

CITY PROBES PAY SCALE ON STREET WIDENING PROJECT

M'KINNEY SEES VIOLATIONS OF PACT ON WAGES

Some Workers Receive Less Than 35 Cents an Hour, Inquiry Shows.

25 CENTS TO FLOTTERS

Subcontractors' Men Get Amount Nearly Double for Same Work.

Probe into the alleged violation by a paving company of agreement with the city to pay construction workmen on a 35-cent hourly basis was launched today by E. Kirk McKinney, works board president.

McKinney's action followed an investigation by The Times of reports that laborers working for the Indiana Asphalt Paving Company on the East New York street widening project are receiving more than 5 cents an hour below the figure specified under the contract.

The probe disclosed that common labor on the project is receiving in some instances 25 to 30 cents, and according to McKinney, violates the agreement made by the city with construction companies less than a year ago.

Claude I. Brillhart, superintendent of Indiana Asphalt, when questioned by The Times, admitted unskilled labor is being paid 25 cents.

Lower Pay for 'Flotters'

Qualified workmen under that scale of "fotlers."

Brillhart did not know how many are receiving the 25-cent wage.

"There are only a few," he said.

Reports that applicants for work at the project are referred to the "city hall garage" for recommendation were denied by Brillhart. He admitted, however, that "several applicants had been given jobs because they were told to come out and see us."

Brillhart stated further that "So far as I'm concerned, the wage agreement with the city still holds good."

"The reason we are paying some 25 cents is because only our regular men get over 35 cents."

Others Paid More

"If the floaters prove to be good men, we raise them up to the scale," Brillhart added.

The inquiry disclosed further that unskilled labor working on the same project for subcontracting companies is being paid almost double the wage earned by workmen for the Indiana Asphalt Company.

Pick and shovel men for a plumbing firm working in the East New York street job are being paid 65 cents an hour, several of them stated when questioned today.

Their duties are almost identical with those of laborers working for 30 cents for the asphalt paving company.

Laborers on the street widening are, in the majority, Negroes. Truck drivers, when questioned, verified reports received by The Times asserting they are receiving the 30-cent wage.

Get 35-Cent Scale

At the same time, a probe of salaries paid by the Million Population Wrecking Company revealed that unskilled laborers working at the Randolph street clearing are receiving 35 cents an hour. Only two men, it was admitted by Henry Foxworth, superintendent, are receiving 30 cents, and they are qualified as "pickup labor," Foxworth said.

"We are paying them just to give them work," he declared.

Workmen for the wrecking company under the 35-cent rate are all Negroes.

With launching of the inquiry by officials, McKinney declared that in his opinion the wage agreement with contractors still is in effect.

W. C. Richter, an official of the Indiana Asphalt company, was called in conference today with the works board, this morning shortly before Brillhart appeared at the city hall, and told officials that laborers are receiving from 35 to 40 cents, except a water boy, who gets 25 cents.

CANDIDATE ENDS REST

Aspirant to Kentucky Governorship Leaves Martinsville.

By United Press MARTINSVILLE, Ind., July 29—Judge Ruby Laffoon, Democrat gubernatorial candidate in Kentucky, planned to leave here today after a ten-day rest to begin the fall campaign. Judge Laffoon, who was nominated almost unanimously at a recent convention of his party, said he would go directly to his home in Madisonville, Ky.

More than a week ago he came here to recover from injuries suffered in an automobile accident. He expressed confidence in a Democratic victory this fall. He said he was pleased by the harmony that prevailed in the party's ranks and believed it indicated a recovery from the defeat of 1928.

Quake Rocks Santiago

SANTIAGO, Chile, July 29.—A severe earthquake rocked Santiago early today.

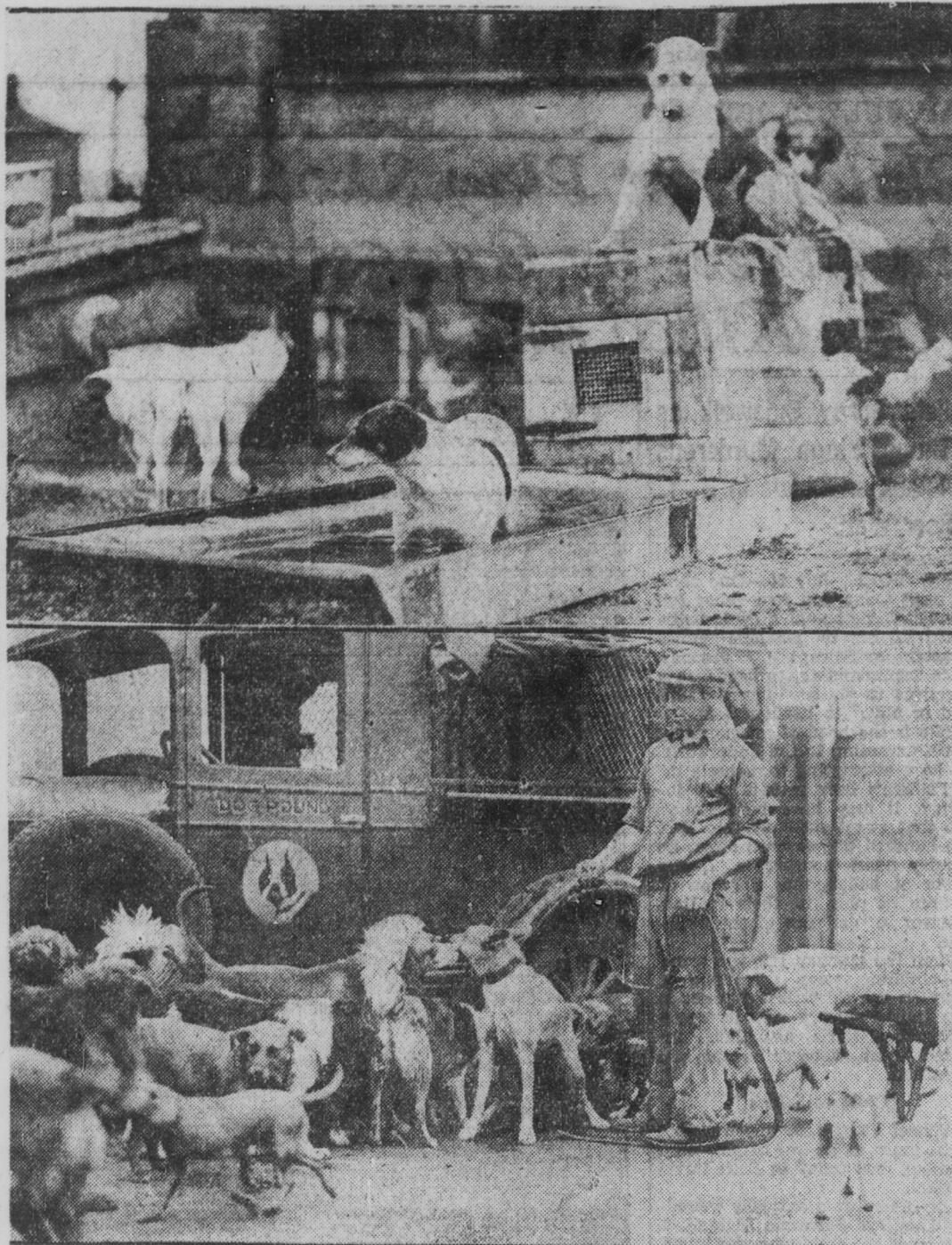
Dr. Home Brew

MEMPHIS, July 29.—The use of home brew as a cure for pellagra is being discussed in medical circles this week, after a survey revealed forty-four cases in Shelby county.

Three bottles of home brew a day will bring about a steady improvement and ultimate cure, said a physician who objected to the use of his name.

"I had occasion to run tests on 3,000 cases in cotton mills, and, although no other feature of their diet was changed, they were allowed to drink home brew under medical supervision. Without exception they showed improvement," the doctor said.

Dog's Life Isn't So Bad, at That



When they say "Dog-gone" around the city pound it means merely that one of the bone-crushers has taken French leave from the rest of the pack and can be found in—

The swimming pool shown in the

top photo. But of course he may not be in the pool, he may be on the diving board, just as Spot is in the bottom photo. And one glorious portion of this leading a "dog's life" is that you don't have to bother with swimming suits.

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LAW'S SEVERITY PACKS PRISONS

Flat Sentences Big Factor, Charities Board Told.

Action of recent legislatures in making mandatory long determinate sentences for certain crimes was cited as one of the primary causes of overcrowding in Indiana penal institutions at the state charities board meeting Tuesday afternoon.

Another cause cited was the growing number of insane and mentally-defective men committed.

Both were pointed out by John A. Brown, board secretary, in presenting the census for state institutions as of June 30, 1931. Nearly all state institutions are overcrowded, the report disclosed.

"Of 1980 new commitments to the reformatory between Oct. 1, 1930, and June 30, 1931, a total of 155 had flat sentences of ten years each and forty others had sentences ranging from eleven to twenty-five years each," Brown reported.

At the state prison the men under life sentence and the insane criminals constitute about one-fourth of the population.

BLUEBEARD ON TRIAL

Jury Chosen Tentatively in Murder Case.

By United Press EAGLE RIVER, Wis., July 29—Eleven perspiring men and a woman were in the jury box today at the opening of the second session of George W. E. (Jiggs) Perry's trial on charges of murdering one of six women he was accused of marrying bigamously during a Bluebeard career which had few parallels in modern history.

Of the twelve jurors accepted tentatively, five were farmers, three merchants, two summer resort owners of this northland Indian country, another was a retired salesman, and the twelfth was a woman.

Attorneys indicated some of these probably would be excused and that the jury would be completed from an extra venue which Judge C. M. Davidson of Beaver Dam ordered Sheriff Thomas McGregor to bring today into the furnace-like courtroom.

RULES ON STATE COAL

Per Tom Cost Basis for Outside Buying Banned by Ogden.

British thermal units and per ton cost, must determine whether any governmental unit may buy other than Indiana coal for public use, it was ruled today by Attorney General James M. Ogden.

The ruling was asked by L. O. Chassay, secretary to Governor Harry G. Leslie.

It was an interpretation of the 1931 state statute requiring the use of Indiana coal by governmental units, where the price difference is not greater than 10 per cent. The B. T. U. test on Indiana coal is high and the ruling gives the state mines an additional advantage, it was said.

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Train Kills Boy

RIDGEVILLE, Ind., July 29—Joseph Addison, 9, was killed instantly when the truck in which he was riding, driven by his brother George, was demolished by a Pennsylvania passenger train here. George, suffering severe injuries, was taken to a Fort Wayne hospital.

WATCHERS SEIZE 2 RIFLING CORN FIELD

Youthful Pair Faces Theft Trial After Capture With Booty.

Hoosier roasting ears have many enviable qualities, but walking isn't one of them. Of that, Ivan Fowler, R. R. 7, Box 333, was certain. Thus when fifty dozen fine ears disappeared from his field recently, he suspected some dark work by some one.

Consequently he and James Scott, R. R. 7, Box 349, stood guard in the corn field Tuesday night, and when two shadows attracted them, they captured Albert Leftwick, 16, of 1017 St. Paul street, and Raymond Knapp, 19, of 444 North Wabash street.

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Two gunmen held up Phineas Moroney, night man at a restaurant at 332 Virginia avenue early today, bound him with adhesive tape to a sink, and took \$16.

Burglar looted a grocery at 240 Martindale avenue of merchandise and money totaling more than \$60.

Two 12-year-old boys were arrested Tuesday night, and, police say, confessed theft of pearls valued at \$60 from the dressing room of Daniel Reed at English's theater.

Boundary Case Evidence to Be Aired Tuesday.

Motion to dissolve a restraining order against the Marion county board of review and permit the South Hardin street plant of the Indianapolis Power and Light Company to be placed on the tax rolls of Decatur township, will be heard Tuesday by Judge John A. Kern of superior court one.

In hearing the motion on Tuesday, Judge Kern will be forced to decide a boundary line dispute between Decatur and Perry townships. Each township claims the new \$5,000,000 power plant, on the Decatur tax roll for fifty years, is within its environs.

If the restraining order obtained by Perry township trustees is dissolved, the power company will be awarded approximately \$32,000 in taxes, it is said. Change in the course of the White river resulted in the boundary dispute.

COST OF WAR BLAMED

Reform Association Head Expresses View on Business Depression.

By Times Special WARSAW, Ind., July 29.—In the first of a series of addresses on the Winona Lake program, Dr. R. H. Martin, Pittsburgh, Pa., president of the National Reform Association, declared one of the principal causes of the present business depression is the cost of the World War. Maintenance of national armaments was given as another cause.

Dr. Martin placed the total cost of the war at \$335,000,000,000, pointing out that sum exceeds the total wealth of the United States.

"We must put an end to war if we want to get rid of financial depression," the speaker declared.

Fatal Date

By United Press LONDON, July 29—Seventeen years ago today—July 29, 1914—the first shot in the greatest war the world yet has known was fired.

In the thirteen years since it ended in 1918, the powers have sought to gain peace permanently through such efforts as the League of Nations and conferences on arms limitation.

Efforts at present are aimed at a world arms limitation agreement, to be sought at Geneva next February.

Attorneys for Caldwell announced they would appeal Campbell's order to federal court.

Host Slays Guest

FT. WAYNE, Ind., July 29—Michael McKerning, 27, is dead of a bullet wound inflicted by Arling Watson, in whose home he was a guest. It is said McKerning interfered in a quarrel between Watson and his wife. Watson attempted suicide by shooting when a police arrived to arrest him, but a revolver was taken from him.

LAND-O-DANCE TOO NOISY, SO NEIGHBORS SUE

Ask Abatement of Hall on National Road East of City Limits.

Land-O-Dance may be a celestial world of terpsichore to some, but to neighbors it's just a "lot of noise" that keeps them from getting their night's "shut-eye."

At least the Land-O-Dance hall on the National road, two miles east of the city, is that to its neighbors, and that's the only dance hall they've had dinner into their ears since the hall's opening on June 15.

Complaints against Land-O-Dance are voiced with vigor in a suit filed today in superior court for abatement of the dance hall as a public nuisance.

Fear that Land-O-Dance might awaken "Miss Indiana" atop the Soldiers and Sailors monument or other city statues is expressed in the suit with the assertion: "You can hear the noise for miles around."

The orchestra plays until the early hours of the morning. The hall is brilliantly lighted, so that sleep is almost impossible," the abatement suit charges.

Neighbors petitioning for a clamp on the hilarity at Land-O-Dance are Jesse O. Cross, Harry K. Karns and Cecil Brewer.

Defendants named as owners of the dance hall are Robert Riser, Robert Riser and Kathleen M. Hall.

BLAZE SPREADS OVER 70 MILES

Losing Battle Is Waged in Western States.

By United Press MISSOULA, Mont., July 29.—Wyoming men in the green of the forest service huddled about a table at their headquarters here today and plotted like generals their war against fire roaring along many fronts.

Over a seventy-mile stretch, an army of fire fighters sought to dig a huge trench to stop the onrushing conflagration, which had burned over 40,000 acres of the Pend Oreille forest of Idaho and, carried forward by a gale, ate it way into the Kootenai forest in Montana.

Reports from Yellowstone National park in Wyoming revealed little change in the fire situation there. The Basin Creek blaze was spreading slowly, but vigorous efforts of fire fighters had it under control.

By United Press GREENFIELD GIRL IS HURT IN AUTO CRASH

Car Crashes Into Tree When Mother Loses Control.

Miss Orpha Laverne Young, 17, Greenfield, was cut seriously on the face today when she was hurled through the windshield of an automobile driven by her mother, Mrs. Rose Young.

Miss Young lost control of the machine and crashed into a tree at Harlan street and West Pleasant Run boulevard. The girl was treated at city hospital.

Collision of cars driven by Clarence Mamann, 40, 2686 Hawthorne boulevard, and William E. Barton, 56 of 3002 Fall Creek boulevard, at New York and Rural streets, resulted in slight injuries to Barton.

By United Press STREET WORK LET

\$42,685 in Contracts Is Awarded by Board.

Contracts totaling \$42,685 for widening and resurfacing of East Michigan street were awarded today by the board of works. All paving on these projects is to concrete. Contracts awarded are:

From State avenue to first alley east of Randolph street, to William D. Vogel, \$6,557.86. This work is for half of the street only. Woodruff Place, along which the job extends, will pay for paving the other half.

From Highland avenue to State avenue, Standard Paving Company, \$19,068.54.

From alley east of Randolph street to Tecumseh street, W. D. Vogel, \$17,057.64.