

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 unchallenged 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 Moore, 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 HOUSE SUPPORTERS.

The side of the combination in the city primaries would not be to the advantage of either Congressman Moore or of Senator James E. Watson, who is "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 indicate the conference did not accomplish the retirement of Robison, who is steadily taking to himself the support of many persons on whom the 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 members of the committee that they would be removed from office for affiliation with any one of the supporters of the Republican candidates for mayor.

Mr. Meeker declared his intention of preventing, if possible, any interference on the part of the Democratic organization with the Republican fight for the nomination for mayor.

KEYNOTE SPEECH ENGINES CAMP.

The keynote speech of the Robison campaign, directed at present to the keynote meeting he will hold tomorrow night at the Marion Club.

Sinister entanglements for a mayor are seen in Mr. Howe's business and social

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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 cities where attempts are being made to conduct special elections on the commission or city manager form of government, will not be held 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 Muncie where the city council does not meet until May 2, and cannot act until that time on the petitions 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 forms 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 Muncie where the city council does not meet until May 2, and cannot act until that time on the petitions for the special election. A similar condition has arisen in Goshen, it is understood.

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 take precedence and on that form will the election be held, Mr. Lesh ruled.

The opinion was given in reply to an inquiry from Jesse E. Esbach, chief executive of the Indiana State Auditor, and it has direct reference to the Muncie 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 Buron Davenport, 700 block, Buchanan street, in city court yesterday afternoon by Judge Walter Pritchard.

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 served less than thirty days of a six-month sentence given him by Judge Collier.

WEATHER

Forecast for Indianapolis and vicinity for the next 24 hours, p.m. April 8. Mostly cloudy and cool to night and Friday; probably light showers.

DAILY TEMPERATURE.

6 a.m. 62
7 a.m. 62
8 a.m. 62
9 a.m. 62
10 a.m. 62
11 a.m. 62
12 p.m. 62
1 p.m. 67
2 p.m. 68

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, his race, by paying according to the statements of Samuel 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 the men being employed is now large, procedure as alleged is, in reality, a method of paying from the city treasury for support of Mr. Howe a considerable sum of the taxpayers' money.

The letter from Mr. Shank is as follows:

"Editor, Indiana Daily Times,

"—State of Indiana,
"County of Marion, ss:
"I visited the city asphalt plant on Euclid Avenue, 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 men that he had been sent by our present commissioners, or else go to the city hall and get some one there to recommend us. I went to J. S. Bailey, committee man 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, I'll O. K. your application, but you want to come to see me again to a meeting.'

"The writer desires to call to your attention a typical instance of the political chicanery by which the present city administration seeks to defeat the will of the people in the hope that you may see fit to give publicity to the condition.

"Through several weeks of splendid work the city asphalt plant has remained idle notwithstanding an urgent need of street repairs. Your correspondent has called attention to this condition in speeches repeatedly, pointing out that operation of the city's plant at this time would serve the double purpose of furnishing work for idle men and remedying the condition of the streets of the city.

"The administration's reason for keeping this plant idle has now come to light.

"Jobs in the plant have been held up until the proper moment for political utility. THE PLANT HAS BEEN OPENED, BUT ONLY MEN WHO WILL PROMISE TO SUPPORT MR. THOMAS C. HOWE FOR

WORK IN PERSON TO INTRODUCE CHRIST—GIPSY

Personal Workers Form Churches' Greatest Need, Says Evangelist.

Personal workers, those who spread the gospel of Jesus Christ among their fellow men, and who are the means of others coming to Christ, form the greatest need of the church of our day, according to Gipsy Smith, who gave his usual noonday sermon at Keith's theater, to a capacity house, in spite of the threatening weather.

The evangelist was given his text by S. L. Shurtliff, secretary of the Railroad Y. M. C. A., Brightwood, who spoke of the work of Andrew in leading Peter to the work of Christ.

The conference was opened with a few more Andrews,

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PRODUCTION TO AID UPKEEP OF INSTITUTIONS

Means of Making State Establishment Self-Supporting as Possible Discussed.

BY FELIX F. BRUNER, Times State Correspondent.

PUTNAMVILLE, Ind., April 7.—Methods of making Indiana's benevolent and correctional institutions as nearly self-supporting as possible through the production of foodstuffs were being discussed here today by heads of the various institutions, members of the institutional boards and other persons interested in the work.

The meeting was held at the Indiana State Farm, which is looked upon as the best example of colony in-

stitutionalism.

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