

CITIZENS  
DEMAND:

## MAKE CROSSING SAFE!

## Van Aukens Asks to Resign Job on Public Service Commission

CITY FIGURES IN  
WATER CASE ARE  
CALLED 'CROOKED'Utility Attorney Withdraws  
Question of Benjamin  
Perk.

## HEARING GROWS HEATED

Company Fails to Break  
Down Testimony of Public  
Witness.Charges that some of the  
testimony presented by the city  
in the water rate case was pre-  
sented "for a page in the news-  
papers" and the insinuation that  
Benjamin Perk, expert witness  
for the city, had resorted to  
"just plain crooked accounting"  
were hurled in the case before  
the public service commission to-  
day.Perk was being cross-examined by  
William A. McInerny, attorney for  
the company. McInerny had failed to  
break down Perk's statement that  
common stockholders had made an  
original investment of only \$500,000.  
"Isn't your persistence in referring to  
that figure for newspaper con-  
sumption and just plain crooked ac-  
counting?" McInerny shouted.  
"It is not," Perk replied.William A. Pickens, attorney for the  
Chamber of Commerce, intervened.

## Apology Demanded

"You are too big a man, Mr. Mc-  
Inerny, to put such a question to a  
witness," he said. "I demand that the  
question be withdrawn and that you  
apologize.""I'll withdraw the question. It will  
save time," McInerny replied.Earlier in the questioning McInerny  
had referred to figures on stockholders'  
investment given by the city as  
intended for "a page in the news-  
paper."One question followed another and  
Perk persisted in standing by his fig-  
ures. In no instance did the company  
succeed in breaking down a single  
bit of evidence. McInerny was becom-  
ing plainly excited and was conduct-  
ing the questioning in a loud voice.Early in the day Pickens com-  
plained he could not hear McInerny's  
questions. As the questioning be-  
came heated Pickens broke in with:  
"I'm not having any trouble hear-  
ing you now."Before the cross-examination started  
Perk presented a number of exhibits  
based on valuation decisions of the  
United States Supreme Court in two  
cases, the valuations supporting much  
of the city's contention and the fig-  
ures ranged from \$9,983,000 to \$11,-  
649,000, according to the bases used.

## Discuss Compromise Rumor

At the opening of the hearing Pick-  
ens and Clarence E. Weir, attorney for  
labor organizations, referred to a story  
printed in an evening newspaper con-  
cerning a possible compromise valua-  
tion to be arrived at by the commis-  
sion."The Chamber of Commerce and  
others have been quoted as talking  
about a compromise valuation," Pick-  
ens said. "The Chamber of Commerce  
has not and will not talk about com-  
promise of any element in this case."Weir made a similar statement for  
the civic clubs.Commissioner Oscar Ratts, presid-  
ing, replied that "this commission is  
not going to be influenced by the  
newspapers."Frequent references were made to  
newspapers and the attitude of the  
newspapers in the case.

## HOURLY TEMPERATURE

6 a. m. .... 69 10 a. m. .... 83  
7 a. m. .... 73 11 a. m. .... 85  
8 a. m. .... 77 12 (noon) .... 87  
9 a. m. .... 81 1 p. m. .... 88

## Ice Cream

Did Dolly Madison invent ice  
cream?A reader of this paper wanted  
to be properly grateful to her  
if she did, so we asked our Wash-  
ington Bureau. The answer is  
printed in today's Question and  
Answer column on Page 4.Member Understood to Have  
Told Desire to Governor  
McCray.

## SITUATION TALKED OVER

Presentation of Request Not  
Expected Until Successor  
Is Chosen.Glenn Van Aukens of Auburn,  
a member of the public service  
commission, has made it known  
to State officials that he intends  
to resign and the matter is under  
consideration by other members  
of the commission and the  
Governor, it was learned today.Persistent criticism of the commis-  
sion is known to have "grated" on  
Van Aukens' nerves until some time  
ago he brought the matter to the at-  
tention of John W. McCordle, chair-  
man of the commission.McCordle is understood to have dis-  
suaded Van Aukens from resigning at  
that time.

## Reports Criticism

About a week ago, when Van Aukens  
was presiding at a local utility case  
outside the city, certain insinuations  
are said to have been made by per-  
sons interested. Van Aukens imme-  
diately acquainted McCordle with the  
details and is said to have declared  
he "could stand it no longer."The matter is known to have come  
to the attention of Governor McCordle,  
who also tried to dissuade Van Aukens.  
Today the commission members, ex-  
cepting Van Aukens, met in conference  
with Governor McCordle and it was  
said that the situation was discussed  
again. It is not thought likely that  
Van Aukens will tender his resignation to  
McCordle until arrangements have  
been made for a successor.

## Appointed in 1919

Van Aukens was appointed a Demo-  
cratic member of the commission June 2,  
1919, by Governor James P. Good-  
rich. His term expired May 1, 1923, at  
which time he was reappointed together  
with Edgar Blessing to a four-  
year term. Since Van Aukens became  
a member of the body he has sat in a  
number of important utility cases.Among these were the Indiana Bell  
Telephone Company's case, on which  
Van Aukens is now working to com-  
plete an order, and the citizens Gas  
Company case. His salary is \$6,000  
a year.PRESIDENT'S FATHER MAY  
FLY TO SON'S BEDSIDEArmy Air Service Ready to Furnish  
Plane for Flight.WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—If Dr.  
George T. Harding, father of the Pres-  
ident, wants to fly to San Francisco  
from Marion, Ohio, to be at his son's  
bedside, the Army air service is ready  
to supply a machine and pilot.Officials here indicated Dr. Harding  
had only to express the desire.A. C. BABSON NEW  
POWDER CO. HEAD

Successor to C. O'B. Murphy

## Assumes Duties

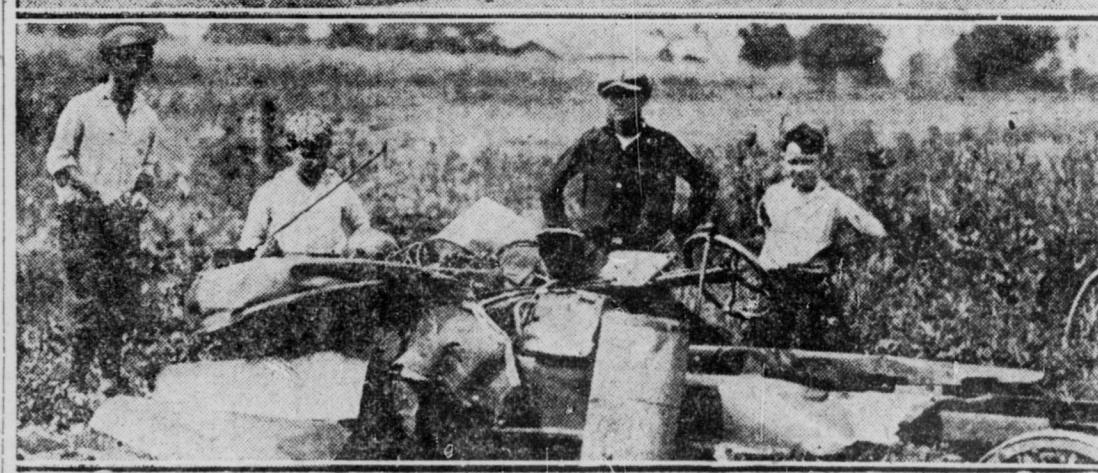
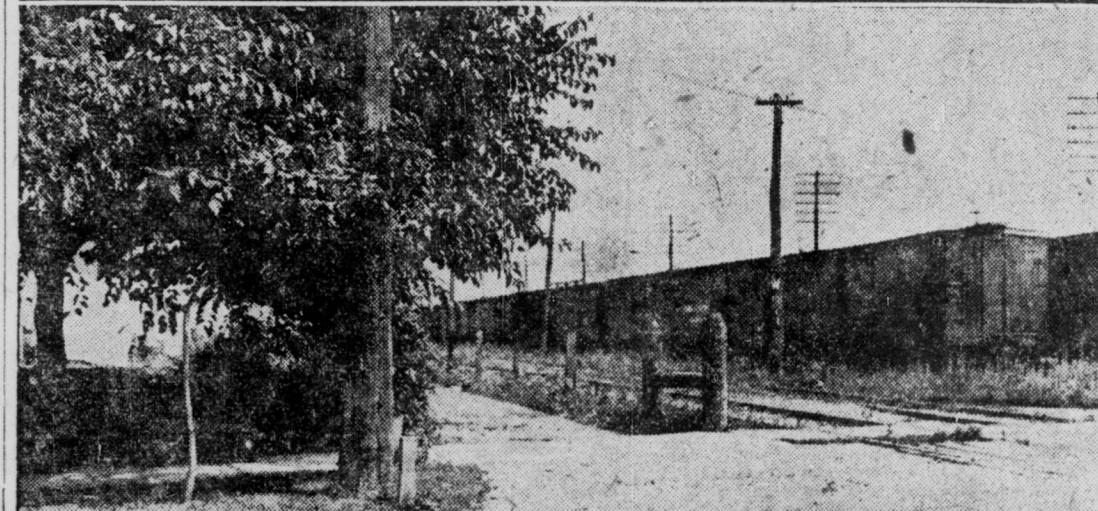
A. C. Babson until recently vice-  
president of the West Virginia Water  
and Electric Company of Charleston,  
W. Va., became vice-president and  
general manager of the Central Indiana  
Power Company today. The  
Merchants Heat & Light Company of  
this city is a part of the Indiana  
Power Company. The selection of  
Babson was announced by Joseph H.  
Brewer of Grand Rapids, Mich., presi-  
dent of the company. Babson took  
up his duties immediately. He suc-  
ceeded Charles O'B. Murphy, who re-  
signed last week.Babson was with the West Virginia  
concern for five years. Prior to that  
he was with the North American Com-  
pany of Wisconsin.No immediate changes in policy or  
personnel of the company is contented-  
plated, Babson said.

## DAUGHTER ASKS DAMAGES

Mrs. Mabel Herman Demands \$10,000  
for Death of Mother.Charging that the motorman re-  
fused to slow down his street car, re-  
sulting in the death of Mrs. Nannie  
Brunton, 72, at Oliver Ave., near Birch  
St., Sept. 13, 1922, Mrs. Mabel Her-  
man, daughter of the victim, filed suit  
in Superior Court for \$10,000 dam-  
ages from the Indianapolis Street  
Railway Company.

The company denied the charges.

## Democrats to Meet

The Democratic State committee  
has been called to meet at the Clay-  
pool Aug. 9 to consider campaign  
plans, by Walter S. Chambers, State  
chairman.This Picture Shows Tibbs Ave. Death  
Trap Where Seven Have Been Killed

TREES ON LEFT OBSCURED VIEW OF MRS. MARY COY, MUSIC TEACHER, KILLED BY INTERURBAN TUESDAY. BOX CARS ON RIGHT BLOCK VIEW FROM OTHER DIRECTION. BELOW, MRS. COY'S WRECKED AUTOMOBILE, DRAGGED 275 FEET WEST OF THE CROSSING.

FOUR UTILITIES TAKE  
RATE CUT IN ILLINOISCADLE CHOIR NOW  
IN FRESH TURMOILTabernacle Factions in New  
Issue Over Name.They shall not picnic—at least under  
the name of "Gipsy Smith Choir,"ICHICAGO, Aug. 1.—That was the determination of the  
faction of the Cadle Tabernacle sing-  
ers led by E. Howard Cadle, making  
strenuous efforts this afternoon in  
Circuit Court to procure a temporary  
injunction against the faction led by  
Choir Leader Joe Overmeyer.The Overmeyer faction, which  
seized the name "Gipsy Smith Choir," by  
incorporating recently, should be  
restrained from holding a picnic next  
Saturday evening in Garfield park  
under the "auspices of the Gipsy  
Smith Choir, Inc." Attorneys Or-  
bison and Zeckiel said. Furthermore,  
the Cadle faction wants the Over-  
meyer faction to be restrained from  
any use of the name.Circuit Judge H. C. Chamberlain  
was being sought to grant a hearing.  
The judges are on vacation.The commerce commission is mak-  
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