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E. CHICAGO MAN TO BE SPONSOR

James I. Day Will Introduce Profiteering Bill In The House

James I. Day, state representative from East Chicago, is preparing to introduce a bill in the House and Senator Robert Moorhead of Indianapolis is preparing a measure for the senate.

Charles Kettleborough, director of the legislative information bureau, has been requested to make a study of the anti-rent profiteering laws of other states for the purpose of culling the good features of these laws to be incorporated in the proposed Indiana bill.

DAY TO STEER BILL. James I. Day, state representative from East Chicago, is preparing to introduce a bill in the House and Senator Robert Moorhead of Indianapolis is preparing a measure for the senate.

LAWYERS OF OTHER STATES. The laws of New York, Wisconsin and Rhode Island are being given special consideration by the members of the assembly. The Rhode Island law provides that rents shall be based on a fixed return on the assessed valuation of the property.

NEW YORK LAWYER. The New York law makes an increase of 25 percent in rent in a year evidence that the landlord is charging excessive amounts.

THE WISCONSIN LAW PLACES THE RENT SUPERVISION IN THE HANDS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

Orders of the commission may be enforced in the local courts.

MANY DIE IN WRECK ON G. TRUNK

Terrible Scenes Inacted In Toronto When Trains Meet In Collision

TORONTO, Ont., Nov. 25.—At least four persons, possibly seven, are dead, and a score injured as a result of one of the worst train wrecks this section has witnessed.

While the wreck occurred last night, the rescue work did not get under way until today and the salvagers still are confronted with great difficulties.

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FRANCE IS TO TRADE WITH REDS

French No Longer to Recognize Wrangel Because of Defeat

INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE. PARIS, Nov. 25.—Momentous developments of both war-like and peaceful nature, all involving soviet Russia, have taken place in the past 24 hours.

It is reported from a reliable source that Bolsheviki forces have occupied Vilna, the Lithuanian city which was recently seized by Polish detachments under Gen. Zeligowsky.

Other strong detachments of soviet soldiers are massed east of Vilna. LEAGUE ARMY PROMISED. Notes: Official announcement was made in the course of League of Nations assembly meeting at Geneva that an international league of nations army was to be created and be sent to Vilna to occupy the city pending a plebiscite to determine its future nationality.

For the second time reports have been received from Riga that the soviet Russian delegation has broken off peace negotiations with the Poles. The second report was contained in an Exchange Telegram dispatch which intimated that Russia might be preparing for a renewal of hostilities.

OPEN WAY FOR TRADE. The way is now open for French traders to enter into commercial relations with soviet Russia, although France is still determined not to grant formal recognition to the Moscow government.

Announcement to this effect, which was made to the foreign committee of the chamber of deputies created a sensation. It was stated on behalf of the French government that individuals will be authorized to trade with Russia on their own responsibility.

Premier Legeres, of France, opposes the Russian blockade and it is possible that France and Great Britain may jointly announce its abolition. With Great Britain, France and Italy trading with soviet Russia, the U. S. would be the only one of the great western powers still holding aloof from Russian commercial intercourse.

WRANGLER OUT OF IT. France no longer recognizes in Gen. Wrangel a potential anti-Bolsheviki force. French recognition of the Wrangel regime ceased with Wrangel's defeat in Crimea. Official announcement to this effect was made simultaneously with the statement of trade relations.

CUPID HAD A THANKSGIVING

Couples Flock to Crown Point to Wed for Turkey Day

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES). CROWN POINT, Ind., Nov. 25.—Fifty-five licenses had been issued by County Clerk Wheaton's office force at closing time on Wednesday, couples from New York, Wisconsin, Illinois, Texas and several other states being in the list. Chicago was the residence of the major portion of the couples, though Lake county did her share with furnishing 19 couples. The list follows from Lake county:

Albert W. Abrams, East Chicago, and Aurelia McCoy, Ind. Harbor; John Swanson and Mary Carter, Gary; Henry J. Macfahan and Margaret C. Biegalski, Crown Point; Morris Kravitz, Chicago, and Fannie Greenberg, Hammond; Delbert J. Berkin and Caroline Fredericks, Hammond; Lee A. Banker, Rockbridge, Wis., and Ella Anderson, Gary; Louis D. and Bertha Brown, Gary; Roy D. Haberstack, Gary, and Mary F. Pabellion, Canton, O.; Hilding Holmquist and Kate Rowland, Crown Point; Wm. A. Montgomery and Eleanor M. Hilbrich, Hammond; Darcy F. Potter and Florence R. Silson, Hammond; John H. Hearn and Alice S. Bennett, Gary; Robert E. Buro, Hammond, and Ethel E. Knapp, Heavsville; Guy Perkins and Zorah Smith, Gary; Joseph H. Heathman, Hammond, and Lona Heathman, Gary; Valis Caloway and Velina L. Harrell, Gary; Emory A. Baker and Lydia A. Kuehl, Crown Point; George Zinner, Gary, and Helen Tidewalt, Hammond; Frank M. Ellis and Gladys M. Hertzwick, Gary.

UNEARTH'S DIRTIEST BASEMENT

Alderman Pat Reilly, who as school attendance officer and in carrying out his councilmanic duties, probably sees more of Hammond than any other man, has found what he considers the city's dirtiest basement.

To substantiate his claim he took a representative of The Times to look it over. It is located under the brick business block at Sibley street and Oakley avenue, immediately adjoining the Nickel Plate depot. The reporter waded in a short distance. He did not see it all. He has a weak stomach.

A narrow dark stairway leads to the gloomy basement. Rubbish, garbage and silt are encountered at the foot of the stairs and conditions grow worse from there on. It undoubtedly deserves Mr. Reilly's stigma as the foulest hole in Hammond. Paper, boards, garbage, ashes, old clothing, broken furniture and whatnot clutter the floor to the depth of a foot or more and are piled against the walls.

From a pile of rubbish peeps the furnace which was not then in use. "Is it any wonder we have contagious diseases in Hammond when such places as that are allowed to exist?" asks Mr. Reilly. "Now that awful smell is bound to be noticed in the ice cream parlors above and the apartments on the second floor. What's our health inspector doing?"

The reporter confessed he didn't know and passes the question on to someone who does.

KISS COSTS WHITING MAN \$37.20 FINE

WHITING, Ind., Nov. 27.—Andrew Marika paid \$37.20 for a kiss, and he is lucky he didn't get more. Marika admits having been imbibing too freely. At Center street when passing the 119th street alley he saw two 12-year-old girls approaching him, whom he did not know. The "hootch" prompted him to grab one of the girls, which he did and embraced and kissed her. The children were much frightened and Officer Bellan being informed placed Marika under arrest.

JUDGE REITER IS SPEAKER AT COMMERCE LUNCHEON

Hammond Jurist Discusses Present Day Problems in Forceful Fashion

Judge Virgil S. Reiter of Hammond before a large crowd, gave a very forceful speech at the regular weekly noon day luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce held at the Congressional church. The judge chose as his topic "Present Day Problems," and said in part:

"I deem it a high privilege to have this opportunity of occupying your time for a short while in considering some of the phases of our present day problems.

"In the fore part of MAY, 1919," said the judge, "there were two dozen death dealing explosives sent through the mails to men in public and industrial life, causing riots, disorder and bloodshed.

"Again on the 3rd day of June there was another general movement through out the country in which there seemed to have been renewed an effort by some person or persons to start a general disturbance. It was on this day that an attempt was made to destroy the home and life of the Attorney General of the United States, the home of the mayor of Cleveland, the home of Justice Hayden of the Boston Municipal court, the home of Max Gold, silk manufacturer, and a dozen of others.

"These methods," said Judge Reiter, "are wholly foreign to the American system of settling difficulties and wholly at war with all our conceptions of national life. The breath of life of this republic is and must be law and order.

"We have many evils to remedy, but they must be remedied in an orderly and legal fashion. Judge Reiter, also spoke on the subject of race riots, which followed the general disturbance and deplored conditions which led to bloodshed in Washington, Chicago and other cities. The riot of the Boston policemen was also deeply scored by the judge and further characterized them as unregenerate brutes.

"Public officials," said the speaker, "if they would be true to the people who set them in authority, true to the American faith, must set with unhesitating vigor in the maintenance of their authority, and the people, if they would be loyal to themselves, must be loyal to their officials. Omaha, Boston, Washington and Chicago write with bloody fingers a warning to the American people. The nation needs a tonic and it must be self administered.

"We are living in an era of mighty changes," said Judge Reiter. "The war has made a new map of the world. Empires have fallen; new nations have been born in a day; thrones have been overthrown and their former occupants have suffered death of God to exile.

"Love of America, exclusive devotion to this republic, unmixd and unspiced by alien attachments should be the articles of our creed of patriotism.

In closing his speech, Judge Reiter said: "In every community in this country let the forces of law and order dedicate themselves to the national service, not only of obedience to law on their own part, but of requiring and compelling, if necessary, the observance of national, state and local law and respect for American institutions, in letter and in spirit, regardless of station and that government of the people by the people and for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

STILL WORK FOR MOTOR POLICEMEN

When Hammond police were conducting their campaign against motorists who traveled the streets at night without tail lights burning, loud were the complaints and numerous were the excuses made as driver after driver was brought into court. Two accidents Wednesday evening show the results of such negligence and indicate that there is still work for the police.

Frank Hammond was the first victim. He was driving home on South Hobman street after dark. His headlights were dimmed. He attempted to go around a horse and wagon and crashed into a Ford truck which had been left standing about three feet from the curb. The tail light was not burning so Mr. Hammond was not aware of its presence until the crash came. His car was badly damaged, but he was not injured.

The next accident occurred on North Hobman street, near Michigan avenue. D. H. Taylor was driving north and failed to see a lightless automobile which had been parked opposite the Hammond Auto Paint and Top company. His car collided with the standing machine and skidded around so that the rear end was on the street car track. An instant later a street car which was following him bumped into his car for the second accident at one sitting. Mr. Taylor was not hurt, but his machine showed marks of the rough usage.

LET'S DROP A TEAR PEEWEE'S GONE HENCE!

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE). ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 25.—Encased in a tiny casket trimmed in brass "Precious Pewee," believed to have been the most pampered hen in the world, has been buried in the Stern family lot in Centralia, Ill. Mrs. Max Stern announced today, amid mournful tears.

"Precious Pewee" departed this life last Monday at the age of six years, Mrs. Stern said after several physicians had been called in to attend. Death was due to lingering illness originating in a broken leg sustained in a fall from a chair in the Stern drawing room.

After having the body of the fowl embalmed, Mrs. Stern told reporters, she sat by the tiny casket all Monday night mourning the loss of her pet. Mrs. Stern is childless.

BANK IN SPACIOUS QUARTERS

Am. Savings & Trust Bank's Beautiful New Home Ready for Business

Special attention is called to the announcement, which will be found elsewhere in this issue, of the grand opening of the American Trust & Savings Bank, to be held at their new elegant and spacious quarters at 187 State st. This will be of special interest to the public and those who are associated financially with the banking interests of the city. It will mark the epoch of their most prosperous step, entering into their new quarters, which are owned by the bank itself.

A. J. Swanson, president of the bank, is known throughout the county, having held different offices of trust. Mr. Swanson is a man of wonderful personality and a friend to anyone seeking financial advice. A great deal of credit is due Mr. Swanson for his untiring effort for the success and growth of the bank since he has been associated with it.

H. O. Reissig, secretary and treasurer needs no introduction to the people of Hammond. Mr. Reissig is a man of sterling character, very thorough in his work and is a man who has been before the public for a number of years. He is also deserving of credit for the success of the institution.

Daniel Brown, present mayor of the city, is vice president and is also a member of the board of directors together with George B. Sheerer, Emil Minas and Carl Bauer. All of these gentlemen are well and favorably known throughout the entire Calumet District.

The paying teller of the new bank is the very obliging George L. Adkins, who has been connected with the bank for some time. Adeline R. Mayer will be assistant teller, thereby enabling the bank to take care of their vastly increasing patronage. Miss June Klein, a clerk of long experience, will act in the capacity of bookkeeper. The real estate and insurance departments will be managed by J. E. Trescott, a man who has built up a wonderful and profitable business since associating himself with the bank.

With such a representative body of men and officers at the helm of the bank in direction, the citizens of Hammond and Lake county may rest the utmost trust and confidence in this institution. The American Trust & Savings Bank bids fair to become one of the leading financial institutions of the city of Hammond.

PICKETING LOSES CITY AN INDUSTRY

Men in All Life Walks Approach Mayor to Use Effort to Effect a Settlement of Labor Trouble.

That the presence of strike pickets loitering on the streets of Hammond in front of its three department stores is doing the city an immense amount of damage was demonstrated beyond doubt or cavil early this week when the prospective locators of a fine industry in the city deliberately refused to consider Hammond any further and struck it off their list of cities without any warning.

Prominent Hammond men have for a long time been trying to locate the industry here and with good chances of success. Negotiations for a site had already been entered into between representatives of the industry in question and operators of a local real estate agency and officials of the manufacturer's concern came to Hammond and were shown the site where it was proposed to locate them.

JUST WHAT THEY WERE AVOIDING. They were satisfied with it and satisfied with the price and suggested that they would like to see Hammond intimately to see what kind of a city it was in which they were asked to cast their lot. They were much struck by the buildings, streets, parks, manufactories and stores, but as they were being driven on State and Hobman streets they noticed the girl strike pickets and forthwith inquired as to them. The real estate men had no other thing than to tell them that they were pickets on strike seeking to keep people from entering the stores and a representative of the company emphatically said: "That won't do, we're sorry, but we will not locate in a town that has labor trouble. This is just what we seek to avoid. We would not locate here under any consideration now."

A DEPLORABLE INCIDENT. Prominent men of the city when informed of the incident were outspoken in their regret that Hammond should have lost its most excellent opportunity for locating a live industry because of the presence of pickets on the streets and were emphatic in denunciation of it. They recalled the damage that was done to the city of Hammond by the bank strike and how it gave the city a black eye among manufacturers seeking sites for industrial purposes. They are demanding that something be done to put a stop to the picketing and its consequences. Window smashing, stink bombs and the starker nuisance and a concerted move is being made for immediate action. They are clear that the proprietors of the harassed department stores have built up their business and have a right to conduct it as they see fit.

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Meeting Is Expected to Draw Well

Heavy attendance is anticipated at the meeting in the auditorium of the Hammond Presbyterian church this evening at which Dr. Edward A. Steiner will be the speaker. His subject will be "Americanization or Alienation."

Dr. Steiner appears in Hammond under the auspices of the Calumet foremost students of the immigration problem, which at present is assuming alarming proportions. He has a wealth of first hand knowledge to draw from and is in great demand as a speaker all over the country. Recently Dr. Steiner addressed the Sunday Evening club of Chicago on the same subject.

SAVING SOULS NOT A PAYING JOB

NEW YORK, Nov. 25.—Saving souls is not a lucrative job, Rev. Robert Hein, 58, of Jamaica, L. I., has discovered after 21 years in that work and today he advertised for "any kind of honest work to tide over a period of slack times."

He said he converted the late "Buffalo Bill" and many other famous circus characters.

SOME OF THE NEW FACES AT THE CAPITAL

Senators-elect J. T. Hefflin of Alabama, at left, and William B. McKinley of Illinois. Below: T. H. Caraway of Arkansas.

These photos of three of the new senators who will take office in March, were made in Washington. All three were promoted from the house. Hefflin, Alabama Democrat, served eight terms and an oration of an unexpired term. Caraway, Democrat from Arkansas, served four terms, and McKinley, Republican from Illinois, served eight terms.

THE NEED FOR THIS STATION HAS BEEN realized for a long time and several times the matter has been discussed, but without action looking towards results. The business district has moved steadily south on Hobman street, while the residence districts to the south and southwest have been built up closely. The necessity for better fire protection is becoming imperative.

Hammond's peculiar situation with regards to the railroads makes it possible for all the territory lying south and west of the Erie and Monon railroads to be cut off from the city's four fire stations at one time. Here is an example: Supposing one of the long freight trains leaving the Erie yards for Chicago, when the engine has crossed the Michigan Central tracks, Holman, State, Sibley, Fayette, Russell, Clinton and Douglas streets are blocked. Now supposing a freight train is also pulling out of the south end of the yards. That will block Highland street and Conkey avenue.

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Recently the Central station department made six runs in one day and in four of these they were held up from three to fifteen minutes by freight trains. Many advance the argument that the fire chief has authority to order a train out at a crossing in such an emergency. He has, but when members of the train crew are at the distant ends of the train it is impossible to find any one to issue the order to. Besides broken draw bars and defects in the air brakes frequently halt trains on crossings for half an hour in which the cars cannot be moved.

Thus with all of the city's fine motorized fire fighting equipment it would be possible for a fire right in the business district to go unchecked while precious minutes were being lost because of freight trains. The West Hammond department has been authorized to purchase a new station in Hammond and can be depended to aid whenever possible in the future, but the Illinois outfit may not always be available when needed as there are fires to fight there also.

The remedy suggested by the majority of people who have given it thought is to locate a new station in Homewood or even farther south, which could answer all calls in the business district the same as the No. 4 station on South Calumet avenue now does.

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The court heard what little evidence was necessary and sent the relatives back to East Chicago with the cheery information that he had been fined \$50 and costs and had also been taxed \$7 for repairs on the signal post. His total bill was \$67. The relatives paid it.

SECOND MEETING

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5 P.M. NEWS FLASHES

BULLETIN (INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE). PITTSBURGH, Pa., Nov. 26.—In the highest steel circles here late this afternoon it was said that within the next day or two every independent steel concern would follow the example set by the Jones and Laughlin Co. in reducing prices of finished steel products. There is an unconfirmed report here that shortly steel workers wages will be reduced.

BULLETIN (INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE). INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Nov. 25.—Charles E. Fox will be the head of the free employment division of the industrial board, it was decided at a meeting of the industrial board of Indiana today. The state employment bureau was abolished by the special session of the legislature. It will be made a division of the industrial board. Fox is to devise plans and program to submit to the next meeting of the industrial board.

BULLETIN (INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE). INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Nov. 26.—The body of Dennis Kuhn, 37, a taxi driver, for which searching parties have been scouring the countryside for ten days, was found today beside a lonely road near Ellettsfield, Ind. The body, with a bullet wound through the head was discovered covered with a lap robe by a farmer named Hunt.

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