

## TROLLEY FIRM SAYS IT CAN'T RAISE WAGES

Avers Revenues Are Down,  
Claims Workers Benefit  
by Free Services.

Having agreed last week that their employees should be better paid Indianapolis Street Railway officials today appeared before the public service commission with testimony designed to show that they can not increase wages.

The hearing was the defense round on the arbitration petition presented by union employees asking wage increase and changed working conditions.

L. J. E. Foley, company auditor, presented figures showing revenues have decreased \$61,736.51 during the first three months of the year, as compared with the same months in 1928.

Wages \$115 Monthly

There has been a daily decrease of \$509.26, with passengers dropping off more than 6,000 a day, he declared.

Citing a recent 4-cent an hour increase to carmen, made since the arbitration appeal was taken to the commission, he declared that it will mean \$120,000 additional a year and that the company is now negotiating a loan for \$250,000 to meet "fixed charges."

Average wage of employees is \$115.80 a month, with a seven-day week of more than eight hours, he testified.

Sells Employees Coal

Saving was made to employees by selling them coal and providing free medical service, it was testified, but defense counsel sought to discount this by quoting coal prices and by showing that but one full-time doctor is employed for the 1,600 employees and their families.

David A. Watson, company attorney, withdrew 246 affidavits on living conditions in support of the company when Asa Smith and Frank Baker, union attorneys, objected. They contended that some of them had been obtained under duress.

Rebuttal testimony will be heard by the commission at 3 p. m. Wednesday. The commissioners will later decide whether the present wage scale of from 44 to 49 cents an hour will stand.

## TWO SOUTH BEND GIRLS DISAPPEAR FROM HOMES

High School Students. Each Last  
Seen With Men in Auto.

*By United Press*  
SOUTH BEND, Ind., April 23.—Believed to have been kidnapped or to have ran away with sweethearts, a search for two pretty 14-year-old high school girls was continued today.

The girls were last seen when they stepped into a roadster type automobile which was occupied by two young men.

Police said they had exhausted nearly every lead that had been presented to them.

The parents of the girls believed they have been kidnapped or met with foul play, explaining that neither had ever been away from home without permission.

Both were leaders in class work and school officials could give no reason for their leaving.

## CONVICTS BUILD CHAPEL

Prison Cell Block Converted Into  
House of Worship.

*By United Press*  
WETHERSFIELD, Conn., April 23.—Convicts have transformed what was once a cell block for confinement of long-term criminals into a beautiful chapel in state's prison here. Prisoners who had been carpenters, painters and decorators worked nearly a year on the chapel.

## 'HOME' TO HEAR SLACK

Mayor Will Deliver Commencement  
Address at Birthplace.

Mayor L. E. Slack will go to Trafalgar, Ind., his birthplace, tonight to deliver the local high school commencement address. Slack will speak Thursday night before the Hopewell graduating class.

## VER-WIL-KO SAVES MAN FROM TORTURE

From Rheumatism for 30 Years—  
Ver-Wil-Ko Gave Quick Relief



MR. N. KIRKPATRICK

Vast throngs are calling to hear the Ver-Wil-Ko specialists tell how this miracle medicine is bringing relief to thousands of seemingly hopeless cases of Stomach, Liver, and Kidney troubles, Constipation, Rheumatism, Neuritis, Catarrh, Nervousness and impure blood.

"I believe few people have experienced more suffering from Rheumatism than I have for the past 30 years. The center of this trouble seemed to be in my hip, and at night my suffering was intense. I was also bothered with kidney trouble."

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