

## SECRET PLEA VIEWED RATE SLASH DELAY

Mystery Petition Before  
Commission Would Hold  
Up Cut a Year.

Secrecy today surrounded a petition filed by the city administration with the public service commission asking a complete audit and appraisal before any hearings are held in the rate reduction case against the Indianapolis Power and Light Company.

This delay would eliminate any immediate rate reduction order.

The petition, revealed today by Commissioner Harry K. Cuthbertson, who has the case in charge, was filed last Wednesday. But it was not put through the routine which would result in having it made public.

Cuthbertson, however, gave out the document Friday and also a letter from Edward H. Knight, city corporation counsel. In the letter, Knight submitted a list of coal companies, with the suggestion that they be subpoenaed to give comparative prices of coal with prices paid United Collieries, the Power and Light Company subsidiary.

### New Petition Filed

But Knight asked in the letter that the commission summon the coal dealers to testify, without letting the dealers know he had suggested their names.

Cuthbertson stated he will have no "truck" with such procedure, in making both the letter and petition public.

He declared he didn't know who brought in the petition, no mention of which was made in Knight's letter which bore the same date—March 9.

When Knight was asked regarding the petition he inquired of The Times reporter as to how the information had been obtained recently.

### Already Thrice Postponed

"Did the commission give it out?" he asked and when informed that it had been made public there, went on to explain its contents.

"The city has not the facilities to secure the necessary data for a rate case and it is entirely up to the public service commission," Knight asserted.

"Time needed will depend on them."

The petition was not directed specifically at preventing the preliminary hearing which thrice has been postponed already, Knight said. This hearing was asked by the city when it was learned that the company had shown great profits in a stock promotion circular, but not so great at conferences in hope of reducing rates by arbitration.

Cuthbertson announced if the profit showing in the stock circular was proven correct, he would make a temporary rate reduction order pending audit and appraisal, which may take a year.

### Prevent Preliminary Hearing

Today he said the new filing of the city appeared designed to prevent any preliminary hearing or any hearings until a complete audit and appraisal is made. This would eliminate hope of any prompt rate reduction.

Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan declared he was opposed to any delay and understood the new petition, which bore the signatures of Knight and James E. Deery, city attorney, was to disclose to the commission sources of information upon which rate reductions might be based.

Sources set out were similar to those enumerated by the mayor when the first compromise conferences were held.

### WOMAN, AWAITING CAR, IS RUN DOWN BY AUTO

Accident Occurs as Physician  
Swerves to Avoid Collision.

Mrs. Alta McVey, 46, of 1517 Her shell street, incurred body bruises and head injuries when she was struck by an automobile driven by Dr. John Wolenbach of 1503 North Pennsylvania street, apartment 53, while standing in a safety zone at Illinois and Ninth streets, Friday afternoon. The accident occurred when Dr. Wolenbach swerved to miss another auto.

Charges of drunkenness and operating a car while drunk were placed against C. H. Sanders, 41, of 718 North Alabama street, following an accident Friday afternoon at Michigan street and Capitol avenue, where a car driven by Sanders collided with another driven by Owen Arbaugh, 28, of 2908 North New Jersey street.

### ELLIOTT JOINS LAUTH

Auto Sales Executive Takes Post  
With Rockne Distributors.

Appointment of F. L. Elliott as assistant sales manager of Lauth Motors, Inc., Rockne distributors, was announced today by A. J. Lauth, president.

Formerly associated with the North Side Chevrolet Company, Elliott has been prominent in auto sales circles for the last ten years. Elliott was a member of the "Chevrolet" 100 Car Club.

Elliot

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## Pupils Sew for Charity



## Mrs. Marshall Field III Is Hurt in Hunt Fall

### 195 CANDIDATES FILED TO DATE

### Three Times That Many Are Expected in Primary.

Although 195 candidates for legislative, judicial and congressional offices in the May primary have filed with Frank May Jr., secretary of state, at least three times that number are expected to register by April 2, the final filing day.

Albert R. Hall of Marion, former congressional representative from the old Eleventh district, has filed for the Republican nomination from the new Fifth. He was defeated in 1930 by Glenn Griswold, Democrat, of Peru, who is a candidate for renomination and re-election.

Two candidates for the Republican nomination for coroner filed today with the county clerk.

They are Dr. Austin H. Todd of 933 West Twenty-ninth street, councilman during the Duvall administration, and Edwin L. Olsen of 3710 North Gale street.

Herbert E. Wilson, prosecutor, filed for renomination on the Democratic ticket.

George Bailey, 3700 North Olney street, filed for the Republican nomination for county commissioner from the second district.

### LINDBERGH BABY DOUBLE FOUND

### City Child's Resemblance Brings Police Call.

Close resemblance of curly-headed Frank Wilmeth Jr., and the missing Lindbergh baby brought police to his home today, after a young man slipped into the office of Chief Mike Morrissey and whispered excitedly:

"I've found the Lindbergh baby."

Sergeant Edwin H. Krus and squad were dispatched hastily to Frank's home at 423 Hudson street. They found the little boy playing with a copy of The Times containing a picture of kidnapped child and also had clippings of newspaper stories of the case.

The Wilmeth child is 3, while the missing baby is less than 2, but Frank is small for his age and his curly hair and other points of appearance tally with those of the other child, police assert.

The police informant said he was driving past the Wilmeth home and saw the child at a window and noticed instantly the resemblance to the Lindbergh baby. He said the child was removed quickly from the window by a woman who drew down a blind.

The child's mother recalled the incident. Frank had been indulging in the childish prank of rubbing his hands on the steamed glass and his mother snatched him away. Mrs. Wilmeth said she was aware previously that her son resembles the Lindbergh baby.

### YOUTH CUT IN FIGHT

One Held After Brawl; Disturbance  
at Party Is Charged.

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