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## RAILROADS OF NATION UNITE TO END SLUMP

More Revenue, Pay Boosts Hinge on Readjustment of Freight Rates.

## STAKE FATE ON PLAN

Cite 1921 Recovery to Back Their Plea; Fear Chaos if Rejected.

BY FREDERICK C. OTHMAN United Press Staff Correspondent

CHICAGO, May 9.—America's railroads started today on a concrete attempt to do their part in bringing prosperity back to the nation.

If the attempt fails, the country's most important railway executives predicted utter chaos in the transportation industry, with widespread wage cuts and other drastic operation economies affecting millions of workers.

The plan is contained in a resolution adopted by the Association of Railway Executives' advisory committee, composed of almost every important rail leader in the United States.

After deliberating for hours in a closed meeting at the Blackstone hotel here, the transportation chiefs recommended that the various railroad rate agencies examine the existing freight rates, and that the railroads be given the right to level the "inequalities" now prevalent.

## \$400,000,000 Income Boost

The more optimistic of the committee members hoped such an equalization would result in an average increase of about 10 per cent. Such rate advance would boost railroad income by about \$400,000,000 a year, of which some \$120,000,000 would go to the wage earners, they said.

"It would give a very potent push to prosperity, similar to the 1921 rate increase," said one of the leaders.

The United Press learned that the railroads hope thereby to regain some of their lost revenue, and, as they did in 1921, when the country also was in a stage of depression, to bring the way to general financial well being.

The rate increases granted the railroads at that time aided in the start of a wave of buying which culminated in perhaps the greatest period of prosperity the world ever has known.

## Helped End Depression

In the height of the 1920 depression, the railroads were granted a 40 per cent blanket freight rate increase. Although the rates were stepped up actually only about 25 per cent, the resultant spending of millions of dollars for higher wages, more employees and better equipment was credited in many quarters with brining the nation out of its war-end doldrums.

Then, as it was discussed by the twenty-four railroad heads attending the Chicago meeting, a "whittling" process set in, whereby one freight rate and then another was lowered, until some 5,000 tariffs were lowered and today's rates are approximately those in force in 1920.

The present lowered rates and the general depression thus are affecting seriously the railroads' credit, said the executives, who agreed that their problem, put simply, consists of increasing their income or decreasing their outgo.

## Cut to the Limit

The roads already have laid off all possible men, reduced dividends, and curtailed purchases of equipment. If the outgo is to be reduced further, the executives decided they must cut wages drastically.

With approximately 20 per cent of all workers in the country dependent directly or indirectly on the railroads, a general salary cut would mean another segment added to the vicious depression circle.

The only other solution, continued the transportation chiefs, is the raising of income, in the hope that railroad earnings may increase from the 3 1/2 per cent on valuation reported in 1930 to something approximating the 5 1/2 per cent termed fair by law.

The railroad rate bodies, acting upon the resolution, are expected to complete their report in from three weeks to a month. The executives' association then will meet again to receive the report, and the recommendations will be turned over to the interstate commerce committee for action.

## BANKRUPT; NO ASSETS

Winchester Dairy Director Lists Not One Cent of Assets.

Debts of \$748,476 and not a penny of assets have been listed by Julius Erb Jr. of Winchester in his voluntary bankruptcy petition filed in federal court here.

Erb, in the petition, declared that he is a trustee of the Joseph A. Long Company, operating dairy produce stations at Winchester and nearby cities and now is bankrupt. Erb as a director will be liable for debts of the company. He avers in the petition. These total \$754,455.

## RACE DRIVERS TO MEET

Speedsters to Be Guests at Automotive Engineers' Session.

Drivers in the annual 500-mile race at the Speedway will be guests of the Indiana section, Society of Automotive Engineers, Thursday night, May 21, at the annual pre-race meeting at the Severin.

General discussion of the race, the cars and the rules will form the chief part of the program. Drivers will take part in the discussion.

## Daughter of Morrow to Wed Pastor



Elizabeth Morrow

By United Press

NEW YORK, May 9.—The Daily News said today that Miss Elizabeth Morrow, eldest daughter of Senator Dwight W. Morrow of New Jersey, is engaged secretly to a minister who was widowed on a honeymoon two years ago.

The minister, the paper said, is the Rev. Clyde H. Roddy, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of North Arlington, N. J., two miles from the Morrow home at Englewood.

When asked about the engagement report, the pastor was quoted as saying "the announcement should come from the Morrow family," but refused subsequently to confirm or deny it.

## BISHOPS NEAR MEETING END

World Questions Pondered as Final Sessions.

Committee reports on world questions and those of the church were to conclude the semi-annual meeting of the board of bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church today in the Marriott.

A night session is scheduled to complete the board's work. Prohibition, economic conditions, marital relations and evangelism were among the reports scheduled for today.

Bishops were assigned to various fall conferences of the Methodist Episcopal church Friday.

Bishop Francis J. McConnell of New York City was assigned the Indiana area and will attend the conference in Bloomington, Ind., on Sept. 16.

Bishop Herbert Welch was named to the northwest Indiana conference at Greencastle, June 10.

Each bishop received from two to eight conference assignments.

## MERCURY TO SLIDE

Cool Week-End in View, Says Weather Man.

Partly cloudy and cool weather, accompanied by rain in the north parts of the state, comprises the weather program for the week-end, according to the government forecast today.

Temperatures in Indianapolis and vicinity are due to drop to about 45 Sunday morning, the forecast said. Rain in the last twenty-four hours totaled 2.6 of an inch.

## SCIENTIST NEAR DEATH

Dr. Albert A. Michelson in Coma; End Expected Hourly.

PASADENA, Cal., May 9.—The tenacity with which Dr. Albert A. Michelson, veteran scientist, clung to life today surprised his physicians, who, nevertheless, declared they did not expect him to recover consciousness.

Stricken more than a month ago by a paralytic attack, Dr. Michelson lapsed into a coma Thursday night and his death has been expected hourly since that time.

## 'MA' WOLF SAVES CUBS

Zoo Captive Tosses Four Young From Path of Flood.

DENVER, May 9.—A mother wolf saved her cubs from drowning at city park zoo during a rain and hail storm.

She tossed her charges out of the den when a flood of water swept into it and over the four little wolves, born last month.

## 50,000 TO WATCH CLASSIC PREAKNESS

By United Press

BALTIMORE, May 9.—Twenty Grand, Greenlee stable's showy 3-year-old, and Equipoise, Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney's hope for the Kentucky Derby, ruled as joint favorites today in the fortieth annual running of the \$50,000 Pimlico Preakness Stakes.

Brilliant spring sunshine rapidly was drying out the course this morning, and a fast track seemed assured.

In the early betting, Surf Board and Anchors Aweigh, two other Greenlee stable entrants, also were

## POLICE SMASH REMNANTS OF BURKE'S GANG

Scores of Officers Join in Swoop on Kidnaping Ring's Lair

## UNDER HEAVY GUARD

Six Men in Springfield (Ill.) Jail Surrounded by Machine Guns.

By United Press

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 9.—A desperate drive by Illinois police to stamp out kidnaping gangs which have terrorized the midwest for months centered today at the Springfield jail, as more than 100 officers stood guard over six men captured in a spectacular raid at East St. Louis.

The six men, charged with robbing many banks, and suspected of kidnaping at least six wealthy bankers and gamblers for ransom, were accompanied into Springfield for being midnight by fifty state police, a dozen officers from St. Clair county, and a squad of picked men from the Chicago department.

The men were handcuffed together. Behind and in front of them rode officers with machine guns and shotguns ready. It had been feared an attempt would be made by gangsters to ambush the caravan. After their arrival, the jail here was turned into a fortress, with machine guns mounted all about and scores of officers standing guard.

Last of Burke's Gang It was announced the warlike parade would move on today to Sterling, Ill., to be joined there by Governor Louis L. Emmerson and Walter Moody, chief of the state highway police.

It was planned then to take the men, said to be the "last of Fred Burke's gang," into Chicago. Ten men were taken in the raid late Friday on a flat on Broadway, principal business street in East St. Louis. Three were released immediately and another, Dewey Sullivan, was turned over to city police.

The men held by the state were William McQuillan, Jack Britz, Howard Lee, Ed Hawks, Tommy Hayes and Thomas Connor.

## Raid Lands Gangsters

Acting under orders from Governor Emerson that "the kidnapers must be stamped out," state police surrounded the block in which the men were gathered, apparently for some sort of conference. The block was cleared of all pedestrians and automobiles and roped off.

A hotel entrance across the street was blocked. Machine guns were mounted at four street corners and on several roofs.

Then the raiders swooped on the flat and made the wholesale captures without firing a shot. Outside the "danger" line, a block away on either side, thousands of persons watched, awed at the unprecedented array of armed officials.

## Hayes Believed Leader

Police said Tommy Hayes was a leader of the band. They said he formerly belonged to the gang of Fred Burke, recently sentenced in Michigan to life imprisonment for killing a policeman.

Hayes, they said, had organized former members of the Burke gang and the Shelton gang of southern Illinois into one desperate band to spread terror throughout several states by holdups and abductions.

Among the crimes which the men were suspected of were the kidnaping of Dr. Isaac Kelley Jr. of St. Louis, Fred Blumer of Monroe, Wis., and James Hackett of Chicago, and the killing of Mrs. Cora Garrison during an attempt to kidnap her husband, a wealthy Peoria (Ill.) gambler.

Britt and Connor once were arrested and tentatively identified as the slayers of Mrs. Garrison.

## ISSUE REMARQUE NOVEL

'The Road Back' Is Released in 25 Nations; Follows 'All Quiet.'

NEW YORK, May 9.—Erich Maria Remarque's second novel, "The Road Back," is published in the United States today by Little, Brown &amp; Co., at the same time it is being issued in twenty-five other countries. Remarque's first book, "All Quiet on the Western Front," was an international best seller, reaching a total sale of more than 3,000,000 copies.

"The Road Back" is in the same vein as "All Quiet," and is concerned with the disillusionment suffered by a group of young German soldiers upon their return to their homes after the armistice.

## HOGS RALLY FRACTION AT CITY STOCKYARDS

Cattle Steady With Light Receipts; Lambs Unchanged.

Hogs rallied a fraction today at the Union Stockyards, closing the week 10 cents higher than Friday's average. The bulk, 160 to 300 pounds, sold for \$7 to \$7.40; \$7.40 holding as the early top. Receipts were estimated at 1,500; holdovers 111.

Cattle were steady with receipts of 100. Vealers held 50 cents lower. Calf receipts are 200.

Lambs were unchanged in the sheep market, receipts numbering 50.

## CAPTAIN DOLLAR WORSE

Shipping Magnate Gradually Growing Weaker; Fights Valiantly.

SAN RAFAEL, Cal., May 9.—Captain Robert Dollar fought valiantly today to recover from a serious illness, but physicians of the 85-year-old Pacific shipping magnate reported he was growing gradually weaker.

A bulletin issued late last night by Dr. Rafael G. Dufficy said Captain Dollar was resting comfortably with a pulse of 120 and respiration at 34. His temperature earlier had dropped to 100.

"He took a bad turn last night," Dr. Dufficy said. "His condition is serious, but not yet critical."

## AUTO, STREET CAR CRASH; 3 HURT; ONE NEAR DEATH

Three men were injured, one of them so badly physicians say there is little hope for his recovery, when a speeding auto crashed head-on into a street car in the 2600 block West Washington street early today.

Clarence H. Sale, 50, of 1646 1/2 North New Jersey street, passenger in the auto, is in city hospital with a double skull fracture, a broken leg and internal injuries.

Earl Nichols, 28, of 2823 Ashland avenue, driver of the car, was cut on the head and suffered chest injuries. C. H. Overman, 942 North Beville avenue, motorman on the street car, was cut on the foot by windshield glass.

Nichols was arrested on charges of drunken driving, reckless driving and speeding.

Overman's version of the crash to police was corroborated by Eugene Hill, 16 South Harris avenue, passenger in the front of the street car.

Overman said the auto pulled out from behind another street car, inbound, and plunged into the front of the street car he was operating.

The auto was demolished and the front of the street car was wrecked.

## POOLROOMS TO BE TARGET OF GAMING SMASH

Licenses Will Be Revoked for Law Violations, Police Say.

Drive to halt gambling and other law violations in licensed poolrooms by revoking licenses of operators was begun today by the police department and William L. Elder, city controller.

In a letter to Chief Jerry Kinney, Elder set out that it was necessary for his office to watch poolroom law violations, and asked that the department turn over to him immediately locations where arrests are made and violations revealed.

The action was an aftermath of the recent ruling of Municipal Judge Clifton R. Cameron, when he acquitted eight men, including a poolroom operator on gaming charges because they were playing domino poker "just for fun."

## License to Be Revoked

Despite the acquittal, Captain Otto Ray, license inspector, said the license of Hubert Stokes, operator of the place at 2806 East Washington street, will be revoked.

In ruling in the Stokes case, which Cameron had continued three times, the judge stated that the sworn statements of the men raised a doubt in his mind as to strength of the police charges.

In this case, Ray testified, he and a police officer had watched the game for half an hour and saw money change hands.

## Elder Asks Information

Elder's letter to Kinney: "In keeping track of our licenses of poolrooms, it is very necessary that we know in our office of any violations or arrests that take place in poolrooms licensed by this office."

"Will you kindly, therefore, have the city controller's office notified of any arrests that are made in poolrooms from time to time, as this will enable us to check up and keep up to date on the situation."

## DELAY ESTATE FIGHT

Brooks' Will Case to Be Resumed Monday.

Testimony regarding sanity of Bartholomew D. Brooks, business man, when he executed a will dated March 24, 1930, will be resumed Monday in probate court.

Trial in which two charity organizations, the Indianapolis chapter, American Red Cross, and Indianapolis Home for Aged Women, are fighting for approximately \$200,000 of Brooks' estate under terms of an old will, dated June 22, 1920, was recessed by Probate Judge Smiley N. Chambers today until Monday.

Several witnesses testified Friday that Brooks was of unsound mind from Jan. 1, 1930, until his death in June. The charity organizations are seeking to establish that Brooks' fraudulently was drawn into making the 1930 will.

## NEW HOME OCCUPIED

American Central Life Plans Opening Monday on North Side.

Officials of the American Central Life Insurance Company today were preparing for business Monday in the company's building, recently completed, at Pall Creek boulevard and Meridian street.

New office furniture and equipment, as well as phone and other utility connections, already have been installed. Some interior details still are incomplete and the new structure will not be ready for inspection until after its opening the American Central Life Club May 31.

Tax Board Sets New Figure for C. E. I. Properties.

Cut of \$1,021, 680 was made in assessed valuation of the Chicago and Eastern Illinois railroad properties in Indiana. The state board set the new figure at \$12, 977,135.

Chesapeake and Ohio was reduced \$728,950, the 1931 valuation being \$9,239,615.

Tidewater Pipe Line valuation was left unchanged at \$739,500.

Power Dividend Declared.

The board of directors of the Central Indiana Power Company, has declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent on the outstanding 7 per cent cumulative preferred stock of the company, payable June 1, 1931, on record May 20.

## AIMEE'S SON 'GIVEN THE GATE?' NOT SO



Rolf McPherson

Romance Still Blooms Is Angelus Temple Reply on Rumor.

By United Press

LOS ANGELES, May 9.—The "blasted romance" of Rolf McPherson, son of Aimee Semple McPherson, evangelist, and Lorna D. Smith of Oklahoma, turned out today to be "just another rumor."

The report gained circulation Friday when Miss Smith returned to her mid-western home to attend graduation exercises of her brother's high school class.

It is quite true that Miss Smith returned to Oklahoma, Harriet Jordan, secretary of Angelus temple, said, "but reports that Rolf has been jilted are erroneous."

"Miss Smith planned her trip even before Mrs. McPherson left Los Angeles for the Orient. After her brother's graduation, she plans to do evangelistic work and then return here."

Rolf now is en route to New York.

## How the Market Opened

NEW YORK, May 9.—Stocks rose fractions to more than 2 points on the Stock Exchange today, still under the influence of short covering induced by reductions in rediscunt rates of federal reserve banks.

Radio Corporation continued to feature, opening 10,000 shares at 20 1/2, up 1/4.

United States Steel common opened at 115, up 1 on a block of 3,600 shares. Other leading industrial stocks rose with this leader which bettered its initial price in the early trading.

Automobile opened at 247 1/2, up 2 1/2; and then rose to 250 at the expense of the short interest.

American Telephone rose to 184 1/2, up 1 1/2; Columbia Gas 31 1/2, up 1 1/2; Allied Chemical 127 1/2, up 1/2; A. M. Myers 40 1/2, up 1/2; Vanadium 46, up 1 1/2; and Sears Roebuck 56, up 1/2.

Woolworth rose fractionally to 71 1/2, a new high for the year. Other mercantile shares were firm in fair demand.

Amusement shares were slightly higher. Oils were mixed, utilities firm; rails higher with Atchafalaya 2 at 173 1/2; motors steady to firm and coppers slightly higher.

## HUNT MATE IN BRAWL

One Held, Woman Is Sought After Stabbing Fray.

With one man already under arrest on an assault and battery charge, police today sought the alleged common law wife of George Burea, 43, of 426 West Maryland street, who is in city hospital with critical stab wounds.

Burea is said to have been stabbed by John Baker, 46, of 124 Geisendorf street, at the Maryland street address Friday night. The woman is Nellie Lillington.

## Leslie Supports Poppy Day

Praising the industry of the crippled World War veterans who make poppies for sale on the streets on Poppy day, May 23, Governor Harry G. Leslie has issued a proclamation urging Hoosier citizens to cooperate by making purchases.

"Participation of the national guard squadrons is up to the states themselves," said Major-General William G. Everson, chief of the militia bureau. "If they don't want to participate, they don't have to."

He added that all the nineteen states which have national guard air units have agreed to participate, and that no protests against the maneuvers had reached his office.

## COUNTY AFTER \$100,000 BACK COURT COSTS

Vigorous Effort to Collect From Delinquents to Be Launched.

Provision for enforcing collection of approximately \$100,000 in delinquent court costs, some dating back twenty-five years, and due the county, is to be sought from the county council, Glenn B. Ralston, county clerk, announced today.

Application for an additional office clerk to accomplish the collections was filed with County Auditor Harry Dunn by Ralston for presentation at the next county council meeting, May 20.

"Owing to increased pressure of court duties each year, unpaid costs are mounting in volume, as personnel of the clerk's office has not been increased proportionately," the application to Dunn stated.

## May Reach \$100,000

This application fixed amount of outstanding costs at approximately \$50,000, but a preliminary survey of court records by Charles R. Klinger, chief deputy county clerk, has revealed delinquent costs may total \$100,000.

Collection of the costs would be impossible without an extra clerk, it is said.

The clerk's office has been with 301 more cases filed during the spring, with cases this spring, first three months of 1931 than for the same period in 1930, or an increase of 12 per cent.

## Expense Justified

"Salary of the extra clerk, which probably would be \$100, plus an additional appropriation of \$500 for postage, printing and supplies would be justified, if the county were able to collect only a small part of the costs," Ralston contends.

One councilman, Walter C. Boetcher, agreed with this opinion. "I am favoring collection of back revenues if the amount collected will exceed the expense of collection."

"It appears this plan to collect back costs is good business judgment, and I think the matter should be attended to," Boetcher declared.

## STUDENTS HEAR BISHOP

Methodist Visitor in City Speaks at School No. 17.

Bishop W. P. Thirkield, who is in Indianapolis attending the Methodist Episcopal conference, addressed the student body of school No. 17 this morning.

Bishop Thirkield asserted that selfishness is one of the greatest evils. All students must first find themselves, then control themselves and finally work toward development of self.

## Declares Business on Upgrade

"Business conditions already are on the upgrade," Charles F. Williams, president of the Western and Southern Life Insurance Company, declared today in an address before 400 agents from southern Indiana and northern Kentucky at the annual conference at the Claypool.

## Two for One

HOLLYWOOD, May 9.—Ray Cervantes and Willie Pelligrini, featherweight rivals, staged a double-header boxing match at the Hollywood Legion stadium Friday night. The first match was won by Cervantes on a technical knockout after 1 minute 38 seconds of fighting. Pelligrini went down for the count without being hit and Referee Tommy Randolph ordered the battlers back again.

The return match was won by Pelligrini on a decision.

## AIR MANEUVER HIT BY PROTEST WAVE

on the ground that the demonstration would take all their money, leaving them without funds for flying during the rest of the year.

The war department has compromised, and agreed to buy gasoline for guardsmen during the maneuvers.

Scheduled speakers at the dedicatory ceremony included Secretary of the Interior Ray Lyman Wilbur, Governor Wilbur L. Cross and James Rowland Angell, president of Yale.

## Watch Out!

San Francisco, May 9.—Back-seat drivers have been vindicated by the California railroad commission.

"The more occupants of the vehicle, the fewer the accidents," the commission found in examining records of grade-crossing accidents.

## COURT BAN TO BE SOUGHT ON REDISTRICTING

Woodruff Place and Beech Grove Will Battle for Vote Rights.

## WAIT BOARD'S RULING

Injunction Will Be Asked to Prevent Publishing of 1931 Acts.

BY BEN STERN

Suit asking federal court here to enjoin Frank May Jr., secretary of state, from publishing or promulgating the congressional reapportionment act passed by the 1931 general assembly will be filed early next week by attorneys for Woodruff Place and Beech Grove, both declared today.

The petition will not be filed until the ruling of the state election board is received as to whether the two incorporated towns are located in the Eleventh or Twelfth district.

W. W. Spencer, election commissioner, indicated today the ruling will be that the legislature "intended to place both communities in the Eleventh district," and it was only because of haste in writing the bill in the closing hours of the session that the proper phraseology was not embodied.

## Not Included in Either

The petition asking for an injunction will declare that both communities, by the phraseology of the bill, can not be included in the Eleventh district, and that because they are not "contiguous" nor "compact" with the Twelfth district, can not be a part of that congressional division.

Howard Meyer, attorney for Woodruff Place, and L. E. Marine, Beech Grove attorney, point out that the question is one for the federal court, inasmuch as the bill disfranchises citizens of both incorporated towns in congressional elections only.

"You can't operate a state on the 'intent' of the legislature," declared Meyer in commenting on the possible opinion of the election commissioners.

## County Ruling Void

"The point at issue is whether the people of these two towns are to vote for their representative in the Eleventh or the Twelfth district."

"The fact that the county commissioners have fixed Woodruff Place as the Twelfth precinct of the Ninth ward does not supersede a legislative enactment and is not of importance in this suit."

"Validity of any congressional election might be challenged because of the manner in which the reapportionment act is written," Marine contended.

"A candidate who lost Woodruff Place or Beech Grove by a large vote might file a suit to declare the election improper."

## Injunction Would Bar Candidate

"Injunction suits might be instituted to keep any candidate residing in either of these communities from filing in the primary or general election, because his home is not in either district," Marine declared.

"The best thing is to settle the matter at once," the attorneys concurred in saying.

Section 13 of