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TROUBLous DAYS DAWN IN FRANCE

Franc Falls to 2 Cents—Distrust of 'Herriott Reign Spreads.

RUNS MADE ON BANKS

People Convert Wealth Into Property.

PARIS, July 20.—Although Edward Herriott has selected a cabinet he feels capable of rehabilitating the franc, predictions were made throughout France that his government will be short lived tonight following a hectic day, during which the franc dropped to the record low value of 2 cents.

The Bourse reacted noticeably to the general distrust of Herriott's government, and when it closed \$1 would buy 42.22 francs.

Par value of the franc is about 20 cents, or approximately five for \$1.

Troubles Days Sure

Although Americans were hurried purchasers in stores today, many French men and women were even more eager to exchange francs for something stable. French women

Good Time for \$1

PARIS, July 20.—Americans and other travelers in France today took full advantage of the exchange rates, which brought luxuries within the reach of even the most humble summer tourists.

For \$1 an American in Paris today could, and in many cases did, buy:

Four gallons of beer, or, Two gallons of Bordeaux wine, or,

One quart of brandy, or, One quart of champagne, or,

The best seat in the Comedie Francaise, or,

A good dinner for two persons, including wine, or,

A twenty-mile ride in a taxicab, or,

The finest straw hat in Paris.

Other things \$1 bought today were two pounds of rump steak, or 35 pounds of bread or 60 pounds of potatoes. For \$1 it was possible to ride 80 miles in a first-class rail-way carriage.

rushed to stores to order stocks of all sorts; food, clothing, dress goods, furniture, jewelry or anything that promised to maintain its value during the troublous days which seemed inevitable.

Many persons hurried back to Paris to withdraw deposits from banks in order to convert as much of their wealth as possible into tangible property. The more wealthy classes bought farms and estates sometimes without knowing exactly where their new properties were.

Several shops refused to sell goods in large quantities, fearing that they might lose all their profits and more by an increase of wholesale prices when they sought replacements.

"Dawes Plan for France"

Fall of the currency and consequent rising prices have alarmed the nation, and the talk of a "Dawes

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SECOND CORN BELT MEET UNDER WAY

Lowden Presidential Boom Is Expected.

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If you have camping supplies that you no longer use, you can easily sell them. A want ad in The Times will bring the buyers to you. Call Main 2500. We will help you write your ad. It costs but little and you can charge it.

The Indianapolis Times

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Forecast

Generally fair and continued warm tonight. Wednesday probably local thundershows and somewhat cooler.

TWO CENTS

THINK NET CLOSING ON EDITOR'S SLAYER

Alibi of Greek Suspect Is Believed to Be Broken.

By United Press

CANTON, Ohio, July 20.—The net thrown out by Ora Slater, noted Cincinnati detective in charge of the investigation, was believed closing today on the slayers of Don R. Mellett, formerly of Indianapolis, publisher of the Canton Daily News.

Detective Peter Conner, Pittsburgh, after a hurried trip to Warren, Ohio, where George (The Greek) Psalias, arrested Monday, told authorities he had been at the time of the murder, attempted to block habeas corpus proceedings. He succeeded in having a hearing postponed until Wednesday. Meantime, he will grill Psalias further.

Psalias' alibi was believed broken by Conner's findings. Conner discovered Psalias did not park his car in a garage at Warren until 1 a. m. Friday. Mellett was shot down about 12:15 a. m. Psalias told police he parked the car in a Warren garage at 10 p. m.

Conner further found that the Greek did not visit some of the places where he said he had been in Warren on the night of the slaying.

U. S. STEPS IN

Narcotic Agents Ordered to Canton For Investigation.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, July 20.—Federal narcotic agents have been ordered to Canton, Ohio, to investigate dope peddling, as an aftermath of the assassination of Don R. Mellett.

James E. Jones, commissioner of prohibition and narcotic supervisor, said the best detectives of the narcotic division of the treasury have been assigned to the Canton district to bring up dope running.

"The Federal agents cannot and will not investigate the murderer," Jones said. "They will, however, turn over to State officials any evidence or information they obtain in the narcotic investigation that would tend to lead to solution of the murder."

Jones said that Prohibition Administrator Porterfield had been instructed to send dry agents into Canton to check up on the liquor situation there.

JOHN CLEARY SUMMONED

Governor Donahay Asks Him to Investigate Slaying.

By United Press

CHICAGO, July 20.—A speeding Illinois Central train from Chicago's southern suburbs bringing hundreds of workers to the downtown district at Twenty-Sixth St. and left the rails. A score of passengers and the fireman of the switch engine were injured and taken to nearby hospitals. None of the injuries are believed to be fatal.

SCORE HURT IN CRASH

Suburban Train Runs Into Switch Engine at Chicago.

By United Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., July 20.—John D. Cleary, head of a Columbus (Ohio) detective agency, was summoned today by Governor Vic Donahay of Ohio to join the investigation of the Mellett murder in Canton.

Cleary was attending the convention of the International Secret Service Association here. Governor Donahay wired Cleary to meet him in Philadelphia.

HINDUS, MOSLEMS RIOT

Disorders Resumed, Necessitating Charge of Armed Police.

By United Press

CALCUTTA, British India, July 20.—Rioting between Hindus and Moslems was resumed in Calcutta today, necessitating a charge of armed police to disperse disorderly crowds.

Seven persons were killed by police gun fire yesterday during a fight between Hindus and Moslems.

GENE ALGER RECOVERING

Condition of Policeman's Slayer Reported Better.

By United Press

CONDY, Okla., July 20.—Five persons were shot and four others clubbed into unconsciousness early today when two officers, said to be drunk, terrorized inmates of three rooming houses while making raids.

The two officers, Paul Davis, a deputy sheriff, and Ves Carmack, a city detective, were overpowering after they had fired more than thirty shots and had resorted to clubbings and other violence.

Four of those shot are in serious condition and physicians say that Davis, who was wounded before being captured, will not live. One woman was shot but her injuries are not serious.

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BUILDING IS DISCUSSED

Governor and John A. Brown Consider Insane Hospital Needs.

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RECEIVER IS ASKED

Claiming continual disagreement among officers of the firm, Robert Sloan, senior member of the Sloan Realty Company, today filed suit in Circuit Court for the appointment of a receiver. Sloan is said to hold \$24,000 of the \$30,000 capital stock

of the receiver is asked.

Acting sensible under a beau-

iful moon is showing your

GRAND JURY TO QUIZ CAR VANDALISM

Four Union Men Also

Brought in by Federal Officer.

JACKSON STILL' SILENT

And Mayor Says He Can Do Nothing for Mediation.

Afraid to Ride Cars

Declaring that thousands of persons now attending the Christian Church assembly at Fairview Park are not disposed to ride street cars to the park during the strike, of unionized employees, because of recent explosion on the track, the Rev. L. B. Buroker, secretary of the Indianapolis Christian Church Union, which sponsors the assembly, asked Governor Jackson today to assist in the movement to provide temporary bus service.

A. Smith Bowman, president of the Peoples' Motor Coach Company, said he would provide the bus service if permitted by the public service commission. Commissioners failed to agree on the matter. So the Rev. Buroker went to Governor Jackson, one of the sponsors of the assembly. The Governor indicated there was nothing he could do.

The strike of unionized Indianapolis Street Railway employees, now its sixteenth day, rolled along today, with numerous, but indefinite developments along the various "fronts." Chief among them were:

1. A Department of Justice agent and city detectives, acting on word of United States District Attorney Albert Ward that strikers were getting "too bold," brought in four union men and questioned them. There may be some citations for violation of a temporary restraining order granted the street railway about a month ago, it was said.

2. Acts of vandalism accompanying the strike will be investigated by the Marion County grand jury, Dr. Chappell, of Asheville, N. C., went on trial here today on charges of gross immorality.

3. Mayor Duvall, learning of resolution adopted by city council Monday night binding him legally to take the initiative in bringing about a settlement of the strike, said that he would do anything to bring about peaceful settlement, but felt that he had no power to do so.

Calls on Governor

4. Andrew J. Allen, secretary-manager of the Associated Employers of Indianapolis, called on Governor Jackson and sought to convince him that he had no authority to appoint a board of mediation, as he was requested to do Monday by the citizens committee, which is seeking to end the strike. Jackson, given the committee request by Chairman Frank Clark, made no comment.

5. Police investigated one act of vandalism Monday night. Though no one was injured, Bert Wainscott, 34, of 2551 Shelby St., found running from the scene, was arrested on charges of vagrancy, intoxication and resisting arrest. His wife also was arrested. The Shelby street car blasted, was backing up on the "T" spur at the end of the line. The floor and windows were blown away.

Union men who are to appear in municipal court Friday to answer charges of riotous conspiracy may be called on to appear.

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LAST MEN' TO MEET

BOND ISSUE APPROVED

Allen County \$267,000 Road Project Authorized.

By United Press

STILLWATER, Minn., July 20.—Three tottering veterans of the Civil War, last surviving members of the gallant Company B, Minnesota, will gather tomorrow around a bottle of rare old Burgundy—a bottle of wine that is to be consumed when only two of the veterans are left.

It will be the meeting of Minnesota's famous "Last Man's Club," organized forty years ago by four surviving members of Company B.

WORKING UPON ANNEX

Man Sued for Divorce on Desertion Allegation.

By United Press

RICHMOND, Va., July 20.—Suit for divorce from a man believed dead was filed here today.

Mrs. Katherine Scales Moon, society girl, seeks a decree from Edward Harris Moon, who disappeared from a steamer from New York to Norfolk in 1922. She charges desertion.

The suit follows Mrs. Moon's loss

of a suit for insurance in which the court held Moon's death has not been established.

SAVED BY A 'BRUSH'

Motorist Escapes Death When Train Sideswipes Auto.

By United Press

HENRY VAN CLEVE, 2615 Ashland Ave., escaped possible death today when the automobile he was driving was struck by an inbound passenger train at Twenty-Fifth St. and the Monon Railroad. The train, which was moving at 35 miles an hour, had passed the old medical building. The remodeling is made possible through a \$75,000 legislative appropriation, all of which becomes available Oct. 1.

HOT WEATHER THIEF

Woman Tells Police Her Bathing Suit Was Stolen.

By United Press

MADRID, July 20.—King Alfonso today signed the treaty regulating the liquor traffic between the United States and Spain.

RUM TREATY SIGNED

By United Press

Acting sensible under a beau-

iful moon is showing your

Remove Coat if You Desire, Mayor Says



Mayor Duvall (above) believes that there is a certain amount of dignity necessary to proper conduct of his office, but he refused to apply it to dress.

When the mayor got down to his office with the street car strike, the troublesome city council and the necessity of pruning

the 1927 budget before him he peeled off his coat, made sure there was a good supply of ice water in the office and went to work, delaying just long enough to advise:

"Don't let hot weather worry you. Just go about your affairs as calmly as usual and forget the heat."