

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 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 Hennen, 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 mileage book. William Horan colored, 1411 Muskingum St., Sunday, called police and gave them a purse he found in his yard which was identified by Mrs. Hennen.

Mrs. Elizabeth Rutherford, 36 W. Thirteenth St., reported a burglar entered her home. A pocket book containing \$23.21 and a bank book were missing.

Thief Raises Screens

A thief raised a screen and entered the home of William F. Dineen, No. 42, 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 Bellfontaine 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 Otto B. Pulliam, 131 N. Traub Ave., Sunday night, and took a purse containing \$35 from the dining room table. Joe Azzarrelli, 525 Warsaw St., reported his home entered but was unable to tell what 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 Carousos 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 pedigree prize winners. Owners of two recently released flocks of \$100 for them. Lohengrin, a grass green cock, is a bass singer. His companions are Babe Ruth, Whizbang Billie and Perf.

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

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.

To Attend Speedway

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 R. Blackledge, local attorney. She was the founder of the Contemporary Club, charter member of the Women's Club, a stockholder in the Indianapolis Proprietary 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 an active member of the Star 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. Hard- ing, 68, wife of W. N. Harding, attorney, who died Saturday after an illness of several years, will be held at the residence, 1908 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.

Recover From Gas Fumes

Mr. and Mrs. George Jaunet, 3014 Clinton St., are recovering from effects of gas fumes from a hot water heater. They were overcome Sunday.

From Far and Near

Six thousand Chinese deserters from foreign vessels are scattered through New England States.

Germans in Berlin are on sugar rations of two pounds per month.

The Duchess of York has whooping cough.

Five were wounded in a battle at Los Angeles between white and Filipino sailors.

American styles are the craze in Paris.

Italy continues giving war veterans free life insurance until Dec. 31.

Twenty-eight were injured when a grand stand in a Chicago ball park collapsed.

Lloyd George declares Europe today holds exactly the same elements that produced the great war.

Washington officials seek to prevent profiteering by merchants during the Shrine convention.

Dan Sullivan, a Knight of Columbus and superintendent of Washington police, will lead the Shrine national parade at Washington.

Mexican authorities have closed the Juarez bridge until gambling ceases.

Mrs. Sarah Hansen, 72, arraigned

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 N. 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 sales 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, distributors 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 come as the guest of President Thompson, and will be present at all meetings.

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 SETS NEW RECORD

Drive Continued Today in City —Proceeds Not Calculated.

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 were 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

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. Elizee Bechmeyer, 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.

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 E. Thirteenth St., and was knocked to the street.

John Howard, colored, 25, of 447½ Indiana Ave., made a flying leap toward an automobile when he saw his danger of being struck. His arms went through the windshield.

Orl 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.

A city street flusher driven by George Kinney, 618 N. Delaware St., collided with an automobile on W. New York St., driven by James Rea, 500 N. Oxford St.

Raleigh Coleman, colored, 2033 Columbia Ave., was charged with failure to stop at a boulevard after his car going west on Thirteenth St. collided with a truck driven south on Meridian St.

A warrant was filed for Alexander McIntyre, 1204 Sprink-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.

Street Railway Election

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

Legal Frat Install Officers

These new officers of Benjamin Harlan 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. Reaso, secretary.

Col. Edward M. House, former advisor to Woodrow Wilson, predicts United States will enter world war.

Grass and forest fires are threatening Saranac Lake resort in the Adirondacks.

Mexican authorities have closed the Juarez bridge until gambling ceases.

William Jennings Bryan blames Wall Street for various "blocks" in Congress.

William Newbold, was arrested after

Indiana Senator Is Compromise Candidate Among Democratic Politicians—McAdoo Uses Strategy in Booming Ford for Race.

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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.

McAdoo Plays Strategy

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 may be only two parts of a death struggle. Then they begin to talk of Ralston.

Is Compromise Candidate

Around Ralston is stoned when not 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.

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

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 one man killed, six injured nineteen automobiles damaged and six motorists arrested were twenty-two.

Twenty-one weekend accidents, police reports show today.

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.

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

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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 sidelights 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.

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 post offices were robbed. Clews were obtained Sunday when, police say, several hundred dollars worth of postage stamps were found in a raid on 2228 Halines St. Jenkins, 30, 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 bottle of beer brewing.

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