

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 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 committee members 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.

DEPOSED PRESIDENT APPEALS TO NATION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Refusal of recognition by the United States of the de facto government set up in Costa Rica by Federico Tinoco after his revolutionary coup d'état was urged today by Alfred Gonzales, the deposed president of the republic in an official communication to the state department from American Minister Hale at San Jose, who is offering his asylum. Gonzales asks intervention by this government to restore him immediately to power.

Secretary Lansing said today the appeal had been received but that the department's course could not now be discussed. Among other state department officials, however, it is not believed that any action will be taken, certainly not so long as Costa Rica remains tranquil. In his appeal Gonzales states Tinoco took control not by revolution but by an act of treason.

PLEDGE \$500,000 TO RELIEF FUND

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—More than \$500,000 has been pledged to the commission for relief in Belgium by members of the rocky mountain club of New York, it was announced today. The money originally was subscribed toward the new \$1,000,000 home in this city, but John Hays Hammond, president of the club, said the members had decided to postpone the erection of the club house and devote their energies at present toward feeding Belgian children.

PREPARES SURPRISES FOR DORM INMATES

The program for the Y. M. C. A. Dorm' men's banquet tomorrow night is being kept secret. Secretary Ellis M. Learner said today that it will be made up of a series of surprises.

The dormitory men have expressed great interest in the banquet and almost every one of them has promised to be present.

FOSLER COMPANY CASHES BAD CHECK

An unknown man succeeded in passing a forged check on the Fosler Drug company yesterday. Securing goods valued at \$150 he tendered a check for \$135, made payable to "Carl Kaufman," to which the forged signature of an official of the Hutton Casket company was attached. He received \$10 in change and, it is believed, left the city immediately.

LEWIS MAY COACH EARLHAM SQUAD

Walter Lewis, Indiana '12, a Rich mond attorney, probably will coach the Earlham baseball squad of this spring. It is understood Lewis has been offered the position by H. E. Whiteside, director of athletics at Earlham. Lewis is well qualified for the place having played with the state university nine during the year '10, '11 and '12, serving one year as captain.

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 sentence. 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.

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 cause of the "polis" before the war council.

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