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RAILWAY RATE BOOST HIT BY CONGRESSMEN

Western Senators See No Benefit to Nation in Freight Hike.

FARMERS ARE OPPOSED

Reaction in Money Circles of New York Said to Be Favorable.

(Eastern railways ask rate increases. Page 19)

Indianapolis Views, Page one, Section two. By Scripps-Howard Newspaper.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—Danger signals were set here today against the railroads' plea for higher freight rates.

Criticizing the decision of eastern rail executives to apply for new rates "to protect their credit," western senators and other spokesmen for agriculture declared that such step would mean "disaster" for the farmer.

Opinion among industrial leaders was divided. The reaction in New York financial quarters was favorable to the plan.

Senators Charles L. McNary, William E. Borah and Robert B. Howell were among those who questioned the wisdom of the proposal. Representative Robert Crosser interpreted the plan as "a clever scheme by the railroads to justify wage cuts."

Attacked by Farmers

Representative William C. Ramsey and Fred Breckman of the National Grange also attacked the proposed increases. Unofficial sentiment at farm board headquarters likewise was antagonistic.

Dispatches from a number of cities showed a wide divergence of opinion among industrialists who commented on Thursday's Scripps-Howard interview with a rail executive, in which the decision to appeal to the interstate commerce commission was forecast.

Some of those who commented found in the proposal a chance to give prosperity a helping hand; others felt that increased rates only would shift the burden from transportation to industry and to the consumer.

It was reported here on good authority today that the movement toward increased rates had its origin in warnings from savings banks and insurance companies that state regulatory laws would force them to dispose of their railroad holdings, if returns from these securities fell below the statutory figures.

Bogey Faces Rail Chiefs

The possibility of such investors dumping rail securities on the market in large quantities, forcing their prices farther down, is said to be the bogey that haunts the railroad presidents.

The National Association of Mutual Savings Banks is holding a convention in Washington now, and this problem was reported to be on the agenda at a business meeting today. It was understood that a resolution endorsing the rate increase proposal was being prepared.

Railroad "earnings would have to be increased this year to keep securities in the preferred investment class," it was pointed out. Unusually quick action by the I. C. C. would be needed to make this possible, but the commission has been known to move rapidly when reasons for urgency were presented to it.

McNary Is Opposed

Senator McNary (Rep., Ore.), chairman of the senate agriculture committee, declared today that "an increase in the rates on agricultural products would be disastrous for both railroads and farmers."

"I favor a reclassification of rates," McNary said, "whereby bulky agricultural products would be given low rates, and luxuries would bear heavy rates. Agricultural rates are too high now."

"Any such idea as a freight rate increase is not popular with us westerners," said Senator Borah (Rep., Idaho). "I should want any such proposition to be studied carefully by the senate interstate commerce committee, with Senator Couzens at its head." Chairman Couzens declined to comment on the railroads' proposal.

Agitation for higher rates is inopportune, inadvisable, and not at all likely to effect its purpose, in the belief of Senator Howell (Rep., Neb.), a member of the senate committee on interstate commerce. He likened the railroads to "an anxious merchant trying to collect a bill while there is treble on the door."

Iowan Against Boost

Representative Mark E. Sawyer (Rep., Ia.), a candidate for the speakership, said "the idea of increasing freight rates as a relief measure sounds a bit strange. I certainly would oppose any such increase."

Members of the farm board declined to comment, but the impression seemed to prevail at the board's headquarters that a general increase in freight rates on farm products would be disastrous to agriculture.

Philanthropist



"Lady Bountiful" to Austria's unemployed is lovely Frau Emma Von Hart (above), wealthy industrialist, who made over one of her most profitable factories to create 1,000 more jobs.

The factory is run on a co-operative basis to assure each worker a definite income.

CUBAN REVOLT FLARE HALTED

Reports From All Points Say Quiet Restored.

HAVANA, Cuba, May 22.—Suppression of Cuba's revolutionary flareup appeared complete today, with reports from all points indicating quiet had been restored.

Underlying this surface calm, however, was a tension attributed by government authorities to opposition efforts to keep the nation in a condition of alarm, and it was indicated that revocation of constitutional guarantees might be expected to follow any new wave of disorder.

Latest reports confirmed that several were held in the armed uprisings in Oriente and Santiago provinces, southeastern Cuba, but that there were no fatalities.

KATE TO JAIL AGAIN

LONDON, May 22.—Mrs. Kate Meyrick, notorious London night club operator, was sentenced to jail again today.

Mrs. Meyrick was given six months at hard labor for selling liquor, and one month at hard labor for permitting gambling on her premises at 43 Gerrard street.

SANTA MERE PIKER

What's \$70,000 to Hotel Man?

WALPOLE, N. H., May 22.—Santa Claus doesn't go into absolute retirement after the Christmas season, for he came to town in the person of Charles N. Vilas of Alstead, retired former proprietor of the old Fifth avenue hotel in New York.

Vilas called to see the cashier of Walpole Savings bank, handed him \$100,000 in government bonds, and explained that he wanted to pay for the new bridge over the Connecticut river "between Walpole and Bellows Falls, Vt."

"But the bridge cost \$68,000," the astonished cashier, Dwight W. Harris, protested. So Vilas left \$70,000 and departed.

Vilas has a habit of surprising his native Alstead and neighboring communities with gifts.

She Gets Her Little Yellow Dog

NEW YORK, May 22.—Two days ago Gladys Rice, radio singer, sang a song over the air called "Has Anybody Got a Little Yellow Dog Without a Pedigree?"

Today truckmen from a pet store delivered a little yellow dog without a pedigree to Miss Rice's home.

The dog had been ordered by an unknown person, the singer was informed.

LINKS 5 TO FATAL OHIO PRISON PLOT

Cincinnati Convict Tells How Columbus Fire Conspiracy Grew.

MURDER TRIAL BEGUN

Accused Man Faces Court for Blaze That Caused Deaths of 322.

COLUMBUS, O., May 22.—Five convicts were implicated in the plot to start the fire that killed 322 prisoners in Ohio penitentiary last year, Jimmy Maloney, Cincinnati convict, testified today in the trial of Clinton Grate, Dayton, one of two prisoners indicted on charges of first-degree murder, as an outgrowth of the holocaust.

Responding to questions by County Prosecutor Don Hoskins, Maloney said the alleged conspirators were Grate, Hugh Gibbons, Cleveland, jointly indicted with Grate; Dutch Krausman, Cleveland, robbery; James Raymond, Akron, who hanged himself after the disaster, and Sam Briggs, Akron.

Maloney admitted stealing two candles which he says Grate and Gibbons used in starting the fire in a new cell block adjoining two old cell houses where the convicts perished. He said he did not know for what purpose the candles were to be used.

He testified that each of the five men told him they were responsible for the fire—that they intended to cause a riot, kill "the pig" (Warden P. E. Thomas), and escape. He testified Grate and Gibbons started the blaze by partially sinking the candles in a pan of oil and lighting them.

Neither Krausman, Raymond or Briggs admitted helping start the fire, he said, and none disclosed his actual part in the alleged plot.

Maloney said Grate and Gibbons were terrified because of the result of their handiwork and that after the riots which followed the catastrophe had been quelled, both men threatened him.

Grate had been planning to escape for a long time, David Moniey, Youngstown convict, testified.

WORK ON 21 PROJECTS

Veteran Bureau Spending \$7,092,152, White House Announces.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—The veterans' bureau is spending \$7,092,152 on twenty-one building projects, it was announced today at the White House.

In addition the hospitalization board has approved thirty-two projects on which work may be begun shortly at a cost of \$17,757,000.

Kirkland Doctor Probed

GARY, Ind., May 22.—P. J. Zisch, Milwaukee, president of the National Association of Coroners, came to Gary today on his way to Valparaiso to investigate the activities of Dr. Orlando Scott, Chicago physician and one of the consulting members of the defense staff in the Virgil Kirkland trial.

Zisch said the request for an investigation was made by Dr. A. A. Watts, Lake county coroner, to Dr. A. W. Herzog, editor-in-chief of the Medio-Legal Journal. The request was referred to Zisch, who is one of the journal's editors.

Dr. Scott was the author of an article, "The People of Indiana Versus Virgil Kirkland," which appeared in the current issue of the journal.

The article declared that medical facts were being ignored in Kirkland's trial and that the young defendant was being railroaded to the electric chair.

CANNON ATTACKS NYE COMMITTEE'S PROBE

Slaps at Tinkham Insistence for Quiz of Expenditures.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—Bishop James Cannon Jr. today attacked the Nye committee's investigation of his political expenditures in 1928.

"My correspondence," he said in a letter to Chairman Nye, "indicates that many persons think that the purpose . . . is an effort to use your committee as an instrument to please Congressman Tinkham's wet Roman Catholic Boston constituency . . . and to gratify the anger and wounded vanity of certain Virginia Democrats."

EX-SECRETARY IS WED

Former Employee of First Lady Is Married at Ann Arbor.

Penny Fortune

He Found a Copper . . . Story Grew and Grew Until It Was 'Million.'

By United Press

MANTOWOC, Wis., May 22.—Anton Eberle, Liberty town clerk, called up a Manitowoc newspaper today and in desperation asked them to print a story that he is not a millionaire.

Eberle found a sixty-year-old penny the other day on his farm and remarked:

"If I can find the right persons, I can get \$1,000 for this." At a dance that night he was congratulated on finding \$1,000. Two days later he received many telephone calls from persons asking "how it felt to find a cache of \$25,000."

The figures grew with the retelling until today he was deluged with calls congratulating him on becoming a millionaire.

Then he called the newspaper.

COURT JAMMED BY CURIOUS TO HEAR KIRKLAND

Gary Youth First Witness of Afternoon in Trial for Murder.

VALPARAISO, Ind., May 22.—Crowds of curious adults jammed the Porter county circuit courtroom today to hear the testimony of Virgil Kirkland at his second trial on charges of murdering Arlene Draves.

The young Gary athlete was called as the first witness of the afternoon session to repeat his protestations that he loved Arlene and did not strike the blow attributed as one of the causes of the 18-year-old girl's death at a wine and alcohol party.

He faced new questioning concerning the testimony of two of his companions, Paul Barton and Henry Shirk, at the drinking party. Barton and Shirk, who did not testify at the first trial, when Kirkland was sentenced to life imprisonment, accused him of leading criminal attacks on the girl.

A prospective new witness for the defense was disclosed when Kirkland's attorneys submitted to Judge Grant Crumacker a letter from R. A. Manning of Davenport, Ia., offering to testify.

Manning wrote the defense attorneys that he could relate an incident he witnessed in Gary which might account for Arlene's injuries as accidental.

The Iowan wrote that he saw Arlene, appearing to be intoxicated, stumble out of an automobile and fall to the street. He said he saw a young man leap out and assist her back into the machine.

The youth, he declared, did not resemble photographs of Kirkland.

State Game Custodian, Branded Grafter, Fired

Alleged to have accepted commissions from persons whose lands he purchased for the state to be included in the Jasper-Pulaski county game preserve, Ray D. Thompson of Besseler today was discharged as custodian of the preserve, Richard Lieber, director of the state conservation department, announced.

Figures and records held by Thompson, who acted as agent for the state, have been turned over to the accounts board and possible prosecution will await recommendations of Lawrence F. Orr, chief examiner.

According to Lieber, Thompson, real estate man and attorney, was named agent to purchase 5,000 acres for the preserve which is operated under the fish and game division of the conservation department.

After acreage was opened, Thompson was named custodian and conservation department representative in land deals.

Walter Shirts, head of the fish and game division, said he had obtained affidavits from persons who declared Thompson had taken commissions from them, representing that he would get the state to buy their land. In fact, authorities said, the land definitely was to have been purchased by the department.

SPEED QUALIFICATION TRIALS BEGIN SATURDAY

(Other details on sports page)

Thousands of Indianapolis speed fans will flock to the Speedway Saturday for the annual qualification trials to determine the starting line-up for the 500-mile race.

YOUNG LAWYER HELD IN DUAL COAST SLAYING

Ex-Deputy District Attorney With 'Spotless Record' Is Suspected.

'BOSS,' EDITOR KILLED

Wan, Unshaven, He Walks Into Hall of Justice, Gives Self Up.

By RONALD W. WAGONER, United Press Staff Correspondent

LOS ANGELES, May 22.—David Harris Clark, young former deputy district attorney with a "spotless record," gave himself up, and was detained today by authorities for questioning in connection with the double slaying of Charles Crawford, political boss, and Herbert Spencer, magazine editor.

Clark, wan and unshaven, walked into the hall of justice shortly before Thursday midnight and surrendered to Blayne Matthews, chief investigator of the district attorney's office, to whom he previously had telephoned.

They conferred for several hours before Burton Fitts, district attorney, announced murder charges would be filed as a result of identifications, which he said had been made by witnesses who saw the slayer.

Clark, who is a candidate for municipal judge, was outwardly calm when newspaper men called on him and promised he would produce later sensations when he gets ready to talk.

According to Fitts, Crawford, while dying in Georgia state receiving hospital, about two hours after he was wounded, gasped out a name—the Rev. Gustav Briegleb, who asked who shot him.

Named in Dying Whisper

"Dave, Dave," was the mumbled whisper of the politician to Briegleb, Fitts declared.

It also was learned that Clark last Thursday purchased a .38-caliber revolver, the type used in the double slaying.

Captain Joe Taylor of the police homicide squad said the gun was paid for with "a bum check." The purchase, Taylor said, was made the day after Clark returned from Agua Caliente, Mexico, with "this perverts frazzled."

Three persons who saw the killer flee from Crawford's office were shown a picture of Clark. The witnesses were Lucille Fisher, Crawford's secretary; Billie Rothbeck, a secretary in a nearby office, and Ray Radke, a real estate man.

Frank James, detective lieutenant, said all identified the photograph as that of the slayer.

Sudden shifting of suspicion from some unidentified underworld character to one of the city's most prominent young attorneys created a sensation in the case, which already had rocked the city hall and threatened "to blow the lid off racketeering in Los Angeles."

Convicted Daisy De Voe

Clark's last big case under Fitts was his successful prosecution of Daisy De Voe, secretary to Clara Bow. Miss De Voe was convicted of grand theft of \$25 from the actress.

Under Asa Keyes, former district attorney, now in San Quentin on a bribery conviction, Clark led the state forces which sent Albert Marano, who was called a Los Angeles "vice lord," to prison for a long term after Marano, seemingly immune to the law, shot a man in the leg during a row in a Venice ocean front cafe.

Additional credit went to Clark, because of his work in criminal angles of the \$100,000,000 Julian Petroleum Corporation collapse.

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BADLY HURT, WIFE CRIES HOURS FOR AID AS MATE DIES

Injured in Crash, Woman Watches Death Creep Up on Husband.

By United Press

LINTON, Ind., May 22.—Lying on a cot in Freeman county hospital here, Mrs. Emmett Lucas told today how she sat, helpless for hours on the roadside at the Beehunter crossing on state Road 67 Thursday night and watched her husband die as she called for help.

En route to their home at Sanborn after visiting in Linton, the automobile in which Mr. and Mrs. Lucas were riding with Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Killion, struck the side of a moving Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul freight train.

The automobile was demolished. Its occupants were found in a ditch three hours later by residents of a nearby house, attracted by Mrs. Lucas' calls.

"Mr. and Mrs. Killion were unconscious," Mrs. Lucas related, "and my husband was pinned beneath part of the automobile. I was thrown clear of the wreckage, but both ankles were so severely wrenched I could not walk."

"I crawled out of the ditch and sat at the side of the road, calling for help. All the time my husband was lying there in that ditch, groaning."

"I don't know how long he lived, but I knew he was dead when the groans stopped. I could do nothing but keep on screaming for help."

Hourly Temperatures

6 a. m.	47	10 a. m.	47
7 a. m.	46	11 a. m.	48
8 a. m.	47	12 (noon)	48
9 a. m.	46	1 p. m.	49

Free Trips to Capital

One boy high school student, one girl student, and one high school teacher will take trips to Washington in June as guests of The Times and the Lyric theater.

The trip expenses will be paid and many places of historic interest in Washington and vicinity will be on their itinerary.

Read details on Page 6, then bring or mail the name of your favorite candidates to The Times office or get your coupon at the Lyric theater and start your favorite candidate on the way to victory. Turn to Page 6 now.

AWARD CONTRACT FOR RIVER POWER PLANT

Flat Rock Project Conditionally Given City Builders.

Conditional contract of construction of the taintor gatehouse and power house of the Flat Rock hydro-electric power plant on Flat Rock river, nine miles south of Shelbyville, has been awarded by C. C. Shipp to the J. G. Karstedt Construction Company of Indianapolis for \$76,984.32.

This contract does not include the mechanical equipment, machinery or the control system, for which separate bids are now being received.

"Conditional" award was made because as yet permission has not been made to submerge about 3,500 feet of highway, nor have negotiations been completed for purchase of a small part of the acreage to be flooded.

\$115,000 ELWOOD HOME IS RUINED BY FLAMES

Large Colonial Residence Is Wrecked; Cause Is Undetermined.

ELWOOD, Ind., May 22.—Flames today destroyed the large, colonial residence erected near Elwood at a cost of \$115,000 five years ago by the late W. R. Delp, a local manufacturer. Authorities were unable to trace the origin of the blaze.

Servants quarters, valued at \$8,000, and contents of the residence, valued at \$35,000, also were burned.

The property was owned by W. R. Delp, Hollywood, Cal.

Enters Movies



There's nothing high hat about this charming newcomer to the movies, even though she is Comtesse de la Falaise de France. She recently made her debut in a minor role in Hollywood.

MOONEY CASE BOMBING LAID TO WAR SPIES

Convicted Burglar's Story Is Being Investigated in Los Angeles.

TWO MEN 'CLEARED'

Billings, Fellow Convict Had Nothing to Do With Blast, Prisoner Says.

By United Press

LOS ANGELES, May 22.—The story of Carl Von Moltke, convicted burglar, that German spies were responsible for the bombing of the Preparedness day parade in San Francisco in 1916, for which Thomas J. Mooney and Warren K. Billings are serving life sentences, was investigated today.

When Von Moltke appeared before Superior Judge Walter J. Wood late Thursday for sentence on a burglary charge, the judge continued the case until June 12, remarking that there were "several things the court wished to look into."

He ordered Von Moltke to apply for probation instead of paying a \$5,000 bond, and to have a competent investigator could investigate his story.

Documents Are Cited

Von Moltke, who claims to be a grand nephew of Field Marshal Von Moltke of Franco-Prussian war fame, reiterated his previous statements that German secret service agents planted the bomb in San Francisco which killed ten persons.

He said documents bearing out his statements are in a vault in a New York bank. He said he was a former German spy.

"Tom Mooney and Warren Billings had nothing to do with the bombing," Von Moltke said. "It was the work of a German spy, Frederick Hirsch, alias Grantnor. I have the documents to prove what I am saying in a steel box in Brooklyn."

Von Moltke said these and other documents which, "if published, would cause a great deal of scandal" came into his possession while he was working as a German intelligence department agent in New York during the World war.

Tells of Spies' Parleys

He said he worked in a suite of rooms at 60 Wall street decoding messages relating to bombing plots after his arrival in New York in 1916.

He described several conferences which he said were attended by Agents Von Igel, Koenig, Karl Einsinger, Lowenstein, Frederick Hirsch, alias Grantnor, and himself.

Einsinger and Hirsch were assigned to sabotage work, he said, and obtained a large quantity of explosives. He said they left for San Francisco about May 15, after shipping the explosives in a specially designed trunk which they checked as baggage.

Scored on the 22nd

"About two months later," Von Moltke continued, "Koenig brought me a report signed F. Grantnor, saying that certain railroad bridges had been destroyed. It also mentioned a bombing plan that was to be carried out in San Francisco in July."

"This document can be produced from the filing cabinet in Brooklyn. The New York office received another wire on July 25, signed by Grantnor which read: 'Scored 100 per cent on the 22nd.'"

"I laughed when he saw the communication. 'We will score many more yet, for this is only the beginning,' he said."

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