

SQUATTERS IN 'RUN' TO STAKE RICH CITY LAND

Abandoned Rail Right-of-Way Is Homesteaded Under Act of 1890.

By GEORGE B. ROSCOE United Press Staff Correspondent

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 3.—Police today patrolled a valuable strip of abandoned railroad right-of-way in the shadows of Oklahoma City skyscrapers to prevent squatters from staking claims and homesteading the property.

Men who made a "run" for the strip Tuesday were evicted after they had filed claim notices, the same as did their forefathers decades ago when the federal government opened this territory to settlement.

The land, abandoned when Rock Island officials decided to re-route their tracks, lies within the city's business district. It is six blocks long and 100 feet wide.

\$4,000,000 Bond Is Posted

After the tracks were torn up, the land lay idle. It was to have been turned over to the city today for use as a parkway. But squatters, acting under the almost-forgotten congressional townsite act of 1890, staked out their claims.

Sam Bartell, United States deputy marshal, who forty-one years ago represented "the law" when Oklahoma still was Indian territory, led the "run."

M. W. McKenzie, city attorney, said Rock Island officials had posted \$4,000,000 bond to guarantee delivery of the land to the city.

W. A. Wallace, resident Rock Island engineer, appealed to police officials who evicted the squatters. They cleared the strip several times, only to have the claimants return to set more stakes and file new notices.

Court Battle Is Probable

Wagoner, assistant United States district attorney, said the claims probably would be recorded if sent to the Washington land office and that legal contests might follow.

It was possible, officials agreed, that transfer of the land to the city, scheduled for today, might be postponed while the right of the squatters is contested in court.

Many of the squatters maintained their rights to the land. The claims were filed legally and the strip was open to settlement, they contend.

Although police guarded the area, no violence was expected, Police Chief Charles Becker said.

DR. PETERSDORF DEAD; HELD CORONER'S POST

Veteran Physician to Be Buried on Arrival of Sisters from Wyoming.

Funeral arrangements for Dr. Gustav A. Petersdorf, 54, of 4211 Guilford avenue, coroner of Marion county from 1906 to 1908, who died Monday of heart disease, will be made upon the arrival today of two sisters from Wyoming.

Born in northern Indiana and a graduate of Purdue, Dr. Petersdorf had been practicing medicine in this city more than twenty-five years. He was a member of the Scottish Rite and the Shrine.

Survivors are two sisters, Miss Helen Petersdorf and Miss Martha Petersdorf, both of Riverton, Wyo.; a brother, Julius Petersdorf of Idaho, and a niece, Mrs. Grace Haas, Indianapolis.

REPORTED MURDER IS MERELY GOLF REBUKE

Police Find All Quiet at Miniature Course After False Alarm.

Possibility of a baby golf course murder faded before the eyes of two police squads early today.

Rushing to the Indianapolis golf course, 440 Indiana avenue, on a call that a man had been murdered, police found all quiet except for the putting on the greens.

James Denny, Negro, 921 Redman street, manager, told police he previously had directed a youthful player, who became irate and troublesome, to the door, and believed the youth gave the false alarm.

FURNITURE FIRM SOLD

Feeney's Will Take Over Stock of State Company.

Purchase of the stocks, accounts and lease of the State Furniture and Wall Paper Company, 200 South Meridian street, has been announced by the Feeney Furniture Company, 108 South Meridian street.

The combined stores will be known as the Feeney-State Furniture Company. Albert G. Feeney and Francis J. Feeney will be in active charge.

PASTOR TO HEAR TALK

Northern Baptist President Will Address Ministers' Union.

The Rev. Albert William Beaven, president of the northern Baptist convention, will address a mass meeting of Indiana Baptists Dec. 11 in the First Baptist church here, under auspices of the Baptist Ministers' Union of Indianapolis.

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Here Today and Gone Tomorrow

Year to Live, Clerk Steals \$5,000, Has 'Final Fling,' Then Goes to Jail for Rest of Allotted Days.

By United Press

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—A physician told James L. Person, 25, he had a year to live. Person, a pay roll clerk, suffering from tuberculosis, wanted to live it riotously. He padded his employer's pay roll, took \$5,000, spent it on a "final fling," and gave himself up to the authorities. He is under sentence of six months to three years in prison.

Giants in Those Days

TUCSON, Ariz., Dec. 3.—Discoveries indicating a race of supermen, more than eight feet in height, once inhabited the district surrounding Sapaya, state of Sonora, Mexico, were announced today. Petrified skeletons of the giants have been found.

Never Rains but It Pours

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—The ancient adage that misfortunes never come singly found Mrs. Elizabeth Marovici in accord today. Entering her home with an armful of bundles, she tripped over something on the floor and suffered a broken arm. The object proved to be a kit of tools left by burglars who had just robbed the house.

Free Haircuts Aid Needy

MARIETTA, O., Dec. 3.—Excuses for shaggy locks and cowlicks that curl over the backs of their collars won't be accepted in Marietta in the future. Union barbers announced they will donate "free haircuts for needy school children."

Too Bad for Bandits

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 3.—"How would you act if some one tried to rob you?" Charles Holt asked a friend.

"Just like this," said the friend whipping out a revolver and pulling the trigger. Hospital attendants said Holt would live. The friend told police he didn't know the gun was loaded.

Poverty Hard on Pets

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—The newest problem growing out of the depression is concerned with cats and dogs. Thousands have been turned out of their homes by families in need, humane societies reported in applying to the owners not to abandon them.

No Place for Stumblers

JUAREZ, Mexico, Dec. 3.—Waiters from 150 saloons will line up on Dec. 13, each with a tray holding a glass of whiskey, a "chaser" of water, a glass of beer and a bottle of beer and run for fifteen blocks through the town, trying to avoid spilling a drop. The winner will be awarded a \$50 prize.

"Dollar Opera" Opens

NICE, Dec. 3.—Grand opera with the best seats at \$1 was inaugurated here Tuesday night by Frank Jay Gould, Gould leased the municipal opera house to stage "Aida," with Merle Forest, formerly of the New York Metropolitan and Chicago operas, as "dollar opera" artistic director.

Spanking Held Passing

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 3.—James E. West, chief executive of the Boy Scouts of America, and other leaders attending the International Boy's Work Council conference are in accord with the view that spanking is old-fashioned, and that trend of the times is for fewer birch rods and more persuasion.

ILLEGAL ACTION LAID TO WATER COMPANY

Hammond Municipal Plant Accused of Issuing Warrants Wrongly.

That the Hammond Municipal Water Company, through the city board of works, has made construction payments with a per centum in interest covering more than a one-year period illegally and without consent of the public service commission, was the charge made today in a report filed with Fred I. King, secretary of the public service commission.

The report is the result of an examination of the accounts of the Hammond city-owned water plant covering the period from Jan. 1, 1927 to Dec. 31, 1929, made by Ross Teckmeyer and Otto K. Jansen, field examiners for the state board of accounts.

The report has also been filed with Lawrence F. Orr, chief examiner of the state board of accounts, but was referred to the public commission for action.

PETERS GIVES DINNER

Democratic Chairman Entertains New State Officials, Press.

At the last election and political and statehouse correspondents of Indianapolis newspapers and press services were guests of R. Earl Peters, Democratic state chairman, at a "gridiron" dinner at the Indiana Democratic Club Tuesday night.

LEGISLATION IS TOPIC

Laws on Truck and Bus Operation to Be Considered.

Legislation affecting truck and bus operation will be discussed at the thirtieth annual convention of the Indiana Motor Truck Association to be held Friday and Saturday at the Severin.

PUBLIC HEARING ON STREET CAR PLAN IS NEAR

First Session to Be Held Early Next Week, McKinney Says.

With experts checking valuations of properties of the Indianapolis Street Railway Company for the city, E. Kirk McKinney, works board head and chairman of the city hall street car committee, said the first public hearing on the reorganization proposal will be held early next week.

The sessions are expected to last several days, and it has not been decided whether meetings will be held on successive days, McKinney said the date of the first hearing will be announced, following a conference with Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan in St. Vincent's hospital.

Information Is Compiled

Several members of the city engineering staff are compiling information on holdings of the street car company that would be taken over by the Insull interests if the reorganization went through.

Having completed study of the plan, several committee members indicated they will aid in the general survey. McKinney said he is viewing real estate properties of the company to obtain a basis of comparison on valuation questions.

Civic Leagues Invited

Civic leagues will be invited to the initial hearing. In addition proponents of the plan and stockholders, many of whom are divided on the question, will be heard. Copies of the franchise will be distributed to community organizations on request by the committee.

Suggestions that the city purchase and operate the utility are being considered by the committee, but under the present financial condition of the municipality, it is not expected this move will be considered at present, committee members indicated.

AUTO LICENSE AGENTS PICKED

New Secretary of State Gives Jobs to Democrats.

Reorganization of the automobile license distribution system under Democratic control has been virtually completed by Frank May Jr., new secretary of state. Tuesday night Mayor Hays announced appointment of fifty-five of the approximate total of 120 license agents.

During the past two years, thirty-one of the agencies were controlled by the Hoosier State Motor Club and seven by the Chicago Motor Club. Under Mayor's plan, most of these will be replaced by Democratic workers recommended by county chairmen.

Appointments announced Tuesday night are as follows:

Boonville, Louis J. Roth; Evansville, Evansville Motor Club; Mt. Vernon, Louis D. Keck; Princeton, Henry W. Reinhart; Rockport, Marie Kiesel; Winslow, James D. Arnold; Richmond, William A. Voller; Bloomington, Arthur Brandon; Linton, John C. Cravens; Martinsville, Mrs. Beryl Hohn; Bloomfield, Kenneth Seest; Shoals, Zella M. Franklin; Sullivan, Mrs. Frances Ricks; Young's Branch, Howard Brinkman; Vincennes, Alice Brooks; Jasperville, Stacia F. Mitchell; Washington, R. G. McIntosh; New Albany, Theo. P. Mathes; Bedford, Roy Parham; Corydon, Allen S. Jordan; Jeffersonville, Kopp - Lutz Company; Mitchell, Mrs. Sarah C. Holliday; Salem, Roy Huckleberry; Scottsburg, L. E. Andis; Ellettsville, Mrs. C. J. Sam; Pauli, E. A. Palmer; Jasper, A. T. Dudgeon; Franklin, Mrs. Asa Whitaker; Vevay, Kathryn Lettich; Edinburg, William Hardin; Aurora, George Goodman; Ellettsville, Lawrence M. Welsh; Columbus, Clark Larkin; Greensburg, Mrs. M. M. Carter; Lawrenceburg, John Bahr; North Vernon, Mrs. Clara Reichle; Rising Sun, Mrs. Breda Barricklow; Seymour, Claude S. Heintz; Greensburg, Frank Seifries; Osceola, Robert Day; Clinton, Miss Ida Jenkins; Brazil, James Penman; Greencastle, Oscar J. Redor; Rockville, C. V. Burkhardt; Liberty, George Bridenbaker; Greenfield, Mrs. Clara Walton; Middletown, May Culp; Shelbyville, Anna W. Fogel; New Palestine, Harry Young; Sperrtown, Mildred A. Ash; Decatur, Tim Lewis Ehler; Muncie, Earl Everett; Union City, John Morris; Winchester, Joseph Carl and Anderson, Bert Davis.

THEOPHILUS J. MOLL FUNERAL RITES SET

Services for Attorney to Be Held Here at 2 Thursday.

Funeral services for Theophilus J. Moll, Indianapolis attorney, who died Tuesday morning while en route to Evansville to attend the funeral of his mother, will be held at the Hisey & Titus undertaking establishment, 951 North Delaware street, at 2 Thursday.

The services will be conducted by Dr. Frank Lee Roberts, pastor of the Central Avenue M. E. church, and Dr. Oren W. Fier, superintendent of the Indianapolis district of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Burial probably will be in Greenwood.

FIREMAN'S CAR HIT

Lieutenant's Automobile Overturned by Traffic Signal Disobeyer.

Alleged to have failed to stop at a preferential street, Hubert Thomas, 18, of 2015 Howard street, early today struck an auto driven by Lieutenant Dan O'Connell of the fire department. O'Connell's car overturned. The accident occurred at Hamilton avenue and New York street.

STREET REPAIR IS UP

Bids on Improvement of Vermont Street from White River Parkway to Belmont Avenue, will be received soon by the works board.

A. H. Moore, city engineer, today filed his estimate of the work with the board. It is expected to total about \$24,287. Construction will be started next spring.

NAME IS MISPELLED

The Times wishes to correct a name misspelled in a birth notice Tuesday. Through a typographical error the name of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Caudell, parents of a son born at Methodist hospital, was misspelled Candel.

Mae Clark to Wed



Mae Clark, stage and screen actress, has announced at Los Angeles her engagement to marry John McCormick, moving picture director and former husband of Colleen Moore. Miss Clarke and McCormick are shown above. The wedding will take place next May, when McCormick's divorce from Miss Moore becomes final.

STATE FORESTERS IN SESSION HERE

Experts of Midwest Attend Three-Day Congress at Claypool.

Forestry experts from eleven midwestern states and Washington, D. C., assembled in Indianapolis today for the three-day Central States Forestry congress at the Claypool.

With Dean Stanley Coulter, chairman of the Indiana conservation commission presiding, the congress opened this morning. Richard Lieber, Indiana conservation director, outlined its purposes.

Ralph F. Wilcox, Indiana state forester, related Indiana's experience in developing incomes from publicly owned forests, and Edmund Secrest, Ohio's state forester, spoke on public responsibility in forest land ownership.

Topics to be discussed during the congress include commercial game production, forest fire organization, effect of forests on erosion of soils, taxation of forest properties, molding forests to meet industrial requirements, hardwood markets, and other allied matters.

Dr. Edward C. Elliott, president of Purdue university, will preside at the banquet this evening when Frank S. Belz, Hammond, Director Lieber and Governor Harry G. Leslie will speak.

Congress sessions will be held all day Thursday, followed Friday morning at 8 by a field trip to Indiana's state forests of 8,000 acres in Morgan and Monroe counties. State's actively participating are Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri, Ohio and Tennessee, and those by invitation Arkansas, Michigan, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

25 ARE INDICTED BY COUNTY GRAND JURY

Defendants Named in True Bills to Face Criminal Judge Jan. 5.

Twenty-five persons were named in nineteen indictments returned in criminal court Tuesday by Marion county grand jury. Eight persons were released in the report.

Clarence Duckworth, who at the Nov. 4 election allegedly voted more than once, was indicted for the offense.

Charges and the number of persons named for each follow: Possession of a still, three; grand larceny, seven; burglary, four; issuing fraudulent checks, four; robbery, two, and arson, one. Defendants will be arraigned Jan. 5.

FILE SUIT OVER STREET

Property Owners' Complaint Charges "Double Assessments."

Appeal from alleged "double assessments" by the board of works in paving of Villa avenue is asked in a suit filed in superior court five by abutting property owners.

The suit avers the improvement was provided for under two separate resolutions.

Edward H. Knight, city corporation counsel, stated the action of the works board is in line with a practice in effect for many years.

SALESMAN IS HELD UP

Loot of Bandits Includes \$61 and Shoes for Right Foot.

Crowded off United States Road 31, south of Kokomo, by two young men in a green Ford today, Everett Laskey, Chicago, shoe salesman, was robbed of \$61, a watch, rings and three suitcases filled with shoe samples, police here were notified.

Laskey said the sample cases contained shoes for the right foot only. After threatening him with a gun and robbing him, the youths made their escape.

PUPILS TO SELL CAKE

Shortridge Home Economics Classes Will Bake 90 Pounds a Day.

The Shortridge home economics cooking classes, directed by Mrs. Florence C. Porter of the home economics teaching staff, have begun preparations for the second annual fruit cake sale.

The cake baked by the cooking classes is to be sold, proceeds going to Shortridge student activities.

The classes are making plans for baking ninety pounds of cake a day until all orders have been filled.

HEALTH TITLE IS CONFERRED ON IOWA GIRL

Livestock Exposition Also Names Missouri Boy Nearest Perfect.

By WOLF LARSON United Press Staff Correspondent

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—Everywhere that Marian went the crowd was sure to follow today at the International Livestock exposition where she—Marian E. Synegard, 15, of Grundy county, Iowa—was prominent as America's healthiest girl, and adjudged within three-tenths of 1 per cent of being 100 per cent perfect physically.

The crowds that followed her also sized up William R. Bodenhamer, 20, of Johnson county, Mo., acclaimed the healthiest boy in the United States with a rating of 98.7 per cent.

Gets Kick Out of It

He and Marian were selected as the nation's 1930 models of health at the congress of the 4-H Club, an organization of farm youths to which both belong.

Marian, 5 feet 3 3/4 inches tall, with light brown hair and eyes of blue, admitted she got a "kick" out of being the healthiest girl in the country.

She said she was "going on 16" and seventh in a family of eight children who live on a farm two miles from the high school where she is a senior. Usually, she said, she walks to school.

Married by Bad Tooth

The health rules that Marian followed included, she said, meat once or twice a day, potatoes and other common vegetables, a quart or more of milk daily, no coffee, no tea and around nine hours of sleep on a sleeping porch.

Bodenhamer, dapper in pearl gray spats, said he was used to living in just about the same fashion as Marian.

The only reason why Marian was not perfect, the doctors said, was because she had a defective tooth and a slightly inflamed eye lid.

Bow legs and tooth imperfections stood in the way of a 100 per cent rating for Bodenhamer.

ROAD BUILDERS IN CONVENTION

Expected to Renew Stand Against Wage Slashes.

Reaffirmation of their stand opposing slashing of wages by contractors on state highway construction projects is expected at the executive meeting on Thursday afternoon of the Indiana Highway Constructors, Inc., in the seventh annual convention at the Claypool.

A legislative program also will be planned at the executive session. Directors are to be elected and they in turn will name officers.

Co-operation with Governor Harry G. Leslie's state unemployment council was voted at the opening session Tuesday.

A resolution endorsing governmental relief movements and urging construction men of every classification to aid in the movement to relieve unemployment, was adopted.

Today's session was devoted to problems of the contractors.

LEASE PLANTS FOR MAIL RUSH

Manufacturers Building to Be Used, Bryson Says.

Leasing of the Manufacturers building at the state fairground for use during the Christmas season as a north side mail center was announced today by Postmaster Robert H. Bryson.

All mail for that portion of the city north of Twenty-second street and from White river to the eastern limit will be handled through the new unit. Approximately thirty trucks will operate from the building and 180 men will be employed.

Another step to facilitate handling of Christmas mail was leasing of the old frame building of St. Philip Neri school. Mail for territory between Sixteenth street and English avenue and east of Oriental street will be handled from this distributing point. Between seventy and eighty men will be employed and a dozen trucks will operate from it.

Additional space thus obtained will relieve congestion at the Illinois street station, Postmaster Bryson pointed out, where 200 to 240 men will be used.

CITY'S SUIT IS UP

Battle to Set Aside Tax Ruling to Start.

Trial of city's suit to set aside the state tax board's 1 cent reduction of the civil city 1931 tax levy was scheduled to start this afternoon before Superior Judge James M. Leathers.

The city seeks to permanently enjoin the county auditor and the county's treasurer from carrying the state board's order into effect.

News of World at Glance

By United Press

ROME, Dec. 3.—Premier Benito Mussolini's campaign to reduce the cost of living in Italy reached a peak today with nation-wide salary and wage cuts of 8 per cent, or more, in agriculture, industries and commerce.

Mayflower to Be Survey Ship

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The Mayflower, presidential yacht for President Hoover, is to be used as an acoustical service ship of the navy hydrographic service as a survey vessel.

Protest Radio Propaganda

LONDON, Dec. 3.—The British ambassador to Moscow has been instructed to protest against Soviet wireless propaganda described as inciting workers to revolution. Foreign Secretary Arthur Henderson told the house of commons today.

Bulgarian Leader Assassinated

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Dec. 3.—Maurice Tomalevski, leader of the Macedonian Protogeroff party, was assassinated at his home by two men last night. The assassins were arrested.

Paris Flood Danger Over

PARIS, Dec. 3.—Danger of flood damage in Paris from the River Seine was considered past today as the river began to recede from its recent high level.

Voorhis, 101, Renominated

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—John R. Voorhis, who will be 102 next July 27, has been recommended for reelection as president of the board of elections by the New York county Democratic committee. The committee's action virtually assures Voorhis of election to another two-year term.

Paris Relief Conclave Stated

PARIS, Dec. 3.—A conference, regarded as a highly significant step toward relief of the increasing world-wide depression, will open here Friday. The annual meeting of the International Chamber of Commerce, eminent financiers and economists of twenty-eight countries will gather to prepare a world-wide economic program.

Liquor Problem to Be Studied

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Educational phases of the liquor problem were stressed in recommendations of the executive committee of the Federal Council of Churches, which in annual meeting here Tuesday night prepared for a widespread church study of the entire liquor situation.

Edisons to Visit Fords

WEST ORANGE, N. J., Dec. 3.—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ford are taking Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Edison back to Detroit with them in their private car for a visit over the weekend.

American Girl to Wed Baron

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—Miss Frances Kier, daughter of Frank Kier, Pittsford millionaire, today confirmed her engagement to Baron Jean Pellenc, nephew of the king of Sweden, and son of a general in the French army, who arrived on the liner Paris.

LITHUANIA HELD BAIT FOR WAR AGAINST REDS

Plot to Divide Nation Told; Russia Fears Traitors May Be Spared.

By EUGENE LYONS United Press Staff Correspondent

MOSCOW, Dec. 3.—A purported plot for dismemberment of Lithuania and division of the nation among foreign powers is compensation for an interventionist war on the Soviet was described by the state prosecutor today as the trial of eight confessed counter-revolutionaries went into secret session.

The indictment presented by the prosecutor, Nicholas Krivenko, charged that the counter-revolutionary plot called for Poland to receive Lithuanian territory after using the Soviet was described by the state prosecutor today as the trial of eight confessed counter-revolutionaries went into secret session.

While the testimony concerning the part supposed to have been played by foreign nations in the "interventionist plot" was given behind closed doors, the confession of Leonid Ramzin, one defendant, charged specifically that a Polish invasion of Lithuania was foreseen by the schemers as one convenient pretext for enrolling the Soviet.

Rumors that none of the eight engineers who have confessed will be executed were circulated widely today as the court went into secret session.

Although the press and public vigorously have demanded the death sentence for the defendants, the entirely unconfirmed talk centered on the belief that the complete confessions of the men would save them from death. Some of them may be sentenced, it was said, but later reprieved.

Austria Still Without Cabinet

VIENNA, Dec. 3.—Dr. Otto Endor has abandoned his attempts to form a cabinet, leaving Austria without a government.

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