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LAWYER FACES MARION CLUB FRAUD CHARGE

W. R. Waddell Accused of Swindling Stockholders of Defunct Body.

HEARING BEFORE JUDGE

Misappropriation Alleged in Collection of Assets; Promises to Pay.

W. R. Waddell, attorney, 314 Board of Trade building, was accused of a scheme to swindle stockholders of the Marion Club, defunct Republican organization, at a hearing before Superior Judge Byron K. Elliott today.

Waddell, Deputy Prosecutor George Eggleston and John L. Niblack, former deputy prosecutor, declared, has been telling stockholders of the club that as little as \$7 was their share of the defunct organization's assets and offering to collect the money for a 50 per cent fee.

He then would collect the \$47.50 due each stockholder and turn over to the stockholders only half of the money he had misappropriated as due, it was charged.

Widows Victims, Is Charge

The prosecutors declared that records show Waddell has collected \$2,100 from stockholders from County Clerk George O. Hutsell and that a man named J. J. Jones, for whom Waddell acted as attorney, has collected \$1,300.

Widows and relatives of dead club stockholders were among the victims of the scheme, it was charged. Jones, Niblack said, would file a petition to be named administrator of the estates of dead stockholders. Under the Indiana law anyone may be appointed administrator of estates upon application within twenty days of the death of the parties. Appointed administrator, Jones, represented by Waddell, would collect the \$47.50 due each of the estates.

Waddell promised to make restitution when brought before Judge Elliott today on a bench warrant. "I'm willing to pay," he stated. "Will you have to pay?" declared the judge.

"This is one of the worst frauds I've seen around here and the person guilty is going to be punished."

Jury Investigating

Niblack, who retired as deputy prosecutor Jan. 1, but who had investigated the charges against Waddell before leaving office, said 100 estates for which Jones had acted as administrator are being investigated. Jones would file as administrator in cases where the size of the estate or the shape of the assets made it unnecessary for relatives to have an administrator appointed.

The grand jury is investigating the swindle scheme, Niblack stated. He asked Judge Elliott if he might cite Waddell for contempt of his court, but Judge Elliott instructed Waddell be given two weeks to make restitution. If he does not do so in that time the contempt charge may be filed, Elliott said.

Waddell made payments to two women he is said to have defrauded this morning.

Pays Women

Mrs. Helen H. Preston, widow of the late Charles Preston, declared Waddell had told her he could collect \$7 for her and offered to do so and give her \$3.50. Waddell collected the \$47.50 due her and had paid her nothing, she said. Waddell, who said he had not given her anything because he had not "seen her since," wrote her a check for \$47.50. "If that check isn't good, let me know," said the judge.

Waddell also gave Miss Florence Warrington, 271 Randolph street, a check for \$23.50. He was alleged to have told her he had collected \$30 for her and to have given her half, \$15. The court asked Waddell about the case of F. Lorenz Gemmer, 2010 North Meridian street, administrator for the estate of his father, whom Waddell is alleged to have told he had \$15 coming. Waddell, it is alleged, collected the \$47.50 due Gemmer and paid him nothing.

ID IN FLU EPIDEMIC

College Kept Closed So Students Can Help Flu Prescriptions.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Jan. 2.—Opening of the New Jersey College of Pharmacy will be postponed five days because only 75 per cent of students reported.

Dr. Little Dean, said that a large number of students requested to be excused from classes, because they are working in drug stores and are badly needed to cope with the influenza epidemic.

QUOIS CHIEF DIES

Indian Leader to Be Buried in Syracuse, N. Y.

BUFFALO, Jan. 2.—The body of Cornelius Johnson, 99, former chief of the Iroquois, who died yesterday, his home here, will be taken to Syracuse Friday, for burial.

To CINCINNATI and return by telephone; basic rate only 70 cents. Advertisement.

Jiggs Deb

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Corned beef hash, a dish generally regarded as a plebeian, was served this morning at the Ritz-Carlton hotel in one of the most fashionable parties of the holiday season.

Mrs. Richard Edward Reed introduced her daughter Jane to society Tuesday night at a large ball at the hotel. There was dinner, and later another debutante party joined and there was supper.

The dance continued and finally early this morning a breakfast was served at which the main dish was corned beef hash.

POWER LINES CUT; REWARD

\$1,000 Offered for Arrest of 'Tamperers.'

Reward of \$1,000 was offered today by the Southeastern Indiana Power Company of Rushville, Ind., for information leading to the arrest of persons who have been tampering with the utility's high tension lines.

Power shut-downs have been necessitated four times within the last few weeks by malicious tampering with high voltage lines, the company announced.

The power company is a sister company to the Indianapolis and Southeastern Railroad Company, with office in the Traction Terminal building, and power shut-downs not only affect more than 5,000 light customers of the utility, but the operation of parlor cars on the Connersville and Greensburg divisions of the traction company.

Advertisements offering the reward declare such sabotage is in violation of the law and is punishable by fine and imprisonment.

In one instance a high tension line was severed near Juliet, ten miles southeast of Indianapolis, on the Connersville division, it was said at offices here. In the other cases, the tampering was along the line in isolated places in the country.

RULE AGAINST STATES FIXING GASOLINE PRICES

Laws Unconstitutional, United States Supreme Court Holds.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—State regulation of the price of gasoline is unconstitutional, the United States supreme court decided today in two cases appealed by the State of Tennessee, which by statute in 1927 proclaimed that the sale of gasoline was a "public service" and created a board to prevent discriminatory and unreasonable prices. The court held the entire act invalid.

BURY INDIAN FIGHTER

Pony Express Rider Had Career Full of Adventure.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Jan. 2.—Kennedy B. Hamilton, Indian fighter, scout and pony express rider under Buffalo Bill Cody, was buried today. He died at the age of 84 years.

Born in Cincinnati and trained as a civil engineer, Hamilton began an adventurous career as pony dispatch rider out of Kansas City in 1866. He was once seriously wounded by an Indian's spear and carried miles over the plains by a comrade to a camp where his wound was closed with a darning needle and linen thread.

Since 1871 Hamilton had been an engineer on the Minneapolis board of education.

PREPARE INAUGURAL

Committee Named to Arrange for Leslie Ceremonies.

Elia O. Rogers, Republican state chairman, today announced appointment of the committee which will arrange for the inauguration of Governor-Elect Harry G. Leslie Jan. 14.

Charles L. Biedervotz, supreme court clerk, heads the committee. Other members: Archie N. Bobbitt, new state auditor; Bert Fuller, Leslie's campaign manager, and James McCann, Lebanon.

3 WOMEN DIE IN FIRE

Christmas Tree Starts Blaze in Home of Normal School Students.

MONMOUTH, Ore., Jan. 2.—Fire believed to have been started by lighted Christmas tree candles caused the death of three women students of the Oregon normal school here. The blaze destroyed the private home in which they were staying.

AT LAST—FOUNTAIN SQUARE DISTRICT MAY LOSE SHELBY STREET MULE BARN

MAYBE, perhaps, after all these years, residents of the Fountain Square district, are going to lose the Shelby street mule barn.

To the smug northsider who doesn't have to worry about anything but the smell from King's and, perchance, Fall creek ever springing.

How fervent the hope, can be described only by those who have been driven from their front porches on hot nights when the wind blew.

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OFFER \$25,000 FOR BEST DRY REPEAL PLAN

Telegram to Durant Motor Official by Hearst Reveals Contest.

'CAN'T STOP TRAFFIC'

More 'Liberal and American' Measure Is Urged as Substitute.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—William Randolph Hearst, publisher, today offered a prize of \$25,000 for the best plan to repeal the eighteenth amendment and substitute in place of prohibition a more liberal and more American measure.

In making known his plan in a telegram to Edwin J. Clapp of the Durant Motors, Inc., Hearst said: "It never has been possible and never will be possible to prevent traffic in compact and concentrated alcoholic drinks."

His offer followed closely upon a demand from W. C. Durant, donor of \$30,000 in prizes for the best plan to enforce the eighteenth amendment, for the appointment of a congressional committee to "determine why the eighteenth amendment has not been satisfactorily enforced."

"I do not believe prohibition ever will be enforced," Hearst wrote. "And I do believe that if a violent effort is made to enforce it during the next four years by the Republican administration, the next President of the United States will be a Democrat.... therefore, I think in offering a prize on how best to enforce prohibition, Mr. Durant really offered a prize on how best to put the Republican party out of power."

Publish Liquor Survey Results

While these two developments were engaging the attention of supporters and opponents of prohibition, the New York Telegram, in a copyrighted article, published the results of a survey showing that 24 per cent of the liquor sold in New York speaks of contained poison in some form. Ten per cent of New York's liquor supply contained wood alcohol, the Telegram said.

Thirty investigators worked three weeks getting 504 samples from 400 drinking places in Manhattan. These samples all were analyzed by registered chemists, who found, the Telegram said:

"That fifty-five contained wood alcohol.

"That seventy others had poisonous impurities resulting from improper reneating.

"That 362 others, while drinkable, either were purely synthetic or cut so they had only 5 to 20 per cent of genuine liquor."

The highest percentage of wood alcohol was one-half of 1 per cent. Places selling wood alcohol were revisited for new samples, so that in some cases triple proof was obtained against them.

Advice to Whalen

The list of establishments selling wood alcohol was turned over to Police Commissioner Whalen for his guidance, and the telegram urged him to concentrate against them in his drive against speakeasies.

The newspaper said that sixty known deaths had occurred in New York City from wood alcohol drinking in 1928, or twice as many as in 1927 and three times as many as in 1926.

In an editorial the Telegram said the city has 20,000 speakeasies, and called on Commissioner Whalen to center his raids "where they will do the most good."

PUSH SCHOOL PLANS

Speed Action to Save Money on Bid.

Plans for the new Irving high school, Riley avenue and Washington street, were rushed by the city school board this afternoon after Charles W. Kern, new president, announced contractors had advised him the city could save \$50,000 if the contract could be let before May 1.

The board conferred with the architects, McGuire and Shook to get action started.

Kern said the contractors could bid lower now than after May 1, when they will be busy. If they can have the Irving job well under way before the rush they can bid lower.

Seven Below in Indiana

ROYAL CENTER, Ind., Jan. 2.—The United States weather bureau thermometer here showed a temperature of 7 degrees below zero this morning.

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WELD POLICE FORCES

Sheriff's Office to Be Allied With City's Law Arm.

In an effort to weld the police department and the sheriff's staff more closely, the county commissioners will meet this afternoon with Police Chief Claude M. Worley and Sheriff George Winkler. Arrangements have been made to link the sheriff's office with police headquarters by a direct telephone line.

FIGHTS DISBARMENT

Attorney for F. Lee Smith Moves to Have Proceedings Dismissed.

A motion to dismiss the disbarment proceedings filed against W. Lee Smith, former Ku-Klux Klan grand dragon, who is serving a sentence in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth for conspiracy in the interstate motor theft ring, was filed in supreme court today by M. L. Clawson, Smith's attorney.

CHARGE DRIVER DRUNK

Abandoned Car After Crash, Say Police; Arrested.

Alleged to have deserted the car he was driving after an accident at Fayette and North streets Tuesday afternoon, John Ellis, 33, of 234 North Senate avenue, was arrested today on charges of driving while intoxicated, operating a blind tiger and transportation of liquor. In the deserted car, which belongs to Ellis' father-in-law, J. B. Cash, 912 Edison street, police found a gallon of alcohol.

GAS DIRECTORS TALK TRANSFER

Trustees Meet on City Ownership.

Mayor L. Ert Slack's suggestion of Tuesday that the Citizens Gas Company trustees make the first move to turn the utility property over to the city was expected to be discussed today by gas company trustees and directors.

Directors held their monthly meeting at noon at the gas offices and it was understood the stand of directors and trustees would be discussed. Several trustees declined to be held as a private conference with directors was desired.

Trustees plan to obtain views of directors on the turning over of property to the city preliminary to the election of nine directors Jan. 14. It was stated that any directors whose ideas are not in accord with the trustees will not be renominated. The trustees have full power to name the directors.

It was known that Slack's recommendation that the trustees take immediate steps to redeem the \$20,000 common stock and turn the properties over to the municipality as provided in the 1905 franchise drew considerable discussion from gas company officials. Slack's statement was expected to be considered informally.

AID BRITISH MINERS

Friends of Prince of Wales Give After Radio Appeal.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—A gift of \$100,000 for relief of British miners, arranged after a trans-Atlantic telephone call, has been made by wealthy friends of the prince of Wales.

It was revealed that the donation was inspired by an appeal broadcast by the prince on Christmas, explaining the plight of hundreds of thousands of men, women and children in the mining areas, due to unemployment.

FINDS 'STRANGER' CAR

Comes Home to Find Auto in Garage; Owner Sought.

When he returned home today after a four-day trip, Robert W. Anderson, 6003 Park avenue, found an automobile parked in his garage. The car, the property of Gerad Swift, 25 West Merrill street, had not been reported stolen. Police are seeking Swift to give him his car.

'CHARMED LIFE' FAILS

Jumps Off Train Going at 60 Miles an Hour; Dies.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The train he had boarded was taking him far past his station, and fearing that he would lose his job if he were not on time, William Woodcraft, 36, jumped from the train going sixty miles an hour and was killed.

At the inquest his landlady said Woodcraft believed he had a charmed life.

MERCURY TO 5 ABOVE IN FRIGID WAVE

New Cold Mark Is Set for Season in City; Warmer Wednesday.

SNOW OVER STATE

Much of Middle West Is Covered With White Blanket.

Hourly Temperatures
6 a. m. 7 10 a. m. 11
7 a. m. 6 11 a. m. 14
8 a. m. 5 12 (noon) ... 15
9 a. m. 7 1 a. m. 18

The mercury dropped to a new cold mark for the season today. The United States weather bureau thermometer registered 5 above zero at 8 a. m., three degrees below the winter's previous low mark of 8 above, Dec. 21.

Tonight will be another cold night, but not quite as cold as last night, J. H. Armstrong, weather bureau head, predicted.

Thursday, however, the cold wave will break and temperatures will rise.

The lowest temperature tonight will be about 10 above, and the mercury will rise into the thirties Thursday, he said.

The 5 degree temperature here was a 28-degree drop in twenty-four hours. The drop over the state ranged from 24 degrees along the Ohio river to 30 degrees in the north.

The lowest temperature in this state, 2 above, was reported at Ft. Wayne. The nearest point reporting a below zero temperature was Peoria, Ill., 2 below.

There was 2 inch of snowfall here in the last twenty-four hours, but only 1 inch lay on the ground in the downtown section, according to weather bureau records.

South Bend, with eight inches unofficially reported, claimed the heaviest snowfall in the state. Ft. Wayne recorded a 3 inch precipitation.

Middle West Freezes

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—The mercury hovered near the zero mark in most of the middle west today with from three to six inches of snow blanketing the territory and little relief in sight.

Kansas City reported three inches of snow and six inches farther south, extending to the Oklahoma border.

Sections of Iowa and Nebraska reported from two to three inches of snow and temperatures in some cases below zero.

FLAPPER LEADS BANDITS IN HOLDUP; BOASTS PLANS FOR FUTURE ROBBERIES

Loots Bakery Truck at Gun Point; Aided by Two Companions.

A flapper bandit made her debut in Indianapolis this morning and outlined her plans for making a series of appearances in the near future.

The girl, young and pretty, aided two companions in holding up and robbing Mervin Fallmer, 1633 Ashland avenue, a driver for the Omar Baking Company, of \$25.

Fallmer was accosted by a bandit who boarded his truck near Washington street and Sherman drive and forced at the point of a pistol to drive out the Brookville road to a lonely spot.

A large coupe, in which the girl and another man were riding, followed the truck to its destination.

When the truck was halted the girl took charge of operations.

"Get out of that truck," she commanded, and Fallmer, still facing the pistol, obeyed.

"It's Cigaret Money"

While the bakery driver stood on the ground the girl searched him rapidly and expertly and unhooked his money belt containing \$25.

"Is that all you have?" she asked disdainfully, "why that's hardly worth our time. But even so, it's cigarette money." She pocketed the loot.

"And speaking of cigarettes, Charlie, give me a tag."

Lighting up a cigarette, she talked boastfully of her plans to stage a series of similar holdups in the near future.

"We're going to pay a few calls on your buddies, but here's hoping

they carry more money than you had on you," she said.

One of the bandits produced a bottle and proffered it to Fallmer.

Girl Flashily Dressed

"Here, what's the idea? I'm freezing to death out here. Let me have that." The girl took the liquor and drank deeply.

FLU AGAIN RAGES

Reaches Epidemic Stage in State Once More.

Influenza is again epidemic in Indiana and figures compiled by the state board of health show an increase over the last several weeks.

Dr. William F. King, secretary of the board, is among those ill. He was reported in serious condition at his home today.

Vevay reported 500 cases, Garrett 364, Dearborn county 300, Orleans 150, East Chicago 127 and Chalmers 100.

State Orders Bids on Road

The state tax board today ordered bids on the Paddock road in White River township, Johnson county. Hearing on the \$12,200 bond issue for the road's construction was held Oct. 6.

'Time for Everything'



Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt

30,000 LINE UP FOR FORD JOBS

Shiver in Cold Waiting to Be Hired.

By United Press

DETROIT, Jan. 2.—More than 25,000 shivering men stamping their feet and burning newspapers to keep warm, stormed the Fordson plant of the Ford Motor Company this morning as hiring of the 30,000 new employees to be added to the Ford payrolls began.

A. E. Wilson, employment manager of the plant early this morning, noted the crowd to number 12,000, but as the additional men arrived he believed there was approximately 30,000 men waiting for work. Only 500 men will be hired daily.

Several hundred of the men had been standing in line in the three-inch snow since midnight.

After 500 men were interviewed and ordered to report for work, the other men were told to return Thursday.

Practically all of the men will be hired at the minimum Ford scale of \$5 a day.

The tri-motored craft, intent on playing a 128-mile course between here and San Diego until its men or its engines crack, had been in the air for twenty-four hours at 7:26:45 a. m. (Pacific coast time).

'HAPPY DAYS,' WISH OF EX-MRS. BARRYMORE

Divorced Wife of Film Star Arrives From Europe.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Michael Strange, divorced wife of John Barrymore, arrived today aboard the French liner France, which docked a day late, owing to a terrific storm it encountered two days ago.

The famous authoress and lecturer, through her interviewers wished Barrymore, who recently married Dolores Costello, a "happy New Year," adding, "I wish everybody a happy New Year."

"I expect to devote two months to a lecture tour and fly right back to Europe," she said. The tour will begin in a few days in Philadelphia.

Asked if she were "winging" back to Europe because of a romance, she replied:

"I have a tremendous romance. I always have a romance."

QUITS SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Samuel Campbell Resigns; Successor to Be Picked Soon.

Samuel Campbell today resigned as an office deputy sheriff. Sheriff George L. Winkler said he will announce his successor in a few days.

Herman Rickhoff, former chief of police, resigned Tuesday and was succeeded by Harry Alford, son of Fremont Alford, former criminal court judge.

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Mules Will Be Sold about Feb. 1, and the motor equipment delivered about March 1. Meanwhile, no mules, no barn. It will be remodeled into a garage.

Economy is the real motive behind the change, Grossart said. He figures the city can pay for the motor equipment in one year by the difference between the cost

By United Press

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Teacher, factory manager, editor, speaker, club woman—Mrs. Franklin Roosevelt is all that but refuses to be daunted by the many new obligations her position as "First Lady" of the Empire state must entail.

"I am interested in everything," says Mrs. Roosevelt. "I don't know exactly what is before me at Albany, frankly, but I expect to solve problems as they come along."

So, she says, she will continue to teach two days a week in New York at Todhunter school, in which she has an interest; will retain her management of a furniture factory where students are learning to make copies of early American pieces; she will continue to edit a journal, will hold her membership in some half dozen civic organizations, and will keep up her establishment in New York as well as reside over the executive mansion.

SOARING TO RECORD

Endurance Plane Finds Refueling Success.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 2.—The army airplane Question Mark, engaged in an attempt to break all records for sustained flight, passed the twenty-four-hour mark today with its motors droning easily, its crew happy and its method of refueling in mid-air a proved success.

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