

MAN AFIRE BEGS AID FOUR TIMES

Watchman, 73, Near Death When Firemen Come.

His clothes on fire, John Adair, 73, made three ineffectual attempts to call the fire department early today, but failed, and now is in critical condition at the City hospital.

The aged man was sleeping in the garage of the Wiley Automobile and Machine Company, 334 South Pennsylvania street, when his clothing caught fire from a stove near which he was sleeping.

When finally found by the firemen a fourth call was traced he was terribly burned.

First he tried to put out the fire by pouring water on himself, but failed.

He then tried the telephone.

The first call was received by the fire department at 5:30 a. m., when the firemen were called to the 500 block on North Alabama street.

Two other wrong alarms were received, each time from a man whose voice came hesitatingly, and who seemed terribly agitated.

After a fourth call, the telephone operator traced it and found it came from 334 South Pennsylvania street.

Capt. Ray of the police department, Capt. Motor Police, Finney and Lansing to investigate and they found the garage filled with smoke.

Adair was found with the clothing burned from his body, and dash dropping from his limbs.

He had been employed as night watchman at the garage for three months.

He was born on a farm south of Beech Grove, and was a carpenter for many years.

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The Big Four railroad is making plans to have a workmen's force in the local yards, and it was announced that all switchmen who do not return to work by 7 o'clock in the morning will lose their seniority with the company and will be forced to begin at the bottom again if they return later.

That means regulars will go on extra shifts and day men will have to return to night work; conductors will lose their grade, and all will lose their pass privileges.

B. R. T. OFFICIAL GIVES CONDITIONS.

C. H. Reno, general chairman of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen of the St. Louis, and other railroads, turned from St. Louis that the strike situation is clearing up in Chicago and St. Louis, but is getting worse in New York.

The south, he said, has not been affected by the movement.

The brotherhoods have entered into an agreement with the president to end our wage demands considered by a government board," said Mr. Reno. "And for brotherhood members not to abide by that agreement is illegal and in bad faith.

The strike must fail because the general managers of the railroads have emphasized that the strike is bad for the country and that it is a waste of time to strike.

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Representative Indianapolis business men pledged themselves to a meeting in the Ritter room of the Claypool hotel last night to support the railroads and the railroad brotherhoods in their struggle to defeat the outlaw strike.

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J. W. Coners, Pennsylvania superintendent, said new men will have to be employed in the yards if the railroad brotherhoods are unable to break the strike, and his sentiments were reflected by the C. I. & W. D. R. Coff, Big Four superintendent; William Ward, Illinois Central agent, and Pierce J. Landers, superintendent of the Indianapolis Union railway.

Charles F. Coffin, president of the Chamber of Commerce, declared the time has come to show a group of individuals that a contract is not a scrap of paper.

Mr. Coffin said if it became necessary he would take a place in the railroad yards and endeavor to aid the operation of the roads.

RADICALS CONDEMNED IN RESOLUTIONS.

A resolution presented by O. B. Iles, president of the Associated Employers, urging determined support of the railway management and the brotherhoods, recommending action on the part of shippers and condemning efforts of radicals to disturb business conditions, was passed.

The resolution follows.

Whereas, The four train service organizations, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and Order of Railway Conductors, have entered into contracts with the railroads of the United States in relation to wages, hours and working conditions, and in the present transition stage of the railroad systems from the time of control to the time of ownership the hands of these railway organizations up to the present time have been co-operating to maintain the present status and the effective operation of the railroads until the machinery provided by the recent act of congress (the transportation act of 1920) can be put into effective operation to consider wage questions.

Whereas, Certain members of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, in opposition to the advice and authority of their officers and board, have quit their employment and set up a new and

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

The British War Veterans' association will hold a dinner and smoker at the Lincoln hotel next Saturday evening at 8 o'clock to discuss plans for a celebration May 24, Queen Victoria's birth anniversary. Men wishing to attend the dinner may communicate with Bertrand R. Haddad, 808 Home-Mansur building.

A large day looms on the small boy's horizon. It is April 24, 24th Wallace. Shows, combined, will open the circus season in Indianapolis.

A special car carried Indianapolis members of the American Chemical society to the St. Louis national convention, leaving here last night.

It is said that Evansville city officials may be implicated in the booze scandal.

LOCAL BROKER SLAIN IN CHICAGO

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Chester Jackson, 309 North Illinois street, will appear next week in the juvenile court for trial on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of his minor son by sending him to purchase cigarettes.

The protest of members of the First Congregational First Presbyterian churches against the proposal of the Standard Oil Company to build a gasoline filling station at Sixteenth and North Delaware streets has been forwarded to the main office of the company by William C. Cheesbrough, local manager. The company has an option on the site, now occupied by a large brick house.

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The Ladies' Aid society of the Merton Episcopal church will give a noon luncheon at the home of Mrs. Fred Wills, 2316 North Pennsylvania street, Wednesday evening.

The Sunday school class formerly taught by Mrs. Emma Wherry gave a farewell reception in her honor this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Herschel Stiner, 1306 Woodlawn avenue.

The monthly meeting of the Calendar club of the Edina M. Methodist church will be held at the church Wednesday afternoon. Refreshments will be served and the April reports read.

The quarterly meeting of the Baptist Convention of Indiana at the First Baptist church will be held at the church Monday evening.

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