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PIRATES WIN ANOTHER AND TIE SERIES

DWIGHT DAVIS IS CHOSEN TO SUCCEED WEEKS

Coolidge Names St. Louis
Man Secretary Of War;
Weeks Resigns

NEW SECRETARY
IS BUSINESS MAN

Washington, Oct. 13.—(United Press)—Dwight Davis, of St. Louis, today was named secretary of war by President Coolidge, following official announcement of the long anticipated resignation of Secretary of War John W. Weeks, of Massachusetts, by the White House.

The resignation and appointment were announced simultaneously, following Weeks' attendance at his final cabinet meeting this morning.

Weeks is expected to retire at once to private life, after five years in the cabinet, under two presidents. He has not been able to work since April 1, when he was stricken by paralysis, and his resignation has been practically certain since that time.

Official announcement has been withheld by President Coolidge until he was able to decide on a successor.

Davis, a business man of St. Louis, with the rank of colonel in the officers' reserve corps, received the appointment because of his satisfactory administration of the war department during Weeks' absence. His defense of the president's economy program against the drive of the general staff for larger appropriations gained for him the president's favor.

Davis was appointed director of the war finance corporation by President Harding in 1921 and retained that post until 1923 when he became assistant secretary of war, succeeding J. Mayhew Wainwright of New York, elected to congress.

He is perhaps the best known as donor of the Davis cup, the international trophy. He was a nationally

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STRAUB FAILS TO GET PAROLE

Decatur Man's Petition For
Executive Clemency De-
nied By Gov. Jackson

The petition for executive clemency, filed with the state board of pardons by Harry Straub, of Decatur, who is serving a sentence in the state prison, was refused by Governor Jackson today upon recommendation of the pardons board. Straub was sentenced on a charge of larceny, he having confessed to stealing a sum of money from the soft drink parlor and pool room owned by Fred Fullenkamp here last spring.

Fifteen petitions were approved by the governor. Six persons serving in state correctional institutions were granted paroles. The others were given commutation of sentences and remission of fines. The clemency pleas of 99 other persons were refused.

The six-month sentence of Leo Thurber, of Wells county, for liquor law violations, was commuted by the governor. The petition of Cecil Lamont, also of Wells county, sentenced for vehicle taking, was refused.

Bible Class To Hold
Meeting This Evening

Members of the Men's Bible class of the Zion Reformed Sunday school, will have their regular quarterly meeting at the church tonight. A good lunch will be served in the basement of the church at 6:30 o'clock, after which the business meeting will take place. After the business meeting, a program which has been arranged for the occasion will be rendered. The Rev. B. N. Covert, pastor of the Presbyterian church, will give an address. All members of the class are requested to come.

Woman And Child Burn To Death; Man May Die

Bedford, Ind., Oct. 13.—(United Press)—Two persons are dead and a third is at the point of death in a hospital today as the result of pouring kerosene on an open fire.

The dead are Mrs. Otto Martin and her four-year-old son. Otto Martin, the husband, is not expected to live. Martin was burned when he attempted to rescue his wife from the flames.

The charred body of the son was found under a dresser where he had crawled to escape the fire, which destroyed the house.

PLATFORM IS ADOPTED BY DEMOCRATS

Democratic Candidates For City Offices Pledge Pro- gressive Program

CITY CAMPAIGN GETS UNDER WAY

Endorsing the records and accomplishments of the present administration, including the progressive and business-like management of the city plant, the lowering of city taxes, the continuation of municipal ownership of the city light and power plant, the maintaining of a low city tax rate, a continuation of the ornamental light program, the providing of adequate police and fire protection, the upholding and practicing of honesty and economy in all branches of government and favoring representation by women on public boards of the city, the democratic candidates for city office have adopted a conservative, honest and progressive platform on which they will make their campaign for election.

The platform, containing seven planks, is printed in full in another part of this paper and deserves the earnest consideration of every citizen.

No wild-eyed schemes or fancies are advocated. Nothing is promised that cannot be delivered. It is business-like and the candidates are willing to stand on the present splendid administration and pledge themselves to a continuation of a program in the interest of the city as a whole.

The democratic candidates have opened the campaign and, within the next three weeks, will endeavor to see the voters and ask them for their support in the city election to be held on Tuesday, November 3d.

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Three Firms Indicted For Polluting St. Joseph River

South Bend, Ind., Oct. 13.—Two Mishawaka and one South Bend manufacturing plants today face grand jury indictments charging them with polluting the St. Joseph river.

Conviction on the charge carries a fine of \$1,000 for each day the pollution can be proved.

The firms indicted are the Northern Indiana Gas and Electric company, Mishawaka Rubber and Woolen company and the Mishawaka Rubber Regeneration company.

Fifty Barrels Of Wine Taken In Raid On South Bend Home

South Bend, Ind., Oct. 13.—(United Press)—Michael Eltel, ex-salooneer, is the poorer today by fifty barrels of wine valued at \$100,000.

Yesterday police raided Eltel's suburban home, confiscated the wine and charged the man with violation of the Wright bone dry law.

Making Changes In Newcastle Factory

Newcastle, Ind., Oct. 13.—Work is being rushed on changes at the local plant of the Chrysler motor company, which will give the unit of the organization an output of 1,000 automobiles per day.

There are more than 3,000 persons now employed at the factory and it is believed that when the changes are completed more will be given work.

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Democratic Candidates Adopt Platform

We, the Democrat's candidates for the several city offices of Decatur, Indiana, to be voted upon November 3, 1925, do adopt the following principles as our platform and we pledge ourselves to faithfully observe them:

1st. We endorse and commend the present democratic administration for its progressive and far seeing policies and efficient management of our municipal affairs.

2nd. We believe in the municipal ownership of the public service utilities of our city and that the same should be operated and maintained to the best interests of all the citizens and we assure the citizens of Decatur that our efforts shall be at all times to manage and operate the same in a conservative and business-like manner.

3rd. We favor a low tax rate and will at all times strive to reduce and maintain a city rate as low as the needs of the city permit.

4th. We favor a continuation of the ornamental lighting system, heretofore adopted in the city.

5th. We believe the citizens of Decatur should have adequate protection to person and property and we will at all times maintain a sufficient fire department and police force to insure the same.

6th. We believe honesty, economy and efficiency to be the requisites of every public official and we will conduct the affairs of every department of the city with those principles to the front.

7th. We favor representation by women on the public boards of the city.

LUELLA MAGLEY
JOE HUNTER
O. L. VANCE
GEORGE MILLER

GEORGE KRICK,
A. R. ASHBAUCHER
J. FRED LINN
CATHERINE KAUFFMAN

SOIL SPECIAL DRAWS CROWD

Large Number Of Farmers And School Children Visit Farm Train Here

Several hundred Adams county farmers and school children visited the Erie railroad yards this morning where the four car Erie Better Soil exposition train was on exhibit under the supervision of T. M. Palmer, Erie agriculture agent and expert soil analyst. The various sorts of fertilizer and their advantages through scientific mixing were displayed and explained.

All science classes in the various Decatur schools were taken through the train and pamphlets were distributed. Many farmers of this community took advantage of the exhibit and visited the train during its short stay in Decatur. The special left at noon today to continue the rest of its scheduled trip, which takes in several cities and town across the state.

Special lectures were given at various times and special reels of film were shown to explain scientific farming.

The lectures and pictures were greatly enjoyed, especially by those who are engaged in agricultural activities.

The train carries a large crew of experts who explain the

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RALSTON STILL CRITICALLY ILL

Condition Of Senator Re- ported Unchanged To- day; Passes Fair Night

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 13.—(United Press)—Practically no change was noted by physicians today in the condition of Senator Samuel M. Ralston.

Julian Ralston, a son, said the senator passed a fair night, though his condition was regarded as critical.

Ralston slept a few hours late in the night and got more rest during the morning. He is ill with kidney and heart trouble.

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 13.—(United Press)—Senator Samuel M. Ralston, who is ill at his home here with a complication of heart and kidney disorders, remained in a serious condition today.

Dr. John M. Cunningham and Dr. Robert M. Moore, his physicians, issued a statement which said that the kidney disorder was proving very difficult of treatment.

There has been a slight improvement in his heart action during the past few days, the statement said.

The Mrs. Ralston and other members of the family were in constant attendance at his bedside and close friends called at the home yesterday to inquire.

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Anderson's Oldest Citizen Celebrates 91st Birthday

Anderson, Ind., Oct. 13.—(United Press)—Anderson's oldest citizen and one of the oldest Masons in the state of Indiana, James A. Thompson, yesterday observed his ninety-first birthday.

Mostly cloudy tonight and Wednesday; probably occasional rains. Little change in temperature.

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PITTSBURGH WINS SIXTH GAME FROM CHAMPS, 3-2

KREMER PITCHES A GOOD GAME FOR
PIRATES—EDDIE MOORE SCORES WIN-
NING RUN WITH HOME RUN IN FIFTH
INNING—GISLIN GETS HOMER—DECID-
ING GAME IN PITTSBURGH TOMORROW

Innings 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9--R H E
Senators 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 6 2
Pirates 0 0 2 0 1 0 0 0 x-3 6 1

(United Press Service)
Forbes Field, Pittsburgh, Pa., Oct. 13.—The Pittsburgh Pirates evened the world series by defeating Washington this afternoon, three to two. Both teams have won three games and the deciding contest will be played here tomorrow.

Ray Kremer, after a bad start pitched a great game, allowing but six hits. Alec Ferguson, who started for Washington, was taken out in the eighth when the Senatorial board of strategy tried a pinch hitter in an effort to win.

Bucky Harris took himself out to let Bob Veach hit for him, but Kremer checked the attempted rally.

"Win" Ballou went in in the eighth and stopped the Pirates. With the score tied 2-2, Eddie Moore, the Pirate second baseman, hit a home run in the fifth and won the game. Goose Goslin drove a home run into the right field stand in the first.

Daniel K. Shackley, aged 82, prominent Decatur citizen and Civil War veteran, died at his home on South Eleventh street at 6:25 o'clock last night, after several weeks illness. Mr. Shackley suffered severe burns on September 30 when scalding water splashed on his head, and this, with other complications, were the cause of his death.

Mr. Shackley is well-known in this community, having served as commander of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic at three different times.

Daniel K. Shackley was born in Alfred, Maine, March 22, 1842. He was the son of Joseph and Louisa Shackley. When nine years of age he moved to this county with his parents. In 1866, Mr. Shackley was married to Margaret Conner, who preceded him in death. In 1884, he was married to Emily C. Mumma, who survives.

Mr. Shackley has an enviable Civil War record. He enlisted in the army in 1861, and was assigned to this for this year.

Mr. Conner instilled high school spirit into every pupil and told them that backing the team was half of the victory. After his address, the local high school athletic association was reorganized for the year, and 197 members were obtained in a few minutes. The membership this year is larger than ever in the history of the local public high school.

Robert Strickler was elected president of the 1925-26 association, and Donald LeBrun was chosen vice-president. Kathryn Nichols was selected secretary and Principal Walter Krick was elected treasurer. The association will organize a rooters' section for the remaining football games and for the basketball games and make an effort to put Decatur athletic teams on the map in Hoosierdom.

The next home football game will be played next Saturday afternoon on Ahr's Field with Columbia City as the opponent. The local gridironers have improved considerably since the first of the season and predictions from the local camp are to the effect that Decatur will win from the invaders.

Mr. Peck, the Decatur coach, will be here and will be in charge of the dedication ceremonies. In the morning, he will confirm a class of boys and girls in the Catholic church.

The dedication ceremonies will begin at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon and the Rev. Lewis Tieman, pastor of Sacred Heart church, Cincinnati, will deliver the dedication address. At noon, a chicken dinner will be served in the old school building on Madison street. The women of the parish will prepare the dinner and the public is invited to attend. Services will begin between 11:30 and 12 o'clock and continue until all are served. More than 200 chickens will be prepared for the meal and the women promise a regular home-cooked Sunday dinner.

The charge will be only fifty cents a plate and arrangements are being made to serve several hundred people. The confirmation mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday.

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