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\$18,000,000 FLOOD CONTROL PROPOSAL IS SIDETRACKED

Pigeon Hole Action to Bring Attack From Indiana Congresswoman.

TWO RIVERS INCLUDED

U. S. Engineers Break on Plan to Halt State's Heavy Losses.

BY WALKER STONE
Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7.—Indiana's plea for federal expenditure of \$18,000,000 to curb the semi-annual floods of the Wabash and White rivers rests uncertainly in a pigeon-hole in the offices of the federal emergency administration of public works.

But it is not likely that a spider web will be cobweb over that pigeon-hole for Mrs. Virginia E. Jenckes, Democratic congresswoman from the Sixth Indiana district, is not allowing the public works administration to forget for a minute that the \$18,000,000 application is on file.

At times the PWA experts have acted as though they would like to forget the Wabash-White flood control project, and give all their attention to other applications for funds—projects of a type that are prima facie within the province of the federal government.

Engineers Are Divided

There is no dispute as to the economic soundness of spending \$18,000,000 to control the flood waters of the two Indiana streams. The point at issue is "Who shall pay the bill?" It is a question of policy. The P. W. A. engineers are divided.

On group takes the position that, since the territory to be benefited lies wholly within Indiana and a section of southeastern Illinois, the cost should be assessed against the residents of the Wabash and White basins. Another group, who are by the insistence of Mrs. Jenckes that the residents of the flood-stricken area are too poor to pay the bill, contend that the federal government must step in and save the lives and property of the people who live along the two rivers.

Until that question of policy is determined, there can be no decision on the application. If the \$18,000,000 allotment is made, the P. W. A. officials realize that immediately thereafter they will receive scores of demands for similar flood control allocations, coming from all sections of the country.

Fight for Project

To try to force a showdown on the project, Mrs. Jenckes, who has been making speeches for several days in Indiana, will return to Washington next week to confer with Interior Secretary Harold I. Ickes and Colonel H. M. Waite, administrator and deputy administrator of public works.

Since early in July, Mrs. Jenckes has been showering the P. W. A. with letters and briefs on the necessity of the federal government undertaking the flood control improvements. She engineered a hearing Sept. 8 before a P. W. A. subcommittee, where she marshaled to the support of the project other members of the Indiana delegation and representatives of practically all of the influential groups in Indiana.

The only dissenting voice at this hearing was that of General Lytle Brown, chief of army engineers, who said, among other things, that \$18,000,000 worth of levees constructed would leave many unprotected gaps along the banks of the two streams.

Co-operation Lacking, Claim

Another objection of General Brown's was that farmers and others who own property adjacent to the rivers could not be depended upon to co-operate with the government. Mrs. Jenckes met this objection by asking for and receiving hundreds of telegrams from property owners and local levee boards promising to donate to the government land for the levee right-of-way and borrow pits to supply earth for the embankments.

From Mrs. Jenckes' office today the following statement was made:

"I am sure that the advisory board of the federal emergency administration of public works will act favorably upon the petition of the people living in the 33,000 square miles which comprise the drainage area of the Wabash and White rivers.

"Congress intended for the people to have protection against the devastating annual and semi-annual floods which have destroyed a minimum of \$2,000,000 worth of property a year for many years, and in addition have taken a toll of life. The citizens of this great and important area of our nation have offered to give the government free of charge, rights of way and borrow pit materials and to co-operate in every possible manner.

"I have advised President Roosevelt and Secretary Ickes that the federal government can make no greater contribution toward industrial recovery of the 33,000 square miles located in one of the most important parts of the United States, than to authorize immediately an adequate and comprehensive Wabash and White rivers flood control. We are entitled to it. We have submitted all of the necessary evidence to show the necessity and requirement. We have proved that it is an emergency measure, having a direct influence on the industrial recovery of the states of Indiana, Illinois and Ohio. We patiently are awaiting action from the public works administration."

UTILITY DEAL 'HEADACHE' TO CITY OFFICIALS

Contract Is Costing Huge Sum, Assert Experts on Tax Situation.

BY AL LYNCH
Times Staff Writer

The utility contract saddled on the city under the administration of the late Samuel Lewis Shank is costing the city a huge sum annually, a study of the present budget reveals.

This contract was signed in 1925 for a ten-year period and is an inheritance of Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan and his works board. Naturally, whatever effect this contract has had on this year's budget can not be laid at the door of the incumbent administration.

As the result of clauses and cross clauses in the contract, Indianapolis taxpayers are paying a bill of approximately \$375,000 a year on street lighting that does not include building and boulevard lighting on streets taken over by the park board.

Investigation Ordered

Every effort to reduce this figure or break the contract has been made since the Sullivan administration took office. With a contractual limit of only 2 per cent slash a year, this had been taken advantage of and lights have not been set out "at the mere asking of a precinct committeeman," according to works board members.

Learning of contract's cost to the taxpayers, E. Kirk McKinney, until recently works board president, ordered an investigation. However, months of work by the city legal department developed no means of breaking the contract, so carefully was it drawn.

Under its terms, the city is paying 10 cents a foot, annually for all excess cable used in light installation. This cable is "guaranteed to last a lifetime" and, according to engineers, costs the utility less than \$1 a foot for the "lifetime."

One Paragraph 'Tricky'

One paragraph of the utility contract is described as "tricky" by engineers. This is the provision fixing the spacing of street standards at 100 feet apart. Placing of lights so close together is branded by engineering experts as "ridiculous."

Hence, the city engineers used a stagger system, placing lights 135 feet apart, thus making the thirty-five feet "excess cable." Accordingly, the city pays \$3.50 annual rental for the excess cable between standards.

Although this cost is termed excessive by engineering experts, they point out that the city saves money by not adhering to the 100-foot provision of the contract.

Few Installations Made

If 6,000 lumen lamps were installed on the 100-foot basis, the city would have to pay \$34.50 a year for the lamps in current costs alone. (A lumen is a light unit ten times the amount of a candle power.)

One hundred and fifteen 10,000 lumen lamps at an annual rental cost of \$47.50 were ordered replaced by 6,000-lumen lamps the first part of this week by the works board. This saving \$13 a lamp annually.

Few installations are being made and these only in emergencies, according to the works board.

DEATH CLAIMS HEAD OF TELEPHONE FIRM

Co-Founder of International Company Succumbs in French City.

PARIS, Oct. 7.—Bernard Behn, president and co-founder of the International Telephone and Telegraph company, died today at St. Jean de Luz. He had been critically ill four weeks. He was 53.

ROOSEVELT TO SEE SERIES AGAIN TODAY

Attendance Is Scheduled Despite Press of Activities.

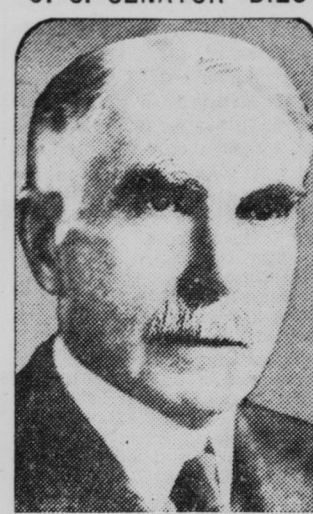
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U. S. SENATOR DIES



Senator Porter Dale

ISLAND POND, Vt., Oct. 7.—United States Senator Porter Hinman Dale, 66, of Vermont, died at his home here late last night after an illness of several months.

Senator Dale, a Republican, served in the house from 1915 to 1923, when he was elected to the senate for the unexpired term of the late Senator Dillingham. He was re-elected in 1926, and again in 1932 for six years.

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OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Oct. 7.—Success crowned the government's war on crime on three southwestern fronts today.

Convicted principals in the \$200,000 machine gun kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel came before Federal Judge S. Vaughn for sentence.

Included were Harvey J. Bailey, bandit and killer; Albert L. Bates, blond Denver gangster; the Shannon family on whose Texas farm the oil millionaire was guarded, and two St. Paul men convicted of handling ransom money.

George (Machine Gun) Kelly and his red-haired wife, Katherine, gave up their fight against the law. United States District Attorney Herbert K. Hyde said both would plead guilty in the Urschel kidnaping. It was probable all would be sentenced together.

TO LIQUOR VIOLATORS

Federal Court Clears Docket in Northern Indiana District.

By United Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Oct. 7.—Continuing to show leniency for minor liquor law violators, but imposing severe penalties on those offenders, Judge Thomas W. Slick cleared numerous cases from the Ft. Wayne division from his northern Indiana district federal court docket yesterday.

The heaviest penalty pronounced today was the day's arraignment of a two-year term in Leavenworth penitentiary imposed upon Charles Sirhan, formerly of South Bend, charged with possession of counterfeit coins. A previous criminal record precluded leniency.

SINGING SOCIETY WILL HOLD FALL FESTIVAL

City Liederkreis Group Arranges for 'Herbstfest' at Park.

A German "Herbstfest" autumn festival will be given by the Indianapolis Liederkreis Singing Society tomorrow at Columbia park.

The Liederkreis chorus of fifty will sing German folk songs, and the feature of the afternoon will be an eight-piece brass band. There will be dancing from 3 until 10. Friends of the society or invited.

Hearing Is Deferred on Public Service Co. Rates

Testimony on Consumers' Costs Is Taken by State Board.

Hearings of the public service company of Indiana on a citation before the public service commission to show cause why its rates should not be reduced, will be resumed Tuesday.

Shortly before the hearing's adjournment yesterday, L. B. Schies, company controller, admitted in testimony that the company prior to 1931 purchased power at .00264 cents from an Insull subsidiary and then sold that power at twenty-five times that rate to resident consumers, thirty-three times that rate to farm consumers, and twenty times that rate to commercial users.

Schies testified that the resident cost a kilowatt hour was .066 cents, .086 to farm users, and .052 cents to factories and plants.

He admitted the company owned a one-fourth interest in the Chicago District Generating Corporation, an Insull property.

He said that in 1931 the company sold its interest to the Northern Indiana Public Service Company and bought power in 1932 at .0074 cent a kilowatt hour, or at almost three times the power cost that it had paid in 1931, before sale of interest in the Insull property.

Sherman Minton, public counselor, then interposed with an aside: "Then the authorities in charge of the Tennessee valley—Muscle Shoals project—were not far wrong in the declaration that power consumers have been paying an exorbitant price."

Mr. Schies declared that the cost of production was not comparable or by fair basis of comparison because a large part of expenses of the company was in transportation. The power company's expert admitted that the company always opposed municipal ownership of plants.

Perry McCart, commission chairman, took issue with Mr. Schies when he declared that minimum users of electricity were unprofitable and a liability.

He asserted that the very fact that the company opposed municipal ownership was an abrogation of the charge that the small user was an unprofitable customer.

Methodist Hospital Offer Turned Down by Mayor Sullivan



Mayor Reginald Sullivan

40 RAIL LINES TO CUT FARES

Western Roads Take Step to Meet Competition.

By United Press

CHICAGO, Oct. 7.—A complete reorganization of railroad passenger fares, effecting as much as 40 per cent reduction, has been voted by representatives of forty western railroads.

The new fare schedule marked the end of several years of discussion in which the carriers sought a uniform weapon with which to combat the inroads in their passenger traffic made by buses, automobiles and airplanes.

Similar schedules are being studied by eastern and southern railroads. The new fare system will go into effect Dec. 1 on all roads west of Chicago.

The basic 3.6 a mile fare, which long has been a cornerstone of railroad passenger business was abandoned and a rate ranging from 2 to 3 cents a mile was substituted.

The railroad surcharge for Pullman travel is eliminated, which amounts to cutting present Pullman rates by one-third.

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EVIDENCE OF PLOT TO FREE CONVICTS FOUND IN RAID HERE

Names and Pictures of Escaped Criminals Found in East Side House, Declares State Police Captain Matt Leach.

DILLINGER IMPLICATED IN CASE

Man Duped by Girl Into Harboring Criminals Is Held and Quizzed; Grilled All Through Night.

Evidence pointing to an organized outside effort to effect the Indiana state prison break was seized late last night by state and city police in a raid on an east side house believed to be the home of a girl go-between who aided six escaped convicts to freedom.

In the evidence seized, the name of James Dillinger, recently arrested in Ohio in connection with the robbery of the Massachusetts avenue savings bank, is mentioned prominently.

Captain Matt Leach, in charge of the raid on the home of the girl, said that in the evidence seized names and pictures of convicts were found.

This evidence is being held by the police pending arrest of the girl who duped Ralph Saffell, 32, of 343 Laclede street into harboring the six criminals at his home.

Although police watched the east side house from midnight on, the girl did not appear. They believe that she has left the city.

Seated in state police headquarters today after a sleepless night, during which he was grilled a dozen times by detectives and forced to accompany them on mysterious trips to various parts of the city to obtain more information on the escaped desperadoes, Saffell still stuck to his story that he had no criminal connection with the gang.

Protests His Innocence

Saffell, with his sagging jaw, wispy, mouse-colored hair rumpled and fading blue eyes filling with tears at times, protested his innocence again and again.

"I never knew that girl was connected with criminals," he cried. "I thought she was just a home girl. Only when she brought that gang to my home and told me that I would have to put them up, did I realize that there was anything wrong."

Saffell told police that he met the girl at a barbecue about three months ago and had had a number of dates with her since.

"She never told me she had any relative in the state prison," he protested. "I learned all that when one of the convicts said, 'I guess she never told you about knowing any convicts, did she? Well, you just keep your trap closed and you'll come out of this all right.'"

"Treated Me Pretty Well"

Saffell said the girl bearing the six convicts and the girl go-between had driven up to his home at 3 a.m. Sept. 27, the morning after the prison break. He said he saw immediately that the men were escaped prisoners from their garb. Mary told him to take care of them.

"They treated me pretty well," said Saffell, "but every time a car would go by near the house, they'd grab their guns and cover me.

"Later on during the day, a man and a woman came to the house and gave them money. I don't know just how much because I did not see