

NEWS DEMANDS AN INQUIRY

Congress Should Investigate
Panama Canal Deal, Says
Indianapolis Paper.

REPLIES TO CROMWELL.

"WAS THIS GOVERNMENT THE
VICTIM OF A HOLD-UP?" IS THE
VITAL QUESTION—INVOLVES
MANY THINGS.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 12.—Replying to William Nelson Cromwell's explanation of the Panama Canal deal, the Indianapolis News, whose owner, Delavan Smith, was added to the Annapolis Club by President Roosevelt, Roosevelt, says:

"It seems to us that a congressional investigation into the Panama Canal negotiations is necessary. The statement of Mr. Cromwell, which is given to the public, makes it more necessary than it was before. We believe that a properly chosen committee acting under it would get at all the facts. We are glad to believe that Mr. Cromwell is right when he says that no man in public life, either in or out of congress ever had any pecuniary interest in the canal, and that neither Mr. Robinson nor Charles P. Taft had the remotest connection with the enterprise. But the question is whether or not this government was the victim of a hold-up at the hands of any American citizens who may have been interested in the new Panama canal company.

"Many other things are involved, but after all that is the question that must be answered."

WORKS ON ORATION

Miss Fenimore Should Win
High Place in State
Oratorical.

CONTEST FEBRUARY 12TH.

At the state intercollegiate oratorical contest, Friday evening, February 12, Earlham will be ably represented by Miss Janet Fenimore. Entered in this contest will be the best orators of Butler, DePauw, Franklin, Notre Dame, Wabash and Hanover.

Last year the contest was won by the Earlham representative, W. R. Miles, one of the best orators in the history of the college. Since these contests have been held, Earlham has made an enviable reputation, winning four first places and four second places. A large Earlham delegation has always attended these contests and it is planned to send to the next contest the largest delegation in the school's history.

Miss Fenimore, on whom the Quakers place their hopes of victory, confidently and enthusiastically, is a graduate of the Anderson High school of the class of 1935. She has been working untiringly with her oration and should Earlham not win first place at the contest it will not be through her neglect.

LOCAL POST GIVES TO ORPHANS' HOME

Annual Custom to Make Xmas
Offering.

At the meeting of Sol Meredith Post G. A. R. this week, \$5 was contributed as a Christmas donation to the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan Home at Knightstown. It has been the custom of the post to contribute something to the home annually for a number of years.

RED MEN FEAST.

Dance Follows Special Occasion at
Hagerstown.

Hagerstown, Ind., Dec. 12.—Nearly two hundred people attended the Red Men's feast Friday evening. A bountiful supper was served from eight until ten, after which dancing was indulged in until an early hour in the morning.

The L. U. R. M. band entertained the company early in the evening. Several members and their families from Greensfork were present.

CITY IN BRIEF

Roast Pig at William Torbeck's, 21 N. 8th, tonight.

Electric Lamps, Nicholson's Leather Goods in great variety at Nicholson's.

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Roast Pig at William Torbeck's, 21 N. 8th, tonight.

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JUDITH: Millions use Gold Medal Flour. LUCAS.

Prepares Agricultural School Bill

Measure Is Now Being Prepared By Lewis Bowman and Will Get Support of all County Trustees if Is Declared.

The rough draft of a bill, which it is proposed to introduce into the next legislature in the attempt to secure the establishment of an agricultural school in Wayne county, has been prepared by Lewis Bowman, trustee of Jefferson township. The bill will have the support of both the retiring and incoming trustees in this county and will be lobbied for by them at Indianapolis.

It will be provided that trustees shall act as a board of directors. The county superintendent will be president ex-officio and the other officers are to be vice-president, secretary and treasurer. The officers will constitute the board of control. The amount of taxation for the support of the school shall not exceed 5 cents on each \$100 worth of taxable property. Profits from the farm will go into the permanent improvement fund.

CERTAIN TO CARRY OLD WAYNE COUNTY

Anti-Saloon Leaders See the
Doom of Saloons Here
They Now Claim.

MOVEMENT OVER STATE.

EXPECTED THAT 379 SALOONS
WILL BE FORCED TO CLOSE
THEIR DOORS BY SPECIAL
COUNTY OPTION ELECTIONS.

Indianapolis, Dec. 12.—That it is the plan of the liquor interests in Indiana to fight county local option elections by means of the injunction has developed in the counties where the new law is to have its first tests. In Whitley county the liquor men have secured a temporary restraining order against the commissioners preventing them from calling a local option election before February 4, when the final hearing for permanent injunction will come up.

According to E. S. Shumaker, superintendent of the Indiana Anti-Saloon league, county local option elections have been called in Lawrence and Wabash counties for December 29 and in Pike county for Dec. 31.

The Anti-Saloon league is counting on putting out of business within the next month 379 saloons in the counties where election agitation has been started. The number of saloons in each of these counties as given out by Superintendent Shumaker, is as follows:

Delaware, 107; Fayette, 29; Gibson, 23; Hamilton, 22; Hendricks, 3; Jay, 15; Lawrence, 14; Marshall, 11; Martin, 11; Ohio, 4; Pike, 1; Porter, 7; Putnam, 10; Randolph, 4; Switzerland, 4; Wabash, 20; Wayne, 57; Whitley 11 and Huntington, 26.

Petitions for county local option elections are being circulated, according to Mr. Shumaker, in Hendricks, Marshall, Huntington, Wayne, Porter, and Switzerland counties and movements looking toward option elections have been inaugurated in Putnam, Randolph, Jay, Whitley and Hamilton counties. There is also some agitation in Fayette, Marshall, Delaware and Ohio counties. January, Mr. Shumaker says, will see a large number of local option elections.

Trick Is Alleged.
"The Anti-Saloon league," said Charles C. Pettijohn, secretary of the Liberal league of Indiana, "is organizing to carry counties that are already practically dry. Out of the ninety-two counties in Indiana, we believe there are at least seventy-five that cannot be made absolutely dry."

"The Anti-Saloon league is practically certain of carrying counties where local option elections are being called now, for the reason that there are not enough liberal business interests involved to put up a stiff fight."

Fighting Floating Islands.

There is a clear waterway between Cairo and Uganda, the equatorial lake country of Africa. At times, however, the entire stream becomes blocked with masses of "sudd," great masses of papyrus and other floating vegetation, says Dr. Milne, British medical officer of the upper Nile district, in Harper's Weekly. To undo these blocks the men jump down into the grass with the ship's anchor and fix it firmly in the roots, the order "Full speed astern" is given, and the steamer backs out. After a varying number of jerks the island is forcibly torn away and goes floating down the stream. Now the Nile is open from lake to sea, and a constant patrol of steamships prevents the "sudd" from impeding navigation.

POLLY: Gold Medal Flour makes baking easy. THEREAS.

Impure Water on Interurbans

H. E. Barnard, Secretary of the State Board of Health Shows
Travelers on T. H. I. & E., Westward, Drank Bad Water.

Indianapolis, Dec. 12.—Need of improvement in the quality of water furnished on interurban trains is declared by State Food and Drug Commissioner H. E. Barnard in a report made public yesterday after an examination of the water furnished by the interurban lines running into Indianapolis. Complaints as to the character of water had been made frequently to the state board of health and an investigation was started. In order to make the work thorough the cars were visited daily for a period of one month and the water tanks inspected. Samples of water were taken for analysis.

The water furnished by the Terre Haute, Indianapolis & Eastern on the line running between Indianapolis and Martinsville was found excellent, the report stating the tanks were in good condition and the water of good quality. On this line running between Indianapolis and Richmond water was found of poor quality at the beginning of the test, but as there were repeated examinations it improved.

SECOND SUPPLY IS EXHAUSTED

Doubt Expressed as to Whether
Richmond Will Get More
Red Cross Stamps.

THE DEMAND IS HEAVY.

BEING GREATER THAN EXPECTED, NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
IN WASHINGTON CANNOT GET
ENOUGH MADE.

The Aftermath, Athenaea and Domestic Science clubs of this city, which have been actively identified locally with the Red Cross Christmas stamp movement, have completely exhausted their second supply of stamps and it is doubtful if any more of the stamps will be placed on sale here. Up to the present time four thousand stamps have been sold in this city and there has been a demand for five times this number.

The first consignment of stamps sent here numbered fifteen hundred. These were promptly disposed of and an order was sent into the Red Cross headquarters at Indianapolis for 15,000 more and after a delay of several days 2,500 were sent here. These were placed on sale at six public places two days ago—and today the supply is exhausted.

Mrs. N. C. Heironimus, president of the Aftermath society and at the head of the local movement, has sent in an order for more stamps but she doubts if any more will be obtained. She states that at the Indianapolis headquarters announcement has been made that there is such a heavy demand for the stamps all over the United States that the Washington headquarters of the society has found it impossible to secure enough of the little stickers.

However, Mrs. Heironimus has been assured that if any more stamps are secured by the Indianapolis headquarters, Richmond will get its share of the number.

Christmas packages are already being dropped in the local postoffice and the office employees state that nearly all of these packages bear the Red Cross stamps, which are being sold to raise a fund to fight the great white plague—consumption.

FOR PRESERVATION

Congressmen Would Redistrict
State So They May
Keep Their Seats.

THEIR FEARS DISCLOSED.

Washington, Dec. 12.—It has developed here that an effort will be made at the coming session of the legislature to redistrict Indiana for congressional purposes. A congressional reapportionment is earnestly sought by a number of the democratic congressmen-elect, who were swept into power by the democratic landslide this year. They fear that unless the legislature gives them reinforcements by changing the boundaries of their districts and including Democratic territory, they will be wiped off of the political board in 1940.

Several of the democratic members-elect are in Washington and at informal conferences with the democratic congressmen from Indiana the question of a congressional reapportionment has been discussed in all its phases.

HINT LIMELIGHT FOR PULLMAN CO.

Interstate Commission Said
To Contemplate Inquiry.

GENERAL PROBE IS HINTED

COMPLETE INVESTIGATION MAY
DISCLOSE METHODS OF THE
CORPORATION WHICH CON-
TROLS SLEEPING CARS.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 12.—Important evidence bearing on the operations and earnings of the Pullman company is expected to be made public on Monday when the interstate commerce commission begins its long postponed investigation. This will be in connection with complaints which have been filed with the commission charging that the company is demanding excessive rates for berths on its cars.

Commissioner Franklin K. Lane will arrive in Chicago on Monday to take evidence in three cases against the company, which are on the commission's docket. One of them is the famous Loftus case, involving the question of the comparative merits of upper and lower berths, which has been several times postponed.

Officials of the Pullman company say they have no knowledge of any other cases against them than the Loftus action, which was originally started in St. Paul, but was adjourned to Chicago to permit of an inspection of the company's books and records. The adjourned hearing was set for Oct. 14, but was postponed indefinitely at the request of the complainant's attorneys until after election.

Sweeping Inquiry Is Hinted.

It has been persistently rumored from Washington that the interstate commerce commission intended to institute at an early date a complete investigation of the operations of the Pullman company in connection with its taking of evidence in the Loftus case—which only concerns individual rates.

Also that this investigation would be a sweeping one, going into details of the company's vast earnings and dividend payments with the object of ascertaining whether the present scale of charges for berths is unreasonably high. That such an inquiry is imminent is not, however, admitted by the Pullman officials.

The case started in St. Paul was on complaint of George S. Loftus of that city, that the rates charged for sleeping car berths between St. Paul and Chicago and St. Paul and Seattle, and other northwestern cities to which he was accustomed to travel, were excessive and unreasonable and ought to be reduced by half. Particular attention was attracted to the case at the time by his contention that the rate for an upper berth from St. Paul to Chicago ought not to be more than half that for a lower berth, instead of being \$2 in both instances.

Fight Expected on New Rates.

The advance in freight rates included in the new transcontinental tariffs which were filed with the interstate commerce commission about two weeks ago and which take effect under the required thirty days' notice on Jan. 1, are likely to provoke a storm among the shippers. This may result in an attempt to prevent the roads from charging the new rates by injunction proceedings.

IS OFFERED PLACE

Cortelyou May Become Head
Of Union Trust Company
Of New York.

HE IS INVITED TO ACCEPT

New York, Dec. 12.—Secretary of the Treasury George B. Cortelyou has been invited to become president of the Union Trust company, to fill the vacancy created by the death of Edward King. Mr. Cortelyou has taken the offer under consideration, but has given the trustees no other indication that he is inclined to accept. One of them today thought their negotiations with the secretary rather pointed to the opposite termination, but expressed a wish that the offer might meet the secretary's approval.

The office is one of the most dignified and important in local financial circles, for the Union Trust is one of the oldest and most conservative trust companies in the city. It ranks fourth in resources, being surpassed in this latter respect only by the Central Trust, the Farmers' Loan and Trust and the United States Trust. It was organized in 1864, has a capital of \$1,000,000 and surplus and undivided profits of \$8,180,000, and, according to the last report of the state banking department, has \$53,387,000 deposits and \$36,700,000 loans. It pays dividends at an annual rate of 50 per cent.

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Cocaine Dreamer Makes "Pinch"

Takes Into Custody Badly Frightened Negro Lad Who Is
Afterward Released By Unfortunate Young Man.

Recently an odd incident occurred on Main street, which, with its comic features, has a touch of pathos.

A young negro employed at the City Bowling alleys, as a pin boy, was standing in front of one of the leading dry goods stores, gazing into a show window. As he greedily eyed the display, a well known young man, a member of a prominent family, who is, it is said, addicted to the cocaine habit, came along, tapped the colored boy on the shoulder, and told him he was under arrest.

"What for? I never done nothing," quavered the lad, his knees shaking.

"Never mind, you come along with me," replied the "officer."

Loud and long the colored boy begged for mercy from the dope fiend. Finally the young man asked him where he was employed. He told him, and captor and captive proceeded to the bowling alleys. Shoving the boy in the door the young man gravely enquired of George Hites, "does this boy work here?" He was told he did.

"Is he alright?" asked the dreamer. "Sure he is," replied the astonished Hites.

Giving the trembling lad a shove, the dopester grumbled out something about "letting him go this time," and then walked out the door.

"Gee, I dunno what dat detective man wanted me fer," gasped the badly frightened colored lad. Hites then "got wise," and with a laugh, told the pin boy he had been the victim of a cocaine dreamer.

CARNIVAL SUCCESS

High School Students Cleared
More Than \$170 on
Event.

MANY PEOPLE ATTEND.

The high school festival given last evening by the students of the school was a great event in the school life. Notwithstanding the numerous other attractions in the city, between 800 and 1,000 people attended the carnival.

From every standpoint the event was a success. It is very probable that when a full report is made it will be found that the school fund has grown to over \$200, as last night \$170 was secured. All the shows charged from one to three cents admission with the exception of the "Manager's Troubles," admission to which was ten cents.

Probably the feature of the evening was the "Manager's Troubles." Stonehill Keats took the role of manager, while Ray Rodgers took three parts with exceptional success, and received much praise. He portrayed the parts of a bawdy tough, a sissy boy, and a broken down tragedian in excellent style. The play was given three times.

The German band was also a success. "The midge" and the "lean man" proved to be large drawing cards. The "Cave of the Winds," which was fitted up in the cold air draft of the furnace in the basement, was also well patronized. The fortune teller "Zaza," was perhaps the busiest of all. For one cent the beautiful Queen "Zaza" told fortunes until her voice finally became inaudible. The city court was also well patronized. Castle Hobson acted as judge of the court and any one making too much noise or not making enough were taken before the judge and given a small fine.

This money will be used to repay a loan made to the school at the first of the season to pay for the football outfit. When this is paid, the fund will still be about \$100, the largest in the history of the school.

CHOSEN PRESIDENT THE NINTH TIME

Mrs. Wright Head of Cemetery
Association.

Centerville, Ind., Dec. 12.—The Centerville Woman's Cemetery association met on Friday afternoon in the rooms of the Civic club. The reports show that this has been the most prosperous year for the association since its organization, there being a balance of over \$300 in the treasury. The annual election of officers was held and the board of this year was re-elected to serve for the ensuing year. Mrs. Minnie Wright was elected president for the ninth consecutive term. The officers are as follows:

President—Mrs. Minnie M. Wright.
Vice President—Mrs. Bethany Lashley.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. Edna Pike.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Lizzie Hatfield.
Treasurer—Mrs. Emma Beitzell.

CRITICALLY ILL.

Mrs. Lynn Townsend, mother of Bert Townsend, of this city, is critically ill at her home at Fountain City. She is suffering from a stroke of paralysis. Mrs. Townsend is well known in this city and throughout New Garden township.

MILTON DEFEATED.

Milton, Ind., Dec. 12.—The Milton-Williamsburg game of basket ball Thursday night resulted in a victory for the latter team by a score of 58 to 8.

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Waterways Congress Passes
Bond Resolution at the
Closing Session.

PRESENTED TO LAWMAKERS

VICE-PRESIDENT FAIRBANKS IM-
PRESSED BY THE PROPOSITION
BUT CANNOT DOES NOT COM-
MIT HIMSELF.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—With enthusiasm seldom witnessed in a similar organization the National Rivers and Harbors congress, at its concluding session here Friday, by a unanimous vote, placed itself on record in favor of the issuance of government bonds for the improvement of the great waterway projects of the country.

By resolution, which was one of a series, adopted, the congress declared for an authorized issue by congress at its present session of \$500,000,000 worth of bonds, the proceeds to be used in the payment exclusively for such river and harbor work as may be authorized by congress, provision for the issue to be similar to the Panama Canal bonds.

Later in the day a committee presented to Vice President Fairbanks and Speaker Cannon the bond resolution. Mr. Fairbanks expressed a favorable opinion of the proposition, but Mr. Cannon merely assured the committee that the resolution would be referred to the proper committee for consideration.

an extent that Mr. Taft would be likely to veto it.

This latter possibility, it is believed by some, may have the effect of getting through the senate the bill which the house accepts. It is considered likely that the extra session of congress will last late into the summer.

MARRIED FRIDAY.

Hagerstown Boy Weds Losantville
Miss.

Hagerstown, Ind., Dec. 12.—Earl Daugherty and Miss Flossie Snodgrass of Losantville, Ind., were united in marriage Friday. The young couple will reside in a part of Mrs. Knode's property on W. Main street.

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