

WRAY PREDICTS 3-YEAR DELAY FOR TRACK PLAN

Scores Belt's Maneuver to Effect Elevation Between Pratt and Tenth.

Elevation of the Belt Railroad tracks, a measure declared necessary for proper expansion of the south side, may be delayed three years, was the opinion today of H. G. Wray, track elevation engineer, who will become city engineer of South Bend, Ind., Jan. 4.

"A bluff to take the public's attention from delay in south side elevation," was the way Wray characterized the Belt's maneuver to effect elevation between Pratt and E. Tenth Sts.

Sees Law Ignored

Wray said he opposed the elevation contract, which he said was drawn by the Belt and approved by the board of works, because it will enable the railroad company to halt elevation for many years.

"Through a clause in the track elevation agreement, the railroad company is forced to begin elevation only thirty days after final consummation of the flood prevention agreement. This agreement, as I predicted, is now tied up in litigation," Wray said.

Charges Illegal Buy

At a hearing in Circuit Court before Judge Harry O. Chamberlain late Wednesday, County Attorney Russell J. Ryan charged that the city illegally purchased land along White River for use in the flood prevention program. The city is attempting to have the county council and commissioners meet and appropriate approximately \$300,000 for acquiring land for the flood project. Ryan probably will file an answer to the city's request late today.

Ryan asserted that land bought by the city from the Crescent Paper Company really was owned by Reede, Hase, and Caler and N. Schussler, two packing concerns. The county also alleged that too much was paid for the land.

Court Hails Bids

Litigation, instigated by Louis Brown Jr., as a taxpayer, and alleging irregularities in advertising bids, resulted in an order Friday from Judge James M. Leathers, Superior Court One, restraining the board of works from opening bids.

DORSEY TO GO ON STAND TODAY

Defense of Slayer Financed by Army Buddies.

By Times Special
GREENFIELD, Ind., Dec. 31.—John Dorsey, formerly Army clerk, charged with the murder of his wife, Verne Fay Dorsey, 2314 Kenwood Ave., Indianapolis, a year ago, was to take the stand in his own defense today.

The case is expected to go to the jury sometime today.

Temporary insanity is the defense. Dr. Larue D. Carter, of Stern's Sanitarium at Indianapolis, expert witness for the defense, testified in answer to a long hypothetical question that Dorsey was insane when he shot his wife.

A number of officers and soldiers from Ft. Benjamin Harrison and Ft. Thomas, Kentucky, were character witnesses. According to their testimony, Dorsey's defense is being financed largely through contributions of his former army comrades.

Fred McCallister, city judge elect at Indianapolis, is principal defense attorney. Judson Stark, assistant Marion County prosecutor, is State's attorney.

Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported stolen to police belong to:

William Rosner, R. R. D. Box 308, Ford, from Pennsylvania and Market Sts.

Herbert Meyers, 1024 N. Oak Ave., Chevrolet, 285-009, from Meridian and New York Sts.

Milton Elrod, 5836 Allisonville Rd., Chevrolet, 227-96, from 44 E. Washington St.

J. R. Whiting, 208 E. Forty-Sixth St., Auburn, 492-792, from garage at Stock Yards.

Harriett Owsley, 103 E. Pratt St., Chrysler, 557-490, from same address.

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SHELBY ST. TOO HOT FOR SHANK

Would Drop It for New Administration.

Mayor Shank today believed the Shelby St. situation to be a "hot potato" that should be dropped by the board of works in the general direction of the incoming city administration.

South side citizens object to the board's proposal to route Shelby St. to Washington St., into a widened Cross St., thence to Washington St. They contend assessments are excessive.

Shank advised the board to postpone action.

Judge Clinton H. Givan of Superior Court Four was to receive briefs showing whether taxpayers have legal rights to seek relief from alleged excessive and unfair taxation for the project today. Hearing on a motion to dissolve a temporary restraining order issued Harry G. Gaylord, 1116 Pleasant St., to enjoin the board from continuing its program in the street opening, was brought here for examination. Winn denied knowledge of the affair.

Hundreds of south side citizens were expected to attend a hearing on the matter by the board at 2 p.m. today.

CAR FALLS 120 FEET; FOUR DIE

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Escape of Others Considered Miraculous.

By United Press

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 31.—Crashing through a safety gate on the Eleventh street bridge, a street car during the night plunged through an open draw into the city water way 120 feet below, killing four persons. Eight persons were in the street car when it went over.

Witnesses said the street car, already torn from battering its way through the heavy gate, shattered to pieces as it struck the water. The wreckage sank, leaving dazed and unconscious victims in the water. There were no more deaths or that others were not injured, it is considered almost miraculous.

WATSON AFTER BOSSERT SCALP

Politicians Believe Senator May Unseat Klan Boss.

The long political arm of United States Senator James E. Watson has reached from Washington in an attempt to unseat Walter Bossert, Indiana Ku-Klux Klan grand dragon.

Politicians believed this day, following receipt of reports of conferences in Washington. Failure of Bossert, a former Goodrich Jeantant, to hop nimbly on the Watson band wagon, is said to have stimulated the struggle within the Klan.

Joseph Huffington, Evansville, is deemed the likely successor. R. F. McNay, Brazil, and Huffington recently were in conference with Imperial Wizard Hiram W. Evans and Watson at Washington.

Governor Jackson is in Washington, where he is said to be "feeling out" the situation.

L. H. BAILEY HONORED
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 31.—Liberty Hyde Bailey, former dean of Cornell University, today was elected president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

REVOLT SPREADS

Nebraska, Illinois, North and South Dakota Plan Protest Meetings.

By Harold C. Place

Times Staff Correspondent
DES MOINES, Iowa, Dec. 31.—Fires of agrarian revolution, ignited in Iowa, were spreading to other States in the corn belt today.

Plans were made in Omaha, Neb., to issue a call next week for a State-wide conference of bankers, farmers and business men, such as was held here Tuesday under Iowa Bankers' Association auspices. Purpose of the conference like the Des Moines meeting will be to make effective protests against the economic and agricultural ills of the Cornhusker State.

The Illinois Bankers' Association was reported to be considering a similar meeting in Illinois, following a conference of its officials with Congressman L. J. Dickinson of Iowa, on his way back to Washington from the Hawkeye gathering.

Battle Front Extended

Likewise, North Dakota and South Dakota, in messages to the Iowa Bankers' Association, manifested much interest in procedure, incident to calling meetings in those States.

In the meantime Iowa was preparing voluntarily to extend the battle front with a call for a great conference, embracing the best minds in every State in the corn area. The call will be issued by a committee appointed by Governor Hamill of Iowa, as provided in the resolutions passed at Tuesday's conference.

The "corn area" conference prob-

WOMAN BARES LOVE SLAYING DETAILS

Hoosier ex-Convict Arrested in Connection With Killing of Wealthy Invalid.

By United Press
CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Weird details of a murder, such as seldom heard even by police, were drawn out today from three principals of Chicago's latest love murder.

Mrs. Eliza Nusbaum, 58, grandmother of eight children, wept her confession that she had conspired and accomplished the murder of her invalid husband so that she might marry a paroled convict from Crown Point, Ind.

Deary Hegewisch prairie—the desolate waste strip which gave up the murdered body of little Bobby Franks a year and a half ago—yielded up the body of the victim.

John W. Winn, 47, ex-convict arrested at Crown Point, Ind., was brought here for examination. Winn denied knowledge of the affair.

On Winn, police said, they found a letter from Mrs. Nusbaum giving instructions for the murder.

Edward Goff, friend of the family, told differing stories of the murder. In one story he charged that Winn was being over-friendly with Mrs. Nusbaum, and beat him severely, the widow declared.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE ENDS

Hoosier Athletic Club Suspends Special Fee.

Harold Hampton, Hoosier Athletic Club president, today said a drive for new members has successfully closed. Reduced initiation fee was discontinued Thursday night.

Applications on file bring the membership to 1,500, the number allowed by the constitution, Hampton said. The club home was remodeled and enlarged this year. In the past two months 160 have joined.

MAN FOUND WOUNDED

Different Stories Told—One Person Arrested by Police.

Ernest Ellis, 22, of 3346 Hoyt Ave., is in city hospital in a critical condition with knife wounds and Thomas Holtzman, 20, of 217 N. East St., is in city prison held on charges of assault and battery with intent to kill.

Patrolmen McCormick and Springer said they found Ellis lying at Virginia Ave. and New Jersey Sts. First he told them, they said, that he was struck by an auto, then that he was struck because he was not able to succeed after being paroled from the Indiana State Reformatory. He attempted to kill himself, then that he was hurt in an argument with Holtzman. He denied, however, that Holtzman stabbed him.

Taking this view, the insurgent Senator has refused to become excited or hopeful over the "revolt of the farmers" in the Middle West and the program for farm relief proposed at the Des Moines conference.

"There's no use being hopeful because of the coming senatorial elections," said Norris. "Let's not forget that the President is not going to be one of the candidates next November, and every one might as well admit that he's the crux of the situation."

ASK TO EXTEND LINE

Street Railway Files Petition on Rural Bus Route.

In a petition on file today with the public service commission, the Indianapolis Street Railway Company asks to extend its Rural St. bus line to Thirtieth and Adams Sts. The new line would serve a territory not reached by present transportation facilities, the petition said.

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