

BALTZELL RAPS STREET RAILWAY, LABOR LEADERS

Court Degraded by Petition
in Labor Dispute, Says
Judge.

Interrupting attorneys for the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Employees of America in the midst of arguments Judge Robert C. Baltzell in Federal Court today charged attorneys for the city and association of "degrading the Federal Court by bringing into it petty differences between organized labor and the Indianapolis Street Railway Company."

Attorneys were arguing against a motion filed by city authorities to have dismissed a complaint for an injunction against the city to prevent arrest of officials of the organization by police.

CITY ATTORNEY ABSENT

Judge Baltzell took note of the fact no member of the city legal department was present and that D. E. Watson and W. H. Latta, street car company attorneys, were representing the city.

Latta said he had received a letter from corporation counsel Alvah J. Rucker, asking the street railway attorneys to represent the city in the case because Rucker was "too busy."

"You gentlemen know the court's procedure," Judge Baltzell said. "The court should be notified."

BRIEF ORDERED

William C. Bachelder said Robert Armstrong, a vice president of the association, and others connected with it have been arrested forty times in the last few months.

"If the arrests are in violation of the law the officers should be dismissed and prosecuted," the court declared. "However, the court will not be an instrument to settle disputes between organized labor and the railway company. It will not attempt to dictate the policies of city government, either."

Judge Baltzell ordered briefs filed immediately.

KEEP LEE HERE FOR TWO WEEKS

Removal of Jailbreaker
Awaits Court Order.

Ralph Lee, notorious jail-breaker and alleged murderer of Abner Peek, Speedway City grocer, held in Marion County jail, will not be taken today to Franklin, where the date for his trial was to be set before Judge Fremont Miller. Judge Miller of Johnson Circuit Court is now on vacation and said he would not consider the case until court reconvenes.

Sheriff Omer Hawkins said he has conferred with Judge Miller, who said Lee should not be brought to Franklin before June 6. Hawkins said Lee cannot be removed from Marion County jail without a written order from Judge Miller.

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SENATOR EDGE LAUNCHES TEST

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The necessary machinery cannot successfully be put into motion before then.

"Ready for Verdict"

"In my judgment," Senator Edge said today, "the prohibition problem will not be settled until Congress hears from the folks at home. All right, then, let's get word from home and I think the surest way is through a nation-wide referendum, where the issue is cleanly submitted and free from factional political issues."

ILLINOIS GETS CHANCE

CHICAGO, May 24.—Illinois voters today were offered a chance for a State-wide referendum on prohibition.

George E. Brennan, "boss" of Illinois Democrats and his party's candidate for United States Senator, started circulation of a petition calling for a referendum on the question of modifying the Volstead law, to be conducted simultaneously with the November State election.

Under the law of Illinois, 10 per cent of the State's registered voters must sign the petition before the question may be submitted to a vote. Brennan and his political lieutenants feel certain the required number of signatures will be obtained.

TIME TRAFFIC SIGNAL

Adjust St. Clair St. Signs With Meridian Lights.

The traffic signal at St. Clair and Meridian Sts., which has been out of time with the other Meridian St. stop and go signs, because there is no signal at Walnut St., will be adjusted to the timing of the North St. sign, William Griffis, board of safety electrical engineer, announced today.

The driver who leaves the North St. flasher on the "go" at twenty-two miles and hour will reach the "go" at the St. Clair St. crossing, he said.

ELECTION STILL IN DOUBT

HARRISBURG, Pa., May 24.—Results of the Democratic primary to select a candidate for Governor of Pennsylvania are still in doubt, with Judge Samuel E. Shull of Stroudsburg in the lead today.

AUTHOR FINISHES NOVEL

Tarkington Family Leave City for Summer Home.

With "The Plutocrat," his latest novel, in custody of the publishers, Booth Tarkington and family today were to leave Indianapolis for Kennebunkport, Me., for the summer.

Action in the new work of Tarkington takes place on a steamer and in Northern Africa. All characters are American except a French woman, Tarkington said.

"For the summer I'm planning nothing whatever, though I may do a few short stories," Tarkington said. "But I hope I'll not have to do another novel for several years, at least."

TWO HOLD-UPS ARE REPORTED

Several Thefts—Motion Picture Film Taken.

Two hold-ups and several thefts were reported to police Sunday night. Some of the thefts were unusual.

Officers say they have a good clew to the identity of a bandit who, for the second time in two weeks, held up the Laughner restaurant, 10 W. Twenty-Second St. He obtained \$18 this time.

Three Negroes who held up Paul Phillips, 941 W. Thirty-Third St., late Sunday at Roanoke and Michigan Sts., were being sought. They took a \$25 watch.

Kenneth Wessel, 85 N. Irvington Ave., reported motion picture films valued at \$150 stolen. Safe in the office of the George Wildhack Company, 962 N. Meridian St., was broken into the rear room, but the burglars could not get it open. They took \$25 from a cash drawer. Seven auto owners' reported tires, spotlights and accessories valued at \$192.25 stolen. A number of minor thefts were reported.

RUSH DRAWINGS FOR SHORTRIDGE

School Board Expected to
Get Plans June 8.

Preliminary drawings for the new \$1,000,000 Shortridge High School, to be built at Thirty-Fourth and Meridian Sts., will be completed by June 8, and submitted for the school board's approval, President Theodore Vonnegut indicated today.

Vonnegut said work on the plans, being done by the architects, Kopf & Deery, is going ahead faster than expected. The board will have fifteen days to reject or approve the plans. In 120 days following this, providing the plans are approved, working plans for the structure will be submitted.

The board will break ground as soon after this as the bond issue is decided on and approved by the State tax board.

GRAND JURY IS TOLD STORY OF MAIL ROBBERY

Testimony on Sensational
Indiana Harbor Hold-Up
Presented.

Testimony relating to the sensational story of a 25-year-old mail bandit, who is alleged to have robbed a Pennsylvania Railroad messenger of \$37,000 at Indiana harbor, Ind., April 14, and was captured six days later, after shooting to death an Illinois deputy sheriff, was presented to the Federal grand jury today.

Daniel F. Hesley, 25, living in a Chicago suburb, is charged with holding up Frank Watson, railroad messenger, on the way from the depot to the postoffice, forcing him into an automobile and driving him to Joliet, Ill., where Hesley's car broke down and Watson escaped.

Hesley stopped Dr. E. G. McMahon and forced him to give up his car. The bandit then was pursued by Deputy Sheriff Walter Fisher and a gun battle ensued in which Fisher was mortally wounded.

On April 20, Hesley was captured in a Chicago hotel and confessed the robbery and told Federal officials where the money could be found. It was hidden under porches, ash cans and tree stumps in and about Melrose Park, a Chicago suburb.

Officials said \$36,852 has been recovered. Federal postal inspectors who aided in the man's capture and who appeared before the grand jury were Grant B. Miller, inspector in charge at Chicago; J. R. McWhorter, W. O. Baumgartner, A. S. Kelly, W. C. Lytle and G. F. H. Birdseye, inspector in charge at Cincinnati.

M'CORMICK CASE UP WEDNESDAY

Wife Seeks Release of Man
in Haag Quiz.

Elmer McCormick, 26, Lawrence, Ind., held under \$10,000 bond in the investigation of the murder of Wilkinson Han last Monday, may be kept in jail until Wednesday, when his case, on a vagrancy charge, comes up in municipal court, it was thought today. McCormick has given a good alibi in the case, according to police, and his wife sought to secure his release.

While he would like for Prosecutor William H. Remy to pass on the question of releasing McCormick, in an advisory capacity, Police Chief Claude F. Johnson said he had not asked Remy about the matter. The prosecutor, it is understood, takes the stand that the affair is up to police, as McCormick is held on only a vagrancy charge. Police said Remy had given them no clews to the identity of the murderer.

Mrs. McCormick admitted today that three men came to her home Friday night and questioned her, using a "lie machine" which, its inventors assert, will show whether the person being questioned is telling the truth. Police refused to let such a machine be used on McCormick.

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