

GOVERNOR FILLS FIVE IMPORTANT POSITIONS IN STATE MACHINERY

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 5.—Governor McCray has announced a number of important appointments of new state officials. The governor filled two places in the statehouse, named two members of state boards and organized a special commission created by the recent session of the general assembly.

The appointments of the governor were as follows:

Fred B. Robinson of Indianapolis, secretary of the state purchasing committee.

Chester W. Loughry of Monticello, secretary of the public service commission.

Louden T. Herriman of Princeton, member of the board of state charities.

T. F. Fitzgibbon of Muncie, member of the board of trustees of the School for Feeble-Minded Youth at Fort Wayne.

D. N. Foster of Fort Wayne, Finley Nash of Garrett, and Dr. T. Victor Keene of Indianapolis, as members of the Lawton monument commission.

Mr. Robinson in Big Post.

Mr. Robinson, who succeeds Maurice C. Shelton as secretary of the purchasing committee, will assume the office on Friday. Mr. Shelton, at the request of the governor, has submitted his resignation. The secretaryship of the purchasing committee is regarded as one of the most important positions in the statehouse. Mr. Robinson is said to be well qualified for the place. He has served as city clerk of Crawfordsville and for the last seven years he has been a field examiner of the state board of accounts. He is a successful business man and has a record of efficient service as a public official. As secretary of the committee, Mr. Robinson will receive a salary of \$6,000 a year.

Loughry Begins May 1.

Mr. Loughry will succeed Frank P. Litschert as secretary of the public service commission on May 1, when the service body will be reorganized. The new secretary is one of the leading young business men of northern Indiana, being part owner of a large milling concern. He is a graduate of Indiana university and the Indiana university law school. Mr. Litschert, who will retire as secretary of the commission, was private secretary of ex-Governor Goodrich and his appointment to the service body place was a temporary one following the resignation of Carl Mote at the end of the Goodrich administration.

The Rev. Louden T. Harriman succeeds Demarchus C. Brown of Indianapolis on the charities board. The term of Mr. Brown, who is state librarian, expired on March 1. The Rev. Mr. Harriman, who is pastor of the Princeton Presbyterian church, is an ex-Indianapolis man. He was assistant pastor of the Second Presbyterian church in this city. The Rev. Mr. Harriman has been active in the affairs of the Indiana National guard, having served as a captain at the Mexican border, as a major in the state militia and will be a major in the new guard.

Fitzgibbon Succeeds Walsh.

Mr. Fitzgibbon succeeds W. B. Walsh of Frankfort on the board of the school for feeble-minded. He is superintendent of the Muncie public schools. The term of Mr. Walsh expires April 7.

The Lawton monument commission, created by the last general assembly, is to erect a memorial in Arlington national cemetery to the Hoosier general, who was killed in the Philippines islands. The law provides that veterans of the last three wars compose the commission. Mr. Foster is a civil war veteran, Mr. Nash Spanish war and Dr. Keene world war. The birthplace of Gen. Lawton was near Garrett and Mr. Nash is a personal friend of the Lawton family.

FURNITURE DEALERS
MEET AT ARLINGTON

C. C. Cagey, of Flint, Mich., a member of the executive committee of the National Furniture Dealers, will be the main speaker at a conference of furniture dealers of the sixth district of Indiana under the supervision of Will Romeo of the Romeo Furniture company, and C. Gardner of the Reed Furniture company, Tuesday night.

The conference will be held at the Arlington hotel and will begin at 6:30 o'clock. Forty-six dealers accepted the invitation to attend the conference from over the district.

Mr. Cagey has been holding these meetings in every district of Indiana and the purpose is to arouse interest in better home movement and to assist the dealers in this movement. It is also to get the dealers in the district better acquainted with each other.

AMERICANS RELEASE
MADE CONDITIONAL

(By Associated Press) BERLIN, April 5.—The Baden government's order releasing Carl Neu and Franz Zimmer, the American detectives who were imprisoned for attempting to arrest Grover C. Bergdoll, American draft evader, and his chieftain, Eugene (Ike) Stecher, contained this phrase:

"The release is made upon the supposition that young woman shot in the hand will be suitably compensated by the Americans and that the two German-Americans, Bergdoll and Stecher, will remain in unoccupied German territory and under no circumstances be molested."

Berlin Ignored.

The insertion of the above clause was made against the advice of the central government in Berlin, it was learned officially today. It was even believed the Baden government had decided not to make that stipulation, it was said in official quarters here, and the announcement of the contents of the release order caused much surprise. One official declared:

"We suggested to the Baden government that it would not be good policy to take such an attitude toward Bergdoll and Stecher and our understanding was that the reference to them had been omitted."

Frances Thomas Funeral to Be Held Wednesday

Frances Thomas, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Thomas, 128 Randolph street, died at her home Tuesday morning.

She is survived by her father and mother, four sisters and grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Boyce.

Funeral services will be held from St. Mary's church at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Burial will be in the St. Mary's cemetery. Rev. Cronin will officiate. Friends may call any time.

NEW ASSEMBLY OPENS SESSIONS IN SIBERIA

(By Associated Press)

PEKING, April 5.—A "constituent assembly," purporting to represent the people of all Siberia east of Lake Baikal, has just opened its sessions in Chita, seat of the government of the Far Eastern republic. Sixty percent of the delegates are communists. The next strongest element is the peasant.

According to a statement of the election committee, says the Dalta News agency, there are in attendance as deputies 256 Great Russians, 23 Little Russians or Ukrainians, one Pole, five Jews, three Lithuanians, one Estonian, six Burians and five naturalized Koreans.

Delegates are Described

Describing the educational qualifications of the members the Agency analyzes them as follows: Sixteen college students, nine-undergraduates, 69 middle-school graduates, 15 under-graduates, 69 municipal school graduates and 84 "self-educated."

There was one woman delegate elected by the Blagovestchensk Trade Unions, and several so-called reactionaries, including General Verbitsky, Molchanoff and Bolyereff.

Approximately 350 out of 424 delegates elected are said to have attended the opening session, which was presided over by M. Krasnoshchekov, head of the Far Eastern government.

A recent telegram from Chita says that the Social-Revolutionists have decided to participate in the presidium; that the various parties have begun issuing declarations regarding the constitution of the Far Eastern Republic; that the political situation in Chita is satisfactory, delegates of all political creeds enjoying perfect safety.

JERSEY ROAD HEAD ON WITNESS STAND

(By Associated Press)

CHICAGO, April 5.—W. G. Besler, president of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, took the witness stand again today at the railroad labor board hearing on working agreements and immediately refused a request made by Attorney Frank P. Walsh, counsel for the unions, for the notes from which Mr. Besler read yesterday in commentaries on national rules.

In his testimony Mr. Besler had used such words as "silly" and "vicious" in describing his opinion on certain rules.

James M. Sheehan, counsel for the railroads, cross-examined Mr. Besler, questioning him particularly on the 15 rules of the national agreement which the railroad executive said yesterday substantially were in effect on the Central of New Jersey prior to government control.

Farmer is on Trial on Peonage Charge

(By Associated Press)

COVINGTON, Ga., April 5.—John S. Williams, Jasper county farmer, charged in the confession of his negro farm boss, Clyde Manning, with having caused the murder of eleven of his negro farm hands to prevent evidence against him for alleged peonage, faced trial in circuit court here today, on a charge of murder of one of the slain negroes. An augmented force of sixteen deputies had been mobilized to preserve order in the court room and arrangements were made for a capacity crowd.

More than a score of witnesses were understood to have been summoned by the state, by whom it expects to support Manning's story of the killings. Selections of a jury from the one hundred veniremen summoned by Judge John B. Hutchison, presiding, was expected to occupy most of the first day's session. Assisting solicitor General A. M. Brand in the prosecution are W. M. Howard, former representative from the eighth congressional district of Georgia, and Graham Wright, assistant state attorney general. Williams will be defended by Greene F. Johnson, a prominent attorney of Monticello, Ga.

British Property First in Exploitation Move

(By Associated Press)

PARIS, April 5.—The denationalization of Russian industries to permit exploitation of various works by foreign concessionaries will begin with the British owned properties, it is announced in a Moscow message sent out by the official soviet wireless service today. In the discussions preceding the decision to allow foreign capitalists to operate in Russia, adds today's wireless dispatch, speakers declared it would otherwise be impossible to re-establish the economic situation.

Coleman is Fined for Carrying Concealed Weapon

Andrew Coleman, of Cambridge City was fined \$100 and costs in Wayne circuit court Tuesday for carrying concealed weapons. It was charged that Coleman had terrorized citizens of Milton by shooting at random on the streets. He was arrested Monday and pleaded guilty when arraigned Tuesday morning before Judge Bond.

Eight Persons Killed When Airplane Falls

(By Associated Press)

BUENOS AIRES, April 5.—Eight persons were killed and many were injured at LaPaz, Bolivia, Sunday, when Lieut. Baudron, a French army aviator, lost control of his airplane during an exhibition flight and plunged into a crowd. Lieut. Baudron was among the killed. The flight was held in connection with the opening of the Bolivian aviation school, says LaPaz dispatch to LaNacion.

\$168,000 BOND ISSUE FAILS TO GO OVER; ONLY \$71,000 SOLD

Two bids were received by the city for the \$168,000 bond issue that was put on sale at 2 p.m. Tuesday. These aggregated \$71,000. The remainder of the issue probably will be put on the open market, providing par value can be obtained.

The Smith-Osborne Coal company contracted for \$58,000 worth of the bonds, this exhausting the issue which will mature in 1922, 1923 and 1924. A provision was attached to the bid that the proceeds of the sale of bonds shall be applied first to the payment of coal accounts due from said city to the Smith-Osborne coal company and the Richmond Coal company.

The second bid was submitted by the Tiger Coal company. This was for \$13,000 worth of bonds. A provision was also attached to this, stating that on delivery of the bonds the account owed the company should be paid.

Bids from the coal companies were expected as it was known fact that the light plant had contracted bills which had been allowed and no money in the general fund with which to 000 was from another ordinance planned Bond Relief.

Relief for this was to be gained through a reimbursement of the general fund by issuing bonds on equipment that was installed at the plant during the past year and paid for out of the general fund. According to the ordinance which provided for the city to borrow \$58,000, this amount of permanent and capital improvements, betterments and improvements were purchased during the past year.

The city had advertised \$168,000 in bonds for sale. Of this \$55,000 was to reimburse the general fund and \$110,000 pay these, according to city officials, providing for the borrowing of money for the installation and erection of certain machinery, equipment, betterments and improvements to the light plant. The \$110,000 was the first issue on a proposed \$257,000 bond issue, which will be sold as the money is needed by the plant. Only \$13,000 worth of these bonds was bid for Tuesday afternoon.

Shoemaker Funeral Held at Fountain City Tuesday

FOUNTAIN CITY, Ind., April 5.—Mrs. John Shoemaker died at her home here at noon Sunday. She was one of the best known and most respected members of the community. She was born in Ashley, Ohio, in 1855, coming to Fountain City in 1898. She has been a resident of Fountain City for over twenty-three years. She was an active member of the M. E. church. She is survived by six children, James, of Portland, Oregon, Dallas, of Sacramento, Calif., Mrs. Ethel Cockerill, of New Madison, Ohio, and Roll and Edward Shoemaker and Mrs. Marie Levey, of Fountain City. Funeral services were held at the home at two o'clock Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Blocker, of the M. E. church, officiating.

Music Supervisors Meeting in Missouri

(By Associated Press)

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., April 5.—More than five hundred supervisors and teachers of music in public schools throughout the country were here today for the opening of the fourteenth annual music supervisors' national conference. The meeting will continue through Friday. Nashville, Tenn., and Cleveland, Ohio, are among cities contending for the 1922 conference.

French Count Weds Belle From Argentina

PARIS, April 5.—Count Hubert De Ganay, son of Marquise Ganay, and grandson of the dowager Marquise Ganay, who was formerly an American, was united in marriage to Señorita Rosita Bember, daughter of Otto Bember, president of the Argentine champion of commerce, here yesterday. The ceremony, which took place in the Church of St. Honoré, was witnessed by many persons prominent in French society, members of the Argentine colony and members of the diplomatic corps. A large reception was later given at the home of the bride's mother.

British Steamer Strikes on Rocks Near Boston

(By Associated Press)

BOSTON, April 5.—The British steamer Impoco, of 2,000 tons, struck on Blonde rock, off Cape Sable today. A radio message received here said the Canadian cutter Aberdeen and the British tank steamer Imperoyal had gone to her assistance and it is hoped to float her at high water. The Impoco was bound for Halifax from Talara.

Assessor Starts After Spruce Corporation Taxes

(By Associated Press)

PORTE ANGELES, Wash., April 5.—Assessor Oscar Morse has started action to place on the tax rolls of Clallam county the entire holdings of the United States spruce production corporation and will prepare the roll, he said today, to include back taxes for three years during which the property has not been taxed.

He plans to include in the assessed property the railroad built to aid in getting out spruce for air planes. The assessor said he based his action on the recent rulings of the United States Supreme Court and the Supreme Court of New York that corporations such as the spruce corporation were private concerns and subject to burdens as well as benefits. He estimated that more than \$50,000 would accrue to the county by his action.

Famous Circus Leaper is Dead at Age of 80

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., April 5.—George M. Kelly, known throughout the world as a circus leaper, died here last night, aged 80 years. During his career he was connected with several large circus combinations and gave exhibitions before crowded houses of Europe. He claimed to be the first man to leap over eight horses, camels and elephants doing the triple somersault.

PILOT OF BALLOON LOST IN FLORIDA



George Keener Wilkinson.

George Keener Wilkinson, chief quartermaster in the aviation division of the U. S. navy, was pilot of the balloon which has been missing, with its crew, since it left Pensacola, Fla.

WEALTHY WOMAN MISSING IN GOTHAM

(By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, April 5.—Public aid was enlisted today in the search for Mrs. Annette Norton Rankine, wealthy widow who has been missing since she left her automobile at the Queenboro bridge approach last Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Rankine's disappearance first became known last night when her brother, Benjamin Norton, an official of the Guaranty Trust company, announced that a search of hospitals he had conducted with the aid of police and private detectives had failed to reveal a clue.

Since the death of her husband, William Birch Rankine, lawyer and founder of the Niagara Falls power company, Mrs. Rankine has been subject, members of her family said, to fainting spells. Scouting theories of foul play, they advanced the belief that she became ill after leaving her auto and is being cared for in some private residence.

The chauffeur said when Mrs. Rankine left the machine she told him to wait for her. After waiting for some time he became alarmed and called the Rankine residence.

British Believe Germany Failed in Latest Drive for American Backing

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, April 5.—Although the British government has not received in full from the British representatives in Berlin the note sent by Secretary of State Hughes to Berlin on the German reparations question, the official British opinion is, it was learned today, that Germany failed dismally in her attempt at a new method of solving the reparations problem—that of approaching America for assistance. British officials gather from press reports that Secretary Hughes' note indicates a refusal by the United States to be a party to any German attempt to escape responsibility for the war and reparations payments. It is believed here that Germany's next move will be a direct approach to the allies. As this is stated in official quarters that no German proposal will be dismissed without serious consideration by Great Britain, France and Italy. The German move, however, it is declared must be a proposal regarding the method of reparations payments and not embodying proposals for a reduction from the total sum decided upon by the Paris conference of the allies.

BANDITS RETURN 25 CENTS
TO ONE OF THEIR VICTIMS

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 5.—Bandits who robbed two women at Allegheny avenue and Wylie street returned twenty-five cents to one of their victims.

Masked with handkerchiefs and wearing dark hats and overcoats, the bandits accosted John Stack, 2047 Welke street, and James Leech, 3132 Gau street. They took \$8 from Stack, but later returned a quarter. Leech, who gave up thirty-five cents to the hold-up men, received no refund.

DISPLAY AMERICAN FLAG ONLY, PLEA OF VETERANS

LOGANSPORE, Ind., April 5.—The Capt. David S. Bender post, Spanish-American War Veterans of Cass county, went on record Monday as opposed to the display of any flag, except the Stars and Stripes, on Memorial day. Requests have gone to the Cass county post, American Legion; the Grand Army of the Republic and allied organizations to back up a movement to see that only the national colors be unfurled on this occasion.

"There need be but one flag to symbolize the American spirit," declares the resolution passed unanimously by the Spanish-American war veterans.

PASSENGER TRAFFIC OPENS