

RALSTON IS 'SITTING PRETTY' AS PRESIDENTIAL POSSIBILITY

ROBBERS ATTACK VICTIMS IN NEW CRIME OUTBREAK

Two Women Knocked Down and Robbed—Sneak Thieves Enter Homes.

An elderly woman attacked by a robber, another woman knocked down and robbed, and numerous burglaries occurred in Indianapolis during thirty-six hours ending at 7 a. m. today.

A youth felled Mrs. Clara Thorpe, 75, when she attempted to prevent him robbing the cash drawer in her store Sunday morning at 532 E. Michigan St.

She said the man asked for a box of oats and handed her a dime. Then he walked behind the counter and threatened to shoot her if she tried to resist. Opening the cash drawer, he picked up some money which Mrs. Thorpe knocked from his hand. The thief knocked her down, and ran from the store. He obtained about thirty cents.

Purse Snatcher Works

Mrs. Lilly Helen, No. 9, the Bungalow Apartments was robbed by a colored purse snatcher who seized her purse near her home Saturday night and escaped. The purse contained \$1, a number of checks and mintage book. William Horn colored, 141 Muskingum St., Sunday, called police and gave them a purse he found in his yard which was identified by Mrs. Helen.

Thief Raises Screens

A thief raised a screen and entered the home of William F. Dineen, No. 48, the Rodman Apartment, 25 W. Sixteenth St. A watch and \$12.50 were taken.

Mrs. Gusta Ernst, 2842 Boulevard Pl., told police a thief took a leather suitcase containing clothing and a half dozen silver spoons all valued at \$75.

William M. Henchman, 2413 Bellefontaine St., who has a stand on the city market, told police he employed a boy Saturday. He gave the boy \$5 to get changed. The boy failed to return.

A sneak thief entered the residence of Mrs. Edith Cochran, 1216 E. Georgia St., and took \$8 from a purse.

Purse Taken From Home

A sneak thief entered the home of Ouis B. Pulliam, 131 N. Tenth Ave., Sunday night, and took a purse containing \$35 from the dining room table. Joe Azzarello, 525 Warsaw St., reported his home entered by a sneak thief and that he had been stolen.

T. F. Donahue, 418 E. North St., made the mistake of giving a suit of clothes valued at \$40 to a wrong delivery boy.

CANARY CARUSOS ARRIVE IN CITY

Champion Roller Singers to Give Daily Concerts.

Four Carusos of birdland came to Indianapolis today. They made their headquarters on the fourth floor of L. S. Ayres & Co.

The birds are roller canaries, champions of songland, who will give concerts from 10 to 11 a. m. and 2 to 4 p. m. daily, until Thursday. They belong to the International Roller Canary Breeders' Association and were brought here by the newly formed local branch.

The birds are all pedigreed prize winners. Owners of two recently refused offers of \$100 for them. Lo hengrin, a grass green cock, is a bass singer. His companions are Babe Ringer, Whizbang Billie and Perfection.

Officers of the local branch, which has fourteen members, are Mrs. Edward Clift, president; Mrs. William C. Sachs, vice president; Mrs. George Herrmann, secretary-treasurer; and Dr. Henry F. Beckman, Mrs. Clift and Mrs. Herrmann, directors.

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Active Social and Civic Career Ended



MRS. MARY BLACKLEDGE

FRIENDS PAY THEIR FINAL TRIBUTE TO LOCAL CLUBWOMAN

Mrs. Mary Elder Blackledge Succumbs to Illness of Two Years.

Mrs. Mary Elder Blackledge, 65, for many years prominent in social and civic activities of Indianapolis and a lifelong resident of the city, was buried today in Crown Hill following services at the residence, 1830 N. Meridian St., at 2 p. m. Mrs. Blackledge died at her home Saturday after an illness of two years.

Mrs. Blackledge, who was a member of the First Presbyterian Church for more than fifty years, was the daughter of John R. Elder, a pioneer resident of the city, and wife of Frank H. Blackledge, local attorney. She was the founder of the Contemporary Club, charter member of the Woman's Club, a stockholder in the Indianapolis Propylaeum Association, and one of the organizers and director of the Indianapolis Art Association.

She was at one time a member of the county board of children's guardians and, during the World War, was active member of the War War Mothers.

She is survived by her husband, one son, John Elder Blackledge, two brothers, William L. and Edward C. Elder, all of Indianapolis.

MRS. W. N. HARDING FUNERAL TUESDAY

Wife of Local Attorney Dies After Long Illness.

Last rites for Mrs. Mary E. Harding, 65, wife of W. N. Harding, attorney, who died Saturday after an illness of several years, will be held at the residence, 1903 N. Delaware St., Tuesday 2:30 p. m. Burial will be in Crown Hill.

Mrs. Harding was born in Shelby County, Indiana, and was an active member of the Tabernacle Presbyterian Church. She had been confined to her bed for four years.

Besides the husband, Mrs. Harding is survived by a son, W. N. Harding, Jr., and a niece, Miss Maude E. McConnell.

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DELEGATES COME EARLY FOR STUTZ THREE-DAY MEET

Charles M. Schwab Will Award Prizes to Champion Salesmen.

Early arrivals of delegates to the sales conference which will start Tuesday at the Stutz Motor Car Company of America, Inc., is taken by officials of the company to indicate interest in the sessions by the distributors and dealers handling the Stutz line throughout the country.

Particular interest attaches to the fact that Charles M. Schwab, head of the Bethlehem Steel Company, who purchased the control of the Stutz plant last year, will be present during the entire session and in addition to speaking at the official rally and banquet at the Lincoln Tuesday night, with President William M. Thompson, is to take an active part in the various business meetings at the factory Tuesday and Thursday.

Prizes to Be Awarded

Besides several hundred Stutz distributors and dealers all the retail salesmen from the various Stutz selling points who won honors in a recent sales contest will be present to receive medals and cash prizes, which will be awarded by Schwab. A special award and the title of Stutz master salesman will go to Lloyd C. Casey of the Stutz Chicago Company, distributor of Stutz cars in Chicago and Illinois.

Casey is a most picturesque figure. He was in the United States Navy for years, serving in every campaign in which the United States participated from the siege of Pekin to the end of the World War, when he was a lieutenant assigned to the Sixth Division of the Navy and was in charge of 2,000 men engaged in fighting submarines.

To Attend Speedway

Besides Schwab, Eugene V. R. Thayer, chairman of the board of directors of the Stutz Company, will be among the guests of the Stutz officials at the speedway. Schwab, Thompson and Thayer having been nominated honorary judges by the speedway officials.

On Wednesday all convention delegates will be guests of the Stutz officials at the speedway. Schwab, Thompson and Thayer having been nominated honorary judges by the speedway officials.

Sale of Poppies

Sale of poppies continued in Indianapolis today.

All previous records of sales on National Poppy day, were broken Saturday. Headquarters of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars here today rushed more flowers over the State.

It was impossible to estimate the total amount collected from the sale Saturday. Money obtained will be spent to decorate the graves of American soldiers overseas on Memorial day and to the relief and hospital funds of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

One hundred girls were in charge of the sale of poppies in Indianapolis. Contributions ranged from 10 cents to \$5.

TWO CONTESTANTS IN KNITTING BOUT SURVIVE

By United Press

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., May 28.—Breaking the world's continuous knitting record by four hours, two of the contestants in the long distance marathon knitting contest here were still knitting as busily as ever in the window of a furniture store at noon today. They had knitted continuously for seventy-four hours without sleep.

The ladies, Mrs. Belle Cozzie and Mrs. Elize Beckmeyer, are both residents of Terre Haute, and are sole survivors of the twelve contestants who entered the contest at 10 a. m. Friday. In addition to being awarded \$50 in gold and other prizes, the winner may be sent to England to place in the international contest to be held there.

Fraternity Boosts Convention

Indiana chapters of Beta Phi Sigma fraternity will try to bring the 1924 annual convention to Indianapolis. They also are boosting J. Morgan Gearhardt, Kokomo, for national president. The election will be held at the convention in St. Louis, Aug. 25, 26 and 27. Plans were discussed at a meeting of eighty-five representatives of Hoosier chapters at the Claypool.

Gyro's Auto Day

A special Auto Day program is being arranged by the Gyro Club for its weekly luncheon Tuesday. Boosters are Carl Wallerich, Ralph Sudler and Walter Wiedley. H. L. Richart announces a golf tournament will be held June 6 at Riverside.

Street Railway Election

Stockholders of the Indianapolis Street Railway Company will meet at the Traction Terminal building, June 13, to elect directors. Stock transfer books will be closed June 2.

Legal Frat Installs Officers

These new officers of Benjamin Harrison Law School chapter, Sigma Delta Kappa fraternity, have been installed. Frank D. Olsen, chancellor; Vern A. Arash, vice chancellor; Joseph Stein, treasurer, and William A. Reasot, secretary.

Police Allege Speeding

George M. Eperson, 1021 W. Thirtieth St., was charged with speeding after his machine going north on Clifton crashed into a machine going west on Thirtieth St., driven by Mrs. W. F. Purcell, No. 33, Drexel Arms apartment.

A machine driven by Roy Harbold, 1022 N. Arsenal Ave., skidded into one parked at Fourteenth and Meridian Sts., owned by Robert Donahue, 1223 Deloss St.

A city street fluser driven by George Kinney, 618 N. Delaware St., collided with an automobile on W. New York St. driven by James Rea, 252 N. Oxford St.

Ralph Coleman, colored, 2038 Columbia Ave., was charged with failure to stop at a boulevard after his car going west on Thirtieth St. collided with a truck driven south on Meridian St.

A warrant was filed for Alexander McIntyre, 1204 Spink-Arms, after a machine he was driving south on Meridian St. hit a car going north. McIntyre is charged with failure to stop after an accident and improper driving.

William Newbold, was arrested after

Indiana Senator Is Compromise Candidate Among Democratic Politicians—McAdoo Uses Strategy

In Booming Ford for Race.

By JOHN CARSON
Times Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, May 28.—The Democratic presidential pace is getting faster despite the finish line is more than a year distant—and Samuel M. Ralston of Indiana retains his place.

Perhaps, fortunately at this time, Ralston usually is discussed only as a possibility. He has been a "compromise candidate" from the first and he still is in all the political bickering.

Within the last few weeks, the air has been filled with Henry Ford and William Gibbs McAdoo. McAdoo was in town for a few days and was not working hard at hiding his light under a bushel. That he is a candidate, at least in a receptive mood, is certain.

McAdoo Plays Strategy

The story brought here by the politicians is that McAdoo's friends are advertising Henry Ford. It is contended McAdoo is doing a fine bit of work and that his friends are displaying political acumen and strategy.

If the McAdoo boosters are successful, the next convention will see Ford killing off all the other favorite or native son candidates and the battle staged between McAdoo and Ford. Of course, McAdoo's managers expect a democratic convention to take McAdoo if the only alternative is Ford.

That leaves Ralston entirely out of consideration. But Ralston's friends will not admit that situation prevails.

Is Compromise Candidate

Around Ralston is staged nothing but negative backdrops—this is some more political strategy. It seems to be accepted that Ralston can only win by being a compromise candidate, that he must do nothing to attract attention to himself or his views, that he must be chosen for the job and the crown fastened to his brow.

That is the place Ralston had from the beginning and that is the place he now occupies.

"And, of course, there is Ralston," is a suggestion in every discussion of presidential races.

"Yes, he's sitting pretty as a compromise candidate," is the invariable answer.

ONE KILLED; SIX ARE HURT IN ACCIDENTS

Theodore Rubush Meets Death Under Wheels of Engine at Julietta—Many Cars Damaged in Collision.

Thirty-seven persons were killed and 116 injured in automobile accidents in thirty cities throughout the United States over the week-end.

Nine were killed in Detroit and five in Cleveland; three in San Francisco; two in North Lewisburg, Ohio; Chicago, Marietta, Ga.; Waco, Ga.; Easton, Pa., and Oklahoma City; one in St. Paul, Crossley, Minn.; Youngstown, Ohio; Miamisburg, Ohio; Washington, Charleston, W. Va.; Ellwood City, Pa., and New Orleans.

Twenty were injured in Detroit and twelve in Pittsburgh.

One man killed, six injured nineteen automobiles damaged and six motorists arrested were results of twenty-one week-end accidents, police reports show today.

Theodore R. Rubush, 22, of 4001 E. Washington St. went to his death beneath the wheels of a C. I. & W. passenger engine Sunday morning when a south-bound train struck his automobile at Julietta, southeast of the city.

Witnesses said Rubush was hurled through the air, struck the locomotive, and struggled in vain to avoid falling. He died instantly, it was said.

David King, 15, of 723 N. Delaware St., a brother-in-law of Rubush, escaped death miraculously. He was driving the car, he said, and killed the engine in his anxiety to back off the track.

Sheriff Snider is investigating.

Mrs. Tillie Sheets, 45, of 125 Roach St., was slightly injured when her machine was overturned after being struck by a car driven by Frank Kersey, 750 Pershing Ave., on Riverside Drive.

Machines Collide

A machine driven by Bernard Harris, 2528 S. State Ave., collided with a machine driven by Ray Schering, at the corner of Southern Ave. and Shelby St.

Machines driven by Mrs. Grace Mueller, 234 E. Pratt St., and Harold Buge, 464 Carrollton Ave., collided at Twenty-Eighth St. and Paris Ave.

Prosecutor William P. Evans, driving south on Alabama St., crashed into a taxicab on Ft. Wayne Ave., driven by Curtis Riegs, 147 N. New Jersey St. Mrs. Theodore Griffith, riding in the cab, was injured.

Charles W. Albright, Haugh Hotel, is charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor and assault and battery after his automobile struck George Adams, 827 1/2 Pershing Ave., at Indiana Ave. and North St.

Struck by Car

John Pierce, 1351 Shelby St., was bruised when a machine he was in collided with another at Market and Alabama Sts.

Cole Davis, colored, 610 Roanoke St., walked in front of a machine driven by Albert Lard, colored, 1220 Thirtieth St., and was knocked to the street.

John Howard, colored, 25, of 447 1/2 Indiana Ave., made a flying leap to avoid an automobile when he saw his danger of being struck. His arms went through the windshield.

Ora Finch, 2231 N. Capitol Ave., told police another car ran into his. The other driver jumped out and said: "You can find my name and address in the car." He left. Police believe the car was stolen.

CARS ARE OVERTURNED

Five Persons Injured in Accident Near Lafayette.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., May 28.—Five persons are suffering today from injuries received when two automobiles were in collision near the Home Hospital. Both cars were overturned.

The injured: Miss Charlotte Holst, Miss Laura Fischer, Emmett Lein, dealer, Ernest Hadley and Miss Bertha Jenkins.

SIX ESCAPE INJURY

By United Press

HARTFORD CITY, Ind., May 28.—Although an automobile driven by William Jones, 19, turned over twice in rolling down a fifteen-foot embankment near here Sunday, none of the six persons in the car was seriously injured.

Bicycle Rider Injured

By Times Special

ANDERSON, Ind., May 28.—Lawrence Abel, 18, was suffering today from injuries received when he was knocked from his bicycle by a motorcycle ridden by Scott Smith, 32.

U. S. AGENTS JOIN IN INVESTIGATION OF BANDITS' LAIR

Store of Dynamite Uncovered in Raid Which May Be Linked With Robberies.

Federal officers today joined police in search for two men believed to have been members of a gang that for six months has been blowing safes here and in nearby towns and cities.

Several postoffices were robbed. Clews were obtained Sunday when, police say, several hundred dollars worth of postage stamps were found in a raid on 4223 Haines St. Jennie Ollis, 31, and George Ollis, 60, were arrested there.

Lieutenant Corrigan, Sergeant Wilson and Patrolmen Riley and Shaw made the raid in search of liquor. They said they found a kettle of beer brewing.

Further search brought by Detectives Dalton and Stone, McMurtry and McGinn revealed a false basement in which, it is said, burglar tools, dynamite, saved-off shot guns, revolvers and a small room of solid stone in which ammunition was kept, were found.

A list of local coal and ice companies was found which detectives believe indicated intended robberies. Several hundred dollars worth of postage stamps found are thought to have been stolen from the Columbus, Ind., postoffice.

One hundred pounds of dynamite found will clear the recent robbery of the E. I. Du Pont De Nemours warehouse at Beech Grove, it is thought.

Watches found are being checked by numbers in an effort to connect the Martinsville interurban car hold up at Maywood with the gang, detectives said.

BLAZE DAMAGES JEWELRY STORE

Fireman Out in \$1,500 Fire at 25 N. Illinois St.

Fire that started in waste paper under the sidewalk of the Rost Jewelry store, 25 N. Illinois St., at 7 a. m. today caused considerable smoke, and damage estimated at \$1,500. Most of the damage was caused by water. C. L. Rost is president of the jewelry company. L. Strassman, an official, said the company was fully protected by insurance. Slight cuts on his hand was suffered by Fireman Louis Rodes, Squad No. 1, when he broke the front door glass.

While returning from the fire, the salvage corps truck collided with an automobile turning into the Rost store, smoke was pouring from a manhole in the sidewalk. A stream of water was directed through the hole. Firemen broke holes into the building under each show window. Water was directed on the fire through these openings.

A reserve stock was kept in the basement, but partitions prevented water from reaching much of this stock. No damage was done to stock on the first floor.

BOY AND GIRL WINNERS START TRIP TO NIAGARA

Indiana winners in boys and girls' rural club activities left Indianapolis today for Niagara Falls and the reward for their work. There were seven boys and four girls, winners out of a field of 13,000.

They are Harris Warren, Kouts; John Edward Smeolmeyer, Rockfield; Oren Harris, Columbus; Paul Hungerford, Shelbyville; and Louis Allen, Mt. Vernon, corn club winners; Eugene Meyers, Aurora; Charles Jester, Delphi; orchard club winners; Mildred Cochran, Frankfort, canning club winner; Harriet McCutcheon, Inglesfield, sewing club winner; Virginia Vannice, Amo, baking club winner, and Ruby Conway, Connersville, homekeeping club winner.

Building Plans Exhibited

Drawings submitted in the \$100,000 contest of the Chicago Tribune for plan for an administration building are on exhibit at John Heron Art Institute. The exhibition will close Wednesday evening. Admission is free Wednesday.

Jail Fugitive Sought

Detectives received this description today of a man named De Long who broke jail at Mattoon, Ill., Sunday night: Five feet five inches in height, weighs 140 pounds, wears a brown cap, brown suit and tan shoes.

Purdue Fraternity Robbed

Dan Armstrong, 16 S. Ritter Ave., Purdue University student, asked police today to locate three watches valued at \$100, and \$20 in cash that was stolen from Delta Delta Delta fraternity house at Lafayette.

Completion of Church

After holding services in the basement of the incomplete building for five years, the congregation of the Fairfax Christian Church, North St. and Berwick Ave., will dedicate the completed structure in July or August.

Kimono Waitresses at New Lincoln Shop



KATHERINE STACKHOUSE

Speedway visitors to Indianapolis may find themselves greeted by some salutation as "Will the most and honorable gentleman partake of a cup of tea" from a dainty Oriental-looking beauty if they drop into the newly opened Lincoln tea room.

The management of the hotel has given Indianapolis a shop which is unique and artistic. The decorations are in terra cotta, soft green, old gold and black, with parchment shaded lanterns side lights and black and orange tables.

The finishing touch of Oriental charm is to be kimono-clad beauties, who will pass candy to guests. Miss Katherine Stackhouse, 2833 Bellefontaine St., Vassar graduate, who will have charge of the tea room, is shown above in costume.

GIYMANIANS HOLD MEET AT ATLANTA

Seventh Annual Convention in Session Today.

By United Press

ATLANTA, Ga., May 28.—Delegates from all sections of Canada and the United States gathered here today for the seventh annual convention of International Kiwanis clubs.

Nearly 5,000 Kiwanis members were here today for the opening of the sessions this afternoon.

George H. Ross, Toronto, international president, said the foremost action of the convention would deal with the problem of better relations between the farmer and the business man.

TWO ARE HELD IN THEFT FROM AUTO

Police Say Man Admits Part in \$994 Robbery.

Detectives said today that Ralph Reibeling, 22, of 1609 Spruce St., charged with grand larceny, admitted he stole two traveling bags belonging to Miss Quinn Hall of Chicago, from an automobile near the Claypool Sunday night. Bags and contents are valued at \$994.

Detectives Dugan and Reynolds and Lieut. Cliff Richter arrested Reibeling and George Passwater, 20, of 1040 Villa Ave., when they came to the Terminal station to get the bags, which had been checked by the young men, officers said.

Reibeling said, according to the officers, that Passwater had nothing to do with the theft. Passwater was held, detectives said, when one grip was found in his automobile and three at his home.

Police chief Herman F. Rikhoft today warned Speedway visitors not to leave valuables in automobiles.

MEN REPORTED MISSING

Police Search for Madisonville, Ky., Carpenter and Local Resident.

Police today were searching for two men reported missing.

Ray Walker, 22, a carpenter of Madisonville, Ky., left home nine weeks ago, his wife said. He has dark hair and eyes and weighs 160 pounds.

John Bracken, 37, of 307 W. New York St., has been missing since Saturday. He is dark complexioned and smooth faced. He wore a black coat and light hat.

Choice Box Seats for the Speedway Races

Decoration Day, May 30th

BEST SEATS AT THE RACES

We can furnish a limited number of these seats right in front of the judges' stand, and the use of a private train to and from the Speedway. Our special train will depart from Union Station, 9 a. m., returning after race. This service limited to 150 people. We have used these seats for the past four years, and placed the mayor of Kansas City in them last year.

Join Our Party and Avoid the Crowd

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hinkle
505 National City Bank Bldg. Indianapolis, Ind.