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ORDER POLICE TO SEIZE CARS WITH '27 TAGS

Autos to Be Impounded in Garages Until Owners Buy New Plates.

FIVE MACHINES TAKEN

Determined Drive Will Be Opened Thursday by State and City.

Indianapolis police will begin on Thursday to drive to the nearest garage all automobiles with 1927 license plates found on the streets. Owners can get their cars after they buy license plates and pay the storage. Police Chief Claude M. Worley announced.

Five machines were impounded by State police officers today, but, swamped by the after-zero hour rush of auto owners to get plates, State police were unable to undertake their scheduled drive to arrest all motorists driving with old licenses.

All his men available are aiding in handing out tags at the Statehouse and four local branches where licenses may be obtained, State Chief Robert Humes said.

More than 500 were in line most of the day at the Statehouse and large crowds were reported at the branches, the Fountain Square State Bank, Forty-second Street State Bank, Belmont State Bank and East Side State Bank.

Asks Police Aid

In addition to asking Indianapolis police to aid in keeping the old licenses off the streets, beginning Thursday, Humes was forced to ask Chief Worley for men to aid in handing out the tags at the branches.

The five whose cars were impounded today were picked up by State police on the streets. They will get their cars back as soon as they get new licenses and pay storage charges, Humes said.

As soon as the rush is over, State officers will aid local police in cruising Indiana streets for 1927 licenses and cars having them.

The fact that approximately 300,000 persons did not have 1928 plates when the thirty-day period of grace expired led Schortemeier to tighten up.

Law Text Given

The law under which the police can impound cars with old license plates, passed in 1925, reads:

"Any representative of the secretary of State, or any State police officer, or any officer or member of any municipal police department who may discover any motor vehicle or motor bicycle without the proper registration and license plates attached, shall take such motor vehicle or motor bicycle into his custody, and may cause such motor vehicle or motor bicycle to be taken to and stored in a suitable place until the legal owner thereof can be found or the proper registration and license plates have been procured."

The rush of license buyers at the Statehouse continued today.

DAVID REED IS IN RACE

Senator, Mellon's Friend, to Seek Re-Election.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Senator David A. Reed of Pennsylvania, generally regarded as Senate spokesman for Secretary Mellon, today announced his candidacy for re-election.

Reed, now finishing his first term, has acquired unusual prominence in the Senate. He is chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee and is a member of the Finance, Foreign Relations and Rules Committees.

MUSICIANS QUIT CULT

House of David Band Leader Parts With Long Hair and Beard.

BENTON HARBOR, Mich., Feb. 1.—It was reported in Benton Harbor today that "Cookie George" Hanford, famous leader of the House of David Band, had deserted the religion of the late "King Ben" Purnell and visited a barber.

Hanford's long hair and flowing beard are gone, according to the report, and the other bearded cult musicians are returning from a vaudeville tour in the South without him.

Best place for your family to EAT EVENINGS, FLETCHER CAFETERIA, Basement Fletcher Trust Bldg. 10:30 a. m. to 7:30 p. m.—Advertisement.

Dogs Nip Death

By United Press

WEST JULIAN, Iowa, Feb. 1.—Two dogs flagged a train near here and saved the life of their unconscious master.

G. F. Clark, farmer, fell unconscious as he started across a railroad track. His two dogs, "Treve" and "Freckles," were with him.

Treve sat down by the side of his master and began to bark. Freckles ran up the track toward an approaching train.

The fireman, George Craft, saw him coming, and looking ahead saw "Treve" tugging at a man's body. The engineer stopped the train. As the engine slowed, Freckles ran alongside barking when it stopped he dashed in front of it and lay down.

PROBES CRASH REPORT DELAY

Coroner Notified Late of Fatal Accident.

Investigation to determine why the interurban auto crash at the Whitcomb Rd. crossing of the T. H. I. & E. Railway Tuesday night in which Joseph M. Faulkner, 56, of 1039 N. Mount St., was killed, was not reported to authorities until two hours later, was started by Coroner C. H. Keever today.

Faulkner was killed when his motor stalled on the tracks. His son, Chester, 26, riding with him, called "Jump, dad, quick," and leaped from the stalled machine. He was uninjured.

The interurban carried the machine about 300 feet and then the traction car crashed into the ditch and half turned over.

Six passengers in the cars and the motorman and conductor were shaken up and bruised. The passengers were brought to the city in another interurban before authorities arrived.

Keever ordered Motorman Joseph Mutter, 34, of 106 W. North St., and Conductor Arthur J. Shaw, 57, of 1035 N. Tacoma Ave., slated on manslaughter charges. They were released on \$2,500 bonds.

Besides his son, Faulkner, Prest-O-Lite company inspector, is survived by four other sons, William, Claude, Charles and Noble; a daughter, Miss Leona Faulkner, and the widow.

COUNCIL IN CAUCUS?

Republicans Reported in New Move on Mayoralty.

Republican city councilmen who participated in the move to oust Mayor L. Ert Slack Monday were reported at city hall this afternoon to be holding a caucus somewhere in the city.

Earlier in the day it was reported that the Republicans planned to hold a special meeting at 1 this afternoon at the council chamber to declare Ira M. Holmes elected mayor, but the meeting did not materialize.

SECOND WIFE GIVES BIGAMIST CLEAN SHIRTS

Wants Him to Keep Looking Neat in Jail.

Because she still feels kindly toward her husband, despite the fact that his first wife, from whom he never was divorced, had him haled into court Tuesday, Mrs. Gladys Chamberlain, 19, of 2914 E. Eighth St., was planning today to bring clean shirts to him in Marion County jail. He is lodged there on bigamy charges, awaiting trial in Marion Criminal Court.

"I just pitied him when I saw him appear in court in a dirty shirt, which he had worn since his arrest Friday," Mrs. Chamberlain said. "I am going to visit him and bring him several clean shirts, so that he can keep himself looking neat, even if he is in jail."

FOIL KIDNAP ATTEMPT

Two Youths Held After Effort to Entice Girl From School.

DALLAS, Texas, Feb. 1.—An apartment, taken by kidnap Mary Lou Billis, 13, by methods similar to those used by Edward Hickman when he abducted Marion Parker was frustrated, police said, by the arrest of Thurek Dade, 16, and Rex Malone, 17.

The youths admitted they attempted to entice the girl away from school by a telephone message summoning her to her home. They denied they intended to kidnap her, however.

The teacher refused to permit Mary Lou to respond to the telephone call.

COOLIDGE ON PROGRAM

President to Accept Jackson Statue From State of Tennessee.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—President Coolidge will make the acceptance speech here April 15 when the State of Tennessee gives to the Government a statue of Andrew Jackson, according to Senator McKellar of Tennessee, who called, with a delegation, at the White House today.

OIL PROBERS HEAR MYSTERY DEAL DETAILS

Stewart and Sinclair Said 'Sign' Subordinates Obeyed Them.

EX-SENATOR TESTIFIES

Indiana Standard Chairman to Be Called Thursday in Deceit Inquiry.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—The Senate Teapot Dome committee gathered today more strange details of the financial operations of oil men who diverted \$3,000,000 to the mysterious Continental Trading Company of Canada for a purpose yet undetermined.

A. O. Carlson, treasurer of the Sinclair Crude Oil Purchasing Company, admitted he signed a contract to buy \$150-a-barrel oil from the Continental at \$175 a barrel because of his superiors, Harry Sinclair and Robert W. Stewart, had signed—although he himself knew nothing of the contract.

E. G. Seubert, president of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, revealed that Stewart had negotiated the Continental contract on his own authority, and the board accepted the contract on Stewart's recommendation alone.

Former Senator Charles Thomas of Colorado told how the contract was negotiated in the New York hotel apartment of H. M. Blackmer, missing oil witness, when Sinclair, Stewart, James E. O'Neill, also missing, and others were present.

Stewart at Hearing

Stewart, recently returned from Cuba, sat at the hearing and listened to the evidence. He will be asked to tell his story Thursday.

Carlson said he never had heard of the Continental before the oil contract was submitted to him by Sinclair and Stewart for signature.

Senator Walsh of Montana elicited from Carlson that after the Continental had made \$3,000,000 out of the contract the Sinclair Crude Oil Purchasing Company and the Prairie Oil and Gas Company on May 26, 1923, bought the contract.

It was brought out that the contract, then worth \$3,000,000 or more, was bought for \$400,000 by the Sinclair and Prairie companies.

"The contract was made by H. L. Phillips, now president of the Sinclair company," Carlson said. "I didn't know anything about it."

"Buying a \$3,000,000 contract for \$400,000 is sort of changing double eagles for dollars, is it not?"

"Well, it's a good deal."

Gets 'Tentative' Contract

Seubert said he first heard about Stewart going into the Continental deal in the fall of 1921, the time the contract was made.

Before that we heard there was to be a meeting in New York about the sale of this oil by A. E. Humphreys."

Stewart came back from the New York meeting, Seubert said, with a "tentative" contract with the Continental. This contract was submitted to the board, which considered the oil a good buy at \$175, he said.

"What explanation was made to you for buying this oil at \$175 per barrel from a company that the same day bought the oil for \$150 per barrel?" Walsh asked.

Claude Stewart said that was the best price we could get for it."

POWER PROBE FAVORED

Senate Committee Report Limits Scope to Interstate Commerce.

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Love Subsidy

By United Press

DES MOINES, Feb. 1.—State operated matrimonial bureaus were envisaged by Reuben Marks, Des Moines hat manufacturer, it was revealed today when his will was found to include a subsidy for sex appeal.

Marks left \$1,000 to be given to the first State which founds a matrimonial bureau designed "to provide suitable opportunities for people of both sexes of marriageable age to meet and learn to know one another."

The State must appropriate \$25,000 annually for the bureau.

SINCLAIR ASKS FOR DISMISSAL

Burns' Attorney to Make Similar Plea.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Attorneys for Harry F. Sinclair, oil magnate, today moved dismissal of contempt charges against him and two Sinclair Oil Company officials. Attorneys for W. J. Burns, detective, indicated they would make a similar motion later on in behalf of Burns, his son, and a Burns Agency detective, now on trial with the Sinclair group here.

Martin W. Littleton, attorney for Sinclair, charged today that both he and his multimillionaire client had been shadowed by the Government.

He made this charge before Justice Siddons while asking the court to dismiss certain evidence in the contempt case.

"The Government has used espionage methods in every important case in the last fifty years," he said. "Both Sinclair and I have been shadowed since my client was accused of conspiracy."

COOLIDGE COACH GONE

One-Horse Vehicle of White House Replaced by Auto.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—The one-horse White House coach, long a familiar sight on Washington streets, has bowed to mechanical progress. A motor car has taken its place in the White House garage.

Used formerly to bring distinguished guests to the President's mansion, the coach, driven by a high-hatted and uniformed coachman, was used more recently exclusively for errands by Miss Ellen Riley, White House housekeeper.

Other employment will be found for Tom, Negro coachman, it was said.

TWO DIE IN JAIL RIOT

Guard Also Is Wounded in Attempted Break for Liberty.

By United Press

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—Two Negroes were killed and a jailer was wounded in an attempted jail break at the Wabash Ave. Station here today.

Bernard McNeil, jailer, used Denny Parker, one of the prisoners, as a shield when Harry Stokes, Parker's cell mate, attacked him with a pistol. McNeil suffered two slight wounds and Parker and Stokes were killed.

DELAY NICARAGUA QUIZ

Senate Committee Defers Action on Proposed Inquiry.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee deferred action today on pending proposals for a Senate investigation of United States policy in Nicaragua.

Chairman Borah said the committee is awaiting action by the Nicaraguan congress on a message recognizing the power of the United States to maintain its Marines there.

The committee considered complaints of American citizens regarding alleged violations of their property rights in Cuba. Borah was authorized to consult the secretary of State in this matter.

Hourly Temperatures

6 a. m.	23	10 a. m.	19
7 a. m.	22	11 a. m.	20
8 a. m.	18	12 (noon)	22
9 a. m.	18	1 p. m.	24

Twenty children were overcome

POLICE OPEN BATTLE FOR WAGE BOOST

Patrolman Refuses His Pay Voucher as Opening Gun in Court War.

SUIT WILL BE FILED

Legal Conflict Looms to Force \$110 a Year Salary Tilt.

A legal battle to force the city to pay the \$110 annual salary increases to policemen and firemen, eliminated last year by the State tax board, was begun today.

If the movement is successful, more than \$100,000 will be added to city taxes in future years.

Patrolman Joseph Klaiber fired the opening shot when he refused to accept his January pay voucher from City Controller Sterling R. Holt on the ground that it did not include the amount of the increase. City council last year voted the increase, effective Jan. 1, 1928.

Formal Notice Filed

Attorney Fred Bonifield filed a formal notice of the refusal of the pay for Klaiber.

This, Bonifield said, is preliminary to the filing of a suit Thursday for a mandate to compel the city to pay the increase.

If the policemen and firemen win the suit, a financial tangle will arise. The city provided for the increase in fixing the 1928 tax levy, but the State tax board cut the increase from the budget and the levy had to be pared accordingly.

So, if the increase is granted by the courts, the city must economize along other lines, to get the money for the policemen and firemen.

FOES OF SLACK ASKED TO QUIT

South Side Business Men to Consider Resolution.

Resignations of Republican city councilmen who Monday voted to oust Mayor L. Ert Slack are asked in a resolution to be presented to Southeastern Business Men's Association tonight at 802 Virginia Ave.

The south side began a fight to arouse public sentiment in favor of Slack as a result of the editorial in The Times Tuesday, according to Noble T. Crane, South Side Citizen editor. Civic clubs are expected to be invited to join the move.

Several other south side organizations are expected to act in the next few days. John F. White, Federation of Civic Clubs president, said south side civic club representatives had conferred. A mass meeting is planned.

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20 IN SCHOOL BUS SICKENED BY GAS

By United Press

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John Thatcher, 27, bus driver, said he was not aware that anything was wrong until he stopped at the school at Bobo, six miles east of here.

The fumes escaped from a hole in the exhaust pipe which runs through the bus as a heater, flooding the interior with carbon monoxide gas.

By the fumes and ten others were made ill. A physician was summoned and twelve of the children who were in the most serious condition were taken to their homes. Several were unconscious when taken from the bus, but physicians believed all would recover.

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Beauty to Be Bride



Hollywood is getting ready for a February wedding—that of Mary Astor, screen star, to Kenneth Hawks, film production supervisor, according to the news from the movie capital. Mary says yes, it's so.

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HICKMAN GETS DELAY IN ONE MURDER TRIAL

Druggist Death Hearing Is Set for Feb. 15; Mother on Stand Today.

DEPOSITION END NEAR

Defense Lawyer Assailed by Widow as He Goes Out of Court.

BY DAN CAMPBELL, United Press Staff Correspondent

COURTROOM, LOS ANGELES, Feb. 1.—William Edward Hickman celebrated his twentieth birthday today by appearing in one court to obtain a postponement of trial for the slaying of a druggist, and then going to another to hear more depositions read to support his insanity defense in the slaying of Marion Parker.

Mrs. Eva Hickman, his mother, was expected to be called to the stand before the session ended to sacrifice herself for her son by giving evidence designed to indicate that Edward suffered from hereditary insanity.

Hickman and Welby Hunt, his confessed bandit companion, appeared before Judge Carlos Hardy—disqualified at request of the defense from hearing the Parker case, and asked continuance until Feb. 15, of their trial for the slaying of Ivy Thomas in a drug store hold-up.

Delay Is Granted

Judge Hardy granted the postponement. When the Parker trial was resumed after the appearance before Judge Hardy, Jerome Walsh, defense counsel, resumed the witness stand and read more dispositions from former associates of Hickman.

He expected to finish the depositions in time to call Mrs. Hickman and possibly other witnesses, before court adjourned tonight.

Dispositions remaining to be read included those of James Parker, Kansas City grocer, and Charles Edwards, former police chief of Kansas City, and his wife.

Edwards and his wife were acquainted intimately with Hickman. The deposition of J. L. Laughlin, vice principal of Central High School, Kansas City, was resumed today at the point where it was stopped by adjournment of court last yesterday.

Wanted to Enter Girls' School

In the deposition, Laughlin said he understood Hickman had at one time made application to enter a girls' school, and considered the incident very unusual.

It was brought out in the deposition's record of cross-examination of Laughlin that Hickman had many times told him he planned to go to Park College, a denominational school, as soon as he saved enough money.

As Walsh read the deposition today, Judge J. J. Trabucco overruled frequent objections by the defense to portions of the cross-examination in the depositions. An assistant to Asa Keyes, district attorney, had accompanied Walsh when he took the depositions in Arkansas and Missouri.

Even though the jury hearing the Parker case should find Hickman insane, the State would have another opportunity to seek the death penalty in the Thoms druggist murder case.

Widow Assails Lawyer

Mrs. Ivy Thoms, the widow, cried out in protest today against the efforts of Attorney Walsh to save Hickman from the gallows.

As the youthful attorney was about to leave the courtroom where Hickman had obtained postponement of his trial, the widow turned upon Walsh and gasped:

"Oh, how I hate you!" Walsh, taken back, turned away. "I am sorry, madame," he mumbled, and hurried to the door.

Too Tender Hearted to Kill

Of today's depositions, one made by D. L. Parker, proprietor of a Kansas City grocery store, stood out. Hickman, at the age of 14, worked for Parker.

Parker said his assistants killed chickens brought to his store. The deposition said that "Hickman was