

DEATH TAKES 'OLD SCHOOL' RAIL BUILDER

Marvin Hughitt Helped De-velop Chicago & North-western.

By United Press
CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—Marvin Hughitt, one of the last of the old school railroad builders, died at his home at Lake Forest today Hughitt suffered a paralytic stroke yesterday.

Hughitt was president and chairman of the board of the Chicago & Northwestern system for more than thirty years, and since June, 1925, had been chairman of the finance committee.

He worked daily at his desk in the Chicago & Northwestern offices, and was preparing to go to his office Thursday when he suffered the stroke.

Veteran Rail Builder
A son, Marvin Hughitt Jr., and three daughters, Mrs. Alfred Granger, Mrs. Charles S. Frost and Mrs. David Dangler, had spent the night at their father's bedside. He died shortly before 10 a. m.

Physicians said only his remarkable constitution kept Hughitt alive for more than twenty-four hours after the stroke.

The veteran's railroad history went back to Civil War days. Chauncey M. Depew, chairman of the board of the New York Central, was the only contemporary of his early days who survived him in active duty.

He was given much of the credit for the growth of the Chicago & Northwestern.

Started Career at 15
Hughitt started his railroad career at 15, as a telegrapher in the dispatcher's office. During the Civil War he once spent thirty-six consecutive hours at his key, handling messages dealing with mobilization and movement of troops.

In 1872 he became general manager of the Chicago & Northwestern, and a few years later he was made president.

His ninety-third birthday last August was celebrated by four generations of his family. At that time Hughitt told interviewers he had only one maxim:

"Keep on working. Keep your interests alive."

He obeyed his maxim until he suffered the stroke Thursday.

PARDON FOR BRAVERY

Indiana Convict at Federal Prison Saves Life of Official.

By United Press
HAMMOND, Ind., Jan. 6.—Bravery of Otto Schechtel, Hammond, prisoner at Leavenworth penitentiary in saving the life of a prison official, has been rewarded by issuance of a full pardon, it was learned here.

Although unable to swim, Schechtel leaped into the Missouri river near the prison and rescued Capt. W. L. Maulding, a government engineer, from drowning. The Hammond man was a trusty and was working on the bank when Maulding fell into the water and was seized with cramps.

HUNT ARMY DESERTER

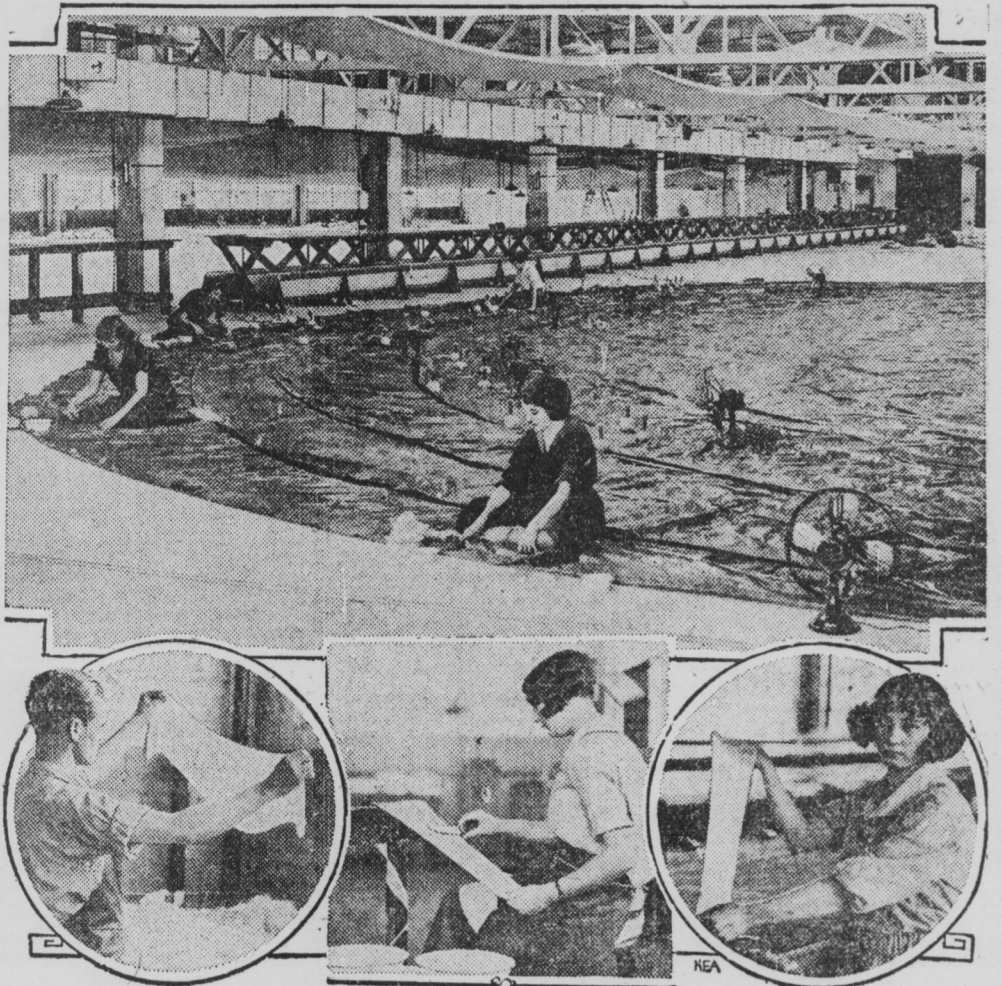
Prisoner at Fort Escapes While Cleaning Flues.

Ft. Benjamin Harrison officials today asked local police to locate Arthur M. Adams, alias John E. Lee, 19, of Erie, Pa., who escaped from guards Thursday while cleaning flues in one of the fort buildings.

Adams was under arrest for fraud and desertion while a member of Battery A, 16th Field Artillery, stationed at Ft. Meyers, Va., on Oct. 15, 1927. He enlisted again under the name of John E. Lee at Ft. Hayes, Ohio, on Oct. 15, and was assigned to Ft. Benjamin Harrison.

A southern railroad got rid of weeds along its tracks by spraying them with steam from locomotives.

Thousands of Cattle Die to Keep Sides of Dirigibles 'All Puffed Out'



At the top is seen the big room in the Goodyear plant where the "goldbeaters' skin" affixed to rubberized fabric, is shaped into cells for the big dirigible. Below are three steps in the preparation of cattle tissues. At the left a worker is inspecting a tissue for imperfections; in the center the scraping process is shown, and at the right a girl is inspecting a tissue preparatory to applying it to the rubberized fabric.

Hundred Girls Search for Gas Cells for Navy's Los Angeles.

BY ALLENE SUMNER
NEA Service Writer

AKRON, Jan. 6.—The king of the elves, in the old fairy tales, sent his pixies and gnomes and dwarfs out into the wide world to seek enough nightingales' tongues or bluebirds' breasts to be woven into a magic carpet for the king's daughter, the lovely princess.

This modern workaday world seems some way from the time of fairies, but in this city, perhaps the busiest industrial town in the country, a modern fairy tale is being lived which even the buzz and drone of modern machinery can not drown.

Hundreds of girls work in the great Goodyear Rubber Company here doing nothing but inspecting hundreds of thousands of cattle tissues in order that the dirigibles, those fantastic birds of the air, may ride safely from ocean to ocean.

Can't Substitute for Nature
Nearly a hundred girls are now employed searching out perfect cattle inner tissues for new gas cells for the Navy dirigible Los Angeles. It takes tissues from 1,000,000 steers to make cells and envelope for the Los Angeles.

Science has spent hundreds and thousands of dollars, says J. R. Kelley, foreman of the skin room of the big plant, in a vain attempt to find a synthetic "something just as good" for the famous "goldbeater cloth," which is nothing but the casing of the lower intestine of cattle.

But the old-fashioned bossy cow has won out over grave men in their laboratories. No good substitute has yet been found.

And the great ships of the air fly because thousands and millions of cattle have died, giving their vital tissues to these inanimate "birds" of wood and steel and aluminum and silk.

Sent From Chicago
"Goldbeater cloth" was known to the alchemists of old. Medieval goldsmiths knew its worth.

One of Chicago's greatest packing houses sends direct to the Goodyear skin room this intestinal tissue

from every beef butchered in its yard. From 20,000 to 100,000 skins are received each week.

About 100 girls have been working on the new lining for the Los Angeles for the past eleven months. A total of 15,000 yards of fabric must be lined with the cattle intestinal casings before the job is done.

Use Million Skins
About one million skins will be used, meaning that one million dead steers are represented in the big blimp. The cost of the skins alone will be about \$85,000.

The process of transforming plain cattle tissues into dirigible gas cells is simpler than it is speedy.

The room where the skins are applied to the fabric is hermetically sealed. The only ventilation comes through a special pipe filled with air which has been put through a vacuum.

Temperature Held Same
One speck of soot in the cells could be fatal. No one is allowed in the rooms without special shoes kept in an ante-chamber and inspected carefully.

An exact temperature and humidity must be maintained the year around. There is not a window

in the room and doors are carefully guarded and protected.

All because of "bossy cow's" important contribution to the very modern business of air transportation!

CHURCH BOARD ELECTS

Robert E. Neff was re-elected to his fourth term as chairman of the official board of the North Park Christian Church Thursday night. Other officers named were W. C. Gardner, vice chairman; J. F. Rennard, treasurer; A. C. Rodgers, clerk; H. W. King, financial secretary; Mrs. Edith Miles, assistant financial secretary; Paul Wilcox, recording secretary. E. E. Tyner was elected elders' chairman and J. F. Rennard deacons' chairman.

New board members chosen by the congregation are: Trustee, C. M. Cannaday; elders, E. L. Day, H. H. Negley, G. O. Godard; deacons, Albert Sutton, P. E. Mendenhall, Dr. O. E. Stone, Paul Wilcox, A. O. Tropp, O. W. Deaman, J. C. Steffen, H. R. Harley, Ray E. Harris; deaconesses, Mrs. W. H. Presser, Mrs. A. C. Rodgers, Mrs. C. A. Rockwell.

Annual reports showed financial obligations met and a small balance in the treasury.

HICKMAN PLAYS INSANITY ROLE TO AID HIS PLEA

Youth Paces Cell, Pulls His Hair and 'Acts Up.' Hunt in Court.

By United Press
LOS ANGELES, Jan. 6.—With his life apparently depending on the condition of his mind, William Edward Hickman, confessed double murderer, today paced his cell, pulled his hair, twitched his hands and gave outward indications of troubled mentality.

Hickman yesterday entered a second plea of "not guilty by reason of insanity" when arraigned before Superior Judge Carlos Hardy for the slaying of Ivy Thoms, druggist. Trial date was set for Feb. 1.

He previously entered the same plea when arraigned for the murder of Marion Parker, trial date on that charge was set for Jan. 25.

Melby Hunt, 16, Hickman's alleged partner in the Thoms hold-up and murder Christmas Eve, 1926, was to be arraigned on the indictment today, a controversy as to legal jurisdiction over the youth prevented his officially pleading yesterday.

In commenting on Hickman's actions in his cell, Frank Deward, "the Fox's" jailer, said Hickman acted "for all the world like a man who was going to prove himself insane or die in the attempt."

Hunt when arraigned yesterday was remanded to the juvenile court because of his age. The juvenile court promptly turned him back to the Superior Court to face the murder charge and Hunt entered a plea of not guilty.

TROLLEYS EARN MORE

Cut in Operating Expenses Allows Gain of \$4,000

Net earnings of the Indianapolis Street Railway Company during November were increased about \$4,000 over the same month in 1922, a report to the public service commission shows.

The increase was effected through reductions in operating expense.

Although November gross earnings were \$435,917, a decrease of \$23,020, in comparison with the 1922 figures, the operating expenses show a decrease of \$27,165 for the same month. November, 1927 operating expenses were \$324,151 compared with \$351,377 for 1922.

1927 Bootleg Toll 770 in New York

By United Press
NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—The 1927 supply of bootleg killed more persons in New York than that of any previous year under prohibition, figures compiled by the department of health showed. The toll last year was 770.

He'll Be Talked About



Democratic chieftains will hold their famed Jackson Day dinner at Washington next week, and the gentleman pictured here will be the principal topic of discussion. He is Al Smith, of course. The splendid picture of him was taken on his recent 54th birthday.

Grabs Royal Trousers; Saves King on Sled Ride

Belgian Ruler First Monarch to Descend Toboggan Slide at Moritz.

By United Press
LONDON, Jan. 6.—Because the pants of his old green hunting suit were slack, King Albert of the Belgians was saved from injury in a bob-sleigh accident in the Swiss Alps.

A St. Moritz dispatch to the Daily Mail today said the king was descending the St. Moritz sleigh run at forty miles an hour as passenger on a bob-sled when it skidded, turning Shamrock corner.

Lord Northesk, the brakeman, was thrown and injured his back.

The king was unbalanced, but Dudley Delavigne, another passenger, quickly pushed himself back in Northesk's vacant place and took a firm grip on the seat of the royal trousers.

He pulled Albert back into position and the king finished the run with no more damage than a scraped elbow.

"I hope Northesk was not hurt; that was the greatest thrill I have ever had," the king said. "It's greater than war or motorcycling."

The king grinned happily, looking strangely un-royal with an old cap turned back in front on his head. It was the first time in history a reigning monarch had descended the St. Moritz run.

Get out and walk! how many times have you had to do just that with the old bus. Get a reliable used car from the want ads.

JUDGE COLLINS SETS HEARINGS OF COUNCILMEN

Motions to Quash Bribery Indictments Changed to Tuesday.

Arguments on motions to quash indictments against four of the six indicted city councilmen and a local real estate dealer will be held before Criminal Judge James A. Collins Tuesday.

Previously the arguments were set for Saturday, but were rescheduled today.

All charges against which motions are filed allege the defendants participated in bribery in connection with their duties as city officials.

One indictment charges Councilmen Otis E. Bartholomew, Millard W. Ferguson, Boynton J. Moore and Walter R. Dorsett with accepting \$300 to influence their vote regarding a petition to rezoning real estate at the corner of Forty-Sixth St. and College Ave. for business.

Another alleged that Martin Frankfort, local real estate dealer, gave Moore \$600 to influence his vote on rezoning a corner at Twenty-seventh and Meridian Sts. for business.

Two indictments against Moore charged he solicited \$500 before voting on purchase of fire equipment for the city and that he asked former Mayor John L. Duval to make certain appointments in order to influence Moore's vote on impeachment proceedings pending in council against Duval.

Moore is alleged to have bribed Councilman O. Ray Albertson to secure latter's vote on the Twenty-Seventh St. site and to have solicited the appointment of Emmanuel Wetter, as works board clerk, when the Duval impeachment proceedings were pending.

Arguments to quash other bribery charges against Moore, Dorsett, former Council President Claude E. Negley and Councilman Austin H. Todd, will be heard later this month, Judge Collins announced.

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\$500.00 Two-piece Karpen Suite; solid mahogany frame, mohair with reversible cushions in damask. **\$250.00**
\$235.00 Two-piece Karpen Mohair Suite, damask, reversible cushions. **\$169.50**

\$225 3-Piece Living Room Suite, pillow arm davenport, button-back chair and Coxwell chair. Choice of a dozen high-grade jacquard covers. Cushions reversed in tapestry and jacquard. **\$179.50**

Dining Room Furniture At 1/2 Price

\$66.00 Walnut Veneered China Closet **\$33.00**
\$42.00 English Oak Serving Table **\$21.00**
\$58.00 Walnut Serving Table **\$29.00**
\$379.50 8-Piece Spanish Dining Suite **\$189.75**
\$340.00 72-Inch Buffet, Table and Chairs, with upholstered seats and backs. **\$170.00**

Dinette Suites and Breakfast Sets 1/2 Price

\$24.00 Walnut Veneered End Tables **\$12.00**
\$120.00 Dinette Suite—Extension Drop-Leaf Table, 2 benches and 2 chairs, solid oak in antique finish. **\$60.00**
\$65.00 Walnut Veneered Dresser **\$32.50**
\$102.00 Walnut Veneered Triple Mirror Vanity **\$51.00**
\$59.00 Walnut Veneered French Vanity **\$29.50**
\$89.00 Walnut Veneered Jenny Lind Dresser and Chest to match **\$44.50**

Odd Pieces 1/2 Price

\$16.00 Walnut End Table **\$8.00**
\$14.50 Decorated End Table, red, black, green or parchment. **\$7.25**
\$11.00 Mahogany End Table **\$5.50**
\$49.50 CONSOLE Table and MIRROR. **\$24.75**
\$23.75 Beverage and Poker Cabinet, Red, blue or green decorated. **\$11.88**
\$12.00 Solid Mahogany Book Trough **\$6.00**
\$27.00 Wrought Iron Coffee Table, imitation marble top. **\$13.50**
\$41.50 Wrought Iron Table, genuine Italian marble top. **\$20.75**
\$33.00 Antique Mahogany High-Back Chair, cane seat. **\$16.50**
\$23.50 Antique Mahogany Console Table, solid mahogany top. **\$11.75**
\$24.00 Red decorated Book House **\$12.00**
\$11.50 Mahogany End Table **\$5.75**
\$43.00 High-Back Chair, walnut finish, tapestry seat. **\$21.50**

Bedroom Furniture 1/2 Price

\$129.50 Bed, Dresser and Dressing Table, butt walnut veneers. **\$64.75**
\$91.00 Walnut Veneered Chest and Dresser. **\$45.50**
\$87.50 Bed and Vanity. Select walnut veneers. **\$43.75**
\$62.00 Walnut Veneered Vanity. **\$31.00**
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