

FACTORY MEN ATTACK FIXED POWER RATES

Manufacturers Aver They
Pay \$40,000 Yearly
in Excess.

The Indianapolis Power and Light Company, through excessive "demand charges" is getting more than \$40,000 a year from Indianapolis manufacturers for power that they actually do not use, declared Albert Schmollinger, attorney for a group of factory operators before Public Service Commissioner Howell Ellis, today.

The manufacturers ask for the abolition of the "demand charge" system and substitution of monthly billing upon the actual amount of power consumed.

The commission now permits the company to charge power users a minimum fixed charge, based upon the maximum load the consumer might demand in some time of stress. On the theory the company should be compensated for installing equipment to meet this load.

Harry Boggs, of the accounting firm of Hendrich & Boggs, the ace witness for the power company declared that the annual revenue on schedule "D" or fixed charge by the company for 1928, was \$480,598.05; while if the manufacturers were actually charged for the power consumed and then billed monthly this figure would be cut to \$439,839.51.

Unfairness Charged

During the course of Boggs' testimony Schmollinger questioned Boggs' right to testify on matters within the purview of an engineer and not an account't, and it appeared that there might be a heated interchange between him and Charles N. Thompson, attorney for the power company, but Ellis called them to order.

Lawrence Cummings, secretary of the Schweizer-Cummings Company declared that he did not object to the demand charge, but that he could not see the fairness of paying for twelve months in the year on a rate fixed on the amount of power consumed only during a peak month.

He declared that Joseph Stipher of the Power company traffic department visited him two weeks ago and told him that he was "silly" to join in the protest.

Charles Wilson of the Insey manufacturing company testified that although the amount of power used by the company had increased but 34 per cent in four years, the fixed rate charged had increased 357 per cent.

Change Would Be Costly

A statement of the Indianapolis Casting Company was introduced to show that the rate charged had increased 174 per cent since February, 1926, although the power consumption had but slightly increased.

Emmett Ralston, chief engineer of the power company, was put on the stand to testify that if the monthly billing were adopted instead of the fixed charge the power company would have to put in additional equipment to take care of the fluctuating load.

Schmollinger was assisted by Louis K. Karns.

Commissioner Ellis declared that the hearing would continue later this afternoon.

WOMAN IS DEAD DAY BEFORE SHE IS 100

Mrs. Mary Reid Would Have Passed
Century Today.

Funeral arrangements instead of plans for her one hundredth birthday party were being completed by relatives and friends today for Mrs. Mary Reid, who died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Albert Faussel, 1906 Noble street, Anderson, Sunday. Had Mrs. Reid lived until today she would be celebrating her one hundredth birthday.

Mrs. Reid was born in Belfast, Ireland, May 20, 1829. She came to Indianapolis in 1882, several years after her marriage to Thomas Reid, who died thirteen years ago.

She has made her home with her son, Thomas Reid, 345 Parkway, since that time.

Only survivors are the daughter and son. Funeral services will be at the daughter's residence at Anderson Tuesday at 10 a.m. Burial will be at Fortville, where her husband and two sons and two daughters are buried.

ROADHOUSE OWNER MAY SUE DRY'S FOR \$13,500

Charges Raiders Destroyed Property
in Search for Liquor.

NILES, Ill. May 20.—Martin Fehl, proprietor of a roadhouse near here, sought possible legal means today whereby he might recover damages for property valued at \$13,500 which he charged federal prohibition agents destroyed when they raided his roadhouse Saturday.

Fehl said the agents entered the house of Niles and smashed up pianos, a radio, phonograph, dishes, chairs, tables and fixtures.

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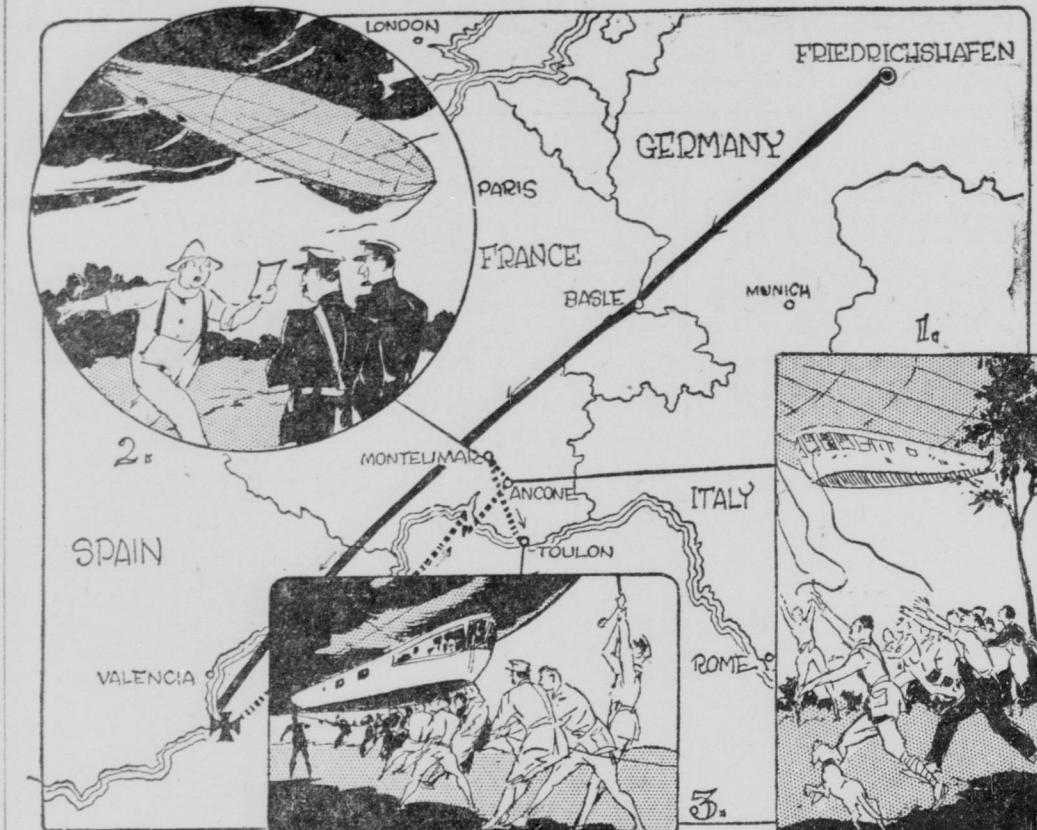
Arrested in State for Having Stolen
Automobiles.

Police have been notified of the arrest of two men in different parts of the state in whose possession were found automobiles stolen from Indianapolis recently. Authorities left today to return the men.

Cleo Rodenber, was arrested at Marion with a Ford coupe owned by Kenneth Ogle, 1330 North New Jersey street. The car was stolen April 11 from in front of Ogle's home.

Alvin Woods was arrested Sunday at Connerville while driving a Chevrolet "coach" stolen from its parking place on Washington avenue May 18. It is owned by Cresta Osha, Connerville, Ind.

Giant Zep to Get New Engines, Again Brave Perils of Atlantic



The desperate battle of the crippled Graf Zeppelin against a violent storm that overtook the airship, with several dead motors, after it had turned back on a proposed flight from Germany to the United States, is pictured here by Joe King, staff artist for The Times and NEA Service. The heavy black line shows the outward route of the Zeppelin from Friedrichshafen, Germany, to a point off the Mediterranean coast of Spain (indicated by X) where

falling motors caused Commander Eckener to turn back. The dotted line shows the return route. The wind snatched the tail ropes from the grasp of soldiers and peasants over Montelimaro as shown in No. 1 and she shot back into the sky. Commander Eckener dropped a note, (2) saying he would attempt to land the storm-tossed bag at the French military flying field near Toulon. Soldiers there (3) succeeded in grasping the ropes and pulled the crippled ship to earth.

ARMIES MASS IN SHAM WAR

Sky Mammoth Will Fly

Back to Germany, Then
to America.

By United Press

TOULON, France May 20.—The work of replacing the crippled parts of the German dirigible Graf Zeppelin began at the Cours-Pierrelatte airfield today, with the arrival of two new motors from the Zeppelin works at Friedrichshafen.

Within a week the giant airship, which almost came to grief in a terrific battle with the elements while en route to the United States, is expected to be in shape to continue its return flight to Germany. There it will be overhauled and made ready for a fresh start to America, probably in June.

The Blues, amassing 500,000 mythical troops to attack Columbus capital of a hypothetical nation moved up to the west bank of the creek under an imperial banner, but was harassed by Red cavalry brigades which were seeking to drive out into enemy territory.

Meantime air fleets of the hostile forces scouted enemy territory, strafed ground forces and bombed roads, railways and communication lines in an effort to slow the advancing armies.

HOOVER VISITS SUNDAY SCHOOL

Attends Virginia Church
After Night in Camp.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Faithful members of the Sunday school flock at a Sperryville (Va.) church were rewarded Sunday by attendance of President Herbert Hoover at their morning services.

The President and a small party who spent Saturday night camping in Shenandoah National park motored to Sperryville to attend church services, in preference to returning early to the capital. The number of automobiles parked near the Reynolds Memorial Baptist church of that city convinced them church services were in progress there. On entering, however, it was discovered Sunday school was in session.

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LINDY AND ANNE EXCLUDED ON ISLAND; QUIET SABBATH IS SPENT AT MANSION

BY FRANK MURPHY
United Press Staff Correspondent

NORTH HAVEN, Me. May 20.—Second anniversary of the start of his epochal New York-to-Paris flight found Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh today approaching another take-off—this time into matrimony.

Just as the eyes of the world were focussed upon him on May 20, 1927, so was he the center of the news spotlight today, for all the world loves a lover, and as everybody knows, the colonel is planning to marry Miss Anne Morrow some time somewhere, soon.

As Colonel Lindbergh quietly reflected that two years had elapsed

since he flew to fame in the "Spirit of St. Louis," residents of this little island town continued to speculate over the air idol's wedding plans.

Silence and secrecy surrounded the rambling white mansion at Deacon Brown point, where the Colonel and Miss Anne were in seclusion at the probable scene of their forthcoming wedding.

Only once since they arrived here unexpectedly in a giant amphibian plane with Mrs. Morrow late Saturday had the "Flying Colonel" and his prospective bride ventured forth.

Early last night they left the house in a beach wagon driven by

The only persons admitted to the

house yesterday were Leon B. Stone and Herman Crockett, members of the board of selectmen. There was a divergence of opinion as to the purpose of their visit. Some thought they discussed with the Morrow family the feasibility of augmenting the force of guards as a double guarantee against the intrusion of newspaper men.

Others gossiped that Lindbergh had received a death threat and that the conference was called to consider additional means of protecting him against "cranks."

Neither report was confirmed.

BELGIUM DEBT STAND DASHES DECISION HOPE

Hoover Approval Given Reparations Plans Now
at Standstill.

BY SAMUEL DASHIELL
United Press Staff Correspondent

PARIS, May 20.—Just as the United States made a concession that might have helped toward a reparations agreement, Belgium balked today on making any reduction in her demands on Germany, and the progress of the negotiations was blocked.

The reparations conversations should have entered their decisive phase today, with some hope of concluding this week, but the Belgian position caused an upset at a four-power conference of France, Germany and Italy today.

Gets Hoover O.K.

The day started auspiciously when Thomas W. Lamont of the American delegation, announced that Norman Armour, American chargé d'affaires in Paris, had received cable authorization from President Hoover to notify Owen D. Young that the United States is willing to accept a "material reduction" in each annuity expected from Germany without altering the total.

The American offer meant increasing the number and decreasing the amount of that country's annuities. It would facilitate England's acceptance of the scheme for dividing Germany's contributions in war damages, originally suggested by Young.

Belgium Firm

At this morning's four-power conference, Belgium firmly refused to go further in the negotiations until she is satisfied on her claim for 25,000,000 marks, which, she insists, is due from Germany because of the German deflation of Belgian currency during the war.

The other powers argued all morning but the Belgians silently shook their heads. They refused to listen to the allied arguments that the problem is really between Brussels and Berlin and is outside the jurisdiction of the conference.

WET FIGURES
BRANDED BUNK

Princess Leaves Husband
for Love, Rumor Says.

By United Press

PARIS, May 20.—The matrimonial craft of the former kaiser's sister, Princess Victoria, and her Russian boy husband, "Baron" Von Zoubkov, apparently has entered rough waters and rumors in Paris today said that the princess would obtain a divorce and leave for America on a lecture tour.

If the princess makes good her divorce threat, it will be not because of a cooling of her ardor, but because she loves her young husband, it is said.

When Serge Zoubkov was a Russian refugee out of a job in Berlin, he was free to come and go. As soon as he became human again he was courted by the princess and she knighted him and dubbed him "baron," using for the ceremony a sabre which once belonged to her imperial brother, he became an undesirable foreigner and was ordered out of Germany.

Now to get her husband back into Germany, Princess Victoria may have to agree to divorce him and perhaps he can re-enter as a Russian refugee.

"Baron" Von Zoubkov now is in Luxembourg, the only spot on the continent open to him.

Chairman Refuses to Quit

By United Press

MUNCIE, Ind., May 20.—Alleging differences in his duties several Democratic candidates nominated in the recent election have asked J. Wilbur Sims, chairman of the Democratic city committee, to resign. According to Sims the request will not be heeded.

McBride Says Dry Regime
Doesn't Cost Billion.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, May 20.—F. Scott McBride, general superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, brands as "pure bunk" the recent statement of the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment that the "experiment of prohibition" is costing the American people close to a billion dollars annually.

"The widely published wet claim that prohibition costs a billion a year is 98.2 per cent pure bunk," McBride said in a statement. "Only \$36,000,000 of the amount charged against prohibition was spent for enforcement and half of that is returned in fines, penalties and forfeitures."

"The combining of estimated revenue losses with actual enforcement appropriations and solemnly announcing the total as prohibition enforcement costs was an amazing wet publicity hoax."

Nation-wide first page news prominence followed by editorial comment, McBride said, has given the public the impression that prohibition is costly.

McBride said he is to meet the

Senate Finance Committee on June 3 to a committee of the federated association.

BURY POISONED YOUTH

Coroner Keever Still Is Considering
Death Verdict.

Coroner C. H. Keever today still was considering a verdict in the death of Richmond R. Murray, 21, Indianapolis College of Pharmacy student. His friends say he took poison tablets by mistake Friday night in his room at the home of his classmate, Earl Doyle, 2445 College avenue.

Funeral services were held at La-pei, Ind., this afternoon, with burial

in the family plot.

JACKSON BACK TO LAW

Ex-Governor Resumes Practice
Opens Offices Here.

Ed Jackson, former Governor, today announced he is resuming law practice with offices at 415-421 Indiana Trust building. Associates, however, declared they wished they could stop setting out cut-ups, because of the cost of broken glass, furniture and damage to costly carpets and hangings.

Claypool officials said they would see a lawyer if the government asked them to clamp down on set-ups. Keever, Washington, Lincoln and Spink-Arms officials said they probably would do the same.

MRS. WATTERSON DIES