

# GERMAN ACTION 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 George 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. Love Thomas, colored, 238 E. Wabash St., out and bruised; Mrs. May Ella Dixon, colored; Memphis, Tenn., two ribs and collar bone broken and possible internal injuries; Mrs. Blanche O'Banyon, colored, 630 E. Wabash St., internally injured; Henry Blackman, colored, 630 1/2 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 M. S. Ellis, 1120 W. Twenty-Fourth St., to drive off of 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 6 1/2 cents to raise a total of approximately \$418,390 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 board asks \$100,000 for ash collection maintenance and \$23,400 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 1846, 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, Michigan and Lynn Sts., but had not operated it for fifteen years.

He is survived by his daughter, two grandchildren, 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 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.

## 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. McCullan never have seen each other. They are blind.

The house is quiet. Then there is a football on the stairs. Mrs. McCullan'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. Philomena McCullan 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 Philomena met Tom. There were no soft romantic moonbeams for them. But into the darkness of their lives there came a new light that has shone on through the years. In that city it revealed to Tom that Philomena was beautiful, though beauty he has 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 Philomena and Love.

McCullan 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. McCullan has a brother, Rev. Alonzo Mayou. For a time McCullan 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.

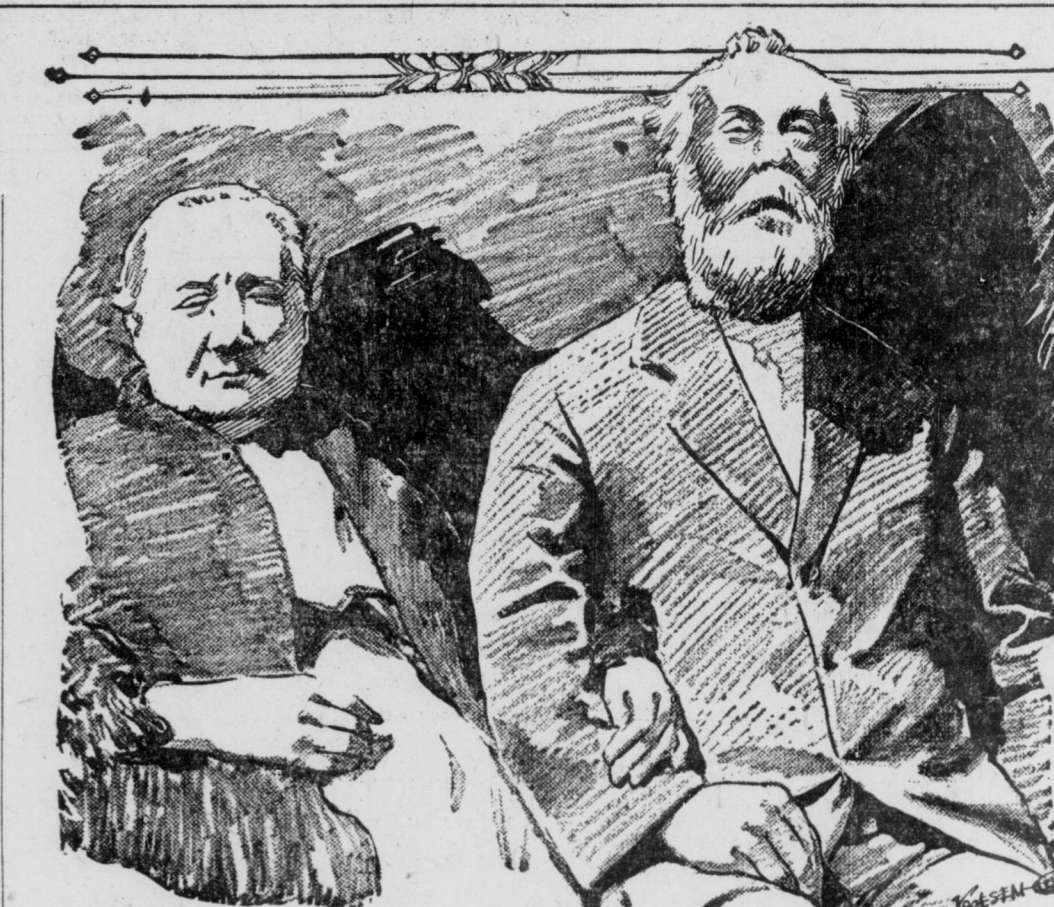
They have had four children, only one of whom, a daughter, is living. Mrs. McCullan's kitchen is immaculate. Each article has its place where she can reach it without hesitation. She is a mystery to the housewives of her neighborhood.

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

The McCullans are keenly interested in radio. Through it they see emancipation for the blind. It supplies them with news, with music, with lectures. The McCullans 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. McCullan dreams, she says, she sees the things she dreams about. When her husband dreams, he still is blind. For Mrs. McCullan 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!



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.

William Lowe Bryan, head of Indiana University, and president of the Indiana Sunday School Council of Religious Education, presided today at a meeting of the board of trustees of the council.

E. T. Albertson, general secretary of the Sunday School Council, said that the date for the next State Sunday School convention will be set. Other matters to be considered are: The State Sunday School budget and transfer of the printing of the "Awake" to some Indianapolis firm.

Possibility of having W. C. Pierce, assistant general-secretary of the World's Sunday School Association, come to Indiana will be discussed.

Trustees at the meeting: Bryan, Bloomington, Ind.; E. H. Hasemeier, Richmond, Ind.; M. L. Claypool, Crawfordville, Ind.; J. F. Lehman, Berne, Ind.; Rev. M. C. Tunison, Logansport, Ind.; Rev. C. C. Goin, E. C. Boswell, F. M. Dickerman, A. B. Cornelius, I. E. Woodard, Garry L. Cook, and Merle Sidener, all of Indianapolis.

It is cooler today anyway. F. J. Dayton, 2117 N. Talbot Ave., told police two bathing suits disappeared from the clothesline in his yard.

## HOUSEHOLD GOODS TAKEN TO COURT

Husband Dumps Wife's Property on Sidewalk After 'Battle Royal,' Attaches Say.

Juvenile court officials today found themselves unwelcome possessors of a job lot of miscellaneous furniture which they said was dumped on the sidewalk in front of the courthouse shortly after daylight by O. K. Stuart, proprietor of the Sun-Lite Gas Company, 8000 E. Washington St.

Stuart and his wife, according to Court attaches, had a battle royal Wednesday. Mrs. Stuart reported that she came off second best, officials said.

"She certainly put up a battle," Stuart said. "She hit me three times and tore up things in general. So I packed up her belongings and brought them down here. But I don't want her to come out there. There is an oil stove and a bed without springs she can have, too, but she can't come out."

On the sidewalk in front of the Courthouse was a sewing machine, wringer, plush coat, umbrella, hat, overcoats and a tub and box full of miscellaneous belongings of Mrs. Stuart.

## Woman Held Here as Alleged Forger



UNA HAZEL COLEMAN

Local police today awaited word from Grand Rapids (Mich.) authorities as to disposition of Miss Una Hazel Coleman, 21, arrested at 621 N. Alabama St., Tuesday. She is alleged to have attempted to make a payment on an automobile to the Losby-Nash Company, 802 N. Capitol Ave., with a forged check. Detectives say the Michigan authorities want her on a forgery charge and are attempting to obtain extradition papers.

Miss Coleman created a national sensation about a year ago in Chicago when she told police a bandit entered her apartment and cut off her hair, local detectives say.

## 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.

Local Klan officers today said that their attorneys had been considering the purchase, but that endless litigation made it appear almost impossible.

Offer to the Klan was made after Dr. H. M. Evans, president, revealed the struggle impending because of the effort of Henry K. Brown, ex-president and son of the founder, to regain control of the school, including fifteen buildings and valued at \$1,000,000.

School officials discussed the sale with Klan officers at conferences in Indianapolis. Ku-Klux officers admitted that only legal questions prevented their taking over the school. A total of \$500,000 would swing the deal, it was said.

Brown, it is said, has demanded a cash payment of \$55,000 to retire notes he holds against the school, relief of \$85,000 surety due to the J. F. Wild Bank and assurance his mother would be paid annuity of \$5,000.

Legal action to save Valparaiso University was taken today by the board of trustees of the institution when they filed suit in the Porter County Circuit Court to obtain clear title to the real estate of the university, basing their action on a lease and contract held by the school.

Three defendants, the Valparaiso Realty Company, the Cook Laboratories, Inc., and H. K. Brown, were named 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.

Pretty Good Trade. Floyd Schrackengast, Greenwood, Ind., reported to police that a boy stole a basket of tomatoes from his wagon at Ray and Meridian Sts. Discovered in the act, the boy fled, leaving his bicycle, which Schrackengast gave to the police.

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

Rev. E. H. Knudsen, president of United Lutheran church, declared at New York Wednesday, the American flag 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.

Mrs. Sidi Wirt Sprokels, widow, and Kansas prairie girl, is now Princess Chakir through her marriage to a Turkish Prince Suid of Constantinople.

## 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 26.—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, Midas-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 stuffed in huge handbags. 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.

In many instances merchants are refusing to deliver goods. O. D., the day following the agreement to purchase, but are demanding cash down "today." This is because the tumbling mark may have depreciated so as to make the bargain a bad one.

The charge account has been eliminated from Berlin business life. 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. "Things that have no bearing on this case ought not to clutter 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 said or whispered 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 welcomed."

"I am not saying the commission was influenced," the public was informed. 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. Sneath, 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 hearing.

At the opening of the session Clarence E. Weir, attorney for consumers, submitted an interrogatory concerning the Indianapolis Water Works Securities Company, which holds all but thirteen shares of the common stock of the Indianapolis Water Company. He asked also about a company known as the Pennsylvania Company, said to be trustee for the securities company. Weir asked numerous questions concerning the finances of the two companies.

Water company attorneys objected on the ground it was not the commission's affair what stockholders did with their stock. Weir accused the

receiving and distributing house at Hamburg to clear export grain.

Palestine is reducing expenses and many employees have been removed from the Government payroll.

Boom for Governor Small in his campaign for second term as Governor of Illinois was started at Chicago Wednesday.

Prohibition Commissioner Haynes Wednesday declared 99 per cent of booze seized by Federal agents is poisonous.

Radiograms received at Orange, N. J., declare Mrs. Caton L. Decker, delegate to Baptist World Alliance at Stockholm, has been lost at sea.

U. S. Senator Oscar Underwood, Alabama, told the Birmingham Rotary Club Wednesday Europe's affairs are problems for United States business men and farmers.

Henry Lambert, Thomaston, Maine, is a free man after serving twenty years of a life sentence after conviction of murdering his wife and daughter. Later evidence proves Lambert did not commit the crime.

## STEEL EXECUTIVES CONFER ON PLANS FOR 8-HOUR DAY

Gary Indicates Change May Not Be Made for Several Months.

By United Press  
NEW YORK, July 26.—Executives of the United States Steel Corporation gathered around the conference table in company headquarters today to plan the first step in elimination of the twelve-hour day—storm center of labor disputes in the industry.

With Judge Elbert H. Gary presiding, the conference went to work to find the basis upon which the change can be made.

Involves Sweeping Changes. Upon entering the conference Gary indicated the change might not be accomplished for months. It involves sweeping changes in operation—complete revision of the working schedules of 260,000 employees new salary arrangements and employment of thousands of new workers.

"Our purpose is to consider ways to put into effect at the earliest possible moment the elimination of the twelve-hour day," Gary said. "This involves facts and figures more or less complicated."

Here are 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.

Will Add to Cost. Gary estimates the change will add 15 per cent to the cost of the manufactured steel product because thousands of new men would have to be employed. (The estimates of those needed vary from 60,000 to 85,000.)

2. Some smaller steel companies making the change have been met with demands for wage increases.

## YOUNGER MIROFF GOES TO CHICAGO TO GET FATHER

Man, Missing Since July 16, Found at Home of Daughter.

Arthur Miroff, son of Isadore Miroff, 82 1/2 W. Ray St. was in Chicago today to bring to Indianapolis the elder Miroff, who disappeared July 16.

A telegram from a daughter in Chicago Wednesday stated the elder Miroff was at her home.

When the telegram arrived, Arthur Miroff, who is connected with the Public Savings Insurance Company, 147 E. Market St., was tracing a clew supplied by a woman who stated a man who was at her home Tuesday was Isadore Miroff.

Mrs. Isadore Miroff, who has been seriously affected since her husband left, is awaiting his return in great happiness, relatives said.

## PATIENTS RECEIVE THERMOS BOTTLES

Daughters of British Empire Donate Supplies.

With thermos bottles and a gross of flower vases the patients at Sunnyside Sanatorium are better equipped than they were before the visit of the committee of Daughters of the British Empire, Wednesday. The gifts were bought with the "love fund," made up of the earnings of the fifty-five members of the Indiana chapter.

Mrs. Anna Pickard, president of the Indiana chapter headed a committee to investigate the needs of Sunnyside and found that thermos bottles for each room and vases for the many flowers sent to the hospital were most needed. Other members of the committee were Mesdames James W. Jackson, John Kendrick, Thomas France, Maude Holme, and Miss Phyllis Holme.

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