

CONVENTION BILL PRESENTED TO SENATE BY COMMITTEE

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 30.—The lower branch of the state legislature received twenty-one new bills and passed a number this morning while the Senate was receiving petitions favoring state-wide prohibition from every county in the state.

The House adjourned at 1 o'clock until 10 tomorrow morning, but the Senate met again this afternoon.

The absent voters' bill was passed by the House. Another bill passed provides for the establishment of weight instead of dry measure for all foodstuffs with the exception of berries and a few other garden products.

Censorship Bill Presented
A new motion picture censorship bill appeared in the House. Representative Meyers introduced a measure to repeal the law permitting Sunday baseball in the state.

A common house cat is placed on the same footing as dog and made the subject of a license in a bill introduced today. The measure fixes the license fee at 50 cents for males and \$1 for female cats.

Representative Mosier in his bill would establish eight hours as the

base for a day's labor, in all industries, except household work and farming and would provide one and one-half pay for overtime.

Provides Tax Exemption
Widows and orphans will be granted an exemption of \$500 on property for taxation if the bill of Representative Hyland becomes a law.

The constitutional convention bill was reported to the Senate this afternoon by judiciary committee A. Six committeemen favoring its passage and five against it. A minority report urges a measure calling for a referendum on the question to be held the third Tuesday in June.

ORDER ARMY RETURN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—The War Department today ordered General Bell, commanding the Western department, to return to home stations for muster out of the Federal service Troop A, Cavalry, and Battery A, field artillery, of Oregon, and Troop B, Cavalry, and Company A, Signal Corps, of Washington.

CLUB APPROVES TRI-COUNTY PLAN

Tentative approval of the plan for joint control by Wayne, Union and Fayette counties, of the Tuberculosis sanitarium was given by the Public Health Committee of the Commercial club this afternoon.

The committee, however, opposed a proposal to transfer the Smithvale property, recently donated to Wayne county for the sanitarium, to the three counties for joint ownership.

Plans for further the fight in the legislature for full-time health officer law also was discussed by the committee.

NEGRO MURDERERS GET DEATH PENALTY

MINDEN, La., Jan. 30.—Chester Tyson, Mark Peters, Larkin Stewart and Anderson Heard, negroes, charged with killing five members of the family of John Nelson Reeves last Christmas eve were found guilty by a jury here today. The verdict against Tyson and Peters carried with it the death penalty. Heard and Stewart were sentenced for life. Two white men implicated are held in jail without bail.

THREE BIG BANKS MERGE RESOURCES

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 30.—Formal announcement was made today of the merger of three local banks representing total resources of \$132,000,000, linking the Union National bank, the Bank of Commerce, National Association, and the Citizens' Savings and Trust company. The merger gives Cleveland a banking combination ranging among the half dozen largest in the country.

The two national banks, which will operate as a separate unit, have combined deposits of about \$59,000,000 while the Citizens, which will operate separately, has about \$60,000,000.

The selection of a president and other officers will be decided upon later.

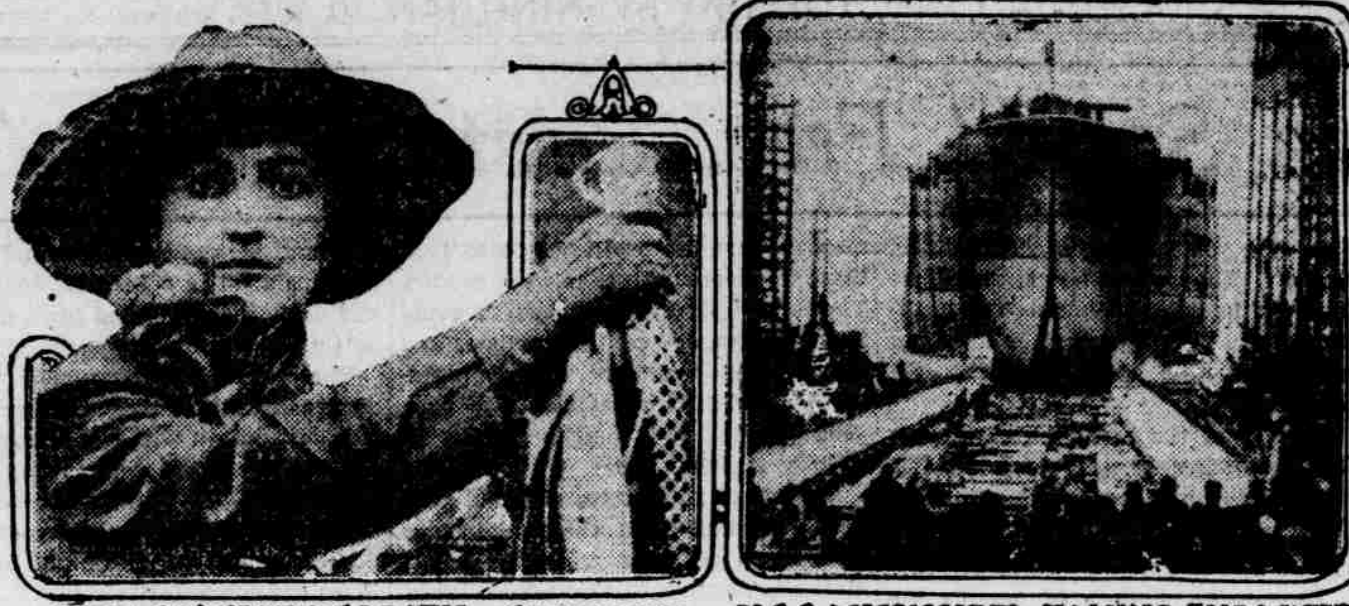
DYNAMITE DIRT OFF RAIL LINES

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Jan. 30.—Dynamite probably will be used to clear the frozen masses of snow, ice and sand from one track of the Union Pacific railroad in Wyoming, it was said today by road officials, who asserted the mixture had proved too hard to be handled by snow plows and shovels.

FIRST AID CLASS MEETS

L. A. Schwan's First Aid class of Seniors will be launched at the "Y" this evening at 7:15 o'clock. Care of the injured and what to do in case of an accident are incorporated in the course. It is expected that a class of at least fifteen will enroll for the work this evening.

Launching of the Mississippi



MISS CAMILLE McBEATH, daughter of J. M. McBeath, National Committeeman of Meridian, Miss., in the act of naming the superdreadnought.

As 15,000 spectators cheered, the superdreadnought Mississippi, third naval ship to be named after that State, was launched at Newport News, Va., on January 25.

This giant superdreadnought, almost identical in design, with the Pennsylvania and the Arizona, will have a speed of twenty-one knots and will displace 33,000 tons. Her main armament will consist of twelve 14-inch guns of larger than usual calibre. Hence, longer range and "hitting power." Besides her secondary armament, she will carry three anti-aircraft rifles and four 24-inch torpedo tubes.

The photograph on the right shows the giant ship as she was being christened. Note her enormous bulk when compared with the spectators.

On the left is shown Miss Camille McBeath, daughter of J. M. McBeath, National Committeeman of Meridian, Miss., in the act of naming the superdreadnought.

Judge Fox Grants 18 Divorces; Starts New Year With Rush

The new year started off with a rush at the court house.

Sheriff Clem Carr has been on the jump serving three hundred grand jury subpoenas and making arrests on the thirty-five warrants which have been issued on indictments returned.

The grand jury of the Wayne circuit court has been in session since the tenth of the month. Altogether forty-two cases have been investigated and thirty-five indictments have been returned. Seven persons have entered pleas of guilty to indictments.

Eighteen Divorces Granted.

Judge Fox of the circuit court gave a record breaking chase by granting eighteen divorces while up until this evening only twenty-four marriage licenses were filed this month.

In the county treasurer's office, \$10,000 was paid on taxes due before the first Monday in May. Without any soliciting whatever, \$3,111.29 in delinquent taxes was paid. It was estimated this morning that there is about

17 PERSONS JOIN SECOND BAPTIST

As a material result of the evangelistic services at the Second Baptist church seventeen new members have been added to the church. The services which are being held each evening are conducted by the Rev. J. W. Robinson, pastor of the Second Baptist church, and the Rev. W. M. H. Bell, formerly of Indianapolis. An invitation is extended to the public.

SUPPLY OF FOOD DECLINES RAPIDLY

AMSTERDAM, Via London, Jan. 30.—According to the Berlin Vorwaerts, Acoph Batocki, president of the Food Regulation Board, clearly indicated in a recent speech that the German food supply for the spring was very scanty and would require the most careful distribution and economical use. Calculating potatoes in the value of wheat, he said that for the current year there were 2,000,000 tons less of both available for animal and human consumption than there was last year and that, owing to the prohibition of wheat for animal feeding, this would greatly diminish the yield of animal products. Even turnips cannot now be used for animal fodder.

WILSON EXPECTS MEASURES TO PASS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Administration leaders in congress today got some encouragement over legislative prospects from President Wilson's statement after his regular visit to the capitol yesterday that he believed every important measure in which he is interested will be acted on at this session.

ECONOMICS CLUBS TO FURNISH SONGS

Home economics clubs from the small towns of the county will furnish the musical entertainment at the County Home Economics day celebration in the Richmond high school auditorium, Feb. 9.

PURDUE SPEAKER TO MAKE TALK

J. D. Harper, Purdue university, has been secured as an extra speaker for the Whitewater patrons' day celebration to be held in the Whitewater school building, Feb. 8. The Whitewater high school orchestra will furnish music. All people of Franklin township are invited to attend. Miss Zella Wigent, of the International Harvester company, will be the principal speaker.

PLACE TWO CHARGES AGAINST RAILROADER

Paul Sands, an employee of a railroad hotel at Boston, Ind., was convicted on two charges in city court Monday. Pleading guilty to public intoxication he was fined \$25 and costs. A few minutes later it was discovered that his suitcase was filled with unused lineas, bedcovers and pillows. An investigation revealed the fact that he had stolen the linen from the Boston hotel. Sands was again arraigned on a charge of petit larceny, pleaded guilty and was fined \$25 and costs and sentenced to a term of sixty days at the penal farm.

\$50,000 in delinquent taxes still on the books.

Reveals Unusual Activity.
An unusual activity in real estate transactions for January is revealed by the books in the county recorder's office.

One hundred and twenty warranty deeds have been filed while during the same month last year only eighty-one warranty deeds were recorded.

The corner investigated five cases during the month, one murder, two suicides, and two natural deaths.

DEFENSE AGAIN OPENS REBUTTAL

SAN ANGELO, Tex., Jan. 30.—Defense testimony in rebuttal began today in the case of Harry J. Spanell, on trial charged with the murder of his wife, with the prospect that Spanell's fate would be in the jury's hands tomorrow. Taking of testimony has consumed two weeks.

CHEESE IS THROWN UNTO THE OCEAN

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—Thirty tons of merchandise consisting of Holland gin and Dutch cheese, part of a 300-ton cargo on the Dutch steamship Vulcanus, were thrown into the sea by orders of a German submarine commander when the ship was held up by a U-boat December 27, off the English coast, according to officers of the Vulcanus on arrival here today.

OFFICER DIES FROM HIS WOUND

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 30.—John P. DeRosette, 33, an Indianapolis mounted policeman, shot several days ago when he attempted to arrest two negroes, died in a hospital here today. Claude Taylor, 21, and Ernest Cooksey, 22, are under arrest. The police say Taylor has confessed to the shooting.

FORMER OFFICIAL HELD ON SUSPICION

CHICAGO, Jan. 30.—A man believed to be L. Henri Charlebois, formerly secretary of the government rivers commission in Montreal, Canada, is under arrest here today. The police said he is wanted in Montreal on charges of passing worthless papers amounting to about \$20,000 on the bank of Montreal. They asserted also that since leaving Montreal last October, he has been in New York, Cleveland and Cincinnati. The man under arrest is penniless.

RED CROSS CHAPTER TO GET UNDER WAY

A Red Cross chapter will be organized at a meeting of persons interested to be held Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock in the Commercial club rooms. Attorney Paul Comstock, who is sponsoring the plan, issued a call for the meeting today.

APPRAISES RAILROAD HOLDINGS IN COUNTY

S. B. Christopher, Cincinnati, O., spent today in the county auditor's office, appraising the value of real estate owned by the Big Four railroad in Wayne county. He is the railroad representative on the Interstate commerce commission which is appraising the total value of the Whitewater division of the Big Four railroad.

PRAY FOR SUCCESS OF CHURCH CAMPAIGN

Special prayers were offered by members of the Richmond Ministerial association Monday for success of the simultaneous evangelistic campaign undertaken by the Church Federation.

Rev. Elmer E. Davis, of Second Presbyterian church, spoke on the recent evangelistic conference in Cincinnati.

SCOUT TROOP TO MEET

Troop 2, Boy Scouts will hold a meeting in the council chamber, city hall, at 7 o'clock tomorrow night.

CLOSE MISSION SESSION

Missionary work conducted by the Christian church in foreign lands was explained in an all day rally at First Christian church yesterday. Last night an illustrated talk was given by each of three returned missionaries. Several out-of-town persons attended.

STEAMER BOWDEN IS RUN AGROUND

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—The Norwegian steamship Bowden, from Matanzas and St. Jago, Cuba, went aground last night on the southeast of Barnegat Shoals during a fog and rough sea and was reported today by officers of the coast guard cutter Mohawk to be in no immediate danger. It was believed she could be pulled into deep water at high tide.

Signals of distress were heard by the Barnegat coast guards shortly after the vessel grounded. Efforts to render assistance were futile, owing to the rough weather and the Mohawk left here to go to her rescue. The Bowden is a vessel of 718 tons net.

FOREIGN MINISTER WITHDRAWS BILLS

QUARETARO, N. M., Jan. 30.—On the recommendation of foreign minister Aguilar, the constitutional assembly today withdrew for reconsideration and amendment article 33 of the new constitution, which was under consideration.

The provision in this article regarding which the foreign minister addressed the assembly, and the revision of which he recommended, was that requiring foreigners to renounce nationality and treaty rights insofar as they affected property they wished to acquire, before they could acquire it.

The discussion was suspended for an hour while the committee withdrew for amendment of the article.

VICTIM OF FEVER HAS APPENDICITIS

EATON, O., Jan. 30.—The latest victim of scarlet fever is Alice, 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe D. Clear, Cherry and Wadsworth streets. The girl first suffered an attack of appendicitis and later fever developed. The home has been quarantined. Because of the child's illness Deputy Sheriff Clear was prevented going to Kansas City, Mo., to return Arthur L. Campbell to this city to face an indictment for abandonment of his children.

BANDITS ATTEMPT TO CROSS LINE

MEXICO CITY, Monday, Jan. 29.—It has been reported to the war department that bandits tried to cross from the United States into Mexico today near Brownsville and were forced back by troops under Gen. Ricaut. Gen. Ricaut reported that American troops were pursuing the bandits on the American side of the line.

FRANCHISE LEAGUE MEETS

Board of Directors of the Richmond Woman's Franchise League met Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Wayne County Motor club rooms.

EDUCATION WILL SPEAK

Professor Kirkpatrick, a noted educator of Columbia university, has been secured as the speaker for the annual meeting of the Wayne county teachers' association, the first Saturday in March.

BOWMAN ON PROGRAM

Lewis S. Bowman, county auditor, will speak to the township trustees at their regular monthly meeting in the office of the county superintendent of schools, Feb. 7. He will discuss the quarterly poor relief reports.

STEWART TAKES COUNT

Hal Stewart, Fort Wayne light weight, who has a big circle of friends in Richmond, took the count in the sixth round of his scheduled ten round bout with Ford Munger, at Muncie last night.

BOARD HOLDS MEETING

Plans which will immediately add to the efficiency of the First Methodist Sunday school will be considered tonight at a called meeting of the Sunday school board.

PRISONER IS FUGITIVE

QUARETARO, Mex., Jan. 30.—Jose Martinez, who was a prisoner in connection with the assassination of President Madero in 1913, escaped ten days ago from the penitentiary in which he was confined, it was made known today.

MARGARET RICH TAKEN BY DEATH

Margaret Rich, 80, a pioneer resident of Wayne county, died at her home three and one-half miles northwest of Richmond on the Greensfork pike, this morning at 11 o'clock. She spent her entire life in Wayne county.

The immediate cause of her death was grip although she has for some time been a sufferer of pulmonary tuberculosis. She had been in bed only three days.

Surviving members of the family are: Francis Rich, Willis D. Rich, Evaline Ratliff, Miriam Rich, Oscar Rich and Mrs. Jerome Shurley, and fourteen grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Mrs. Rich was the widow of the late William C. Rich. Funeral arrangements will be announced later. Friends may call any time.

People Write Despite High Paper Prices

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—In spite of the steady increasing price of all kinds of paper, more writing paper is being used than ever before, says L. C. Gerry, president of the American Stationers' Association of New York. At the annual dinner of the organization last night Mr. Gerry asserted that the people of the United States seemed to be writing more letters and were buying more paper, pens, ink, lead pencils, blotters and stationery supplies of all kinds.

War Leads to Musical Shows

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—One of the largest theatrical producing firms in the country, which has twelve musical productions now playing in New York or on tour, announces today that until the war was over it would produce no serious plays, but only comedies, farces and musical shows. "It has been our experience," says the announcement, "that the public demands and will patronize in times of stress only those attractions which are designed wholly to amuse."

CLEVELAND RECORDS QUAKERS AT NIGHT

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 30.—Earth shocks were recorded on the seismograph at St. Ignace College observatory Monday night. Starting at 10:10:35 p.m., they reached their maximum at 10:18:40 and ended at 11:30 p.m.

Rev. Father Odenbach, in charge of the observatory, estimates the location of the quake at a distance of between 7,000 and 8,000 kilometers.

HIRSCH TO OPEN ANDERSON STORE

Ed. Hirsch, who has been operating a store on North Ninth street for two years, has opened his second store in Anderson, Indiana. The new store will be conducted on the same plan as the Richmond establishment, and will handle the same grade of merchandise at cash prices.

Mr. Hirsch, who is president of the firm, will also act as general manager of the two stores. He will still remain as manager of the Richmond store.

TEACHERS ASKED TO SHOW PROOF

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—President Wilson's opinion that "Every person appointed as a teacher in the public schools should furnish proof of American citizenship as one of the required qualifications," is quoted by the Board of Superintendents of the New York Public Schools in a report to the Board of Education. The president sent this reply to an inquiry made by the board and added, "I had assumed that this was already the rule, and I am surprised that it has not been so."

BARUCH CONFESSES TO LARGE PROFITS LATE LAST MONTH

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—Bernard Baruch, Wall Street speculator, \$50,000 contributor to the last Democratic campaign fund and heavy short seller in the stormy days preceding the issuance of President Wilson's recent peace note testified at the "leak" in inquiry today that his profits on the market between Dec. 19 and Dec. 27 were \$476,168.

Every cent of this profit, he declared, was due to his foresight in interpreting speeches by Bethman Hollweg and David Lloyd George as meaning peace was coming.

ALFRED UNDERHILL TO STUDY LAW?

Judge Fox of the Wayne circuit informed members of the local bar association today that Alfred Underhill had told him last week that he would like to apply for admission to the bar.

Some time ago, Underhill applied for admission to the bar at Tipton. "I told him to get some first class lawyer to present his application and swear to his good moral character and that I would then refer him to a committee composed of John Rupp, Wilfred Jessup and Charles Shively for examination," said the Judge. "I don't know whether he will apply or not."

GERMANS MAKE MOVE

PARIS, Jan. 30.—The Germans last night made another offensive movement in the region of hill 304 northwest of Verdun, attacking a French trench. The attack, says today's war office announcement, was stopped by gunfire by considerable losses to the Germans.

KEEPS HANDS OFF OF COSTA RICA

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Reprints of the bloodless revolution in Costa Rica reaching up to today indicated no conditions in that republic which the United States would regard as grounds for intervening, as requested by Alfredo Gonzales, the deposed president. The state department awaited word from American minister Hale who provided refuge in the legation to Gonzales when Federico Tinoco, former minister of war, by a coup d'etat proclaimed himself provisional president.

RUSSIA EXCLUDES MORE PRODUCTS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Russia has added many new articles to her list of commodities excluded by her on the ground of not being necessities. The new list of articles reached the department of commerce today and among them are most kinds of vehicles except those for railroad tracks, precious metals, jewelry, wall paper and decorations, and table delicacies.

LARGE STEAMER RUNS AGROUND

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—A large unidentified steamship is hard aground today on the southeast end of Barnegat Shoals, N. J. On account of the rough sea the coast guard service was unable to render assistance, but at daylight the revenue cutter Mohawk picked her way down from Sandy Hook in a dense fog.

AUTO GANG NUMBERS ABOUT 60 PERSONS

CHICAGO, Jan. 30.—States Attorney Hoyne said today that various confessions of automobile thieves show that the gang numbered about 60 persons and that between January 1, 1916, and Jan. 29, 1917, they stole 3,455 machines, of which 2,437 were recovered.

Two detectives, he said, aided the thieves. The average aggregate value of the cars was \$1,900,250.

A new boy's sled has a third runner in front to aid in steering.

Friend of the French



MME. SUZANNE GRINBERG & SON. ©INTERNATIONAL

Mme. Suzanne Grinberg, a woman lawyer of Paris, is known as "the good friend" of the French soldiers in the trenches. Mme. Grinberg pleads the case of the "poilus" before the war council.

Bathing in the Snow



SNOW BATH. ©INTERNATIONAL

Baths are infrequent enough on any of the fighting lines, even when bath trains are run behind the trenches for the use of the troops on reserve, as both the Russians and the Germans do. These German officers, assigned to the Austrian forces in the snowy Carpathian Mountains, are determined to have their bath, and they are not at all fussy about hot water. Just plain, ordinary snow does the very well, if nothing better can be procured.