

THE WEATHER

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Thursday cloudy and warmer.

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GAMBLING LID LEFT TILTED BY ADAMS FAILURE

Fiasco Made of Presenting Evidence in Dan Smith Case in City Court.

WAY SEEMED GREASED

The utter indifference of the prosecutor of Marion County to the open gambling conducted by a syndicate of remarkable influence in the moral and political life of Indianapolis was emphasized yesterday in Police Court when Dan Smith, politician, former saloon-keeper and "oil company promoter" was fined \$10 and costs by Judge Walter Pritchard on a charge of pool selling.

Smith appealed from the judgment and unless the prosecutor is compelled by public sentiment to present a better case against him in Criminal Court than was presented in the City Court, the conviction cannot be expected to stand.

CASE CALLED

Representing Smith yesterday, Judge Walter Pritchard drew on his judicial knowledge of the gambling that has existed unopposed in Indianapolis for years for the facts on which to base his decision after the case, as represented by an assistant to the city attorney, had failed miserably to present to the court evidence which it had at hand and which might have been employed efficiently not only to convict Smith, but also to break up the gambling syndicate that is preying on the people of Indianapolis.

SMITH AFTER

The presentation of the case against Dan Smith, almost a month after his arrest in his "oil company case" at 18 West Market street, was a farce, when the case was tried. Not a representative of Prosecutor Claris Adams was in the courtroom.

The affidavit against Smith was not made out previously to the date of trial, although he was arrested Nov. 12, and the arresting officer, former Sergeant Russell, had never had an opportunity to confer with the prosecutor relative to the case.

At the last minute, a sort of "double-reel" affidavit charging Smith with keeping a bet of \$200 to \$300 with J. T. Moorman, that the latter would be elected senator was filed out and presented to the court.

The affidavit was based on two tickets found by Russell on the person of Smith when the arrest was made.

TWO TICKETS

These two tickets, the same in form as the tickets used by the Stegemoor Bros. before they agreed to stop taking bets at their place of business, were introduced in evidence.

Smith asserted on the witness stand that he never sold tickets, representing bets placed on the election four years ago, and declared he just happened to have been carrying them in his pocket.

No effort was made by the state to establish the identity of J. T. Moorman, although it is in evidence under the laws of Indiana to place a bet on the election.

The only J. T. Moorman known in Indianapolis is an attorney at the National City bank and a close business associate of Governor James P. Goodrich. This Moorman was a stockholder and director in the Globe Mining Company when it was formed from the assets of the company in Pike County. At that time Governor Goodrich said Moorman was "one of his closest business and personal associates."

J. T. Moorman also was an officer of the Indianapolis Reduction Company, which sold the sanitary district of Indianapolis the \$175,000 garbage plant after Moorman himself had testified that the plant was not worth the cost of junking it.

In addition to the betting tickets which Sergeant Russell found he produced a number of horse race form sheets, memoranda of odds, bets, etc., which he testified he found in the desk used by Dan Smith and Sam Barton.

Smith denied ownership of them and declared he did not know they were in his desk.

Barton equally was vociferous in disclaiming any knowledge of these papers. Barton declared he was an oil stock salesman, but he testified that he had sold any oil stock in the last two months.

Among the papers found in the desk of Russell were bills for a telephone service rendered by the Postal Telegraph Company to one Donnell, which showed a large number of calls to one Wolf and one Katz at Cincinnati and Louisville.

JUDGE PRITCHARD IS SURPRISED

Some surprise was expressed by Judge Pritchard that the Postal Telegraph Company was rendering a telephone service in Indianapolis without any legal franchise for such a service, but no one connected with the prosecutor's office was present or interested in that matter.

The climax of the sheer inefficiency of the prosecutor's office was the assistance of either the prosecutor or any of his deputies, was the admission of Mr. Remy that personally he had "only a hazy idea" of a pool such as Dan Smith was accused of running.

As a result of the complete failure of the prosecutor's office to pay any attention whatsoever to the case against Dan Smith, these opportunities were lost:

1. To uncover the methods of the gambling syndicate in Indianapolis.
2. To ascertain under what authority the Postal Telegraph Company provides a telephone service from racing centers to betting places in Indianapolis.
3. To convict Dan Smith on a charge such as would make him study the advisability of continuing the operation of his "oil stock sales office" at 18 West Market street.

Falls 9 Stories; Dead

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—Harley Hogue, 28, of South St. Louis, was killed Tuesday when he fell nine stories, through an elevator shaft in a new building being constructed for Bunte Brothers at North Sawyer avenue and Franklin boulevard.

WEATHER

Forecast for Indianapolis and vicinity for the twenty-four hours ending 7 p. m. Dec. 8: Fair tonight with temperature about 34 degrees; Thursday, increasing cloudiness and warmer.

HOURLY TEMPERATURE.

6 a. m.	30
7 a. m.	31
8 a. m.	31
9 a. m.	32
10 a. m.	32
11 a. m.	33
12 (noon)	34
1 p. m.	35
2 p. m.	36

Cox Says He'll Name Willis to Harding's Seat

Tenders Offer to President-Elect if He Desires to Re-sign at Once.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 8.—Governor James M. Cox of Ohio, defeated Democratic candidate for the presidency, today wired President-elect Harding, offering to appoint Senator-elect Frank B. Willis of Ohio to fill the unexpired portion of his term as senator should Harding care to resign immediately.

Governor Cox's telegram to the President-elect follows:

"I read the papers of your intention to resign and I am sure that you are desirous at the earliest possible moment of bringing the senatorial responsibilities to an end. If it will in any way give further assistance to your plans or add to your convenience, I shall be most happy to appoint Mr. Willis immediately upon your resignation."

This suggestion is prompted by a spirit of helpfulness which must possess all people without regard to political affiliation if government is to efficiently meet the needs of humanity.

ASSURES WORK ON ELEVATION OF BELT LINE

Board of Works Tells Petitioners That Resolution Will Be Started.

Resolutions for the elevation of railroad tracks across every important street in Indianapolis will be on the books and advanced so far that no succeeding officials will be able to block them before the present board of works retires in January, 1922, President George Lemaux announced today.

The announcement was made in the presence of the delegation of the city, representing the Belt Elevation League of the south side, which presented a petition, bearing more than 9,000 signatures, filling a roll of paper 230 feet long, asking for the elevation of the tracks from Prospect street west to White River. The delegation said it was the longest ever filed in Indianapolis. The board assured the delegation that a resolution for the elevation will be started immediately and the city engineer instructed to draw plans and specifications therefor. This will be about as far as the present board can go because of the magnitude of the project and the necessary financing, the delegation was told.

Robert F. Sloan, president of the league; Harry B. Dyer, vice president; Ben F. Hoegen, custodian of the petition; Charles H. Wurke, and Councilman Jacob F. Brown spoke in favor of the Belt elevation. They said that while the improvement will be costly, money will be saved in the long run through the elimination of accidents.

Men Change Minds After Judge's Talk

In forcible language, Judge T. J. Moll of Superior Court, room 5, today said his opinion of the man who seeks to escape from jury service.

Before the court began his scathing remarks, the defendant, a man known as an American habit of attempting to "shirk a constitutional duty of jury service," twenty-seven out of thirty men summoned for jury service had excuses why they could not serve.

After the court had concluded his remarks concerning jury service dodgers, the thirty men suddenly decided that they would wait and all were willing to serve.

Service Board Sifts Accident Fatal to 4

Representatives of the Terre Haute, Indianapolis and Eastern Trust Company, with the crew of the car which struck an automobile, killing four of the occupants and injuring a fifth, near Irving Sunday, appeared today before John W. McCardle of the public service commission.

Under the law creating the commission, it is necessary for all accidents to be reported to the commission, and hearings are held in order to fix responsibility.

The witnesses to the mishap, O. K. Stewart, W. H. Mitchell and R. R. Denney, motorcar; attorneys for the interurban company, and other witnesses were summoned before Judge McCardle to give their versions of the tragedy.

Watch Out for This!

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—Somewhat new in the line of hold-ups was introduced when four armed bandits crashed into the jewelry store of Charles and Henry Stern at 1754 West Madison street and demanded money from the proprietors. The men to put their hands up, and they thrust them upwards. "Are you trying to tip the cops you're being robbed?" asked the leader. "Act natural," the second urged, and \$25,000 in jewelry and cash.

Women, Mules, Market, Still Thorn in City's Side

South Side Club Waits on Works Board in Behalf of Improvements.

Officers and members of the South Side Women's Club who questioned the board of public works today relative to the hope of getting the municipal yards constructed and the street cleaning and haul hauling mules moved away from the city yards at 124 Shelby street got little comfort. President George Lemaux of the board said the board had not abandoned its plan to build the barn unit of the yards at an early date, but that nothing can be done unless the city council approves a bond issue to pay for the construction.

"The thing for you to do is to bring pressure to bear on the council to approve a bond issue. I see that Gus Schmidt (president of the council) has served notice that the council will not appropriate the money. If the council will appropriate it we'll have that build."

Harding Views BIG PROBLEMS UPON RETURN

Takes Up Work of Selecting Cabinet and League Policy at Home.

MARION, O., Dec. 8.—Home again after a vacation journey of more than 5,000 miles, President-elect Warren G. Harding today was ready to plunge into the two chief pre-inauguration tasks—selection of a cabinet and conference with the "best minds of America" on a program of national policy which the various factions in the United States can unite upon, safeguarding American rights.

But before entering upon these matters he planned today to get his eyes and glasses repaired. He broke his spectacles before he got a chance to read President Wilson's message to Congress, so today he found an old pair with which he pursued the presidential documents.

Senator Harding hopes to find a common ground with the foremost Republican leaders on international politics before the Christmas holidays. He expects visits here from Herbert Hoover, Elihu Root, Charles Evans Hughes and William H. Taft. The conference with Hoover, the first scheduled, has been set for Sunday. The ex-officio governor is expected to bring not only a broad knowledge of present foreign conditions, but also important views gained as a result of the recent conferences with American (Continued on Page Two.)

Wheel Horses of Farmers Meeting

First row, left to right—O. E. Bradfute, member of the executive committee; S. L. Strivings, member of the executive committee; J. R. Howard, president; Gray Silver, legislative representative.

READS WILSON MESSAGE

Second row, left to right—Dr. A. C. True, Chester H. Gray, A. B. Garnwall, E. F. Richardson and Dr. W. H. Walker, members of the executive committee.

Third row, left to right—John Burton, member of the executive committee; Joseph W. Morton, member of the executive committee; J. W. Coverdale, secretary, and Harry Taylor, member of the executive committee.

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CANADA HURLS DEFIT TO LEAGUE

New and Old World Factions in First Clash for Power.

GENEVA, Dec. 8.—A battle of the new world against old world domination of the League of Nations opened today. N. W. Rowell, of the Canadian delegation, in an impassioned speech, warned the Assembly that Canada and other powers would not yield to European control of the League of Nations.

"European statesmanship drenched the world with blood," cried the Canadian delegate. "Fifty thousand in dead was the price that Canada paid."

This declaration was made during debate on the report on technical organization of the league. Rowell expressed fears that because of distance, non-participation of the farmers of the United States.

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