

MISSING STORE
MANAGER FOUND
IN LIFT SHAFT

J. W. Profitt Rescued After
Lying Helpless for 19
Hours.

IN SERIOUS CONDITION

After lying in semi-conscious condition at the bottom of an elevator shaft for nineteen hours, E. J. W. Profitt, manager of the United Stores Company, 342 Massachusetts avenue, was found at 8 o'clock this morning.

He was rushed to St. Vincent's hospital, where he is reported to be in serious condition.

"I don't know how it happened," was the first question Profitt could answer when he was questioned by police officers who placed him in an ambulance. His right leg was broken at the hip, his right shoulder was broken and he was suffering from nervous shock.

UNSUCCESSFUL SEARCH
MADE AT THE STORE.

Policemen and store employees searched the store last night for Profitt, whose absence had caused his wife to worry.

One man is said to have thrown a rock into the elevator shaft, but he was not the body of the man.

He fell a distance of about seventeen feet, from the first floor of the store, it is believed.

The bottom of the elevator shaft is about two feet lower than the floor of the basement, shadows hiding the body from searchers.

Profitt, who was named manager of the store a week ago, A. J. Mendell, former manager, and another employee were in the store just before 1 p. m. Sunday.

SAID HE WOULD
FOLLOW OTHERS.

When the others left, Profitt said he would follow.

He had not returned to his home at 10:30 p. m. when his wife, who had telephoned Mendell and the police.

A bundle of invoices and groceries which Profitt had intended to take home was found just inside the main entrance.

None of the searchers said he saw any flash on and off and it was feared Profitt was dead in the store.

Records of street lights, however, believed to have caused this illusion.

FOUND BY CUSTODIAN
OF THE BUILDING.

John Ash, custodian of the building, found the injured man.

The elevator was at the second floor yesterday and Ash expressed belief that Profitt stepped into the shaft, believing he was the first to do so.

Profitt came to Indianapolis last October with Mr. Mendell to accept employment in the store.

During the war he held a commission in the U. S. Cavalry, serving in Washington on staff duty.

CODY UNDER
DOCTOR'S CARE

Secretary Taken Ill After
Trip to New York.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Secretary of State Charles E. Coddy was taken ill upon his return from New York and today is under a physician's care.

It was stated that he is "quite ill," though not dangerously so.

CHARGE OF SPENDING
MONEY ATTACKED.

These supplements are being distributed to newspapers simultaneously with the publication of a statement by Gen. Wood that attacks his expenditures made in his campaign are for the purpose of influencing adversely the primary vote in Michigan.

Gen. Wood's statement follows.

"I am convinced that Senator Borah's attack at this time is for the purpose of influencing adversely the primary vote in Michigan."

A similar attack was reported in the press a few days before the South Dakota primary and was used throughout that state, I believe, for a similar purpose.

"Those who are in charge of my campaign stand ready to answer all proper inquiries concerning expenditures. Senator Borah's attack is entirely unfounded."

After he disappeared the letter carrying the threat of murder and suicide was found, according to Mrs. Patterson's statement to the police.

Patterson is an ex-soldier and has been employed by a railroad company for the past two years. He had this morning gone to the home of Harry Pruitt, a 21-year-old relative, where he stopped for an hour last night before leaving his home.

He asked Mrs. Pruitt to take the baby, but this she could not do and he went to a drug store, where was last seen studying a time table of trains for Chicago, where he is believed to be now.

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APPERSON, AUTO
PIONEER, DEAD

Kokomo Motor Car Maker Expires Watching Races.

LOS ANGELES, March 29.—Elmer Apperson, one of the founders of the automobile industry, is dead here today and funerals are being made to ship his body back to the Apperson family home at Kokomo, Ind.

The motor car manufacturer, president of the automobile corporation that bears his name, died of apoplexy while watching the automobile races at the Los Angeles speedway yesterday.

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Rag Man's Estate
Amounts to \$6,000

DANVILLE, Ill., March 29.—Relatives of three continents are striving to participate in the "estate" of Robert E. George, reclusive ragpicker, who died here.

Pledge had no close friends and when he died not long ago there was not a single mourner at his funeral.

Now, long depositions and legal documents in the circuit court here filed by nephews and nieces of George, from South Africa, India and British Columbia clamoring to share the "property" of the old man.

Pledge left an "estate" of about \$6,000.

WOOD'S MONEY
DISPENSERS IN
BIG AD DRIVE

G. O. P. Papers Offered Whole
Page Supplement and
More if Needed.

Wood's popularity is not a manufactured sentiment but an accumulation of faith.—Harry G. Hogan, Indiana manager of the Wood campaign.

The latest scheme in the notorious Wood publicity campaign in Indiana is the request of the Wood organization that republican newspapers use a Wood-for-president advertisement as a supplement to their papers.

The Wood organization promises that it will not use such a supplement if it would spoil the sheets "and we would have the name of the paper and anything else desired printed on the sheets here and shipped to you ready for stuffing."

Included with the letter asking republican editors to use such an advertisement is a copy of the "supplement" used by the Bloomington Telephone.

LETTER OFFERS AD
WITHOUT CHARGE.

Following is the letter sent to editors in the most recent scheme to accumulate faith:

"As you will note on the enclosure the Bloomington Telephone recently used a Wood-for-president advertisement as a supplement to its edition, which goes to its rural subscribers. May we suggest that this same plan might help the Wood candidacy in a great measure if it could be followed out in other parts of the state by the several papers which are favorable to the several Wood men."

"Would it not be practical for your paper to use this same supplement in one of your coming issues if we would have the name of the paper and anything else desired printed on the sheets here and shipped to you ready for stuffing?"

"That is what we need here."

"Hundreds of complainants have asked me if they have recourse in law against exorbitant rentals, but they haven't."

"The law is all on the side of the property owner or lessor."

"We have observed that many rental agents in Indianapolis are pursuing a

URGES RENTAL
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Wyckoff Outlines Injustice of
Present Laws in Letter
to Governor.

CAPITAL PLAN IS CITED

Creation of a rental commission and passage of a rental law giving such commission authority to determine fair rentals for property was urged in a letter to Gov. Goodrich by Stanley Wyckoff, state fair price commissioner, today.

Action on a rental measure should be taken at the proposed special session of the legislature, Mr. Wyckoff said.

Administration of state laws by state commissioners should be continued for at least four years, in business conditions may return to something approaching normal conditions, the letter to Gov. Goodrich said.

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"CHECK-OFF" SYSTEM
ENDORSED BY WILSON.

The report of the federal coal commission and a letter of comment on the report by President Wilson will probably figure as a strong point in the defense of 125 coal operators and miners included in the federal indictment made public by Frederick Van Nuyts, United States district attorney, it was said today.

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