

## TAX ON LOSS HELD UNJUST BY TOWNSEND

Democratic Candidate for Governor Interprets Inequality Plank.

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Exemptions for businesses showing a loss was given today by Lieut. Gov. M. Clifford Townsend, Democratic gubernatorial nominee, as his interpretation of the "inequality" plank of the party's platform on the gross income tax.

Townsend is pledged to campaign the fall on a platform which proposes retention of the controversial tax measure with the recommendation that legislation be enacted to correct "any existing inequalities in the law."

"I believe that any man who can come with the proper authority and show that his business has shown a loss should be exempt from paying a gross income tax," the lieutenant governor said.

"While I have no definite proposals to make to effect such a change in the law, I believe that whenever conscientious and sincere persons set down to solve a problem the solution can be found," he added.

### SENATE AS ANSWER TO ATTACKS

The interpretation was taken as the lieutenant governor's first attempt to answer attacks on the disputed law, destined to become one of the most controversial issues of the campaign.

Raymond S. Springer, Connersville, Republican nominee, will use his party's repudiation of the gross income tax in favor of a net income tax as one of his principal attacks.

Principal opposition to the tax measure has come from retail merchants, who assailed the act as "discriminatory" and "confiscatory."

### MARCH ON CAPITOL

Several hundred retail merchants marched on the state capitol early this year while the legislature was in special session to enact the Indiana social security measures, but their efforts to force the repeal of the tax law failed.

Their spokesmen were successful, however, in obtaining a roll call vote on a motion to have reported out of committee a bill proposing repeal of the gross income tax law. Late in retailers announced they would campaign against legislative candidates favoring retention of the law.

Townsend said if he was elected he would be glad to hear the complaints of business men concerning the gross income tax.

### HEARING IS PROMISED

"They are in a much better position than most of us to know the effects of the law, and they will be given a hearing," the candidate promised.

"There always have been inequalities in taxation since it first was used as a method of financing government," Townsend said. "Take the property tax, for instance, a property owner pays the tax whether his house or building is rented or vacant."

The state Democratic platform defended the gross income tax, saying that during its four years of operation it has "broadened the tax base and has materially helped to reduce property taxes."

### AID TO TEACHERS PLEDGED

The platform also pledged to distribute to local schools, for teachers, salaries, all money collected from the gross income tax up to an amount that will guarantee \$600 a teaching unit.

Republicans also pledged to contribute like amount to school teachers' salaries in the local units, but made no mention of the source of the revenue.

### GERMAN FEDERATION ARRANGES OUTING

Societies to Meet Saturday in S. Meridian-St Park.

The Federation of German Societies of Indianapolis is to hold its annual outing and picnic Saturday at the new German park on S. Meridian-st, eight and one-half miles south of Monument Circle.

The program is to begin at 2 p.m. with songs by the Indianapolis Liederkranz men's chorus, the Indianapolis Saengerbund ladies' and men's chorus, followed by a band concert and dance music.

### POSTOFFICE BIDS ASKED

Times Special  
GARY, Ind., June 30.—Bids for Gary's new \$450,000 postoffice were advertised today. The contract for construction is to be awarded July 31 in Washington, D.C.

## PRINCIPALS IN CHICAGO HOTEL ROOM SLAYING CASE



Mrs. Florence Tompson Castle (above, left) was found beaten to death in her room in a Chicago hotel. Her body was discovered when her son, James Thompson (center), 7, went to the clerk and said, "Somebody choked my mama." The boy said a "black man" killed her, but police believe it was a crime of jealousy or vengeance, and questioned several men, including Sigmund Schaps (right), 32, married, who admitted he had been to her room the night she was killed.

### TOWNSEND GROUPS TO MEET SATURDAY

Speches, Fiddlers' Contest to Be on Broad Ripple Program.

Members of Townsend Old-Age Pension Club of the Twelfth Congressional District are to hold an all-day picnic Saturday at Broad Ripple Park.

### POSTOFFICE JOBS ARE TO BE FILLED

Custodial Service Wants Wood Workmen, Announcement Says.

Applications are being received for open competitive examinations for general mechanics in Civil Service branches of the government, according to Frank J. Boatman, secretary of the local Civil Service Board of Examiners, in the Federal Building.

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Yesterday at the regular weekly luncheon.

Sales reached the new record this week with the report of a dozen new real estate transactions. They brought the year's total to \$2,421,900.

Deals were classified as follows: homes, 190; lots, 168; building jobs, 27; farms, 10; miscellaneous, nine.

### COMMITTEE HONORED FOR JEWISH RELIEF

Indianapolis Near Top in Contributions, Chairman Says.

Indianapolis today was placed on the honor roll of American cities that have helped raise \$2,139,988 for reconstructive aid to Jews in Europe.

Felix M. Warburg, national campaign chairman, announced in New York that Indianapolis was near the top in contributions. The local committee is headed by Joseph M. Bloch. Other officers are Louis Wolf, vice president, and Samuel Mueller, treasurer.

### REAL ESTATE SALES EQUAL 1935 TOTAL

North Side Group Hear Report of Secretary at Luncheon.

More than 400 transactions of the North Side Realtors have brought the six months 1936 total equal to the sales for all of 1935, John W. Robbins, secretary, said.

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