

FOR INDIANA—Local thunder showers probable tonight and Thursday; warmer in South portion; cooler Thursday.

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NEW WAGE INCREASE IS TO BE ASKED

(BULLETIN)

[TIMES BUREAU AT STATE CAPITAL] INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 21.—The Hammond, Whiting & East Chicago Railway today petitioned the public service commission to assume jurisdiction and grant the company a straight eight cent fare in each of the cities served on and after June 1. The company asks a continuance of the school children fare of two and one-half cents. The seven-cent fare agreement with the Hammond council expires June 1 and the fare will revert to five cents, as is now charged in Whiting and East Chicago. The company insists that the emergency still exists.

Anticipating demands for wage increases from motormen and conductors, representatives of the H. W. & E. C. street railway company are in Indianapolis today in an effort to arrange with the Indiana Public Service Commission for handling any further requests for fare increases which the company may be forced to make.

At the meeting at Carmen's hall in Chicago, Monday night, the street railway employees of Local 241, which includes the Hammond barn, voted to ask for increases of from 35 to 37 cents per hour which will make their rate \$1 and \$1.04 an hour. The formal demand has not been presented to the officials of the company but it is expected within the next few days.

According to Charles E. Lawrence, superintendent of the Indiana branch of the Chicago Surface Lines, the line has been operating at a loss or barely breaking even during the last three months. Without increased revenues he says it would be folly to grant any wage increases. At present the seven-cent fare is in force in Hammond only while in Whiting and East Chicago only five cents is charged. This is due to the fact that the Whiting and East Chicago councils refused to grant the company the increase as petitioned last summer.

Under an emergency clause in the act creating the Indiana Public Utilities Commission it is possible in unusual cases for a utility which has not surrendered its charter to the commission to have its problems arbitrated by the body. The company has no hopes of gaining anything from the councils of the three cities at present so as a last resort the matter is now being placed before the commission at Indianapolis. A uniform fare for the entire region will be asked which, if granted, will eliminate the present situation of paying seven cents to get out of Hammond and five cents to return. The present wage agreement between the surface lines and the men expires June 1, and it is hoped to have the matter cleared up in Indiana in time to prevent and possibility of strikes such as occurred last year.

LEONARD WOOD TO SPEAK IN INDIANA

Itinerary for Next Week Begun Worked Out at Indiana Headquarters.

Leonard Wood, candidate for the republican nomination for president, will make a speaking tour of Indiana beginning next Monday night at Evansville and ending Monday night, May 3, at Muncie. The primary election comes on May 4. He will speak in Gary on Wednesday night, April 22; in Fort Wayne on Thursday night, April 23; in Terre Haute on Friday night, April 30, and in South Bend on Saturday night, May 1.

Harry G. Hogan, Indiana manager for Wood, and J. Burdette Little, who has been appointed chairman of the speakers' bureau, are now working out an itinerary of day speeches to be delivered by General Wood.

OTHER SPEAKERS

In addition to the candidate, there will be several other speakers for Wood in the Indiana campaign, including Montaville Flowers, of California, who was chairman of the national speakers' bureau of the Progressive party in 1912; Governor Henry J. Allen, of Kansas; Judge Henry Olson, of Chicago, and Charles F. Coffin, president of the Indiana Chamber of Commerce.

LOWDEN AT CROWN POINT

A tentative schedule for Governor Lowden has been prepared by his state manager, James S. Baldwin, beginning with the Friday meeting at South Bend. Saturday afternoon he will speak at Crown Point and in the evening at Gary. He will speak at Fort Wayne on Monday night at Richmond on Tuesday, Terre Haute on Wednesday and Evansville on Thursday. Mr. Baldwin said the itinerary was subject to change.

Crown Point Elopement Has Annulment Sequel

Mrs. Grace Christoffel McNeil, 15, of Aurora, yesterday brought suit for the annulment of her Crown Point marriage November 1 last to George McNeil, 18, of Chicago. The girl wife, through her mother, calls the wedded illegal under the laws of Indiana, where the parties concerned must be of age. The young couple eloped. They lived for several months at 5524 Lexington avenue, in Chicago, then separated.

Schwab Is Ex-Senator Bell's Choice

Throw Politics to Winds and Elect Business Man Says

T. E. Bell.

Dr. T. E. Edwin Bell, fresh from the South, had something different to hand out on presidential possibilities when he landed in Hammond. Dr. Bell is for Charles Schwab, and has reasons to back up his choice.

While Lowden, Johnson and Wood are all admirable gentlemen, and any one of them would no doubt make an ideal President, this is the time to throw politics to the wind and elect a great big business man," says Dr. Bell. "Just such a man is Charles M. Schwab. Mr. Schwab has the confidence of the workingman and the business man alike. During the war, when the President had a great big job that he wanted done right, he asked Mr. Schwab to do it, and it was done and done well. He didn't fall down like Ford, Edison, Ryan and many others. It is all right for our friends on the other side to talk of Cox, Palmer and McCadden, but the people are tired of letting those fellows handle things for the government, and are not going to let them any longer. Counting the Republican votes this fall will simply be the taking of a census of the voters of the country."

KELLY WINS IN FIRST WARD ACROSS LINE

With little enthusiasm shown, West Hammond's election of aldermen passed off yesterday in the same manner in which the campaigns were conducted. The real fight was in the First Ward where James Kelly and Frank Green were opposed. Kelly won so the ward upholds its tradition if keeping an Irishman on the board. There was no contest in the Fourth Ward but some competition was shown in the Second and Third. Only a fraction of the town's voting strength turned out.

A motion was introduced to the effect that the street car company be ordered to repair the pavements between its tracks from Oakley ave. to Conkey ave. This brought forth the information that the company was preparing to do this work as soon as the weather permits.

Regarding agitation which has been afoot early to insure an adequate water supply for the South Side this summer, Mayor Brown announced that the board of works is planning relief from two angles. Half of the booster pump now located at the Hoffman st. pumping station is to be moved to Harrison Park and shunted on the big South Side main. It is expected that the pressure can be increased eight or ten pounds. At the same time the big main under the river on Calumet ave. is to be connected up in a few days. This has been used only a short time since it was laid. It was broken in two places by piling when the new bridge was erected.

An ordinance was passed establishing a pest house building fund. This fund will have \$5,000 as soon as the money is received from the sale of the factory site east of the Hammond Malleable Iron plant.

Appropriation ordinances as follows were passed: \$500 for nurses and inspectors of health and charity department; \$1499 to pay for new automobile for chief of fire department; \$9231.52 to pay for city's share of Calumet ave. pavement at street intersections.

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LIBERTY BONDS TAKE NEW SLUMP

[INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE] NEW YORK, April 21.—Liberty bonds continued to slump in value on the bond market today and new low records were made in a number of issues.

Liberty second 4's fell 80 cents to 85.30; the second 4 1/4's 60 cents to 85.55; the third 4 1/4's 60 cents to 80.70; and the fourth 4 1/4's 74 cents to 85.60, the lowest prices these issues have ever touched.

Liberty first 4's opened \$2.49 lower at \$37.00.

Latest Census Figures Out

[INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE] WASHINGTON, April 21.—Preliminary figures were issued today by the census bureau as follows:

Akron, O.—1920 population, 208,455; increase, 139,568 or 20.8 per cent.

Mansfield, O.—1920 population, 27,824; increase, 1,958 or 34 per cent.

Delaware, O.—1920 population, 8,756; decrease, 320 or 3.5 per cent.

Tarentum, Pa.—1920 population, 8,255; increase, 1,851 or 20.4 per cent.

Laurel, Miss.—1920 population, 13,657; increase, 4,572 or 54 per cent.

Wichita, Kans.—1920 population, 72,125; increase, 15,678 or 37.5 per cent.

Elkhorn, O.—1920 population, 6,587; decrease, 158 or 2.7 per cent.

Franklin, Pa. (city)—1920 population, 9,970; increase, 203 or 2.1 per cent.

Greensburg, Pa.—1920 population, 5,101; increase, 2,192, or 57.1 per cent.

Gankin, Pa.—1920 population, 7,301; increase, 1,539 or 20.5 per cent.

Dedham, Mass.—1920 population, 16,780; increase, 1,493 or 10.1 per cent.

CHICAGO WINS AGAINST HAMMOND

T. E. Bell.

Hammond Alderman Back Down From Position Taken on Vehicle Tax.

Hammond's aldermen put an end to the friction between Chicago and Hammond because of the vehicle license ordinance by backing down from the position which was taken at the last council meeting. Last night an ordinance was passed amending the old ordinance so that non-resident vehicle owners are not included.

At the last meeting the opinion was expressed by many members of the council that Hammond should stand firm in backing up the ordinance against all persons who operate trucks regularly over Hammond's streets. Since then the aldermen have been thinking over and on learning that Chicago's rates are much higher than Hammond's it was thought best not to subject the Hammond owners to the inconvenience and expense which is bound to follow enforcement of the ordinance against outsiders.

Once more the proposition of taking some action towards improving conditions surrounding the East Hammond tenement houses was brought up. At the last meeting it had been referred to the board of health and building inspector, but nothing was done. Last night the city attorney was also ordered to lend a hand and see what could be done.

Complaint was registered against the old sheds formerly occupied by the George Stout Coal Co. The buildings were condemned after Mr. Stout vacated them, but it seems that lately a permit has been issued for repairing them. The aldermen consider the shacks have outlived their usefulness and should be torn down.

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Second Wife Revealed Triangle

Syracuse Woman Claims to Have Given Gary Man A Real Home.

[INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE]

SYRACUSE, N. Y., April 21.—Taking records for the fact that Chester E. Wirt has built up a large fortune, Mrs. Jennie Wirt of Syracuse named in an eternal triangle by Mrs. Jennie Wirt of Gary, Ind., in a separation suit, declared today that she gave Mr. Wirt what his wife always denied him—a real home.

Mr. Wirt, who his wife accused of maintaining two homes, one here and one in Chicago, is member of the Chicago Stock Exchange, president of a \$2,000,000 steel corporation, and a philanthropist.

The Mrs. Wirt of Gary asks \$60,000 per year alimony.

The local Mrs. Wirt, whose real name is Wirt, the widow of a man of that name, told of her business relations with Mr. Wirt; how he bought a farm here and she managed it; how they later moved to Syracuse and how he started her in business conducting an antique shop. She also told of business trips to Gary, Indianapolis, and Huntington, Ind., with him.

He always wanted a home, she says, but his wife refused to give him one. She declared that they love each other but denied Wirt had given her costly jewelry.

Wirt is due here today for a conference with Mrs. Wirt regarding the suit his wife brought at Crown Point, Ind.

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