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GRAND JURY TO GO INTO TRUCK BUYS

High Prices Paid by County Will Be Investigated, Says Official.

PAVING TO BE QUIZZED

Action Promised by Deputy Prosecutor Sheaffer.

Evidence will be presented at the next Marion County grand jury session, which starts Sept. 7, that Marion County commissioners paid \$1,070.25 more for each of six trucks to be used in road work than the State highway commission paid for practically the same trucks, William Sheaffer, deputy prosecutor, announced today.

Evidence of the awarding of a contract for construction of voting booths to a relative of Commissioner Cassius C. Hogle also will be presented, Sheaffer declared. This transaction was sifted at the first grand jury session and further investigation was recommended in the jury's report to Criminal Judge James A. Collins.

"Entire dealings" of the truck purchase will be bared for the jury, Sheaffer said. After advertising for bids this spring, the commissioners awarded a contract for purchase by the county of six Indiana model 15 motor trucks to the Indiana Indiana Motor Trucks Company.

Other commissioners' acts expected to be investigated by the grand jury are the awarding of the Tibbs Ave. paving contract to the highest bidder, and the construction of a bridge across some land owned by Commissioner Hogle's son.

SESQUI SUPPORT ASKED

Secretary Hoover Makes Plea for Exposition Attendance.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—A plea for public support of the Philadelphia Sesquicentennial Exposition was made today by Secretary of Commerce Hoover, who termed it "a noble and excellent effort" to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

"I do not know whether it will repay the expenditure of \$18,000,000 to \$20,000,000, but it deserves much better attendance," he said. Hoover emphasized that the exhibits are now complete.

THREE CAR UNION OFFICERS RESIGN

Finance Secretary Ousted —Election Held.

Three members of the executive committee and the recording secretary of the local street car men's union, the members of which are on strike, resigned today at the regular meeting of strikers in Plumbers Hall. Joseph Fort, the financial secretary, was ousted for failure to attend meetings.

About 100 attended. It was announced that \$150, donated by local unions, will be distributed Wednesday among the strikers. Unofficial reports were circulated that another vote on calling off the strike will be taken Wednesday. The auditing committee will inspect the union's books Wednesday afternoon.

W. H. Werkhoff was elected to succeed Fort. J. O. Riley succeeded Clifford Pickel as recording secretary. Albert Kline was elected, and election of the other two members was deferred "to fill the places of Pickel, William Schnarr and Elmer Williams on the executive committee. A mass meeting of strikers and sympathizers will be held Wednesday night at Dornan and E. Tenth Sts., it was announced.

FLAPPER FANNY SAYS:



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Possibly local thunderstorms this afternoon or tonight; Wednesday fair and cooler.

TWO CENTS

Watch the Sky Tonight

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—Bombardment of the earth with visible falling stars in large numbers starts tonight and will continue Wednesday and Thursday night. The showers will be more profuse toward the daylight hours.

Naval Observatory station explained that the earth passes through a certain "swarm" of meteors about Aug. 10 each year.

The "falling stars" are bodies of iron and stone which encounter the earth's atmosphere, become

ignited by the friction of the air, and usually burn up before they hit the earth. Only occasionally does any of the millions of meteors reach the earth.

The earth would be hit constantly if the meteors did not burn themselves up by friction with the air; it was pointed out.

Between 10,000,000 and 100,000,000 of them enter the earth's atmosphere every day, it is estimated.

Most of them catch fire about 75 miles from the earth.

The few that do reach the earth range from a few ounces to several tons in size.

DRIVING IN CITY IS SAFER, RATES SHOW

Accident Insurance Costs Cut—Auto Theft Charges Boosted.

It is safer to drive in Indianapolis this year than it was last year. Insurance underwriters have lowered the odds of their offers to bet motorists they will not have an accident.

The new auto insurance rates reflect a transition of the Indianapolis police department into a traffic rule enforcement organization, according to Charles A. Woerner of the State insurance department.

Rates on liability and collision insurance were reduced materially, but theft insurance rates were boosted an average of 15 per cent.

Stricter Enforcement

Woerner declared stricter enforcement of more traffic rules by police is chiefly responsible for the reduction in collision and liability rates.

More general use of four-wheel brakes, non-skid tires and other accident prevention equipment helped bring the reduction, but not in the same proportion as better enforcement and increased observance of traffic ordinances, he said.

The increase in theft insurance rates is due, almost solely, to the steadily increasing number of thefts of accessories which are never recovered. Insurance companies are annually forced to pay thousands of claims for replacement of stolen motorcycles, tires, tools and other equipment.

Most Autos Recovered

Because more than 80 per cent of the stolen automobiles are recovered, these thefts have little if any effect on the rates.

The committing of accessory thefts is recognizable by police, whereas the stealing of an entire automobile always is not recognizable, as a thief driving away in an auto ordinarily is thought to be the owner.

Woerner said latest insurance rates, approved June 15 and just being put into effect, cut the cost of \$5,000 liability insurance from the average \$24 premium of last year to an average of \$14 this year.

Collision rates dropped 30 per cent. Some theft coverage rates mounted as much as 25 per cent. The smallest increase was 10 per cent.

DEADER SOUGHT HERE

Mooreville Man Escapes From Naval Escort at Station.

Ray Walters, 24, of Mooreville, charged with deserting from the Great Lakes Naval Training Camp, today was sought by police and recruiting office attaches after he escaped from a U. S. Naval escort at the Union Station.

Walters was being returned after being held by Quigley-Highland Detective agency operatives, who turned the man over to naval officials Monday.

PRIESTS PREACH UNITY

Catholics Send Churchless Pastors to Interior.

By United Press

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 10.—With all hope of mediation gone in the face of a decisive Government victory to date in Mexico's religious controversy, Catholics here are now concentrating on opposition to the new religious laws through use of the luxury boycott and the arousing of unity of religious spirit.

Hundreds of priests, positionless with the closing of the churches, have been set to small towns and villages in the interior to preach the idea of the boycott. The appeal is being markedly headed by the Indians, who are the most devout Catholics of the country.

\$300,000 HARBOR FIRE

Yacht Club, Two Ships Burned at Portland, Maine.

By United Press

PORTLAND, Maine, Aug. 10.—Fire swept a section of the water front here today, destroying the Portland Yacht Club and damaging other buildings and two ships. Loss was estimated at \$300,000.

Firemen fought the flames for more than five hours.

Two United States Shipping Board vessels, the Bacardi and the Seneca, were partially burned. Other vessels were pulled out of danger by a fireboat.

PRESIDENT BACK AT CAMP

By United Press

ROGERS, Ark., Aug. 10.—President and Mrs. Coolidge have returned to the summer White House from the Coolidge homestead at Plymouth, Vt. They found Chief Justice Rugg and Mrs. Rugg of Massachusetts awaiting them. Representative Tincher, Republican floor leader was also a visitor.

"COIN" HARVEY STILL ALIVE

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SHIP TOWED TO PORT

ASTORIA, Ore., Aug. 10.—Towing the disabled steamer Yonan Maru, the Japanese steamer Yonan Maru reached the Columbia River today and the tug Oneonta put out to sea to bring the crippled craft into the river.

WILL NOT IMPOSE DECISIONS

By United Press

NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—Samuel E. Winslow of Massachusetts, chairman of the board of railway mediation appointed by President Coolidge, today said the board could not impose its decisions in its attempt to settle the eastern railroads' wage dispute.

300,000 IN Buildings

Bert J. Westover, city building commissioner, today reported to the board of safety that 347 building permits with a valuation of \$303,985, were issued by his department during the week ended Aug. 7.

LETTER IS EXPLAINED BY 'TIGER'

Frenchmen Pleaded With Me to Do Something, Says Clemenceau.

NO REPLY EXPECTED

Aged Statesmen Pays Tribute to America.

The United Press herewith presents an exclusive interview with Georges Clemenceau, war-time leader of France, in which the veteran statesman tells why he has returned from retirement to address a sensational letter regarding war debts to President Coolidge, a copy of which was sent to the United Press staff. He did not expect any reply from Coolidge.

Bradford found Clemenceau's side retired. Venerable, surrounded by books and flowers and an amiable and contented air of old age, reflecting the parish priest's attempts to convert him, and puttering on his book.

The ideas of Frenchmen to "do something" were presented to him, he said.

By A. L. Bradford

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ST. VINCENT SUR JARD, France, Aug. 10.—An old man turning 85 years sat in the parlor of his shanty-like, one-story abode at the seaside and told me why he came out of retirement, which had engulfed him since he won the war for France, to write a sensational letter regarding war debts to President Coolidge.

The man was Georges Clemenceau, the "Tiger of France."

His story was simple, compared with the intrigues and deliberations which surround most documents of such importance.

"I'll tell you the truth about that letter," he said.

"I know the Americans. If ever there was a people that loved France it was the American people. They make mistakes like all of us, but you have done such splendid things that we could only give America that final French praise—that they are such chile people."

SENTIMENT CHANGING

"But it has been so evident recently that this sentiment was changing that I decided to write the letter three or four days ago, because scores of people appealed to me to do so. Throughout this year I have seen some of my American friends, but also I recently have received scores and scores of letters asking me to do something."

"Without the usual criticism or threats these writers who appealed to me said they realized that I definitely had retired from politics, but that I should break my silence for once."

"So I decided to write the letter. I did not want to make it political or a financial argument. I wanted to separate the question from banks.

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PEACE IS SOUGHT IN LICENSE WAR

Motor Body Seeks Truce Between State Officials.

Through the Hoosier State Automobile Association a meeting has been arranged tentatively between Indiana and Kentucky officials in an effort to settle the automobile license war between the two States. The Louisville Automobile Club today took a hand in the scrap and is trying to induce Kentucky officials to cease their practice of arresting drivers of Indiana commercial vehicles within the Kentucky borders.

Lieut. Ralph White of the Indiana motor police was in Chicago today attending the trial of some Indiana truck drivers in municipal court on charges of driving Indiana cars in the Sucker State without Illinois license. Ollie P. Wright of the State force will go to Evansville Wednesday to discuss the situation with Kentucky officials. Indiana police are under instructions to impose the same restrictions on Kentucky cars as Kentucky imposes on Indiana machines.

The fight has progressed to the stage where commercial salesmen dare not drive their machines into the neighboring State without the latter's license plates.

EXPECTED TO LIFT BAN

Believe Adair Realty License Will Be Restored.

Final draft was being made today by Secretary of State Frederick E. Shortheimer of findings in the State chamber of commerce's demand that sale of securities by the Adair Realty and Trust Company, Atlanta, Ga., be stopped permanently in Indiana.

The company's right to sell now is under temporary suspension, ordered when charges of misrepresentation were filed against the concern.

State Securities Commissioner David H. Jennings, after a lengthy investigation, reported the firm responsible. It is thought likely Shortheimer will lift the suspension and warn the concern against any representations not wholly compatible with the truth.

Paulsel, who will be chief investigator for the three deputy attorneys general, takes the post held by Wilbur J. Keeney, sentenced recently by Federal Judge Robert C. Baitzall on a contempt charge.

A charge of accepting bribes for giving protection is pending against Keeney, who was assigned from the office of Prosecutor William H. Keeney. His contempt charge is pending.

Paulsel will be paid by the city and will remain a member of the police department. Chief Johnson withdrew two detectives assigned to the prosecutor's office, following the arrest of Keeney.

SIGNAL PROPOSAL UP

Buser Promises 1927 Tax Rate Will Be No Higher.

A 1927 tax rate no higher than \$1.05, this year's rate, was pledged today by City Controller William C. Buser, who, with Chamber of Commerce officials, is busy reducing estimates submitted by various department heads.

May Duvall, who is taking a hand in the budget preparation, said he expected the compilation would be completed this week.

The financial estimate then will go to city council, which has legal authority only to reduce totals, not to increase them.

PLEA BY TAXI DRIVERS

Asks That Controller Be Restrained From Revoking Licenses.

Fifteen independent taxi drivers today filed a petition in Marion Superior Court Three asking an injunction restraining William C. Buser, city controller, from revoking their taxi licenses.

Buser told the taxi men their licenses would be revoked within ten days, in a notice sent July 31, because of failure to provide indemnity bonds required by a city ordinance, according to Merle N. A. Walker, attorney. The petition charged the ordinance authorizing revocation of the licenses was invalid.

HEY, WORLD, DON'T BITE HAND THAT

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—"Don't bite the hand that enables you to bite," could be well said by the United States to the world at large.

Export figures show this country is furnishing the world with most of its false teeth. More than 29,000,000 sets were exported in the fiscal year just ended, a gain of 7,000,000 over the previous year.

However, Uncle Sam isn't holding up the world's trouser suits quite so much. Exports of suspenders dropped from 51,567 dozen to 36,175.

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