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BATTLE LOSS
OF INTERURBANCompany's Right to Halt
Service Is Contested by
Officials.

PUT UP TO COMMISSION

System of Management Is
Assailed in Brief
Filed Today.

Question of whether a public utility can abandon an unprofitable service and still keep its original franchise covering the profitable portion of the business was placed squarely before the public service commission today.

The question is raised in a brief filed by Mayor A. C. Downing and Robert F. Reeves, city attorney, of Greenfield. The officials are fighting to retain the eastern branch of the Terre Haute, Indianapolis & Eastern Interurban operating between Indianapolis and Richmond, through Greenfield.

Petition to abandon the line is pending before the commission, having been filed in the name of Elmer Stout, receiver. Approval of the abandonment already has been granted in Marion superior court.

Management Is Scored

In addition to setting out the question of the right to abandon part and not all of the T. H. & E., the brief goes into the matter of management, which company witnesses have testified resulted in losses, rather than profits.

Commenting on these alleged losses, the brief sets out:

"The city of Greenfield has made no effort, either by evidence or argument, to deny, dispute or analyze the audits submitted in this cause. The audits introduced by the petitioner, seem to show that for some reason the petitioner's company is operating at a loss."

"It is not surprising that this is true.

Public Held Sufferer

"A company that can discontinue the operation of more than a third of its trackage and continue on the pay roll all its executives and administrative force at practically the same salary and office outlay, that can cut seventy-two hours off a sixty-eight-mile division without a corresponding reduction in its train crews, and buy outright and operate a bus line to compete with its rail road, must, for some reason not apparent to the general public, desire to land a junk heap rather than in the lap of public favor."

"This policy may be pleasing to the reputed owners of about 50 per cent of the common stock and 70 per cent of the preferred stock, but it is rather hard on the minority stock and bond holders and the public."

Denies Abandonment Right

"We are content, however, to rely upon the proposition, stated in different ways, under our points and authorities, that a public utility, by acceptance of a franchise from the state, assumes and agrees to furnish a certain adequate service to the public, and that it cannot abandon or avoid its obligation in this regard so long as it retains that franchise, no matter how unprofitable the operation may be or become."

"It either must continue to furnish the service for which it was organized or surrender absolutely its right granted by the state, authorizing it to undertake the service."

Beneath the points at issue, as set out in today's brief, there also is the threat of Insular power competition for the Greenfield municipal electric plant, Mayor Downing declared.

Insult, it is said, is the majority stockholder in the line, and with its abandonment will have power to sell cheaply in Greenfield.

4,000 FAIL TO OBTAIN
MOTOR VEHICLE PLATESReport Submitted for Howard County
Blames Lack of Money.

KOKOMO, Ind., April 9.—Howard county has approximately 4,000 motor vehicles, of which 3,500 are passenger cars, for which no 1931 licenses have been issued, according to a report of the state license bureau, operated by William Workman.

Lack of funds with which to purchase licenses is the cause given for the situation. The greater part of the machines are believed to be standing in garages and yards of the city and county.

The state department sent 13,000 pairs of automobile license plates and 2,200 pairs of truck plates to Howard county for distribution in 1931. To date 9,350 pairs of automobile licenses have been issued and 1,680 pairs of truck licenses.

HE'S REAL UNION MAN

Plumber Let Own Home Be Flooded
on Sunday, Says Wife.

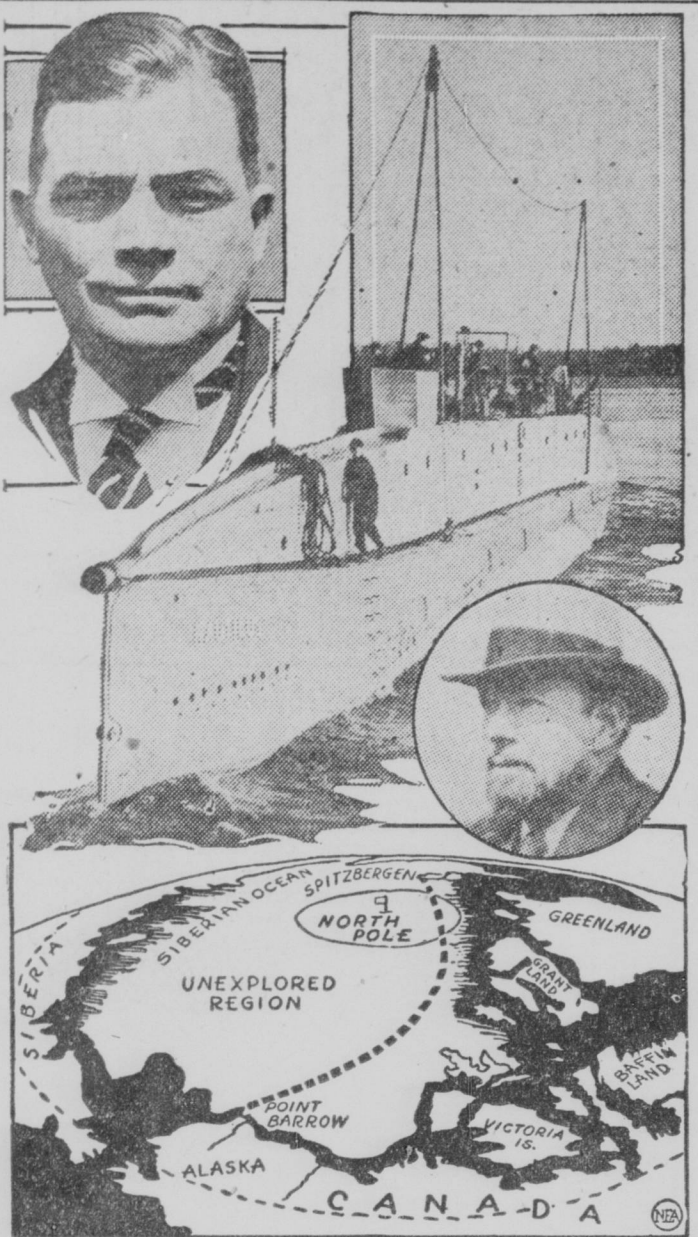
CHICAGO, April 9.—Mrs. Evelyn Metcalfe charged in a divorce suit on file today that her husband William, a plumber, allowed their house to become flooded last Sunday by water from a broken pipe, which he refused to repair because rules of his union prohibited him from working on Sunday.

Kentucky's Woman Treasurer Hurt
By United Press

MORGANFIELD, Ky., April 9.—Mrs. Emma Guy Cromwell, state treasurer of Kentucky, was in the home of J. K. Waller, Kentucky highway commissioner here today, suffering from severe injuries suffered near here Wednesday night when the auto driven by her chauffeur, blew out a tire and overturned.

BRAVE! HOW WISE?

Brands Wilkins Trip Foolish



Daring men, no doubt, but are they wise? Shown with their rebuilt Arctic submarine Nautilus, are the able Commander Danenhower (above) and Sir Hubert Wilkins (small inset). The vast unexplored ice areas beneath which they have to travel are well shown on the map.

This is the first of a series of articles written for The Times and N. E. A. Service by Admiral Hugh Rodman, U. S. N., retired, in which he describes the hazards to be encountered by the Nautilus, Wilkins submarine, in its projected polar voyage under the Arctic ice fields.

BY ADMIRAL HUGH RODMAN
Written for NEA Service and The Times

WASHINGTON, April 9.—All the world has thrilled to the daring and romantic plans of Captain Sir George Hubert Wilkins to make a submarine passage under the Arctic ice pack.

But it should be just as willing to condemn foolhardiness, particularly when the results are unlikely to add one iota to the world's benefits, and little to the scientific information that is not already known.

Sir Hubert plans to cross from the vicinity of Spitzbergen to the north pole by bringing the Nautilus in the North Pacific. Of this distance about 1,500 miles lies under the Arctic ice fields, unless open water be found, which I believe is not at all likely.

Commander Sloane Danenhower, a graduate of the naval academy, who resigned in 1911, will be the Nautilus' commanding officer.

He is experienced, capable and resourceful in submarine work. The Nautilus will be in the hands of an expert.

Since four days submerged without fresh air is the ordinary limit of a submarine's endurance, it is hoped to extend this to six days by the use of chemicals and improved appliances.

When the craft is submerged, motive power, lighting, heating and all other purposes are entirely dependent upon the storage batteries.

When these become exhausted it is imperative to come to the surface at once to recharge before another subsurface run can be made.

In her original design the storage batteries gave the Nautilus a submerged cruising radius of from fifty-five to sixty miles, at a speed of two knots.

In Arctic temperatures, however, the batteries would be reduced to 70 per cent efficiency, thus reducing the submerged radius to forty-two miles.

Craft's Speed Reduced

If my estimate is correct, and the Nautilus were to use the full battery charge, with no reserve, it would take twenty-one hours to make forty-two miles. Then she would have to come to the surface and spend eight hours in recharging.

The amount of fuel consumed in recharging is equivalent to that consumed in 100 miles of surface cruising.

Considering together the twenty-one hours of recharging and the eight hours of cruising while stationary, the craft's average speed would be reduced to one and one-half knots at best.

Hence to make 1,500 miles submerged it would require 1,000 hours, or about forty-two days, provided that her underwater cruising limits could be distributed so that at the end of each battery limit she could come to the surface, recharge, and proceed immediately.

Fears for Compass

I believe, however, that such will be far from the actual case.

The craft is steered by a gyro compass, which requires constant electric power to operate.

Furthermore, as the pole is approached, the gyro compass has less directive force. Should it fail to function from lack of power to drive it, or from a mishap or breakdown, there would be no way left, of which I am aware, by

which geographic location could even be approximated.

The submarine then would be absolutely helpless. If she attempted to get from under the ice by the shortest route to open water she could not direct her course, and would be hopelessly lost.

Two new directors of the Indianapolis Christian Church Union took office today. Elected unanimously at the meeting of the union in the West Morris Street Christian church Wednesday night, they are: The Rev. E. W. Burnham, pastor of the University Park Christian church and Victor Kelley, lay representative of the Third Christian church.

The former succeeds Walter L. Shirley of the same congregation, who retired from the board. Kelley took the place of H. V. Raquet, who resigned.

Other members of the board who were re-elected are: E. E. Mooreman, O. H. Greist, Charles B. Marshall, George W. Payne and Jesse E. Martin.

DR. PAUL TO CHICAGO

Former Taylor University President to Be Editor-Evangelist.

UPLAND, Ind., April 9.—Dr. John Paul, former president of Taylor university here, will go to Chicago to begin editorial and evangelistic work, he announced Wednesday.

He is editor of the Globe Review, a publication devoted to world events, and editor of Christian Witness, a national religious weekly. He resigned as president of the university in February, but will continue as head of the Legal Hundred, composed of university trustees.

FREEDOM OR
DEATH FACED
BY KIRKLANDOnly Counts Remaining in
Gin Party Case Have
Chair Penalty.

SECOND TRIAL APRIL 29

None of Co-Defendants Will
Be on Stand, Prosecutor
Announces.

By Times Special

VALPARAISO, Ind., April 9.—When Virgil Kirkland goes on trial for a second time charged with the murder of Miss Arlene Draves, 18-year-old Gary girl, during a liquor party last November, the state will take the attitude that he be given death in the electric chair or freed. This was the announcement of Robert G. Estill, Lake county prosecutor, in discussing plans for the second trial which will be held April 29 in Porter circuit court at Valparaiso.

Two Counts Dropped

Estill said the first of two counts in the indictment against Kirkland will be dismissed, one alleging murder by beating with fists and the other by means of a blunt instrument. The remaining two all-alleged respectively murder in commission of a felony and murder in an attempt to commit a felony. Conviction of either carries a mandatory death penalty. A jury in the first trial fixed life imprisonment as the sentence.

The state will not call as witnesses any of the four men indicted with Kirkland, all on murder charges. They are David Thompson, at whose home the party was held; Paul Barton, Leon Stanford and Henry Shirk. While the preceding trial was in progress, Estill said one or more would be placed on the stand should there be a second hearing of the case.

New Testimony Obtained

However, three, possibly four, new witnesses will be heard, the prosecutor said. He refused to discuss the nature of their testimony, further than to say it would bolster the state's theory that the girl was criminally assaulted by Kirkland. Trial of Thompson, which had been set for April 24, has been indefinitely postponed at Estill's request. Dates for trials of the other three have not been set.

"I do not believe any of the defendants will be considered in this variety," the prosecutor declared. "If the defense is looking for a fight they certainly are going to get it from this office."

Win the Marble Title
and Swim in the Ocean

Swimmin' in the ocean! It's got the famous "swimmin' hole" beat a dozen ways, according to the sixty marble champions who gather yearly at Ocean City, N. J., for the national marble tourney.

This year an Indianapolis boy—or girl—will have the thrill of riding the waves of the Atlantic for the winner of the marble tourney being conducted by The Times will be entered in the national finals to be held the week of June 21.

The Ocean City beach is as fine as any on the east coast. And it is just one of the dozen attractions for the marble champs at Ocean City. It will be a week never to be forgotten for the Indianapolis champion.

Read the rules in full as they appeared in Wednesday's Times, then sign the entry blank on Page 4.

'NICK' AND 'ALICE'
RULED SOCIETY LIFE

(Continued from Page 1)

York, he formulated and helped to put through many party plans.

Usually he worked closely with the White House, but in recent months he opposed the President's policies, but only when he was convinced that the majority of the Republican house members were against the President.

Longworth was "Nick" in Washington, in Aiken, Cincinnati or wherever he might go. For twenty-five years he and his brilliant wife played a merry game of society and politics, and on Massachusetts avenue they were master and mistress of the most cosmopolitan home in Washington.

Their salons were brilliant, their parties original and their attendance was sought by many.

Restored Famous Pompadour

They observed their silver wedding anniversary in characteristic manner last February. "Princess Alice" restored her famous pompadour, she resuscitated one of her trousseau dresses, and among her guests she made as many as possible of those who attended her wedding in 1906. They came in the

costumes of the period, and Longworth provided much of the fun.

Persons who met him for the first time often to their delight and amazement were listening before the end of the evening to the speaker's classical piano repertoire or, more amazing, perhaps, to his vocal rendition of "Down Where the Wurzburger Flows."

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Plenty of Proof Spring's Here



Not all the buds that blossom these warm days are in trees! Young America is moving out into the sun, as witness (in the top left photo) Amos McMillin, 1803 East Tabor street, in concocting a sand pile pie. Upper right, spring-time romance stirs sun-suited Alfred Koehring, 2619 Applegate street, to unwrap a candy kiss for the girl of his dreams, Miss Roberta Ellen Jones, 845 Southern avenue. In the lower photo the "craw-dad" season opens with Eugene Strack, 929 Bradbury avenue, and Charles Wilson, 926 Bradbury avenue, gently turning over the boulders while four of their chums meditate parental injunctions: "It's too early to go wading!"

Working Wives

It's a burning question, this one: Should a wife hold a job?

Every one has an opinion, most of them decidedly vigorous ones, on the subject. What is yours? The best affirmative answer will win \$10, and the best negative one an equal amount in The Times contest, ending next Thursday at midnight.

Write not more than 250 words on the subject, send your letter to the Working Wives Contest Editor of The Times, and get in the race for the prize.

It's a problem that has aroused a world of controversy. Let's have your views.

Mother Agrees in Court to
Mend Her Ways.

A mother who left her children in a cold upstairs room while she "threw" a beer party on the lower floor must take them to Blooming-ton, away from contaminating influences here.

She is Mrs. Thomas Campbell, 36 West Thirtieth street, who agreed to live with the youngsters, 4 and 5, in her mother's home, when Judge John F. Geckler, in juvenile court today, told her the alternative was thirty days in women's prison. She was charged with child neglect.

Five of seven persons in the party when police raided it last week were discharged, but Ben Fox, formerly of Elwood, was fined \$25 and costs for contributing to child neglect, and judgment on Mrs. Marguerite Markey, 4431 Clifton street, was withheld.

Fox is to be tried this afternoon in municipal court four on blind tiger charges.

Thieves Abandon Car When
Baby Goes 'Boo.'

These bold, bad men who prowled the city's streets and alleys by night aren't nearly as tough as they're painted, 8-months-old Marvin Hart Jr. was telling the world today.

His infantile "Boo!" scared two of them out of their wits Wednesday night, when they tried to steal the auto in which he was sleeping.

Mrs. Charles R. Bush, 420 East North street, Apartment 8, the baby's foster mother, parked her car in front of her home for just a minute and ran inside. When she emerged the car was gone. So was Marvin Hart Jr.

Police answered her call to police headquarters and soon radio squads throughout the city were on the lookout.

"I just couldn't sit here," Mrs. Bush said today. "I was walking along the street with my husband, and I looked up and found the car. It was only in the next block. I couldn't believe my eyes."

There was the coupe, nosed into the curb. In the rear Marvin, his mission of frightening away the bad men accomplished, had gone blissfully back to sleep.

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were left on; there was no singing.

SOON Pecoraro's hand appeared from behind the curtain, grasped the pencil and paper and wrote: "I still live—Houdini!"

Dunninger said the handwriting was an exact duplicate of Houdini's, and added that Pecoraro had practiced for months to perfect it. Then the famous spirit-voice of Paladino began to utter prophecies, in the midst of which Pecoraro's face appeared from behind the curtain, saying:

"It's only me."

Pecoraro said it virtually was the same scene he gave before Sir Arthur, but explained it was

much more effective in a darkened room with organ music and singing.

THEN the curtain was pulled back and Pecoraro was sitting there with the leather mittens on the floor, the ropes untied and his shirt half off. The partial removal of the shirt, he declared, was how he wriggled out of the ropes.

Explaining that poor business had driven him out of the medium business, Pecoraro said he was torn between being a cement salesman or a portrait painter.

He, rather, leaned toward selling cement, because the turnover is quicker and there isn't any initial investment.

COPS STAGE
ILLEGAL RAID,
SLUG SUSPECTCrash In Door and Enter
Without Warrant, in
Swoop on Home.

JUDGE FLAYS OFFICERS

Case Thrown Out of Court
by Cameron; Lawyer
Is Threatened.

Police who, without search or arrest warrants, batter their way into private homes with no regard for residents were the target of scathing criticism today by Municipal Judge Clifton R. Cameron.

Charges of operating a blind tiger and resisting arrest against Robert Adams, 28, of 858 North East street, were thrown out of court by Cameron, after he had upheld a motion to suppress evidence.

Testimony in the case revealed that Sergeant Harry Smith and members of his "mop" squad battered down a door to obtain entrance to Adams' house Wednesday afternoon.

Police, at Adams' house and in court today, admitted they had neither an arrest or search warrant and had made the raid on "information."

No Evidence for Raid

Smith admitted to Cameron he had no evidence of a misdemeanor or felony being committed. He also told Cameron that charges on which warrants might have been obtained were not filed against Adams until he was brought to headquarters after officers came to the door he asked them if they had warrants and they admitted they did not. He said he intended to admit them, but three officers smashed against the door, tearing it from the frame.

said, once inside the officers grabbed him by his sweater and struck him several times. Adams' face still was marked with several lacerations today.

"Had Right to Shoot"

Although no testimony on the amount of liquor found in Adams' house was admitted in court, T. Ernest Maholin, defense attorney, said officers found about twelve bottles of home brew on the premises.

When Maholin entered a not guilty plea for Adams, he added that Adams had a right to shoot those men when they didn't have warrants.

"The entrance was illegal and there will be no more evidence presented against Adams," Cameron said, ruling on the motion to suppress. "The law is straight, clean and clear on this point."

Cop Gets Violent

"No matter how much information you had, you had no right to break down a door to gain admittance to the defendant's house. Without a search warrant, no police officer had a right on the defendant's premises, or any business in his house."

Patrolman Kent Yoh of the squad said he had "reliable information" that the liquor law was being violated in Adams' house before the raid was made.

Yoh, under questioning of Maholin on whether he was the officer who struck Adams, threatened Maholin with "a punch on the nose" if "you ever bawl me out in court again."

PASTOR SON OF NOTED
CLERGYMAN SUCCUMBS

South Bend Presbyterian Pulpit Left
Vacant by Death.

By Times Special

SOUTH BEND, Ind., April 9.—The Rev. Archibald H. 4th, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, died Wednesday morning in Epworth hospital, which he entered Monday for a slight operation. Death was caused by his failure to withstand the shock of the operation.

He was a son of one of the famous Presbyterian pastors of the country, the Rev. James G. K. McClure. He was graduated from Yale university in 1912, and from McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, in 1915. At the latter school he won a scholarship that enabled him to spend a year studying immigrants in America and at the conclusion of his studies he wrote a book entitled "The Leadership of New America."

In 1917 he became pastor of the Firestone Park Presbyterian church, Akron, O., remaining there until 1920, when he was called to the South Bend pulpit. He was married in Akron on July 28, 1920, to Miss Hazel M. Hostettler. She and two children survive.

The funeral will take place Friday.

Ice Pick Stabber Arrives

A card game argument ended Wednesday night when Leon West, Negro, 1653 Alford street, stabbed Richard Breshner, Negro, 401 West Walnut street, in the hand and shoulder with an ice pick. Both are under arrest.

These Boys!

By United Press

COLUMBUS, O., April 9.—Texas Tyler, on a stroll from Texas to Philadelphia, was found beneath a tree here complaining that his legs had gone back on him temporarily although he is only 97.

He said he had been stolen from his parents by Indians when he was 2 years old, ran away from the Indians at the age of 14, and had spent the rest of his life as a "cowboy nomad."

"Never seen a road yet I couldn't pull through," remarked Tyler.