

EFFORT TO PUT ROBISON OUT OF RUNNING FAILS

Jewett-New Meeting at Capital to Hatch Plan Gets No Place.

DIFFICULTIES REMAIN

Efforts of Mayor Charles Jewett and others, in Washington, a few days ago to bring pressure upon Edward J. Robison to retire from the Republican race for the nomination for mayor of Indianapolis, were reported today to have failed of their purpose.

At a conference in Washington between the friends of Senator Harry S. New, a number of Republican politicians of Indianapolis, including the mayor, attempted to reach some kind of an understanding by which Robison could be induced to retire from the race and permit the New faction of the Republican party to maintain an unopposed organization in Indianapolis, having for its purpose the immediate election of Mr. Thomas C. Howe, former president of Butler College, as mayor, and the eventual nomination of Senator New as against Albert J. Beveridge.

For a long time it has been rumored that Mayor Jewett hopes to deprive Merrill Moore of his seat in Congress after the expiration of the mayor's term of office. The candidacy of Robison, who is a warm friend of Moors, interferes with that accomplishment and it is said that by a combination between Jewett and Harry New the political interests of both may be helped.

DRAWING FROM HOWE SUPPORTERS.

The success of the combination in the city primaries would not be to the advantage of either Congressman Moore or Senator James E. Watson, who is the "not the kind of a man" that Mr. Howe admires.

It is understood the conference in Washington was for the purpose of trying to iron out these difficulties, but reports which have come back to Indianapolis are to the effect that it did not accomplish the retirement of Robison, who is steadily winning the support of many persons on whom the city administration was depending for the nomination of Mr. Howe.

Thomas Meeker, chairman of the Democratic city committee, announced today that at a meeting of an advisory committee for the purpose of keeping the primaries clean it was decided to issue a warning to Democratic precinct committees that they would be removed from the list of precincts if they were found to be affiliated with any one of the supporters of the Republican candidates for mayor.

KEYNOTE SPEECH ENGAGES CAMP.

The main attention of the Robison camp is directed at present to the keynote meeting he will hold tomorrow night at the Marion Club.

Similar entertainments for a mayor are seen in Mr. Howe's business and social life.

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CITY PLAN VOTE THIS YEAR O. K.

State Attorney General Rules on Knapp Manager Measure.

The fact that a meeting of the city council in chief for the purpose of making a decision on the city manager form of government, will not be held until after May 1, does not preclude the possibility of holding the election this year, according to an opinion today of U. S. Lesh, Attorney General. The opinion had a direct bearing on the case which has arisen in Menard where the city council does not meet until May 2, and cannot act until that time on the petition for the special election. A similar condition has arisen in Goshen, it is understood.

The Knapp bill, passed by the 1921 Legislature, and which provides for the establishment of the new form of government, stated that the election should be held on the filing of a petition with sufficient number of names of qualified electors attached to it, and that the election be held on the first day after the next preceding May 1. Since the Menard council does not meet until May 2, the election of the municipal primary election, it was contended that the special election would have to be held over for one year.

The attorney general in his opinion, however, states that it was the intention of the Legislature to have the special elections held this year, and he said, the fact that an emergency clause was attached to the measure, further points to this conclusion.

When petitions are filed asking for special elections for the city manager and the commission form of government, the petition filed first will have precedence and on that form the election be held, Mr. Lesh ruled.

The opinion was given in reply to an inquiry from Jesse E. Eschbach, chief examiner of the board of accounts, and while it has direct reference to the Menard case, the opinion will apply to conditions which arise similarly in other cities.

Davenport to Be Returned to Farm

Charges of being a fugitive from justice and vagrancy were dismissed against Bureau Davenport, 700 block, Buchanan street, in city court yesterday afternoon by Judge William P. French.

Davenport will be taken back to the Indiana State Farm, from where he escaped Oct. 13, 1917. The officer from the penal farm stated that Davenport had been less than thirty days on a six-month sentence given him by Judge Collins.

WEATHER

Forecast for Indianapolis and vicinity for the twenty-four hours ending 7 p. m. April 8: Mostly cloudy and cooler tonight and Friday; probably light showers.

Shank Charges City Jobs Given Out on Promises to Support Mr. Thos. Howe

The present city administration is using the money of taxpayers of Indianapolis to compel support of Mr. Thomas C. Howe, former president of Butler College, in his race for mayor, according to the statement of William Lewis Shank in a letter addressed to the editor of the Times, in which Mr. Shank quotes an affidavit to support his charge.

The administration is charged, in Mr. Shank's letter, and in the affidavit quoted, with handing out jobs at the city asphalt plant only on condition that Mr. Howe's candidacy. As the number of men being employed is now large, a method of paying from the city treasury for support of Mr. Howe a considerable sum of the taxpayers' money.

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MAYOR CAN HAVE WORK THERE. Men who need these jobs are thus to be deprived of their right to vote for whom they please.

The following affidavit, made by a man who sought work at the asphalt plant, shows clearly one method employed by the Jewett machine to accomplish its ends.

"State of Indiana, 'County of Marion, as: "I visited the city asphalt plant on East New York street, in the city of Indianapolis, on Monday, April 4, 1921, in answer to an advertisement for laborers. There were about two hundred of us there seeking work. A man came out to look us over and he read the names of thirty-five from a list and said they could go to work. Then he told the rest of us that we had better see our precinct committeeman and get recommendations, or else go to the city hall and get some one there to recommend us. I went to J. S. Bailey, committeeman of the Fifth precinct of the Sixth ward, and told him that I wanted a job at the asphalt plant. He said, 'I suppose you are for Howe?' I said that I hadn't decided who I was for. He said, 'Well, if you don't, your application, but you will come to see me again in a week.' " (Signed)

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LEAGUE ISSUE GREATER THAN YAP DISPOSAL

Hughes Note Raises Question of Right to Decide Nation's Case.

FUTURE HELD IN VIEW

WASHINGTON, April 7.—The clear issue of the United States versus the League of Nations has been raised by Secretary of State Hughes in his forceful notes to the governments of Japan, Great Britain, France and Italy on the question of mandate territory, in the opinion of diplomats and Senators who were engaged in studying the communication today.

Of deeper and more far-reaching importance than the mere disposal of the island of Yap itself, in the issue raised by Secretary Hughes as to whether the League of Nations, as a world super-governing body, has the right to make decisions affecting the rights of a powerful nation not a member of the league without even consulting the nation's wishes. Diplomats saw in the Hughes note a direct challenge to the league and the solution of the question thus raised, they believe, will be a matter of bearing on future decisions made at Geneva.

HUGHES HOLDS U. S. RESERVE RIGHT. Secretary Hughes has daily informed the United States can not recognize that the United States can not recognize that they have any right whatsoever in deciding questions where American rights are concerned. The right of decision was firmly pointed out, in a right that this Government reserves entirely for itself. At least this government insists on a voice in the decision which was not accorded in the award of Yap to Japan.

"This Government must therefore point out," said the note, "that as the United States has not assented either the supreme council or the League of Nations with any authority to bind the United States or to act on its behalf, there has been no opportunity for any decision which would be deemed to affect the rights of the United States."

LEAGUE OPONENTS SHOW SATISFACTION. The members of the United States Senate who so bitterly and vigorously opposed America's entry into the league were contemplating the situation with no little satisfaction today.

If the league position is maintained and Japan retains her authority in the island of Yap, given her by the league, then the irreconcilable Senate opposition to the treaty justified, that the league is a "world super-government" and members lose their power of self-determination in their own affairs when they enter it.

Preliminary and early returns from abroad following the receipt of the Hughes communication indicate that France, for one, is disposed to stand on the side of the league. The French press, comment in Paris, looked upon as inspired, has been favorable from the other three nations, Great Britain, Japan and Italy, nothing has been heard.

DESPOUNDING MAN ENDS LIFE

Grocer, Sick and With Failing Business, Hangs Himself.

Despondent because of illness and the failure of a little grocery to prove a financial success, Ruby Rugin, 33, 830 South Illinois street, committed suicide early today. His wife, Minnie Rugin, found his body hanging from a rafter in a shed in the rear of the home.

Dr. Paul Robinson, coroner, investigated and found that Rugin had got out of bed during the night while his wife and four children were asleep and had gone to the shed. He had fastened a rope to the rafter, standing on a keg, placed the rope around his neck, then kicked the leg from beneath him. He had been dead some time when the body was discovered.

Mrs. Rugin told the coroner her husband had been ill and that the little grocery conducted in their residence in South Illinois street had not proved to be the financial success it was hoped it would be and that her husband was despondent. Besides the widow, Rugin is survived by four children, Lena, 12; May, 9; Jack, 7, and Sylvia, 6.

The Rugins live at 330 North Pine street, attempted suicide yesterday afternoon by inhaling gas at her home and physicians at the city hospital said she is in a serious condition. Because she did not like to go to school near her home and wished to attend school in North Indianapolis, Miss Taylor was unemployed. It is said she was unemployed because of her husband's illness.

In the primitive days nations flourished and grew in importance as their agriculture extended and their flocks increased. The foregoing was the statement of Roy Harris, who last night startled the country by signing a confession that he and another man killed Joseph Elwell, turpentine and bridge wharf expert, in his New York apartment, last June, when he awoke in his cell at police headquarters today.

Harris said he was one of two men hired for \$5,000 to kill Elwell by a woman named "Fairchild." He named Bill Dunkin, a friend, as the man who fired the shot that caused Elwell's death. He is being held while New York has been searching for him since.

Harris' wife is being held by the police pending investigation. Police have established the fact to their satisfaction that Harris, alias E. B. Leonard, alias C. Carlin, was in New York City at the time of the murder. His wife left him in Syracuse July 3, 1920, almost a month after the murder was committed.

The police admit that Harris' story has a wealth of detail relative to the actual killing which one not thoroughly familiar with the case would be unable to give. Details of the preliminary transactions during which he alleged he and Dunkin were hired by the Fairchild woman are given.

5-Cent Cigar Marks 'Normalcy' Return

CHICAGO, April 7.—"Normalcy" was back in Chicago today—the 5-cent cigar had returned. The nickel weed, bright band and all, made its appearance following the abandonment of several chain cigar stores and others of drastic cuts in certain brands of smokes.

Cheaper labor and the abundance of the tobacco crop was the cause, declared dealers.

Five-cent smokes sky-rocketed to 7, 8 and 10 cents during the war.

BRITAIN MINE NEGOTIATIONS ARE RUPTURED

Workers - Government Parley Halted—Industrial Catastrophe Faced.

5,000,000 MEN MAY QUIT

LONDON, April 7.—All negotiations between the striking coal miners' representatives and the government were broken after a conference at 10 Downing street today.

The break-up of the conference was described as a "complete rupture of negotiations." Riots and disorders continue at most of the coal fields and the disastrous flooding of the mines, due to the withdrawal of the pumping crews and the broken pumps, goes on unabated.

Already the damage from this cause alone mounts into many millions. "No government could possibly accede to the challenge of the Miners' Federation," Premier Lloyd George told the miners' executive committee.

The premier's refusal was quoted in an official communique this afternoon. The communique quotes Lloyd George as having told the miners: "I am sorry that I was completely wrong in my belief that there was something we could clear up."

"I do not understand the federation's challenge; it is more grave and deeper, more fundamental than I had realized. No government could possibly accede to it."

President Hodge of the miners' organization issued a long, uncompromising statement. The miners refused to guarantee continuance of pumping at the mines.

The miners refused to stand pat. Their executive committee will not meet again until Friday morning.

Meanwhile the disastrous flooding of the mines continues. Military protection has been ordered to prevent the strike. The cabinet is in session discussing that step.

The railway men's authorized representatives met for a momentous meeting this afternoon at the government's quarters. Word was given out that the government's course "means strike."

The transport workers already have decided to refuse to move the coal from the mines to the docks. The railway men's strike situation this afternoon. Important developments are looked for before evening.

The railway men's attitude was shown by this statement, issued after the conference of their executive committee: "The railway men decided unanimously that the conditions offered to the miners are unacceptable and amount to the beginning of a general strike on the working class, for these conditions are an attempt to impose the pre-war standard of wages."

'Dry' Raid Nets Negro and 3 Cases Booze

Hornea Lyle, negro, 267 Yandes street, was arrested last night by Federal Prohibition Agents George Winkler, Ora White and A. Thomas, who raided a home and found more than three cases of whiskey. He was released on bond of \$1,000.

Erwin Bergdoll Will Try It Again

KANSAS CITY, Kan., April 7.—Erwin Bergdoll, draft dodger and brother of Corporal Cleveland Bergdoll, will file an appeal for a new hearing today. He was held for \$10,000 bond after he was released from the Federal penitentiary at Ft. Leavenworth, according to notice filed with the United States attorney's office here today.

PETIT POLICE FORCE MEETS WITH MEDICS

Quiet Session Arranged Relative to Experimental Dog Surgery.

LIGHT THROWN ON PLANS

It became known today that the executive committee of the Indianapolis Humane Society, headed by Dr. C. A. Pfafflin, chief of the petit police force, known also as the humane officers, had arranged to meet today in secret with representatives of the Indiana University School of Medicine at the medical college, relative to the manner in which the college was conducting experimental surgery on dogs surreptitiously collected from secret sources.

This arrangement for a conference is reported to have been made by Dr. Pfafflin previously to the meeting of the Humane Society last Tuesday when the society refused to appoint a special committee to investigate the cruelties perpetrated on the dogs at the college and instructed the executive committee, headed by Dr. Pfafflin, to make the investigation.

Dr. Pfafflin informed the society then that he opposed appointment of a special committee because there was a "letter from the college" on its way to the society then.

POPULARITY DESIRABLE. Dr. Pfafflin, who heads this executive committee, is a practicing physician in Indianapolis, who confines his practice to certain lines and depends largely on the recommendations of other physicians for his practice. The more popular he is with other physicians the more likely he is to be successful in his practice.

Other members of the executive board, as printed on the letterheads of the Humane Society, are Dr. W. R. Craig and Dr. W. A. McConell, both veterinarians; Dr. George W. Butler, who has direction of Federal meat inspection; F. T. Cuthshaw and Martha Scudder.

FINDS 39 DOGS. N. A. KIMMEL, a deputy township assessor, visited the college yesterday on instructions of Mike Jefferson, township assessor, and reported to Jefferson that there were thirty dogs at the kennel, none of which had been listed for taxation.

Jefferson says the deputy reported that the medical college authority claimed that the dogs as the property of Indiana University, a state institution, and claimed that they were not taxable because they were the property of the State.

The Indiana law does not exempt a state institution from paying the tax required on any one who harbors a dog and the question of ownership of the dog does not enter into the statute making it a misdemeanor to harbor an unlicensed dog.

LOVER OF DOGS SAYS EXPOSURE TIMELY

Editor Indianapolis Daily Times. I have read with interest your recent investigation and exposure of the inhuman way in which some of our dumb animals are treated at the Indiana Medical College in the name of science.

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AUTO STEALING PLOT WITH AGENTS IN TWO STATES UNCOVERED

Prisoner Confesses Thefts of 36 Cars and Involves 25 in Indiana and Ohio, Vay Nuys Says.

One of the largest and most extensive conspiracies for the theft of automobiles ever uncovered in this part of the country has come to light through a confession made to Frederick VanNuys, United States district attorney, by Rupert E. Potoroff, held in the Marion County jail in default of a bond of \$10,000 on Federal charges of transporting stolen automobiles in interstate traffic.

Potoroff in his confession implicated more than twenty-five residents of Indiana and Ohio in the conspiracy and admits that he himself stole thirty-six automobiles.

In connection with this case Martin Kelley, an automobile salesman of Cincinnati, Ohio