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TRAIN WRECKS SCHOOL BUS FIVE KILLED

23 Children Injured; Six May Die; Trapped in Car.

BOY, 8, TRAGEDY HERO

Lad With Fractured Ankle Staggered Ten Blocks to Call for Aid.

MERCED, Cal., May 8.—Out of a school bus tragedy that claimed the lives of five children today emerged an 8-year-old boy hero, who staggered ten blocks with a fractured ankle so he could notify his teachers that the motor stage carrying his chums had been hit by a train.

The boy, Leland Belame, was one of forty-four school children on the bus when a Santa Fe freight train ran into it at the G street crossing, killing five and causing serious injury to twenty-three others, six of whom were near death today.

Screams Drowned in Crash

"The screams of the children were drowned by the awful crash of the engine striking the bus," said M. E. Wickland, whose automobile was just behind the stage. "Some of the children were scattered along the tracks, while others were trapped inside. It was horrible."

E. B. Meyers, who was back of the Wickland machine, said he saw a girl break a window of the bus and leap out, only to be crushed under the wheels of the locomotive.

Andro Albano, 9, one of the students who escaped with slight injuries, described his experiences. He was sitting next to Kregger, the driver.

"He drove right up on the tracks," Andro said. Then all of a sudden he slammed on the brakes just as we got in front of the engine. It came so quickly I don't know what happened next. I found myself lying on the ground with the other children all around me."

Although seriously hurt, the Belame boy staggered away from the scene, hobbled back ten blocks to the school, and notified the teachers, who sent him to a hospital, then hastened to join doctors and nurses in caring for the other injured.

Crushed in Bus

Some of the children, all between 6 and 10 years old, were crushed inside the bus. Others were thrown under the trucks of the locomotive. Others fell beside the tracks. Only nineteen escaped with minor injuries.

The children killed were Roy and Dolores Eppson, 8-year-old twins of Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Eppson; Jean Ahr, 10, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Ahr; Robert Fuller, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Fuller, and Marshall Purdie.

Among those not expected to live was J. B. Kregger, 50, driver of the bus. He was conscious for a few minutes after the crash. His only words were, "I did not see the train."

Mother Sees Crash

All the children lived in the Bear Creek agricultural section, north of Merced. They were homeward bound from school Thursday afternoon when the crash occurred.

The freight train had slowed down for the crossing. Engineer George Parks and Conductor J. A. Holmes said. They also claimed that the whistle was blown, but that the bus ran on to the tracks so quickly they could not stop.

Mrs. E. E. Durand was in an automobile trying to catch up with the bus to take her son home. She witnessed the crash and fainted. The son was not seriously hurt.

John Robinson Jr. approaching from the other side, knew his daughter was in the bus. He searched frantically through the wreckage, found the girl, and took her to the hospital.

EDUCATOR LAUDS WETS

Prohibition Attacked by Dr. John Grier Hibben of Princeton.

By United Press

PRINCETON, N. J., May 8.—Present federal control of liquor traffic is "neither responsible nor effective," Dr. John Grier Hibben, president of Princeton university, was quoted as saying today in "The Daily Princeton," undergraduate newspaper.

The article quotes him as saying he favors the spirit of the Crusaders, anti-prohibition organization, which is seeking members among university students.

Prohibition, Dr. Hibben said, according to the Princetonian, "in the end is a state problem."

NEGRO CASE TO JURY

Indianapolis Man Asks \$10,000 From Bus Firm for Changing Seat.

Federal jury this afternoon was to decide whether James B. Battey, Indianapolis Negro attorney, is entitled to the \$10,000 damages he asks from the Interstate Transit, Inc., because he was asked to move to the back of a bus in Louisville, Ky.

Testimony showed that no rough or loud language or force was used in asking Battey to move back in the coach and that he was told he could recover the money he spent for a ticket. Battey charged that he was discriminated against because of his race.

Honest John

By United Press

CHICAGO, May 8.—"I'm going straight from now on," said John Kuffel when the municipal court put him on probation recently after he had confessed stealing an automobile.

Today John came back to make his weekly report to the court.

"Everything's rosy," he said. "I've got a job and I obey the law."

While John spoke his piece in the courtroom, a traffic officer outside examined the new Kuffel automobile. He found first that the license plates had been stolen from another motor car. Then he found that the machine itself had been stolen.

"Let's go over to the station," said the traffic officer, when John came out of court.

There it was found, and John confessed it, that his suit and topcoat had been stolen, too. Even his shoes belonged on another man's feet.

RUSSIA TO BAR WORLD FLIGHT

American Birdman Refused Soviet Passports.

By United Press

LOS ANGELES, May 8.—John Henry Mears, globe trotter, refused permission to pass over Soviet Russia on his projected world air flight, left today for Washington, D. C. in an attempt to win reconsideration of the order.

Mears said he had received notice of refusal of his passport applications from Boris Skvirsky, Soviet press representative at Washington, but that no reason for the refusal had been given.

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COP'S KILLER TRAPPED BY POLICE ARMY

Two-Gun Thug Is Captured After Savage Battle at Hideout.

INDICTED FOR MURDER

Companion Confesses to Dancer Slaying; Girl 'Pal' to 'Tell All.'

By United Press

NEW YORK, May 8.—The law worked with speed unprecedented in New York today to avenge the killings of a patrolman and a "taxi-dancer" from Bangor, Me.

Francis "Two Gun" Crowley, 20, who for two hours late Thursday, kept at bay a veritable army of police sharpshooters, laying down a barrage against his hideout just off exclusive Riverside drive, was indicted today on a charge of murdering patrolman Frederick Hirsch.

Meantime in the Bronx, a murder indictment was brought against Rudolph Durniger, heavyset gunman captured after the battle at Crowley's apartment. He has confessed to killing Virginia Brannen, dancer in a "dime-a-dance" place, because he was "sore at her."

Girl to "Tell All"

Helen Walsh, the 16-year-old girl, who penned farewell notes, as the gun battle raged yesterday, was held today and authorities hoped to use her as an important witness against Crowley.

She has promised to tell the "true story" of the killing of Hirsch, which she witnessed while sitting with Crowley in a motor car in a Long Island "lover's lane."

It was this girl, authorities indicated, who indirectly caused Crowley's arrest after a great hunt. District Attorney Edwards of Suffolk county said that a former sweetheart of Crowley, jealous over his attentions to Helen, had told police where Crowley was hiding.

Crowley was shot three times during the heavy barrage the police laid down and is in a hospital today awaiting trial next Monday.

Police Commissioner Mulrooney called Crowley a "fake bad man with the soul of a saint." The "two-gun killer" quit miserably and hid behind a woman's skirts, Mulrooney said.

Fought Like Rat

"He fought when he was cornered like a cornered rat," the commissioner said. "He was dangerous when he got the draw, but he never really shot it out with any one."

Crowley, the girl and Durniger, 230-pound truckman, battled furiously with police for more than an hour in their fifth-floor apartment on West Nineteenth street and more than seven hundred shots were fired before the young gunman showed the white flag.

Ten thousand spectators lined the streets in the neighborhood as police, under personal command of Commissioner Edward P. Mulrooney, hacked their way into the apartment with axes, hurled tear gas bombs at the besieged trio, and shattered the walls with machine gun and rifle fire.

Still Loves Crowley

They gave up only after the youthful leader lay on the floor, gasping for breath and bleeding from his wounds. Neither Miss Walsh nor Durniger was wounded.

Miss Walsh, wearing cheap clothing and imitation jewelry, told Edwards today that she feels "pretty sure" she still loves Crowley, "because he is such a gentleman." But she does not intend to hold back anything when it comes to testifying against him.

"That cop's face will haunt me to my dying day," she said. "When Shorty (Crowley) shot him I fell into the car and I saw his face. I'll never forget it. I haven't been able to sleep at night since. It was sure a shame he had to be killed."

Staging a comeback after the mean temperature of 41 Thursday established the coldest average May day in the sixty-year record of the bureau, the mercury was to rise to near 70 this afternoon.

Rain, which is due tonight, probably will force the mercury down to near 40 Saturday, J. M. Armstrong, weather bureau chief, said.

Lecturer Held Thief

Adopted Boy Weds Honolulu Girl; to Live in Philippines.

By United Press

WILLIAMSTOWN, Mass., May 8.—Dana McCutcheon Dawes, adopted son of Ambassador Charles G. Dawes, was married about three and a half weeks ago at Belknap, Mass., to Miss Eleanor Dillingham of Honolulu, it became known today.

The couple sailed recently from San Francisco for Honolulu, where they will make their home. Ambassador Dawes was notified.

Safe Robbery Is Laid to Chemist After College Appearance.

CARLINVILLE, Ill., May 8.—Professor Henry P. Gilbert, Ph. D., a chemist who lectured before the Blackburn college student body last Tuesday, was under arrest today charged with robbing the college safe a few hours after he had talked to the students about philosophy.

Professor Gilbert was captured in a raid on a St. Louis hotel.

Berengaria Afloat

Liner Pulled Off Mud Bank at New York Harbor Gate.

By United Press

NEW YORK, May 8.—The S. S. Berengaria, third largest liner in the world, which went aground in the soft mud at the entrance to New York harbor, was refloated this afternoon.

The liner, carrying 478 passengers, had gone on the mud bank during a heavy fog which blanketed the harbor.

Hourly Temperatures

6 a. m. 41 10 a. m. 59

7 a. m. 43 11 a. m. 60

8 a. m. 51 12 noon 61

9 a. m. 54

Cooks? These Boys Do Their Scully Lessons 'A la King'



Wait till mothers see these! Harold Robertson, 1052 Alton street, left, and Robert Claus, 445 North Tibbs avenue (upper left photo), are washing the pans and and liking it! Earl Brown, 1110 North Livestone avenue (upper right) has just scrubbed out the dish towel and grins his readiness to consume whatever comes out

of the oven. Below are the "organizers" of School 67's boys' cooking class, Jack Palmer, 700 Rochester avenue (left) originator of the idea, and Dale Fortune, 745 Luetz avenue, whose persuasive tongue won the principal's approval. They're about to drink a toast to the idea's success with cocoa.

Youngsters of School 67 Start Class; But They're No 'Sissies.'

"Well, you never can tell; we might be bachelors some day." Right you are, Jack, and you might even be a married man and have to do a bit of cooking now and then!

These boys, at School 67, 3615 West Walnut street, actually are finding out "how" to cook—and no clouds of smoke are emanating from the scullery, either.

They Really Cook

Instead, when these budding chefs take to their pots and pans, appetizing aromas steal down the halls and envious heads poke through the door to watch the boys of 8B class, three weeks in the field of culinary arts, enjoying "the fruits" of their efforts. For they eat what they cook—and no one's been sick yet.

It all started with a composition lesson about cooking. It sounded good to Jack Palmer. He found a quick convert in Dale Fortune. Maybe Dale happened to be hungry too. Boys always are, aren't they?

They formed a class; then argued with Miss Dorothy Wenner, principal, to give it approval. This granted, supplies from the school board came next.

Teacher Shows 'Em

Miss Roxie Zeras, teacher, directs their efforts and other teachers drop in with hints on how to keep lumps out of the gravy and steaks from curling up.

"Boys learn to take short cuts," said Miss Wenner, commenting on the success of the instruction. "Perhaps it's because they get hungry quicker. Last Monday they cooked two kinds of cereals—and ate big helpings of both."

"We'll know how to cook real grub now on overnight hikes," said Dale, who, with the rest of his "mates" would knock the block off any one who dared to charge his cooking class is for sissies.

Petition for exclusive gas and water franchise rights in Marion county was filed today with County Auditor Harry Dunn by the Consumers Service Corporation of Indiana.

The newly formed corporation, incorporated May 2, 1931 to deal in electricity, gas, water and steam, is asking county commissioners for a hearing on the petition, seeking permission to supply county residents with gas for lighting and fuel.

A fifty-year franchise that would give the company the right to lay, install, and operate gas and water mains in the county, except within incorporated cities and towns, is sought in the petition.

Quality, pressure, and rates would be determined by the state public service commission and confirm to the commission's schedule, the petition sets forth.

Officers of the new company, with offices located at 148 East Market street, are R. M. Edwards, president, and L. A. Lieberich, secretary.

Another petition by the Kentucky Natural Gas Company to cross the county and supply Indianapolis with natural gas from Kentucky and Texas gas fields is pending before the county commissioners.

Because of pending litigation relative to plans of the city to take over the Citizens Gas Company no definite decisions have been reached by city or county officials.

Investigation into advantages of natural gas is being made by a committee of twenty-four representatives of local industrial firms.

DENIES BUTLER 'SLUR'

Haitian Envoy Claims He Was Misquoted in the Press.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—Any reference of firing in the Butler-Bellegarde battle over whether Ft. Riviere, in Haiti, ever existed will have to come from the marine general, it appeared today.

Secretary of State Stimson said Thursday that the Haitian minister had explained the incident satisfactorily by saying he had been misquoted in the press. The navy department so was informed, and announced it would turn the correspondence in the case over to Butler.

Many Desire Coin

MUNCIE, Ind., May 8.—A 25-cent piece, coined of California gold in 1859, found by David Deliks, a city street employee, a year ago, is sought by many persons. Many offers have been made for the coin, but so far none have proved tempting.

KILLED IN CRASH BLAST

Two Others May Die; Passenger Train Runs Into Gasoline Truck.

TOLEDO, O., May 8.—Melvin McCormick, 18, Mich., was killed and two trainmen were injured, probably fatally, today in the collision of a New York Central passenger train and a gasoline truck, which exploded and sprayed the locomotive with burning fluid.

J. E. Mann, engineer, and Edward Ingold, fireman, leaped from the cab as flames from the exploding truck enveloped the engine. Their burns and injuries were regarded as serious. McCormick, driver of the truck, was found lying near the tracks.

Assign Dry Army

New York and Chicago Get Most Agents.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, May 8.—Prohibition enforcement officials have decided to assign to New York and Chicago the greatest number of new agents authorized by congress last session, to increase the enforcement personnel from 2,000 to 2,500.

Allotment of the 500 additional agents will be approximately as follows: To the Boston district, 20; New York, 90; Philadelphia, 70; Richmond, Va., 40; New Orleans, 40; Cincinnati, 40; Chicago, 80; St. Paul, 40; Kansas City, 25; Denver, 15; San Francisco, 20, and Seattle, 20.

BEECH GROVE ALSO LOSER IN STATE REDISTRICTING; 980 INHABITANTS IGNORED

L. E. Marine, Town Attorney, Discovers That Many Residents Are Denied Right to Vote.

ATTACKS REAPPORTIONMENT LAW

New Flaw Is Revealed as Woodruff Place Citizens Start Fight to Retain Ballot Privilege.

Approximately 980 persons living in that portion of Beech Grove lying within Center township today found themselves in the same position as the 1,216 residents of Woodruff Place—not included in any congressional district and possibly disenfranchised.

While W. W. Spencer and Fred C. Gause, state election commissioners, studied the question as it affected Woodruff Place, L. E. Marine, attorney for the town of Beech Grove, prepared to ascertain the status of those living in that portion of Beech Grove lying in Center township.

"Voting rights of those people should be protected. After making a study of the situation and conferring with Howard Meyer, attorney for Woodruff Place, I shall decide on the steps to be taken," Marine said today.

Both election commissioners signified that in studying the peculiar problem presented they will take into consideration legislative intent in framing the 1931 congressional reapportionment act.

Declaring that "obviously the legislature intended to include Woodruff Place in the new Eleventh district," Attorney-General James M. Ogden declared "it would be a violent assumption to think the legislature deliberately tried to disenfranchise these citizens."

Beech Grove Affected

But as Meyer pointed out today, no such assumption has been made. In the rush of trying to push through a reapportionment act in the closing hours of the 1931 general assembly, he said, "Woodruff Place and Beech Grove probably were forgotten and the bill was written without any consideration being given to the peculiar position Woodruff Place holds as an incorporated town within a city."

As the bill is phrased in its two sections, 13 and 14, that part of Beech Grove lying within Perry and Franklin townships is in the Eleventh district, while the new act by omitting any reference to the township of Beech Grove, leaves out both the portion in the latter township and Woodruff Place.

Section 13 declares: "The counties of Madison, Hancock and the townships of Marion county named Lawrence, Warren, Franklin and Perry, and the First, Ninth and Tenth wards of the city of Indianapolis, shall constitute the Eleventh congressional district."

Section 14 declares: "All that part of Marion county except the following: The First, Ninth and Tenth wards of the city of Indianapolis, as now constituted and established with the land unincorporated lying east and south of the First, Ninth and Tenth wards in Center township and the townships of Lawrence, Warren, Franklin, Perry in Marion county shall be and constitute the Twelfth congressional district of the state of Indiana."

Violation of U. S. Statute

As Section 13 of the act makes no reference to the incorporated land in Center township lying south of the First, Ninth and Tenth wards, and Section 14 includes the remainder of the county, casual construction would make it appear that while two-thirds of Beech Grove is in the Eleventh district, the remaining portion would be in the Twelfth.

But here again there is a violation of the federal statutes, just as in the case of Woodruff Place, for Title 2, Section 3, federal code, provides specifically: "In each state entitled under this apportionment to more than one representative, the representatives to congress shall be elected by a district composed of contiguous and compact territory."

Three miles of Eleventh district territory lies between Beech Grove in Center township and the Twelfth district, so obviously it couldn't be included in that district," Meyer pointed out.

Constitutionality Doubt

Possibility that the question would be taken to the courts loomed today as Meyer conferred with Marine.

"Constitutionality of any act which might cause disenfranchisement of citizens of the state is questioned," Meyer said.

In event the courts hold the act unconstitutional, a special session would be necessitated, it is believed, as the 1911 act provides for thirteen congressmen, while the last congress mandated Indiana to twelve and they must be elected from districts and not at large.

Validity of the act was upheld by the attorney-general's office when it was presented to Governor Harry G. Leslie, although at that time Hugh D. Merrill, a deputy attorney-general, expressed some doubt as to the status of Beech Grove.

START FUND DRIVE

Jewish Workers in Action on 21 Teams.

Campaign of the Jewish welfare fund to raise funds for seventy-one Jewish institutions in all parts of the world was started here today by 300 workers on twenty-one teams.

The campaign will last one week. Workers met Thursday night at Kirshbaum center to plan the drive. Campaign headquarters has been established in the Occidental building. Joseph M. Bloch is drive chairman.

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