

AUTO MECHANIC GETS AN ESTATE AND TITLE

Chicago, Aug. 1.—Elmer C. Prothero, auto mechanic, formerly of Tulsa, Okla., today declared he will accept the title and estate of Sir Robert Prothero in England which his father refused.

Sir Robert died July 6, and Elmer's father refused to become the heir because he does not "care for foolish things."

The son said there are only a few legal technicalities to be adjusted before he will be able to write "Sir" before his name.

HIKERS PASS THROUGH CITY

Two Young Men Hiking From New York To San Francisco, California

Two young men, Charles Wendt, age 20, and Loring Fisher, age 21, of New York, who are hiking to San Francisco, where they will be employed on the Frisco stock exchange board, arrived in the city this morning, took dinner here and then started out for Fort Wayne where they will hit the trail on the Lincoln highway.

They were excellent young men from all appearances, polite and courteous and when interviewed stated that they both left New York at ten o'clock Saturday morning and hoped to be in San Francisco by the middle of August. That's making good time, but the boys were truthful and stated that they did not walk the entire distance, they being given a "lift" yesterday from Beaver Falls to Lima, Ohio, by automobile. They are not trying to walk across the country and appreciate it when tourists or automobile owners pick them up. They came here from Lima and got to ride most of the way, the boys stated. So far they have been making about two hundred miles per day and before reaching Frisco hope to overtake Avery and Walt of comic fame. They each carry a knapsack and sleep out in the open at night. They were healthily looking young men and, no doubt, believe in Greely's famous saying of "go west young man," where they hope to make their fortune. Before starting on their cross country hike they were employed on the New York stock exchange, the boys stated.

Wren Store Robbed

Otto Feigert's general store and C. O. Oechsl's grocery at Wren were entered Sunday night. At the former place, money in the amount of about \$100 was taken, a small part from the cash register but the greater part from barrel of beans in which it was the custom to put the money on hand Saturday night until it could be banked Monday. At the Oechsl's grocery, no money was taken. At each place, the rear door was battered down.

The same evening two young men drove to the express office in Ohio City and from a loaded truck took two tires for their automobile. They left the engine running while the tires were lifted into their automobile. At the time of the theft the expressman was busy with an incoming train.

May Be Missing Woman

(United Press Service) Wabash, Ind., Aug. 1.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Relatives of Mrs. Anna Marie Bedinger, missing Cincinnati woman, are expected here today to attempt to identify a woman in the Wabash county hospital as Mrs. Bedinger.

The woman gave birth to a son in the Wabash hospital and has been a patient for more than a week. Owing to her condition she has not been questioned, but her description is said by Wabash county authorities to correspond with that of Mrs. Bedinger.

Games In Two Horseshoe Leagues This Evening

The Man O' War and Fluviana leagues will compete in the City Horseshoe tourney this evening and the following is the schedule of games to be played:

Man O' War—7:00 O'clock

Clein vs. Ahr

Maier vs. Swearer

Lake vs. Snyder

Kohne vs. Schulte

Fluviana—8:00 O'clock

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MRS. MURPHY SEEKS DIVORCE

Lewis Murphy Defendant In Divorce Suit; \$500 Alimony Demanded

A complaint for a divorce and alimony in the sum of \$500, was filed in the circuit court today by Gladys E. Murphy against Lewis W. Murphy, residents of this city. The complaint states that the couple were married on May 29, 1902 and separated on April 17, 1923, when the plaintiff was forced to abandon their home on account of the cruel and inhuman treatment toward her from the defendant.

The plaintiff states that eleven children have been born to her and her husband, seven of whom are living. She says that the defendant often told her to leave his home that he didn't care for her any more. She alleges that he often remained away from her and their children and accused her of being intimate with other men, which was untrue.

In addition to a divorce and alimony, Mrs. Murphy demands the care and custody of their two youngest children, an allowance of \$5 per week for the children, and \$50 attorney fees, for their support, and \$50 attorney fees.

Pleasant Grove U. B. C. E. To Give Program

The Pleasant Grove U. B. C. E. will give the following program Sunday evening, Aug. 5. Ruth Burger is leader.

Devotional exercises, led by president.

Lesson subject, "Lessons From Nature."

Roll call and response with scripture text.

Song.

Reading, by Ralph Welsh.

Recitation—Thurman Stults.

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Bible studies, by Juniors.

Recitation—Herbert Butler.

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Duet—Mabel and Lila Mumma.

Reading—Margaret Burger.

Discussion topics, by Francis Stults.

Marguerite Burger, Urnel Miller, Lila Mumma, Frank Harkless, Ammi Miller, Mabel Mumma, Faye Harkless, Vernon Fairchild.

Mixed quartet

Offering

Instrumental solo

Mizpah

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Will Attend Outing

William O'Brien, manager of the local office of the Northern Indiana Gas and Electric company, accompanied by his wife, will drive to Peru tomorrow where they will attend the annual outing of the managers in the southern division of the company. Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien will stop at Bluffton from which place they will be accompanied by Jack Monahan, manager of the Bluffton office, and his wife. The outing will be held at the Peru County Club grounds.

Little Verna Marcile, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Chronister, had her hand painfully injured and bruised yesterday morning when she caught it in the electric wringer.

Wisconsin Solons Accused Of Shameful Charges

(United Press Service) Waupaca, Wis., Aug. 1.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—State Senator M. J. Severson today declared he possessed facts, evidence and witnesses to back up charges that state officials had locked women in offices at the state capitol and assaulted them.

Severson said he would present the "facts" to Gov. Elaine, who demanded in a telegram that the senator prove the charges so that the "guilty officials might be removed from office and criminally prosecuted."

Severson first made the charge in a speech before the La Follette club last night. Governor Blaine at Madison wired him early today "demanding" the proof.

Although Severson has not yet received the telegram, he said he would comply with it.

Big Trolley Strike

(United Press Service) Newark, N. J., Aug. 1.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—A million and a half people of New Jersey were without their daily means of transportation today—strike of 6,300 employees of the public service corporation having paralyzed the vast network of trolley lines over the state.

The strike was declared at noon to be "one hundred per cent effective." Chairman William Wepner, head of the strikers, making the statement.

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EXCAVATING FOR BUILDING TODAY

Work Started On Catholic School Building; Not To Move Old Church

Workmen and teams were busy today excavating and hauling the dirt away from the site where the new Catholic high school and grade building will be erected. Several teams and wagons were employed to haul away the dirt which is being placed on the old Catholic cemetery lot on the east side of Mercer avenue. The excavation is being made for the trench walls for the foundation around the building and for the basement under the gymnasium and powerhouse. Medland Brothers, of Logansport, have the contract for the work.

Will Not Move Church

The Christian church building which was purchased by G. T. Burk will not be moved as first planned. The building is being wrecked by a force of men and the timber will be used in the construction of a barn by the Burk Elevator company. The church building was too large for the lot back of the Burk elevator.

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LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Leaders Want League to Take Definite Stand on Big Problems

Geneva, Aug. 1.—The fourth annual assembly of the League of Nations, which will convene at Geneva September 3, for a month's session will be more pregnant of possibilities than any of the three preceding sessions. The assembly gives every indication of being punctuated throughout with surprises. Two important changes of developments that have taken place in the League during the past year.

The League has actually passed into the hands and control of the liberals, with a real leader. The League, during the three years of its existence has cut its eyeteeth to an extent where it wants something real to chew on.

In other words the League instead of being content with handling more or less routine questions, proposes to butt in of its own initiative on current questions, such as reparations, inter-allied debts, the Ruhr, the near-east and everything else that is constituting an obstacle to peace.

Investigation of the condition of the Western Drop Forge Co., Marion, Ind., a subsidiary of the Indiana Dollings Co., was expected to be completed today by representatives of the attorney general office and the state securities commission.

State officials have been probing the Marion concern and the International Note and Mortgage Co., of Indianapolis, because they were the under the supervision of the state securities commission.

Each assembly opens with a presentation of the League Council of its report for the past year. This corresponds to the usual "address from the throne" and a general debate immediately ensues.

Any member has the right to inject into the debate any current question, such as reparations or the Ruhr, by merely demanding why the council did not take up the question of its own initiative and try to solve it.

While the past assemblies have been a trifle shy about getting into deep water by injecting such questions, there is every indication that such a condition can no longer prevail.

The league has admittedly received world-wide criticism for failure to tackle some of the more important questions that are manifestly delaying world-wide adjustment. There is a steadily growing world-wide demand that the League become a more active element in the handling of every great international question.

Finally, heavy pressure is being brought to bear on Switzerland, Holland, Denmark, the Scandinavian countries and others to demand before the Assembly that the League delve into the problems of reparations, inter-allied debts, the Ruhr and other questions that need immediate solution if Europe is ever to get readjusted.

The assembly will be in the hands of the liberals, with Lord Robert Cecil as leader, something which the assemblies have always lacked in the past.

Although Lord Robert Cecil has been a participant at all of the past assemblies, it has only been as the delegate from South Africa and not of England.

On the other hand the English delegation has always been headed by Lord Balfour. As the bitter political opponent of Lord Robert Cecil and the fact that the latter represented only South Africa, Lord Balfour has not only deprived Cecil of assuming leadership in the assembly, but he himself never undertook leadership.

This year there is every indication that with Lord Robert Cecil heading the English delegation, he will assume virtual leadership of the League Assembly. He will be surrounded by a group of other strong liberals such as General Smuts, who will come personally this time to represent South Africa. Branting of Sweden, Dr. Nansen of Norway, and many men who believe that the League and the League Assembly should begin playing the leading role in international affairs.

Lord Robert Cecil is the arch-believer that the League should get into every current political question that needs settlement.

Germany's Application

Another big surprise which the Fourth Assembly may witness is that of the application of Germany for membership. Powerful influences are now being brought to bear on Germany to enter the League at this time. No doubt exists but that she would be elected, but nevertheless that would entail not only bitter fight but possible some startling consequence after wards.

Probably the most constructive job which the assembly will tackle will be that of launching an international treaty of mutual guarantee as a basis of disarmament.

Another important item on the agenda is the American program to limit the world-wide production of harmful drugs.

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