

UTILITY HEAD IS DENOUNCED FOR HIS FINANCING

Three Federal Judges Hear Cuthbertson Defend Rate Cut Order.

High utility finance, as practiced by George H. Alexander, now under indictment in Knox county for perjury in connection with testimony regarding his operation of the Vincennes Water Company, was scored today in federal court by Harry K. Cuthbertson, public service commissioner.

The commissioner defended his order reducing the rates of the Frankfort Heating Company of which Alexander is owner, general manager and treasurer. This is the first time a commissioner has ever appeared in behalf of his own order.

The commission in January ordered a reduction of rates from 36 to 30 cents on each square foot of radiation.

The order, however, stipulated that if the company kept up its annual \$7,000 depreciation fund, the rates would be reduced only to 33 cents.

Three Judges Hear It

Alexander, through his attorney, Clyde E. Jones, obtained a temporary restraining order, Feb. 1, from Judge Thomas Slick of South Bend, sitting in the absence of Judge Robert C. Baltzell.

Hearing today was on the motion to make the restraining order a temporary injunction, with Judge Will Sparks of the circuit court of appeals sitting with Judges Baltzell and Slick.

Cuthbertson charged record reveal that Alexander took \$80,000, which accumulated in the depreciation fund, and paid it out in dividends. He also charged that, beginning four years ago, the \$7,000 annual depreciation fund was placed in the personal account of Alexander as treasurer of the company and it had been used by him to purchase the stock so that today, he is the sole owner.

The commissioner pointed out that Alexander had been collecting \$500 a year while acting as general manager of his own property, and a resident manager, who did the work, had been paid approximately \$100 a month.

Cut to Only \$5,000

"After the issuance of our order the company, which means Alexander—cut the general manager's annual salary only to \$5,000 in the face of our stipulation that it be \$12,000 a year," he said.

Cuthbertson introduced testimony and records to show the heating company sent to Boston for an appraisal engineer, who spent three days at the plant, and then a "curious" examination, placed the new construction cost of the plant at \$462,330 and the reproduction cost, less depreciation, at \$424,120 "all for the purpose of obtaining a higher rate from the consumers."

"The company then placed a charge of \$1,200 upon the books for the appraisal, all to be borne by the consumer, which the commission disallowed as being too high and now we find that it is carried at \$1,500," he stated.

Jones argued that the 30 and 35-cent rates were not excessive and that the commission was attempting to penalize the company for not carrying out the order regarding a depreciation fund.

The case was taken under advisement.

PROBE LINER DEATH

Mystery Veils Passing of Heirless at Sea.

By United Press

BOSTON, Feb. 15.—The revelation that Miss Elizabeth Barrett Cook, titian-haired beauty, was to have inherited a fortune, bequests from three relatives' estates, on her twenty-first birthday in June, deepened the mystery of her death at sea.

Miss Cook died aboard the Purcell liner Chinese Prince while en route from Naples to Boston after receiving a cablegram that her fiancé, St. George Tucker Arnold, 26, of Lynchburg, Va., had died of appendicitis.

This message proved to be a hoax, and Arnold, who recently received his master's degree from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has instituted an international investigation to determine who sent the cablegram and what caused his sweetheart's death.

HOSPITAL LANDSCAPING PROGRAM IS SPEEDED

Works Board Acts to Vacate Two Streets, Alleys.

Proceedings for vacation of two streets and two alleys as a part of the landscaping project in vicinity of the James Whitcomb Riley hospital for children were instituted today by the works board.

The section, which for years has been neglected, is being beautified, using "made work" labor.

The streets which the board proposes to vacate are Walnut, from North to Coe, and Walnut, from Maxwell to Wilson. Alleys include the first west of Maxwell street, from North to Coe, and the alley south of Coe, from Maxwell to Wilson.

TALK HOARDING DRIVE

Lieber Confers With National Chairman in Chicago.

Director Richard Lieber of the state conservation department went to Chicago today to discuss the Hoover anti-hoarding campaign with Frank Knox, national chairman.

Lieber heads the Indiana organization and is anxious to learn what the Hoosiers can do about it, he said. He expects to have plans for the campaign upon his return.

Architects' Exhibit Elicits

Donald Graham has been named to succeed Herbert Foltz as president of the Architects' Building Material Exhibit, Inc., at the first meeting of the new board of directors. Others elected were Frederick Wallick, vice-president; Clarence T. Myers, secretary, and Herbert Foltz, treasurer.

Shining New Models Given High Praise at City's Motor Show

191 Glistening Autos Draw Admiration of Throngs at Fairground.

If you've longed to step inside a \$10,000 car parked beside a curb without having an owner or a passerby yell, "Stop thief!" now's your chance.



And for pedestrians there's the yearly chance to be on an equal footing with the motor cars that speed by you.

All this is at twenty-first annual auto show at the state fairground. One look at the 191 models on display, and the hoarded "century" notes in the coffee can will come tumbling out.

That spirit pervaded the crowd at the auto show Sunday and today.

Monday Not Blue

For, odd though it may seem, Monday's never a "blue" one at the annual exhibition of the automotive world.

Salesmen are just ripening as purveyors of information about their cars while the early crowd that visited the show as it opened its doors today became interested listeners of that information.

There are cars for each pocket-book and balloon bankrolls. There are fours, sixes, eights, twelves and sixteens for those more interested in horse power and cylinders than in plush and mohair seat covers.

Colors are back in the 1932 models with vivid maroons, modest grays, glistening tans, subtle greens, showing in sedans and coupes.

Attendance Shows Gain

Dealers in accessories vie with automobile exhibitors in proclaiming the merits of their wares.

The first two days of the show clearly shows attendance increases over 1931, officials said, and before the week is over they believe crowds will average well over last year's.

Boy Scouts have been invited as guests of the Indianapolis Automobile Trade Association Tuesday afternoon.

E. S. McCurdy of Losey Motors, Inc., said the show's first car Saturday when he took an order from O. E. Rudy, local insurance dealer. In the truck division, O. V. Sholly of Sholly Motors, Inc., claimed the first sale.

Duesenbergs on Display

Duesenberg cars, with \$15,000 price tags, are being shown at this year's exhibition. The "Duesies" were not exhibited at the 1931 show.

The Marmon Sixteen and Packard "twins" are two of the highlights in the show.

Desire of motordom to cater to femininity is demonstrated in many models through upholstery and other gadgets.

The show opens daily at 10 a. m. and closes at 10:30 p. m.

Illinois, College or Central street cars marked "fairground" will take visitors to the door of the show.

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Henry L. Stevens Accepts Bid to Washington Celebration.

Indianapolis posts of the American Legion will have as their guest Henry L. Stevens Jr., Warsaw, N. C., national legion commander, at a dance Saturday night at the Indiana ballroom, opening the city's observance of the George Washington bicentennial.

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FT. WAYNE, Ind., Feb. 15.—Indianapolis has been selected as host for the convention during the second week of August of the Associated Sign Contractors of North America. The eighth annual mid-west conference was held here Sunday.



The Erlen Sisters, tumbler at the Lyric theater this week, today took time out from their "four-a-day" long enough to try out the mechanical acrobatics at the auto show.

Upper Right—Taking a mythical joy ride on the smallest car in the show, Florence Erlen at the wheel and Elenor hanging on the gas tank. The car, with a four-cylinder motorcycle engine, has a speed of seventy-five miles an hour.

RANSOM NOTE MAY BE HOAX

By United Press

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—A Converse (Ind.) youth who withheld his name wrote a Chicago newspaper offering to marry any woman who will finance his four years at a university. He said he would take up any course desired.

Police Doubt Sportsman Is Held by Kidnappers.

By United Press

SARANAC LAKE, N. Y., Feb. 15.—The mystery of the disappearance of Harry Blagden, sportsman, became further complicated today when his brother, Thomas Jr., announced he did not believe Blagden was held by kidnappers.

Harry Blagden disappeared last week, and on Saturday another brother, Augustus, said he had received a ransom letter demanding \$1,000 for Harry's return. The note, it was alleged, was written by Harry under threat.

Thomas denied reports that his brother suffered a nervous breakdown prior to his disappearance, and that he incurred a head injury in an automobile accident two years ago which might have caused him to disappear. He also scoffed at reports that Blagden might have been a suicide.

To add further to the complexity of the case, Lieutenant H. C. Herick of the state police asserted: "To me it looks like just another missing man case. We have no proof the man was forced to write the ransom letter."

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ONE SHOT MAY START WAR, IN BUTLER'S VIEW

Single Spark May Set World Ablaze and Involve U. S., General Warns.

This is the first of a series of three interviews with Major-General Smedley D. Butler, retired marine leader, on the war in China.

BY PAUL COMLY FRENCH
United Press Staff Correspondent
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NEWTON SQUARE, Pa., Feb. 15.—A stray shot from either a Japanese or Chinese gun, causing the death of American women or children, might arouse the dormant fighting spirit of America and send her into war, Major-General Smedley D. Butler warned today. He held also that economic pressure tends to force nations to disregard treaties.

Comfortably seated in a Chipendale arm chair, presented to the fiery Quaker marine by the officers of his last command at Quantico, Va., he discussed the Chinese situation in an exclusive interview with the United Press.

"Consider the sources of our various wars," Butler said, "and you will note that many were caused by some one incident which aroused the dormant American war spirit."

Cites War of 1898

"Take the Spanish-American war, in which I first served with the marines. The sinking of the Maine in Havana brought a long series of smoldering events to a head and aroused the necessary enthusiasm for war."

"When the Lusitania went down prior to our entrance into the World war, it was the spark which brought the nation to the point where citizens were ready to fight."

Reflectively, he gazed out the window of his study in the old colonial farmhouse situated in rolling Chester county hills which he and Mrs. Butler have had remodelled for their home.

It is here, among peaceful Quaker farmers, that Butler hopes to enjoy the calmness and quietness which he has not known during his more than thirty years with the marine corps, when he completes his present lecture tour.

Spark Might Start Blaze

"Yes," he mused, "it wouldn't take more than a few dead American women and children to start things, I'm afraid."

"Underneath the surface of all international complications are economic rivalries which seldom come into the open. They foster and develop national tensions which sooner or later lead to war."

"What good are treaties when a nation feels that its economic future depends on a certain action in a given locality? Just follow the history of the world and you soon can see that, despite treaties, nations go to war when their commercial and economic future, in the opinion of their national leaders, forces such a course."

"Japanese marines and blue-jackets land in Shanghai. They are stopped by an enemy they have underestimated. Their war spirit has become aroused. More troops are rushed from home, they don't dare lose face, which in the Orient means so much. They must push on and capture the Chinese positions at Woosung and Chapei."

One Shell May Cause War

"And there, too, stand American, British, Portuguese, French, Italian and the Shanghai volunteer defense corps, ready to protect the foreign lives and property in the international settlement."

"With the fighting right across the Soochow creek, not more than 100 feet higher than the American trenches and said bag emplacements, it's not going to be so hard for a few shells to drop into the settlement."

"And one of the shells, falling on a mission or a hospital, with attention of life in my opinion, is all that is needed to arouse the American war spirit."

TIED TO BED BY THIEF

Negro Woman Helplessly Watches Prowler Ransack Home.

Tied to a bed by a thief as she lay ill of influenza at her home, 401 West Twenty-eighth street, late Sunday night, Mrs. Elmore Chesnam, 21, was watched helplessly as the prowler ransacked the entire house, police were told today.

Old Injury Causes Trouble

COLUMBIA CITY, Ind., Feb. 15.—Meyer Levin, Warsaw, is a patient in a hospital here as a result of a hip fracture suffered sixteen years ago. Recently he suffered pain in the hip and believed he was afflicted with lumbago. An X-ray examination showed that due to the fracture scar, the hip had been dislocated, probably for several years.

DEATH CLAIMS WIFE OF CREDIT MANAGER

Funeral Services Slated on Wednesday at Home for Mrs. Dawson.

Funeral services for Mrs. Vergie May Dawson, 39, the wife of Jack E. Dawson, credit manager for the D. Sommers Furniture Company, will be held at 2 Wednesday at the home, 5340 College avenue. Burial will be in Crown Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Dawson died Sunday night in St. Vincent's hospital after an illness of seventeen months. She had lived here since childhood with the exception of three years spent in Newark, N. J. She was married to Mr. Dawson eighteen years ago.

Services for Samuel Howard Cooper, 47, active for many years in social service work on the south side, will be conducted at 2 Tuesday afternoon in Garfield Park Baptist church. Burial will be in Memorial Park cemetery. Mr. Cooper died Friday night at his home, 1050 Garfield drive.

Lived Here 59 Years

Last rites for a resident of Indianapolis for fifty-nine years, Mrs. Malinda J. Shaw, 78, of 1109 Pleasant street, were conducted today in the J. C. Wilson undertaking establishment, 1220 Prospect street, with burial in Crown Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Shaw died in the St. Francis hospital Saturday. She was the widow of Emsley H. Shaw, former south side merchant, who died twenty-six years ago.

Services for Mrs. Mary R. Crim, 83, the widow of John F. Crim, will be held at 2 Tuesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Bernard Korbly, 425 North Audubon road, with burial in Danville, Mrs. Crim died Sunday.

Came Here 37 Years Ago

She came to Indianapolis thirty-seven years ago. Mrs. Crim was a member of the Christian church.

Last rites for Mrs. J. H. Van Treese, 74, a lifelong resident of Irvington, will be held at 2 Tuesday in the Downey Avenue Christian church, with burial in Crown Hill cemetery.

Members of the sophomore class of St. John's academy will attend funeral services for Miss Margaret Mary O'Reilly, 16, at 9 Tuesday in St. Patrick's Catholic church. Burial will be in Holy Cross cemetery.

Pneumonia Is Cause

Miss O'Reilly, died Saturday after a short illness of pneumonia. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James P. O'Reilly, 1536 Spann avenue.

Funeral services for Mrs. Nancy Copeland, 85, lifelong Marion county resident who died Saturday at her home southwest of Acton, were held today with burial in Greenwood cemetery.

STAGE COUPLE DIE

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Ryan Are Buried Side by Side.

A man and his wife, who played for many years in the same sketch before vaudeville audiences throughout the country, were buried side by side today in Crown Hill cemetery.

Dale Ryan, 43, died Sunday at his home, 5754 Rawles avenue, three days after the death of his wife, May.

Mr. and Mrs. Ryan were married in 1907, after three years on the Pathe and Orpheum vaudeville circuits.

In 1913 they retired from the stage and Mr. Ryan was employed as a brakeman for the Big Four railroad.

Mr. Ryan was the son of Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Ryan. The family had moved to this city from Greensburg, when Mr. Ryan was a child.

Double funeral services were held at Royster & Askin establishment, 1902 North Meridian street, today. Survivors of Mrs. Ryan are three brothers, John, Charles and Joseph Leeney of Chicago. Mr. Ryan's mother, Mrs. Maria Ryan of Indianapolis, and a brother, Clyde Ryan of New York, survive.

DARROW WILL SPEAK

Famed Lawyer to Address Bar at Terre Haute Feb. 27.

By United Press

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Feb. 16.—Clarence Darrow, famous criminal lawyer, will address the Terre Haute Bar today in his annual dinner meeting here Feb. 27.

Diphtheria Combated

By Times Special

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Feb. 15.—Immunization against diphtheria has been administered to approximately 3,500 Monroe county school children and the work is continuing, according to Dr. F. H. Austin, who is conducting the work for the county medical society in co-operation with the state board of health. Twenty-two doctors and six nurses have been engaged in the work.

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Who's Dummy?

By United Press

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—Frankenstein has been kidnapped. Frankenstein is just a tailor's dummy, but the situation is more serious than would appear on the surface.

"You see," Don De Carli told Sergeant Lawrence McCarthy, "I dressed this dummy up and took it to a dance. We had a lot of fun with it. Then some fellows kidnapped it out of my auto."

"What of it?" McCarthy asked.

"It happened I dressed the dummy," De Carli explained, "in my uncle's best suit."

"And if I don't get Frankenstein back, I'll have to buy my uncle a new suit."

SHERIFF CALLED AID OF BANDITS

Convicted Robber Declares Official Planned Holdup.

By United Press

PORTLAND, Ind., Feb. 15.—Lorenz Capelli, confessed bank bandit, dressed in a neat brown suit and a green shirt, returned to the witness stand for cross-examination in the trial of Ira Barton, former Blackford county sheriff, today.

Capelli was asked if third degree methods were used upon himself and his two companions when they were captured shortly after robbery of the First State bank of Dunkirk last Dec. 24. He said he could not recall definitely, but that Albert Proberta, one of the bandits, had a black eye after the questioning.

Defense counsel asked Capelli if he and his companions planned to rob the Citizens State bank and the First National bank, Hartford City, in November and December.

"He planned for us to do it that way," Capelli replied, pointing to Barton, who was sheriff of Blackford county when the Dunkirk bank was robbed. He is being tried on a charge of assisting the bandits.

The state objected to the question. Court was recessed while attorneys argued.

When court reconvened, the defense withdrew the question. Capelli was dismissed.

MARKET PROBE SET

Inside Conditions Will Be Studied Tuesday.

Survey of conditions inside the city market building will be begun by Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan's city market committee at its third meeting Tuesday afternoon in the safety board offices.

Chairman John F. White said the committee will hear representatives of butchers and restaurant operators in the market. City Restaurant Association, Market Standholders' Association and Harry R. Springsteen, marketmaster.

Proposed readjustment of rents will not be taken up until the meeting a week later, White said.

Several members of the committee are understood to favor a thorough study of this phase of the investigation to determine if rents are too low.

It has been pointed out that most stands rent for from \$28 to \$116 a year, with a few storerooms paying more.

TWO TO BE ARRAIGNED FOR THEATER ROBBERY

Forest Strothers, Jewel Corbin Due in Criminal Court.

Final action against the Forest Strother gang, charged with several robberies and burglaries, was set for this afternoon in criminal court where Strother and Jewel Corbin were to be arraigned on a charge of robbing Miss Grathel J. Zaring of \$700 in theater receipts.

Other members of the gang, previously sentenced include Patrick O'Brien, given a three to 10-year reformatory term; Raleigh Munsey, 29, twenty years; Ray Coherd, 24, and Burn Good, 20, ten years each.

Hoosier in Tokio

MARTINSVILLE, Ind., Feb. 15.—Lieutenant R. B. Mason, U. S. N., a Martinsville man, is in Tokio as an attaché of the American embassy. He is detailed to remain in Tokio three years to learn the Japanese language.

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