

RATE PETITION ACTION VIEWED INSULL VICTORY

Utility Plea Assigned to Cuthbertson, Advocate of Power Loop.

Another victory for the Insull interests was scored with the public service commission today when Chairman John W. McCord announced he has assigned the Northern Indiana Power Company rate petition to Commissioner Harry K. Cuthbertson.

The petition asks creation of a central Indiana power loop, with standardized rates, such as the long fought for "south system."

Cuthbertson has been an ardent advocate of the power loop plan since he became a commissioner. He finally obtained approval of the south system set-up under the guise of a rate reduction.

Written by Singleton

Should the central power loop be given recognition, it will mean that the commission stand in the Martinsville case, which makes the city, and not the electric utility district, the unit for rate making, but a theoretical matter.

Commissioner Frank Singleton wrote the Martinsville order and it was upheld in federal court when three judges put the O.K. on the findings of the master's report. In all since has appealed the case to the United States supreme court.

Singleton has many petitions for rate reductions in the district covered by the Northern Indiana Power Company, which were filed by citizens seeking relief. It was supposed when the company brought in the petition it would go to Singleton to be combined with the rate payers' petitions.

Not Loop Advocate

But Singleton is not a power loop plan advocate.

Under this theory, the whole property of the company in use in supplying electric service to a district must be used in making rates which would be standardized throughout the territory. The latest Insull petition hints that such standardization will mean increasing rates, as their present revenues are insufficient.

The Northern Indiana Power Company supplies 185 communities and rural areas in central Indiana. Among the larger towns are Kokomo, Huntington, Noblesville, Rochester, Wabash, Clinton, Martinsville, Sullivan, Jasonville, Greenfield and Attica.

UTILITY RATE SLASH ASKED FOR WABASH

Strey Files for House Seat, Then Seeks General Cuts.

Following his filing as a candidate for the Republican nomination for congress from the fifth district, State Senator Charles L. Strey, Wabash, filed petitions with the public service commission Tuesday asking reductions in electric, gas and water rates in his home town.

These properties are Insull owned. The electric service is from the Northern Indiana Power Company, which filed a petition Tuesday asking a power loop plan of rate making in central Indiana, which would mean rate increases, in some instances.

Ashley citizens also filed for reduced electric rates from the Northern Indiana Public Service Company.

Board to Visit Circus

Members of the state board of education will drive to Peru following their meeting Friday and visit the American Circus Corporation headquarters there. The trip has been arranged by Arthur S. Thomas, Peru, member of the board and superintendent of the Miami county schools.

She's Lost her Patience . . . and Hurts the ones she Loves!



Irritable, Grouchy Wives!

"DON'T speak to me," she cries. "I'm all upset and want to be alone."

Why is it . . . as soon as a woman's nerves become excited she hurts the ones she loves.

She has no patience with anybody. Everything seems to make her unhappy . . . despondent.

No husband can understand the reason why. What has changed her into a silent, moody woman . . . always grumbling and flying into a rage over a trifle?

Those dreadful headaches and backaches . . . that depresses

AKRON TO BLAZE TRADE TRAIL

Honolulu Hop to Have Bearing on Air-Sea Commerce

By NEA Service

WHEN the navy's big new dirigible Akron sails away from its New Jersey home port at Lakehurst in the middle of April on a cruise to San Diego and perhaps Hawaii, it will carry with it—in addition to a crew of husky and competent young sailors—the hopes of American backers of commercial transoceanic dirigible service.

Already bills have been introduced in congress to provide government assistance for such lines.

This would be done by applying existing laws governing steamship operations to aircraft.

No direct government subsidies would be involved, but the airships would be allowed to receive contracts for carrying mail, which would make their operation commercially profitable.

It is believed here that congressional approval of these measures will may depend largely on the Akron's performance during its coming Pacific flight.

Two corporations already have been formed to develop passenger airship lines. In each of them the Goodyear-Zeppelin firm, builder of the Akron, plays a prominent part.

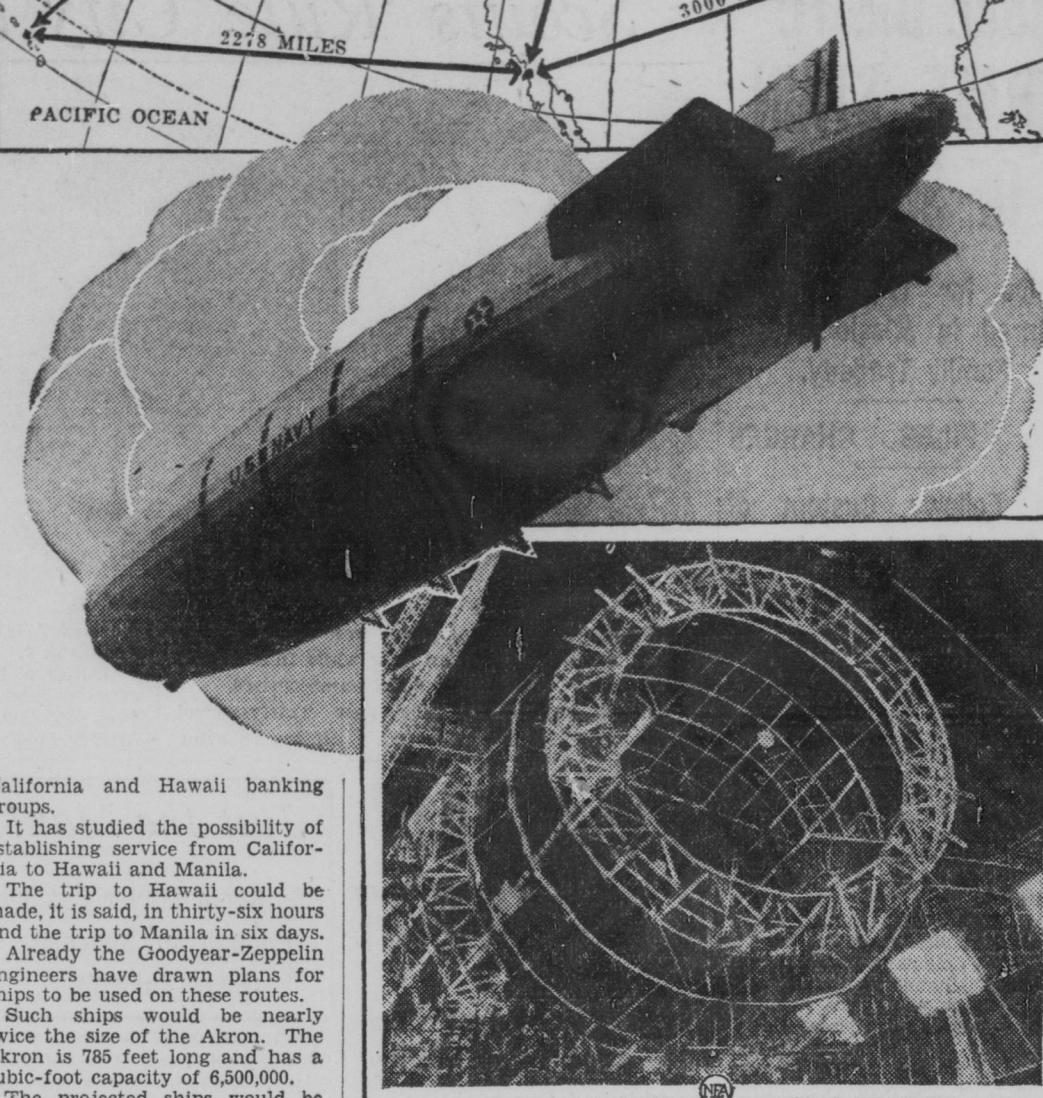
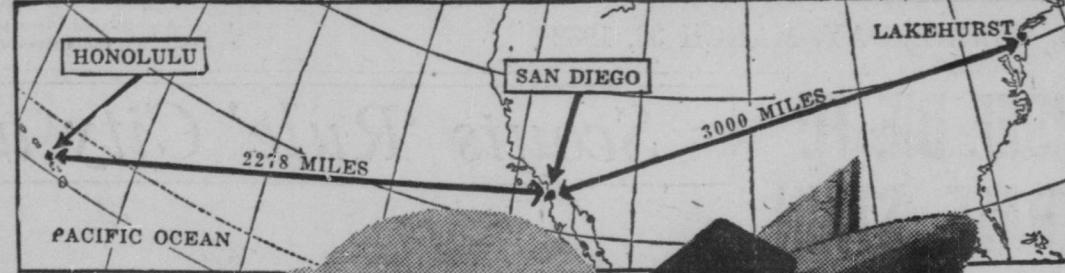
One corporation, the International Zeppelin Transport Corporation, takes the Atlantic for its field.

Associated with the Goodyear-Zeppelin in it are such banking firms as the National City Company, Lehman Brothers and G. M.-P. Murphy, and such industrial groups as the Aluminum Company of America and Carbide and Chemicals Corporation.

Studies carried forward by this corporation indicate that service could be instituted from Washington to Paris on a two and one-half day schedule, with three and one-half days allowed for the return trip.

Flights could be made on schedule, it is believed, 80 per cent of the time and the line could get all the business it could handle if it could win only 4 per cent of the existing de luxe passenger steamship traffic.

The Pacific-Zeppelin Transport Corporation has the Pacific as its field. It includes the firms grouped in the Atlantic venture, and in addition the four American-owned steamship lines operating over the Pacific and several



California and Hawaii banking groups.

It has studied the possibility of establishing service from California to Hawaii and Manila.

The trip to Hawaii could be made, it is said, in thirty-six hours and the trip to Manila in six days.

Already the Goodyear-Zeppelin engineers have drawn plans for ships to be built in early twice the size of the Akron. The Akron is 755 feet long and has a cubic-foot capacity of 6,500,000.

The projected ships would be substantially longer and would have between 10,000,000 and 11,000,000 cubic foot capacity.

They would be able to carry approximately 100 passengers each and many tons of mail, and would be fitted elaborately to give their passengers complete comfort.

Eventually, it is said, airships of 15,000,000 cubic foot capacity will be built. But at present there are not anywhere in the world docking facilities that would accommodate such aerial giants.

NAMED FIRE CAPTAIN

Henry H. Schilling Promoted to Successor Hallock Pruitt.

Henry H. Schilling, Lieutenant at pumper company No. 5, today assumed his duties as captain, following his promotion by the safety board to succeed Captain Hallock Pruitt.

K. Pruitt of Engine House 24, who retired Saturday, Schilling, a Democrat, was appointed to the force in 1915 and promoted to lieutenant in 1927.

Albert G. Barnes, private, was promoted to lieutenant to succeed Schilling. Barnes was appointed in

TEST SUIT FILED ON CHAIN TAX FUNDS

Action to Determine Whether State Aid Schools Are Recipients.

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Floyd E. Williamson, state auditor, who has announced he will not pay funds without a court order, is defendant in the suit.

The store tax law of 1929 provided that amounts collected by the close of the fiscal years 1929, 1930 and 1931 should be paid to the schools. No tax was collected until the 1931 fiscal year.

Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobile reported to police as stolen.

Carrie Myers, 3432 West Tenth street, Chevrolet sedan, found at Northwestern avenue and Fifteenth street.

BACK HOME AGAIN

Stolen automobiles recovered by police

Stephen Ewing, 2910 Indianapolis avenue, Hudson sedan, found at Northwestern avenue and Fifteenth street.

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KIRKLAND TRIAL JUDGE TO FACE BALLOT BATTLE

Criticism of Sentence Stirs
Strong Candidates to
Enter Race.

By United Press

VALPARAISO, Ind., March 30.—The widely publicized Virgil Kirkland trials and the comparatively light sentence meted the Gary youth have resulted in a rush of candidates for Judge Grant Crumpler's bench in Porter circuit court.

Two Republicans and two Democrats already have announced their intention of opposing Judge Crumpler. Three have strong political records.

Political observers here say the unusually large number of candidates comes as a protest against the one to ten-year reformatory sentence imposed by Judge Crumpler on Kirkland when he was convicted on a charge in connection with the death of Arlene Draves, his sweetheart.

In a previous trial, Kirkland was found guilty of first degree murder and had been sentenced to life imprisonment.

The new trial was granted by Judge Crumpler.

Observers point out that, in contrast with the present situation, when Judge Crumpler was elected six years ago, he was accorded the nomination and election without opposition.

A few weeks ago Judge Crumpler printed a series of articles in the Valparaiso Vidette-Messenger in which he explained his actions in the second Kirkland trial. His present candidacy, he says, is to seek public approval of his decision in the Kirkland case.

The other candidates are Ira C. Tamm, former a leader of Porter county Democrats; E. W. Agar, former mayor; Charles E. Jensen, former county prosecutor, and Professor Virgil Berry of Valparaiso university law school.

'WOLF' IS ST. BERNARD

Dog Is Shot Down After Killing \$100 Worth of Sheep.

By United Press

WARSAW, Ind., March 30.—Farmers near here complained that a large "wolf" was killing their sheep. They organized a hunt for the animal, killed it and discovered it was a St. Bernard dog.

It was estimated that the dog killed more than \$100 worth of sheep in the last few months.

The dog was obtained by Roy Sarjent, living near Syracuse, last fall. It ran away and was not seen by Sarjent until it was killed.

Killer Is Given Respite on Eve of Chair Death

Sumner Asks Court Aid in
Road Cop Fight.

Sheriff Charles (Buck) Sumner today had resorted to the courts in his effort to have the county council restore his road patrol system, abolished last fall to be councilmen an economy measure.

Charles A. Grossart, county auditor, and councilmen are defendants in a suit in superior court two, seeking to invalidate the council to appropriate funds.

The editor, by the suit, would be mandated to call a special session of the council to appropriate \$26,706.

With this appropriation, Sumner declared he could restore seventeen deputies to duty, affording police protection for all residents of the county outside the city limits.

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