

Justice Department Sues Electric Firms

General Electric Among Firms Sued

Washington, Nov. 14.—(UPI)—The justice department today charged the General Electric Co., Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Co., and 19 other manufacturers of electrical equipment with conspiring to eliminate competition in the sale of drop-out fuse cutouts.

In a civil complaint filed in U. S. district court at Milwaukee, Wis.,

the department alleged that all defendants were licensed under various agreements to manufacture and sell drop-out fuse cutouts at prices as high as those fixed by two of the defendants, the Line Material company of Milwaukee, and the Southern States Equipment corporation of Birmingham, Ala.

The department described drop-out fuse cutouts as fuses which break an electrical circuit in which the current has become excessive. They are commonly used in electrical distribution lines carrying voltages up to 15,000, the department said.

Other defendants named were James R. Kearney corporation, St. Louis; W. N. Matthews corporation, St. Louis; Pacific Electric Manufacturing company, San Francisco; Porcelain Products Co., Parkersburg, W. Va.; Railway & Industrial Engineering company, Greensburg, Pa.; Royal Electric Manufacturing company, Chicago; Schweitzer & Conrad, Inc., Chicago; and T. F. Johnson, doing business as Johnson Manufacturing company, Atlanta.

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Extra Gasoline In Chicago Strike Area

Railroad Strike Now In Fifth Day

Chicago, Nov. 14.—(UPI)—The office of price administration today permitted local boards to issue extra gasoline rations to stranded suburban car owners affected by the five-day old strike of workers on two electric lines here.

CPA officials said the local boards could issue ration permits without preference to the central issuance office to motorists who have no other adequate means of transportation from their suburban homes to their Chicago offices.

John A. Zanger, vice-president of the brotherhood of railroad trainmen, one of the two striking unions, said that the 600 strikers were prepared to hold out until they received the requested nine-cent hourly

wage increase.

Although Zanger said the employees would return to work immediately if the government seized the lines, the walk-out has not been referred to President Roosevelt since no interference with the war effort has been reported by the army, navy or the office of defense transportation.

Many commuters were left standing at station platforms for later trains during the rush hours yesterday, as overcrowded Chicago and northwestern trains were unable to carry all waiting passengers.

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men in Washington. Jenner, who defeated Cornelius O'Brien, D., Lawrenceburg, by a plurality of 81,833 votes, fills the term to which the late Sen. Frederick Van Nuys, D., Indianapolis, was elected in 1935. He serves until Jan. 3, when Homer E. Caphart, Indianapolis industrialist, begins a six-year term to which he was

elected last Tuesday.

The probe which Harold Bueccia, chief investigator of the U. S. senate campaign expenses committee, began yesterday, was broadened when Bueccia invited persons with complaints about voting procedure last week to present evidence.

Bueccia's invitation was made to "all those feeling that they were disfranchised or illegally deprived of their vote."

Federal district attorney B. Howard Cantrian said that if evidence warranted such action, material on election irregularity charges would be presented to a federal grand jury in December.

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social security payroll tax at one percent each on employers and employees, thus forestalling annual automatic doubling of the rate on Jan. 1 as provided in the law.

House speaker Sam Rayburn said he hoped the lame duck session's legislative slate could be

wiped clean by Dec. 10.

He told reporters that the principal business awaiting house action was the extension of the second war powers act, the senate approved measure to spend \$1,350,000,000 matching state funds in a postwar highway building program, and a bill to revive the federal crop insurance program.

Rayburn said he and other Democratic congressional leaders will confer with President Roosevelt tomorrow. Until then, he added, he will not know whether the president plans to ask for any legislation.

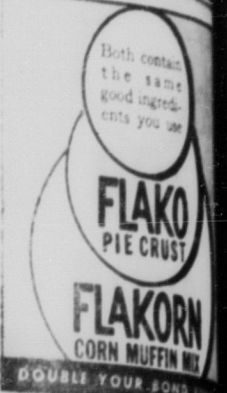
Mr. Roosevelt is expected to submit nominations soon for a number of important offices, including a three-man surplus war properties disposal board, and successors for chairman James Lawrence Fly of the federal communications commission, T. A. M. Craven, FCC member; chairman William H. Davis of the war labor board, and Clarence E. Gauss, ambassador to China.

Fly has resigned effective Nov.

15. Craven has quit, and two other WLB members they want to be relieved of their posts.

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Legion Officers In Annual Conference

National Officials To Outline Program

Indianapolis, Nov. 14.—(UPI)—Department commanders and adjutants of the American Legion opened a three-day annual conference at the Legion's national headquarters here today to outline plans for administering the 1945 program approved by the 26th annual convention in Chicago in September.

All sections of the United States were represented as the conference began.

The Legion officials were scheduled to discuss the organization's campaign for immediate enactment of universal military training legislation, its plan to raise an Americanism endowment fund of \$15,000,000, its intention of distributing half a million Christmas gifts to hospitalized war veterans, and proposals to expand the national child welfare program.

National Commander Edward N. Scheiberling speaks today.

Other speakers were Jack Oakley, director of the Legion's national field service; Alvin M. Owsley, past national commander; John W. Darr, vice-president and managing director of the Institute of Public Relations, Inc.; and Emma C. Puschner, director of the Legion's child welfare program.

The commanders' and adjutants' conference will be followed Friday by meetings of most of the Legion's national commissions, boards and committees, and Saturday and Sunday by the national executive committee meeting.



AUTHORITIES in Brooklyn, N. Y., held Mrs. Sophie McCreary, 24, above on a charge of abandoning her three children, Joan, 3, and five-month-old twins. According to authorities, Mrs. McCreary was picked up after extending an election night celebration with sailors. She recently heard her husband had been lost aboard a submarine in the Pacific. (International)

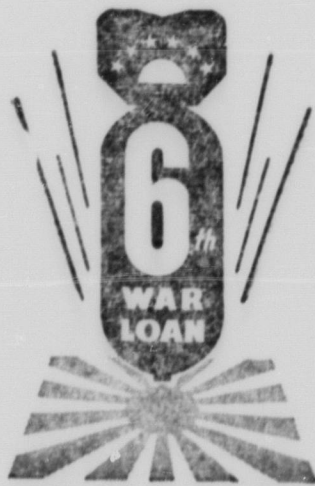
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