

PINCHOT BREAKS UTILITY'S HOLD ON COMMISSION

Chairman Forced to Resign
and Consumers Vision
Rate Slashes.

BY LEO SACK
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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. Ainey, 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 Ainey 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 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

Ainey was persuaded to resign while Pinchot was in Washington urging the reconstruction finance corporation to authorize a \$45,000 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."

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

Robbed While on Vacation

When Harry Burton, 1133 North DeQuincy street, returned from his vacation Tuesday, he found that his home had been entered. Savings bank containing about \$5 and a shot gun valued at \$35 had been stolen, he said.

'It's Scarce Among Film Stars, Says Blond Joan

Punctures 'Gable Myth';
Dick Barthelmes '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, yes, and charm. Nice manners, really, than John? Fire him a smile that's contagious, but none of these is what makes him attractive. There's something else and I think it is boishness."

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 Barthelmes' His

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 magnetic 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. Wittenbach.

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.



Joan Blondell

ROBS WOMAN IN FIGHT, ESCAPES

Gets Diamond Ring, \$45 in Bedroom Battle.

SURVEY BUDGET CUTS

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