

Railway Brotherhoods See Vicious Points In Any Wagner Act Change

The CIO has repeatedly warned that the present attempts to destroy the effectiveness of the Wagner labor relations act by amendments are part of a wider campaign directed against all progressive labor legislation.

In supporting and even leading the drive against the Wagner Act, AFL leaders have frequently taken occasion to praise the Railway Labor Act.

But now the rail labor organization is taking alarm at a growing movement by the companies to do to the Railway Labor Act what the anti-union manufacturers and the AFL lead-

ers are trying to do to the Wagner act. The rail union paper, Labor, names this campaign as one "of the most vicious attacks ever launched against railway labor" and says that its objective is to destroy the Railway labor act by discrediting the adjustment and mediation boards set up under the act.

In fighting to defend the Wagner act the CIO is protecting not only its own interests but also those of the AFL and rail union memberships. If the Wagner act goes down, it will open a wide breach for the destruction of all other legislation for the protection of labor.

UNUSUAL ROMANTIC STORY RECALLED IN MURDER CASE OF 1926

Application last Friday by Frank Aikens, former hunter and expert marksman of Van Ormer, Cambria county, for a pardon from a life sentence in western penitentiary, recalls one of the most unusual romantic stories in the history of Cambria county.

Application for Aikens' clemency was opposed by District Attorney W. Stephens Mayer.

Aikens was arrested on August 10, 1926, after a posse had combed the Buckhorn mountain the preceding night for him. Shortly after noon on August 9th, Aikens shot and killed Mrs. Rupert B. Beers, 28, of Fallen Timber, his step sister.

Returning to Fallen Timber after a cherry picking trip, Mrs. Beers was riding in a car operated by Mrs. Myrtle Bates of Fallen Timber, a widow, and Gilbert Beers, 11.

Mrs. Bates and the Beers boy escaped as Aikens fired a high powered rifle through the isinglass of the automobile. The soft-nosed bullet penetrated the left temple of Mrs. Beers and shattered her skull. Aikens ran to the car, told Mrs. Bates he would "fix her," too, if he had another bullet. He then fled into the mountains.

Aikens was a suitor for the hand of Mrs. Bates. Two days preceding the shooting of Mrs. Beers, Aikens and Mrs. Bates had quarrelled. Aikens blamed Mrs. Beers for interfering in his romance with Mrs. Bates and the murder was his revenge. He charged Mrs. Beers had introduced Mrs. Bates to several other young men and had arranged 'dates' with them and, Mrs. Bates.

Aikens was tried in Cambria county court before Judge John E. Evans. He was found guilty of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment.

The day prior to Aikens' removal from Cambria County jail to Western Penitentiary Mrs. Bates visited Ebensburg and expressed to jail authorities a desire on her part to marry Aikens.

The ceremony was performed in jail.

Several months passed and Mrs. Bates conferred with officials expressing a desire to obtain a divorce from Aikens. Mrs. Bates declared she had married Aikens because of fear. She confessed to authorities that Aikens had told friends he would "be out of the penitentiary within a year or so" and that she feared for her life.

Mrs. Bates was advised she could file a libel for divorce on the grounds her husband had been convicted of a crime and committed to the penitentiary for life.

The divorce proceedings were instituted and a master was appointed to take testimony.

Inasmuch as her husband was in the penitentiary the master was obliged to go to that institution to take testimony. Aikens, however, produced letters from his wife in which she expressed her faith and love for him. The master held that under such expressions, Mrs. Aikens could not advance fear as a just cause for divorce, and the separation was not granted.

SOME ADVICE ON THE SWIMMING HAZARDS BY MEDICAL ASS'N

The shock of diving into cold water often takes one's breath.

Which one's breath?

The ones who are allergic to cold. Just as some persons are allergic to ragweed, or goldenrod or feathers, or furs, or certain foods, so are others allergic to cold.

A person allergic to cold may develop severe constitutional reactions soon after entering the water.

A feeling of weakness is experienced which may at times assume full unconsciousness and the victim may become totally helpless.

He can make no effort to call for help.

Unless soon rescued, he suffers a complete failure of the circulation — and drowns.

In most cases of cold allergy there is a fall in blood pressure, a rapid pulse — fainting or unconsciousness.

Some people, therefore, may meet with disaster by diving into cold water.

There is a season for swimming. It is a grand sport, refreshing, and a relief from the heat.

Yet it presents certain hazards in the way of disease and danger to life. Infections of the middle ear and the nasal sinuses sometimes result from swimming.

Almost 400 drownings a year in Pennsylvania are needless wast of lives.

Persons who suspect they are allergic to cold, should be over-cautious in swimming.

Diving into cold water, for such allergies, may not only take one's breath — but one's life as well.

RECORDER IS GOAL



Clayton Law.
Clayton Law, of Ebensburg, has announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for the office of Recorder of Deeds of Cambria County.

Mr. Law was formerly employed by the Bethlehem Steel Company, and for the past nineteen years has been associated with the automobile business in Ebensburg. He is a member of the Ebensburg Post of the American Legion. He also has served a four year term as a member of the Ebensburg Borough Council.

He was a candidate for this same office four years ago and made a very creditable showing, and now asks the nomination for this office.

Executor's Notice.
In the Estate of Isaac Strayer, late of Patton Borough, Cambria County Pennsylvania, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary in the Estate of the said decedent have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make payment and those having claims or demands against the same will make their known without delay to:

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Patton, Pa.

Reuel Somerville, Attorney.
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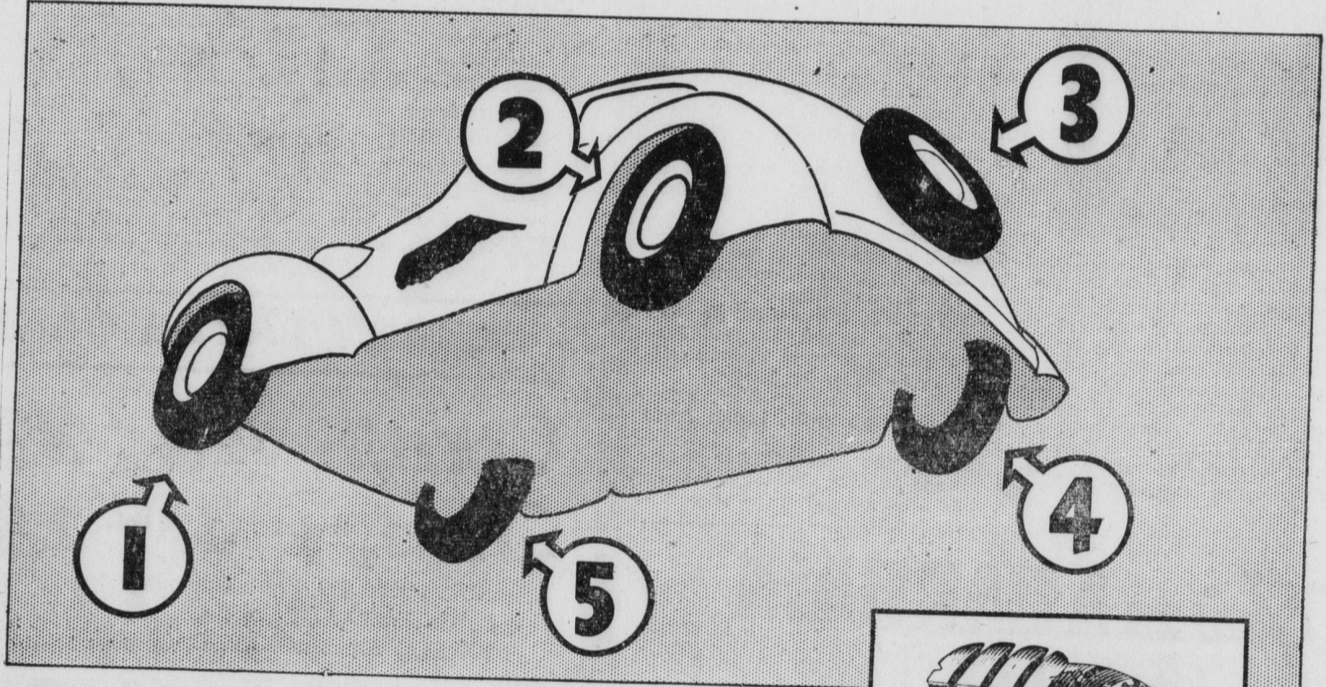
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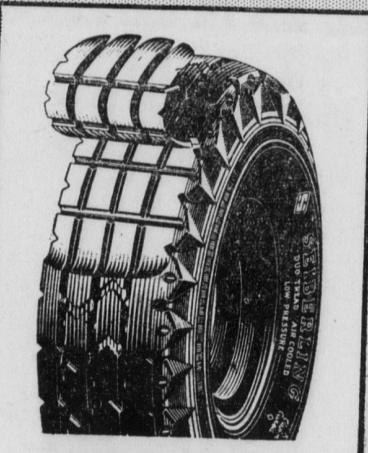


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