

**NEW CAR FARE
SYSTEM WAITS
ONLY ON DETAIL**

Valuation, Rate of Return and Manner of Administration Being Planned.

\$6,000 JOB AN OUTLOOK

The Indianapolis Street Railway Company and the city of Indianapolis are not far apart on the plan for street car "service-at-cost," it was indicated at a preliminary hearing before the public service commission today.

The main differences appear to lie in the valuation of the property of the company, the rate of return to be allowed the company and the manner in which the proposed street car commissioner will look after the interests of the city will be appointed.

The city, in its petition to the public service commission, agreed that the valuation of the property of the company should be placed at \$15,000,000. This figure is more than \$5,000,000 above the valuation originally contended for by the city in the rate cases.

COMPANY ASKING FOR \$16,500,000 VALUATION. The car company is asking for an agreed valuation of \$16,500,000, the valuation fixed by the state tax board.

This is the valuation placed on its property by the state board of tax commissioners.

The proposal of the city provided for a maximum return to the company ranging from 5 to 7 per cent in inverse ratio to the rate of fare.

The company contended it should be guaranteed at least 7 per cent and should have a reward for efficient service. The city suggested the appointment of a street car commissioner at a salary of \$6,000 a year by the board of works to represent the city in the affairs of the company.

Commissioner Fred Bates Johnson pointed out that such a job would be an exceptional political plum and that the character of the official would change with every administration, with the possibility of the appointment of some one entirely undesirable.

Samuel Ashby, city corporation counsel, declared that the plan must be kept out of politics at any cost.

APPROVAL ASKED FOR APPOINTMENT. H. H. Hornbrook, one of the attorneys for the company, suggested that the appointment be made with the approval of the commission.

Ferdinand Winter, another of the company's attorneys, suggested that the appointment be made by the public service commission.

Mr. Ashby said he would agree to the former proposal, but not to the latter. Another feature of the hearing was the request by Mr. Winter that if the public

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**FREE CAILLAUX
ON CHARGE OF
HIGH TREASON**

Former Premier Acquitted by French Senate, Sitting as Court, 213 to 28.

PARIS, April 22.—Former Premier Joseph Caillaux was today acquitted of high treason against France and of communicating intelligence to the enemy in wartime.

The vote of the senators comprising the high court of justice was: for acquittal, 213; against acquittal, twenty-eight.

Following the verdict of acquittal on the first two charges the court began deliberating the charge that the former premier had correspondence with the enemy.

Caillaux was placed on trial Feb. 17. From the beginning it was apparent that the government had a weak case. The contention was made by the accused statesman and his counsel that he was the victim of a political plot.

**RADICAL KILLED
IN PAPER OFFICE**

Sixteenth Montana Strike Casualty 'Accident Victim.'

BUTTE, Mont., April 22.—Hugh B. Haran, 39, was shot and killed in the pressroom of the Daily Bulletin here today.

The Bulletin is the organ of the striking miners.

Joe Pabst, 23, arrested on a charge of shooting Haran, claimed it was accidental.

Both men belong to the radical group, many of whom, heavily armed, assembled in a mass meeting at the Bulletin office last night, following rioting yesterday afternoon in which fifteen men were seriously wounded.

A general strike throughout the state was brewing today.

U. S. troops from Camp Lewis, Wash., have been ordered to Butte.

**Body of Hicks Taken
to Hendricks County**

The funeral services for James L. Hicks, 68, who died Monday night at his home, 4330 East Tenth street, were held at the residence this afternoon.

The body was taken to Hendricks county for burial in Shiloh cemetery.

Mr. Hicks served as an inspector in the city engineering department under the administration of Lew Shank.

The widow, a Mrs. Kloefer Hicks, and a daughter, Della Kloefer, of Indianapolis survive.

Nearly Cause Enough

MILWAUKEE, April 22.—Frank Williams admitted he had been drunk. "But, Your Honor, I had just cause," he pleaded, "I was celebrating because I found a house to live in."

**Open Season for
Fish Stories, Next!**

WINSTON, Conn., April 22.—Anglers here reported seeing a trout leap from the waters of Sucker brook, snatch a worm from the beak of a robin dying low over the stream and dive back to safety.

Foiled Slayer**GIRL'S SLAYER
UNDER GUARD
IN COUNTY JAIL**

Negro Degenerate Confesses He Stabbed Martha Huff When She Screamed.

GIVES DETAILS OF CRIME

William Ray, youthful negro pervert, killed Martha Huff, innocent 14-year-old west side girl, and threw her body into Big Eagle creek, because she screamed when he attacked her.

Ray made this admission, the detectives say, early today after he had been subjected to a vigorous grilling.

The negro was positively identified by Nora Smock, 11-year-old stepdaughter of the slain girl, soon after he was arrested close to midnight last night.

A pocket knife spattered with dried blotches of blood, taken from Ray's clothes, mutely testified to the fiendish attack.

Confronted with these incriminating facts the negro slowly unfolded the details of the crime which has horrified Indianapolis.

In his original statement Ray denied he mistreated the Huff girl before he killed her, but in an appended confession he admitted he was assaulting her a second time when he stabbed her to death.

Most of the clothing had been torn from her body. The first assault, he said, and her cries were beginning to alarm him when he made the second effort that he repeatedly plunged the knife into her throat.

He then threw the fragments of her clothing into the creek.

Ray was lodged in a closely guarded solitary cell after being bound over to the grand jury in city court before noon.

He was freed from the crime with interviewers.

The girl's body was taken from Big Eagle creek late Tuesday.

The clothing, with the exception of shoes and stockings, had been ripped from her slender form.

There were thirteen stab wounds in the left side of the neck.

TELLS OF CRIME. Ray, told how he had met Martha Huff and Nora Smock at the east end of the West Michigan street bridge over White river.

In detail he related how he had enticed the Huff girl with the promise of clothes from a charitable woman.

It was Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

He told how he had walked west on Michigan street to Tibbs avenue and then to the Danville interurban bridge across Big Eagle creek.

The child followed him in her march to death up the creek.

He said Martha and himself sat down after going a distance up stream and ate apples and oranges he had bought.

Then he claims, according to the detectives, he put his arms around the girl.

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Why, Mr. Adams?

One week has elapsed since five members of the grand jury, Prosecutor Claris Adams and Deputy Jones petitioned the criminal court to cite The Times for what they asserted was a contempt of the criminal court in the utterance of an article alleged to be "false, libelous, defamatory and contemptuous."

One week has elapsed since Judge James A. Collins instructed Mr. Adams to "file in this court proper specifications of the charges made."

Mr. Adams has neither filed the citation ordered nor otherwise acted to discharge the rule of criminal court.

WHY? The Times believes in the necessity of upholding the dignity of the courts of this community.

It called the attention of the bar association and the public to the practices that Mr. Adams was tolerating in the grand jury room because it believed such practices to be in direct contravention of the spirit of the law and contrary to the public welfare.

Mr. Adams said in his petition to the criminal court that the statements made in The Times were "false, libelous, defamatory and contemptuous."

Nothing has transpired to give these statements a different meaning today than they had a week ago.

Mr. Adams has been called upon to prove that these statements were as he described them.

He has had plenty of time in the week that has elapsed since he was ordered to prepare this citation to attend a political meeting and conference with Mayor Jewett at the Columbia club and elsewhere.

Isn't it time Mr. Adams came into criminal court and either made good his assertions or admitted his inability to make good?

If there has been a contempt of the criminal court it is up to Mr. Adams to bring the party who uttered the contempt before Judge Collins and prove it to be a fact.

Mr. Adams has taken an oath to do his duty as prosecutor of Marion county.

It is his duty to uphold the dignity of the criminal court.

If there has been a contempt of the criminal court why isn't there a citation of record?

WALKOUT STOPS STREET REPAIRS

75 City Employees at Asphalt Plant Quit.

The work of repairing improved streets in Indianapolis was entirely stopped today on account of a walkout of city employees at the asphalt plant, according to A. O. Meloy, street commissioner.

The asphalt department employs seventy-five men, all of whom quit work when no action was taken by the city on their demand for an increase in wages from 10 to 15 cents per hour.

Asphalt employees expected an ordinance for a salary increase to be presented to the city council last Monday night and a committee attended the meeting to see what action would be taken.

When they reported to the other workers that nothing had been said about increased pay, all of them decided to quit.

Members of the board of works and other city officials were today preparing a wage scale providing for increases in the salaries of city employees that will be placed before the council.

A request may be made for a special meeting of the council.

Practically all departments of the city were short of labor today.

The street-cleaning department, which employs from twenty-five to 100 men, is operating with only about half of the usual force, on account of the labor shortage.

The municipal garage was short of skilled mechanics.

50 FATTIES RACE TO CUT WEIGHT

Chicago Health Commissioner Aids in Experiment.

CHICAGO, April 22.—Fifty fat men and women started a race here today to see who could lose the most fat.

Approximately six and a half tons of human beings received instructions from Dr. John Hill Robertson, city health commissioner, at the city hall, where the "race" began.

The contest is an experiment on the part of Robertson, who believes he can bring happiness and thinness to the fat.

All the science and resources of Chicago's health department will be thrown into the fight, said Robertson.

The women, according to Robertson, will be expected to work overalls and exercise on all fours in their back yards.

Each patient will be given a paper containing instructions. They will be required to spend a number of hours a day in the open air and all meals must be prepared under direction of the health department.

Says Carranza Seeks Peace With Sonora

WASHINGTON, April 22.—President Carranza is attempting to bring peace with the Sonora revolutionary forces, according to Gen. Alvarado, representative here of the Obregon revolution.

**CENSUS TO PUT
POPULATION OF
CITY AT 314,000**

Supervisor Speigel Hints at Increase to Be Made Public Soon.

CENTURY OF GROWTH

The United States census of Indianapolis will show approximately 314,000, according to figures which The Times has obtained, and which are believed to be within a few hundred of the exact total for the city.

John E. Speigel, census supervisor for this district, says that the estimate of 310,000 by S. O. Dunham, which was made public recently, is "warm," but a little short.

Mr. Speigel says he expects the totals to be announced in Washington very shortly.

The increase of population in Indianapolis has been marked for the past several decades, with a steady, healthy growth, made up largely of Indiana people who have taken advantage of the many opportunities in the city and established homes here.

Even during the years of adverse conditions, which have been few in Indianapolis, the increase in population has kept steady pace until at present the city is probably the largest inland commercial center in the United States.

The average growth in population for ten-year periods has varied from forty to eighty thousand and the development of natural and commercial resources has kept pace with the population.

HALF MILLION IN NEXT TEN YEARS. It is predicted that by the end of the next decade the population will reach a half million.

At present Broad Ripple, Beech Grove, Speedway City, Mars Hill, Maywood, Ben Davis, Millersville and other suburbs, having a population of approximately 25,000, are being closely crowded by the ever-growing city proper, and it apparently is only a question of time when they will be annexed as a part of Indianapolis.

Broad Ripple now has a population of approximately 3,000.

Ben Davis, a suburb some ten miles from the city, has a population numbered 1,500, showing a twofold increase.

Beech Grove grew from 300 to 1,800 in ten years.

But these suburbs should now be a part of Indianapolis and will no doubt be among the first annexed as a part of the city.

In territory the city has grown ten square miles during the last ten years. It now occupies an area of forty-two square miles.

In 1910 the area was 30.77 square miles. It is said, however, that the industrial growth of the city has been greater in proportion to that of the population or the area.

At the present time it is rated as one of the largest automobile centers in the world, and it is estimated that \$50,000,000 worth of automobiles and accessories will be manufactured in the city this year.

REMOVES GREAT LIVE STOCK CENTER. Indianapolis ranks as one of the great live stock centers of the country, and employment is given to 5,985 persons in the slaughtering and packing industry.

Live stock, however, has always been a great asset to the city as has farming products, due to the rich agricultural districts in surrounding territory.

Approximately \$50,000,000 worth of farm products are handled here yearly.

The city is known as the distribution center of the middle west, being equipped (Continued on Page Eight.)

**BRYAN WILL GO
TO CONVENTION
AS A DELEGATE**

994 Precincts Out of 1,849 Show Him Running Third in Nebraska Primary.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 22.—William J. Bryan will be a delegate to the national democratic presidential convention at San Francisco, in June, returns from 1,849 precincts in Tuesday's presidential primary in Nebraska.

These precincts gave Bryan, Berg and the two Hitchcock candidates—Neville and Shallenberger—the lead.

Bryan's vote was third, Wood second and Gen. Pershing, "native son" candidate, a poor third.

Pershing barely carried his home constituency.

Latest returns from 1,034 precincts, covering 65 per cent of the state, gave Johnson 41,754; Wood, 30,354; and Pershing, 19,849.

Gen. G. M. Hitchcock apparently won the democratic endorsement for president.

He had little opposition.

DOCTOR IN CELL AS BOOZE SELLER

Freed After Four Hours Following 'Wild' Party.

Dr. Frank A. Brayton faces two charges today as the aftermath of an alleged "wild" party in his office in the Bank Trust building.

The party culminated in his arrest at 2:30 this morning on charges of drunkenness and operating a blind tiger.

Dr. Brayton, 29, a handsome, slender, 3424 West Washington street, arrested with him, is charged with drunkenness.

Dr. Brayton said he was 30 years old and lived at 2123 Broadway.

At 10 o'clock this morning Sgt. Chittwood was halted by Tom O'Neil, 42, of 3125 West Michigan street, at Illinois and Ohio street, and told of a fight in Dr. Brayton's office, which O'Neil said was the climax of a dice game in which several men took part.

O'Neil accompanied the sergeant to the Bank Trust building and they met Dr. Brayton and Caster at the corner of Pennsylvania and Ohio streets.

Both the men are said to have been under the influence of liquor and when Caster was searched the police say they found two bottles of alcohol in his pockets, which he denied having purchased from Dr. Brayton.

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In Legion Limelight Here**GOODRICH SITS
IN HIS TENT;
BACKS NO ONE**

Urges Legion to Back Congressional Program.

Franklin D. Olier, national commander of the American legion, urged the importance of all departments of the organization lending support to the fourfold compensation plan for soldiers, now pending in congress at the conference of state adjutants at the Washington hotel today.

The conference will last three days. Forty-four states are represented.

Mr. Olier said the experience of the last few months had convinced officials of the legion that no mistake had been made by the Minneapolis convention when Indianapolis was chosen as the location for national headquarters.

Mayor Jewett had welcomed the visitors with a brief address in which he expressed the pride Indianapolis feels in having the national headquarters.

Mr. Olier laid the difficulties of the American Legion Weekly before the adjutants as the chief problem of the conference.

The publication has never been a financial success. Even under the present expert magazine management, Mr. Olier said, great difficulty has been experienced in getting paper.

"Names at the rate of 50,000 to 60,000 a week are coming in to be added to the subscription list and this is a problem in itself," he said.

"We could not cut the advertising standards rapidly enough," he added.

Robert H. Tryndall, national treasurer, offered a report on finances; Gerald J. Murphy reported on service; and Harold Ross, editor, and A. R. Whitton, circulation manager of the American Legion Weekly discussed the magazine's condition.

Emmel Bolles, national adjutant, announced that the visiting delegates would be guests of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce at a luncheon and motor tour tomorrow.

Ice Cream Prices Due to Soar Here