

Joy Rides of U.S. Clerks on Public Money Shut Off

Comptroller of Treasury Devises New Audit System to Stop Leakage in Expenses.

By W. H. ATKINS. International News Service Staff Correspondent. Washington, D. C., Dec. 25.—Government officers and clerks who travel about the country in Pullman luxury at federal expense are going to have all the joy taken out of such junkets. Pretty stenographers and others with a bit of official "pull," seeking surcease from dull routine by travel at public expense, hereafter will pay their way over the carriers if they journey at all. Even "higher-ups," who with "official business" as an alleged excuse secure free transportation vouchers and use part of their term of office traveling about the country on "inspection trips," are to be curtailed.

Comptroller of the Treasury Walter W. Warwick is the doctor who has found a cure for this travel abuse. And the cure is going to mean some major operations, treasury officials say. Comptroller Warwick has determined to protect the public purse by setting up a new system of audit which, he says, will save the treasury several millions a year.

New Audit System. Comptroller Warwick's plan for stopping this treasury leakage is to centralize the audit of transportation accounts and subject to the acid test all reasons which may be urged for free government travel. Only the most urgent official reasons hereafter will be accepted by the auditors on claims for travel allowance. Decision to consolidate the auditing units of the various departments under a transportation rate board was reached by Warwick after encouragement given by congress toward the establishment of the budget system.

Under the system, which the comptroller declares is now in smooth operation, a staff of special auditors, equipped with all the paraphernalia of an up-to-date passenger rate establishment, has been brought together under supervision of a chief of the general transportation board.

\$38,000,000 During War. To make the plan efficient Comptroller Warwick was forced to take away some of the wide discretion formerly exercised by departmental auditors and accordingly he has no-

Four Generations Meet



Mrs. Samuel Williams of York, Neb., mother of Mrs. C. E. Voorhies, 561 South Twenty-sixth avenue, and of Samuel Williams, 703 South Thirty-first avenue, this city, had the distinction of being the honored member of a reunion of her daughter, granddaughter and great-granddaughter in Portland, Ore., while visiting there.

It was while visiting her daughter, Mrs. James McCarren, that she was introduced to a granddaughter, Mrs. Lillian Compton Likens, and a great-granddaughter, Charlotte Likens.

Among the nine children and nine grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Williams, there has never been a death.

Mr. Williams is a retired farmer and business man of York.

bill for transportation amounted to \$38,000,000 during the period of federal control.

Bathtubs Are Luxuries The Hague, Dec. 25.—Bath tubs and bathroom fixtures appear on the list of "luxuries" which would be subject to a 10 per cent luxury tax in Holland if a revenue bill now before the Dutch Parliament were passed.

Girl of 12 Rival Of Billy Sunday As an Evangelist

Pittsburgh Youngster Covers Wide Range of Subjects In Sermons—Hailed as Greatest Child Evangelist.

Pittsburgh, Dec. 25.—Mary Agnes Vichestrain, 12, is Pittsburgh's rival to "Billy" Sunday. Her subjects range from the simplest lessons of the Bible to a refutation of the Darwinian theory of organic evolution. She is a daughter of Joseph Vichestrain, former police court magistrate, and now editor of a labor paper.

She has been preaching in the churches of this city since she was 9 years old and has lately gained the attention of national church figures and is being acclaimed as one of the most remarkable child evangelists the world has ever known.

Off the rostrum she is shy and almost a diffident little girl, but when she appears before an audience there is an immediate change and a whirlwind of oratory follows, resembling generally that of "Billy" Sunday. She is all arms and legs in her exciting gesticulations and produces a marked effect on her audiences.

Besides preaching in New Castle, Pa., she has addressed audiences in Cleveland and many of the villages and townships near Pittsburgh.

Six. Haugdahl of Norway during a speed trial held in Canada recently made a record of 5 minutes, 26-25 seconds for five miles over a dirt track in an automobile.

Reformed 'Bad Boy' Becomes Noted as Juvenile Orator

Coached by Father Flanagan, Lad Attracts State-Wide Attention.

With his persuasive and singular eloquence, Demosthenes swayed public opinion in ancient Athens; Cicero harangued the Romans with telling effect; in later days world-wide attention was centered upon the oratory of Daniel O'Connell, Patrick Henry and Daniel Webster. Each arose to a pinnacle of fame and popularity. Each had something to tell the world. And the world hearkened.

Perhaps Charles Kenworthy, 13-year-old homeless lad, has never heard of the leading orators of the past. Nevertheless, he is following in their footsteps.

Speaks Before Thousands. During the last six months Charles has spoken before thousands of persons throughout Nebraska on a tour of the state with Father Flanagan's boys. He met the public and conquered the spirit of stage-fright in addressing them.

He has been acclaimed "the boy orator of Nebraska."

Against a bet that he would be unable to control the lad, Father E. J. Flanagan, head of a boys' home at 4206 South Thirteenth street, took him in charge.

On the first day that Charles mingled with the other 120 boys at Father Flanagan's home he was dispirited. He ran away three times—



the third escapade finding him "riding the rods" of a fast mail train bound west. He was apprehended at Fremont and Father Flanagan was notified.

Wins Him Over. The priest talked again with Charles—and won him over. "Yep, I'll go back," Charles declared determinedly. "And I'll just bet the sheriff a big box of candy I can make good."

The bet was accepted. It was not long before Charles' ability was recognized. His speech was persuasive, his personality winning and he was acclaimed a leader among the boys at the home.

Achieves Grace. Father Flanagan took special interest in him and coached him in eloquence.

So much interest did Charles take in his new line of endeavor that he has achieved a remarkable grace of delivery in voice and gesture. His one plea is in behalf of the homeless boy.

Impassioned, his voice rings effectively in the conclusion of his main speech: "Give them a chance." When Charles addressed a large audience at Fremont a month ago, he ended his talk with these words:

He Got It. "And they said I couldn't make good in six months. Now, if the sheriff will kindly give me that box of candy."

At North Platte, Charles' former home, and the scene of his pranks that first led him into trouble, his arrival was heralded. North Platte had heard of the success attained by him. Before his address, more than 1,000 persons were turned away from the hall, so great was the crowd. The lad's impassioned eloquence "went over" with his hearers. Several persons in the audience were seen to wipe tears from their eyes when Charles entered into heartfelt recital of incidents of the lives of his new associates.

So today, Charles is back in Omaha acclaimed "the boy orator of Nebraska."

Father Flanagan declared he hopes to send his new charge to college where he can learn of Demosthenes, Daniel O'Connell, Patrick Henry and Daniel Webster.

Panama Girl Is Leader in Politics

Young Woman Is Most Powerful Factor in Government Circles.

International News Service, Staff Correspondent. Panama City, R. P., Dec. 25.—Women have played an important part in the background of the world's history and there have been some historic women of the ages past who have been credited with ruling the great empires of the world.

In this day of suffrage and in this period when woman is taking her place in the sphere of politics and commerce, it is not surprising to find that a woman is popularly believed to be the power behind the government of a Latin-American republic.

A beautiful young woman of 26 is said to be the most powerful factor in the political life of the little republic of Panama.

Anita Erhman, niece of the former President Le Fevre, and the descendant of an old Panamanian family of German, French and Spanish extraction, is generally given credit for keeping the politics of Panama on an even keel.

With flashing black eyes and the carmine lips of a story book Spanish beauty, this modern and aggressive young girl is seen wherever Panamanian celebrities gather.

Educated in the United States and thoroughly acquainted with the politics of the United States, as well as being friendly toward the American government, Anita Erhman is said to be one of the great factors in stilling the suspicions of some of the more excitable Panamanians who distrust the United States and its aggressions in Panama.

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