

SENTIMENT IS NOT SO HOSTILE, SAYS MCCARDE

Chairman of Service Commission Admits Body Is Unpopular.

IMPROVEMENT OF WATER

Unfavorable sentiment toward the Indiana Public Service Commission exists, and is not so intense as some individuals believe. John W. McCarle, chairman of the commission, declared in a speech before a committee of men and women at the Statehouse today. The meeting was for considering uniform rules and regulations for Indiana water companies.

"It would show a want of frankness on my part if I did not admit the fact that there is a certain amount of public sentiment unfavorable to the public service commission," Mr. McCarle said. "This unfavorable sentiment is not nearly so intense nor so wide-spread as a few individuals would have us believe, but nevertheless, it exists."

RELATION EASY DIFFICULT.

"The war brought about conditions which rendered the work of all Governmental rate regulating bodies extremely difficult. In order that public utilities might continue to exist it became necessary, generally, to increase the rates without changing former commodities. This was true throughout the United States, and it was true in Indiana.

"The commission did increase rates, but if you will make an investigation you will discover that the price of products of our public utilities increased in ratio, smaller than did the price of any other commodity in general use. While other businesses were making 10, 20, 30, 40, and some times 100 per cent return on their invested capital, the public utilities of Indiana during the period of the war were held to a reasonable return, in no case of which I know exceeding 8 per cent. Many of them made no return at all, but this was due to conditions and was unavoidable."

Referring to the water companies, Mr. McCarle said:

"The water utilities of the State are in excellent condition and are giving good service. Generally speaking, they are being economically and efficiently managed. The water companies are not to be blamed for the increase in rates. It can not be improved upon, and we propose to bring the water utilities of this State to a point of excellence in service and operation that is unsurpassed throughout the United States. I believe that the work of this committee will bring about this result."

SUBCOMMITTEES

Benjamin Burris, State superintendent of public instruction, was named chairman of a general committee to draft proposed standards for water companies. Other subcommittees were named as follows:

Water plant equipment, inspection of plant and equipment, inspection by public service commission pumpage record, Prof. R. B. Wiley, chairman; Earl Carter, W. L. Younce, Dow R. Gwin, Mrs. Edmund D. Ball, Miss Vida Newsom, Howard A. Dill, Mrs. Wiley.

Meters—Carl Wile, Mr. Felix T. McWhirter; E. Vernon Knight, Charles Streithof, F. C. Jordan, R. B. Wiley, Howard A. Dill, Mrs. Edgar Franklin White.

Water Main Extension—Dow R. Gwin, Charles Streithof, Hall W. L. Younce, W. C. Jordan, Mrs. Edgar Franklin White, F. C. Jordan, Carl Wile.

Quality of Water, Protection Against Contamination, Flushing of Mains—Dr. W. F. Kling, chairman; Dr. W. M. Tucker, Mrs. Field T. McWhirter, B. J. Ross, Mrs. William M. Zeller, Miss Vida Newsom, W. P. Toyne, Charles Streithof, F. C. Jordan.

Company Rules and Regulations—Earl Carter, chairman; F. C. Jordan, E. Vernon Knight, Dow R. Gwin, Carl Wile, Charles Streithof, Arthur Hall, John W. Toyne.

Continuity of Supply, Interruptions of Service—Discontinuance of Service—Dr. W. M. Tucker, chairman; Mrs. Edgar Franklin White, Mrs. William M. Zeller, John W. Toyne, Newman T. Miller, Dr. W. L. Younce, Newman T. Miller, John W. Toyne, Howard A. Dill.

2 MORE PLAZA BUILDINGS IN PATRIOTIC USE

Board of Public Works Turns Over Total of Six in City Block.

Arrangements to turn over two more buildings in the city plaza block to military and patriotic organizations, were made by the board of public works to day.

The Marion County Council of the American Legion started moving its headquarters into part of the building at 532 North Pennsylvania street, formerly occupied by an undertaking establishment. The American War Mothers and the American Veterans of the World War also are to be given quarters in this building.

James M. Ogden, city attorney, is preparing a lease for occupancy of the residence at the northeast corner of Michigan and North Pennsylvania streets, which was bought by Mr. William S. Barkley from whom the city bought it Jan. 24, by headquarters of the 5th Division, Organized Reserves of Indiana. The reserve offices will be moved from 408 Federal building as soon as Mrs. Barkley vacates it was stated.

When these buildings are occupied there will be six patriotic organizations in the city-owned block. They will have the use of the buildings until they are torn down to make way for the State War Memorial building.

PICKERELL AGAIN IN FEDERAL COURT

EVANSVILLE, Ind., April 22.—Van Pickrell, Forest Hills, and Hardin Thomas are under bonds of \$2,000 for alleged booze running. They were arrested on the road from Kentucky by Federal prohibition agents. Pickrell figured in the booze-running conspiracy charges which resulted in the sentence of Edgar Schenck, former chief of police here, to the Federal prison, two years ago. Pickrell testified for the State and was released without a prison sentence.

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THIRTY POLICE FOR DRUGS.

PARIS, April 23.—During a raid on an opium den here twenty women attacked the police who had seized their drugs. Three of the raiders were badly bitten.

STATE BANK REMODELS BUILDING



MARION COUNTY STATE BANK.

Improvements involving an expenditure of approximately \$15,000 have been completed by the Marion County State Bank, 139 East Market street. The above picture shows the bank's new front. Organized in 1912 the bank has enjoyed a steady growth and has doubled in size during the last four years according to John L. Duvall, president, who was one

of the organizers of the institution. The remodeling gives the bank twice the floor space it had previously and permits all officers of the institution to now have their desks on the first floor. Bedford stone was used in remodeling the exterior of the building and the interior also has been rearranged. With the completion of the improve-

17 MEN LOST WITH SINKING LAKE VESSEL

Canadian Lighthouse Tender Is Victim of Storm on Michigan.

SAILOR STE. MARIE, Mich., April 23.—Reports reaching here today gave definite confirmation of the sinking of the Lamplighter of the Canadian lighthouse service with seventeen men aboard during the storm last week.

The ship left here April 18 on its first trip of the season with lighthouse supplies for the islands of Caribou and Manitoulin, in command of A. A. Brown of Orillia, Ontario. She was also carrying several lighthouse keepers and their posts.

Wreckage found along the shores gave definite proof that the vessel had gone down. Tugs and lifesaving crews left here today to search for the bodies.

POLICE CHIEF AWAITS WORD ON AUTO USE

Rikhoff Says He Has No Interest in Political Quarrel.

City Councilman John E. King today had not carried out his reported threat to complain to Chief of Police Herman F. Rikhoff because Capt. Edward Scher forbade King to ride in the police emergency automobile while it is answering calls. Captain Scherber issued the order to King, who is also a member of the council, yesterday, thereby arousing the councilman's ire.

Chief Rikhoff said his only knowledge of the incident came from newspapers, neither Mr. King nor Captain Scher having discussed it with him.

He said he did not care what others thought of the newspapermen and policemen assigned to the emergency car to ride in it, because extra passengers overload it and tax the engines, when it is being driven fast.

There is also danger of the city being liable for damages, should a passenger be injured in an accident.

Police officers and newspapermen surrounded King when they ride in the car, said the chief.

The chief said he contemplated no action in the affair unless it is officially reported to him.

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Sexton, How's the Old Bell Arm?

FETCH ALLISTER AN EASY CHAIR

All Settled Now Except Church

PARIS, April 23.—Mary Landen journeyed to Europe as ended in a lover's meeting, after all—and there'll be a wedding in June. Miss Baker and Allister McWhirter today issued this formal joint statement.

"We have decided to issue this statement to avoid further publicity."

Mrs. Baker, mother of the bride-to-be, gave the above statement her approval and the children a blessing in advance and announced that Mary's fondest wish, this side of the end of June, was to be left alone to enjoy Paris.—Copyright, 1922, by United Press.

April Showers Fail to Frighten Crowds Away From Circus

Thieves Make Away With Valuables Said to Be Worth \$150,000.

BALTIMORE, April 23.—Max Bernstein, wholesale jeweler, was held up and robbed near his home today of a brief case, he was carrying, containing jewelry and diamonds said to be valued at \$150,000. Two bandits beat him over the head with the butts of their revolvers, seized the brief case, jumped into an awaiting automobile and escaped.

The Sells-Floto Circus is the first circus of the current season. It came direct here from its Chicago engagement and Indianapolis is the first stand of the long spring and summer tour.

The big white top was up before the rain started last night and Frank A. Stuart, known as "Doc" in the newspaper offices all over the country, is the authority that everything is dry and cozy under the big top at Washington street and Howard.

The Sells-Floto has added another stage to its arena, making three rings and two stages filled with features acts—the Handforders, the Hobsons, the Hodskins, the Handfords, the Arrows, the O'Neals, the Linders, the Whins, the Steeles, the Stebbins, Lou Grant, the Fleurs and scores of others. In the air, the Codonas and the Nelsons, flying troupes will give the Sells-Floto aerial offerings, and in Alfonso, triple somersaults, and other stunts the arena top, again among the mid-air thrillers.

The spectacle this year is called "A Night in Cairo," and is said to be the largest one ever attempted by Sells-Floto.

There are nearly sixty clowns with the circus this year.

"Doc" Stuart has this to say about the clowns:

"Yes, sir! Somethin' new, and it has to do with the clowns. This year they've told the clown to go out in the three rings and two stages and the chaff-faced cut-ups—this year, to repeat, they've told the clown to go out in the three rings and two stages and in the hippodrome track and be funny. Honestly, every one of the clowns has been told to be funny, and if he can't be funny, as each one has been instructed, he must not go out before all the people and mislead 'em with his starched pantaloons and peaked cap. Those are the management's orders."

Gibson's home is in a secluded spot with this show is hired to get laughs. Any clown not getting one or more laughs in each clown display will be fined \$100.

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