

CAR FRANCHISE OFFERED THREE CITIES SPURNED

Hammond, East Chicago and Whiting Proposal Withdrawn.

By Times Special
HAMMOND, Ind., April 4.—Offer to Calumet Railways, Inc., Insull dominated concern, for a franchise to operate the street railway systems of Hammond, Whiting and East Chicago has been withdrawn, bringing to a close a phase of a controversy which has produced several sharp conflicts.

On submission of the franchise proposal to the works boards of the cities, those of Hammond and Whiting recommended adoption to the respective city councils. However, the Hammond council twice voted down the offer, and that of Whiting took no action. The East Chicago board has never acted on the proposal.

Street car lines in the cities were taken over in 1929 when a syndicate of business men purchased the property at a mortgage foreclosure sale. Later Calumet Railways was incorporated and the property passed to it.

More Delplain, president of Calumet Railways, in announcing withdrawal of its proposal, said in part:

"The proposed franchise offered the only basis on which we could do the things we would like to do for the community in the way of providing local transportation service. This region, if it is to develop must have adequate local transportation. The lack of it is seriously handicapping the entire community to an extent which I fear the general public does not fully realize."

INSULL COMPANY WILL BUY GOSHEN UTILITY

Municipally Owned Electric Plant to Be Sold for \$9,400.

Northern Indiana Public Service Company (Insull) has been authorized by the public service commission to purchase, for \$9,400, the municipal electric properties of the city of Goshen.

Commission decision was made at the Friday afternoon conference.

Northern Indiana Railways, Inc., was authorized to continue South Bend to Mishawaka bus service after a ninety-day trial.

Hamilton Motor Service, Noblesville, and Indianapolis. Insull's Indiana Railroad Company objected.

Ralph H. Dare, Newcastle, was granted a permit to operate a bus line between Lafayette and Frankfort. Dare Bus Lines was given a permit between Richmond and Connersville.

STRAWBERRY GROWING EASY, EXPERT STATES

Purdue Horticulturist Tells How to Set 242-Quart Crop.

By United Press

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Cost of the plants and fertilizer is about \$2.50, and a "little work," McCown adds.

MOTHER CALLED UNFIT

Greenfield Man Seeks Custody of Children With Divorce.

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GREENFIELD, Ind., April 4.—James L. Allen, Greenfield businessman and former Hancock county treasurer, is plaintiff in a divorce suit against Mrs. Vernie Allen, in which he asks custody of their children, 15 and 18 years old, charging the mother is unfit to have them.

Mrs. Allen is accused of habitually neglecting her home, of quarreling, nagging and falsely accusing her husband. The couple was married eighteen years ago.

Fire Foes Organize

By Times Special

ANDERSON, Ind., April 4.—The 1931 Anderson fire prevention committee composed of representatives of civic luncheon clubs, has organized and elected officers. The year's program will feature observance of Fire Prevention Week, beginning Oct. 9. It will investigate new safety methods practiced at Marion, April 10. Members of the committee are A. B. Timmons, Exchange Club; P. A. Goldsmith, Lions Club; Clarence O. Davison, Optimist Club; Frank Allis, Real Estate board; James R. Day, Kiwanis Club; Francis J. Hernan, city administrator.

Veterans to Hold Reunion

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COLUMBUS, Ind., April 4.—Members of the 161st Indiana infantry, veterans of the Cuban campaign, will hold a reunion here June 14 to 16, in connection with the state encampment of the Spanish-American war veterans. William A. Thompson is making arrangements for the reunion.

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Driver on Foot outruns Truck in Wild Career

COLUMBUS, Ind., April 4.—Nick Fox, driver of a truck for a company here tells this story: He backed a truck into the company's plant between two rows of trucks, the furnace and ammonia tanks with barely three inches space on either side. He unloaded the coal and started to crank the truck engine. It started suddenly and in order to avoid being run down, Fox was forced to run in front of the truck more than seventy-five feet before he could escape. The truck then, without hitting anything in the plant, crashed through large double doors, dashed across a street in a yard between two houses, missed a clothes line pole, but struck a cherry tree which stopped it. The truck was not damaged except for a small dent to a fender.

BULLET STRIKES YOUTH IN HEAD

Houseboat Resident Held After Wounding.

By United Press

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., April 4.—A charge of shooting with intent to kill is on file against John Tesser, 35, Wabash river houseboat resident, because a bullet he fired across a bridge struck a 16-year-old youth.

The victim of the shooting, Ernest Marshall, told police he was walking across the bridge when he was struck behind the right ear by a bullet. He was released from a hospital after it was found the bullet had passed out under the skin at the top of his head without injury to the skull.

Titus told police his houseboat had been the target of small boys throwing stones from the bridge and said he believed he was firing low and under the bridge. Marshall denied any knowledge of the stone throwing.

Army Service Cited Against Liquor Charge

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RELATIVITY CLEARED BY CHILDHOOD BOOK

By United Press

FT. WAYNE, Ind., April 4.—"Alice in Wonderland" is the best book for those who wish a better understanding of the theory of relativity, Professor Harold Davis of the mathematics department, Indiana university, said in a lecture here.

He based his assertion on the part of the book giving conversations between Alice and the Queen in the latter's castle out.

"Faster, run faster," and they stop only to find themselves under the same tree from which they started.

"One of the assumptions of the theory is that the fastest speed attainable is 186,000 miles per second and if any one could go faster than that he would reverse time and catch up with the past instead of the future," he said.

BRIDE ABANDONED AT ALTAR, DIVORCE CHARGE

By United Press

Husband Alleged to Be Twice as Old as North Manchester Wife.

PERU, Ind., April 4.—An allegation that she was deserted immediately after the marriage ceremony is made by Mrs. Elizabeth J. Scott of North Manchester, in a divorce suit against Frederick D. Gant, which will be heard in Miami circuit court here on a charge of venue from Walsh county.

Mrs. Gant was a 1930 June bride.

She alleges that as soon as the man and wife her husband walked out of her parent's home and she did not see him again for three weeks. She is 18. Gant, she charges, represented himself to be 30, but in fact is 36.

AGED SLAYER GUILTY

By United Press

CONNERSVILLE, Ind., April 4.—A sentence of from two to twenty-one years in state prison awaits Earl Alexander, 60, convicted Friday night by a Fayette circuit court on a manslaughter charge for the shooting of Ed Hughebank, 23.

The shooting resulted from a quarrel, precipitated when Hughebank tacked signs on a building owned by Alexander.

Tom Mix Plans Movies

By United Press

LOGANSPORT, Ind., April 4.—Funeral services were held today for John E. Regan, 81, who had lived here most of his life. Among his children are Thomas Regan, Indianapolis; Mrs. D. H. Howard, Lafayette; Clarence O. Davison, Optimist Club; Frank Allis, Real Estate board; James R. Day, Kiwanis Club; Francis J. Hernan, city administrator.

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SALARY CHECKS OF ANDERSON'S MAYOR HELD UP

Treasurer Retaliates for \$1,000 Yearly Cut in Her Pay.

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ANDERSON, Ind., April 4.—Because her salary for acting as custodian of city funds was reduced \$1,000, Miss Marcia H. Barton, Madison county treasurer, refused to countersign J. H. Mellet's salary check for the last two weeks of March, and has filed a mandate suit in Madison superior court seeking an order requiring the treasurer to countersign the check. The mayor's salary is \$4,000 a year, payable in amounts of \$166.66 per month and sixteen days of each month.

Miss Barton announces that her attorney is preparing a suit in which an effort will be made to enforce payment to her of a salary of \$3,000 a year for acting as city treasurer instead of \$2,000, which was appropriated by the city council last September.

The treasurer's contention is that the second class city law under which Anderson operates provides that salaries of officials be fixed for a period of four years and can neither be increased nor decreased during that period. Present salaries were fixed by the outgoing city council in 1929, the treasurer's being reduced a year earlier because it was explained her duties were materially lightened by transfer of the Barrett law collection department from the court house to the city hall.

Refusing to accept this explanation, Miss Barton says the reduction voted in her salary was an act of political reprisal fostered by the mayor.

CAPONE AGENTS REPORTED BUSY

Michigan City Bootleggers Receive Proposal.

By Times Special

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., April 4.—Leon Faulkner, Huntington, was freed from the state prison here today by the parole board on action prompted by illness of his wife and child. Faulkner, a former soldier, was sentenced on a charge of assault and battery and attempted robbery.

The case of John Daugherty, Vermillion, serving ten to twenty-one years for bank robbery, was continued sixty days by the board. Recommendation of the trial judge and

Friday night the board granted thirty-four paroles. Pleas for release were made by fifty-two cases of thirty-eight others are being heard today. There are no Marion county applications.

Two Slayers Released

Van Williams and James Martin, described by Warden Walter Daly as the prison's "two best Negroes," were released on parole. Each had served a year of two-to-fourteen-year term for slaying the Rev. Obediah Thompson, Negro, at Terre Haute.

Alex Horvath, 41, South Bend, sentenced to five to twenty-one years for criminal assault was paroled. A continuance was ordered in the application of Steve Litskowich, 37, Gary wife slayer. William Urquhart, South Bend, sentenced for forgery, was paroled.

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