

ASKS RELEASE OF \$600,000-000 TO RAILROADS

Interstate Commerce Commission Says Money Is Due Lines of Country.

VITAL TO OPERATIONS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Passage of legislation which would release to the railroads of the country approximately \$600,000,000 due them from the United States treasury as guaranteed during Federal control and for the six months thereafter, was recommended to Congress today by the Interstate Commerce Commission in its annual report.

The immediate payment to some of the carriers of the amounts or parts of the amounts which we can now deem to be certainly due them under the guarantee provisions of the transportation act is vital to their meeting operating expenses, fixed charges and other obligations," the commission declared.

Doubt as to the ability of some of the roads to "properly serve the public as common carriers unless the payments are made," also was expressed.

MAKE IT UNLAWFUL TO BUY INFLUENCE.
The commission also requested Congress to pass legislation which would make unlawful any offer to pay any employee of a railroad money "to influence his action," with respect to car allotments.

Efforts of the commission to rid itself of the power to grant repatriation to shipwrecked seamen are being continued. The commission's report states that its duty should be to make necessary at least for repatriation of the seamen, placing them on board before or between steel cars.

Use of steel cars on passenger trains would be required by law if the recommendations of the commission are carried out. The commission asks that in the event of the failure of such a law it should be made necessary at least for roads to discontinue the placing of wooden coaches before or between steel cars.

OUTLINES RAIL ACTIVITIES.

The commission outlined the activities of the roads during and since Federal control, with the view of showing increased efficiency in operation under the transportation act. Rules governing the consolidation of roads are in the process of creation, the report stated.

The railroad revolving fund is being distributed to the roads as fast as plans for the proper and most judicious use of the money can be presented. The report shows that loans from the fund were made to the amount of \$115,707,710 up to the time of the drafting of the act of 1920. About one-half of this amount, or \$57,790,750, was loaned to the roads to meet maturing indebtedness.

Traffic carried on the roads of the country during the first nine months of 1920 exceeded that of the same months in 1919 by 17.1 per cent, the report declared.

Expects Early Report in Indiana Myers Case

Ralph Jones, deputy prosecutor in charge of the Marion County grand jury, said today that a report may be made Saturday on the Mrs. Indiana Myers case. Jones said that the grand jury had heard testimony from Frederick A. Myers, last Saturday night. Several of the minor witnesses have been examined by the grand jury already.

No effort will be made to release Mrs. Myers on bond until the grand jury reports. It is understood. In the event the indictment charges her with less than first degree murder action toward her release probably will be taken.

Widow MacSwiney on Stand Before Crowd

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Dressed in deep mourning, which accentuated her pallor, Mrs. Muriel MacSwiney, widow of the Lord Mayor of Cork, took the witness stand today before the commission on conditions in Ireland, to testify regarding British government in Ireland. The hearing room was packed to the point of suffocation and many persons were unable to gain entrance.

Mrs. MacSwiney began her narrative by telling the commission of her childhood in Ireland.

Martens Decision Comes Next Week

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Final decision in the deportation proceedings against L. C. K. Martens, representative of Soviet Russia, will not be forthcoming for a week, it was announced today at the office of Secretary of Labor Wilson.

Man Wins \$1,000 Suit Brought by Woman

A jury in Superior Court, Room 1, returned a verdict in favor of James M. Lamb, 32 North Webster avenue, who was the defendant in a \$1,000 malicious prosecution suit brought by Mary F. Elliott. The plaintiff claimed that Lamb caused her arrest and appearance in the district court on a charge of larceny. She testified she was acquitted in the City Court of the charge and that the prosecution damaged her reputation. The jury returned a verdict late yesterday in favor of the defendant.

Gas Rates Set

The Rusville Gas Company, which had petitioned for authority to continue charging its present rate of 90 cents per 1,000 cubic feet, has been ordered by the public service commission to make a charge of 60 cents gross and 50 cents net, per 1,000 cubic feet, a monthly minimum charge of \$1.00 net and \$1.10 per month was ordered by the commission.

The company was further ordered to give credit to consumers for the amounts collected in excess of 50 cents net, from Dec. 1, 1919 to Dec. 1, 1920.

Rates of the Columbia City Water Company have been reduced by the commission from a \$9 a month minimum charge to \$6 a month.

GLASS PLANT TO BE REBUILT.

MARION, Ind., Dec. 9.—The plant of the Standard Glass Company, partially destroyed by fire recently, is to be rebuilt by the Indiana Bridge Company of Muncie. The new building will be completed within sixty days at a cost of \$32,000.

Prisoner Permitted to Hang, Charge

TOLEDO, Ohio, Dec. 9.—Fred Durkin of Syracuse, N. Y., hanged himself in the county jail here today, and died because a deputy sheriff refused to open the cell door and cut him down, according to charges made by Deputy United States Marshal Bartlett and city policemen.

Officers saw Durkin writhing in the cell, suspended by a belt. They called the deputy to come and open the door but he refused, they said, until he had orders from the sheriff. Durkin was dead when cut down.

BUTCHER GOES BACK TO JAIL

Refuses to Accept Suspended Sentence by Court.

By declaring that he did not want people to point him out as a man who was out on a suspended sentence, Alonzo Hoyt, 1616 East New York street, a butcher, today was in the Marion County jail because he refused to accept a suspension of a six month's sentence in jail at the hands of Judge Frank LaGr of the Juvenile Court.

Hoyt was arrested recently on a charge of neglect of his children. Bridget Van Arsdale, 530 West New York street, was arrested as one of the principals in the delinquency of Hoyt's children. She was released on a withheld judgment.

The evidence showed that Hoyt and Bridget Van Arsdale have "kept company" for three years and the evidence was conclusive that Mrs. Van Arsdale thought that Hoyt was divorced from his wife.

To convince Mrs. Van Arsdale that he no longer lived with his family, Hoyt moved his family from a house occupied by them to another section of the city and he then took Mrs. Van Arsdale to the empty house to prove that he no longer lived with his family, the evidence showed.

Hoyt's refusal to accept a suspended sentence came at the conclusion of the hearing and Judge LaGr accommodated Hoyt by ordering him to jail immediately.

"Men who do things like you have done are just the ones who should be held up for scorn by the public," stated Judge LaGr.

ELECTION SEEN AS INVITATION

Constantine Receives Message From Premier Rhallis.

LUCERNE, Switzerland, Dec. 9.—A simple statement of election results not an invitation to return to Greece, was received today by former King Constantine. The message, from Premier George Rhallis, read:

"The result of the plebiscite is proof of the attachment of the Greeks for your majesty, whom they regard as an emblem of national unity."
Constantine is preparing to leave for Athens on Sunday, it was announced. He will travel by way of Brindisi. According to Rome advices Italy will accord Constantine the honors of reigning sovereign as he passes through that country. George, ex-crown Prince of Greece, is expected to reach Athens about the same time as Constantine.

Minister, Reputed to Have Fled With Woman, Returns

'I Have Made a Mistake, a Terrible Mistake,' Pastor Tells Church Official.

PASSAIC, N. J., Dec. 9.—Missing since Nov. 11, the Rev. Cornelius Densel of the Netherlands Reformed Church, has returned to Passaic, it was learned today. The reported prediction of Mrs. Densel that "he will come back" was verified last night when the missing pastor walked into a meeting of the church assembly, which was just about to decide on a minister to replace him.

It was reported that Miss Trina Hannenberg, 28, who disappeared almost at the same time as the minister, is also back. "I have made a mistake, a terrible mistake," Densel was quoted as saying by Henry Dross, secretary of the consistory. He handed in his resignation as pastor of the church.

Members of the congregation were very anxious to learn whether Mrs. Densel would take back her husband. For days following his disappearance she refused to believe rumors that he had gone away with Miss Hannenberg, and consistently asserted her firm belief that he would return.

Today, when she learned that her missing husband had returned to the city, Mrs. Densel shut herself up in her room and refused to unlock the door to anybody.

"My home is home again and everything is all right," one of Densel's daughters said. "Mother is sick. He is in the house."

"God brought my father home," Benjamin Densel, one of the preacher's eight children said. "Mother is very happy and she has forgiven father," he added.

It was reported, however, that Densel and his wife had locked themselves up in the church room.

When Densel appeared at the church last night one of the members slammed the door in his face. Later he was admitted on a charge of larceny, during which he wept and told a personal story that several other men in the room burst into tears.

There was no decision last night on Densel's resignation.

Dr. A. P. Roope Head of Columbus Post No. 54

COLUMBUS, Ind., Dec. 9.—Dr. A. P. Roope of this city, who served in the medical corps in the World War as a lieutenant-colonel, has been elected commander of Columbus Post No. 54, American Legion.

Other officers elected at the meeting were vice commander, Clancy Cook; treasurer, Frank Metzler, and secretary, Clarence Schwartzkopf.

The post voted to increase the annual dues to \$4 a year.

Pastmistress Says 'Gut Out' to Yeggs

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Dec. 9.—Mrs. Amanda Blake, pastmistress at Honolulu, noted three masked rogues who were getting ready to blow the safe by hurling an oil lamp at them and ordering them to "gut out."

They did with their clothing ablaze. She then put out the fire.

Weds Wife's Daughter

BINGHAMPTON, Dec. 9.—When Mrs. Robert C. Hayes saw death approaching she called her husband to the bedside and said:

"Robert, I want you to marry Annamie five days after my funeral."

The ceremony took place Wednesday, uniting step-father and step-daughter, Annamie, the youngest daughter of Mrs. Hayes by a former marriage.

Cut Soft Drink Price

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 9.—Reduction of retail prices on practically all bottled soft drinks to 5 cents per bottle was announced here today by Frank Schille, head of a leading bottling company. The drinks have been selling here from 7 to 10 cents per bottle.

DEMOCRATIC CLUB HOLDS PARTY.

The Tenth Ward Democratic Club held a card party last night at McCall's hall, at which about 200 guests were present. A meeting of the program committee will be held this evening to plan the next session, which will be held Jan. 6. Those who are in charge of the organization which meets once a month, are Otto Ray, George J. Sexton, Mrs. W. L. McClain and Mrs. M. L. Reifel.

Brother and Law Wizard On Way to Mrs. Hamon With Plan for Surrender



Clara Smith Hamon and Jake L. Hamon, whom she is said to have admitted killing.

FT. WORTH, Texas, Dec. 9.—Plans for the surrender of Clara Smith Hamon, charged with the murder of Jake L. Hamon, Oklahoma "King," were maturing today as E. S. Smith, brother of the missing woman, and a noted Texas criminal lawyer, were speeding westward to El Paso for a conference with the attorney, believed to be William McLean, Jr., member of the firm of McLean, Scott & McLean, left with Smith after holding a six-hour conference here yesterday.

The attorney will remain in El Paso while the brother crosses the international border to a Mexican town where Clara Smith Hamon is believed to have been hiding out.

Smith will lay before his sister the law firm's proposal that she surrender immediately.

Walter S. Scott, a member of the firm, denied that his firm had been retained as defense counsel, but admitted they were awaiting acceptance by Clara Hamon of their plans before taking her case. He revealed the details of the conference and declared he believed the missing woman would surrender.

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PEACE IN IRELAND HOPE SEEMS LOST

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Hope of a quick peace with Irish terrorists appeared to have been lost today and the government, by seizing municipal buildings for its officers and concentrating its forces, indicated it was making ready for a hard winter campaign.

The Irish office declared Sinn Fein attacks on police had continued throughout the week. The government also continued its raiding on the grounds that the Irish republican leaders had not suggested peace.

The breaking off of negotiations was indicated by the announcement that Mrs. Henderson and William Adamson, that they will not return to Ireland. The two labor members of Parliament were confident of a return from returning from a week's stay in Ireland, during which they asserted they were assured Irish leaders desired peace.

Their report was considered by the cabinet, where it was decided the peace feelers had not been thrown out by Sinn Fein. The Northern press declared the prime minister was much impressed by the archbishop's report and that hope of peace still was bright.

It is understood a note will be sent Father O'Flanagan asking what authority he holds to negotiate for the Sinn Fein.

Marion Woman Says Mate 'Liked' Typist

Special to The Times.
MARION, Ind., Dec. 9.—After being married for thirty years, Mary David A. Williams, wife of a wealthy physician, has filed a cross-complaint for divorce, alleging that her husband had been intimate with a typist.

The complaint was filed in the county court, where it was assigned to Judge Nathan Straus, treasurer, Dr. O. W. McQuinn.

LEGION POST NAMES OFFICERS.

MARION, Ind., Dec. 9.—Byron W. Thornburg Post of the American Legion has elected the following officers for next year: Commander, Louis Spilman; vice commander, Harold J. Thomas; adjutant, Nathan Straus; treasurer, Dr. O. W. McQuinn.

Trutona Builds Up System To Ward Off 'Flu' and Pneumonia As Efficiently As It Overcomes Bad After-Effects.

Trutona is now adding hundreds of local residents in battle against the burdens of winter—attacks of pneumonia, influenza, severe coughs and colds. Scores of Indianapolis people have found that Trutona's remarkable reconstructive powers which make it so efficient in overcoming distressing after-effects of the winter diseases, make this famous tonic equally effective in building up the system to ward off the dreaded attacks of the "flu" but why wait until after you have had pneumonia, influenza or a severe cough before taking Trutona, when it has been clearly proven that the perfect Tonic is equally efficient in building up the system to ward off attacks of these dreaded winter ailments?

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KAHN RAPS JAP WAR AGITATION

Holds Demagogues Responsible if Conflict Comes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—"If the statesmen, the publicists, the politicians, the agitators and the demagogues of Japan really want war with the United States they will be the ones to bring it on and not the Americans," Representative Kahn of California declared in a speech in the House this afternoon, discussing the Japanese problem.

"We want peace," Kahn continued, "but the world has only recently learned that we are not too proud to fight; nor are we afraid to fight when we are forced into war."

"I have no fear that there will be war between Japan and the United States in my lifetime. And I am thoroughly satisfied, any country remains measurably prepared there will be no difficulty between the two nations at any time."

"There is a proposal in Japan an agitation and a propaganda to instill among the masses a pronounced hatred of America and Americans that may result in grave difficulties between the two nations," Representative Kahn warned.

Kahn explained that this is the case in California with Japanese immigration and alien law. In doing so he commended the Japanese for their progress, and declared it an insult to their intelligence, their pride and their civilization to class them as inferior to the white man.

"Many public officials in Japan, as well as their political agitators and demagogues, have tried to make the world believe that the opposition to the entrance of Japanese laborers into the United States mainland is based upon racial prejudice," he said. "We of the Pacific coast deny this is the case. I contend that the objection is purely an economic one. Japan is doing to the laborers of China and Korea what she claims is racial hatred or prejudice when done by us to Japanese laborers."

Kahn said there has been no friendship for the United States in Japan since 1904, when the then President Roosevelt, induced the Japanese statesmen to conclude peace with Russia without demanding indemnity. This angered the Japanese people, he said.

TWO SERIOUSLY HURT IN CRASH

Skulls of Men Fractured When Auto Hits Wagon.

William H. Vebbing, 26, of 1019 North Dearborn street, and Peter Bernar, 36, whose home is on Eighteenth street near the C. C. & St. L. railroad tracks, are in a critical condition today at the City Hospital, as the result of injuries received when a wagon on which they were riding was struck by an automobile driven by John B. Wolf, 23, of 1817 North Delaware street.

The accident occurred at Seventeenth and Alabama streets at 7:15 o'clock last night. The men suffered fractured skulls and have not regained consciousness.

An element of gravity entered the case when Arthur Vebbing, a brother of the injured man, told the police he was unable to account for his brother being on the wagon with Bernar, who is unknown to Arthur.

The police say two men who witnessed the accident said the horse hitched to the wagon was running east and that the automobile which struck the wagon, which was going slow when it hit the wagon, little damage was done to the automobile.

Deny Knowledge of German Loan Effort

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—State Department officials today denied knowledge of the reported efforts of a German syndicate to float a loan for Germany in the United States. It was said at the State Department that close watch is being maintained on the entrance of Germans into the United States, and that only those Germans who have business interests here are permitted to enter.

Uses Street Gas Tap

DULUTH, Minn., Dec. 9.—Using a pipe wrench, Arvid Sorenson, a laborer unemployed by the drop in a gas connection protruding from a sidewalk here early Wednesday, placed his mouth over the opening, drew its mackinaw over his head, and was asphyxiated.

ANSWER THIS PUZZLE

Win Ford Sedan or \$800
The operator of the movie machine in this theater decided to play a joke on his audience, so he threw these rearranged "Movie" letters on the screen.

To solve the Movie puzzle, you must rearrange the letters so that they will spell the correct actor or actress' name. No word can be used twice. You can guess all ten you can win \$800 Ford Sedan or \$800.

Probably you know the names of most of the famous actors. Here are a few of the most popular "movie" players:

Charlie Chaplin, Charles Ray, Mary Pickford, Thomas Meighan, Dustin Farnum, Theda Bara, Douglas Fairbanks, Blanche Sweet, Melvyn Norman, Harry Warner, Pearl White, Fatty Arbuckle, Wallace Reid, Beverly Bayne, William Farnum, Alice Brady, Gloria Swanson, Anita Stewart.

ONLY 185 "POINTS" WINS AUTO
For each name you arrange correctly, you will receive 10 "Points" toward the FORD Sedan, or 100 "Points" in all, if you arrange all names correctly. You can win \$800 more "Points" by "Qualifying" your answer. That is, by proving that you have shown a copy of our paper, The Rural Weekly, five previous issues. The final 25 "Points" will be awarded by three independent judges on the next issue, the handwriting and spelling of your answer.

The answer gaining 185 "Points" (which is the maximum) will win the FORD Sedan, or \$800 in cash. Second highest will win a \$200 photograph, and so on down to the last of 25 "Points" which will win a \$10 photograph. As soon as your answer is received, sample will be sent FREE, to assist you in qualifying.

COSTS NOTHING TO TRY—YOU CAN WIN.
You will not be asked to subscribe to The Rural Weekly. We spend one penny in order to win. We have given away over 100 autos. You may be the next lucky winner. Try your answer to the Puzzle on one side of the paper, name and address in upper right hand corner. You can win—Answer the puzzle now.

The Puzzle Man, THE RURAL WEEKLY, St. Paul, Minn.

WHO ARE THEY?

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No News to Her

A woman entered a London tram car with a crying youngster whom she could not quiet.



As the train approached a stop the door opened suddenly and the noisy conductor called loudly:

"George's Cross! George's Cross!" The mother looked up indignantly and replied: "So would you be cross, sir, if you was cuttin' yer back teeth!"

L. A. WHITCOMB NEW HEAD OF BAR

Indianapolis Association Holds Annual Election.

L. A. Whitcomb, Indianapolis attorney, will succeed William P. Kappes as president of the Indianapolis Bar Association for 1921 as the result of an election held last night by the association in the library of the United States District Court. Others elected as officers were: Vice president, Carl H. Conder, vice president; Donald S. Morris, treasurer; members of the executive committee, Clifton H