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MAIN DEBATE OF AERIAL HEARING NOT YET OPENED

Airline Plea From Verde Valley Is Heard First

LABOR PROTESTANT

C. C. Killen Seeking Ban on Century in Arizona

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Spiced with an occasional fit of humor but mostly a mass of technical testimony concerning that moot phrase "convenience and necessity," the Arizona corporation commission hearing on applications for air transport permits within the state went through a comparatively colorless first day Tuesday at the Pioneer hotel.

The initial session never saw the Century Pacific and American Airways companies in action against each other at all, the hearing being given over to testimony concerning the Verde Valley Airlines' petition for permission to operate, which was opposed by Arizona Air Services, Grand Canyon Airways and American Airways. Century Pacific, its legal battery on the sidelines watching the battle undoubtfully with interest, took small part in the proceedings.

But this morning, when the commission reconvenes at 9:30 o'clock, the mass of smaller-company technical details are expected to have been ended and the real affray probably will begin. Whether its pyrotechnics will flare brilliantly and colorfully as per popular prediction or will fizz like a water-soaked firecracker is a matter of question.

The commission, when first it met Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, was called to order by Chairman Amos A. Betts with Commissioner Charles R. Howe and Loren A. Vaughn present. Then Chairman Betts expressed sorrow on behalf of himself and the gathering at the death of Golden H. Benefield, Pioneer hotel manager and aeronautical enthusiast, after which a 10-minute adjournment was taken to allow the gathering to pay respects to the dead leader, whose body at that moment passed in the street below to the 25th infantry band's rendition of a funeral dirge.

Before Commission

When the commission reconvened it found itself confronted with a decision as to the feasibility of consolidating testimony and hearing. It found the following cases before it:

1) Application of Century Pacific Lines, Inc., for permission to establish a Tucson - Phoenix - Douglas schedule.

2) Application of Verde Valley Airlines, Inc., for permission to establish a Las Vegas (Nev.) to Douglas (Ariz.) schedule, with Kingman, Gila, Glendale, Douglas, Miami, Nogales, Bisbee, Douglas and Tucson on the route.

3) Application of Century Pacific Lines, Inc., for permission to establish an air taxi service in Arizona (later withdrawn without prejudice).

4) Application of American Airways, Inc., for permission to establish a schedule from Douglas to the Arizona-California state line (also later withdrawn without prejudice).

Because of the preference of the petitioners and their legal adviser, as well as one of the opposition companies and its lawyer, the Verde Valley case went before the commission first.

Principal witnesses in this case—which was opposed by American Airways and the John M. Thornburg lines (Grand Canyon and Arizona Air Services)—were William Andrews Clark III, who appeared for the Verde Valley company; Paul S. Green, a writer from Douglas, also for the Verde Valley petition; and John M. Thornburg himself, in opposition to the petition.

Thornburg's testimony, insofar as portions or whole may relate specifically to the Century Pacific-American Airways case, will be admitted to bear upon that case, attorneys agreed.

Labor Protests

As a hint of what may come up today or later in the hearing, C. C. Killen, presenting himself as representing the Arizona State Federation of Labor, opposed granting of permission to Century Pacific to operate in Arizona. Other than for the two times he arose to the floor—once out of turn—he sat quietly in the audience watching and listening.

Humor entered the proceedings at several points.

Once Chairman Betts, in questioning Clark concerning a questionnaire sent out in the Clarkdale-Clemenceau district asking about passenger and mail prospects, said, "Was your questionnaire as accurate, suppose, as the Literary Digest prohibition poll?" Everyone smiled.

Another time, when Green of

Year One Begins For Manchurians

Republic Proclaimed and New Calendar Is in Effect

MUKDEN, Manchuria, March 1.—(P)—This was the first day of the first year of the era of "Ta-tung"—great unity—and it was so designated because the new independent Manchurian republic was formally proclaimed as a nation.

Everywhere Manchuria's new five-colored national flag was flown, and all the newspapers were dated in accordance with the new dispensation.

A committee of the founders of the young state left last night for Port Arthur to notify Mr. Henri Pu-Yi, the former boy-emperor of China, that he had been selected to head the government.

Mr. Pu-Yi will be installed sometime between March 5 and March 10 with a ceremony at Changchun, the capital of the new state.

Chang Ching-Hui, representing the northeastern executive committee, proclaimed the birth of the independent government in flowery declaration couched in several thousand obscure classical Chinese words.

The most important item in the declaration was an acknowledgement by the new state of all the obligations and commitments to which Manchuria was bound under the Chinese government.

General Araki, the Japanese minister of war, said in an interview recently it was most important that the new Manchuria carry out existing agreements for the construction by the Japanese of a railroad linking the Korean coast to the heart of Manchuria.

SENATE QUIZ TO INCLUDE BILLS

Committee, Expected to Probe Bears, Adds to Duties

WASHINGTON, March 1.—(P)—A thorough investigation of all activities of the New York stock exchange was agreed upon today by the senate banking committee, but before proceeding it decided to seek approval of the senate itself.

A sub-committee, headed by Senator Walcott (R., Conn.), advocate of an inquiry into bear operations, was directed to draft a resolution under which the committee's power would be empowered to conduct the inquiry.

Walcott predicted an early report of the resolution of inquiry to the whole committee. If approved by it, the senate must then act.

Reports from Wall street today to compile a complete report to soften the wrath of the administration leaders who have been demanding action against "bear raiders."

"There is no intention, I am sure, to enact legislation," Walcott said emphatically. "We simply want to find out if there have been abuses and, if there have been, to let the public know who is responsible."

Senators Steiwer (R., Ore.) and Bulkley (D., Ohio) are the other members of the subcommittee. In response to demands voiced in the whole committee today for investigation of bulls as well as bears, they agreed to include in the resolution provision for inquiry into "buying and selling."

Steiwer also insisted borrowing and lending operations be included in the investigation.

Walcott withheld from publication the list of "culprits" who he believes are largely responsible for recent drops in security quotations.

He made it clear tonight that he saw no reason for a "sensational investigation," adding that "all we want are the facts."

HALF BILLION OIL MERGER IS FORMED

INDEPENDENCE, Kas., March 1.—(P)—A new giant of the oil world was born tonight when stockholders completed ratification of the Prairie-Sinclair merger, creating the Consolidated Oil corporation, a half billion dollar concern.

The merger combines the Sinclair Consolidated Oil corporation, the Prairie Oil and Gas company, and the Prairie Pipe Line company, operating in the southwest and midwest.

Harry F. Sinclair, oil magnate

who left an Independence drug store some 30 years ago to take a hand in the early development of the Midcontinent petroleum fields, will be chairman of the executive committee.

H. R. Gallagher, Los Angeles, formerly with the Shell Oil corporation on the Pacific coast, will be president. W. S. Fitzpatrick, chairman of the board of Prairie Oil and Gas, is expected to assume active

STEGER GIVEN RENOMINATION BY 3 MAJORITY

Wins Only Contest in City Primary By Narrow Margin

FEW BALLOTS CAST

Parties Select Precinct Committeemen in Three Wards

In the only contested race for nomination in the city primary for councilman, Fred Steger, incumbent, defeated L. J. Boudreaux by the slim majority of three votes for the Democratic candidacy, in the fifth ward, Monday.

Steger received 179 votes while his opponent counted 176 votes. A. V. Cull, Republican candidate, polled 43 votes to oppose Steger in the general election. He was unopposed for the Republican nomination.

The other wards were the scene of uncontested nominations. In Ward Three Henry A. Dalton, Democrat, received 18 votes while his Republican opponent in the general election, Harold Wilson, was nominated with 16 ballots.

C. H. Kroeger was nominated in Ward Six by the Democrats with 47 votes while William H. Hart received 25 votes from his Republican supporters to be their candidate for a place on the city council, subject to the general election.

Democratic precinct committeemen in Ward Six were voted for as follows: P. Contzen, 32; Mrs. O. Hutcheson, 33; Mrs. Edith Monier, 31; John N. Nugent, 36; Howard F. Potter, 34; Dr. G. W. Purcell, 28; C. J. Velasco, 28 and Dr. C. J. Wilkerson, 26.

In the same ward the Republicans cast the following votes for precinct committeemen: Frank Cordis, 11; James Ryan, 10; P. M. Elias, 9; G. Moreno, 9; Fred Pusch, 9; B. Rosenfeld, 8; S. Bogan, 8; Warren Grossetta, 1; Carl Puhl, 1; and B. A. Pilcher, 1.

Democrats voting for precinct committeemen in Ward Three cast the following votes: Thomas Colins, 9; Roy P. Drachman, 9; James Greaber, 8; Carl M. Hitt, 9 and Harry O. Julian, 10. The Republicans cast their votes in the following manner: Ralph Bilby, 1; Warren Grossetta, 1; Carl Puhl, 1; and B. A. Pilcher, 1.

Quite a selection of votes were cast in Ward Five for precinct committeemen with Mr. Sims, 1; Mr. Brown, 1; Charles Sims, 9; W. E. Yeager, 8; Mrs. Lex Sorey, 9; Alma Benton, 9; L. S. Fitzpatrick, 2; Vic Eyer, 5; Mr. Fitzpatrick, 2; P. B. Purcell, 1; A. J. Brown, 1; and J. J. Patric, 4.

In reviewing the events of the day at the different polling places it was found that 40 ballots were cast at the Miles school headquarters for Ward Three; 79 in Ward Six and 435 in Ward Five, which is the largest in the city and also the only ward which had a contest for a nomination.

During the day it was reported that one or two alterations took place at the polling places, but no serious fracases spoiled the day's election.

HUNT SEES TARIFF END UNEMPLOYMENT

PHOENIX, Ariz., March 1.—(P)—The quickest way to alleviate unemployment in Arizona, Governor George W. P. Hunt said today, is for congress to enact an "adequate copper tariff."

The executive's statement was contained in a telegram to United States Senator Hiram Bingham of Connecticut. Senator Bingham had asked Governor Hunt how many people were starving in Arizona and how many could find no work of any kind.

"The unemployment situation is bad all over Arizona and in all lines of endeavor," said the governor, "but people are not actually starving."

I believe failure of congress to enact legislation providing for immediate highway and other public work for relief of unemployment would be a tragic mistake."

COBB CONVICTED OF CRIMINAL ASSAULT

HOLBROOK, Ariz., March 1.—(P)—Jesse M. Cobb, former resident of Louisville, Ky., was convicted today of criminally attacking Mrs. Lewis Divilbiss, wife of the Navajo county undersheriff.

The jury deliberated four hours. Sentence will be pronounced tomorrow.

Mrs. Divilbiss was attacked last night by a man who broke into her home while she and her infant son were alone. The husband was on a fishing trip.

Dr. Lorenz presented advertisements in which his photograph was used, announcing him as a guest speaker on a program sponsored by a shoe company. He said he had agreed to speak on the understanding there was to be no advertising and that he was to receive

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KIANGWAN FORT ABANDONED BY CHINESE ARMY

New Fighting Begins at Spot 20 Miles Away

ARMISTICE NEARER

Japan Gives Its Formal Approval to League of Nations

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SHANGHAI, Mar. 2.—(Wednesday)—Japanese military headquarters reported today that the Chinese had abandoned the Kiangwan front during the night.

The announcement was made as the Japanese were engaged in a fierce attack on the line which grew into a thundering duel of heavy artillery over the whole front into Shanghai, jarring the entire city.

Meanwhile, there were reports of a new battle at or near Liuhu, 20 miles away.

Ten thousand new Japanese troops, landed near Liuhu yesterday, were fighting their way through Chinese fire to join the left flank of their comrades on the Kiangwan line, apparently authentic reports said.

Chapel, devastated battleground of the conflict's beginning more than a month ago, took the heaviest punishment of fire and shell thus far.

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Japan Approves Armistice But Prefers Victory First

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TOKYO, Mar. 1.—(P)—Acceptance of the League of Nations proposal for an international conference at Shanghai to end the Sino-Japanese conflict was announced today by the Japanese government.

At the same time various government spokesmen made it clear that Japan believes a decisive victory in the field will be necessary to pave the way for the conference.

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