

DR. WYNEKOOP TO TESTIFY

Maj. Putnam to Request P.W.A. Waterway Loan

PURPOSE IS TO DEVELOP SHIPPING FACILITIES

Calumet District in Indiana and Illinois Would Benefit

Major Rufus Putnam, director of the regional port commission for Indiana and Illinois, left for Washington today to push a request for \$25,000,000 from the P. W. A. with which to develop waterway shipping facilities in the Calumet district of Indiana and Illinois.

He is to confer with members of the Mississippi valley committee of the P. W. A. which already has received a brief of the local project from Major Putnam.

The development includes the Indiana Harbor ship canal, the Grand and Little Calumet rivers, Lake Calumet, and the Chicago Sag channel. It is undertaken, it will provide this region with an outlet into the Mississippi river.

Putnam's departure for Washington follows his statement of Secretary of Interior Ickes before the Chicago city council yesterday that he will approve the expenditure of \$2,500,000 of P. W. A. funds for the Illinois project if the council will agree to six stipulations.

ICKES' CONDITIONS

Among the conditions laid down by Secretary Ickes are that local interests furnish to the United States all lands and easements needed; that the 20 movable bridges on the sanitary canal be put in operating condition; that the city obtain from the Nickel Plate railroad a release from the contract ordinance of 1925, and that Chicago get title to all riparian land at Lake Calumet.

The Illinois project provides for the construction of three "lie-bys" in the Calumet-Sag channel to permit boats to pass; the straightening of the Little Calumet river between Blue Island and Lake Calumet, and some dredging in the lake.

This project is a part of the general development which Major Putnam has incorporated in the brief he filed with the Mississippi valley committee of the P. W. A. about two weeks ago.

Major Putnam was unable to state this morning with any degree of certainty whether or not the P. W. A. would approve the entire project or just the Illinois side of the program.

He said he will strive to obtain a hearing for the entire project during his visit to Washington.

ROOSEVELT TO SEND MESSAGE TO CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, March 1.—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt plans to send a special message to congress today asking the guarantee of the principal on \$2,000,000,000 of Home Loan bonds, it was revealed at the White House today.

THE WEATHER

Cloudy tonight and Friday, rain probable, slightly warmer. Sunrise, 6:25 a. m. Sunset, 5:40 p. m. Moonrise, 6:14 p. m.

TEMPERATURE FOR REGION

Temperature in Hammond today was 26 degrees above zero at 7:30 a. m.—35 degrees above zero at noon. Weather cloudy at noon.

MORGENTHAU DISCUSSES U.S. GOLD POLICY

WASHINGTON, March 1.—(I.N.S.)—Declaring that the administration's gold policy is working successfully, Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., today opposed enactment of new monetary legislation by congress in the near future.

Morgenthau's statement was given to a house banking subcommittee, which sought his views on the Goldborough bill, creating a federal monetary authority to take over the Federal Reserve system's power of money issue.

"What the future monetary policy will be I don't think anyone can say," said Morgenthau. "We haven't had enough experience."

"As you know we have this \$2,000,000,000 fund to stabilize the currency and it is impossible to tell what the future will be or how that will be handled."

"I hope congress will give us the balance of the year. If we have nine months or a year we will know a little more about it."

Secretary Morgenthau told the committee that "business has been getting a little better each week since I came into the treasury."

He also said that the rise in farm prices since February 1933 had closely followed the increase in the world price of gold.

He predicted ratification of a world pact on silver, pointing out that China ratified yesterday. This ratification, he said, will increase the price of silver.

Asked by Representative Wolcott, Republican of Michigan, if the administration would further devalue gold if commodity prices slumped, Morgenthau replied:

"I'd rather not answer. We have no policy on that."

Calumet State Bank In Its New Quarters

\$650,000 Is Transferred Under Heavy Police Guard in Safety

The Calumet State bank of Hammond opened for business at 9 o'clock this morning in its new quarters in the lobby of the First Trust building.

The institution was moved from its old site on Calumet avenue after banking hours yesterday afternoon. Approximately \$650,000 in cash and securities were transferred to the new location under heavy police escort.

Harold Meyer, cashier, reported shortly before noon that the bank started the day this morning with a rush of new deposits. He said that most of the persons who are receiving dividend checks from the Peoples' Co-Operative State bank are depositing the money in the Calumet State bank. The latter is paying the dividend for Receiver Harry E. Folk of the Peoples' Co-Operative State bank.

The Calumet State bank occupies all of the First Trust banking floor except the rear end which is held by the Lake county office of the Indiana Home Owners' Loan corporation.

The bank also has taken over the vault department in the basement. As a part of its removal, it increased its clerical, teller, and vault personnel this morning to provide an expanded service to customers.

The removal was necessitated by the increased business of the bank and also by the desire of officers to locate in the downtown business district.

CAPT. SCHULTE PROMOTED TO ASST. CHIEF

Fire Chief William Nill, of Hammond, today announced that Captain Gerhard Schulte, who has been attached to company number 1, has been promoted to assistant chief to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of James Ryron some time ago.

At the same time, Chief Nill announced the promotion of a lieutenant and the appointment of three new men to company number 1 to fill vacancies caused by retirement.

Lieutenant Ernest Boldenow was made a captain and transferred to engine company number 1. Frank Call, a pipeman at company number 4, was promoted to lieutenant to fill Boldenow's place.

INDUSTRY IN UNREST

Strike Threats and Active Walkouts Are Manifested All Over Country

Coincident with attempts by the national recovery administration to diagnose ills of workers and employers in open hearings at Washington, industrial dissatisfaction was manifest today in many sections of the south, east, and middle west, it was revealed in a United Press survey.

Strike threats and active walkouts affected the motor industry, laundry workers, cleaning and dyeing plant employees, and even theater ushers.

Other recent strikes were halted by compromise agreements. In Toledo, O., last night 4,000 striking employees of automobile parts factories voted to return to work today under a temporary agreement carrying graduated wage increases ranging from five to 12 per cent. The strike began last Thursday.

3,000 WALK OUT

Three thousand employees of Philadelphia cleaning and dyeing plants walked out yesterday when a wage suit was ordered by employers.

Strikers at the Seaman automobile body plant at Milwaukee stoned automobiles parked near the factory and a worker seen near the plant was abducted. Twelve hundred men walked out.

Two Middletown, Conn., silk companies refused to work until 300 weavers deserted their looms, demanding higher wages.

A strike of workers at the Kenosha, Wis., plant of the Nash Motor company, scheduled for yesterday, was postponed until today at the request of a regional labor board representative who sought to compromise differences between union leaders and the company.

In New York striking cleaners and dyers as well as retail fish dealers refused to work pending final settlement of differences.

Twenty thousand theater employees who voted to strike for recognition of their union agreed to continue at work when large chain operators decided to recognize the group.

The long drawn out New York hotel strike, affecting several thousand workers, was officially ended yesterday when pickets were withdrawn from hotels in front of the city's hotels and restaurants.

FREE KLEINHEGE OF CHARGES OF CONSPIRACY

Estill Today Files Motion to Dismiss the Charges Against Hammond Man

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES)
CROWN POINT, Ind., March 1.—William Kleinhege, former theater owner of Hammond, was today freed of charges of conspiracy to bomb the State theater, \$1,800,000 film palace, in November, 1927, when Prosecutor Robert Estill filed a motion to dismiss the charges in the criminal court.

Judge W. J. Murray approved the motion and Kleinhege walked out a free man.

Prosecutor Estill traced the case from its inception in a statement which he presented with the motion. He showed that Kleinhege had been convicted in the criminal court but that the supreme court had reversed the decision and ordered a new trial.

He called attention to the fact that the higher court had questioned the credibility of Joe Million as a witness and Estill admitted that it had been shown that Million's reputation for truth and veracity was bad and that his character was not of the best.

On the other hand all witnesses had testified to Kleinhege's good character and reputation.

Million's testimony was questioned because his was the only one directly linking Kleinhege with the bombing. The prosecutor said that Million will never be heard from again.

Marwood Williams, another of the men convicted for the actual bombing, served his time and has since been arrested and convicted on a robbery charge. He is now serving a 10-year sentence. Estill said this removed him from further consideration as a witness if Kleinhege were to have a new trial.

Harry Ames, the third to be convicted, served his time and has since disappeared. He was in Hammond a short time but his whereabouts are now unknown, the prosecutor said.

Summing up, Mr. Estill informed the court that the state was left practically without evidence and it was useless to go on with the prosecution.

Kleinhege was represented by a number of attorneys during his trial and in the first stages of the appeal but the fight finally shifted to the shoulders of the late W. J. Whinery, who bore the reputation of fighting to the last. It was through his stubborn contention that the supreme court was swung to its position in one of the last arguments a short time before the attorney's death.

WORLD WAR VETERAN Dies Tonight in Chair

Last Minute Plea For Executive Clemency From Governor Fails

(By United Press)
MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., March 1.—One minute after the stroke of 12 tonight, Harley Edwards, 35-year-old veteran, died in the electric chair at the state prison here for the murder of his wife, Lillian, at Mitchell. He started to abuse her when his step-son, Clarence Head, 18, intervened.

Edwards shot his wife through the back and fired another shot into the body of Clarence. He returned to where his wife was lying and pressed the gun against her head, firing again.

The step-son recovered and was among friends and relatives who approached Governor McNutt to commute the sentence.

"Mom was a good woman," the boy told Governor McNutt. "She was one of the best, but even so, I don't think it will do any good to send my step-father to the electric chair. I don't believe he is ready to die yet."

Lloyd, a nine-year-old son of Edwards, witnessed the shooting and his evidence at the trial was one of the factors which sent his father to the electric chair.

313 TAKEN OUT OF C. W. A. THIS AFTERNOON

The demobilization of 313 Lake county C. W. A. workers this afternoon will be confined to Hammond, East Chicago, and Gary, F. A. Nisstadt, federal director, announced today.

He said the Hammond payroll will be reduced by 100; that for East Chicago, by 113, and that for Gary, by 100.

Last week, 391 men were demobilized, divided as follows: 300 from Gary; 154 from Hammond; 155 from Whiting; 135 from East Chicago, and 167 from outlying districts.

The total reduction for the two weeks now aggregates 1,304 men to cut the original quota of 8,355 C. W. A. workers to 6,551. The latter figure will not be reached until Thursday when another reduction is anticipated.

Men are being discharged under direct orders from national headquarters. Those who live in households where another member is working or those who have other resources are to be discharged first.

As a part of the demobilization program, unnecessary projects are being disbanded.

SWEIGART IS NOT CANDIDATE FOR STATE OFFICE

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES)
CROWN POINT, Ind., March 1.—Setting at rest rumors that he will be a candidate for a state office, County Clerk Dr. George W. Sweigart announced today he will seek reelection this year on the democratic ticket.

Rumors that Dr. Sweigart would seek a state office gained circulation this week with the report that Julius Gerick, county highway supervisor, will be a democratic candidate for county clerk.

Gerick is a protégé of Commissioner Charles Baran who is expected to run for mayor of Gary on the democratic ticket.

"You can definitely announce," Dr. Sweigart informed newspapermen this morning, "that I absolutely will not be a candidate for any state office, inasmuch as I will seek reelection as county clerk. I will officially announce my candidacy soon for reelection subject to the primary election."

VENUS SMILES ON HAMMOND WOMEN

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 1.—Hammond is a fine place for a single girl to find a husband.

AMBUSH GARY ALKY PEDDLER

Another Rival Gangster Is Killed in Warfare to Control Alcohol

Ambushing a rival gangster who sold liquor in peddling alcohol, Gary's liquor control was flamed up anew last night when unknown assassins, lured John L. Trexler, 35, 436 Pennsylvania street, into a trap, ripped his body with bullets and silenced his lips by beating his head to a pulp.

Two Gary police, Policemen Harry Lothian and Lester Clapp, who were cruising in an extreme west side beat, were the first to discover the slaying. They found Trexler slain in his auto on West 11th avenue, a block west of Clark road, a secluded district on the outskirts of the city.

The officers called police headquarters and detectives Caine and McCarthy conducted an investigation after summoning the coroner's office.

The victim's identity was not cleared up until his wife was located at 436 Pennsylvania street. While Trexler was known in police circles as a minor "fry" in the local alky racket, Mrs. Trexler shed the first light on the motive for the murder.

Mrs. Trexler, admitted that her husband had been engaged in peddling and running alcohol for some months. She stated that he had received a telephone call at 5 p. m. o'clock from a man who talked like a foreigner. Trexler had informed his wife that he was leaving for South Chicago to buy some alcohol.

He returned home at 7:45 o'clock with 10 gallons of alcohol and then made another telephone call, informing his wife that he was going to 14th and Broadway to make a delivery. That was the last time she saw him alive. Police have been unable to trace his movements up until the discovery of the murder.

Trexler, according to his wife, had between \$160 and \$170 on his person. He also carried a revolver, but neither the money or the gun were found on his person. The victim had been shot five times and beaten over the head.

A similar slaying occurred a month ago when one of the owners of the Four Brothers Tavern was "put on the spot" and killed.

WALKER, HER SON TESTIFIES THIS A. M.

Name of Earl Wynekoop Is Brought Into the Evidence

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)
CHICAGO, March 1.—Before a courtroom packed with spectators who had come to hear Dr. Alice Lindsay Wynekoop testify again on behalf of his mother, who is on trial for the murder of her daughter-in-law, Rheta.

Walker was questioned at length concerning the whereabouts of his brother, Earl, husband of the slain Rheta, who has been mysteriously missing since police released him last November.

Walker, surprised by Prosecutor Charles S. Dougherty's line of questioning, testified that he last saw his brother about ten days ago. Earle, the witness said, left for Kansas City at that time. Walker said he was not certain of his brother's address in Kansas City.

The balance of Walker's cross-examination dealt with the inquiry to which the defense contends his mother was subjected by police, before the so-called "confession," since repudiated, was obtained from the aged physician. He held of the numerous policemen at the West Monroe street home following the discovery of Rheta's lifeless body on the basement operating table and described, again, the "abuse" to which his mother was subjected by the officers.

READY TO TELL STORY

The prominent 63-year-old physician said she was ready to tell her complete story of the strange murder that occurred in the darkened Wynekoop mansion and how she discovered the almost nude body of Rheta with a bullet wound in the back.

Defense attorneys said they would ask frequent recesses that the enfeebled doctor might withstand the ordeal on the witness stand and distribute the principal testimony in her own behalf. Her illness, acute arterio-sclerosis, brought a sudden end to Dr. Wynekoop's first trial in January.

"There cannot be a question of physical ability," she said after a final conference with Defense Attorney W. W. Smith. "I must do it, that's all."

Four of the first seven witnesses to testify for Dr. Wynekoop have been relatives. They told the jury that Dr. Wynekoop had always shown an affection for Rheta. They also explained that Dr. Wynekoop's financial condition last November was such that she had no pressing need for a \$6,000 insurance, double indemnity, on the life of her daughter-in-law.

MAY GO TO JURY TOMORROW

The case may reach the jury tomorrow, it was indicated.

Dr. Wynekoop, an elder son of the defendant, brought tears to his mother's eyes with his description of the lengthy police questioning that resulted in Dr. Wynekoop signing a statement, since repudiated, that Rheta died of an accidental overdose of anesthetic while submitting to a physical examination.

BLACK AND BLUE LICENSES

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., March 1.—(I.N.S.)—Indiana's 1935 auto license plates will be of robin blue with black letters and numerals. It was revealed at the auto license plant at the state prison here today.

Plans for the manufacture of the 1935 plates were being completed at the plant today. Eleven companies have filed bids on steel to be used for the plates according to Lawrence Mutch, head of the prison industries.

DEATH OF MRS. AVERY

WHITING, Ind., March 1.—Mrs. Florence Coombs Avery, wife of Dr. E. W. Avery, Whiting dentist, died this morning. Death, which occurred at the residence, 1948 Westpark avenue, was caused by cerebral thrombosis.

SCHALL CALLS IT CENSORSHIP

WASHINGTON, March 1.—(U.P.)—Senator Thomas D. Schall, Republican, Mo., has charged that newspapers are "about to have themselves censored" through the proposed federal communications commission bill.

TWO KILLED, 19 OVERCOME

PHILADELPHIA, March 1.—(U.P.)—Two persons were killed and 19 overcome by illuminating gas in South Philadelphia today when a main broke, according to reports to police.

HAMMOND HIGH DEBATERS WIN DISTRICT TITLE

Hammond high school debaters last night emerged victorious from the quarter-finals of the Indiana state debate league by defeating Portage township high school of Porter county and automatically became the fourteenth district champions.

DRAW NAMES OF DILLINGER JURYMEN

CROWN POINT, Ind., March 1.—The jury commissioners of Lake county this morning drew the names of the men who will decide the fate of John Dillinger now held awaiting trial for murder while committing the East Chicago bank robbery.

Twelve names were drawn as the regular panel for the criminal court and after these the commissioners took 42 more names from the box to comprise the first venire. If this number is exhausted before a jury has been selected the commissioners will draw another batch of names and so continue until the panel is filled.

The names will be withheld for several days until the call is issued for March 12.