

LEGAL OPINION IS AWAITED ON GAS TRANSFER

Expect Attorney to Tell Company of Rights in Next Few Days.

Developments in the city's plan to take over control of the Citizens Gas Company in 1930 today awaited a legal opinion from William H. Thompson, of Miller, Bailey and Thompson law firm.

Thompson is expected to advise the Citizens Gas trustees within a few days as to the legal possibility of the city enforcing the original agreement made in 1905 when Corporation Counsel John W. Holtzman was mayor. The belief has been expressed that the opinion will be friendly to the city proposal to take over the utility in 1930.

Several baffling technical questions are involved in the decision as to whether the twenty-five-year agreement with the city was automatically broken when the utility surrendered its charter and took an indefinite permit under the public service commission.

Seek to Clarify Status

Those anxious to save the \$20,000,000 utility for citizens of Indianapolis contemplate legislation in the coming legislature to clarify the status of the utility. Belief that continuation of the present trusteeship, but under municipal ownership, would be the best solution to the problem, has been expressed by several civic leaders.

Wisdom of the municipality taking over a highly technical utility and attempting to politically operate it is questioned by many. It has been pointed out that the gas company can issue \$1,000,000 in bonds against its properties for the purchase of reclaiming the common stock which is held by the trustees. Such a plan would avoid the city general taking on the gas company debt. It is believed advisable by some to create a gas district, the same as the park and sanitary utility, to avoid loading further indebtedness on the city proper.

John R. Welch, president of directors, said the company has no plan to combat the city's resuming control, but questioned advisability of the municipality taking over operation of the system.

Favors Prompt Action

The Indianapolis Engineering Society favors the city taking prompt action to enforce its rights in "saving" the utility for the public.

Russell T. McFall, attorney and former sanitary board president, headed the committee which reported the city's right to the gas company is enforceable. Willard S. Boyle and Norman N. Doane are other committeemen.

The first act of the city in the plan to take over the property would be to require the gas company officials to publish its semi-annual financial statement, the engineers reported.

Payment of \$25 face value on common stock and 10 per cent interest per annum would give the city possession, according to the original agreement. There is \$1,000,000 common stock.

MRS. CARRIE CARSON RITES SET FOR FRIDAY

Funeral to Be Held at Hockensmith Chapel; Burial at Crown Hill.

Funeral services for Mrs. Carrie Carson, 60, of 233 1/2 Virginia avenue, who fell dead of heart disease at Alabama street and Virginia avenue Wednesday, will be held at 2 Friday afternoon at the C. A. Hockensmith chapel, 726 North Illinois street. Burial will be in Crown Hill.

A total of \$2,720 was found concealed in Mrs. Carson's clothing. She had carried the money on her person for almost a year, her husband, Harry L. Carson, told police. Carson said the money was virtually their entire life's savings.

POPPING CORKS, TOO?

Milwaukee Lists Many Noises in Crusade to Have Quietest City.

By United Press
MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 6.—Sixteen hundred different noises rattle upon the ears of Milwaukee citizens, according to a survey just completed by the police department. "Flat tired" street cars, fog horns, riveting hammers, early-crowling roosters are among the noises listed on report sheets by patrolmen and detectives.

The data is to be used in an attempt to make Milwaukee the quietest city in the United States.

JUST CAN'T KILL HIM

Child, Kicked by Mule in Auto Crash, Hurt by Binder, to Recover.

By United Press
GREENVILLE, Tex., Dec. 6.—Within one week Ernest Doan, 8-year-old, lost a finger in a binder, lost a patch of scalp when kicked by a mule and escaped injury in an automobile accident while he was being hurried to the hospital after the mule's attack.

Physicians said he would recover.

RIVAL FOR HOSPITAL

Evansville Competes With City to Get U. S. Veterans' Institution.

Evansville has made a bid for the Indiana veterans' hospital, along with Indianapolis.

The Evansville Chamber of Commerce authorized Joseph Zimmerman, legion district committeeman, to go to Washington and arouse sentiment in favor of the southern Indiana city.

Dr. George W. Bowman, state legion chairman, said the state convention had asked that the hospital be centrally located. He said he knew nothing of the Evansville proposal.

Singing Sailor



Homer Webb of the Indianapolis mutual recruiting party, given the title of "The Singing Sailor of the Good Ship Health" in recognition of his musical boosting for the sale of Red Cross Christmas seals before luncheon clubs and other gatherings.

NORTHCOTT ILL; MAPS AID HUNT

'Murder Farm' Suspect Held From Desert Search.

By United Press
LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 6.—Gordon Stewart Northcott, alleged "murder farm" slayer, probably will not be permitted to aid in the renewed search today for bodies of his supposed victims, believed buried in the Mojave desert.

New impetus was given the quest following discovery of a map in the Northcott home marked with an "x" between Little Rock and Valerme and a circle about four miles southwest of Little Rock.

Northcott had a fever of 102 Wednesday night. He was removed to the jail hospital following sanity tests.

Northcott's feverish condition was believed caused by the strain of continuous questioning and the fatigue of his sixteen-hour search with officers in the Mojave desert. Northcott entered a plea of not guilty when arraigned Wednesday in superior court here to answer for the killing of an unknown Mexican youth, whose body allegedly was found near Puente, in Los Angeles county.

6 GET PRISON TERMS

Girl Sentenced on Charge of Grand Larceny.

Six persons, one of them a 19-year-old girl, were sentenced to prison terms ranging from the minimum, one to five years, to one to ten years, by Judge James A. Collins in criminal court this morning.

The girl is Mrs. Mary Thompson, who was charged with grand larceny after she was found wrapped in a mattress in the home of Arthur Brown, 445 North Capitol avenue, early in November. Clothing and household articles valued at \$250 had been taken from the home. She was sentenced to one to five years in the correctional department of the state prison.

Earl Mecca, alias Joe LaFox, 23, who was captured Oct. 16 as he entered the West Indianapolis branch of the Union Trust Company, revolver in hand, was sentenced to one to five years in the Indiana state prison.

Others sentenced were Robert Allen, 22, one to ten years in the Indiana state reformatory; James Anderson, 33, one to five years; and Willa James, one to ten years in the reformatory.

RULING HITS INSURANCE

Gilliom's Finding Spells Huge Loss to Companies Dealing With State.

In an opinion given upon request of Clarence Wyson, state insurance commissioner, Attorney General Arthur L. Gilliom today made a ruling that will mean the loss of thousands of dollars of state money to certain automobile insurance companies.

The opinion points out that state departments are not permitted by law to insure with reciprocal companies, where the insured would have to stand losses should the company fail.

Several departments have cars thus insured it was said.

INSPECT AIRPORT SITES

In company with Mayor L. Ert Slack, other city officials and Chamber of Commerce officers John E. Sommers, airport expert for the Department of Commerce today inspected proposed sites 30 and 8 for the new municipal airport.

Sommers reserved comment pending an official report to be made in two weeks. Following a luncheon at the Chamber of Commerce Slack conferred privately with Sommers at the city hall. The mayor said the next step in acquisition of the airport probably would depend upon his talk with Sommers.

NEED MORE RUM BOATS

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Increases are needed in personnel and vessel of the United States coast guard to guard the American coast line against rum runners, Rear Admiral P. C. Billard, commandant, advised congress today in his annual report.

EDUCATION PAYS COST OF ARMS, SAYS SPEAKER

De Pauw Head Points Out Better Uses for Millions Spent on Warships.

One thousand students could be exchanged annually between America and foreign nations to advance international understanding and peace if the \$42,000,000 spent on Uncle Sam's newest airplane carrier had been deposited instead, to return 5 per cent interest annually.

This was the possibility pictured by Dr. C. Bromley Oxnam, De Pauw university president, addressing Methodist ministers and laymen at the Area Men's council at Cadle tabernacle Wednesday.

"With 5 per cent on such a sum," said Dr. Oxnam, "we could send about a thousand students for a whole year, and the next year, receive an equal number into the United States for a year."

"Carrying their impressions back to their home countries, the number devoted to international peace would increase in geometrical progression. It would do more good in one year than the airplane carrier will do in its lifetime!"

Speaking on "The Teaching Mission of the Church," Dr. Oxnam declared "the church of Jesus Christ must teach and reveal to the world the ideal of Jesus, and must develop the type of mind willing to test out these ethical principles in daily living."

LEGION CHIEFS AID CHILDREN

Face Child Welfare Problem at U. S. Meeting Here.

Active support for enactment of child welfare laws is the immediate task confronting the American Legion, department commander and adjutants were told at their annual conference at Legion national headquarters here today.

Legion officials from every state of the Union and many foreign possessions were in attendance for the opening of the three-day session to discuss the veterans' national program for 1929.

Because forty-four states will have legislative sessions early in the coming year, attention should be centered at once on the child welfare problem, Miss Emma C. Puschner, director of the national child welfare division, declared.

Greetings were extended by Paul W. McNutt, national commander, and Mrs. Boyce Picklen Jr., national president of the American Legion auxiliary, which closed its annual conference Wednesday night.

John Thomas Taylor, vice chairman of the national legislative committee, outlined the legion's legislative program, which includes support for the naval bill for more cruisers; universal draft to provide for "equal service from all and profit for none in time of war; twenty amendments of laws for the coming year, the construction of 2,750 new hospital beds, and approval of the national defense act for the army.

LINKED IN SLAYING

Reveal Identity of Fourth Rothstein Case Suspect.

By United Press
NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Hyman Biller, the mysterious friend of George McManus, one of the men indicted for the murder of Arnold Rothstein, it became known today.

Billar has been sought for three days but his connection with the Rothstein case was not made known until today. He has not yet been arrested.

Four persons were indicted for Rothstein's murder.

GUARD TRAIN CREW AFTER RAIL CRASH

Chicago & Eastern Runs Through Block Signal; Hits Freight.

By United Press
CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—A guard of two policemen was placed over the engineer and fireman of a Chicago & Eastern Illinois commutation train today after it had run through a block signal and crashed into the side of a Pennsylvania freight.

Authorities said they would keep the men under surveillance until they had determined whether they were guilty of criminal negligence.

The locomotive and two cars of the suburban train were derailed. Four boxcars of the freight train were knocked off the tracks. Passengers on the suburban train were jolted severely but none badly hurt.

JAIL TERMS QUASHED

Supreme Court Reverses Liquor Sentences for Two Men.

Cases of Timothy and Thomas Sullivan, sentenced to from one to five years each in Indiana state prison for possession of a still, were reversed by the supreme court today.

They were found guilty by a jury in Davies circuit court. In reversing the decision Judge C. Travis of the supreme court pointed out that the lower court erred in not recording the plea of not guilty entered by the defendants.

Fear Typhus Spread in Portugal

By United Press
LISBON, Portugal, Dec. 6.—An official note issued today urged the people to adopt measures to stop spread of typhus fever.

Eli Schloss 'Is Elected President by Kiwanians

Defeats Otto Mueller in Annual Vote; Jan. 2 Installation Date.

Eli Schloss, new president, and other officers of the Kiwanis Club will be installed at the luncheon, Jan. 2, it was announced today. Officers were elected at the annual meeting Wednesday night at the Columbia Club.

The "Eli" ticket, headed by Schloss, who is president of Schloss Brothers, investment company, defeated the "Otto" ticket, headed by Otto Mueller of Vonnegut, Bohn & Mueller.

Other officers elected are: Dr. Ezra E. Voyles, vice-president; Robert H. Bryson, Indianapolis postmaster, vice-president; Cecil Crabb, district trustee, unopposed; Samuel Ashby, A. P. Conklin and Arthur Webber, directors.

The "Eli" campaign was managed by Herman C. Wolff, who arranged that short speeches in support of his candidate be made by Clarence E. Durnell, W. H. Trimble, Harry E. Yockey, Ira A. Minnick and Richard A. Shirley.

Walter T. White was campaign manager for the "Otto" ticket, and a humorous speech in support of the ticket was made by Henry L. Dithmer, former club president.



Eli Schloss

BACHELORS LOSE OUT IN NAVY PAY SYSTEM

Plan Bill to Prevent Superiors Earnings Less Than Aids.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The ranking medical officer on the U. S. S. Maryland, President-elect Hoover's battleship, gets more pay than the captain. The executive officer also receives more than his superior, due to the unequal naval pay law granting special extra allowances to married officers on sea duty.

The house naval affairs committee will take up Friday a bill to remove this "bachelor" tax discrimination," according to Representative Vinson of Georgia, who successfully opposed a plan by Representative La Guardia, New York, to incorporate such a bill in a bill to equalize the naval promotion list. The house passed the bill which went to the senate today.

EXPERT SCOFFS AT 1928 METHOD OF CAMPAIGN

Declares Presidential Selection System Is Ready for Discard.

By United Press
NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—The 1928 presidential campaign, in every phase, from party conventions to election, has proved the American system of choosing an executive to be antiquated, ridiculous and ready for the discard, in the opinion of Victor Rosewater, former chairman of the Republican national committee and one of the country's closest political observers.

Mr. Rosewater, writing in the December issue of the Review of Reviews, calls the existing campaign formalities, particularly the four-month campaign period and the acceptance speeches of the successful candidates, "relics of post-chaise days."

WOOD SEEKS AIR RACE

Noted Motor Boat Racer and Builder Issues Air Derby Challenge.

By United Press
MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 6.—Gar Wood, speed king of the motor boat world and world-famous builder of speed boats, issues a challenge to any one that will race his Fairchild cabin monoplane over a fifty-mile course here in January, during the Air Derby.

Wood said he would race any airplane of similar-carrying capacity, equipped with pontoons and with a motor not to exceed 475 horse power. His monoplane has a Wasp motor with 425 horse power.

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DAVIS WIDENS CABINET SPLIT ON ALIEN LAW

Secretary of Labor Approves Western Hemisphere Restrictions.

BY LYLE C. WILSON
United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Secretary of Labor James J. Davis' annual report published today revealed a continued division of opinion in President Coolidge's cabinet on immigration, which Secretary Kellogg believes may seriously affect American relations with all Latin-American countries.

Davis' report unqualifiedly approved immigration legislation pending in the senate which would extend the restrictive immigration quota system to all countries of the western hemisphere.

Kellogg already has told a senate committee that extension of the system to the western hemisphere "would adversely affect the present good relations of the United States with Latin-America and Canada."

The United Press was informed today that the state department had not changed its attitude of opposition.

Davis described the lack of universal immigration restriction as one of the fundamental weaknesses of the present law. Opponents and supporters of the bill to extend restrictions agree that Mexico is the source against which the barrier would be raised. Mexican immigration has increased rapidly since European immigration was curtailed.

Davis' report and the text of Kellogg's remarks before the Senate committee showed the two secretaries in disagreement.

The report, covering the fiscal year ended June 30, 1928, showed a slight decrease in the cost of living, an increase in the number of aliens naturalized, and a considerable reduction in infant mortality.

HUNT CAR THIEVES

Pair Escape, After Chase, Leaving Auto.

Police today sought two automobile thieves who abandoned a stolen automobile in the 800 block College avenue Wednesday night, after E. D. Rouls, motorcycle police officer, chased them from Meridian and Twenty-second streets, firing several shots at them.

The two men were in a Chrysler sedan, property of John Surban, 1629 Rural street, which had been stolen from near Manual Training high school.

Rouls stopped the speeding car at Meridian and Twenty-second streets. Rouls said he fired one shot into the air to frighten the men and then one shot at the car during the chase.

Jingle!

Here Is No. 14 in the Christmas Shopping Contest.



If you let shopping wait until The rush comes, there's no doubt That every purchase you put off

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Seems like every one in town is writing jingle last lines, so here's your chance to start, on No. 14, if you've not joined the race already. The three best last lines with a pair of tickets each to the show next week at the Circle, where Corinne Griffith in "Outcast" will be the attraction. Send in your last line now to The Times Jingle Editor.

A. L. Orrell Jr., Quincy, Ind., wins a pair of tickets for his offering on Jingle No. 11. Here's his idea:

Get all your shopping done right now. It's bound to make you glad. 'Cause, later on, you'll not be forced To push and fight like mad.

Mary Garriety, 2928 West Michigan street: "To disappoint the lad."

Hazel Sims, 201 North Rural street: "To buy what others wouldn't have."

Jor Jingle No. 12, Blanche L. Williams, 123 East St. Joseph street, No. 3, wins with this one: There was a man in our town And wondrous wise was he, He shopped real early and then he said, "A happy guy, that's me."

Mary Roberts, 31 South Bradley avenue: "None shall walk on my feet but me."

Yvonne Williams, 944 East drive, Woodruff Place: "No last minute rush for me."

REED RALLIES OPPOSITION TO KELLOGG PACT

Suddenly-Formed Bloc Led by Missourian May Delay Treaty.

SENATE
Continues to debate on Swing-Johnson Boulder Dam Bill.

Consider treasury-postoffice appropriation bill. Agricultural committee meets to outline program for session. Census committee meets to consider re-appropriations to the War Department. Naval affairs and veterans committee have regular meetings. Appropriations sub-committee considers war, agriculture, state, justice, commerce and labor bill.

BY PAUL R. MALLON
United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—An unorganized, but nevertheless, threatening opposition to the Kellogg anti-war treaty suddenly has found root in the senate.

How formidable it will grow remains to be developed. At present it amounts to a determined stand against the treaty by Senator James A. Reed of Missouri, with a doubt in the minds of half a dozen other senators.

Committee Calls Kellogg

Secretary of State Kellogg has been directed by the foreign relations committee to appear before it Friday.

Reed takes the position that the treaty ultimately would put the United States into the world court "by the back door."

Others of the old band of "irreconcilables" who fought the League of Nations in 1918 share this view. Senators Johnson of California and Moses of New Hampshire are understood to be particularly anxious to learn whether some further reservations are necessary to protect the Monroe Doctrine.

Even some of the Democratic supporters of Wilsonian foreign policies are doubtful about the treaty.

"Blast of Wind"

"It seems to me to be a mere blast of wind," Senator Bruce (Dem.), Maryland, told the United Press. "There is now a real agency for world peace to which we could subscribe."

Some effort has been made to hold up consideration of the treaty until after the new naval cruiser building bill is passed. If it appears the treaty is facing dangerous opposition it may be delayed for the present.

ROCKEFELLER ON TRIP

John D. Goes to Florida to Spend Winter Months Golfing.

By United Press
TARRYTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 6.—John D. Rockefeller left Wednesday for his winter home at Ormond Beach, Fla. A number of friends and relatives told him good-by at his mansion before he went to the station. Rockefeller's proposed golf game was not played because of a wet course.



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