

PUBLIC UTILITY FIGHT IS WON; BILL IS PASSED

Measure Permits Cities to Buy, Build and Run Own Concerns.

Several years' battle came to a successful conclusion today when Governor Harry G. Leslie was presented with senate bill 417, which permits municipalities to purchase, construct and operate utilities without interference from the public service commission.

The bill, framed by the Municipal Rights League of Indiana, passed the house of representatives by a 64 to 23 vote after a desperate attempt to amend was made by its opponents in order to force delay and ultimate death of the measure.

Under this bill a city may condemn a privately-owned utility for the purpose of its purchase, and retire the bonds to pay for the property through earnings.

Council May Fix Rates Rates may be fixed by the city council instead of the public service commission and existing municipally-owned properties are removed from the domination by the latter body.

If the city council and utility officials are unable to agree on a purchase price the records are submitted to the circuit court whose decision shall be final.

A duplicate bill which was introduced in and passed by the house, was amended beyond all recognition in the senate and the final hope of public ownership proponents was based on Senate Bill 417 which managed to get out of that body without change.

Leslie Believed in Favor Although Leslie has uttered no expression regarding public ownership, it is believed that he will sign the bill. It is backed by 400 cities and towns in the state, eager to escape from under the yoke of private ownership of utilities, according to the speakers.

Those seeking to amend the bill were led by Representatives Walter E. Stanton (Dem.), Gary, and Gerritt Bates (Dem.), Indianapolis, despite the warnings by the proponents that changes meant the measure's death.

The vote on the bill follows: For the Bill (64)

DEMOCRATS (41) Linker, McCann, Bennett, Benz, Riddle, Black, Boyd, Brauchton, Biers, Canby, Connel, Conner, Curry, Doulass, Egan, Eikenberry, Finney, Fitzgibbon, Frilling, Giles, Galloway, Haines, Journeay, Kenney, Krueger, Kuspert, Adams, REPUBLICANS (11) Eshelman, Eshelman, Evans, Foster, Griggs, Grimm

Against the Bill (23) ALLIANCE (11) Bates, Carr, Dahling, Gwin, Hoffman, REPUBLICANS (12) Bakenek, Bachmire, Coleman, Cromer, Dwyer, Furnas, Absent (9) DEMOCRATS (7) Crawford, Ellyson, Fary, Salata, REPUBLICANS (2) Guernsey

'VILLAGE SMITHY' IS SAVED JAIL SENTENCE Judge Remembers His Longfellow; So He Merely Fines Fred.

Longfellow and his good-natured "village smithy," who always stood beneath a spreading chestnut tree, was the only thing that pulled the chestnuts out of the fire for Fred Blasengym of 809 South New Jersey street, in municipal court three, Wednesday afternoon.

Blasengym, charged with being drunk and turning his smithy shop at 952 South East street into a recuperation depot for intoxicated buddies was saved from a state farm sentence because T. C. Whallon, judge pro tem., knew his Longfellow.

"Ten and costs and costs suspended. I'll give you two weeks to shoe horses to pay the fine," declared Whallon as he admitted seeing kindred spirits—not of the beverage kind—in Longfellow's anvil worker and Blasengym.

STEAMFITTER PRESIDENT CANDIDATE TO SPEAK Socialist Labor Party Choice to Head U. S. Will Be Here Friday Night.

Vern L. Reynolds of New York, the Socialist Labor party's steamfitter candidate for President, will speak at 8 Friday night in the old Elks building, 116 East Maryland street, as a part of a coast to coast campaign tour.

Reynolds, whose parents were born of pioneer stock near Peru, Ind., is a native of Parsons, Kan.

Before mastering the steamfitter's trade, Reynolds worked as an insurance and real estate agent, farmer, powder plant employee, cook, sprinkler fitter and shipyard pipefitter.

Because of his radical views, he was once expelled from the steamfitters union, but later was reinstated.

Cell Olympics By United Press JOLIET, Ill., Aug. 11.—The first penitentiary "Olympic games" were tentatively scheduled Wednesday for the week of Sept. 1.

Warden F. D. Whipp of the Stateville Penitentiary and Assistant Warden E. M. Stubblefield, in charge of the old prison, went into conference, after track and field athletes of the two prisons petitioned for permission to hold their own Olympics.

"The pole vault is all that's worrying us," said Stubblefield. "We don't want any convict getting proficient enough to vault fourteen feet—that would put him over the wall."

Slain Man's Pet 'on Guard'



Truxie, the poodle owned by Monroe Jackson, 51-year-old recluse, whose body was found yesterday afternoon in his shack at the Adler street dump, remains on guard at the scene of the slaying. She is shown with Orville La Follette, 21, of 520 West McCarty street, friend of Jackson's, who discovered the body.

REALTORS BACK DRIVE FOR BANK

Federal Home Loan Branch Sought for City.

Support of realtors throughout the state is being accorded the movement to obtain one of the new federal home loan banks for Indianapolis.

To telegrams and letters sent to the newly named federal home loan bank board by local realtors, builders and bankers, has been added a letter by Harold Hobbs, Muncie, Indiana Real Estate Association president, giving support of the 1,000 Indiana members, to the local movement.

"Lack of adequate financing has throttled residential construction in Indianapolis the last two years," J. Harry Miles, Indianapolis Home Builders' Association president, wrote the board.

"We believe that a most conservative estimate is that there are 250 families in our community willing and able to build a home today if they could receive the usual financing—the financing which the new system will make available."

150 AT STATE PARKS Annual Farmers' Guide Trip to Conclude Saturday.

State parks, game preserves and state forests in several southern Indiana counties were to be visited today by 150 persons who left Indianapolis on the annual tour of the Indiana Farmers' Guide.

The tour of 400 miles will conclude here Saturday. Conservation department representatives will accompany the tour to explain different phases of the department's work.

25 AT PICNIC, NONE CAN SWIM; GIRL DROWNS 11-Year-Old Child Slightly Beyond Depth, but Friends Are Helpless.

ELKHART, Ind., Aug. 11.—Absence of a single person who could swim among twenty girls on a 4-F club picnic on the banks of Elkhart river, near here, cost the life of 11-year-old Jane McCreary, one of the picnicers.

The girl was only slightly beyond her depth, near the shore of the river, but none of her companions dared to attempt the rescue.

Steals Child to Lavish Love on Her; Held as Mental Case

Achieves Dream of Dressing Girl as She Wished; Then Goes to Jail.

By Times Special NEW YORK, Aug. 11.—Men can't resist her.

Women sigh and exclaim over her; they love her.

And if you knew Florence, you, too, would understand that she is the belle of her neighborhood.

She's the kind of girl that the shopkeepers always give six license drops for a penny, instead of four.

All the mothers secretly long for their daughters to be just like her; she's that sweet.

For Florence has eyes that are blue, that sparkle with all the mischief, the pathos and the guile of any siren of history.

Her hair is yellow, until recently done in a Dutch bob.

Perfection to Rita She is 4 years old.

To Rita, who lives a few doors away, Florence is the peak of all perfection, the wonder of wonders, the climax of the development of the race.

Rita, is a hard working girl of 20, a good girl, and a girl to whom the soft voices of children are the same as a great symphony to a master musician.

Freaks Fear

Seal Boy Hurt, in Hospital; Dime Circus Folk See Evil Omen.

By United Press NEW YORK, Aug. 11.—The seal boy was in the hospital today with a possible fractured skull, and even the trained fleas of the Forty-second street dime circus hopped in anxiety over the evil omen.

The seal boy, no arms and shriveled legs, was being carried to a taxi cab after the grand performance Wednesday night.

An automobile whizzed by. The seal boy was dropped to the pavement as his bearer jumped to safety.

This was the first such mishap in the seal boy's thirty-three years of trouping.

Even Prince Eric Zulons, the intrepid glass eater, was reported suffering nervous indigestion.

The seal boy, Grover Cleveland Bramel, belittled the accident himself. "Only a bump," he declared. "I'll be back, more of a freak than ever."

3 F. R. BONIFIELD MOVES Attorney Now Occupies Offices in Indiana Trust Building.

Frederick R. Bonifield, Indianapolis attorney for more than thirty years, has moved his offices from the Fletcher Trust building to 419-21 Indiana Trust Company. Bonifield is Ninth ward Republican chairman.

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JAPAN'S THREAT OF ISOLATION IS 'SUICIDE' EDICT

In No Position to Sever All Its Ties With Western World, Say Experts.

BY WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS Scripps-Howard Foreign Editor WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—Severance by Japan of her ties with the western world because of her anger over the refusal of the United States and the League of Nations to recognize her conquest in China would be national suicide.

Such is the opinion of diplomats here following reports of Tokio's bitter criticism of state secretary Henry L. Stimson's speech dealing with the Kellogg pact, and its bearing on the Chinese-Japanese war in Manchuria.

Such action by Japan would mean her almost complete isolation. Repudiation of the Kellogg pact outlawing war would leave her exactly where she stood before, unless, at the same time, she also repudiates her signature to the nine-power treaty and the covenant of the League of Nations.

Threatens to Quit League The nine-power treaty pledges signatories to safeguard the territorial and political integrity of China and the covenant of the league binds members, precisely as does the Kellogg pact, not to use force in the settlement of international disputes without first exhausting the method of peace.

Japan already has threatened, more or less openly, to cut loose from the league and withdraw from the nine-power treaty. Both hampered the freedom of action of her armies in China.

Today, rumors are current that the league commission, appointed to investigate Japan's sudden invasion of Manchuria and subsequent attack on Shanghai, will place the burden of blame on the Japanese.

Matters Are Near a Head If that is so, it is expected to bring matters to a head. Japan then would have to decide whether she wishes to remain outside the world community of nations, and eventually make such amends as may be proposed, else defy the world, and resign from all her commitments.

It is not believed that Japan is in a position to risk such a drastic move, or so sweeping a gesture. Certainly, she could not do so without the support of one or more of the more powerful European nations.

Japan's financial and economic situation is far from good. She has little gold.

Since she abandoned the gold standard last December, the yen has steadily fallen. Tuesday it was quoted at 26.25 to the dollar. A week ago it was 27.19. Par is approximately 50 cent.

Already uneasiness in Japan over Manchuria is having effect. A badly unbalanced budget is in prospect. Inflation is feared. The Chinese boycott continues unabated, despite all that Japan has done to check it.

Were Japan suddenly to sever her association with the other powers, that fact alone, it is believed, would have serious economic and financial consequences.

It would mean, among other things, that Japan had chosen to buck the universe alone, with years of certain trouble ahead of her in China, even if nothing more serious developed.

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GANG GUNNERS MURDER RIVAL IN BEER WAR

Chicago Labor Racketeer Is Shot Down in Front of His Cabaret.

By United Press CHICAGO, Aug. 11.—Machine-gun killers ended the career of Joe (Big Rabbit) Connell, 35, brewer and minor labor racketeer, just before midnight on Wednesday night.

Connell was shot down outside his saloon and cabaret, in what police believe was retaliation for his cut-price beer sales.

Officers were investigating also a possibility that Connell had sought to break into the lucrative rackets connected with the Teamsters' union.

Connell was slain by three men who fired from a small sedan. He had stepped to the door of his cabaret for a breath of air as the automobile approached.

"Come here, Joe," one of the men said, "I want to talk to you."

As Connell advanced, machine-gun fire cut him down.

Recently, police were advised, Connell had been selling beer to north side saloons at \$30 a barrel. The Capone syndicate price is \$55. This activity was believed to have resulted in his death.

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