

STARR

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ARTISTIC TREND SHOWN
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Fond of 'Story Book
Friends.'

The United Press tells today the story of the childhood and early years of the womanhood of Starr Faithfull, whose battered corpse was cast up by the sea at Long Beach nearly two weeks ago. Her death still is a mystery, and the Faithfulls, anxious to give the public a viewpoint different than some of the lurid and manifestly false stories broadcast about the girl, are preserving through the United Press a story of her life.

Starr Faithfull, the girl's stepfather, has refused to have any commercialization, and his story is not a bought or sold proposition.

The attached article is as related chiefly by Mrs. Helen Faithfull, the girl's mother with a few points contributed by Stanley Faithfull and his pretty stepdaughter, Tucker Faithfull.

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NEW YORK, June 17.—The Faithfull family went back today amid the treasures of memory to paint a picture of the dead Starr Faithfull as an adorable child, with an early love of the beautiful and artistic, fearless, courageous, self-reliant.

They traced a story of her childhood, some incidents of which might be duplicated in any family, but many of which were stamped with an individuality that marked Starr Faithfull.

Starr, who came to the end of her career by drowning, learned to swim before she could walk.

Fearless With Mad Dog

She once held a mad dog while a crowd of grown people stared in amazement at her pluck as she bade officers stand back and not dare to shoot her pet. The dog died in his hydrophobia as Starr clung to him, unafraid.

She didn't like dolls, but was fond of a sort of doll made of a clothes hanger that bore the descriptive name of "hanger" and had a place of honor among her childish possessions. The doll was treated one day for "sore throat" by Starr.

She loved dogs and one dog was named "Bubbles." She amused herself one day by coating him with butter, and though he was ferocious to some, he did not object to this treatment from his mistress.

Had 'Storybook Friends'

She had an early love for books, and as her mother put it, she had a lot of "imaginary friends," the fairies, princes and princesses of the story books with whom she communed as a youngster.

These were some of the things the woman, worn by the strain of Starr's death, and the incessant questioning of authorities and press, told today in the simple living room of her home in St. Luke's place, with the stepfather and Tucker Faithfull contributing occasionally an anecdote or incident.

A load seemed to lift from this woman who has been harassed to the point of nervous exhaustion. She traced the life of Starr from her birth, Jan. 26, 1906, at Evanston, Ill., her childhood in Rochelle, N. Y., the move to Montclair, N. J., and later in Brookline, Mass., a fashionable suburb of Boston.

Tells of School Life

The story goes through her school life in Miss Julia Parks' exclusive school at Chestnut Hill, Brookline, and the first year in Rogers Hall school, a smart finishing school at Lowell. The later life of the girl was developed in subsequent articles, tracing the changes which made Starr a girl of many moods.

As a baby Starr was "one of the most energetic of children." She had a tremendous amount of spirit and was at times a bit difficult to control. A doctor was asked about her and he diagnosed her situation as merely a slight excess of spirit.

She started creeping early in infancy and liked to crawl up and down the beach at Centerville. Calouses were on her knees from the creeping. Before she could swim she would creep to the water. Water was her refuge from people whom she didn't fancy.

Fascinated by Colors

Colors fascinated her. As a baby, she loved flowers at her crib, and as she grew older, the sense of the beautiful and the artistic developed. She did not like to see people cut flowers or wear them on their dresses. She was sensitive and retiring, but the folks of the story books were her good companions and her reading started at an early age.

She adored her younger sister Tucker and exercised an air of responsibility over Tucker. Often she felt Tucker's wrists to see if Tucker was "gaining or losing weight."

Gifted as Sketcher

Starr had a flair for the artistic, and she could draw remarkable sketches. She would amuse little friends with her pictures and with the simple stories she invented to accompany them.

Other youngsters liked her, but she could sometimes plague. Once she put "fiddler crabs" in the rompers of a little playmate much to the playmate's discomfort.

Mother Is Startled

In New Rochelle, she startled a company at a tennis tournament drinking ginger ale, when she inquired of her mother:

"Mother, why don't you dip your bread in your whiskey?" At Miss Parks school where she entered at the age of 6½ she was an apt pupil, and so much a favorite that the school heads told Mrs. Faithfull when she once thought of taking the girl out, that they wouldn't think of it even if

DEVELOPED STARTLING PERSONALITY AS CHILD

Destruction of City Schools Is Threatened by Army of Tropical Ants

DESTRUCTION of Indianapolis schools is threatened, not by radical plots, but by termites, destructive tropical white ants, it was revealed at a special school board meeting Tuesday.

Already, thousands of dollars

damage has been caused to several school buildings by these voracious insects, distantly related to the

cockroach family. Fear that the structures would be weakened as to become dangerous, was expressed.

Board members today were attempting to devise means of financing the immunizing of school buildings against invasions of the insects. Immunizing one building will cost approximately \$1,400, and

there are ninety-one elementary school buildings.

INVESTIGATION of framework of thirteen school buildings has revealed that four are being undermined by termites, Business Director A. B. Good reported.

While unable definitely to estimate damage, because the termites eat only out the insides,

leaving a solid-appearing shell intact, Good said School 51 has been damaged not less than \$10,000.

In places, he said, it is possible to push a screwdriver through twelve-inch beams, honeycombed by the pests.

The board meeting almost developed into a class in natural science, while Russell Willson,

board president, described how the termites work.

TERMITES, he asserted, are organized like bees, some attacking wood structures, others carrying water to them to make the boring easier, and still others standing guard against their worst enemy the ordinary ant.

Willson told his "class" that termites are unable to stand light, this accounting for their eating the inside of wood and not the outside, adding that to avoid light while moving from one piece of wood to another they build tunnels ahead of them.

Not even concrete or brick walls will stop them in their desire to reach a succulent joist, door or window casing, Willson said.

U. S. RAILROADS
FILE PETITION
FOR RATE HIKES

15 Per Cent Increase Is
Unanimous Demand of
Nation's Carriers.

WASHINGTON, June 17.—Railroads of the United States today unanimously petitioned the interstate commerce commission for a 15 per cent increase in all freight rates and charges.

The petition, signed by J. S. Peley, chairman of the eastern group; H. A. Scandrett, western and Mountain Pacific group; and W. R. Cole, southern group, termed the present situation of the railroads as an emergency threatening serious impairment of their financial resources and their capacity to assure the public a continuance of efficient and adequate service.

Embodying twenty printed pages, the petition set forth in detail the plight of the roads with earnings falling off to a return of 2.24 per cent on property investment; precarious status of railroad bonds which would make obtaining of additional capital difficult; heavy competition from trucks and busses and the problem of wages for railroad workers.

In connection with wages, the petition said: "The policy of the federal government, concurred in by managements of most leading industries, is that the revival of industry and commerce should be predicated for the time being at least, upon the maintenance of existing wage scales." It was concluded that if the wage question must be met with it, it must be at a later stage because of the time element.

Passenger fares are to be kept at present levels, generally about 3.6 cents a mile, because of heavy inroads into this phase of transportation in recent years by busses and private automobiles.

Minnesota Fights Boost

ST. PAUL, Minn., June 17.—The first step in Minnesota's fight against the 15 per cent increase in rates demanded by railroads was announced today, as the state railroad and warehouse commission filed a petition opposing the increase with the interstate commerce commission.

On the ground that the proposed increases in freight charges would be detrimental rather than beneficial to the steam carriers, the commission seeks to prevent the rate increases, said C. P. B. Jacobson, chairman of the state railroad commission.

Jacobson said that the increase, if granted, will drive away shippers and force them to use other forms of transportation.

RESIGNED TO GALLOWES

West Virginia Wife Killer Refuses to ask for Clemency.

By United Press

MOUNDSVILLE, W. Va., June 17.—Frank Hyer, 34, condemned to the gallows for the murder of his wife, Emma, was resigned today to die as he refused to ask for gubernatorial clemency.

Under sentence to be executed Friday night, Hyer said he would not ask for a commutation of sentence of Governor William G. Conley. The Governor, however, was studying an alienist's report. Hyer, a restaurant operator, was convicted of fatally slugging his wife last Dec. 19 following a quarrel.

NEWS 'TEAM' GIVEN
ALTAR ASSIGNMENT

Cupid, Not City Editor, Is
Boss as Reporter,
Photographer Wed.

Murders . . . love plots . . . missing . . . court news . . . a daily column . . . features . . . club meetings . . . disasters . . . heres . . . Presidents.

Together they worked on events in the world of news that daily grasp the interest of thousands of readers.

He photographed the scenes and persons. She wrote the stories. He

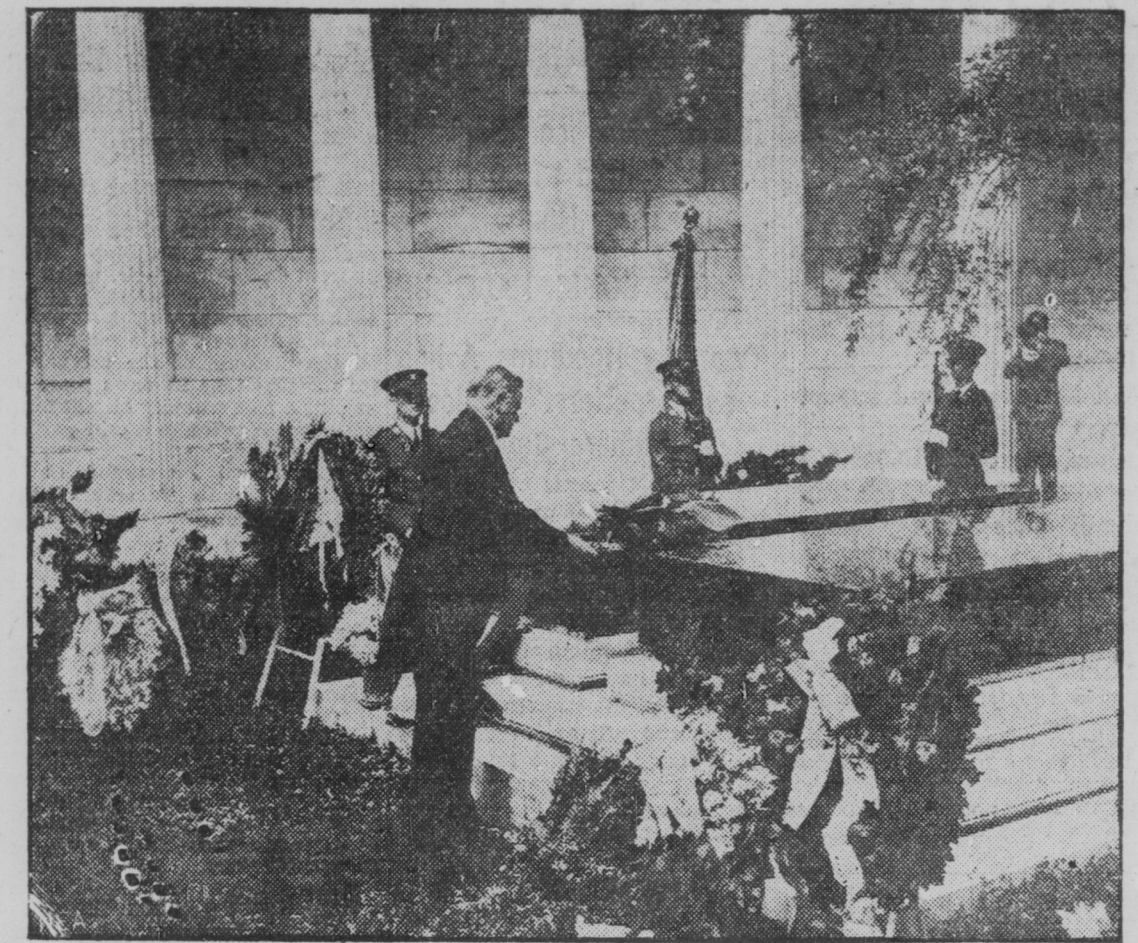
she were to remain practically a free pupil.

Her art work developed in the school and she showed further talent for miniatures, Christmas cards and animal drawings.

So fond was she of her school work that she hid the fact of an abscess and incipient pneumonia so she would not be credited with an absence from school.

When the time came for her to enter a higher school, Mrs. Faithfull's cousins interested themselves in her further career and arranged a fund for her education. This fund was entrusted to Andrew J. Peters of Boston, who has been a congressman and mayor of Boston. Her "mem book" at Rogers Hall noted that she was winner of a swimming tournament with 149 points. There were some attractive sketches in this book, a few demented cards—none of them for smoking, for she didn't indulge, her mother commented—some Christmas cards; pictures of her classmates and one magazine clipping of a handsome man.

Hoover Places Wreath on Harding Tomb



This picture shows President Herbert Hoover laying a wreath on the tombs of Former President and Mrs. Warren G. Harding at the dedication of the Harding memorial at Marion, O., Tuesday. Former President Coolidge and other notables also attended.

LABOR WRITS
BEFORE COURT

Mine, Road Injunctions Are
Sought at Terre Haute.

By United Press

TERRE HAUTE, June 17.—Two petitions filed in the Terre Haute division of federal court seek temporary restraining orders to prevent interference with highway construction workers in Vermillion county and with miners at the Black Diamond Coal Company at Dugger.

Hearing on the petitions probably will be held by Judge Robert C. Bultz at Indianapolis late this week.

R. McCallum, Inc., constructing a highway and two bridges in Vermillion county, filed complaint for injunction and temporary restraining order against eighteen Vermillion county men, alleging they conspired to halt the road work by threatening the laborers and threatening to destroy the highway and bridges.

Operators of the Black Diamond Coal Company filed suit against District 11, U. M. W. A., local No. 28, and defendants interfered with mining operations, and threatened workers and threatened to damage the property.

HAWKS IN LONG HOP

U. S. Flier Goes From Paris to Rome and Return in Paris

By United Press

CROYDON AIRPORT, England, June 17.—Captain Frank Hawks, United States flier, returned at 5:58 p. m. today, after having flown to Rome and return since his departure at 5:31 a. m.

The round trip approximately was 1,800 miles. He took time in Rome for a leisurely luncheon.

He stood over pans of hypo in his dark room at the Indianapolis News developing the pictures that would illustrate the story he hammered out on the floor below.

He is Paul Shideler, photographer of the News, who has been in the employ of the paper for twenty-five years. He is, or rather was, Miss Mabel Wheeler, News feature writer and former society editor of The Times.

For four years they composed the "two-man" combination that pictured and wrote the news.

As a "team" they took up golf, Paul, a crack golfer, in the role of teacher until his pupil was able to share driving and putting honors with him. Romance thrived on the teas, fairways and greens as it did through the workings of a newspaper day.

No longer are they Miss Wheeler and Paul Shideler. Today they are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shideler, married at a quiet ceremony Tuesday.

When they return from their honeymoon, again they will take up writing and picturing the news of the day.

PLANS STIMSON TALKS

Ambassador Edge Arranges for Conferences With Briand.

By United Press

PARIS, June 17.—Walter Edge, United States ambassador, conferred at noon today with Foreign Minister Aristide Briand and arranged an important series of meetings for Henry L. Stimson, American secretary of state, with Briand in mid-July. Stimson will come to Paris after he has visited Rome.

Costly Cusses

By United Press

ELYRIA, O., June 17.—Terry Yoder, a truck driver from Indiana, paid \$5 each for five "cusses" words uttered at a passing motorist. The motorist was Sheriff Clarence Adams, accompanied by several women. Yoder was haled into court and fined \$25 and costs.

LARGE BANK CLOSED

Toledo Institution and 11
Branches Fail to Open.

By United Press

TOLEDO, O., June 17.—The Security Home Trust Company, third largest banking institution here with resources exceeding \$36,000,000, failed to open the doors of its main office and eleven branch offices today. Over \$200,000 in deposits were tied up.

Heavy withdrawals, induced by "undue fear caused by the business depression," forced the bank to suspend, it was said. A large part of the bank's funds was formed by county, city and school board moneys.

NAME CITY MAN HEAD
OF FIELD EXAMINERS

James F. Smith Chosen; Vote Funds to Pay Contempt Case Charges.

Legal expenses of the two field examiners of the state board of accounts, Carl Coble and Walter Schreder, who recently were cited for contempt in Gibson circuit court in connection with drainage ditch reports will be defrayed by the Field Examiners Association.

James F. Smith of Indianapolis was elected president, succeeding Edward Farmer of Bloomington, at the closing session Tuesday.

Edward A. Cooper, Greensburg, was elected vice-president; Ure M. Frazer, Indianapolis, secretary, and Luther D. Hutchins, South Bend; Edward P. Brennan, Indianapolis, and J. T. Crabbell, New Albany, directors.

PENNSY EMPLOYE DIES

Frederick Kieffer Was Freight House Worker 46 Years.

Death Tuesday claimed Frederick Kieffer, 79, at his home, 622 Buchanan street, after an illness of six months.

Mr. Kieffer was a freight house employee of the Pennsylvania railroad forty-six years before his retirement nine years ago.

Born in Hanover, Germany, he came to Indianapolis alone when he was 15.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. today at the home and at 2:30 at St. Paul's Lutheran church. He will be buried in Concordia cemetery.

W. C. T. U. HITS FRANCE

Heavy Drinking Leads to Disease, Poverty, Etc., Says Report.

By United Press

CHICAGO, June 17.—The National Women's Christian Temperance Union issued a statement today saying that heavy liquor consumption is causing widespread drunkenness, disease, alcoholism, insanity and poverty in France.

"Americans who point to France as a temperate nation should learn that the individual Frenchman, on a per capita basis, outdrinks the individual bootleg-patronizing American," the statement said.

How I rid myself of
PSORIASIS

Write and I will tell you my own story as to how I rid myself of this disease without medical treatment, salves or injections.
F.O.R. 61 Box 127 Woodside, New York

RUM VOTE NOT
TO BE HELD BY
PHARMACISTS

Smaller City Storekeepers
Against Proposal on
Medicinal Whisky.

Possibility of a mail straw vote of members of the Indiana Pharmaceutical Association on the question of the sale of medicinal whisky in drug stores of the state faded today as pharmacists of smaller towns of the state opposed the vote.

A resolution urging the referendum in the association was presented today by the Indianapolis Association of Pharmacists at the state association's fifteenth annual convention in the Claypool, in a talk the resolutions committee will discuss the proposal tonight.

Small Cities Opposed

Delegates to the convention from smaller cities in the state were said to be opposed to further consideration of placing medicinal whisky on the shelves of pharmacies. Cleverness instead of large cash expenditures was stressed as important in drug store advertising by Ernest Cohen of the Homer McKee Company of Indianapolis, in a talk this morning at the convention.

Urges Individuality

"Each store should make itself individual in the community it serves," he urged.

Hand-to-mouth buying of stocks was rapped by H. J. Ostund of the faculty of the University of Minnesota in another address to the convention.

The convention banquet will be held tonight in the Riley room of the Claypool.

The convention will conclude its sessions Thursday noon. A trip to the plant and laboratories of the Eli Lilly Company in the afternoon will end the program.

TALK SALARY CUTS

Sanitary Board Slashes to
Be Discussed Tuesday.

Reduction of salaries of high-paid employees of the city sanitary board will be discussed Tuesday at the board of session, it was announced today.

B. J. T. Jeup, head of the district, said he has a plan whereby completion of the reduction plant at the sewage disposal property at a cost of \$200,000 could be paid by bond issues. These issues would be met by salary reductions.

He said one step in the proposal would be slicing the salaries of the two board commissioners from \$3,600 each to \$600 each.

WORRIES, TRIES SUICIDE

John H. West in Critical Condition From Gunshot Wound.

John H. West, 64, of Brevoort hotel, is in the city hospital today in a critical condition from self-inflicted gunshot wounds. Financial worries and family troubles were said to have caused his attempted suicide Tuesday night in his hotel room. A son, Wilbur West, lives at 2906 East Nineteenth street.

Amelia 'Autogiros' to Tulsa

DALLAS, Tex., June 17.—Amelia Earhart Putnam, ocean flier, left for Tulsa, Okla., at 10:30 a. m. central standard time today in her autogiro.

Take a Look

World Is Unfolded for
Woman Blind Since
Her Birth.

By United Press

MERCHANTVILLE, N. J., June 17.—A world even more beautiful and vivid than that conjured up in the mind of the blind, was unfolded today by Miss Mary Morley, who has been given sight for the first time by means of an operation.

For thirty-one years, since her birth, Miss Morley recognized her relatives, persons and other objects only by sound and touch.

Then her father heard that Dr. G. H. Moore of Philadelphia had performed a successful operation and had restored the sight of Earl Musselmann of Allentown, Pa. Six weeks ago Morley took his daughter to Dr. Moore's private office and an operation was performed on one eye.

A Near Disaster

WASHINGTON, June 17.—A watch officer on the late shift at the navy department reached for a buzzing telephone in the small hours of today wondering at a 3 a. m. call.

"Long distance calling," said the operator, "Norfolk."

With visions of a possible sea disaster or at least a naval communication of first class importance the officer said a hasty hello.

"Hello," said a sweet, female voice on the other end of the line. "Can you tell me how the weather is on the Wyoming? My boyfriend is on board and I read it was raining and I was worried and couldn't sleep."

Habit Is Fatal

By United Press

CHICAGO, June 17.—Each morning for many months Wayne McNally drove his laundry truck across railroad tracks at Des Plaines a few seconds before a Chicago & Northwestern passenger train passed the crossing.

His routine was so regular it became habit for him to drive across the tracks without heeding the train which he knew would "just miss him."

McNally's schedule was disrupted Tuesday. He was late. Habit governed him and he started across the tracks. The train struck the rear of his truck and carried it fifteen feet. McNally was killed.

'Tsk, Tsk,' Says Pete

By United Press

NEWARK, N. J., June 17.—"Guys oughta be more careful," said Peter Serritella, alias "Thirty-Minute Egg," after a blast of shotgun slugs missed him by inches early today.

Today, those punk scared two children nearly to death. They'd just gone through a door behind where I was standing not two minutes before the shot was fired," he said.

"What about me? Wasn't I scared? Naw. It was just a couple mugs trying to get a reputation by bumping off a prominent guy."

Gets Court Experience

CHICAGO, June 17.—When the case of John C. Braschler was called for trial, Braschler did not appear to answer the charges that he was a professional swindler.

"Where is the defendant?" demanded Judge Philip Finnegan of Braschler's attorney.

"Your honor," replied the attorney, "He could not come. He is sitting on a jury in Judge McCarthy's court."

DEBATE STATE'S
POWER TO ASK
BANK RECEIVER

Issue Aired in Meyer-Kiser
Writ Hearing Before
Supreme Court.

Constitutionality of the power and right of the state banking commissioner to ask for a receiver for a bank was challenged today both by brief and oral arguments in a suit before the state supreme court.

The issue was raised in the petition asking the court to issue a writ of prohibition to stop the efforts of depositors of the Meyer-Kiser bank from obtaining a receiver.

The writ denies Thomas D. McGee, special judge, the right to hear arguments on a receivership petition filed in superior court two several weeks ago.

It is claimed that Judge McGee is without jurisdiction in the case because under the state law only the attorney-general on the behalf of the state banking commissioner can file receivership suits.

The supreme court took the arguments under advisement and will rule within the next few weeks.

Challenge Constitutionality

Constitutionality of this was challenged on the following grounds:

That the acts of 1911, amended 1921 and in 1929, "insofar as they give the state banking commissioner power to sue for a receiver, and insofar as it attempts to deprive creditors of the banks of their existing remedies at law to maintain an action or receiver is invalid, null and void, being in violation of Article 4, Section 19, of the state Constitution."

The brief adds that "the title of the act is not general, but is restrictive, providing only for the appointment of bank examiners and regulating the examination of banks, and that the matter of filing suits for a receiver by the banking commissioner is not a matter connected with the said restricted subject."

Content Act Voided

In substantiation of this point the brief cites Article 4, Section 19: "Every act shall embrace but one subject and matter properly connected therewith and which subject shall be expressed in the title."

"But if any subject shall be embraced in an act and shall not be expressed in the title such act shall be void only as to such thereof as shall not be expressed in the title." The brief goes on to declare that the act in question, Acts of 1929, Page 495, which purports to give the banking commissioner the right to sue for a receiver for an insolvent bank does not contain any title broad enough to cover that subject matter and is therefore "null and void" as to this part.

Felt no Receiver Necessary