

MOB ATTEMPTS TO KIDNAP GIRL WITNESS AT MER ROUGE

POLITICS PLAYS PART IN SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

Mayoralty Ambitions Blamed for Split Between Barry and Emhardt.

Rival mayoralty ambitions of Adolph Emhardt and Charles L. Barry were the rocks on which the school board ship of state was wrecked during the past year, according to persons in close touch with school affairs today. That is the real reason, they say, that Charles L. Barry, president of the board, will be relegated far to the rear tonight, when the annual election of officers will be held.

In the campaign of 1921, Barry, Emhardt and Dr. Marie Haslep were backed by the same interests and were on the same slate. They were elected. The three controlled all board action. W. D. Allison, a holdover member, took no part in factional differences. Bert S. Gadd, sole survivor of the old majority faction, was an outsider and little attention was paid to him by fellow board members during the early part of 1922.

Into Politics
Barry was elected president of the board and Emhardt given the chairmanship of the important committee on buildings and grounds. Dr. Haslep, who always has been an ardent supporter of measures favored by Emhardt, was made chairman of the instruction committee.

Barry and Emhardt both are Democrats. Shortly before the primary election in May, rumors began that the two school commissioners were prospective candidates for the Democratic mayoralty nomination. In this connection Emhardt's enemies said that he was making use of the forces of the buildings and grounds committee in an effort to put Joseph Manning across for the Democratic county chairmanship.

Manning was decisively defeated by Russel J. Ryan, at the election held at the Democratic Club.

From that time worth, the gap between Barry on the one hand and Emhardt and Dr. Haslep widened.

Emhardt Favored

Finally Emhardt and Dr. Haslep went over to Gadd in a body and from that time on the three have dictated school affairs, while Barry, although president, has been outvoted on all important matters.

Indications are that either Gadd or Emhardt will be elected president of the school board tonight, and Dr. Haslep vice president. One thing is certain, whatever happens will be dictated by the three.

CURB SIGNALS TO CARS, SHANK PLAN

Letter to Todd Follows Complaint of Injured Man.

On recommendation of Mayor Shank a letter will be written to Robert L. Todd, president of the Indianapolis Street Railway Company, by the board of public safety, requesting motormen employed by the car company to stop at street intersections on signal of pedestrians waiting on the curb.

The decision followed the reading of a letter from J. A. Hogan, 233 Parkview Ave., making a plea for safety zones along E. Washington St. Hogan was injured when struck by an automobile Sunday, while alighting from an E. Washington car at Parkview Ave.

The mayor declared that pedestrians should not leave the sidewalk while waiting for a car where there is no marked safety zone, but should wait until the street car had reached the corner.

A signal could be given the motorman from the curb, and the pedestrian could wait until the street car has stopped before attempting to cross the street, the mayor said. In this way no accidents would be caused by pedestrians walking out and being struck by a machine passing the street car while it was still in motion.

TAUNTS OF BOYS BRING TROUBLE WITH CARMEN

ALL feeling between street car employees and high school boys has resulted from the boys' practice of sitting on fences and making faces at motormen and conductors, according to testimony in city court today in the case of Clarence Larimore, 28, of 47 S. Rural St., a motorman.

Last Friday night Larimore was alleged to have got off his car at the Belt Railroad and Morris St. and to have struck Melvin French, 14, of 1446 Silver Ave., a high school pupil. Roy Craig, 1422 Silver Ave., high school pupil, and Walton Wade, a weiner boy at the Indianapolis Abattoir and a night school pupil, were with French.

The boys charged that Larimore drew a gun on them, but search of the car on his next trip failed to disclose one. Larimore claimed he thought he was being held up. He was arrested by Officer Moorman.

The case was taken under advisement until Feb. 1 by Judge Delbert O. Wilmett.

NOON CHURCH FEDERATION MEETINGS IN SECOND WEEK

The second week of the noon meetings at B. F. Keith's Theater, under the auspices of the Church Federation of Indianapolis, began today.

Dr. George Wood Anderson, evangelist, who is conducting night services at the Roberts Park M. E. Church, preached a thirty-minute sermon, preceded by a musical program.

Similar services will be held each noon this week.

C. of C. Names Heads of Two Committees



A. L. TAGGART

MASSACRE TRIAL IS NEARING END

Defense Expects to Close Sensational Case This Week.

By United Press

MARION, Ill., Jan. 9.—The first Marion massacre trial swung into its final lap today.

With the major portion of the evidence completed the defense was expected to rush the case to a close this week.

"We have proved a case of justifiable homicide by showing that professional gunmen came into Williamson County and committed acts of violence, ranging from assault and highway robbery to unprovoked murder," W. A. Kerr, chief counsel for the defense, declared.

"We have shown and will further show that the real crime was committed by professional gunmen and the men who sent them here."

Adm. Minor Abuses

Attorneys for the prosecution admitted the guards at the Lester mine may have been guilty of minor abuses, but contended that when the guards laid down their weapons and surrendered to the mob that incident was closed. The State charged that when the mob took advantage of the surrender and massacred the prisoners it was a pure case of murder.

State's evidence painted a graphic picture of the "death march" and identified two of the five defendants as members of the mob.

William Cairnes, one of the guards, identified Otis Clark and Peter Miller, two of the men on trial, as members of the attacking forces.

Tells of Atrocities

Cairnes asserted Miller was guilty of atrocities in the powerhouse woods.

"I was laying in the underbrush, wounded. One man near by had been shot repeatedly, but was still alive. He stood against a tree yelling at the top of his voice every time a bullet hit him. This fellow Miller came up with a gun."

"Can't anybody kill you, you big—" Miller shouted, and fired into his body, killing him instantly."

STUDEBAKER MEN QUIT

By Times Special

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Jan. 9.—After an announcement that wages in the trimming department would be cut 10 cents an hour, 250 men went on strike at the Studebaker Corporation plant here.

McWhirter also announced appointment of A. E. Bradshaw, president of the Allied Coal and Material Company, to be chairman of the tall committee.

THIRTEEN POLICE TO BE EXAMINED

Mayor Charges Cops Are Physically Unfit.

Thirteen policemen will come before the board of public safety at the meeting next Tuesday to be examined for physical fitness. It was decided at the board meeting today.

Mayor Shank charged that the men were not physically fit and that they were inefficient in the discharge of their duties. The mayor today requested that they be placed on the pension roll as soon as possible.

Policewoman Quits

On a recommendation of Herman F. Rikhoff, chief of police, Ms. Elizabeth Denny was reduced from the rank of sergeant to patrolman and assigned to duty as matron at the turnkey's office.

The resignation of Mrs. Maude Harris, who has been a member of the police department since the advent of the Shank administration, was accepted.

With the reduction of Mrs. Denny, every policeman ranks as patrolman. Four of the policewomen were assigned to check up on auto license plates and title certificates.

Motorists Evade Law

Some motorists are evading the State license law by taking out a license for a small car at a cost of \$5 and putting the plates on a much larger car, the mayor said.

Two women were assigned to notify rooming house proprietors that they must take out city license.

On his own request, Trafficman Charles J. Russell was reduced to the rank of patrolman. Russell was reduced from sergeant in charge of the morale squad to the rank of trafficman in a police shake-up Dec. 26.

Call for Eye Tests

A resolution requiring all chauffeurs in the fire department to have their eyes tested was adopted. The movement was started some time ago on recommendation of Mayor Shank.

Patrolman Leonard Forsythe was promoted to the rank of sergeant. Standall M. Ball was appointed substitute fireman.

Fire station No. 31, Maryland St. between Pennsylvania and Meridian St. was ordered abandoned. The building has been condemned by fire inspectors and insurance companies.

WATCH REPAIRER HELD AFTER MAN IS WOUNDED

Revolver Discharged While Being Snapped by William Lawson.

Robert Neely, 50, colored, 822 W. North St., was in the city hospital today with bullet wounds in his right hand and his right hip. William Lawson, 53, of 58 Blake St., faced charges of assault and battery and unlawful possession of firearms.

Neely told police he took a watch to Lawson to be repaired and while Lawson was snapping a revolver it was discharged.

PREVENT INFLUENZA

The Tonic and Laxative Effect of Laxative BROMO QUININE Tablets will keep the system in a healthy condition and thus ward off all attacks of Colds, Grip or Influenza. 30c.—Advertiser.

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Citizens of Parish Are Stunned by Facts Brought Out by State at Hearings in Murder Trials.

By United Press

COURTHOUSE, Bastrop, La., Jan. 9.—Morehouse parish was alive with disquieting rumors and reports as the open hearing into the murders of Watt Daniel and Thomas Richards was resumed.

Guards were placed about the house of Miss Addie May Hamilton, 19, who was kidnapped by a hooded mob and sent out of the State last summer. Department of justice agents during the night received an anonymous telephone message that the girl was to be kidnapped during the night. Five men in an automobile called at

from a Mer Rouge barbecue and baseball game, rivalry which amounted to feudal proportions existed between the two villages.

Inception of this feud dates back to several years ago, when Bastrop was successful in securing the location of the Parish capitol and the Parish courthouse. This rankled deep in the breasts of the people of Mer Rouge, eight miles distant. Politically, to some extent, religiously, and otherwise, the two villages had already been opposed to each other.

Mer Rouge charged that Bastrop was provincial and narrow in its views, both socially and religiously, and it was asserted that the Bastropites tried to inflict their mode of life not only on Mer Rouge, but on other villages.

Bastropites retaliated with charges that Mer Rouge was lawless; that its people were bootleggers and freely consorted with negro women.

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