

HOOSIER TRADE BODY CHAIRMAN CHANGES FRONT

Van Fleet Switches Sympathies in Commission Decision on Big Business.

Times Staff Correspondent
WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—Vernon Van Fleet of Bristol, Ind., chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, has raised conjecture here whether he is going to inject a spark of life into that somewhat moribund body. Six weeks ago he led the chorus to Commissioner Humphrey's hymn of praise of all American big business, good, bad and indifferent. At that time he joined Commissioners Humphrey and Hunt in a revision of the rules of procedure, over the violent protest of Commissioners Thompson and Nugent.

Changes Front

But now comes Chairman Van Fleet hand in hand with Nugent and Thompson and orders dissolution of a consolidation of two large shoe manufacturing companies over the almost tearful protest of Humphrey and Hunt.

The decision of the commission, just announced, orders the International Shoe Company, St. Louis, to divest itself of all stock ownership of the W. H. McElwain Company, Boston. The joining of the stock of the two companies, doing an extensive business in several States, is held by the majority of the commission to "substantially lessen competition" and in violation of the Clayton act. The dissenters view the consolidation as not only legal but beneficial to all parties concerned, including the consumers.

Position Important

Asked if his joining Thompson and Nugent in this case indicated a change of heart, or head, in regard to the proper work of the commission, Van Fleet said that it did not.

Van Fleet simply averred that in order to be right all the time he might have to join either one of the two conflicting minorities now and then. On which minority he joins most regularly will depend, observers believe, whether the commission will become essentially a rubber stamp of big business, or a definite force in molding the business practice and policy of the country.

LOCK-UPS LACK PATRONAGE IN BRITISH ISLES

Crime Has Not Decreased
—Prisoners Are Treated Differently.

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—While in the United States prisons are overflowing with criminals held for crimes ranging from speeding to first degree murder, more than twenty prisons in England and Wales have been closed since 1914, says the American consulate through the Department of Commerce.

This reflects a reduction of practically a third of the total number, although the forty prisons remaining are by no means fully occupied. It also indicates a decrease of about 66 per cent in the number of persons sentenced to imprisonment since 1913. The total prison population for the year 1923-24 was 58,216. Ten years ago it was 157,000.

The reduction in the number of prisons and their conversion into dwelling places and barracks, does not, however, mean that crime has decreased in proportion. It is all in the way the offenders are treated by authorities.

In the United States the procedure is usually that of applying punishment after the crime has been committed. In England they seek to prevent a crime if possible, or when it is not possible, greater use of the probationary methods for adults and Barstal institutions for young people is thought best. The psychology of English justice is to reform a man or woman if possible and to resort to prison only when necessary. Often unjust imprisonment will forever prevent the victim from "coming back."

During the first few years of this century, about \$60 in every 100,000 of Great Britain's population were sent to prison a year. Today the number is 100 to every 100,000. The leading crimes in England which have all shown marked decreases are drunkenness, begging, breach of police regulations, prostitution, assaults, larceny, burglary, murder and manslaughter.

7-CENT TAX CUT

Times Special
MARION, Ind., Aug. 10.—A reduction of the city tax levy from \$1.12 to \$1.05 was announced here today in a tentative budget for 1925. The decrease was made possible by a \$2,000,000 increase in valuation, figures showing a \$30,000,000 valuation this year.

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Makes Beef Loaf taste better!

DANCING

Every Night at Fall Creek Barbecue and Dance Pavilion

The very best of music furnished by the Original Royal Terrace Orchestra. Operated under supervision of Sheriff and authorities.

Woman, 84, Wins Prize as Oldest Person at Reunion



Above, Left to Right—L. W. Ellis, Michael Buckley, Ferdinand Davis, Dr. George W. Williford and George G. Abraham. Below—Mrs. Mary E. Coleman, Mrs. F. E. Davis, Mrs. Catherine Zinkan, Emma McClain.

Mrs. Mary E. Coleman, 84, of 1122 N. Keystone Ave., won a \$5 prize for being the oldest person at the reunion of former Daviess County residents Sunday at Brookside Park.

The age of the nine persons who competed for the prize totaled 766 years. Others competing were:

Mrs. F. E. Davis, 78, of 40 S. Warman Ave.

Mrs. Catherine Zinkan, 74, of 317 Fulton St.

Emma McClain, 74, of 702 S. West St.

L. W. Ellis, 78, of 1143 S. State St.

Michael Buckley, 82, of 1120 N. New Jersey St.

FORD'S ELECTRIC RAIL ENGINE IS READY FOR TEST

Possesses Enough Power to Pull Train Mile and One-Half Long.

By United Press
DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 10.—The locomotive that Henry Ford believes will be the next step in world railroad transportation is about ready to make its trial test in the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton Railroad.

It is the longest locomotive ever built, is electrically driven and possesses enough power to pull a train of freight cars a mile and a half long. Some of the outstanding features of the giant engine follow:

Carries Own Generators

It weighs 372 tons; develops a maximum of 5,000 horse power; is 117 feet long and will go up to 35 miles an hour.

A single high tension alternating current of 22,000 volts will be taken directly from the line and "stepped down" to supply 600 volt direct current driving motors by means of transformers and motor generators.

Engineer In Front

Wh divided into two main sections of two articulates parts, each of which is complete and may be operated separately, control is equalized at the front end where the engineer sits.

The "fireman's" duty will be to look after operation of motor generators.

Each of the sixteen axles is driven by a separate electric motor. The drive wheels are forty-two inches in diameter and have separate brakes operated by air."

\$1.08 TAX RATE IS RESULT OF HOGUE'S CUTS

Controller Suggests Business Men's Committee in Future.

City tax rate of \$1.0825 was the final result of whittling at the budget for 1926 by Joseph L. Hogue, city controller, today.

"Can't you soak the general fund a cent or two?" asked Mayor Shank.

"Nothing doing; it's down to the bone," Hogue replied.

Hogue's Suggestion

Hogue suggested that in preparing budgets in the future a committee of four business men be appointed so consider the problem in a business like manner.

"Too late! He's out of luck," Mayor Shank said, when he was told of the suggestion.

Many mothers ask the guards to tend baby so they can swim unencumbered.

"We don't have to, so it sort of depends on who she is and how she looks," said one of the guards.

"Now there was a red-headed girl who always let me tend her baby—"

Clothes Stolen

One of the chief sources of trouble the guards have is people having their clothes stolen from the woods around the beach.

"They're too cheap to spend a dime to check their clothes, and would rather hide them in the woods. Then when some one steals the clothes they jump on us."

People go in swimming with their valuables or key ring in their hand, and then want the guards to dive for them when they are lost.

Another source of trouble is people who can't swim, yet dive in twenty feet of water. They have to be pulled out every time.

The guards get \$75 a month for their varied activities.

FIND HUGE MUSHROOM

Enormous Plant Discovered Near Atlanta, Ind.

"How many mushrooms for a steak?" has been an old controversy among cooks, but S. Mahlon Unger, local attorney, 523 State Life Bldg., and Arthur Woodward, 431 Harvard Pl., have reversed the question.

Unger and Woodward, returning from a reunion, found a mammoth mushroom growing near Atlanta, Ind.

The growth measured 48 inches in circumference and weighed 11 pounds. Now Unger and Woodward are wondering how many steaks can be well seasoned with their find.

O'BRIEN ESCAPES SHOT

Police today were investigating the firing of a bullet into the home of Fire Chief John J. O'Brien Sunday night. O'Brien was sitting in a room at his home, 19 E. Orange St., when he heard the bullet strike an plastering fall in an adjoining room. He dug the lead out of the wall and took it to his office today.

Neighbors said a small car followed by a larger one passed the house and occupants of both were shooting. It was thought the exchange of shots might have been between rum-rummers and hijackers.

YOUNG BANDIT KILLED

Filling Station Owner Shoots Youthful Hold-Up Men.

By United Press

SALEM, Ohio, Aug. 10.—One youthful bandit was killed, another was wounded and a third captured in an unsuccessful attempt to hold up a filling station near Lisbon today.

James Crawford, owner of the station, shot the two youths and captured the third when they advanced on his station with drawn revolvers.

Crawford had noted the boys near the station and, becoming suspicious, armed himself with a shotgun and waited. As they advanced he opened fire.

SAVED THREE LIVES

By Times Special

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Aug. 10.—Wirt Joseph, a carpenter of Newburgh, Ind., has rescued three persons from drowning this season.

Friday, Joseph made his third rescue when he pulled Joseph Jeffries of Chandler from the Ohio river.

POSTAL DEFICIT HUGE

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—The postal deficit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925, is approximately \$37,149,000, it was announced by Postmaster General New today.

Obligations amounted to \$649,371,000 while estimated revenues were \$600,000, from which a deduction must be made of \$11,622,000 for estimated increases in outstanding liabilities and for civil service retirement.

GALLONS OF LIQUOR SEIZED

Mattie Malfreda, 734 Holmes Ave., was seized today on blind tiger charge following a police raid on her home Sunday. Officers seized two ten-gallon kegs of wine, large quantities of wine in other containers, home brew and beer, they said.

Columbia Club Directors



Fred C. Gardner



J. F. Wild

STATE GAS TAX FUND FIGURES FOR CITY GIVEN

C. of C. Budget Expert Puts Local Apportionment at \$110,000.

Indianapolis will receive approximately \$110,000 on or about March 1, 1926, as its share of the 1925-26 State gasoline tax. Leonard V. Harrison, secretary, Chamber of Commerce civic affairs department, declared in a report today.

City budget-making officials had estimated the amount at \$81,000, but Harrison said they have not taken into consideration normal increases in consumption of gasoline.

For Road Improvements

Under the gasoline license fee act passed by the last Legislature, the funds are to be apportioned among the State highway commission, counties, cities and towns.

Indianapolis is to receive 17.7 per cent of the one-twelfth portion allotted to cities on a basis of population according to 1920 census. The fund is to be used by council in the maintenance or repair of any city streets or bridges, preferably on streets connecting with State highways.

Harrison said that total amount of gasoline consumed for the first quarter of 1924 under the 2-cent tax was 39,971,000 gallons, as compared to 54,687,000 gallons an increase of 36.8 per cent, for same months this year.

Amount Consumed

Total amount of gasoline consumed for second quarter of 1924 under 3-cent tax total 65,408,907 gallons, as compared to 72,811,040, increase of 11.3 per cent for corresponding months in 1925. Harrison said.

Gasoline consumption for the seven-month period, July, 1924, to January, 1925, inclusive amounted to 159,825,290 gallons, the report stated. By adding a 10 per cent increase to this consumption, 175,807,819 gallons is given for the remaining seven-month period of the present gasoline tax year.

QUEEN CONTEST ENDS TUESDAY

Local Clubs to Elect Miss Indianapolis.

Miss Greater Indianapolis must receive a majority of the votes of a number of organizations before she is crowned queen of the festivities of Greater Indianapolis Week, Aug. 16-23, it was announced by John F. Walker, committee member.

An she must be single and supporting, he said.

Candidates must submit pictures not later than 6 p. m. Tuesday.

Heads of the police, fire, parks and postoffice departments and civic clubs will choose candidates. They will then conduct a spirited warfare to obtain election.

Voting will stop at 6 p. m. Thursday. Votes must be brought to headquarters before 6 p. m. Friday. Judges are Virgin Ferguson, Wallace O. Lee and Frank Jordan. Frank A. Holmes is in charge of the contest.

NEW YORK ST. UP TO BOARD

Plan Commission Not to Handle Project.

City council members, who said they voted for the major thoroughfare plan, despite the fact that the plan commission had requested a 3-cent levy.

Schmidt said the Illinois St. improvement is badly needed because of congested traffic conditions. It would cost from \$75,000 to \$100,000, he stated.

The plan commission also proposes to widen W. Sixteenth St. to sixty feet as far as Northwestern Ave., according to Schmidt.

SHANK RUNS RAMPANT

All Excited Over Tax Raise in Kendallville.

Mayor Shank stamped the State house today, expressing intense ire over the tax situation in Kendallville, home town of Mrs. Shank.

The mayor hailed John J. Brown, chairman of the State tax board, and after complimenting Brown on his chances for becoming Governor, proceeded to object to taxes in Kendallville, where the board ordered a 10 per cent increase on real estate.

Shank pointed to the meager 5 per cent increase the board recommended for Ligonier, a neighboring town. He declared high taxes had driven a big refrigerator plant out of Kendallville.

William H. Freeman, board member, said today the board is determined to establish a speedway thoroughfare as decided by the plan commission.

FIRE LOSS IS \$1,000,000

Chicago Manufacturing District Periled by Lumber Blaze.

By United Press

CHICAGO, Aug. 10.—The last embers of a million dollar lumber yard fire were extinguished early today.

The greater part of the city's fire fighting apparatus worked furiously through the night checking the flames in the center of the manufacturing district.

The lumber yard that was razed was owned by the Harris Brothers Company. Explosion of a 1,600 gallon gasoline tank an hour after the fire started shot flames hundreds of feet in all