

# GERMAN NATION TOTTERS AS PEOPLE FACE MONEY PANIC

## BLINDING LIGHTS CAUSE AUTO TO PLUNGE OFF ROAD

Five Seriously Injured in Accident on Pendleton

Pike.

Five persons were seriously injured and one slightly bruised when a touring car driven by Joe Coleman, colored, Sixteenth St., turned over twice after plunging off the road on the Pendleton Pike near Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Wednesday night, police reports showed today. Coleman who was only scratched, said lights from an approaching car blinded him.

In the car with Coleman were Mrs. Lovie Thomas, colored, 628 E. Wabash St., cut and bruised; Mr. S. May Ella Dixon, colored; Memphis, Tenn., two ribs and collar bone broken and possible internal injuries; Mrs. Blanche O'Bryan, colored, 630 E. Wabash St., internally injured; Henry McCullian, colored, 624 E. Wabash St., a member of the A. B. C. baseball team, cut and bruised, and Frank Peters, colored, N. Senate Ave., cut and bruised and back injured.

Glaring headlights caused Mr. Ellis, 1120 W. Twenty-Fourth St., to drive off the road into a ditch on Seventy-First St., near College Ave., Wednesday night, police said. The car turned over and Mrs. Ellis suffered a broken arm. She was taken home.

## SANITARY BOARD ASKS SIX AND ONE-HALF CENTS LEVY

New Levy Cent and One-Half Under Limit Set by Law.

Tax levy of 6½ cents to raise a total of approximately \$415,300 will be asked by the board of sanitary commissioners for operating expenses in 1924, it was decided today.

Under a law enacted by the 1923 Legislature the sanitary department may ask for a levy as high as 8 cents. The former limit was 6 cents.

The board asks \$100,000 for ash collection, maintenance and \$33,400 for new equipment.

A total of \$70,000 is asked for garbage collection, a reduction of \$10,000 from the 1923 figure.

A sum of \$8,000 was asked for incineration, the same amount as last year.

Sewage disposal costs will be \$167,500 for 1924.

Reduction is promised in office expenditures, \$11,500 being asked, as compared with \$12,000 last year.

A new item appeared in the form of lane and track maintenance to the garbage reduction plant at Sellers farm. The board asked \$2,500 for this work.

## DEATH SUMMONS VETERAN GROCER

The funeral of Martin Hoogwinkle, 77, who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mary A. Baldwin, 1130 Parker Ave., Wednesday, will be held at 2 p. m. Friday at the Baldwin residence. Burial will be in Crown Hill.

Mr. Hoogwinkle was born in Rotterdam, Holland, in 1848, and came to this country when 26 years old. He lived in Albany, N. Y., and Kansas City, Mo., previous to coming to Indianapolis twenty-three years ago. He owned a grocery at Michigan and Lynn Sts., but had not operated it for fifteen years.

He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. James Waller of Indianapolis, and Herbert M. Baldwin of the United States Navy, and one great-grandchild.

## WITNESSES TELL OF BRIDGE DEATH

Paul Keefer, 18, drowned in White River at the Southport Rd., nine miles southwest of the city, last week, had just been ordered to stop on the bridge when it gave way with him and the truck he was driving, Harry M. Bankard, 654 E. Eleventh St., foreman for the Indiana Gunite and Construction Company, testified in the coroner's inquest today.

Keefer was driving a gravel truck. Bankard said he had ordered him on the bridge and then ordered him to stop. He said he had placed signs warning motorists not to speed over the bridge about fifty feet west, but had no signs regarding tonnage allowed.

J. L. Alley, employee of the Acme Gravel Company, Kentucky Ave. and Eagle Creek, testified there were two other loads of gravel on the bridge when it gave way. He said he saw no signs.

## Love Lights Lives of Aged Blind Couple Who Have Never Seen Each Other, Though Married 50 Years

We Are Still Sweethearts,  
Declares Wife—Does Own Housework.

By JOHN WHARTON  
Times Staff Correspondent

ORAIN, Ohio, July 26.—Through the fifty years of their married life, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McCullian never have seen each other. They are blind.

The house is quiet. Then there is a football on the stair. Mrs. McCullian's alert ears hear.

"Tom," she says, "you will find me in the dining room."

And how does she know that it is Tom, her husband, who approaches? I said she was blind. And the blind know. I cannot tell you why nature takes care of its own—or how. I only know it is true. Attention, while the blind woman speaks:

"In compensation for the loss of my sight, God has sharpened my other senses. The touch of my finger tells me, for instance, when a pie is ready to be removed from the oven."

Mrs. Philomen McCullian was born in Syracuse, N. Y. She is 67. She became totally blind when she was a girl. Her husband is 73. He was born blind.

It was at a school for the blind at Batavia, Ohio, that Philomen met Tom. There were no soft romantic moods for them. But into the darkness of their lives there crept a new light that has shone on through the years. In that city it revealed to Tom that Philomen was beautiful, though beauty he had not seen.

I would not tell you, if I could, the story of their wooing. There are sacred grounds upon which I do not tread. But three who were blind met together—Tom and Philomen and Love.

McCullian is a well-educated man and speaks with the diction and vocabulary of a scholar. He is a graduate of a New York school for the blind and of the school at Batavia.

Well grounded in literature and music, they were married at Amsterdam, N. Y., soon after leaving school. They own their own home and an adjoining residence.

They have supported themselves by concert tours, traveling over most of the United States.

They came to Lorain in 1885. Before that they lived for two years in Cleveland, where Mrs. McCullian has a brother, Rev. Alonzo Mayau.

For time McCullian was the organist at St. Mary's Church. In 1913, however, he fell and sprained his wrist and it has been impossible for him to play anything but the violin since then.

They have had four children, only one of whom, a daughter, is living.

Mrs. McCullian's kitchen is immaculate. Each article has its place where she can reach it without hesitation. She is a mystery to the housewives of her neighborhood.

But Mrs. McCullian does all of her own housework. And it would be hard to find one who does it better.

The McCullians are keenly interested in radio. Through it they see emancipation for the blind. It supplies them with news, with music, with lectures. The McCullians are hoping for the day when they can have a larger and better radio set. I hope Santa Claus has the hives and is paralyzed in both arms until he looks after that.

There is one great difference between this aged pair.

When Mrs. McCullian dreams, she says, she sees the things she dreams about. When her husband dreams, he is still blind. For Mrs. McCullian has seen things, but to her husband, the world always has been dark.

I wonder, then, what it is like to be blind. How can the mind of the blind picture a thing it never has seen? Think that over!

"We still are sweethearts," says Mrs. McCullian. "In spite of everything, we have lived happily together. I would not trade my life for those of many who have their sight."

Then when the three met for their first—Tom and Philomen and Love—Love was not so blind after all. For when Love conquered the hearts of this now aging pair, he looked down the years along a pathway on which a wondrous light still shines.

KU-KLUX AD MAN DENIES SHORTAGE

Charge that he embezzled \$20 from the Rex Publishing Company, affiliated with the Fiery Cross, Ku-Klux Klan newspaper, was denied today by H. J. Van Buskirk, 26, an advertising man who worked for the paper.

The case of Van Buskirk, arrested on an affidavit filed by Ernest W. Reichard of the publishing company, was continued in city court until Aug. 10. Van Buskirk is held under \$5,000 bond.

Officers said they were investigating a statement of Milton Elrod, editor of the paper, that he understood Van Buskirk had embezzled \$20.

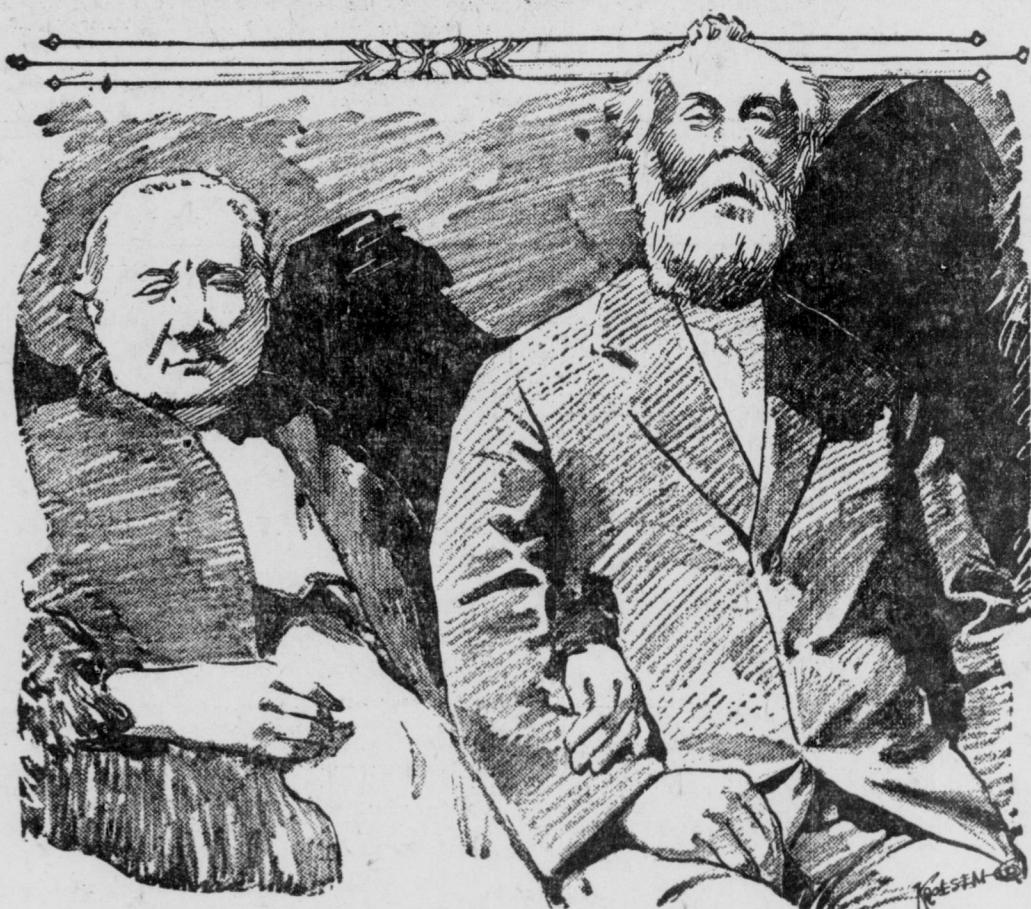
Van Buskirk said that if there was a shortage it was due to defalcation by an employee of an advertising company with which the paper had a contract.

Brass Foundry Goes Bankrupt

The Modern Brass Foundry Company, Inc., 1319 Bates St., filed a voluntary bankruptcy petition in Federal Court today. Liabilities were given as \$14,693,600 and assets, \$4,643,111.

Vincennes Club to Picnic

The Indianapolis Vincennes Association will hold an old-fashioned picnic Saturday from 4 to 8 p. m. at the home of Mrs. John O. Mellett, Bell Ave. and the canal.



MR. AND MRS. T. J. McCULLAN

## W. L. BRYAN HEADS COUNCIL TRUSTEES IN 1923 SESSION

State Sunday School Budget to Be Considered by Convening Board.

## Woman Held Here as Alleged Forger



UNA HAZEL COLEMAN

## K. K. K. WOULD BUY UNIVERSITY NEAR FINANCIAL DOOM

Organization Seeks Legal Procedure to Acquire Valparaiso U.

Members of the Ku-Klux Klan, as individuals and as an organization, are seeking legal procedure to purchase Valparaiso University, at Valparaiso, Ind., following a statement by college officials that the institution was about to go bankrupt, and immediate relief was needed.

The charge account has been eliminated from Berlin business life. In Cologne shopkeepers are closing up early, to keep customers from buying everything they have. The latter are reported to be no longer asking "how much is this or that?" but "what will these buy?" producing hundreds of thousands of paper marks.

## CHARGES HURLED AT RATE HEARING

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In this case, your argument is based on the imaginary theory that this commission is bound by the securities valuation order.

"Those that have no bearing on this case ought not to concern the record. This is an independent case. Your sort of argument may be all right in some places, but not around here."

"This commission was not influenced by the statements of any one. It is immaterial what was sold or gossiped about last year. It is not going to influence this commission. If it did we would not be fit to sit here."

"We want to know whether this company is making a return allowed by law with its present rate. Anything along that line will be welcome."

"I am not saying the commission was influenced, but the public was influenced." Clancy replied.

Ratts Objects

"You are not going to be allowed to argue this commission did something that was not right because the public was not present to protest," Ratts said.

Jordan had been put on the stand by E. O. Sneathen, attorney for civic clubs, to testify as to the manner in which the company came into possession of the canal, recited details of transactions already referred to in the complaint.

The action follows on the heels of a lease for the university property, recently executed in favor of the Cook Laboratories and which was regarded as the death knell of the school. The chemical concern was to take possession Aug. 20 for a period of seven years.

## FROM FAR AND NEAR

Premier Mussolini's reception of labor leaders Wednesday is regarded in Rome as a step toward unification of Italy.

Portuguese land batteries saluted the U. S. battleships "Arkansas" and "Florida" as these ships arrived off Lisbon Wednesday.

German press agents are whispering Fatty Arbuckle is in Berlin seeking a fortune in marks.

Rev. E. H. Knudsen, president of United Lutrean church, declared at New York Wednesday, the American girl is at her lowest moral ebb.

Joseph Costello, 24, Chicago confectioner, was found dead in his store Wednesday with four bullet wounds in his heart. Robbery is believed motive for slaying.

Thieves Get Thoroughly "Tired"

A vulcanizing store operated by J. T. Moffett at 2709 Northwestern Ave., was entered Wednesday night and inner tubes and tires valued at \$62.10 were taken. Police have found no trace of the thieves.

Soviet Russia will establish a grain

Bewildered Berliners Strive Frantically to Get Rid of Worthless Marks for Commodities—Banks Give Checks in Lieu of Change.

By CARL D. GROAT

United Press Staff Correspondent

BERLIN, July 23.—The spectacle of a nation of people all striving frantically to get rid of their money presented itself throughout Germany today.

Bewildered Germans, unable longer to follow the drop of the paper mark into nothingness, are making desperate efforts to lay hands upon everything tangible in lieu of the practically worthless currency.

A panic is on in the minds of the people, who find the banks unable to supply the change for a ten dollar bill.

Citizens are hurrying to shops with thousands of mark notes done up in paper bundles.

"Give us anything you have to sell," they are demanding of harassed clerks and shopkeepers, who, Middas-like, find everything they touch turning to paper marks that are snowing under the once orderly economic life of Germany.

Pockets no longer are large enough to hold all the mark one needs for an excursion into the streets of Berlin. A familiar sight is the citizenry with long bundles of money under arms or stowed in huge hand-bags.

Every one knows what his neighbor has under his arm, bales of \$5,000 mark notes, worth less than a cent. And every one is trying to spend them lest tomorrow they become worthless. In hotels and restaurants special waiters have been installed who do nothing but figure how many million marks worth of food each guest is eating so a check may be ready for him.

Meanwhile, every one is laying in canned goods. The banks are unable to change a \$10 bill. They pass out a ration of a few hundred thousand marks and give a certified check for the balance. These checks the merchants naturally accept in lieu of anything else.

It is the difficulties of the project which were under discussion:

1. Workers now laboring the twelve-hour shifts—about 25 per cent of the entire employment list—would only earn \$3.20 for an eight-hour day (they now receive \$4.80).

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