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LOCAL CHARITIES ARE BESEIGED BY SUFFERING POOR

Cold Wave Victims Swarm
Upon Associated Charities
And Ask Assistance in Food,
Fuel and Clothes.

HEART-BREAKING ARE SOME OF TALES TOLD

Consumptive, Out of Employment, and Wife Sick in Bed, Proudly Asks Charity for The First Time.

Tales of the father of the family being in jail, being ill or being out of work were poured into the ears of Mrs. Elizabeth Candler, city missionary, yesterday when the first chill blast of the cold wave swept into the Associated Charities headquarters a small army of the unfortunate and suffering poor. With aching heart Mrs. Candler heard these tales of distress and she did what she could to relieve the suffering, but her charity did not extend far, owing to the depleted condition of the Associated Charities' treasury.

Yesterday was the first day of the winter when the poor experience the first real pangs of exposure, consequently the demands for assistance were many, and the majority of the petitions were for fuel and clothes. The stream of petitioners continued to file into the Associated Charities office today, but many were forced to leave without that charity they sought. The township trustee has also, yesterday and today, been besieged by cold wave victims.

Consumptive Asks Aid.

One of the most pathetic cases recorded yesterday was the appeal made to the Associated Charities by a consumptive. By reason of his physical condition, he has been unable to secure work at his trade and the other odd jobs which he has obtained have been so infrequent as to furnish but a meager living. His wife, in an effort to keep the wolf from the door became a physical wreck and is now sick in bed. The man came to Mrs. Candler and with tears in his eyes asked for groceries and fuel to supply them for a few days. He said, "I have never appealed for aid before and I never intend to again." Mrs. Candler knew of the conditions and furnished the desired supplies. In speaking of this case this morning she stated that the family, while poor, was a very proud one and this had prevented them for some time from asking for aid.

Many Are in Jail.

A colored family which had to resort to charity because its father was sent to jail for violation of the gambling laws of the state has been one of the patrons of the Associated Charities. There are other families who are in dire circumstances because the heads of the family are in jail, and they will have to be provided for by the charitable organizations.

The plea, "out of work," which is nearly so general as in previous years, is not infrequently given by those appealing. Cases of "inability to secure work because of illness" are frequent.

NINE ABOVE WAS COLDEST SHOWN

Official Observer States Mercury Was at This Point.

Although many thought that it certainly was zero or below this morning, the official observer, Walter Vosler, stated today that the lowest temperature was 9 degrees above. It reached this point at nine o'clock last evening and the mercury on the official instruments stayed there until the sun rose this morning and thawed out the chilly atmosphere somewhat. Ice men report that with a few more days like yesterday, when the thermometer ranged from 10 to 14 degrees above will make their business good.

WOMEN NOT GUILTY.

Media, Pa., Jan. 7.—The jury this morning returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of Mrs. Catherine Beisel and Mrs. Florence Erb, charged with murdering the latter's husband, Capt. J. Clayton Erb, at their country home, Red Gables, Oct. 6th. The jury agreed that the killing was in self defense.

THE WEATHER PROPHET.

INDIANA AND OHIO—Fair and continued cold.

DID SPLENDID WORK

Skilful Fighting by Firemen
Saved House From Complete Destruction.

BUT LITTLE WATER USED

It was due to the efficient work of the fire department that the Bescher and Scott home was not destroyed entirely by fire yesterday afternoon. The laddies did splendid work and used as little water as possible. Since the addition of the chemical wagons to the department it is possible to distinguish any blaze that has not assumed too large a proportion. It is a long run for the wagons to West Flint street and the National Road and by the time they arrived yesterday afternoon, it looked as if the entire structure was doomed. Only two lines of hose were laid and by skilful work on the part of the men these sufficed. The water froze soon after leaving the hose and the ice added to the danger of the struggle, while the firemen were working on the roof.

COLD AND GLOOMY FOR REPUBLICANS

Had to Seek Minority Side of House When Session Formally Opened Today.

ADJOURN AFTER ROUTINE

HANLY DID NOT HAVE MESSAGE COMPLETED BUT WILL READ IT AT OPENING OF SESSION TOMORROW.

Indianapolis, Jan. 7.—The sixtieth assembly opened at 10 o'clock this morning a quorum being present in both branches. Long before the house was called to order the house chamber was decidedly cold and gloomy, which added to the awkwardness of the republicans in occupying the minority side of the chamber.

Secretary of State Sims presided at the opening and the formal election of Thomas Honan as speaker and other officers decided on in caucus followed. Chief Justice Watson of the Appellate court administered the oath of office to all the new members except Honan who wanted to be sworn in by his old time neighbor, Judge Montgomery, of the Supreme court.

In the senate the lieutenant governor rapped to order. Here the narrow-minded republican majority enjoyed a more cheerful atmosphere and after the swearing in of the new senators by Chief Justice Jordan of the supreme court, the full list of officers, all republicans, as elected in caucus were formally elected by roll call, Will R. Wood heading the list as president pro tem. Both branches appointed committees to notify Governor Hanly that they were on the job, but his excellency was still working on his message and promised to be ready to read some of it at 10:15 tomorrow morning. Both branches then adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning when in joint session Hanly will personally read his message. Governor-elect Marshall was a spectator in the house, sitting at the president's table. Methodist preachers did the praying at the opening of the legislature, Rev. Tillotson of Lafayette in the house, and the Rev. Wolfe of Indianapolis in the senate.

SUIT AGAINST KIBBEY.

Suit was entered in the Wayne circuit court today by the Dickinson Trust Company, as trustee, against Frank C. Kibbey and Caroline E. Kibbey. The suit is instituted to foreclose a trust mortgage on real estate to cover claims. The amount named is \$3,000. The mortgage was levied in June of last year. The claims are against Frank Kibbey for merchandise supplied his haberdashery.

HELP IS NEEDED.

In a city of the size of Richmond with a total tax valuation of more than \$13,000,000 does it not seem reasonable to believe, some there are, who would give a portion of their funds to help others in distress. Each cablegram from the earthquake zone brings news of fresh disaster. Nearly every city and hamlet in the United States is raising a fund to help in the relief of the greatest calamity of recent centuries. Should not Richmond do its share? The two local evening newspapers have opened relief funds, but contributions have been very slow in coming in. It behoves Richmond people to make some display of their vaunted generosity.

Have you read the latest news from Italy? Have you read of the terror added to the survivors at Messina and Reggio by typhoid fever; how men and women buried in the ruins for eight days have been rescued, crazed by hunger; how a portion of the quinque palace has been turned into a workshop by the queen; how the starving dogs are devouring humans after attacking and killing them; how the American Red Cross fund has reached almost \$500,000 and how the Congress of the United States has appropriated \$800,000? Have you read all of this and yet failed to offer your share? The following contributions have, so far, been made to the Palladium's relief fund:

RELIEF FUND.

Palladium	\$ 10.00
A. B.	100.00
X	.50
Cash	.50
Cash	.25
Total	\$111.25

GAAR, SCOTT CO.

WANTS REVISION IN THE TARIFF

Local Concern Urges Congressional Ways and Means Committee to Reduce Tariff on Thrashers.

FOREIGN MACHINES DO NOT GIVE COMPETITION

Company Officials Point Out That European Thrashers Are Inferior to American Built Machines.

The Gaar, Scott & Company of this city, one of the largest thrashing machine concerns in the world, would welcome a reduction of tariff on foreign built thrashers and on materials which enter into the construction of such machines as constructed by the local concern.

This announcement is made by the company in a letter just received by the congressional ways and means committee, which is now considering the proposed tariff revision. Gaar, Scott & Co. especially desires that the tariff on Canadian built thrashers be reduced at least one-half. Manufacturing concerns throughout the states of Indiana have written to the ways and means committee urging tariff reduction. The following is the letter received by the committee from Gaar, Scott & Co.:

"We find from investigation that the wages paid by thrashing machine manufacturers in England and Germany are from 25 to 50 per cent lower than are paid in this country; but this difference is greatly reduced, if not entirely wiped out, by superior methods of production, improved shop equipment, shop practices, etc.

"It is also true as a general thing foreign agricultural implements and machinery are inferior to those produced in this country, and in many lines this exists to such an extent that the American farmer would not have the foreign product, regardless of price.

"The difference of wages in this country and Canada in our line is not very great, and we have no objection whatever to the tariff on thrashing machinery from that country being reduced to the same amount that the Canadian puts on our machinery, or even to a lower point. In fact we think the duty should be reduced at least one half regardless of what the Canadian government may do, and taken off entirely if they will do the same.

"We again beg to say that we will welcome any reduction in the tariff on thrashing machinery that is made on the materials entering into the construction thereof."

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COMMITTEE WILL REPORT TOMORROW

House Will Hear Recommendations on President's Secret Service Message.

WILL CONTAIN NO CENSURE

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE TODAY FAVORABLY REPORTED ON INCREASING PRESIDENT'S SALARY TO \$100,000.

Washington, Jan. 7.—The select house committee on the President's secret service reform completed its report this morning. It will be reported to the house tomorrow when several members will be prepared to make speeches. The recommendation of the committee is to table the portion of the message to which certain members took exception. No censure is contained in the resolution to be returned.

Favors an increase. The Senate finance committee today reported favorably on the bill to increase the president's salary to one hundred thousand dollars annually.

DOCKET CLEANING STILL CONTINUES

Judge Fox this Morning Makes Several Ancient Cases Walk the Plank.

ATTORNEYS STILL GROGGY

UNHEARD OF ACTIVITY OF COURT STILL CAUSES GOSSIP—JUDGE PUTS STOP TO KELLEY LITIGATION.

Further advance to bring about the clearing of the civil docket in the Wayne circuit court was made by Judge Fox this morning. In cases in which he had given notice that summary action would be taken, the judge did not hesitate any longer. He dismissed them with comment. In other cases he notified attorneys they must file answers or submit their demurrers at once.

The judge also listed a number of cases which are to be set for trial. No cases are set and none will be placed upon the trial docket before next week. There will be no circuit court tomorrow and probably none Saturday. Judge Fox will be at New Castle to hear a case in the Henry circuit court for Judge Jackson. It was announced the petition to remove the guardian in the case of Scott vs. Null will be heard next Monday.

Kelley Case Dismissed.

One of the cases to fall beneath the court's ax was that of John H. Kelley vs. Bonnie Lee Kelley for divorce. This case was dismissed for lack of prosecution. The Kelleys have figured more prominently in the circuit court in the last two years than any other residents in the county. The defendant in the above entitled cause has had a suit pending against the above plaintiff for support of minor children. The court handed this case a knockout blow, also when it was ordered dismissed at the cost of the plaintiff. This ends for the time being the Kelley litigation. At least a half dozen attorneys have been involved in the fiascos in some way or other.

The case of Thomas Mullica vs. the Union Traction Company was dismissed at the plaintiff's cost for want of prosecution. This is a change of venue case that had been on the docket for a long time without any steps being taken.

Handed the Icy Mit.

The divorce suit of William Wilson vs. Emma Wilson was handed the icy mit by the court also. When the docket was called Tuesday the judge declared that unless something was done this case would be scratched off the books at the next calling.

Another case to fall by the wayside was that of Indian Belle Benster vs. William Horton. The court announced that he believes at the next calling he will dismiss the case of Schneider vs. Ferguson for want of prosecution. It has been on the docket for four years and was reinstated after having been dismissed for want of prosecution.

Would Blast Some Hopes.

Of course, if such a plan is adopted it will break the hearts of some of

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AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The county auditor has completed his report of the receipts and expenditures of the county funds during the past year. The total receipts are shown to have been \$185,581.44 and the total expenditures \$137,475.32. The balance at the beginning of the present year was \$48,106.12. The interest paid on the county funds during the past year amounted to \$4,387.50. The amount of county tax collected was \$24,000.76.

MARSHALL COULD NAME THE SENATOR BUT DECLINES TO

Governor-elect absolutely refuses to take hand in affair, saying he is Governor, not dictator.

AN EARLY SETTLEMENT OF SENATORIAL FIGHT

This is assured because Marshall wants matter disposed of promptly for sake of legislation.

Palladium Bureau, Indianapolis, Jan. 7.

If the legislature could only get through with a caucus on the United States senatorship as quickly as it did with the organization of the house and senate last night it would not take long to finish up the whole job. But it will not.

The senatorship fight, however, has settled down to a pretty fine point. It has been practically determined by the democratic members of the legislature to hold their senatorial caucus next Tuesday night. It became known yesterday that Governor-elect Marshall wants the legislature to get busy with real legislation at the earliest possible moment, and he fears that if the senatorship drags along day after day the legislators will not be willing to take up anything else until it is disposed of. This is what worries him. So yesterday he gave out the word that the senatorial caucus should be held within the next few days, and the result was that nearly everybody fell over themselves to get on the band wagon and agree that it should be held Tuesday night.

Marshall Stays Out.

This does not mean that Marshall has taken or will take any hand in the fight for senator. Far from it. He has not even told anyone that he has a preference among the candidates and you couldn't get him to say such a thing for a farm. Everybody knows that if he were to say the word he could bring about the election of any man he might choose for senator, yet he says he is going to be governor and not dictator. But he does want action by the legislature, and that is why he is trying to force an early settlement of the senatorial fight.

Will Prove a Surprise.

Governor-elect Marshall is going to surprise some of the critics that have been poking fun at him and charging him with being a political governor. There is good reason to believe that he will not be as hasty in making changes in state positions as some of the office hungry gang would wish. He is going to work on the theory that fitness is to be considered above party services, and will make his appointments accordingly. For instance, there is every reason to believe that Marshall does not intend to remove Warden Reid, of the Michigan City penitentiary, although Reid is a highly qualified man and he does not take a hand in party politics. On the other hand W. H. Whittaker, superintendent of the Jeffersonville reformatory, is bound to be removed because Marshall does not like his political activity.

He Means Economy.

And Marshall means to adopt the policy of economy. And this will cause consternation among the "boys," for one of the very first things that he is likely to do is to abolish a lot of jobs to save the money. It is believed that he will ask the legislature to make a sweeping change in the job of oil inspector. At present the state oil inspectorship is worth all the way from \$5,000 to \$10,000 a year, the income being in fees collected for the inspection of oil. It is understood to be Marshall's idea that the oil inspector have a straight salary of about \$1,200 a year, that he should be a mere office man while the deputies do the work and that all the fees should go to the state.

So far the only action taken by the fire brigade to meet this deplorable emergency has been to address a communication to the town board requesting that all householders be extremely careful and avoid any carelessness or absent-mindedness which might result in the destruction of their property by the hungry fire demon.

A town board meeting an appropriation was made to meet the expense of providing the fire engine with a new boiler. This appropriation measure was unanimously adopted with the greatest enthusiasm.

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TO HOLD LOVE FEAST

Preble County, Ohio, Democrats Will Hold Banquet At Eaton, January 19.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS.

Eldorado, O., Jan. 7.—Quite a number of prominent democrats will attend the Jackson banquet at Eaton, January 19. The banquet will be held at the opera house and ex-Mayor Stanley B. Foss will act as toast master. Invitations have been extended a number of distinguished democrats to attend the banquet and deliver addresses. Among them are Governor-elect Judson Harmon, ex-Governor and ex-congressman James E. Campbell, State Senator George K