

# COUNCIL PROBE IS LIKELY TO MOVE SLOWLY

Use of Split Requisition in Auto Purchase Is Substantiated.

The city council's investigation of charges preferred against city employees by Charles W. Jewett, former mayor, began to assume the proportions of a "white elephant" today as it appeared it would be weeks before the matter is disposed of.

This appears certain if the probe is limited to three-hour sessions, two or three days a week.

Testimony thus far has substantiated the charge that a LaSalle sedan was purchased for Police Chief Claude M. Worley on split requisitions despite the law requiring all purchases of more than \$2,000 be approved by the council.

## Emergency Existed

However, Fred W. Connell, president of the safety board, declared that the split requisitions were approved by him because an emergency existed for the car. Joel E. Baker, city purchasing agent declared the emergency had been outlined to him and that he permitted the split requisitions to pass. The car was purchased at \$505 under list price.

The special probe committee, composed of Herman Lieber, Earl Buchanan and Edward Harris, assisted by Special Counsel James Noel, Wednesday afternoon plunged into an investigation of the purchases by the city of flood prevention land from Dilling & Co. and the Granite Sand and Gravel Company, at figures which, according to Jewett, had been raised at the request of John Holtzman, former corporation counsel.

## Two Witnesses Heard

Only two witnesses were heard Wednesday afternoon and the hearing was continued until this afternoon at 2.

On special request of Merle Walker of Walker & Hollett, counsel for the two gravel companies involved, Jewett was subpoenaed today to appear before the probe committee.

That the appraisal of the Dilling Company land by the committee of the Real Estate Board was made purposely low at \$55,550 "because they were trying to 'hornswoogle' the city and we were going to make it low enough," was the testimony of David A. Coulter, veteran real estate man.

"But they did hornswoogle the city before they got through," queried Noel.

"I don't think so," was the rejoinder.

## Coulter Tells Story

Coulter testified that he was asked to make a reappraisal of the land by Holtzman when suit for an appeal was filed by Dilling & Co.

"I saw the other members of the committee, we did not view the land again but we talked it over and obtained an appraisal of the land just north of this tract from the city engineer's office and we found that our appraisal was too low. Then we wrote a letter to Holtzman placing the valuation of

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the land at \$100,000," Coulter said. He testified that the first appraisal was made as a trading proposition.

## To Cover Damage

The new estimate was to cover damage to the other gravel land of Dilling & Co., pay for grading and construction of a roadway, and sidewalks and the installation of water mains.

Coulter declared that the purchase price of \$100,000 paid by the city was not high.

Roy W. Templeton, another member of the appraisal committee took the stand and testified that he had contended from the beginning that the land was worth \$100,000.

Templeton elaborated on values of industrial and gravel lands to show that the price paid by the city was not extraordinary.

## Trace Land Purchases

History of the flood prevention land purchases was traced from works board records by Ernest Frick, board did not participate in the purchases.

S. Hack, present corporation counsel and then member of the works board did not participate in the council's deliberations regarding the purchases.

Jewett has charged that Hack resigned from the works board to become counsel for Dilling & Co. and helped him the appraisal.

Attempts of Walker to intervene in the case were halted by Noel with the statement that:

"You (Walker) will have plenty of time to show your evidence later. We are handling this as we see fit."

## FRENCH FLIERS HOME

Return to Paris After Record-Breaking Trip to Manchuria.

PARIS, Nov. 21.—Dieudonne Coste and Maurice Bellonte returned to France today from their record-breaking flight to Manchuria, landing at Le Bourget field at 11:30 a. m. after a morning flight from Rome.

Storms twice prevented them from flying from Athens to Paris Wednesday and they landed at Rome. Hundreds of admirers swarmed over Le Bourget field as the plane landed. Minister of Air Laurent Eynac greeted the fliers in the name of the government and praised them for their flight, of more than 5,000 miles, from Le Bourget to Tsitsihar, Manchuria.

## Name Change Proposed

PARIS, Nov. 21.—Declaring that the U. M. "charity" as applied to social service organizations has come to imply a hazardous system of benevolence not in keeping with present day ideals, trustees of the Anderson Associated Charities has proposed a change in name, favoring one similar to "The Family Welfare Council," as used in Indianapolis.

# 'YOUNG TURKS' FALL IN LINE WITH MOSES

Senate Body 'Knee Deep in Harmony' Following Long Session.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—The Republican senatorial campaign committee was reported "knee-deep in harmony" today after the first meeting it has held since its appointment in September.

Outstanding among results of the meeting was the apparent subsidence of the revolt of "young guard" members against Senator George W. Moses (N. H.), the chairman.

"We had dinner together, discussed the senatorial campaigns of next year in twenty-four states, and closed with everybody knee-deep in harmony," Moses said after the three and a half hour session.

Moses' recent reference to western Republican senators as "sons of the wild jackasses," which drew the ire of "young guard" members of the committee, was mentioned a "half dozen times" during the meeting, the chairman said, but his manner indicated such references were made in jesting manner.

Senator Vandenberg (Mich.) generally regarded as one of the "young guard" leaders, declined to comment on the meeting.

"I've said enough, he replied to questioners. 'I've gotten in enough trouble already.'"

No action was taken on the recent resolution offered by Senator Metcalf (Rep. R. I.), which would keep the committee out of states where its service was not requested by the senator of that state, or on the selection of a committee treasurer, the chairman said.

The western senatorial campaigns were discussed. Moses discounted reports of an effort to defeat insurgent western senators in the primaries, explaining the campaign committee does not participate in primary campaigns.

# DRY DRIVE IGNORED

Juarez Saloons Merry as Liquor Is Fought.

JUAREZ, Mexico, Nov. 21.—The clink of glasses and blatant melodies of pianos resounded through this picturesque border city of cacaos and saloons today in defiance of a concentrated move to "make Juarez dry."

Led by a detachment of 100 federal soldiers, in command of General Francisco Del Arco, 2,000 school children paraded through the streets Wednesday as part of the campaign sponsored by President Emilio Portes Gil for reduction in the consumption of alcoholic drinks in Mexico.

## DAWES VISITS IN PARIS

Insists Trip to French Capital Is Personal; Sees War Comrade.

PARIS, Nov. 21.—United States Ambassador Charles G. Dawes announced that he was returning to his duties in London late today. Ending a brief visit in Paris, his first since the 1923 reparations conference.

Dawes denied that he had conferred with any French government officials, insisting that his visit was purely a personal one. During his three-day stay, he spent considerable time with an old war comrade, General Charles Payot, commander of the Thirteenth corps, who obtained a four-day leave to be with the American ambassador.

## Anderson Man Buried

ANDERSON, Ind., Nov. 21.—Funeral services were conducted at the Trinity Episcopal church for George H. Matthews, 71, native of England. He leaves his widow, Mrs. Mary Matthews; two daughters, Mrs. Sarah Leitch, Anderson, and Mrs. Selma Totterdale, Cannonsburg, Pa., and a son, William J. Matthews, Kokomo.

# Legion Auxiliary Heads to Gather Here Friday

Hawaii, Canal Zone Will Be Represented at Sessions.

Department presidents and secretaries of the American Legion Auxiliary from every state and from Hawaii and the Panama Canal Zone will gather in Indianapolis Friday for the opening of their annual conference at national headquarters.

The conference will remain in session Friday and Saturday. National committee chairman of the auxiliary will outline a program of activities for the coming year. Open discussions are to be held on each phase of work presented for indorsement of the convention.

Mrs. Donald Macrae of Council Bluffs, Ia., national president, will give the opening address Friday morning and will preside at the sessions. O. L. Bodenhamer, national commander of the American Legion, also will appear on Friday's program.

Feature of the convention will be a roll call of departments. They will respond by giving number of new members enrolled for 1930. Membership increases during the last year made the auxiliary the largest women's patriotic organization interested in war veterans.

Friday noon visiting auxiliary officers will be guests at a luncheon in the publishing plant of the American Legion monthly.

# BANDITS ASK 'HELLO' GREETING FOR POLICE

Boys of High School Age Rob Crippled Anderson Druggist.

ANDERSON, Ind., Nov. 21.—The second holdup in a week at Russell Bennett's drug store occurred when two youths of high school age armed with automatic pistols robbed Bennett, a cripple, in the presence of his wife and three customers. The bandits took \$20 from the cash register, picked up two vanity cases as they left, and climbed into a waiting automobile driven by a confederate of their own age.

"Tell the police 'Hello,'" shouted the boys as they drove away.

It was the fourth holdup at the Bennett store in four years. Police say they will arrest the trio this week and that their capture will clear up a number of Indiana robberies.

**Midnight Party on Friday**

American Legionnaires will meet at 8 p. m. Friday in Municipal Judge Paul C. Wetters' courtroom for a Seventh district American Legion midnight party that will include tours of police headquarters, city and county jails, and the Citizens Gas Company plant.

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More Miracles Reported at Priest's Grave.

MALDEN, Mass., Nov. 21.—From the grave of the Rev. Patrick J. Power in Holy Cross cemetery here reports of supposed cures continued to be made to cemetery officials by afflicted persons, who have made

the place a shrine and worshipped there.

Two partial cures were reported Wednesday after more than 25,000 persons, many coming from nearby and distant states, made pilgrimages to the young priest's grave.

Joseph F. Denton, 35, of Astoria, L. I., declared his ambition had been realized after his visit to the cemetery. Denton has suffered for more than three years with paralysis of one side of his body. After kneeling in prayer at the grave he arose to his feet and declared he already felt "improved."

Another cure was claimed by the parents of 8-year-old Mitchell Novak of Claremont, N. H., who said the boy, a cripple from birth, had been able to walk after bending in solemn prayer at the tomb.

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