

SENATORS FIGHT TO PRINT DEARTH FACTS

CARMEN ON STAND BARE WAGES AND LIVING EXPENSES

Commission as Arbitration Board Digs Into Street Car Controversy.

Opening the pages of their personal affairs to public gaze, four men Thursday told the public service commission, sitting as a board of arbitration in the case of James Green against the Indianapolis Street Railway Company, how much it cost to maintain their families. The hearing was then adjourned until Wednesday of next week.

Interest of the commissioners was shown by the questions they asked the witnesses.

In announcing his ruling on the line of evidence to be heard, Chairman Howell Ellis stated the commission wanted to hear the stories of the men themselves.

Reinstatement Out

The question of reinstating former employees of the company who struck July 5, 1926, will not be considered by the board.

Verbal clash between Frank P. Baker, attorney for Green, and David E. Watson and Will H. Latta, street car company counsel, were frequent. Baker also clashed with Clyde Jones, commission, several times.

John Sexton, a mild mannered individual, told the commission that he is now making 60 cents an hour as a carpenter and that he could not make both ends of his family expenses meet on the wages he formerly got from the street car company.

"We were able to buy one quart of milk a day and seldom had butter," said Sexton. "Our rent was \$18 a month and the best I could do was allow \$10 or \$12 a week for the grocery and meat bill for the five of us out of my pay."

Gets \$22.25 Weekly

Rudolph Geisel now operates a "one man" car at 42 cents an hour, he said. He walked out in July of last year and now has an extra run. He gets up at 4:30 each morning in order to take his car out at 5:36 a.m., and with some hours off in between, he completes his day's run at 7:29 p.m., having worked 7 hours and 34 minutes, he told the commission. Working seven days a week his pay amounts to \$22.25.

Geisel told the board he gets \$4 a month as a pension from the Government for war service and \$4 a month from a garage he rents. His grown daughter helps send his son to Butler University.

Finds \$29.26 Enough

Henry Thomas of the committee "elected" by car employees to meet with company officials last November on a new wage scale and which is "still considering" the matter, said: "I am living comfortably on \$29.26 a week and have seven children."

The children range from 4 months to 16 years in age. He has no gas in his house. The home is heated with one coal stove and he pays \$16 rent, he said.

His 16-year-old boy, who did not go to high school, drives a milk truck. None of the attorneys asked how much the boy made, or if any of his pay went to the family upkeep.

L. D. Sheffield said his wife had to work in a department store while he "street carred." They have three children and couldn't meet their expenses, he declared.

Other employees will be heard when the case is reopened.

CLAFFEY DRANK POISON, VERDICT

Detectives and Coroner Paul F. Robinson today joined in a verdict that Armon E. Claffey, 33, of 1611 Harlan St., whose body was found in a shed in the rear of 917 Laurel St. late Friday, took his life by drinking poison. Despondency over the arrest of his wife, Mrs. Florence Claffey, 33, Wednesday, as a member of the auto theft ring, which has been selling cars stolen here in Cincinnati, Ohio, was blamed for the suicide.

The body was found by Mrs. Hanna Dickson, 519 Spruce St., who had gone to the Laurel St. address with the idea of renting the property, which is vacant. Authorities believe the man had been dead thirty-six hours.

A bottle found near the body had the odor of poison and a post-mortem revealed enough poison in the stomach to bring death, the coroner declared.



READ THE STORY, THEN COLOR THE PICTURE

So Mary journeyed on her way, and left her little lamb to play with all the happy Tinymites out on the school house lawn. The lamb just didn't think things right, as Mary disappeared from sight, but soon it started in to play, as long as she was gone. The Tinymites raced around the place, and Mary's lamb joined in the race. It seemed to thoroughly enjoy just wildly running loose. They hopped and patted it a lot until it knew, as like as not, that they were very kind and thus would give it no abuse. In 'bout three hours they heard a bell. The lamb ran to the school, pell-mell. It knew that Mary'd soon be out, and by, but it was glad. When Mary came the lamb was gay. It seemed as if 'twould like to say enough to tell Mary what a dandy time it had.

Said Mary, "Thanks for helping me. It's really hard as it can be

GIRL'S CALMNESS SPEEDS SEARCH FOR BANDIT TRIO

Spurred by the reward of \$1,000 offered by the Marion County Bankers' Protective Association and an additional reward posted by the banks' insurance company, police authorities continued search today for the bandits who held up and robbed the Tuxedo State Bank, 4304 E. New York St., of \$2,387 Friday afternoon.

Officers are seeking three dapper young gunmen, description of whom was given by Miss Chelsea Coggeshall, 4302 1/2 E. New York St., keeper of the bank. It was Miss Coggeshall who, after the bandits had jumped from the chair, where she had been forced to sit, sounded the bank's burglar alarm and called police as the bandit car sped away.

Loss Is Adjusted

The only trace of the bandits after they left the bank was given by Mrs. L. A. Baker, 132 N. Colorado Ave., wife of Patrolman Baker, who said she saw them run to the Chevrolet coach parked around the corner on Colorado Ave., and drive north.

The bank, of which Othniel Hitch is president and Oren E. Kem cashier, was open for business as usual this morning. The loss had been checked and adjusted by the Federal Surety Company. Edward J. Schoonover, Indiana manager for the surety company, will set a reward figure, Hitch said.

"The bandits picked up one paper which I hope they will leave where it can be found. It is of no value to them, but important to us," Hitch declared.

Miss Cash in Safe

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'WANT CONCRETE? YOU'LL GET IT!'

If property owners petitioning for street improvements want concrete paving they shall have it, says C. Shaneberger, work board president.

When several heads of delegations at a board meeting Friday demanded their respective improvements be concrete instead of asphalt, Shaneberger said:

"You will pay the bill, so of course you'll get what you want. But this is not the time to decide that."

Shaneberger declared advance clamor for concrete might tend to result in higher bids on concrete. "Of course I think all contractors are honest, but the time to file your request for concrete is after bids have been received," he said.

There was no open resumption of the concrete-asphalt war. The board confirmed ten street improvement resolutions.

Daylight Saving! Do You Want It?

City council has before it an ordinance providing for daylight saving in Indianapolis.

The plan is in operation in a number of large cities and was tried out in Indianapolis during the war period.

The clock would be advanced one hour on May 1 and restored to normal on Oct. 31.

In order that councilmen may be guided by the actual sentiment of citizens in passing upon the ordinance The Times is giving everybody an opportunity to vote.

Fill out the ballot and mail or bring it to The Daylight Saving Editor, Indianapolis Times. The result will be presented to city council.

Do you favor daylight saving? Yes No

Name _____

Occupation _____

Address _____

MATTICE RENEWS FIGHT TO BRING STEPHENSON HERE

Klan Leader's Trial on Support Money Plea to Be Held Soon.

Date for trial of the suit against D. C. Stephenson, former Klan leader, in which his former wife Mrs. Nettie Stephenson Brehm, Oklahoma, is asking \$10,600 for support of Stephenson's 11-year-old daughter, Florence Catherine Stephenson, will be set soon, it was said today by Floyd Mattice, plaintiff's attorney.

Trial will be held before Judge James M. Leathers, Superior Court One. Mrs. Brehm, and possibly the child, will come to Indianapolis for the trial, Mattice said.

Mattice will again attempt to get Stephenson into court. He plans to petition for a writ of habeas corpus to be served on Warden Walter H. Daly of the Michigan City prison, ordering him to bring Stephenson

into court.

Gillion Objects

Stephenson is serving a life sentence for the murder of Madge Oberholzer, Indianapolis girl. Stephenson was not permitted to respond to a personal subpoena issued by Leathers recently.

When Mattice takes this action he will be opposed by Attorney General Arthur L. Gilliom, who will file a motion to set aside the petition.

Mattice wishes to bring Stephenson here to question him as to whether he owns property in Marion County.

Questions Holmes

Mattice questioned Ira Holmes, Stephenson's former attorney, and Fred Butler, the Klan leader's private secretary, Friday. Holmes testified he signed Stephenson's indemnity bond for \$25,000 but received no collateral. On April 7, 1925, Stephenson's former home in Irvington was deeded to him in payment of attorney's fees, Holmes testified.

The house at the time was mortgaged for \$23,000, Holmes told the court.

High point in the day's questioning was Butler's statement that Governor Jackson received a new Lexington automobile in January, 1925, on which Stephenson's Studebaker was given in trade.

Tells of Car Deal

Butler declared after Stephenson's car was received at the Lexington factory a new sedan was brought to Stephenson's office. Stephenson sent the car to Jackson and Butler accompanied the Governor to the bank where he "paid the remaining few hundred dollars," Butler stated.

Jackson denied any connection with Stephenson in the purchase of his Lexington.

"I traded an Oldsmobile in on the Lexington," the Governor said. "Stephenson had nothing to do with it as far as I know."

TOT TELLS OF CRUELTY

Girl, 6, Charges Foster Mother Burned Her With Curling Iron

Supply Funds For New Bridge

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council action to be carried out through the board of works," said Duval.

"The money really should be appropriated by the council," said the mayor.

Duval manifested a sudden interest in repairing streets by attending the special session. "Four Horsemen" of the council had visited the mayor via the rear stairs Thursday, and it is believed planned the session to pass a number of minor transfer ordinances sought by Duval.

The work board had ordered City Engineer Frank C. Lingeneffler to repair streets immediately.

The councilmen, who admitted "dilly-dallying," plunged into the city's business, balking only twice.

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Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported stolen to police belong to:

J. D. Merriam, 1803 N. Delaware St., Chevrolet, 511-632 from Vermont and Meridian Sts.

H. H. Woodsall Company, Fidelity Trust Bldg., Chrysler, from 3515 N. Pennsylvania St.

H. C. Palmer, 911 West Dr., Woodrill Pl., Ford, 525-274, from Pendleton Pike and Emerson Ave.

Mary S. Simms, 30 1/2 N. Temple Ave., Ford, 332-303, from in front of the city's business, balking only twice.

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