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TWELVE PAGES—ONE CENT

First Year of Hydro In St. John Shows Operating Loss

FIRE TAKES BIG LIFE TOLL

SECOND YEAR ALSO IS LOOKED UPON AS MONEY LOSER

Auditors, in Analysis, See Ultimate Profit to be Made.

HYDRO AUDIT IN.

Mayor and Commissioners Comment on Sending Report to Commission.

The report of Price Waterhouse Co., who made the audit of the accounts of the Civic Power Commission for the year ended June 30, 1924, at request of Mayor Potts, was presented to the Common Council this morning by the Mayor.

The report is divided into two sections, one dealing with adequacy of rates and the other with a proposed system of bookkeeping to be adopted by the commission.

It is to be seen that a deficit of \$71,934.25 has been created during the first year's operations. The auditor, in calculating the second year's level, from the angle of the taxpayer, has omitted making reference to decrease in taxes received from the Power Co., some \$6,000.

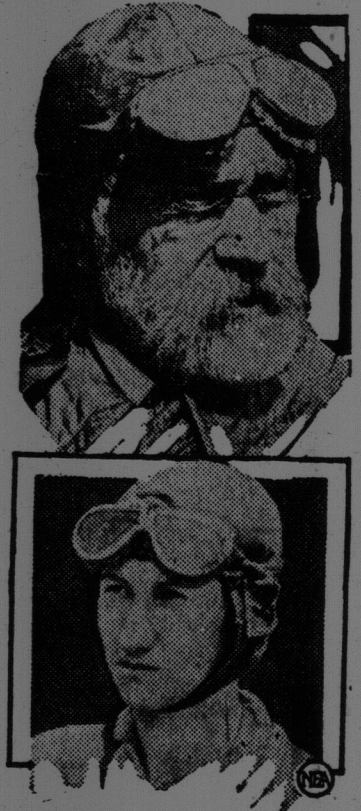
It may be further questioned whether or not the 27 1-3 per cent increase put upon the July figures in the report represents a true earning statement, due to the fact that, while the addition of this percentage will give a correct volume, it will not give a correct earning, because the formation of the rate schedule is on a sliding scale with the highest earning given on the first part of the load.

The Second Year. The auditor predicts a deficit of \$25,291 for the second year, based on the figures given and the hope for ultimate profit of when the ten million kilowatt stage is reached.

The Times-Star is publishing the figures of the first part of the report in full. The second section, being merely instructions to the commission's accountants, is summarized.

Sinking Fund. The report on adequacy of rates says in part: "We would suggest that, for the purpose of placing upon the power commission the full responsibility for the redemption of its capital debt, a sinking fund should be created, and that the monthly provision therefor should be included in the charge in this respect should be so made as to provide for the amortization of the whole amount of the capital expenditure by the end of the assumed effective life of the undertaking."

Two Extremes



Age will vie with youth in the international Air Races at Wilbur Wright Field, Dayton, O., the first week in October. Here are the oldest and youngest contestants—Ralph Dickinson of Chicago, who admits 66 years, and Ted Moellendick of Wichita, Kan., just 17.

TWO WITNESSES TRY TO END THEIR LIVES

Liquor Case Against N. J. Woman, Scheduled For Today, Postponed.

Mount Holly, N. J., Sept. 15.—The trial of Mrs. Jennie Ripberger, of Red Lion, on a charge of selling liquor, which was scheduled for today, was postponed after the state's star witness, Murrell Stiles, of Vincentown, who declared he inflicted a bullet wound through the fleshy part of his arm.

FLIERS AWAY AGAIN

Leave Dayton For Chicago, A Hop of 230 Miles.

Dayton, Ohio, Sept. 15.—The army world fliers took off from here at 10 a. m. for Chicago where they will remain over night, proceeding tomorrow to Omaha.

Wire Briefs

New York, Sept. 15.—The Prince of Wales will probably not remain for the final game of international polo series, his departure for Canada being tentatively set for next Thursday evening.

Baku, Azerbaijan, Sept. 15.—Thirty-five oil wells belonging to the government have been destroyed by fire resulting from an electric short circuit within. The damage is estimated in millions of rubles.

New York, Sept. 15.—Dr. George W. Partridge, prominent surgeon, died yesterday from gas fumes from a furnace of an apartment house, which caused death on Saturday of one resident of the apartment and serious illness of a third.

MILLIONAIRE BEAN KING MISSING FROM HOME FOR 6 DAYS

Lewis E. Sands, Who Made Fortune During War, Disappears.

MONEY TROUBLES

Several Warehouses in Different States are Closed Today.

Albion, N. Y., Sept. 15.—Weakening under the strain of financial worries, his friends believe Lewis E. Sands, wholesale bean dealer, and known as the "World's Bean King," has vanished. As a result of his disappearance his wholesale plant here, and 28 receiving stations and warehouses in this state and scores of others throughout the country today for the first time stand idle. Liables are said to exceed assets by from \$300,000 to \$500,000.

TO PRESS CHARGE AGAINST FIRPO

Canon Chase of Brooklyn Goes To Ellis Island On Perjury Matter.

New York, Sept. 15.—Canon Williams Chase of Brooklyn and Bernard H. Sandler, his attorney, accompanied by a private detective, went to Ellis Island today to press their charge of perjury against Luis Angel Firpo, Argentine heavyweight boxer.

Losses Are Caused By Signed Paper

New York, Sept. 15.—(United Press.)—With 95 per cent. of the business of the United States being transacted by means of instruments made valuable by the signature of individuals or firms, losses from embezzlements and forgeries have reached the total of \$200,000,000 annually, says the American Institute of Accountants.

Patrolman Shot Assailant Flees

Waltham, Mass., Sept. 15.—Patrolman Robert Fitzgerald, accosting a man who was loitering in a doorway on Main street early today, was shot down without warning by the stranger.

Seven Horses Die As Barn Burns

Manchester, N. H., Sept. 15.—Fire destroyed the big barn and contents on the old city farm yesterday. Seven horses perished. The property loss including 50 tons of hay, is estimated at \$100,000.

"Pollyanna" Gets \$100,000 Legacy

New York, Sept. 15.—Gladys M. Stevenson, of Brooklyn, will receive a \$100,000 legacy because she brought "Sunshine and happiness" into the life of her aunt, Virginia I. Leman, of Brooklyn, whose will was made public yesterday.

CHARGES FOREIGN RUM CONSPIRACY

New York Dry Leader Alleges Attempt To Influence U. S. Elections.

New York, Sept. 15.—Arthur J. Davis, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of New York, in a statement issued yesterday charged foreign liquor interests with having formed a conspiracy to influence coming American presidential elections.

\$10,000 ALE SEIZED

Rochester, N. Y. Officials Also Get Two Automobiles And Four Trucks.

Rochester, N. Y., Sept. 15.—Deputy collectors of the Port of Rochester, yesterday staged a sensational raid on the shores of Lake Ontario west of the Hilton beach lighthouse, arresting seven men and a boy, and seizing two automobiles and four trucks, a dinghy and 200 cases of alleged ale, valued at \$10,000.

New Chinese Cabinet Named

Peking, Sept. 15.—A new cabinet succeeding the temporary one headed by Dr. K. V. Wellington Koo, which has acted since the resignation of the Sun Fao Chi cabinet July 2, was appointed by President Tso Lin in a mandate issued at 4 a. m. today.

Pilot Is Killed In Runaway Balloon

Tirlemont, Belgium, Sept. 15.—A fatal accident occurred here yesterday when, during the inflation of a balloon for the annual festival, the balloon went up, taking with it the pilot, Diemortier, and his assistant, who were in the rigging. The pilot dropped from a height of 85 feet, struck on his head and was killed.

MacMillan's Ship Having Rough Trip

Wiscasset, Maine, Sept. 15.—The auxiliary schooner Bowdoin in which the MacMillan Arctic expedition is returning from the far north early today was encountering the worst storm of the 15 months trip off St. George, Nfld., according to information obtained here at Station 1 M. O.

U. S. to Keep Powder Stocks Under Water

Washington, Sept. 15.—(United Press.)—Keep your powder wet! This is to be the new slogan of the War Department as soon as its tests are completed for storing smokeless powder under water.

Is Killed On Way Home From Dance

Templeton, Mississippi, Sept. 14.—Oscar Warrington, 32, died in a hospital here yesterday from a fractured skull sustained early in the morning. The police said that he attempted to ride home from a dance clinging to the rear of a coupe, but fell to the road.

PRINCESS KILLED IN FALL FROM CLIFF AT MAINE RESORT

Former Chicago Girl was Searching for Lost Diamond Ring.

WAS NOVELIST

Body Caught in Tree 100 Feet From Summit of Mt. Kineo.

Kineo, Me., Sept. 15.—Members of the family of Princess Helen Radziwill, well-known writer and novelist, who was killed on Saturday when she fell more than 100 feet over the north cliff of Mt. Kineo, left early today for their homes in Chicago with the body. The Princess was the widow of Prince Ladislas Radziwill of Poland and daughter of Dr. Edgar E. Simpson of Chicago. She had been spending the summer with her parents, two brothers and a sister.

Ontario Officials Seek Barnardo Boy In Case Of Woman's Murder

St. Thomas, Ont., Sept. 15.—County authorities are seeking a 16-year-old Barnardo boy as the result of the most brutal crime committed in the St. Thomas district in years. Mrs. Albert Couz, a young mother of five small children was attacked on Friday night in the absence of her husband and was found in the morning lying unconscious in a pool of blood.

1 DEAD, MANY HURT

Negro Crosses In Front Of Automobiles, Racing At 90 Miles An Hour.

Chicago, Sept. 15.—An unidentified negro was killed and Sky Banks and Norman Wyle, negro automobile race drivers, probably fatally injured yesterday when the unidentified man attempted to cross in front of two racing cars travelling at more than 90 miles an hour.

STARTED FIVE FIRES

Woman Arrested In Congested New York Tenement District

New York, Sept. 15.—Police yesterday arrested a woman whom they believed had started five fires in a tenement district. She said she was Annie Latimer, 34, and that she was "moved by a mysterious impulse" to start fires. She was charged with arson and sent to Bellevue Hospital for observation.

3 ARE ASSASSINATED

Slaying of Macedonian Leaders Is Reported to Bulgarian Ministry

Sofia, Sept. 15.—(United Press.)—The Macedonian revolutionary organization, has been killed by two of its followers. The assassination of two Macedonian autonomist leaders, Aleko Vassilef and Georgi Alanhof, was reported to the Bulgarian Ministry yesterday.

Plane Crashes, One Killed, One Injured

San Antonio, Texas, Sept. 15.—Staff-Sergeant A. Cums, first sergeant of the cadet corps at Brooks Field, was fatally burned and H. E. Hinton, a former cadet at the flying school of McAllen, was seriously burned yesterday when Hinton's plane crashed with them from an altitude of 200 feet and burst into flames.

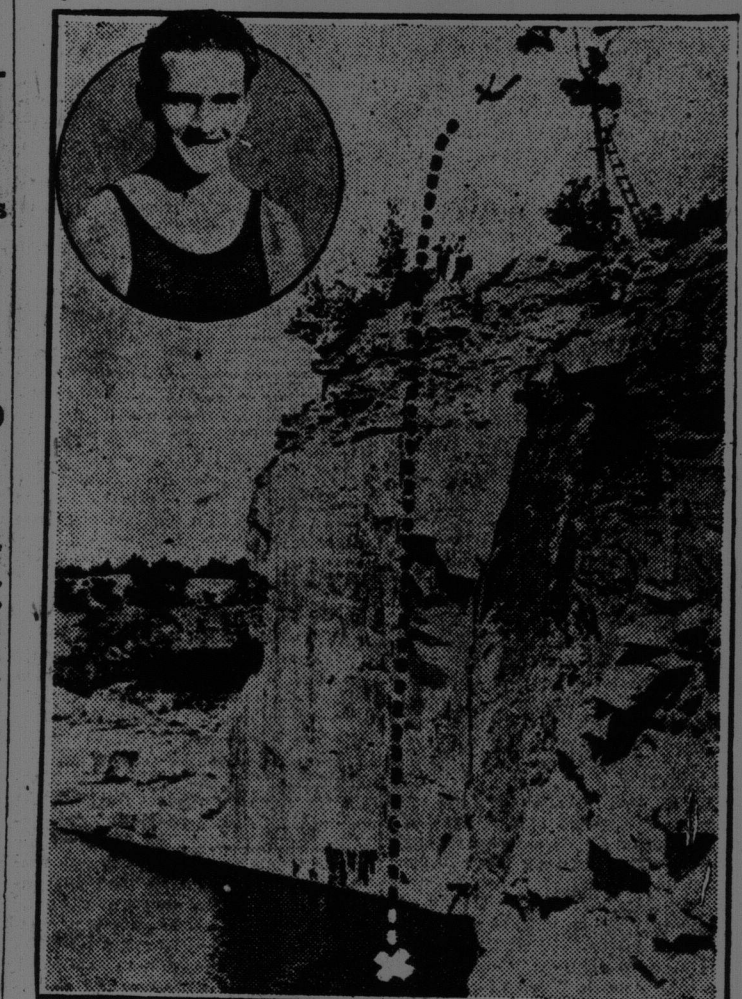
"Oil" Truck Has 1,100 Gals. Alcohol

Hyannis, Mass., Sept. 15.—A truck that was supposedly an oil container, but which gave off both alcohol and gasoline from its false bottom was seized by State and local police here today with its cargo of 1,100 gallons of alcohol.

Weather Report

Washington, D. C., Sept. 15.—Forecasts for New England—Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday, probably showers in south portion, not much change in temperature, moderate to fresh northeast winds.

And He Came Up Smiling!



Every dot on the dotted line leading from diver to river represents a distance of more than two and a half feet and marks the direct route taken by Keith Cousins when he made his spectacular leap from the top of a tree to the river at Amoskeag Falls, N. H. The distance is 108 feet.

3 DEAD, 5 MISSING WHEN LIGHTNING HITS BIG OIL TANK

Millions in Property Threatened by Flames at Monterey, Cal.

MANY HOMES LOST

Blaze Gets Beyond Control of Fire Companies and Troops.

(By United Press.)

Monterey, Cal., Sept. 15.—Three soldiers were burned to death and five others were missing in a terrific oil fire which was devouring the fashionable residential portion of Monterey, early today.

Flaming oil from tanks of the Standard Oil and Associated Oil Companies on the hillside above the bay, which were struck by lightning Sunday afternoon, drifted over the inlet, threatening property valued in millions.

Homes of 80 wealthy residents of the new colony on the shore had been destroyed by the spreading fire, which was beyond control of fire companies from surrounding towns and troops from Presidio, which were ordered out for emergency duty. All houses within two blocks on the roaring inferno were vacated.

Flames Cover Water.

A burning sheet of oil 500 feet square drifted over the bay towards the residential section of the city and spread for miles out to sea. Before midnight the damage already caused by the flaming oil was placed at more than \$1,000,000.

The conflagration started during a freak electrical storm when a bolt of lightning touched off one of the crude oil tanks of the Associated Company. Burning fuel spread rapidly, lighting other tanks.

One of these exploded, hurling roaring sheets of oil over the fighting, including troopers from Presidio.

Six tanks with a capacity of more than 50,000 barrels, were quickly attacked by the fire. The Associated and the Pacific Fuel Companies were destroyed.

Then streams of burning oil, incinerating everything in its path, flowed down hill to the bay and spread over the surface of the water. Residents of shore homes hastily gathered what belongings they could and fled. Ambulances, nurses and doctors were sent from surrounding towns.

Policeman Dies; Five Arrested

Philadelphia, Sept. 15.—Frank X. Roy, policeman, died yesterday from wounds received on the night of July 3, when he and other officers attempted to break up a demonstration on the outskirts of Ardmore where a flaming cross was a feature. Soon after his death five men who had been released on bail charged with having taken part in the demonstration and shooting, were rearrested and arraigned before a magistrate.

When you advertise a flat to rent, give a full description—location, number of rooms, rent and other important details—and results will follow quickly.

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