

PINCHOT BREAKS UTILITY'S HOLD ON COMMISSION

Chairman Forced to Resign and Consumers Vision Rate Slashes.

BY LEO SACK
Times Staff Writer

HARRISBURG, Pa., Aug. 3.—Governor Gifford Pinchot's long fight to restore Pennsylvania's public utilities to the control of the people today is about to be crowned with success.

Complete and early reorganization of the Pennsylvania public service commission, which Pinchot charged was the tool of the utilities, is anticipated. With the Pinchot reorganization, electric light consumers anticipate a reduction in rates.

Pinchot's victory results from the resignation late Tuesday of W. D. B. Alney, chairman of the commission for the last seventeen years, whom Pinchot charged with being too friendly with the utilities and too indifferent to the people. Ten days ago Pinchot filed charges against Alney alleging:

First, that he permitted the Philadelphia company, controlling the Pittsburgh public service companies, to pay his \$3,073.40 bill at Johns Hopkins hospital in Baltimore from Dec. 23, 1925, to April 9, 1926.

Perjury Is Charged

Second, that he permitted the million interests of Philadelphia to pay his transportation to Europe in 1927.

Third, that he committed perjury when he asserted under oath that he never has been the recipient of gifts or bribes from any person or corporation.

Fourth, that he has become a rich man through property acquired "from improper sources."

The charges, which rocked the state, were of such character that a senate hostile to Pinchot was going to investigate the allegations.

But Pennsylvania public utilities apparently did not want their activities brought into the open, and the anti-Pinchot politicians in the legislature preferred not to have any investigation.

Another Resigns Post

Alney was persuaded to resign while Pinchot was in Washington urging the reconstruction finance corporation to authorize a \$45,000,000 loan for the relief of Pennsylvania needy.

Public Service Commissioner Emerson Collins of Williamsport, also under fire by Pinchot, resigned Monday, effective October 1, but Pinchot is accepting his resignation effective "at once."

Alney and Collins will be succeeded by commissioners sympathetic with Pinchot's "fair rate" campaign.

Robbed White on Vacation

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'It' Scarce Among Film Stars, Says Blond Joan

Punctures 'Gable Myth'; Dick Barthelmess 'Has True Appeal.'

BY RONALD WAGONER
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HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Aug. 3.—Joan Blondell, one of the most vivacious blonds in Hollywood at the present writing, takes a few minutes of her leisure to give a bird's eye view of prominent movie men by one who works with them.

"Take Gilbert," said the Blondell, "is there any one with less sex appeal, really, than John? Fire he a smile that's contagious, but none of these is what makes him attractive. There's something else and I think it is boyishness."

Solves 'Gable Myth'

And has Blondell solved the Gable myth?

"Gable," queried blond Joan, "Now here is one that's going to surprise you. I don't think Gable has what people give him credit for having."

"He came in with hard times. At a time when most women, for example, were looking for a husband with substantiality and strength. Gable suggested both. But he does not have sex appeal."

"Dick Barthelmess! His is the appeal that has lasted for years. He's the sort women fall desperately in love with—good looking, kind, tender looking."

Sex Appeal Is Elusive

He's got a romantic and wistful quality. At any rate, I think he's the most dangerous of men."

Joan said William Powell was the sort of a man any woman would be proud to have as an escort to dinner or the theater. She termed James Cagney "primitive, a symbol of direct action."

All of which leads to the belief that sex appeal is a very elusive article.

Joan admitted as much and said she very much objected to people who tried to call her an "It" girl.

SHAFT FALL FATAL

Frank Walker, Warehouse Aid, Is Dead.

Fractured skull received in a fall down an elevator shaft Monday at his place of employment caused the death early today of Frank Walker, 53, of 440 West Maple Road boulevard, at the Methodist hospital.

A verdict of accidental death was returned by Deputy Coroner J. E. Wyttenbach.

Walker, who was superintendent of the Tripp warehouse, 620 South Capitol avenue, was found at the bottom of the shaft by employees.

None saw the accident or could tell how Walker happened to fall into the shaft.

His absence was not noticed until his signature was necessary on a bill of lading, employees told police, and a search made in the building for him. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

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6 LIVES TAKEN BY CLOUDBURST IN KENTUCKY

Heavy Damage Is Caused in Bluegrass Region by Storm.

By United Press

LEXINGTON, Ky., Aug. 3.—The bluegrass region was swept Tuesday by cloudbursts that cost six lives, did property damage amounting to a million dollars, and left the business and residential sections of Lexington today a sodden, reeking mud-flat.

Power lines were broken. Telephones were put out of commission. Bridges were washed away, and farm houses were swept into swollen creeks.

The six occupants of a little home in Jessamine county, ten miles from Lexington, were trapped, when the cloud burst descended and washed their house into a raging torrent. All were drowned.

The dead: Mrs. Eddie Bryant, Jesse Bryant, 9; Willard Bryant, 10; Mrs. Mary Ison, 23; Geneva Ison, 5; Herschel Ison, 2.

Two ugly, opaque clouds appeared to converge over Lexington at day-break Tuesday.

They released crashing sheets of water, drenching the city and filling the storm sewers until the choked conduits overflowed, and sent streams of water several feet deep through the principal streets.

The yellow flood lashed down rural hillside, cutting out the rich grass and leaving ugly, yellow erosion.

The official record of the cloudburst was that seven and a half inches had fallen within six hours.

At the height of the storm, four feet of water rushed through the main business street of Lexington, filling basements and ruining stored merchandise.

SENATE BUDGET CUTS

Senate Committee to Consider House Action Thursday.

Budget cuts, as passed by the house in revising the 1932-33 state expenditures, will be considered by the senate committee of the whole at 10 a. m. Thursday.

The house cut 15 per cent from all departments and 10 per cent from state institution budgets.

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Quarrel Is Revealed in Airman's Murder Trial

Captain Lancaster, Partner of Mrs. Keith-Miller, in Fight for Life.

By United Press

COURTROOM, MIAMI, Fla., Aug. 3.—Haden Clarke and Captain William N. Lancaster engaged in a bitter argument a few hours before Clarke was shot fatally, Mrs. Jessie M. Keith-Miller, in whose home the shooting occurred, testified today in the trial of Lancaster on a charge of first degree murder in Clarke's death.

Clarke was found dying of a bullet wound on the sleeping porch he occupied with Lancaster in the bungalow home of Mrs. Jessie M. Keith-Miller, Australian woman flier.

Lancaster had been Mrs. Keith-Miller's flying partner in a London-Australia flight and other air tours in many countries for five years. Clarke had been engaged to write Mrs. Keith-Miller's biography.

When Clarke died in a Miami hospital, Mrs. Keith-Miller revealed they were to have been married.

Both Mrs. Keith-Miller and Lancaster have insisted steadfastly that Clarke committed suicide because of financial discouragement.

The state contends Lancaster killed Clarke because he, too, loved Mrs. Keith-Miller.



Mrs. Keith-Miller and Captain W. N. Lancaster.

CITY MAN NABS ALLEGED THIEF

Leaps From Porch, Seizes Robber Suspect.

By United Press

Leaping from his porch swing and seizing a shotgun, John Johnson, 714 Fayette street, captured an alleged robber Tuesday night and fired at another man who escaped.

Johnson told police he saw the two men attempt to remove a spare tire from an automobile parked near his home. He captured a man giving his name as Evin Stanton, 32, of 405 West Tenth street, and held him for arrival of police.

The second man ran through a yard. Johnson said he fired in the air to halt the man, but he continued running. Stanton is held on vagrancy charges, pending investigation.

Police arrested George Daniels, 2437 Martindale avenue, on charge of burglary when he was found early today in the poolroom of Frank Blackwell, Thirteenth street, and Columbia avenue. Glass in a side door had been broken.

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BIG FOUR ROUTE

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Joan Blondell

ROBS WOMAN IN FIGHT, ESCAPES

Gets Diamond Ring, \$45 in Bedroom Battle.

Breaking into the residence of Mrs. Z. Alfred Cunningham, 39, of 2961 Washington boulevard, a Negro thief early today fought with her and stole a diamond ring, valued at \$250, and \$45 in money.

The ring and money were contained in a handkerchief pinned to Mrs. Cunningham's night clothing. The burglar tore part of her clothing in the fight.

Screams of Mrs. Cunningham awoke her son Morris, 15, asleep in an adjoining room, and Wayne Gill, who occupies a second floor apartment. By the time they reached her side Mrs. Cunningham had collapsed.

The burglar, to gain entrance to the bedroom, is believed to have used the blade of a knife or some other similar instrument to lift hooks of screens of double doors.

Description of the Negro was incomplete. He escaped before Morris Cunningham and Gill reached Mrs. Cunningham's room. Mrs. Cunningham was treated for nervous shock after the encounter.

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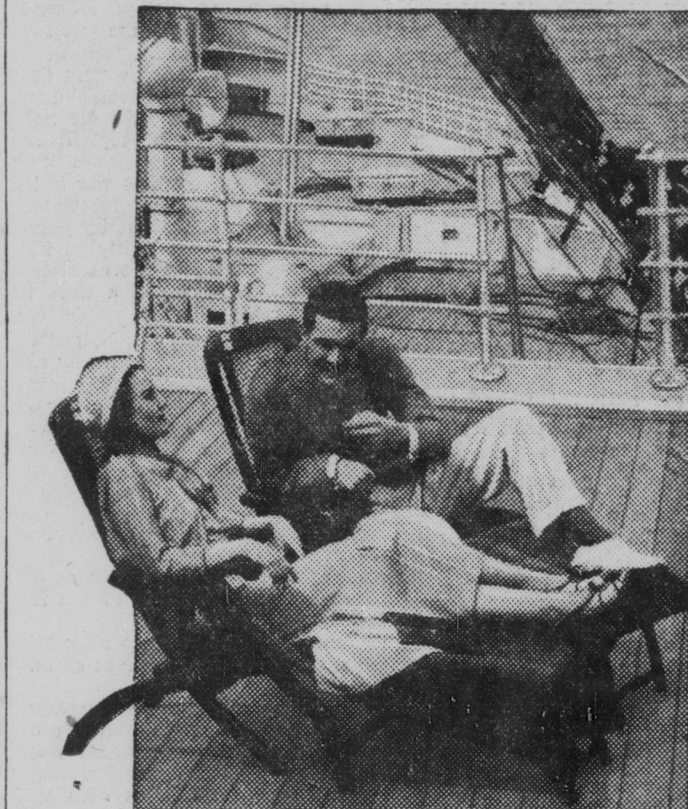
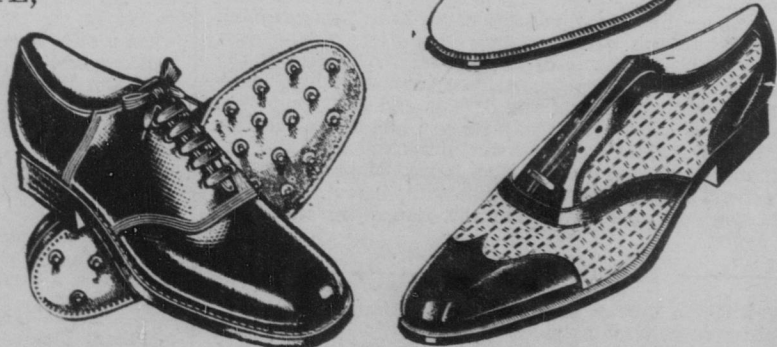
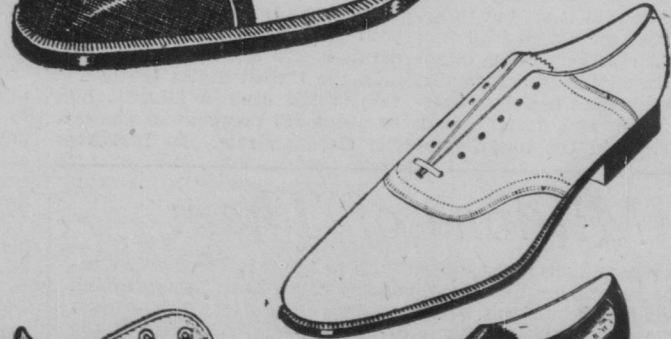
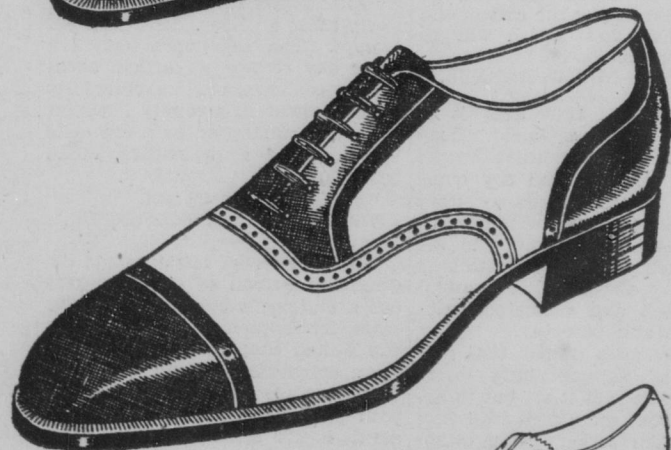
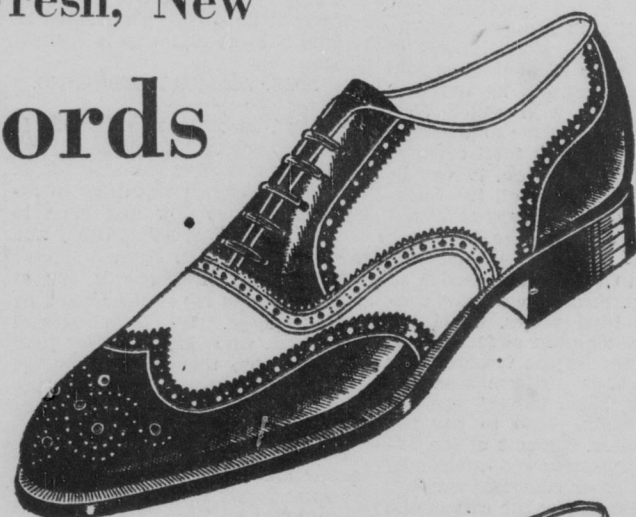
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