STATE TAX SYSTEM IS NOT EQUITABLE

Commissioners to Recommend to Assembly Choosing of Tax Officers by Appointment to Get More Efficiency.

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 25.— The correction of inequalities in the state taxation system will be one of the vitally important tasks of the 1915 session of the Indiana general assembly, if recommendations made by the state board of tax commissioners are heeded. The board has submitted its report and the same is now in the hands of the state printer.

The one great hindrance to equitable taxation, according to the board's report, appears to lie in the fact that local tax officers are now elective, and therefore subservient to a large degree to the pleasure of their local constituents. Being property owners themselves, as a rule, it also becomes their duty to assess themselves. While a majority of these local tax officers are conceded to be honest and conscientious, they naturally strive to save their own locality from bearing a disproportionate burden of taxation and consequently discriminate in favor of those with whom they are directly associated.

If the state tax board had the power to equalize by classes, uniformly in assessed valuations between the different counties having like conditions could be perfected to a greater degree, it is pointed out.

Under the present law, it is argued, the amount of personal or intangible property, that is sequestered and hidden is appalling. The report shows that while practically all classes of corporate property in Indiana gained in total amount assessed during the past year, "other personal property" showed a loss of nearly $5,500,000. Best results secured from this class of property has been either by the income tax, or the classification tax. Ten states, including Indiana, now have constitutional amendments pending for a classification tax.

The board suggests that the appointment of county assessors, instead of their election, would result in more harmonious work with the state tax commission and that many existing difficulties would be overcome.

One alarming feature of the annual report is the fact that the delinquent taxes have shown an increase during the past year. The board declared that the "dropped tax" in Indiana amounts to about $1,000,000 annually.

Other recommendations by the board are:

Increased efficiency in collections.

That public utilities be assessed by the state tax commission, the same as other transportation companies, instead of by local taxation.

The making of stocks and bonds in Indiana corporations, held by non-residents, taxable here.

Requiring administrators and executors of estates to file a complete schedule of property with the inheritance tax appraiser.

The substitution of the words "state tax commissioners" for "auditor of state" in all sections of the tax laws.

MRS. W. R. McGARVEY DIES

Was Well Known Here as Result of Numerous Visits.

Mrs. W. R. McGarvey, for many years a resident of Goshen, but for the past few years of Lake Wawasee, died at 5 o'clock Wednesday evening at that place after an illness of four weeks with typhoid fever.

Mrs. McGarvey was born in Goshen 49 years ago and spent most of her life there. Her husband, formerly a well known dentist of Goshen, recently became proprietor of the hotel at Vawter park, Wawasee and they have since lived there. She leaves besides her husband, one son and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Alford of Goshen. The funeral will be at 3 o'clock Friday at Goshen. Burial to take place in the City cemetery.

Mrs. McGarvey is well known in South Bend having visited here a number of times.

MUNCIE.—A thief in broad daylight, broke the window of H. L. Method's jewelry store and obtained $100 worth of valuables, including watches, bracelets and rings.

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OILS IN TANKS AT O'BRIEN CO. EXPLODE

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE.)

for more than 20 years. He had been an employ at the factory for more than 21 years and had been shifted to the department in which the accident happened shortly after entering the employ of the factory.

He was said to be a careful and cautious workman, and never before in his connection with the firm had had an accident of any sort. That was given as one of the heasons by W. D. O'Brien that there is no certain explanation for the explosion. In the past two months the same process had been done in the same room every day The conditions in every case had been the same and the same men had been in charge.

The tank had been tested up to a pressure of 200 pounds and according to Mr. O'Brien the process being used required a pressure of but 175 pounds.

The tank was filled with gums and oils at 1:40 o'clock and the process was thought to have been completed at 3:30 o'clock, 20 minutes before the explosion occurred. Although other men had been in the room while the mixture was being boiled, McLaughlin and McCague were the only two present at the explosion.

Heard Over Plant.

The explosion was heard all over the plant. It shook the walls of every department in close proximity. The factory was instantly closed down and the employes rushed to the scene, but were too late to be of any assistance to the burned men. Both bodies were immediately removed to the McGann morgue when it was seen that neither contained a spark of life. Coroner Swantz was summoned, but has not yet set the date of the inquest.

KEEP YOUR GIRLS AWAY FROM CHICAGO

Warning is Sent Broadcast by Travelers and Department of Y. W. C. A.

CHICAGO, Nov. 25.—"Keep young girls away from Chicago."

This warning sent broadcast throughout the nation today by travelers' aid department of the Chicago Y. W. C. A.

Renewed activities of "white slave traffickers" is given as the cause for issuance of the notice.

"There never was a time in the history of Chicago," Mrs. Wilhemina Barr, secretary of the travelers' aid said, "when it was so difficult to obtain employment for strangers. This condition necessarily greatly augments the dangers to those who are exposed.

"The people of Chicago refuse to employ girls without recommendations and girls with fine educations are taking almost any kind of work. We earnestly warn women and girls not to come here."

DANIELS WILL ATTEND

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—Sec'y of the Navy Daniels today wrote Rep. A. P. Gardner of Massachusetts, that he will attend the hearing by the rules committee on the Gardner resolution for an investigation of the needs of the army and navy, provided the committee invites him. Mr. Gardner had written inviting him to appear.

ENTERTAINMENT GIVEN COQUILLARD SCHOOL

Performance is Dramatization Growing Out of History Study of Pilgrims.

Class 5B of the Coquillard school under the direction of Miss Ethel Burton gave a Thanksgiving entertainment Wednesday afternoon at the school room. The performance was a dramatization growing out of the history study of the Pilgrims and entire play with the costumes and other details was planned by the children themselves.

In three acts, the playlet consisted of a number of scenes, all of which were carried out with unusual realism. The setting for the first act was in old England as the Pilgrims were preparing to go to Holland, the second showed them in Holland among the Dutch people, whose costumes were reproduced carefully with wonderful effect by the children. The third act consisted of two scenes, the first, the arrival of the Pilgrims in America, their plans for building their rough log houses, their journeying and meeting with the redmen. The second scene of the last act was placed in the home of the minister where the Pilgrims were making ready for the Thanksgiving feast, and finally the feast, spread upon log tables, surrounded by Pilgrims and Indians, who also appeared in natural costumes. The play was worked out with excellent results and included in the cast 30 children.

IRISH URGED NOT TO JOIN REGIMENTS

British Empire is Called "Blood-Sucking Vampire" in Letter in May News.

LONDON, Nov. 25.—Strong determination to crush the seditious campaign against recruiting in Ireland has been begun by the government. It was announced that on Monday that detectives acting on warrants searched the residences of one of the leaders of the Sinn Fein party in Dublin. Documents and papers belonging to the Sinn Fein volunteers were seized.

In the house of commons today Mr. Hunt, M. P., asked the solicitor general whether his attention had been called to a letter in the May News in Ireland, signed by John McBride urging Irishmen to prevent recruits from joining the British army calling the British empire a "blood-sucking vampire" and asserting that the nationalist representatives in parliament wanted Irishmen to "leave their bones in foreign countries so that none would be left to defend Ireland".

Mr. Hunt further asked whether the censor would allow such letters to be published in the future. Chief Censor Buckmaster replied emphatically, "I will not allow the publication of such letters".

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED

William Bradley is Noble Grand of Lodge, No. 29, I. O. O. F.

At the meeting of South Bend lodge, No. 29, I. O. O. F., the following officers were elected for the coming year: William Bradley, noble grand; Robert G. Hood, vice grand; Crawford Staples, recording secretary; F. E. Lambert, financial secretary; Ernest E. Mosey, treasurer; Park Woodworth, trustee. They will be installed at the first regular meeting in January.

FIRST SHELL EFFECTIVE

Explodes Amongst Men Who Are Assembling Submarines.

ROTTERDAM, Nov. 25.—According to refugees who have reached Holland, the first shell fired by the British fleet against Zeebrugee exploded amongst Germans engaged upon work assembling submarines. It killed 17 and wounded many. A large shed was entirely destroyed, depriving the Germans of their best workshop.

The Palace hotel which was being used as German headquarters was entirely demolished. In addition two hotels were damaged and 17 private houses, a church and a windmill were hit.

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AMERICAN SHIP IS SEIZED BY GERMANS

Sec'y Bryan Wires Minister at Valparaiso, Chile, For Information.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—A grave question is involved between the United States and Germany according to Sec'y Bryan today in cabling to Minister Fletcher at Valparaiso, Chile, to investigate the alleged seizure by Germany of the United States commercial vessel Sacramento.

Unofficial reports are that the Sacramento with coal and provisions bound from San Francisco to Valparaiso arrived at the latter port with no cargo. Capt. Jacobsen of the Sacramento is reported as stating that he was halted by a German warship, taken to Juan Fernandez, a Chilean island and that the coal and provisions were confiscated.

Sec'y of State Bryan went no further today than to say he had asked for a report from the United States minister. Other officials say that if the facts are as recited by Capt. Jacobsen the seizure of this neutral vessel, going to a neutral port by a German vessel was a clear violation of the rules of neutrality.

UPHOLDS NEUTRAL POLICY

Bulgarian Premier Speaks at Session of Parliament.

SOFIA, Nov. 25.—The Bulgarian premier, speaking in parliament today upheld the policy of neutrality.

The entire chamber listened to the premier's statement with careful attention and a majority warmly applauded.

It is understood the premier's statement was made to satisfy the opposition parties.

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The greatest reason for thankfulness, we in South Bend and America have, is in the opportunity offered us of helping others who are in need.

We ought, of course, to be thankful that personally we are at peace, as a nation.

We Thank You

for the prosperity we are enjoying.

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STORE Will be closed all day today

Commencing Friday We open our 10th Annual Sale of gifts for the Christmas Holidays Watch the papers for further Announcements.

IS PULLED FROM BUGGY

Saloon Man of Lansing is Wounded at Hammond.

HAMMOND, Ind., Nov. 25.—Joseph Sorner, wealthy saloon man and politician of Lansing, Ill., was dragged out of a buggy in which he was driving between Lansing and Bernice, Ill., this morning by three highwaymen who stabbed him repeatedly, and left him dead on the country road. Sorner owns a saloon near the National brick yards at Bernice and this being payday was bringing several thousand dollars from Lansing back to cash checks with. Three suspects have been arrested by Sheriff Whitaker near Schererville.

ANDERSON.—William H. (Billy) Cain, 34 years old, proprietor of a local barber shop and cigar store, attempted to commit suicide in the county jail by butting his head against the door of the cell. He was confined Sunday after a mental attack.

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Children's knit caps, a very large selection—just arrived. White and colors; 50c and 25c

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Southwest Corner Michigan St. and Jefferson Blvd.

CHILDREN'S BONNETS.

240 Beautiful Sample Bonnets, worth from $1.50 to $3.50. Sale price $1.50 and $1.00

BIG FRIDAY SPECIALS

Coat Specials

Over One Thousand Winter Coats in this Sale.

COATS.

Women's and misses' coats in large selection, long winter coats or the short belted College coats; all colors; $10 coats, Friday.... $5.00

COATS.

Women's and misses' new winter coats, Zibelines, Boucles, Plush, Cheviots, Scotch Mixtures, Chinchillas and Novelties; dozen of styles; blacks and colors; regular $15.00 coats, Friday special $10.00

COATS.

Women's and misses' coats in a wonderful assortment of pretty Zibelines, Boucles, Chinchillas, Cheviots, Novelties, etc.; $20.00 coats, for $13.95

COATS.

Women's and misses' beautiful new coats, very latest creations in Arabian Lamb, Zibelines, Furtex, Plush, Gabardine, Diagonals, Scotch Mixtures, Novelties, Chinchillas and Broadcloths—some are belted styles, some are fur trimmed; $25.00 coats, Friday $17.50

Children's Coats

Beautiful Dressed Doll Free With Every Coat.

Regular $5.00 Children's Coats, chinchillas, corduroys, novelties; ages 2 to 6. Sale price $2.95

Regular $6.00 Children's Plush Coats, full line of good quality silk plush; ages 2 to 6. Sale price $3.95

Regular $8.50 Children's Coats, brocaded plushes, chinchillas, boucles, zibelines, Kurltex, Arabian lamb; large selection; ages 2 to 14 years. Sale price.... $5.00

Regular $10.00 Children's Coats, plushes and broadtails, with satin belts. Sale price $6.50

Big Suit Sale

Women's and misses' suits in large selection of styles; serges, poplins and gabardines; black and colors; all sizes; $15 to $22.50 suits, Friday $10.00

Skirt Sale

Women's Dress Skirts, serges, poplins and novelties; a big purchase of regular $5, $6.50 and $7.50 skirts. Sale $3.49

Big Purchase New Silks

THE GREATEST SILK SALE OF THE YEAR.

Silks—plain and fancy Messalines, fancy Poplins, Surah Silks, Black Bengalines, Stripes, Checks, Roman Stripes, etc.; worth to $1.00 a yard. Sale, yard..... 49c

Silks—36-inch Black Messalines, the regular $1.00 quality. Sale, yard 69c

Sale Dress Goods

A big purchase and sale of Dress Goods; all colors; regular 75c kind. Sale 43c

DRESS GOODS.

French serges, poplins, gabardines, Henriettas, storm serges, Nelirose, mohairs and wool taffetas; black, all shades; $1.00 kinds. Friday special for..... 69c

Big Sale Dresses

Women's and misses' serge dresses; black, navy or brown; $5.00 to $6.50 dresses, Friday $3.49

Women's and misses' wool poplin dresses; black, navy, brown or green; all the latest styles; $15.00 to $19.75 styles. Sale $12.50