

BALL RAIL SALE REVEALS PERIL, FLYNN ASSERTS

Holding Companies Escape Public Responsibility, He Declares.

By JOHN T. FLYNN, Times Special Writer

NEW YORK, May 1.—The Van Sweringen "empire" has been sold again. This latest transfer reduces finally to utter absurdity the monstrous holding company system which has come into use in every department of American business.

It is a good thing to pause to remember just what this popularly called "Van Sweringen empire" is.

As a matter of fact, it is a collection of institutions which are essential to the prosperity, even the existence of large sections of this country. There are great railroads like the Chesapeake & Ohio, the Pere Marquette, the Erie, the Mississippi-Pacific, the Nickel Plate and a number of smaller roads. Together they span the nation and include some 23,000 miles of track—the largest integrated system in the country. The value of these railroad properties is about two billion dollars.

Responsibility Stressed  
Then there are a whole series of other properties—coal companies, ship companies, hotels, street railways, office buildings, the estate companies, building companies. These are supposed to be worth about a billion dollars.

Now we have heard a good deal about property of late and property "rights." The thing that is generally overlooked is that while there are property rights there are also property responsibilities. The property owner owes certain responsibilities to the community. And the more important the property, the more severe are his responsibilities.

Ownership of a great railroad is a serious matter and carries with it grave public responsibilities. In simpler times, every business—railroad or otherwise—had an owner, a recognizable owner, who could be held up before the public to moral as well as legal responsibility.

Identity Obscured  
Now the ownership of the railroad is sunk in the corporation. This was bad enough. But soon adventurous promoters learned how to take the control of the railroad even out of the hands of those who owned the corporation by getting possession through a holding company of enough shares to control the corporation. Then the identity and responsibility of that holding company was further obscured by having its shares controlled by still another holding company.

The Prospect Coal Co. belongs to the Pittston Coal Co. But the Pittston belongs to the Virginia Transportation Corp. and that in turn belongs to the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Co. That company belongs to the Chesapeake Corp. and the control of that rests in the Midamencia Corp.

Through these financial maneuvers it was possible last week for George Ball, a Muncie glass jar maker, to peddle around the country the control of these three billion dollars of property and to sell a couple of unknown stock brokers and others the control of a vast railroad and industrial structure worth three billion dollars for perhaps a few million dollars.

When we are going to get around to dealing with this holding company monstrosity?

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SEVEN ARE HURT IN MINOR CAR MISHAPS

14 Face Karabell in Safety Drive.

MARION COUNTY TRAFFIC TOLL TO DATE.

1937	54
1936	49

April 30

Accidents 8  
Injured 7

TRAFFIC ARRESTS

Speeding	2
Running red light	2
Running preferential street	6
Drunken driving	1
Reckless driving	1
Improper parking	1
Others	2

Seven persons were recovering in their homes today from slight injuries received in traffic accidents overnight.

Fourteen motorists were to face Judge Charles Karabell in Municipal Court today on traffic violation charges.

Lawrence McPherson, 38, of 302 N. DeQuincy St., was charged with drunkenness and drunken driving after police said the car he was driving collided with an ambulance at Randall and Raymond Sts. No one was injured in the crash.

Clyde Houston, 27, of 164 Bright St., was arrested on a reckless driving charge after he was driving skidded into a switch engine at the Vermont St. crossing of the Big Four Railroad. He was treated at City Hospital for minor cuts and bruises.

STATE RANKS 16TH ON BENEFITS LIST

Indiana ranks 16th in the number of employees applying for Social Security cards under the old age benefits section. It was reported today.

With an estimated 1936 population of 3,457,000 persons, the state has 719,499 employees who have applied for account numbers, or 20.8 per cent.

Rhode Island heads the list with a percentage of 32, or 225,021 employees with cards, out of a population of 681,000.

Stars Face Problem in Movie Strike



Bing Crosby

Marlene Dietrich

Joan Crawford



Ginger Rogers



Robert Montgomery



Dick Powell

Trucks Rush Film Workers Through Thin Lines of Pickets

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difficulty in reaching a compromise on wage demands.

Prime Minister Maurice Duplessis of Quebec ordered arrest of two union leaders in Montreal.

Hollywood Now at Busiest Season

By United Press

HOLLYWOOD, May 1.—Film emporiums passed into the major studios early today by the truckload despite the strike called by three unions last night. Pickets made no effort to molest those running their lines.

It was uncertain, however, if the movie stars would pass the picket lines at Paramount, R. K. O. Columbia and other studios. Their guild left the matter up to the individual. They will not report for work until later.

The major studios, apparently determined to continue production despite the strike of 2500 craftsmen in three unions, slipped several truckloads of men inside the gates at dawn, when pickets were absent. It was a needless precaution, however, for later on trucks loaded with workers were permitted to pass without opposition.

There were but 18 pickets at the main gate of the Paramount lot. There were 10 each at Columbia and R. K. O.

Despite the quiet start of the strike, studio police departments and the Hollywood and Los Angeles departments exercised precautions. Paramount hired additional officers. The Hollywood department assigned a "flying squad" to make the rounds of the smaller independent lots.

The strike caught 50 pictures in production.

Studios which maintain their own private police forces were guarded against violence. The Paramount force, fifth largest body of policemen in California, was doubled.

Work was impeded in most studios at least temporarily and the various movie colony unions, including the Screen Actors Guild, to which most high-salaried players belong, called meetings to formulate their policy in the strike.

Directors of the Screen Actors Guild ended a four-hour conference early today without reaching a decision, and called a mass meeting of players for tomorrow night at 8 o'clock to consider the issue.

Montgomery Presides

Robert Montgomery presided over the meeting and Jean Crawford attended. A spokesman said:

"It's up to the individual film players whether they want to pass through the picket lines. The executive board of the Guild can't advise them. Likewise, it's up to the individual stars and players whether, with the makeup men on strike, they want to make themselves up."

Involved in the strike were 2500 players, scenic artists and makeup men. They walked out at 6 p. m. yesterday when their representatives failed to reach an agreement with producers at a decisive conference.

Movie executives ordered the studios evacuated before the deadline of the strike. All workers except the guards were dismissed for the night and the powerful illuminating systems lighted the grounds.

Extra Guards Hired

Extra guards also were engaged at 20th Century Fox, RKO, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, Warner Brothers and other famous lots.

There were a few exceptions to the night shut-down. On the Paramount "Artists and Models" set, 100 pretty extra girls were rushed through their scenes in an effort to finish production before they were locked out by the strike.

The trouble came when Hollywood was working on more pictures than in any spring for the last four years. Paramount had 15 underway. Marlene Dietrich was before the cameras in "Angels" Gary Cooper in "Souls at Sea." Bing Crosby in "Double or Nothing."

Greta Garbo was two months along with her work in "Madame Walewska," at M-G-M, which had six pictures under way. Among them was "Saragatza" starring Clark Gable and Jean Harlow.

Paul Muni was at work on "The

Life of Zola." Dick Powell in "Varsity Show," Joan Blondell in "Angie Shogun," among the seven in production at Warner Brothers-First National.

RKO was filming four, including Ginger Rogers in "Vivacious Lady." Twentieth Century-Fox was producing the film debut of Gypsy Rose Lee, New York "strip-teaser." United Artists had Barbara Stanwyck at work on "Stella Dallas."

Columbia was filming five, with Jack Holt, Richard Dix and Douglas Montgomery before the cameras. "West Coast Limited," starring Lyle Talbot, was just starting production at Universal. Republic and Grand National studios each were filming two.

Success of the strike seemed to depend on the decision of the Actors' Guild. It has a membership of 6500 players. Last night's conference was attended by 27 of the 33 directors. They included Mr. Tone and Miss Crawford, Allen Mowbray, Frank and Ralph Morgan, Francis Lederer, Edward Arnold, Chester Morris, Lucille Gleason and Claude Rains.

Board directors who selected Mr. Wilde at a meeting yesterday are: A. Edward Miel, Robert Allison, Wayne M. Harriman, E. J. C. Sims, R. A. Franke, Z. B. Hunt, Thomas E. Grinsdale, William Low Rice and Earl B. Teckemeyer.

GRILLED ABOUT MARCH MURDER

36-Year-Old Negro Was Questioned Earlier, Police Say.

A 36-year-old Negro today was held on a vagrancy charge for questioning in connection with the murder of John Charles Goldstein, local grocer, during an attempted holdup March 13. His bond was set at \$5000.

Officers said he was one of a number of men questioned the night of the shooting, but was released when relatives stated he had been home at the time the attack took place. They received information that the testimony had been false, they said.

City, State and Michigan authorities have sought him since then. He was arrested by Detectives George Sneed and John Glenn at his home last night. He was to appear in a police showup today.

A man was arrested last night for investigation in connection with the slaying of Mrs. Mary Adams, 129 Park Ave., on April 13. Mrs. Adams' husband, Ralph, has been charged with the murder.

Detectives said the other man was held after they received information he obtained the gun for Adams and drove the automobile he used the night of the slaying.

CIVIL SERVICE QUIZ FOR FOREMAN LISTED

A U. S. Civil Service examination for the position of foreman of laborers in the Soil Conservation Department in Indiana was announced today.

The position pays \$1680 annually. Application blanks and information may be obtained from Frank Boatman, 421 Federal Building.

CARD PARTY TOMORROW

The Liederkreis Ladies Society is to hold a public card party at 8:15 p. m. tomorrow in their hall, 1421 E. Washington St. Mrs. Henry Walters is chairman of the arrangements.

WELFARE WORKER DEAD

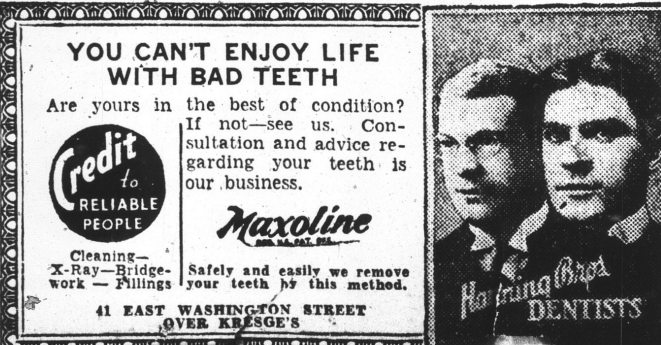
CAMBRIDGE, Mass., May 1.—Miss Georgia L. Ely, founder and executive of the International Institute of Boston and a social service worker, died yesterday at her home after a long illness.

YOU CAN'T ENJOY LIFE WITH BAD TEETH

Are yours in the best of condition? If not—see us. Consultation and advice regarding your teeth is our business.

Cleaning—X-Ray—Bridge—Work—Fillings—Your teeth by this method.

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'JACK' D. SHEA, TAGGART'S AID, IS DEAD AT 72

Well-Known Figure in State And County Politics to Be Buried Monday.

John D. Shea, for more than 50 years associated with county and state Democratic politics, died yesterday of a heart attack in the home of his cousin, Elizabeth Hayes, 117 W. 27th St. He was 72.

Funeral services are to be held in St. John's Catholic Church, of which he was a member, at 9 a. m. Monday. Burial is to be in Holy Cross.

Mr. Shea, who was known to thousands as Jack, was associated many years with the late Thomas Taggart.

Born in Bowling Green, Ky., Mr. Shea came to Indianapolis with his mother and sister when he was 5. He had been living with the Hayes for the last 18 years.

Although Mr. Shea was known as the "power" in the old Twelfth Ward, he never held an elective public office. He served as county Democratic vice-chairman in 1913 under former Mayor Reginald Sullivan.

He was chief custodian at the State House, in the administration of Samuel M. Ralston and at the beginning of the Sullivan administration in 1930 became chief custodian of the City Hall. A few months later he became manager of the Coflin golf course.

At the age of 15, Mr. Shea became an employee of King & Co., where he worked many years and became a buyer. Mr. Shea was the last of six children. In 1903 he was married to Miss Emma Heier, who died three years later.

DR. C. P. ARMSTRONG was to be buried in Washington Park Cemetery today following funeral services at 1:30 p. m. in St. John's Brothers Central Chapel. Dr. Armstrong, who lived at 4613 Guilford

Ave., died Wednesday in Detroit. He was 59.

He was a native of Pittsburgh and a graduate of the Pittsburgh Dental College. Dr. Armstrong had demonstrated dental supplies and equipment before college classes throughout the Middle West many years. He was a member of the Sahara Grotto, Raper Commandery, Calvin Prather Lodge, P. & A. M., and the Presbyterian Church.

Survivors besides the wife, Mrs. Myrtle G. Armstrong, are a daughter, Miss Ruth Elizabeth Armstrong, Indianapolis, and a son, Hyatt Armstrong, Buffalo, N. Y.

EMMETT ROY PRUITT, 2350 College Ave., a photoengraver and Indianapolis resident many years, died yesterday in Methodist Hospital. He was 52.

Funeral services are to be held at 2 p. m. Monday in the Hisey & Titus Funeral Home. Burial is to be in Crown Hill.

Mr. Pruitt, an employee of the Indianapolis Engraving Co., was living in Indiana Colony, and had lived in Indianapolis since he was 5. He was married to Miss Jessie Weber in 1910. He was a member of Capitol City Lodge, P. & A. M., Scottish Rite, the Shrine and Local 11 of the International Photo-Engravers' Union.

Survivors besides the wife are a daughter, Miss Mabel Pruitt, and his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Pruitt, Indianapolis.

MRS. ELIZABETH MORBACH, a native of Germany, died yesterday after a long illness. She was 84.

Funeral services are to be held at 8:30 a. m. Monday in the Herrmann Funeral Home and at 9 a. m. in the St. Peter and Paul Cathedral. Burial is to be in St. Joseph Cemetery.

Mrs. Morbach was the widow of Charles Morbach and with her husband had operated a grocery store at Merrill and Delaware Sts. more than 30 years. She had lived in Indianapolis since childhood and was a member of St. Peter and Paul Cathedral.

Surviving are three nieces, Mrs. Eva M. Gieger, Mrs. Josephine Leve and Mrs. Marie Buchmeier, all of Indianapolis.

WILLIAM T. MCCLAIN, former Marion County chief of police, died Wednesday in a hospital, of his son, Royal L. W. McClain.

STATE DEATHS

ELWOOD—Mrs. Tipton Behmer, 67, Survivors: Husband, Frank; son, Herbert; Mrs. Minnie Pence, brothers, Jesse and Herbert Harshman.  
GARY—Mrs. Mildred Malone, 35, Survivors: Husband, James; sons, James Jr., John, Patrick; daughters, Mildred, Enora, latter, Gladys; sister, Mrs. James Parker, Mrs. Wallace Lambie.  
GOOSNEY—Mrs. Jessie Woodford, 80, Survivors: Daughter, Mrs. Donna Dodd; son, Harvey, sister, Rose Tallian, 22.  
HOBART—Miss Rose Tallian, 22, Survivors: Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tallian; brothers, Joseph Jr., Emory, John, Carl; sister, Mary.  
LA PORTE—Oscar C. Chambers, 68, Survivors: Wife, Mary; daughters, Leola Collins, sister, Mrs. Leona Blodgett; sister, Mrs. Ella Cowden.  
LINTON—Edgar Miller, 39, Survivors: Wife, Ruth; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Miller; brothers, Edwin, Oliver, Emory, Ervin, Everett, Elmer; sister, Mrs. Edna Smith.  
MICHIGAN CITY—Dr. Alvin G. Tuller, 50, Survivors: Wife, Celis; daughter, Mrs. E. G. Blinks.  
NAPPANEE—Mrs. Etta L. Huffman, 60, Survivors: Husband, Charles; mother, Ellen Latrop; sons, Floyd, Woodrow, Wilson; daughters, Cleo, Mrs. William Green, Mrs. Dallas Harrell.  
PERU—Miss Anita Ruth Hileman, 15, Survivors: Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hileman; brothers, Robert, William.  
SOUTH BEND—Mrs. Mary E. Anderson, 80, Survivors: Son, Frank; grandson, Ralph Anderson.  
SYRACUSE—Mrs. Amanda Jane Deeter, 79, Survivors: Sons, Vern, Harvey and J. C. Deeter; daughter, Mrs. Ada Crow, Mrs. Nita Kline.  
THREE OAKS—Henry H. Pick, 63, Survivors: Wife, Edith; daughter, Mrs. Donald Collins; sister, Mrs. Minnie Schwark, Mrs. Ward Scheele.  
WAKARUSA—William H. Neterer, 70, Survivors: Wife, Lottie; daughters, Ruth, Mrs. E. G. Smith, Mrs. O. P. Martin; brothers, Jerome, John, Samuel, Joseph, B. Lechman, 71, Survivors: Son, Milo; daughter, Mrs. Peach Silver, Mrs. Sam Fisher, Mrs. Floyd Conrad, Mrs. Fm. Scherer, Mrs. Emmanuel Wiley; sister, Mrs. Caroline Bauer.

GEORGE W. GLASCO, retired Big Four shopman, died yesterday in his home, 1535 N. Denny St., after several months illness. He was 79.

Funeral services and burial are to be in Wabash Monday.

Mr. Glasco was a native of Washington and had lived in Indianapolis 17 years. An employee of the railroad most of his life, he had worked as a blacksmith when the Big Four shops were on W. Washington St. He retired nine years ago.

Survivors are a son, Howard Glasco, and a daughter, Miss Mildred Glasco, both of Indianapolis; a brother, Charles Glasco, Chicago, and a sister, Mrs. Harriet McCoy, Wabash.

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Ten lessons, 1 desired

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(REGISTERED)

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Baby Week

SALE of Layette Needs

It's National Health and Baby Week... Ayres Downstairs Store is co-operating by offering special sales on the indispensables of baby life as well as the pretty things for his adornment. And trained salespeople, graduates of Mothercraft Education, will help you in selecting everything, from baby furniture to safety pins! Here are a few of the worthwhile savings that go to make up these values for Bigger and Better Babies!

COMBINATION BASINETTE and carrying basket with rubber tire wheels. Complete with kapok mattress \$4.59

INFANTS' SILK COAT SET with a matching bonnet. Pink or blue colors. Dainty embroidery trim \$1.84

NURSERY SEAT—Enamel finish nursery seat, combination boy and girl style. With safety strap .88c

CANNON WASH CLOTHS—Finest quality cloths in pink or blue with shell stitch edge .2 for 15c

CANNON 4-Pc. TOWEL SET—2 soft knit bath towels and 2 soft knit wash cloths, all for .88c

VANTA BATH SET—4 pieces... 1 bottle olive oil, 2 boxes powder and 1 bar castile soap .88c

HAND-MADE DRESSES—Dainty hand-embroidered, top and bottom scalloped. For boy or girl .44c

HAND-MADE GERTRUDES—Hand scalloped in fine baby batiste. Each .24c

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VANTA BATH SET—4 pieces... 1 bottle olive oil, 2 boxes powder and 1 bar castile soap .88c

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VANTA BATH SET—4 pieces... 1 bottle olive oil, 2 boxes powder and 1 bar castile soap .88c

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