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FARE BOOST IS UP TO STATE

Civic Clubs' Attitude

THE city administration committed to some "financial" relief for the Indianapolis Street Railway, the question as to who would fight for the present 5-cent fare schedule before the public service commission is being discussed by straphangers.

Taylor Groninger, corporation counsel, announced his position would be based on the report of Benjamin Perk, city budget expert, which says increased fare is needed.

Edward O. Snethen, president of Federated Civic Clubs, says no action has been taken by that organization toward maintaining present 5-cent fare.

Attitude of the federation, however, will be formulated March 28 when the twenty-

three affiliated clubs will adopt a policy. Questionnaires have been mailed to the clubs to learn sentiment. The first ones returned show wide difference in opinion.

Some have already opposed any car fare increase. Others would not oppose a fare boost if increased revenue would improve service. These clubs would favor a trial fare increase.

Snethen said today the policy of the federation would be determined by a vote of the majority of the clubs, although the federation will have no objections to any one club or group joining to oppose an increase by employing legal counsel to appear before the public service commission.

STOCK DEALS OF OFFICIALS MADE PUBLIC

Transactions of Slemp, Curtis, Daugherty, Elkins and Former Congressmen in Sinclair and Doheny Oils Bared Before Committee.

By PAUL R. MALLON

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WASHINGTON, March 18.—C. Bascom Slemp, secretary to President Coolidge; Senator Charles Curtis, Republican whip in the Senate; Attorney General Daugherty, Senator Davis Elkins and several present and former Congressmen, speculated in either Doheny or Sinclair oil stocks, Lewis D. Bond, accountant for the Federal trade commission, testified today before the Senate Oil Committee.

Among the Congressmen named as oil speculators by Bond were:

Former Representatives Goodykoontz, J. H. Hines and Ryan, and Representative A. E. Rouse of Kentucky.

Daugherty dealt in Mexican Petroleum and Sinclair Consolidated. Bond testified Daugherty's account for a time was registered under the name of W. W. Spauld, Bond said.

Slemp speculated in Sinclair Consolidated and Mexican Petroleum; Curtis in Sinclair Consolidated; Elkins in Sinclair Consolidated and Mexican Petroleum.

The Congressmen bought and sold Mexican Petroleum and Pan-American Petroleum.

Controlled by Doheny

The Pan-American and Mexican Petroleum stocks are controlled by E. L. Doheny, lessor of two California's naval reserves; Sinclair Consolidated is controlled by Harry F. Sinclair, lessor of Teapot Dome.

Daugherty made a profit of six and a half points, amounting to about \$54,50, Bond said. Other transactions were not closed during the period covered by Bond's examination of brokers' books on which Bond's story was based. This showed Daugherty still owned some of the stocks.

Curtis' deals were not margin transactions, but outright purchase, Bond said.

Bond told the committee he had examined the books of fifteen brokers besides the Association for Protection of American Rights in Mexico. Bond read from a written report he had prepared.

What About Daugherty?

"What do you make of Daugherty's transactions?" Senator Walsh asked.

"I imagine he didn't want his name used in the stock deals. That is frequently the case. He never told me why he didn't want to be identified with the matter," Bond said.

The indications from receipts found in the records of Hibbs & Co., Washington, are that Jesse Smith (Continued on Page 11)

POLICE ARE COMPARED

Indianapolis Force Shows Up Favorably With Cincinnati.

Police forces of Indianapolis and Cincinnati compare favorably in rank and number according to a report received by Walter W. Wise, president of the city council, today.

Wise is investigating conditions in twenty-five cities following request of Police Chief Herman Rilkoff for 100 additional men. Six cities have already reported.

Cincinnati with a population of 415,000, has 767 policemen compared to 541 for Indianapolis. Cincinnati has 36 sergeants compared to 21 for Indianapolis, and a traffic squad of 79 compared to 83 here. Indianapolis has 53 detectives. Cincinnati has 37.

BENEFIEL RITES TODAY

Taps Sounded for Civil War Veteran

Who Died Sunday.

Funeral of F. M. Benefiel, 56, Civil War veteran, who died Sunday, was held today at 10 a. m. at the home of his son, F. B. Benefiel, 427 S. Gray St.

Services were conducted by the Rev. Charles Reed of the Woodside M. E. Church. Burial in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Officer Ordered to Flying School

—Mrs. Gertrude Bright, 850 N. East St., was released from a charge of involuntary manslaughter filed Feb. 28, when, according to police, the car she was backing from the curb at Massachusetts Ave. and Liberty St. struck and fatally injured Mrs. Johnna Spearing, 76, 624 E. Walnut St.

THOUSANDS PAID AS 'PROTECTION' IN HUGE LIQUOR DEALS

Mellon, Weeks and Haynes Summoned in Trial of Daugherty.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Delving into transactions regarding withdrawals of liquor, the Senate committee investigating Attorney General Daugherty today heard from William Orr of New York a story of large payments, totaling sometimes \$25,000 at a time, to Howard Mannington, described as a close friend of Daugherty. These payments, Orr said, were in connection with "liquor deals," but he did not know what became of the money, except that it was "to keep the cases out of court."

Development of this angle of the inquiry followed an announcement that large numbers of new subpoenas had been issued, including in the committee's dragnet, Secretaries Mellon and Weeks, Prohibition Commissioner Haynes and several members of Daugherty's staff at the Department of Justice. Among them was H. H. Votaw, brother-in-law of the late President Harding. Votaw has charge of parole cases at the department.

Or the witness who told of the alleged liquor deals, said that "various people" gave him money in connection with liquor withdrawals and that he always turned it over to Mannington.

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T.H.I. & E. LOSES COMMISSION FIGHT

Indiana Electric Corporation

Allowed to Cross Power Line.

The Indiana Electric Corporation, controlled by the Joseph H. Brewer utility interests, won today in a fight before the public service commission against the Terre Haute, Indianapolis & Eastern Traction Company.

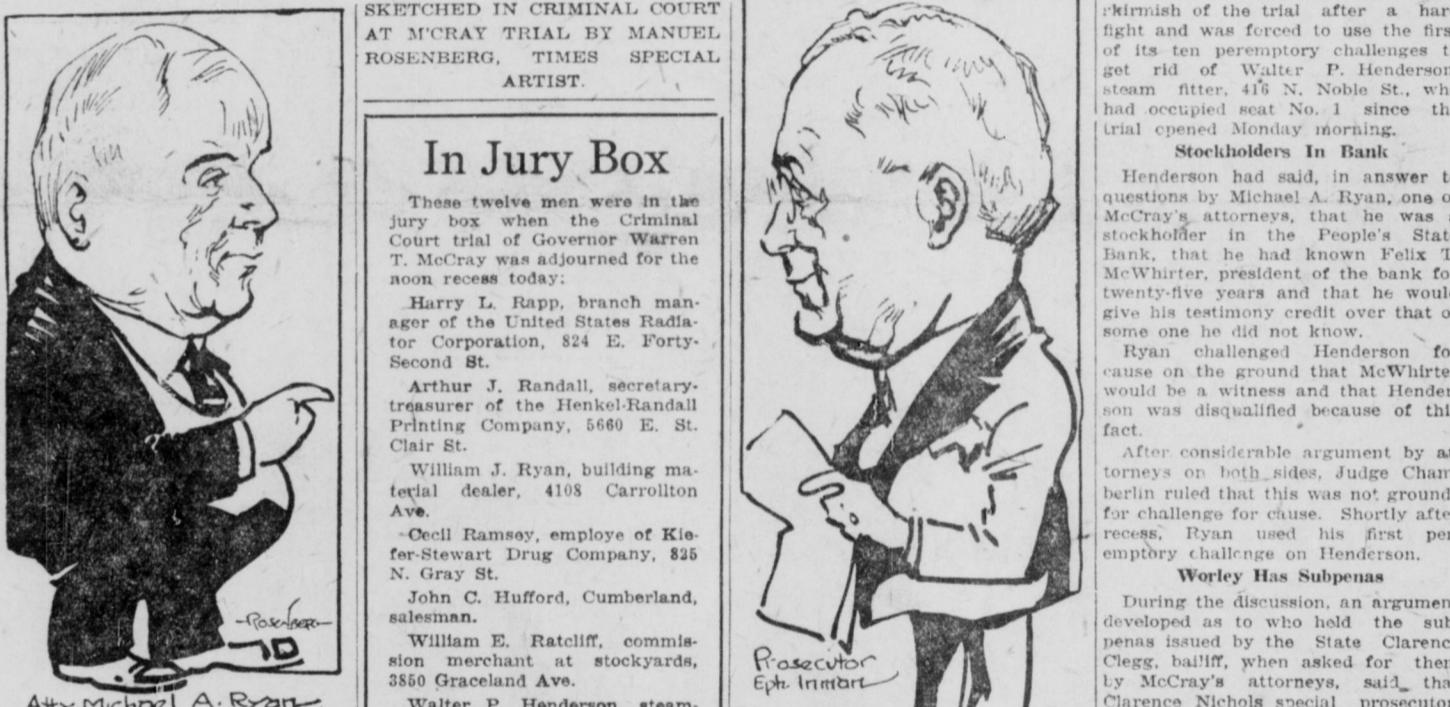
Permission was granted the corporation to cross a T. H. I. & E. transmission line with their own power line in Marion and Vigo Counties.

The Indiana Electric Corporation is constructing a \$5,000,000 power plant on the Wabash River near Terre Haute, and is spending \$3,500,000 for cost of transmission lines and easements, the plaintiffs stated. It will supply power to the Merchants Heat and Light Company.

Woman Driver Released

Thomas S. McMurray, State insurance commissioner, has approved a contract for sale of the Century Life Insurance Company to the People's Life Insurance Company with combined assets of more than \$3,500,000 and total insurance amounting to \$36,000,000.

M'Cray Lawyers Pass Jury to State



FIRE WHICH TOOK SIX LIVES PROBED

Overheated Stove Theory Believed Disproved.

Further investigation of a fire at the home of Percy Stoval, colored, 828 W. Eleventh St., where Stoval's wife and five children were burned to death early Monday, was carried on today by Battalion Chief Fisk and Fire Chief O'Brien.

Fisk said it had been rumored that Stoval had a stove in the kitchen which Fisk at first believed became overheated, was not burning.

Fisk said he would question Stoval.

The victims died when fire swept through the room as Mrs. Stoval prepared to hand the children out of a window to her husband, on the porch roof.

BUREAU FUND \$17,600

Chamber of Commerce Convention Campaign Nears End.

A total of \$17,600 has been subscribed to the Chamber of Commerce convention bureau, Frank Wampler, chairman of the fund committee announced. Final meeting of the campaign drive to raise \$26,000 will be held next Monday.

William A. Atkins, chairman of the hotel group committee, reported \$8,650 at a meeting of the convention committee at the Chamber Monday. John D. Dubuc, chairman of the motor club group, reported \$600. Merchants Association has pledged \$5,000.

Merger Contract Approved

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HOURLY TEMPERATURE

6 a. m.	38 10 a. m.	36
7 a. m.	37 11 a. m.	36
8 a. m.	37 12 (noon)	36
9 a. m.	37 1 p. m.	36

The City's Stand

THE city will meet the petition of the Indianapolis Street Railway Company for increased fare with a demand on the public service commission that no more relief than is absolutely necessary be granted.

This attitude of the city administration was expressed by Taylor Groninger, corporation counsel, today, when told that a petition asking for a 7-cent fare with 1-cent transfer and four tickets for a quarter had been filed by the car company.

"My attitude will be based entirely on the report of Benjamin Perk, city budget expert, which shows that the company needs a depreciation reserve fund," said Groninger. "Any relief granted should be temporarily, and I

won't be satisfied with a 7-cent fare long. It must revert to lower figure when relief is realized.

"The city is not satisfied with the ticket proposition of four for 25 cents or sixteen for \$1. We shall insist on seventeen tickets for \$1, which makes the fare slightly less than 6 cents, and slightly less than 7 for the passenger who transfers. This is lower than the present transfer fare."

Following filing of the car company's petition for an increase in fare, opinion was voiced by some citizens that it would be advisable to get comparative figures on the street car business in other cities.

Traction Company Wants 7-Cent

Rate—Declares Present Scale

Is Inadequate

Increase Would Provide for Four Tickets for 25 and One-Cent Transfer

Defense Loses First Skirmish in Trial of Indiana's Chief Executive.

The defense in the case of the State of Indiana against Governor Warren T. McCray, on trial in Criminal Court before Special Harry O. Chamberlin, passed the jury over to the prosecution at 11:20 a. m. today.

Eph Inman, special assistant prosecutor, immediately began to question the jurymen, starting with Harry L. Rapp, who occupied seat No. 1 in the box.

The defense lost its first skirmish of the trial after a hard fight and was forced to use the first of its ten peremptory challenges to get rid of Walter P. Henderson, steam fitter, 416 N. Noble St., who had occupied seat No. 1 since the trial opened Monday morning.

Stockholders in Bank

Henderson had said, in answer to questions by Michael A. Ryan, one of McCray's attorneys, that he was a stockholder in the People's State Bank, that he had known Feltz T. McWhirter, president of the bank for twenty-five years and that he would give his testimony credit over that of some one he did not know.

Ryan challenged Henderson for cause on the ground that McWhirter would be a witness and that Henderson was disqualified because of this fact.

After considerable argument by attorneys on both sides, Judge Chamberlin ruled that this was not grounds for challenge for cause. Shortly after recess, Ryan used his first peremptory challenge on Henderson.

Worley Has Subpoenas

During the discussion, an argument developed as to who held the subpoenas issued by the State Clarence Clegg, bailiff, when asked for them by McCray's attorneys, said that Clarence Nichols special prosecutor, held them. Nichols denied this and finally it developed that they were in the possession of Claude Worley, Criminal Court investigator.

Judge Chamberlin finally brought the discussion to an end by saying that the question properly before the court was whether Henderson was qualified to sit on the jury, and not whether McWhirter had been subpoenaed as a witness.

Three jurors were removed for cause, on challenges by the defense.

E. W. Eickhoff, Franklin Township, farmer, said that he had formed an opinion. His place in the jury box was taken by Cecil Ramsey, 25 N. Gray St.

John C. Hufford, Cumberland, salesmen.

William E. Ratcliff, commission merchant at stockyards, 3550 Graceland Ave.

Walter P. Henderson, steam fitter, 416 N. Noble St.

Leander Williams, farmer, Camb.

Richard D. Rutherford, vice president and general manager of the John Deere Plow Company, 3232 Central Ave.

Charles Eick, farmer, Perry township.

Henry Reinitz, restaurant proprietor, 240 E. Twelfth St.

Richard H. Habbe, insurance agent, 4484 Central Ave.

Alyce Jay, proprietor of general store, Wayne township.

GLOBE Fliers Off ON SECOND LAP

Three Cruisers Head North for Seattle.

By United Press

MATHER FIELD, Sacramento, Cal., March 18.—The second day's flight of the army around the world journey started at 9:48 a. m. today.

The three Douglas cruisers, headed by Maj. Frederick Martin, making the flight, hopped off from Mather Field and headed north bound for Eugene, Ore., and Vancouver Barachas, Wash.

The fliers expected to encounter no unfavorable weather, all reports being of clear skies and light wind.

Lieut. Eric Nelson reached Clover Field, Los Angeles, after completing the first leg of his journey from San Diego.

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What was considered by Juvenile Court officials as one of the most unusual cases in the history of Juvenile Court, went on trial today.

Contributing to delinquency and possible murder of a new born babe by a man—its father and grandfather were involved.