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## ELECTRIC PROBE MEANS MORE TAX REVENUE AND REDUCTION OF RATES FOR ALL CONSUMERS

### United Illuminating Company Taxed in 1908 on About \$300,000, But United Electric Company, of Springfield, on \$1,400,000

### If Contract With Lighting Company Has Been Violated People Wish to Know It—What Officials Made Violation Possible—Something About Arc Lamps

The investigation of the United Illuminating Company should continue until the last power vested in the city is exhausted and if anything then remains dark that should be light let the courts be invoked. The names and file of the readers of this newspaper do not need reasons. They know it intuitively that benefit will flow to the city from the probing and that injury will be done to the city by ceasing to probe.

What are the sinister and secret forces that, standing behind the movement to better the administration of public affairs in this city, who are they? An honest investigation will tear the veil aside. The people will get a glimpse of the figures that move in the shadow.

The readers of this newspaper, the thoughtful business men, the intelligent workers, need no argument to convince them in this matter. The benefit of these, but for the instruction of mayors, who not being deaf yet refuse to hear, and for the instruction of editors, who being ignorant of the subject, yet pretend to have knowledge of it, and for the benefit of the members of the committee, who, being complacent, do not do a certain work, show a strong desire to disobey the master, are a few easy facts presented as being adapted to the understanding of such an audience unwilling to be convinced.

The investigation is demanded for ethical and social reasons. The investigation is demanded for business reasons which can be expressed in terms of dollars and cents. The first reason is the more important. The investigation was ordered upon the cry that, for years, the United Illuminating company had not lived up to its contract with the city. It had not, it is said, paid the city what was to be paid. Why did the officers of the city compel it to keep its contract?

The Farmer does not now say that the United Illuminating Company has not done what it promised to do. But the accusation is made that it has not. If it has not, it is the first, the noisiest to demand full inquiry.

Its good faith before the community is involved. Does the United Illuminating Company fear that the committee is biased against it? Does it suspect the tribunal of unfairness? The chairman of the committee is a lawyer, Mr. Day, is he not consumed with eagerness to condemn the United Illuminating Company? Is it not the most ardent in the prosecution that the company doubts that the evidence in its favor will be fairly considered?

The United Illuminating Company may, or may not, demand an investigation. The people do demand it. The people are concerned to know whether the contract with the city has been violated.

They are concerned to know what servant of theirs was negligent or worse, to enable the contract to be violated, if so, indeed, it has been.

Was there a violation? And if there was, who was to blame? Who slept while the city suffered? More important is it, than any mere matter of dollars and cents, that these questions should be answered.

Government cannot be successfully conducted unless the people can trust their servants. This is the ethical and social side of the question. It cries for an answer.

But for purely financial reasons the investigation should be continued. An order has been made to substitute an existing contract and to substitute a new contract. The company proposes to provide another lamp, at a reduced price.

But would such an offer be made unless the company is not now furnishing lights as cheaply as it should? Could it not be made at the end of an investigation than before?

If the company is willing to make concessions before the city has struck the probe in at all, it is surely the willing to do when the physician has sounded the wound to its festering depths.

Think it over, Gentlemen of the Committee, Mr. Mayor, and uninformed editors of other newspapers. Who knows that the new lamp is the best for the city?

How does the committee know that some other type of light might not be better, if there is to be a change. The more recent text books say that "the flaming arc," for instance, gives a light from two to three times greater than the ordinary arc light at a small cost.

This newspaper does not now say that it would be wise to put the flaming arc in the streets. It would be wise to investigate the relations between the company and private consumers. But the relations of the city and the company cannot be probed without also disclosing important information bearing upon private lighting.

Does the company wish to avoid investigation because it is making enormous profits? These profits would be disclosed. Such disclosure would put private consumers in a position to demand reduced rates. This would be a financial benefit to them, and indirectly, to the city.

Then there is the question of taxation. The investigation would show the detail of the investment of the company. It would enable the assessors to value the property of the company intelligently.

Let us see.

In Massachusetts they do things differently in respect to public services monopolies. The servants of the people in Massachusetts are not so complacent to public service corporations as the servants of the people are in Bridgeport. An electric light company in Massachusetts is investigated every year as a matter of course, and the results of that investigation are given

## MCCARREN'S LAST WORD WAS "MOTHER"

### Democratic Leader of King's County Loses in Fight for Life

### Fact that Parent Did Not Know of Illness Cause of Comfort to the End

### PHYSICIAN AT BEDSIDE TELLS OF LAST WORDS

### Dr. Hughes Says Senator's Lips Whispered "Mother" as Life Fluttered Away

(Special from United Press.)  
New York, Oct. 23.—New York's municipal politicians passed in the hot swirl of accusation and recrimination in the municipal campaign today and from the mahogany furnished offices of the big fellows to the ward heelers lining up their "floaters" in the tenement alleys of the slums a hush of mourning prevailed. For, lanky, angular, grim, good-natured "Pat" McCarren is dead, and the men who fought with or against him in the political arena of the metropolis all liked him personally, because he was a man of his word.

They moved the body today from St. Catherine's Hospital, where he died at 1:09 this morning, to his late home in the Williamsburg district of Brooklyn. Plans for the funeral are already underway. The funeral will be held on Tuesday from the McCarren home with religious services at the Church of St. Vincent de Paul.

Bishop Charles J. McDonnell of Brooklyn and Archbishop Farley of New York, will participate in the solemn high mass of requiem which will be attended by most of the priests of the diocese. A requiem mass was said Tuesday from the McCarren home with religious services at the Church of St. Vincent de Paul.

Senator McCarren's aged mother, but at her request the body was taken home this afternoon and she was permitted to view it.

The last words of the dying politician to the priest and nurse who knelt beside his bed were a request that he be buried in the cemetery of his 80 year old mother, he told of his death. Throughout the three weeks that he had been in the hospital she had not been informed of his illness, owing to the effect it might have on her physical condition, already weak and infirm. The Rev. Father Seymour, Dr. Peter Hughes, the political leaders, two neighbors and several nuns were in the room when he made this request and today the aged mother was told of the death of her son. Dr. Peter Hughes, a request that he be buried in the cemetery of his 80 year old mother, he told of his death. Throughout the three weeks that he had been in the hospital she had not been informed of his illness, owing to the effect it might have on her physical condition, already weak and infirm. The Rev. Father Seymour, Dr. Peter Hughes, the political leaders, two neighbors and several nuns were in the room when he made this request and today the aged mother was told of the death of her son.

McCarren was probably the most picturesque politician New York has ever seen. As a leader he never forgot to reward faithfulness or to punish treachery and his courage was unbroken. For two generations he was probably the most successful worker the Democratic party has ever had at Albany. He left a comfortable fortune but nothing more. He was a man with similar opportunities would have acquired. It is believed that in his will, made in the hospital a few days ago, a portion of his estate goes to charity.

### HIS LAST WORD.

The last word that issued from the lips of Senator McCarren was "mother." Dr. Hughes said that as he sat on the side of the bed holding the Senator's wrist to feel his pulse he heard the dying man muttering that one word.

Who believe the Senator died with the one thought of his mother. His was the most peaceful and painless death I have ever seen. He just passed away. His eyes closed, the heart beat more slowly and then came the end, quiet and peacefully. No man could have died a better death.

Senator McCarren was aware that his end had come. He struggled to live until the last ounce of strength was gone. In the last six hours he could scarcely raise his hand. He spoke often of his mother, he wanted to know if she yet knew of his illness and was happy when told she was ignorant of it.

"I'm so much," said the Senator, "that the shock would kill her. I'm sorry of all this for her sake. It's too bad she cannot be spared this sorrow in her declining days."

When Senator McCarren died more than two dozen of his closest friends were in the institution, just outside were thousands of others waiting for the news of what was, to most of them, a great tragedy. When the bullet was fired, the crowd of people who had gathered in the street, suddenly two men bumped violently into him, at the same time one of them diving his hand in the overcoat pocket and extracting the bag of money. The two highwaymen made a wild dash through the crowd scattered men, women and children pell mell. They raised a cry of "This!" and soon every person in the vicinity was chasing the robbers.

In their flight, the man who took the money transferred the bag to his companion who darted through an alley, making good his escape. After a few minutes the highwayman was captured by Patrolman J. McMalley. The highwayman was rushed to police headquarters and put through a grilling third degree but the efforts of the police to learn his name were futile.

The entire detective force is now on the trail of the robber who has the money in his possession.

### WILBUR WRIGHT CUTS CIRCLES WITH HIS PLANE

(Special from United Press.)  
Washington, Oct. 23.—Wilbur Wright had one of the most successful days of instruction at College Point today since he began showing the signal corps how to fly. He made four flights with a passenger and one alone on this last trip he cut circles which did not look to have diameters of more than 100 feet and turned the plane so sharply that the main surfaces made angles of 30 degrees with the ground.

## POLICE ALARM FOR MISSING GIRL CLERKS

### Florence Clarke and Hazel Hegerty, Each 15 Years, Not Seen Since Oct. 11

### DETECTIVES MYSTIFIED

Two bright and pretty girls of 15 summers, bosom friends have been missing from their homes and from the city since Monday afternoon, Oct. 11. They are Florence Clarke of 169 Williston street and Hazel Hegerty, who lives on the same street, near the Clark girl. Hazel had been working in the five and ten cent store, but left there after a dispute with the manager over money. The last time the girls were seen was Columbus day, in New Haven. Mrs. Hegerty, Hazel's mother, is so worried that her hair is gray.

The matter has been reported to the police. They have sent circulars to New York state police. The parents have also made a diligent search. Detective Cronan has been working on the case and seemed discouraged this morning over the meagre results of his labors.

He was at a loss to know what would prompt the girls to leave home. As with the terror of the White Slave trade staring them in the face the parents are fearful that the girls have been kidnapped. Captain Arnold, of the Detective Bureau, however, is not so pessimistic about the outcome. He thinks that the girls will turn up again after a clear while and be only too glad to get back home.

The Clark girl is the daughter of Mrs. Leonard Clark. Hazel is the daughter of Mrs. William Hegerty of 175 Williston street, who is employed by the Birdsey-Somers Co.

The Hegerty girl has dark hair, dark eyes and a dark complexion. On her right cheek is a birthmark, shaped like a small red maple leaf. She wore a corn colored straw hat trimmed with pink ribbons. Her coat was a long red one, trimmed with black velvet and her skirt and shirt waist were black. The color of her shirt waist was black.

The Clark girl is also a brunette. Her black hat was trimmed with black ribbons. Her coat was black and of the cutaway style. Her black dress had rows of buttons on the back. Her waist was white, trimmed with blue. She also wore black Oxford ties.

## TERRIBLE CRASH OF A METEORITE

### Smashes Windows, Splinters Telephone Pole and Stops Several Clocks.

### STORRS WAKES UP EARLY

(Special from United Press.)  
Storrs, Conn., Oct. 23.—Citizens of this community are today debating the difference between a meteorite and a flash of lightning. According to several who were up at 1 o'clock this morning as well as several who were awake through no wish of their own, there was a terrible crash, a blinding flash, a smashing of windows, the splintering of a telephone pole and the stopping of clocks in several buildings when a meteorite struck near the home of F. M. Chadwick, splintering the side of his house and breaking several panes of window glass in Chadwick's house. Others declare the phenomenon was merely a freak flash of lightning which a majority of the local residents doubt seriously.

Chadwick said that soon before the report came he and his family were sleeping in the bedroom. The house seemed to be shaking and they were thrown to the floor from their beds. Chief Clerk Gunther and Frank McLean, the football coach, declared while they were in bed they heard a rushing sound as though a heavy wind had arisen, followed by a lurid glow which filled his bedroom. An examination of the telephone pole that was splintered and the elm tree nearby is being made today. It is the opinion of leading citizens that a flash of lightning could have wrecked the timber in such a manner.

## 17 WEST END LOTS BRING \$71,000

A large transaction in real estate was closed in New York, yesterday when Joshua T. Butler, of this city sold to the St. Paul Construction Company of New York, 17 lots on State street between 4th and Butler street for \$71,000.

The lots are a part of the old Baskett estate. The St. Paul Construction Company is building of modern apartment houses. Mr. Butler is head of the Joshua T. Butler Company which has been made. The deeds have been passed.

## CANCER CURED BY LIMBURGER CHEESE

(Special from United Press.)  
Denver, Oct. 23.—Cancer germs may not have olfactory apertures of the first class but according to the announcement of Philip Schuch Jr., a chemist made today, they flee before the redolent fragrance of Limburger cheese. According to Schuch his mother died of cancer 11 years ago. Since that time he has been searching for a cure.

The basic germs of cancer, he says, are similar to those of leprosy. After a thorough cleansing of affected part with a liquor of quick lime and milk, then Limburger mixed in with glycerine is applied and the chemist declares it proves a sure cure.

## GILL WILL CHEERFULLY ACCEPT VERDICT OF THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

### Thankful for Loyal Support of Friends He Has No Forecast of Result to Make

### Boucher Claims 37 Delegates and Is Pleased With Fair Treatment of Opponents—Buckingham Will Be Named for Mayor by Acclamation

Immense interest was taken in the outcome of the Democratic primaries last evening owing to the contest between Laurence J. Gill and Stephen Boucher for the city clerkship nomination and William Thomas and Robert Weber for the town clerkship. The delegates chosen are all for the nomination of Edward T. Buckingham for mayor and John M. Donnelly for collector. Only one name has been mentioned for city treasurer that of the present incumbent Fred W. Hall.

The vote which the contesting delegates received will be counted where in this issue. Mr. Boucher is confident of receiving the nomination for city clerk as he figures he will receive not less than 37 votes of the 60 voters in the convention. Mr. Gill is not giving out any figures. He says he is thankful to those who supported him so loyally and he will be satisfied with the judgment of the convention which meets Monday night.

Mr. Boucher said to a Farmer reporter today:

"The result is not unexpected as I was confident from the beginning. I believe I will have 37 delegates at the first ballot in the convention. I have nothing but praise for the courtesy and fair treatment of my opponents at the primaries."

In the contest for town clerk Robert Weber said that he was still in the race and that he was confident that his record in the office stated the fair judgment of the party leaders would get him the nomination.

Alderman William Thomas, who is also a candidate for the office stated that he was satisfied by the results of the primaries that he would secure the nomination for town clerk.

The convention will convene and not behind closed doors as was the Republican city convention which put the candidacy of Henry Lee and his colleagues before the public.

## WOMAN CHARGED WITH FORGERY

### Mrs. Cora Wilson, Widow of Former Paymaster in U. S. Navy

### PASSED TWO BAD CHECKS

(Special from United Press.)  
New York, Oct. 23.—Mrs. Cora Wilson, widow of a former paymaster in the United States Navy, living at Broomtown, N. J., was arraigned before Magistrate House in the Tombs police court today charged by George W. Adams of 416 Grand avenue, Brooklyn, cashier in the National Reserve Bank with forgery. He alleged that on September 16 she passed a check for \$1,000 drawn on a Morristown bank and two days later cashed another for the same amount drawn on the Mutual Insurance Company at Newark, N. J., both checks Adams explained, were returned marked no funds.

Mrs. Wilson, who is 39 years old, was represented by Former Magistrate Wible who denounced her arrest as an outrage. He declared the matter was a business transaction in which the bank did not lose. Magistrate House adjourned the case until next Wednesday afternoon and paroles Mrs. Wilson in the custody of her counsel.

## STATE TEACHERS ELECT DANBURY MAN PRESIDENT

(Special from United Press.)  
Meriden, Oct. 23.—The sixty-third annual business meeting of the Connecticut State Teachers' Association was held here today. The efforts of the association will be realized. A pension bill passed in the next legislature. The officers elected were:

President, George H. Tracy, Danbury; first vice-president, William P. Kelly, Meriden; second vice-president, Claude C. Russell, New Haven; recording secretary, H. I. Hathorn, Hartford; corresponding secretary, S. P. Willard, Colchester; treasurer, E. B. Sellen, New Haven; auditor, Louis H. Sweeney, Hartford; executive committee, Arthur D. Call, Hartford; H. B. Marsh, Rockville; John Pettibone, New Milford; Harriet M. Stone, New Hartford; James C. Sizer, Clinton; J. W. Woolsey, Middletown; C. H. Hobson, Norwich; J. J. Maddox, Willimantic.

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WANTED.—First class non-union stone masons. Pay \$3.50 a day. Long job. Apply to Alvin D. Wadsworth, Moss Hill, South Norwalk, Ct. Telephone 210 South Norwalk. G 23 s 2 o

WANTED.—Lady to travel in Connecticut. Good pay and tailor made suit free in 90 days; experience unnecessary; reliable firm. Write for particulars. J. E. McBrady Co., Chicago. a 2 p

SPECIAL MEETING of Ida Lodge, No. 10, N. E. O. P., will be held this evening at 8 o'clock at Foresters' Hall, Cannon St., to take action on the death of Sister Betsey P. Donnelly, Warden; J. J. Kelly, Sec. a 2 p

AUCTION SALE tonight, 825 Main St., unadorned pledges, Blazette quilts, counterpanes, sheets, pillow cases, curtains, bed spreads, jewelry, cutlery, Oriental goods. Auction Salvage Co. a 2 p

WANTED.—Able bodied men between the ages of 21 and 35 for motormen and conductors. Apply at the waiting room of the Connecticut Company between the hours of 9 and 12 a. m. a 2 p

EXPERIENCED BELT DRESSING and factory supplies salesman, at present engaged, desires to make a change in his connections, and shall be glad to consider this as application for same. Address "Dressing", this office. G 23 s 2 p

CARD OF THANKS.  
I take this method to thank the B. P. O. E. No. 36, the K. of P. Mithra Lodge, No. 8, the B. of A. Progressive Circle, No. 2, and the many friends who so sympathetically expressed their regard for my late husband, H. Willard Raymond, by their presence at his funeral, and by the generous gift of the many floral tokens. Col. Street, Mrs. H. WILLARD RAYMOND. a 2 p



Senator McCarren.