have increased about 20 per cent for the same period.



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