



# The Indianapolis Times

HOME EDITION

PRICE TWO CENTS  
Outside Marion County, 3 Cents

VOLUME 46—NUMBER 207

Rain tonight and becoming fair tomorrow; colder.

INDIANAPOLIS, TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 1935

Entered as Second-Class Matter  
at Postoffice, Indianapolis, Ind.

## SOCIAL REFORM TO HEAD PROGRAM OF INDIANA ASSEMBLY

Old-Age Pensions, Relief, Re-Employment, Liquor, Penology and Crime Laws to Stir Controversies.

### ADMINISTRATION AIMS KEPT SECRET

Gross Income Levy Likely to Remain for 2 Years; Liquor Assessment Slash Also Believed Probable.

BY JAMES DOSS  
Times Staff Writer

With convening of the 1935 Indiana General Assembly only two days away, the state administration's program remains more or less a secret, although there is every indication of a sharp trend toward social legislation of various kinds.

The term "social legislation" admittedly is a broad one and is used advisedly. It can be broken down into such subdivisions as old age pensions, relief and re-employment, liquor, penology and crime. It is not the purpose of this summary to make a forecast of the full scope of the administration's plans.

The purpose merely is to touch on the high points of the most controversial subjects which will come before the assembly and to outline the probable forms which legislation on these subjects may take.

Some of the subjects which might be classed roughly in the broad groupings of social, taxation and governmental reform legislation are advised, such as taxation and liquor.

However, the subjects are so diverse and cover such a wide area of public interest that they can not be classified other than in three groups.

In the first, taxation, falls the gross income tax and its future. There appears to be little doubt that the gross income tax is scheduled for at least two more years of life and, here is little likelihood of it being supplanted by the 3 per cent sales tax proposed by Indiana retail merchants.

Like any tax, the gross income tax is unpopular, but it is the belief of Gov. Paul V. McNutt and his legislative advisors that substitution of a sales tax for the gross income tax would mean a higher sales tax than that proposed.

### Farmers Back Gross Levy

The gross income tax produces approximately \$12,000,000 annually. Most of this revenue goes to pay part of the salaries of all public school teachers and admittedly is one of the reasons that Indiana's schools financing has been so successful in contrast to the chaotic conditions in other states.

One element of the organized farmers is said to favor doubling the present gross income tax rate. Organized labor is reported opposed to any sales tax which entails passing the levy on to the consumer by means of a receipt or stamp.

The 22-member tax advisory commission named by Gov. McNutt is scheduled to hold a final meeting today and make its recommendations to the chief executive. Apparently, they have reached an impasse.

It appears reasonably safe to predict that the gross income tax will be maintained and that the changes in it will be comparatively minor.

### \$1.50 Limit Upheld

Another tax problem before the commission, and one which is certain to be one of the most controversial of the session, is the \$1.50 tax limitation law.

There is a strong sentiment, chiefly among the farm and real estate interests, for strict adherence to the limitation and for repeal of the emergency clause by means of which many taxing units evade, perhaps through absolute necessity, the intent of the law.

The tax limitation law limits tax levies to \$1.50 in cities and to \$1 in rural areas on each \$100 of taxable property. The emergency clause permits the declaration of an emergency and for excess of the limits. The word "emergency" never has been defined satisfactorily in relation to the tax limitation law. No one, including the courts, seems to agree.

The way out of the \$1.50 tax limitation dilemma appears to be through one contemplated reform, an effort at which had only an abortive life in the 1933 session.

### Exemptions Under Fire

This is the raising of additional revenue on the property tax by putting back on the tax duplicate real estate which has been exempted. For years, property owned by religious, fraternal, educational and other nonprofit-making groups has been getting by without paying its share of the tax burden.

Much of this property actually was revenue-producing, regardless of its ownership, and thus was in competition with property which was without dispensation and which was taxed. It almost is certain that a bill to place such property back on the tax duplicate will be presented and it has more than a fair chance of enactment.

The possibility of an increase in the tax on intangibles and the (Turn to Page Three).

## POLICE MERIT SYSTEM LIKELY

Kern May Urge Step After Morrissey's Study in Milwaukee.

Legislation providing for the merit system in the appointment and promotion of members of the Indianapolis police force may be recommended to the 1935 General Assembly by Mayor John W. Kern.

This became known today when Chief Mike Morrissey and Corporation Counsel James E. Deery left for Milwaukee to make a comprehensive study of the results obtained through adoption of the merit system in that city.

If the investigators find that the Milwaukee system has been successful and can be applied to the Indianapolis force, their report to Mayor Kern will be used as the basis for the recommendations to the Legislature, which will hold its first session Thursday.

Adoption of the civil service system for police forces and in the appointment of penal institution officials and guards has been advocated for months by The Indianapolis Times as a means of eliminating the "spoils system" from law enforcement agencies.

## 2 ARE FOUND DEAD IN TOURIST CABIN

Bodies Believed to Be City Young Couple.

By United Press

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 8.—Gov. Herbert Lehman today sent to the Senate for confirmation the nomination of Ferdinand I. Pecora as a justice of the Supreme Court for the First Judicial District.

The bodies of two persons believed to be Eugene F. Fulke, 931 Tabor-st., and Miss Mary Bisesi, 4005 S. Keystone-av., were discovered this morning in a cabin which they were said to have rented Sunday night in a tourist camp near McCordville, Ind.

The bodies now are being held in a Greenfield undertaking establishment by the Hancock County sheriff. The sheriff said that he did not know from a brief examination what had caused the deaths, but believed it was carbon monoxide poisoning.

Mr. Fulke's brother, Edward Fulke, former newspaper man, said that his brother had not been at home since Sunday night and that he had been attempting to locate him.

Another tax problem before the commission, and one which is certain to be one of the most controversial of the session, is the \$1.50 tax limitation law.

The bodies now are being held in a Greenfield undertaking establishment by the Hancock County sheriff. The sheriff said that he did not know from a brief examination what had caused the deaths, but believed it was carbon monoxide poisoning.

Mr. Fulke's brother, Edward Fulke, former newspaper man, said that his brother had not been at home since Sunday night and that he had been attempting to locate him.

Another tax problem before the commission, and one which is certain to be one of the most controversial of the session, is the \$1.50 tax limitation law.

The bodies now are being held in a Greenfield undertaking establishment by the Hancock County sheriff. The sheriff said that he did not know from a brief examination what had caused the deaths, but believed it was carbon monoxide poisoning.

Mr. Fulke's brother, Edward Fulke, former newspaper man, said that his brother had not been at home since Sunday night and that he had been attempting to locate him.

Another tax problem before the commission, and one which is certain to be one of the most controversial of the session, is the \$1.50 tax limitation law.

The bodies now are being held in a Greenfield undertaking establishment by the Hancock County sheriff. The sheriff said that he did not know from a brief examination what had caused the deaths, but believed it was carbon monoxide poisoning.

Mr. Fulke's brother, Edward Fulke, former newspaper man, said that his brother had not been at home since Sunday night and that he had been attempting to locate him.

## Stolen Joy

That's the Charge Against Young Father Who Turned Santa.

As Christmas Eve approached, a little more than two weeks ago, there were serious doubts in the minds of their parents that Santa Claus would be able to visit Ronald Dills, 2½, and his year-old brother, John Dills Jr., at their home, 3045 N. Olney-st.

Their father, John Dills Sr., 24-year-old unemployed printer, told the boys Santa Claus had been pretty hard pressed during the depression. Moreover, there was no coal and little food in the house.

But the youngsters had faith. Santa Claus always found a way.

Christmas morning brought happiness to the Dills home. In their stockings, Ronald and John Jr., each found a bright red fire truck, a funny doll and a pair of blue overalls that fit.

They had been right. Santa Claus always finds a way.

TODAY, John Dills Sr. stood before Municipal Judge Dewey Myers on a charge of grand larceny.

His attorney, Samuel Blum, a friend of the Dills, admitted that his client had taken a box of aluminum bearings from the Highway Truck Parts Corp., 1125 E. Georgia-st., and sold them to a junk dealer to bring Christmas to Ronald and Junior.

Detectives had traced John Dills through auto license plates belonging to a West Point (Ind.) garage man. They had visited sheds and garages in the Olney-st neighborhood and finally found the ramshackle truck in which Dills had hidden the bearings away from the Georgia-st storage house.

Judge Myers and Mrs. Dills listened to Attorney Blum's story. Dills had been held in \$100 bail. This Judge Myers reduced to \$50. He said he regretted he was required by the law to bind Dills over to the grand jury.

A representative of the Highway Trucking Parts Corp. protested the court's action in reducing the bail. He claimed Dills had been responsible for other thefts.

This became known today when Chief Mike Morrissey and Corporation Counsel James E. Deery left for Milwaukee to make a comprehensive study of the results obtained through adoption of the merit system in that city.

If the investigators find that the Milwaukee system has been successful and can be applied to the Indianapolis force, their report to Mayor Kern will be used as the basis for the recommendations to the Legislature, which will hold its first session Thursday.

Sponsor of Oklahoma's law for sterilization of the insane and habitual criminal, Gov. Murray advocated sterilization by the state of persons afflicted with social diseases. He said this would come through political, social and hygienic deterioration.

Sponsor of Oklahoma's law for sterilization of the insane and habitual criminal, Gov. Murray advocated sterilization by the state of persons afflicted with social diseases. He said this would come through political, social and hygienic deterioration.

Police said Dills' own mother was in court when her husband was arraigned. She was shaken with sobs as the story of their Christmas went to the Dills home.

Mr. Dills, an expectant mother, was in court when her husband was arraigned. She was shaken with sobs as the story of their Christmas went to the Dills home.

Mr. Dills, an expectant mother, was in court when her husband was arraigned. She was shaken with sobs as the story of their Christmas went to the Dills home.

Police said Dills' own mother was in court when her husband was arraigned. She was shaken with sobs as the story of their Christmas went to the Dills home.

Mr. Dills, an expectant mother, was in court when her husband was arraigned. She was shaken with sobs as the story of their Christmas went to the Dills home.

Police said Dills' own mother was in court when her husband was arraigned. She was shaken with sobs as the story of their Christmas went to the Dills home.

Mr. Dills, an expectant mother, was in court when her husband was arraigned. She was shaken with sobs as the story of their Christmas went to the Dills home.

Police said Dills' own mother was in court when her husband was arraigned. She was shaken with sobs as the story of their Christmas went to the Dills home.

Mr. Dills, an expectant mother, was in court when her husband was arraigned. She was shaken with sobs as the story of their Christmas went to the Dills home.

Police said Dills' own mother was in court when her husband was arraigned. She was shaken with sobs as the story of their Christmas went to the Dills home.

Mr. Dills, an expectant mother, was in court when her husband was arraigned. She was shaken with sobs as the story of their Christmas went to the Dills home.

Police said Dills' own mother was in court when her husband was arraigned. She was shaken with sobs as the story of their Christmas went to the Dills home.

Mr. Dills, an expectant mother, was in court when her husband was arraigned. She was shaken with sobs as the story of their Christmas went to the Dills home.

Police said Dills' own mother was in court when her husband was arraigned. She was shaken with sobs as the story of their Christmas went to the Dills home.

Mr. Dills, an expectant mother, was in court when her husband was arraigned. She was shaken with sobs as the story of their Christmas went to the Dills home.

Police said Dills' own mother was in court when her husband was arraigned. She was shaken with sobs as the story of their Christmas went to the Dills home.

Mr. Dills, an expectant mother, was in court when her husband was arraigned. She was shaken with sobs as the story of their Christmas went to the Dills home.

Police said Dills' own mother was in court when her husband was arraigned. She was shaken with sobs as the story of their Christmas went to the Dills home.

Mr. Dills, an expectant mother, was in court when her husband was arraigned. She was shaken with sobs as the story of their Christmas went to the Dills home.

Police said Dills' own mother was in court when her husband was arraigned. She was shaken with sobs as the story of their Christmas went to the Dills home.

Mr. Dills, an expectant mother, was in court when her husband was arraigned. She was shaken with sobs as the story of their Christmas went to the Dills home.

Police said Dills' own mother was in court when her husband was arraigned. She was shaken with sobs as the story of their Christmas went to the Dills home.

Mr. Dills, an expectant mother, was in court when her husband was arraigned. She was shaken with sobs as the story of their Christmas went to the Dills home.

Police said Dills' own mother was in court when her husband was arraigned. She was shaken with sobs as the story of their Christmas went to the Dills home.

Mr. Dills, an expectant mother, was in court when her husband was arraigned. She was shaken with sobs as the story of their Christmas went to the Dills home.

Police said Dills' own mother was in court when her husband was arraigned. She was shaken with sobs as the story of their Christmas went to the Dills home.

Mr. Dills, an expectant mother, was in court when her husband was arraigned. She was shaken with sobs as the story of their Christmas went to the Dills home.

Police said Dills' own mother was in court when her husband was arraigned. She was shaken with sobs as the story of their Christmas went to the Dills home.

Mr. Dills, an expectant mother, was in court when her husband was arraigned. She was shaken with sobs as the story of their Christmas went to the Dills home.

Police said Dills' own mother was in court when her husband was arraigned. She was shaken with sobs as the story of their Christmas went to the Dills home.

Mr. Dills, an expectant mother, was in court when her husband was arraigned. She was shaken with sobs as the story of their Christmas went to the Dills home.

Police said Dills' own mother was in court when her husband was arraigned. She was shaken with sobs as the story of their Christmas went to the Dills home.

Mr. Dills, an expectant mother, was in court when her husband was arraigned. She was shaken with sobs as the story of their Christmas went to the Dills home.

Police said Dills' own mother was in court when her husband was arraigned. She was shaken with sobs as the story of their Christmas went to the Dills home.

Mr. Dills, an expectant mother, was in court when her husband was arraigned. She was shaken with sobs as the story of their Christmas went to the Dills home.

Police said Dills' own mother was in court when her husband was arraigned. She was shaken with sobs as the story of their Christmas went to the Dills home.

Mr. Dills, an expectant mother, was in court when her husband was arraigned. She was shaken with sobs as the story of their Christmas went to the Dills home.

Police said Dills' own mother was in court when her husband was arraigned. She was shaken with sobs as the story of their Christmas went to the Dills home.

Mr. Dills, an expectant mother, was in court when her husband was arraigned. She was shaken with sobs as the story of their Christmas went to the Dills home.

Police said Dills' own mother was in court when her husband was arraigned. She was shaken with sobs as the story of their Christmas went to the Dills home.

Mr. Dills, an expectant mother, was in court when her husband was arraigned. She was shaken with sobs as the story of their Christmas went to the Dills home.

Police said Dills' own mother was in court when her husband was arraigned. She was shaken with sobs as the story of their Christmas went to the Dills home.

Mr. Dills, an expectant mother, was in court when her husband was arraigned. She was shaken with sobs as the story of their Christmas went to the Dills home.

Police said Dills' own mother was in court when her husband was arraigned. She was shaken with sobs as the story of their Christmas