

## TAX COLLECTIONS JUMP \$52,000 IN FOUR YEARS

### Auditor Bowman's Plan of Forwarding Delinquent Taxes, Successful.

The new plan of forwarding all delinquent taxes, from year to year, shows a decided increase of taxes collected over the old method of dropping delinquents at the end of the year.

L. S. Bowman, county auditor, presented to the Indiana tax association, several years ago, a plan by which all delinquent taxes should be carried over from year to year instead of being dropped and no attempt made to collect it.

For the last four years the plan has been under experiment and has proved to be successful as shown by the following figures compiled by L. S. Bowman, county auditor.

In the years from 1910 to 1912 inclusive the total amount of delinquent taxes collected shows that the total for the four years amounted to \$69,622.45, with an average collection of \$17,405.61 per year.

The plan was then carried into effect and the figures for the following four years, 1914 to 1917 conclusive are evidence of what it has saved to the Wayne county taxpayers. The total amount of delinquent taxes collected for the last four years \$122,031.37 showing an average per year of \$30,507.84, almost double the tax collected during the preceding four years.

The average increase in the last four years of the collection of taxes amounted to \$52,408.84, making an average per year of \$13,102.23 increase over the former average.

Although this method of carrying the delinquent taxes forward from year to year causes the amount of delinquent taxes apparently to grow from year to year, the real value is shown by the figures in the increase of delinquent taxes collected which means that whereas these taxes were formerly lost they can now be collected.

The increase can be noted from the following table:

Total tax.	Total tax	Amt collected
Year.	del.	collected.
1912	\$39,064.44	\$16,977.57
1913	55,933.17	17,742.28
1914	63,068.50	22,400.33
1915	74,290.13	26,741.66
1917	80,633.53	42,965.35
The total amount of taxes paid in 1917 was \$1,049,118.84.		

## LABOR ENDORSES WILSON'S AIMS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—American labor today endorses President Wilson's war aims and is eager to do its share towards winning the war.

In a declaration issued by the executive council of the American Federation of Labor at the close of a seven-day session here last night the American worker is declared to be loyal and will do his share if he is given a decent place to live, industrial justice and protection against conditions that take all his wages for a bare living.

"Make it plain that their labor counts in the winning of the war for greater freedom—not for private profiteering—and workers can confidently be expected to do their part," says the declaration.

It calls attention to the gigantic struggle which lies ahead, and says that now is the time when all workers must face the grave importance of their work.

## Today's Thrift Stamp Winners

Winners in the Thrift Stamp contest should call at the office for the Thrift Stamp after their limerick has been printed. Four Thrift Stamps are given each day to the four persons writing the best limerick. An invitation is extended to every one, especially children to write a limerick telling why people should buy Thrift Stamps. The contest will continue this week. Monday's winners are:

There was a young lady named Mary, Who went out for a walk, so they say, She said it is shocking to see silk stockings. I'll buy cotton and Thrift Stamps to day. Benjamin N. Ahl, Centerville.

Catch the kaiser, we must, So there're all fighting for us, Belgium, England, Italy and France. They too are buying Thrift Stamps. Lulu R. Burr, 417 North Seventeenth street.

Buy a Thrift Stamp today, my boy; In years to come it will bring you joy. You can tell your kids that for two dimes and nickel You helped the Yanks put the Huns in a pickle.

Harry Fitzgibbons, 341 South Seventh street.

Save a penny a day And keep the kaiser away Buy Thrift Stamps more and more And we'll win on this score.

R. M. S., 222 North Fifteenth street.

## Whitewater Will Observe Washington's Birthday

Washington's birthday supper and entertainment will be held in the school house at Whitewater, Ind., on Friday evening, Feb. 22, at 7:30 o'clock. A program consisting of music and various lines of entertainment will be given, and a war supper of mush milk, cornbread, etc., be served. A fifteen-cent admission will be charged with ten cents additional for the supper.

When you "take time by the forelock," be sure it is your own time you're taking!

## NEWS NOTES from MOIELAND by DAISY DEAN



to India determined to come back with the Naulakah, and thus begins a series of Arabian night adventures replete with thrills. The settings are all of rare beauty. Doralinda's artistic work in the picture is said to promise her a great popularity on the screen.

### MURRAY

Company officials of the Murphy Oil Company, California, declare that Triangle is the very first to photograph an oil well in the making. The filming of the Murphy gusher was made necessary in the production of Triangle's great \$1,000 prize photoplay "Real Folks," by Mrs. Kate Coralee, at the Murray tonight and Tuesday.

Jack Polk the eccentric comedian springing a lot of new jokes, gags and quips and Bruce Morgan and Betty in their singing and dancing novelty with Mr. Morgan at the piano comprise the vaudeville for the first three days of this week.

### MURRETTE

Mary Miles Minter, the charming little motion picture ingenue, whose friends are counted by the million, says that all picture plays in which she is featured are really and truly fairy tales to her—that she never for a moment loses the fairytale aspect of her profession.

Miss Minter, who is starred in a new American-Mutual production, "The Mate of the Sally Ann," at the Murrette today and Tuesday said in an interview a few days ago that she regards herself as a regular feminine Jekyll and Hyde, whereupon everybody laughed hilariously because Mary was looking her prettiest in a summery, gaily gown with white kid slippers.

"That's all right," persisted Miss Minter, "I want to preserve my illusions. When I'm off stage I'm Mary, but when I'm in character I'm 'something else again, Mawruss.'"

## \$22,000 in Bridge Work to Be Spent in Wayne

Work to the amount of about \$22,000 will be done on eight bridges of Wayne county soon. Contracts will be awarded Saturday.

The bridges are as follows: The James A. Boyd bridge over the Martinsdale creek, north of East German town; Harris bridge over Nolan's fork north of Centerville; the Meyers bridge over Morgan creek, Richmond-Hagerstown pike; the Colbline and Clark bridge on the township line between Green and New Garden townships; the Abington bridge at Abington; the McMath of northwest of Abington; the Clements bridge and fills, three miles north and one mile east of Williamsburg.

## Village is Submerged by European Storm

DURBAN, NATAL, Feb. 18.—Sixty-three Europeans are missing and a great number of Indians and natives probably have been lost in consequence of a flood in the Umvolo sugar district in Zululand. A terrific storm flooded the Umvolo river. The water came down like a wall, submerging a village in the sugar area in the valley. A great bridge over the river was wrecked, the railway station and hotel were swept away, hundreds of cottages of natives were destroyed and telegraph and telephone lines were put out of commission.

The flood has interfered with rescue work. Many survivors are stranded on the top of a sugar mill. Along the coast also great damage has been done.

## Postoffice Workers Will Make Gardens

Richmond postoffice employees will make gardens again this year on vacant lots in Beaverville. Almost \$3,000 worth of garden produce was raised by the fifty employees last year.

Ten employees had a four-acre tract in Beaverville where \$1,000 worth of produce was raised. Postmaster Beck said Monday, "I raised enough corn, beans, potatoes, cabbage, etc., to last the entire season. We also had some left for canning purposes."

### DISCUSS LABOR PROBLEM

Chairman McGuire called a meeting of the War Council of the Commercial club Monday to consider the plan of Vocational Director Carman, whereby men may be trained to fill places in the Richmond factories left vacant by employees who have been enrolled for government work. Other members of the committee are Willard Z. Carr and Walker Land.

## FOUNTAIN CITY, IND.

Miss Blanche Williams was pleasantly surprised at her home Thursday evening. Those present were, Misses Madeline Hannah, Ruth Lacey, Mabel Bochoffer, Elizabeth Miller, Bessie and Jessie Foreman, Ruth and Blanche Williams; Messrs. Howard Myers, Ralph and Walter Schroeder, Roland Miller, Alfred and Walter Drischell, Harold Brinkley and Burnham Clark,.... Miss Ruth Fulgham, Vera and Ruth Pitts and Lucy Williams were calling on Miss Olive Harrison, Wednesday.... James Colvin, who fell on the ice about three weeks ago is dead.... Miss Georgia Hatfield left Friday evening to spend the week-end with her sister, Miss Lettie Hatfield, who teaches near Hagerstown.... A few tons of coal and several cords of wood have been purchased by Trustee Reynolds for the school building. Preparations are being made for school to begin Monday.... Miss Olive Harrison left for Economy Friday evening to spend the week-end with Miss Lois Macy.

### WITHDRAWS APPOINTMENT

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 18.—Foreign Minister Trotzky of the Bolshevik government of Russia has withdrawn the appointment of John Reed as Russian council general at New York, ambassador Francis at Peking notified the state department today.

Don't Throw Your Food in the Alleys, But Save It for Our Allies.

## JUNIOR RED CROSS BEING ORGANIZED

The campaign for members which is now being carried on by the Junior Red Cross, has been in progress in Richmond since Tuesday. In each school, the different rooms are organized to carry on the work. It is the aim of the society to have one hundred percent of the school children, members of the organization before Friday, when the campaign closes.

No reports have been made here. At a principal's meeting Wednesday, Sup't. Giles will receive reports from the different schools.

President Wilson in a proclamation issued to school children, in regard to this campaign, said: "Our Junior Red Cross will bring you opportunities of service to your community and to other communities all over the world and guide your service with high and religious ideals. It will teach you how to prepare some of the supplies which wounded soldiers and homeless families lack."

## Have "Waiting" List at Navy Recruiting Office

All men wishing to join the navy in the future must make application as early as possible at the navy recruiting office and then be placed on the waiting list. Recruiter Goldfarb announced Monday.

Men now entering their names will have to wait until Thursday, Feb. 28, before going to Indianapolis to take the final examination and be sworn in the service.

Robert Marshall, of New Paris, O., made application Monday, and will leave Feb. 28, for Indianapolis to take the final examination.

The navy recruiting office will not be open on Washington's birthday.

## E. A. Unthank Will Aid in Making Tax Returns

Elmer A. Unthank, of the American Seeding Machine Company, who worked in co-operation with the income tax men collectors during their stay in Richmond, will be at the Jones & Williams hardware establishment, at Sixth and South A street, every Saturday, beginning next Saturday, until April 1, to help any one make a report.

### MUST FURNISH LIGHTS

Superintendent Dillon of the Municipal light plant was given orders, by the board Monday to instruct the property owners that they will have to furnish the light bulbs for the alley lights adjoining their property.

To Cure a Cold in One Day Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets). It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 30c—Adv.

CLARA FOSSENKEMPER, Administratrix. Benjamin F. Harris, Atty. feb 11-13

## Germany's Hell Worse Than That of Dante's

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Feb. 18.—The German soldier is the most diabolical person the world has known. His heel has left upon Belgium and northern France a worse hell than the most vivid imagination of Dante ever conceived." This in a nutshell is the opinion expressed by the Rev. Samuel C. Benson, who recently returned from Europe, where he has been engaged in Red Cross work.

"Before the war was declared I was pacifist. I opened halls at my own expense and preached the doctrine of peace. Since I have been to Europe, however, I realize that I was wrong and that the war in which we are now engaged should go on until the Hun is wiped out completely that he will never again be able to think of forcing a war in the future."

## Sent to Jail for Assault and Battery

James Moore, a laborer at the Pennsylvania railroad yards, was fined \$10 and costs and given a thirty-day jail sentence in city court Monday for assault and battery on James Ides. The arrest was made by Patrolmen Henson and Davis, who charged that Moore struck Ides over the head and then attempted to rob him. Moore claimed that he struck Ides in self-defense, after the latter had drawn a knife on him. A charge of intoxication was preferred against Ides, and he was fined \$10 and costs.

## May Dispose of Hens and Ducks as Stock

Wayne County farmers moving from the county into another state may dispose of all ducks and roosters as stock.

Hens must be sold for breeding purposes only. The person who disposes of the chickens must receive a certificate from the man purchasing them that they will be used for this purpose according to Food Administrator Harry W. Gilbert.

Keep the Home Fires Burning, but Don't Cook So Much on Them.

## COLDS Head or chest—are best treated "externally" VICK'S VAPORUB

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed Administratrix of the estate of Gustavus W. Meyer, deceased, by the Wayne Circuit Court. Said estate is probably solvent.

CLARA FOSSENKEMPER, Administratrix. Benjamin F. Harris, Atty. feb 11-13

## City Statistics

### Deaths and Funerals.

BROOKS — Andrew S. Brooks, 71 years old, died Sunday night at the home of his brother, 427 North Nineteenth street. Rev. H. L. Overdeer will conduct funeral services Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of his brother. Friends may call at any time.

SAINES—Sidney Saine, 54 years old, died Sunday night at his home, 706 South Thirteenth street. He is survived by his widow, Nancy, six daughters, four sons, one sister and two brothers. Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at his home. Rev. J. E. Artis will officiate. Burial will be in Earlham cemetery. Friends may call at any time.

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