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CITY ENGINEER OPPOSES RAIL RENTAL OFFER

Steeg Suggests \$324 a Mile
Yearly After Making
Study.

HEARING IS CONTINUED
Works Board Members to
Take Up Question Next
Friday.

Henry B. Steeg, city engineer, today joined Indianapolis Federation of Civic Club representatives and unorganized property owners in protesting the rental rate proposed by Indianapolis Railways, Inc., for use of city streets over which it operates trackless trolleys.

The hearing on the proposed 20-year franchise was continued by the Works Board until next Friday morning at 10. Robert Eby, board vice president, said city officials planned to study the question further.

The railway company has offered to pay the city \$275 a mile a year for use of the streets under a graduated scale which provides for payment of \$137 a mile a year for the first year, increasing to \$380 a mile a year for the seventh year. Beginning with the eighth year, according to the proposed contract, the company would pay \$275 a mile a year until the franchise ends.

Under present company plans the lines are to total 49.3 miles by the end of 1936. On this basis the city would receive approximately \$12,500 a year.

524.76 Kate Suggested

"After making an exhaustive study of the utility's proposal, I have calculated that fair rate would be \$324.76 per mile per year for street rental," Mr. Steeg said.

The railway company's expansion program calls for the use of 137 trackless trolley cars, with 15 additional units held in reserve for emergencies. In addition, the company is to use 120 cars on rail lines.

He said the department made the estimate after considering the cost of resurfacing streets based on width, the anticipated life of pavements in this city during the last six years, weights of various types of vehicles using streets, and the size of tires and weight distribution of trackless trolleys.

Survey Is Made

The department, Mr. Steeg said, made a traffic survey on streets used by trackless trolleys, based in part on an old CWA check. This survey revealed that 13.8 per cent of the traffic was trackless trolleys.

Mr. Steeg figures the life of city streets at 22 years and said maintenance costs amount to \$182.87 cents a mile a year.

John E. White, civic club representative, continued to declare that the utility's proposal was too low, and added that he thought a \$400 charge per mile would be the proper rate.

"Our \$275 a mile offer is the highest we can make under our present financial conditions," Arthur L. Gilliom, Indianapolis Railways attorney, said.

Asks Credit on New Plan

He asked that the \$11,000 which the utility owes the city under terms of the old temporary permits be credited as a payment on the new contract. Mr. Eby said he is opposed to this.

In his report, Mr. Steeg said he had no objections to the establishment of trackless trolleys on the Central-av line if a suitable method for making the loop at the northern terminus can be worked out. Street cars now are operated on this line, but company officials want to change. He and Mr. White opposed the proposed combination of the Lincoln-st and Minnesota-st lines.

TUB SLAYER INDICTED

Bill Returned Against Florenza for Death of Author.

By United Press

NEW YORK, April 24.—A first-degree murder indictment against John Florenza was returned today by the county grand jury exactly two weeks after the young upholster's helper attacked and strangled Mrs. Nancy Evans Titterton, 34-year-old short story writer.

HICCOUGHER SEEKS AID

Ohio Girl to Go Under Knife in Hunt for Relief.

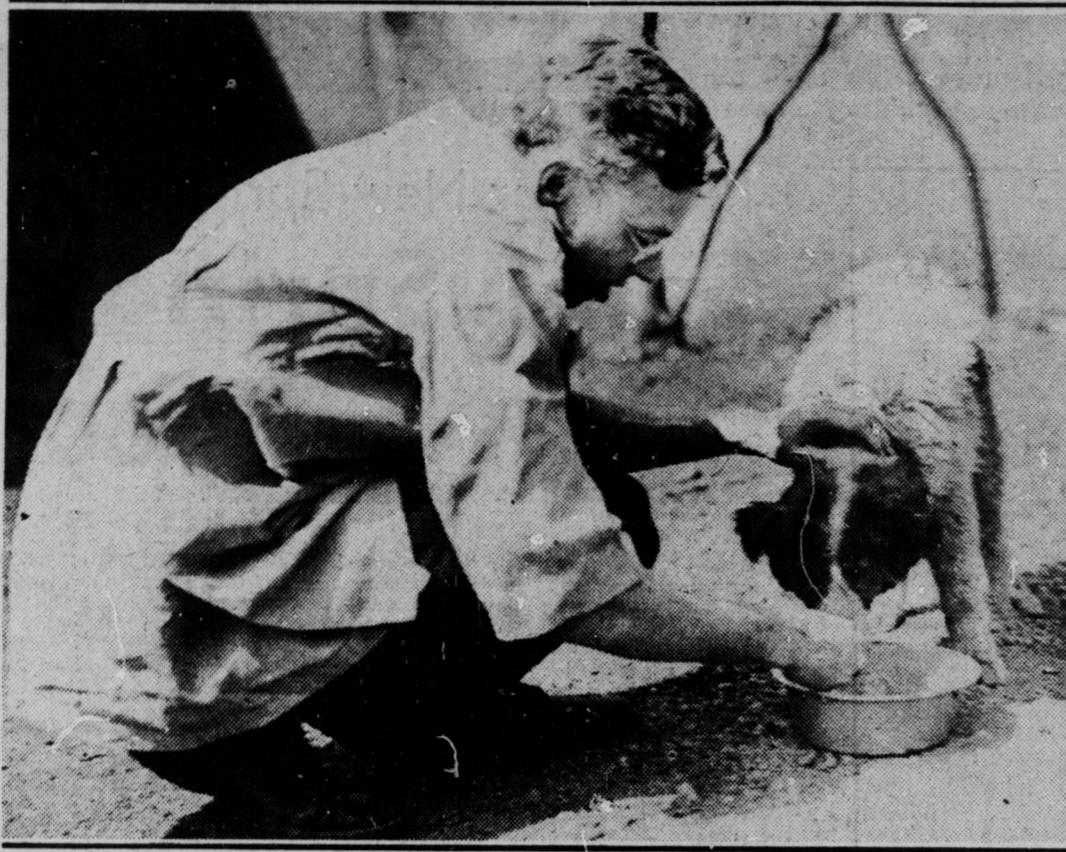
By United Press

HAMILTON, O., April 24.—An operation will be performed on Miss Nellie Marcum, 21, tomorrow in an effort to stop the seizure of hiccupping that has wracked her slim body for 13 days. Dr. Louis Schneider announced today.

**'Why You Should
Vote for Me!'**

More of the candidates in county and local congressional primary election races make campaign statements today in the symposium on Page One, Second Section.

THIRSTY DOG GRATEFUL FOR AID GIVEN IN 'BE KIND TO ANIMALS' WEEK



A professional man (above) takes the trouble to provide water for a thirsty and grateful dog that barked at his door today, because this is Be Kind to Animals Week.

All Indianapolis is urged to give special attention to the plights of the lean, stray dog, the alley cat and the weary draft horse by the Indianapolis Humane Society.

Cases of injured, diseased or mistreated animals should be called to the attention of the society, Riley 7189, Roy Freeman, president, said.

ITALY PREPARES FOR FINAL PUSH

Indications Point to Most
Sensational Drive of
Invasion.

BY REYNOLDS PACKARD
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DESSYE, Ethiopia, April 24.—Troops, trucks, camel trains, artillery batteries, armored cars, tanks and mule trains crowded 450 miles of road from Massawa on the Red Sea to Dessye today in preparation for the final Italian drive to Addis Ababa.

The astonishing scale of the Italian movement to Dessye, the new general headquarters of Marshal Pietro Badoglio, gives the impression that the final movement will be the most sensational of the war.

Italian and native troops, swarming along the roads, are followed by long caravans of trucks, with supplies and armament. They make their way over the newly constructed road which corkscrews around scores of mountain peaks, including great Amba Alagi and the many unnamed summits in the Lake Aschir region.

As did their Roman ancestors, the Italians are making history in Ethiopia with their roads. Something like 100,000 soldiers, sailors and workmen are laboring as they can, while the parade to the front moves on. To perfect a Roman highway from the Red Sea to Dessye—and on, eventually to Addis Ababa.

Workmen and soldiers, their bayoneted rifles beside them, work with pick and shovel while engineers blast rocks from the mountain face to permit widening of the caravan route. The sailors build bridges.

PARIS AIDS LONDON IN HITLER QUERIES

Clear Picture of German
Policy Sought.

BY REYNOLDS PACKARD
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PARIS, April 24.—French and British collaboration on a questionnaire to be submitted to Adolf Hitler is likely to bring a clear picture of German foreign policy, authoritative sources predicted today.

France has submitted seven specific questions to the British government for inclusion in the questionnaire. It was understood the questionnaire contained specific inquiries.

WILLOWBROOK LINKS CLUBHOUSE IS BURNED

Fire Destroys Landmark on North
Keystone Avenue

The two-story frame clubhouse of the Willowbrook Golf Course, 4651 N. Keystone av., was destroyed by fire shortly before noon today. The large structure was formerly a residence and was a landmark in the neighborhood.

Cram's reports, meanwhile, announced that production this week totalled 120,519 automobiles. The figure represents a slight increase over the firm's estimate of 119,834 for the previous week, and compares with 118,970 for the corresponding week in 1935.

Young Parker also supplied the issues of this year's election record for week is based on U. S. and Canada production.

DETROIT, April 24.—Production of passenger cars and trucks in the United States and Canada this week extended to a new high since April, 1934, according to Ward's automobile reports, released today.

Young Parker was present yesterday in the case and was sought today.

During the 10 days of Wendel's captivity young Parker was present "every night" and "practically every day" at the house in Brooklyn where Wendel said he was kept prisoner and turned over to the elder Parker, Geoghan said.

Murray Bleefeld, Harry Weiss, Martin Schlossman and Harry Bleefeld were named with Parker in the indictment.

"In my work on the farm I find that both man and woman must work together to insure success and I think this is just as true in securing success for the Republican Party," Mrs. Simmons said.

She added that statements of

social security legislation was termed by Mrs. Simmons as "purely socialism" and was being used by the professional politicians for their own benefit to build up patronage and huge reserve funds which they can expend for the benefit of a political party.

The weather is expected to remain in status quo tonight and tomorrow, the Weather Bureau reports. It should be cloudy, but no temperature change is expected.

The bureau did not know how long this condition would remain. Today the mercury rose from 44 degrees at 6 a. m. to 57 at noon.

The New Deal encourages people to be dead-beats and wasters instead of saving their money by honest labor," she declared.

Informed of the charges of Senator Frederick VanNuyts that the WPA administration in Indiana was being used for political purposes, Mrs. Simmons said, "I have been told that it is true in my home state of Missouri. The taxpayers in the end have to pay the bill."

Rape Pendleton Machine

Asked whether Missouri might enter the Republican column in November, Mrs. Simmons said:

"It takes a brave woman to resort to prophecy. Missouri is dominated by the Pendergast crowd in Kansas City and we Republicans are not responsible for them and we're not proud of them."

Mrs. Simmons said she believed the issues of this year's election

should be considered on a nonpartisan basis.

Mrs. Simmons said she was

neither for or against any Presi-

dential candidate for the Republi-

cans, but she was for the Pender-

gast crowd.

"One of the chief appeals of the

position is that it generally is re-

garded as a good stepping-stone for a leap into the race for Governor.

such as the present picture pre-

sents in Lieut. Gov. M. Clifford

Townsend.

The name of Edward H. Stein-

feld, Speaker of the House of

Representatives, is one of those

most frequently mentioned in spec-

ulation as to candidates. He has

started preparing campaign litera-

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income tax is unfair to retailers of

Indiana we must decide on what is

to replace that tax. If the gross in-

come tax is repealed there must be

a substitute tax. What is it to be?

A sales tax? Do the people of In-

diana want a sales tax?" he quer-

ied.

Candidates Are Present

G. O. P. candidates mingled freely

with the editors in hotel lobbies and

clubrooms in furthering their inter-

ests in the coming primary.

Raymond Sellers, association

president, told of the decisions that

must be made by G. O. P. editors in

their columns during the ensuing year.

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Confident of Adoption

Members of the resolutions com-

mittee said they were confident the

resolution would be adopted.

The resolution attacked the New

Deal and urged "those" disillu-

sioned Democrats tired of Tugwell-

ism, Tammany and Terrorism" to

join the Republicans.

"In 1934," continued the resolution,

"the New Dealers used the WPA

by running it through Big Jim Farley's political wringer for a

processed vote."

Raymond Sellers, Franklin

editor and president of the G. O. P.

editorial association, said:

"It looks like Senator VanNuyts

has split definitely with the McNutt

group and that's not helping Mr.

McKinney. As for my county, Johns-

ton County, I know that WPA funds

have not been misused there."

Sheads Help to G. O. P.

Paul Maddock, Bloomfield editor

and incoming president of the G. O. P. editorial association, said:

"It's pretty good dope for the Re-