

HUNT MILLIONS LOST IN BAIN BANKS CRASH

Four-Way Probe Digs Into
Financial Muddle; Gang
Hookup Probed.

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CHICAGO, Nov. 16.—Judges of two courts, the county grand jury and the state's attorney delved deeper today into the financial morass caused by collapse of the twelve-bank chain built up by John Bain, former plumber.

Angry depositors whose savings were swept away when the Bain banks failed for \$13,000,000 last June, have pushed their way into Judge Michael Feinberg's court for more than a week to hear the amazing story of what became of the money they intrusted to the once penniless Scotch immigrant boy, his two sons and his son-in-law.

Threats against the bankers have been muttered. Guards have been doubled. John Bain, the father, is beyond reach in the hospital awaiting an operation. Attorneys guard the sons, John H. and Robert Bain.

Voices Death Threat

Extra precautions were taken after a depositor shook his fist at the Bain brothers and asked bluntly: "What could they do to me if I shoot one of them?"

Names of former United States Senator Charles S. Deneen, Edward (Spike) O'Donnell, brewer and gangster; Terry Druggan, brewery owner, and Louis Bain, provost of the town of Stornaway, in Scotland, are strange companions on the court records.

The outstanding mystery of the case is what became of the \$1,600,000 that supposedly was in the "brown package" John Bain carried out of his office at 3 p. m. last June 28, three weeks after the banks closed.

The Bain family is accused of owing the banks \$2,300,000 borrowed on valueless security.

Found in Loan Office

The same say they do not know what became of the valuable securities that disappeared from the brown paper parcel between the day Bain walked out of his office with it and its discovery last week in a safe in a loan office where the Bains now are listed as assistant managers.

The depositors want to know why the Bains closed out their personal accounts in the banks two months before they crashed.

They want to know why Spike O'Donnell closed a \$10,000 account in a Bain bank about the same time.

They want to know if it is true that O'Donnell pushed a pistol into John Bain's face and forced the banker to turn over \$20,000 O'Donnell had deposited.

Also Under Scrutiny

They want to know, too, whether it is true Terry Druggan operated his breweries on money borrowed without security from another bank not connected with the Bain chain, but simultaneously being investigated.

Four separate agencies are inquiring into the Bain bank case. Judge Feinberg is conducting the quest for assets in circuit court, Superior Judge William J. Lindsay has ordered Robert and John H. Bain to face charges that they accepted deposits after they knew the banks were insolvent. The grand jury is questioning bank officials, employees and investigators, and the state's attorney's office is searching for \$885,000 missing from one of the Bain banks.

SPUR SEAWAY PLANS

United States, Canada Joint Engineering Board to Convene.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—Negotiations for development of the St. Lawrence seaway moved a step near completion today when the state department announced that the United States and Canada will reconvene their joint engineering board immediately to iron out technical problems hindering an agreement.

The state department announcement followed a lengthy conference Saturday between State Secretary Stimson and W. D. Herridge, Canadian minister.

WAR DISABLED AIDED

Indianapolis For-Get-Me-Not Campaign Brings Nearly \$1,500.

Government compensation for disabled veterans of the World War who have experienced difficulty in collecting compensation is made possible for Indianapolis veterans through the generosity of those who bought for-*get-me-nots* Saturday.

Mrs. Alice French, former national president of American War Mothers, said today in discussing the results of the annual sale Saturday.

A fourth of nearly \$1,500 received for the for-*get-me-nots* will be sent to national headquarters of disabled veterans. The balance of the fund will be used in local relief work.

LOAN SESSION SLATED

Personal Finance Firms to Meet Wednesday at Lincoln.

Seventeenth semi-annual convention of the Indiana Association of Personal Finance Companies will be held Wednesday at the Lincoln. Speakers will be H. E. Arnett of Marion, George Farrington of Indianapolis, and F. A. Carlson of Shelbyville.

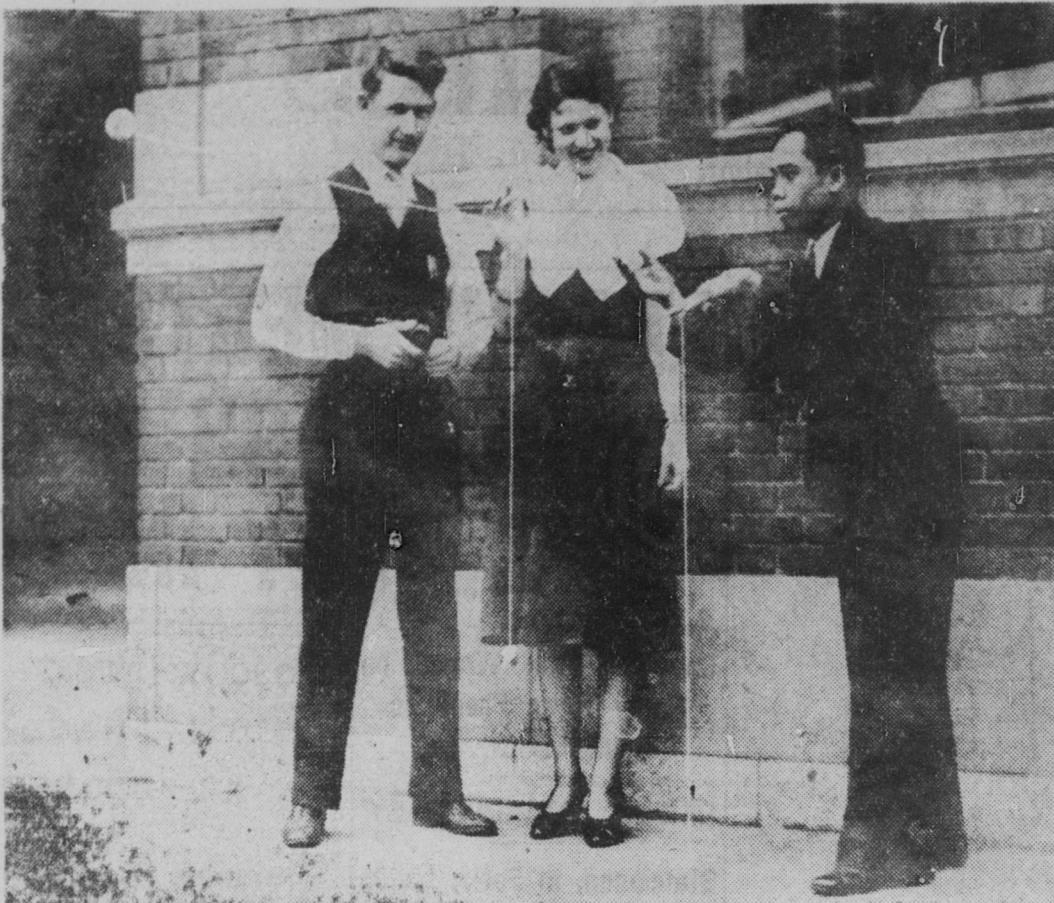
HEAR STORE TAX PLANS

District Supervisors Meet at Statehouse for Instructions.

Chain store tax collection program was outlined today by L. O. Johnson, chief of the state collection bureau, at a meeting of district supervisors in the statehouse.

Preliminaries of forming staffs in various districts to begin listing of all retail and wholesale stores subject to the tax were announced.

Yo Yo Tricks Shown for City Lads



TERROR STORIES ARE BORNE OUT

State Pledges Arrests in Whipping of Jobless.

By United Press

PONTIAC, Mich., Nov. 16.—Tales of a night of terror, told by three members of the Pontiac unemployed council, who said they were kidnapped and flogged are true, E. E. Howarth, assistant attorney-general, declared today following an intensive investigation at the request of Governor Wilbur Brucker.

Arrests of "at least some of the kidnapping party" appeared imminent as a result of the state investigation. Howarth said the identity of two alleged kidnappers is known. He was to conclude his inquiry and report his findings to Governor Brucker tonight.

Witnesses appearing before Howarth told the kidnapping without restraint, he said. Two of the men who said they were "horse whipped" claim to know the leaders of the night riders. They openly accused a Pontiac officer and others of the American Legion.

Testifying before the assistant attorney-general, Clarence Sherman, one of the victims, accused Detective Oliver Lemeaux, Pontiac police officer. Sherman said he was "sure" Lemeaux was among the kidnappers.

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SNOW COVERS IDAHO

Mail Planes Grounded and Highways Blocked.

By United Press

POCATELLO, Idaho, Nov. 16.—The heaviest snowstorm of the season whipped across Idaho today, grounding mail planes, and blocking highways in some sections.

A southbound airmail plane from Idaho Falls was forced to turn back when the pilot's vision was blurred by driving snow. The plane landed safely at Idaho Falls.

A northbound plane was held to the ground here.

Railroad officials reported all trains to this city behind schedule.

Mild weather, typical of spring rather than autumn, will continue another twenty-four hours, weather bureau forecasters said today.

Later tonight or Tuesday will bring additional showers to Indianapolis, and unsettled conditions will be general in the state Tuesday.

Starting with seasonal temperatures and frost the early part of the month, the mercury has moved upward since Nov. 8 to average from 13 to 25 degrees above normal, according to bureau records.

RAIL HEADS TO MEET

Labor, Capital Executives to Talk Shorter Day, Joblessness.

By United Press

CLEVELAND, Nov. 16.—Heads of twenty-one railroad labor organizations will meet with nine railroad president at New York Thursday to discuss the shorter work day and other unemployment relief measures, according to an announcement of David B. Robertson, chairman of the Railway Labor Executives Association and president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen.

The meeting will be held in the afternoon after the labor group has formulated its plan of relief at a separate conference in the forenoon. Robertson declined to disclose whether wage relations would be a subject of discussion at the joint conference.

BOOZE SHIP CAPTURED

Canadian Schooner, Bearing \$60,000 in Liquors, Is Seized.

By United Press

NEW LONDON, Conn., Nov. 16.—The Canadian schooner, Game Cock, laden with liquor valued at \$60,000, was held by coast guardsmen today after a chase through Long Island sound, during which a number of shots were fired.

Captain Harry Walters of Lunenburg, Canada, and eight members of his crew were arrested. Walters and his supercargo, Robert Smith, were held in bail of \$3,000 today by Criminal Judge Frank P. Baker.

Rubin is awaiting trial for alleged complicity in connection with the theft of \$65,000 worth of bonds from a New York business firm several weeks ago. George A. Sheehan, Indianapolis attorney, also is under indictment in the case.

RECEIVE STATE SUPPLY BIDS

Bids on quarterly supplies and for the annual contract for garage accessories were received today by the joint state purchasing committee. Contracts will be awarded Tuesday.

Knightstown Man Killed

PENDLETON, Ind., Nov. 16.—An automobile accident near here took the life of O. M. Hendricks, 50, Knightstown.

Preliminaries of forming staffs in various districts to begin listing of all retail and wholesale stores subject to the tax were announced.

A few yo yo secrets came spinning merrily out of the bag when Senior Domingo Aguda of the Philippine Islands visited The Times office today and gave a few lessons on making the yo yo behave.

The senior stated he oftentimes waxes the string. The idea is to strengthen it and also make the yo yo twirl longer while doing the "spinner." Another valuable secret divulged by Domingo is that in doing the "spinner" (that's the one where the yo yo goes to the end of the string and remains there for awhile and then returns to the hand), if the string is loose around the axle the trick is much easier to do, but always tighten the string when you want to throw some "loops."

Domingo will be present at the Lyric theater next Saturday morning when the curtain goes up on the Times big yo yo contest. However, he will be there in the role of one of the judges and not a contestant.

Fifty dollars in prizes will be distributed among the best yo yo twisters.

30 GET CITY JOBS

Airport to Provide 100 With 'Made Work' Posts.

Sanitary construction at the airport that will supply 100 "made work" laborers with jobs for nearly three months was started today under supervision of M. G. Johnson, airport manager and assistant city engineer.

More than thirty men were taken to the job today in a bus, donated by the Indianapolis Street Railway Company.

Johnson stated that other workers from the Chamber of Commerce "made work" department would be used in the near future. He indicated the airport had projects, now being planned, which would employ a large number of "made work" men throughout the winter.

The present project includes construction of a clarification filter. This will take care of airport sewage after it leaves a septic tank.

CITY PRISONERS GIVEN SOUP HOUSE BANQUET

New Bill of Fare Ordered After Nearly Twenty Years.

A new era dawned today for inmates of the city prison.

After nearly twenty years of black coffee and bread—with bread and black coffee for variety—the prisoners today were partaking of a new and more elaborate bill of fare.

The new food is being supplied by the city soup house on East Maryland street.

This morning the prisoners had breakfast of rolls, coffee and bread. At noon they had soup, hot dogs, coffee and bread.

Tonight's meal still was a mystery, as operators of the soup house said their menu cards would not be printed until later today.

Under the new arrangement, the city's costs are reduced, the soup house can use profits for additional relief work and the prisoners have bigger and better meals.

HUNT WOODS FOR GIRL

Four Posse Search for Pupil Kidnapped by Half-Brother.

By United Press

BEDFORD, Ind., Nov. 16.—Three posse hunted the thickly wooded sections of southern Lawrence and Washington counties today in the hope of finding a trace of Cora Hunt, 12, who was kidnapped from Latonia school last week. They feared she may be dead, killed by Mabel Hunt, 28, her half-brother, who came to the school to get her.

Sheriff Milton Trinkle of Washington county, led one group of searchers. Mitchell police were in the hope of finding a trace of Cora Hunt, 12, who was kidnapped from Latonia school last week. They feared she may be dead, killed by Mabel Hunt, 28, her half-brother, who came to the school to get her.

She will be the second woman to sit in the United States Senate, Mrs. Rebecca Felton of Georgia having served one day several years ago.

HURT IN GRID GAME

Negro Boy's Skull Fractured at Play; Condition Serious.

Injured Saturday in a "scrub" football game near his home, Aubrey King, 10, Negro, 117 Douglas street, is in a critical condition today at city hospital. He sustained a fracture of the skull.

According to the boy's parents, he complained of a headache when he returned home Saturday evening. When the family awoke Sunday morning, they found the lad in convulsions in his bed.

He attended political, religious and temperance gatherings with his hosts and Saturday night danced with Lady Astor at a social function of the East End conservative group. He wore his familiar derby hat at this dance and brought cheers.

Sunday, he addressed thousands of persons who had gathered at the annual festival of the service fishermen at the point from which the week-end guest of Lord and Lady Astor.

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Meet on Utility Rate

South side track elevation and the city's fight for reduced utility rates will be discussed tonight at a meeting of the Enterprise Civic League at the Rhodium park community house. Dr. Walter E. Hembill, president, announced.

SUBSTITUTE FOR TOW-IN SOUGHT

No Constructive Plan Yet Offered, Officials Say.

While business men and other groups organized further today to fight the tow-in law and early morning parking ban, city officials were looking for a substitute for the present traffic ordinance.

So far, however, police and the safety board, declare that interests asking repeal of the present ordinance "have failed to offer any suggestions for a change."

The only plan offered, to go back to the sticker ordinance, is scorned by city officials, "because it can not be enforced."

"Do the people of the city want an ordinance that will control traffic?"

"This is the real question that we are facing at present," Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan declared, "and I warn against a return to the sticker ordinance."

Under the sticker ordinance, the mayor declared that "business men and newspapers, who oppose the new ordinance, were the groups which asked police to fix the most stickers."

Declaring "the city is not wanting to hurt business in any way," the mayor said he believed that business had not been hurt badly by the early morning parking ban or tow-in provision.

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