

# MYSTERY SURROUNDS MOVE OF MARINES TO CANAL ZONE

## STATE DEMOCRAT LEADERS TO OPEN CAMPAIGN FRIDAY

Committee to Name Convention Date in Session at Claypool.

Several hundred Indiana Democrats are expected to gather at the Claypool Friday to open the State campaign.

The meeting will follow a session of the State committee. This session will set a date for the State convention, expected to be held during the first week in June.

At the public meetings talks will be made by Thomas R. Marshall, former vice president; Frederick Van Nuys, former United States district attorney; Charles A. Greathouse, national committeeman; Mrs. James R. Riggs, Sullivan, national committeewoman, and Mrs. A. P. Flynn, Logansport, vice chairman of the State committee. Walter S. Chambers, State chairman, will preside.

The annual winter meeting of the Indiana Democratic Editorial Association will be held at the Claypool Feb. 14. The program has not been arranged.

A number of Indiana Democrats will attend the meeting of the national committee in Washington, Jan. 15, when a national convention city will be chosen. It is expected the probable candidacy of Senator Samuel M. Ralston for the Democratic nomination for the presidency will be discussed by Indiana persons attending the meeting.

Among those who expect to attend are Thomas Taggart, Greathouse, Van Nuys, Lew Elingham of Ft. Wayne; Edward G. Hoffman, Ft. Wayne; Evans Woolen, Meredith Nicholson, Gertrude F. McHugh, secretary of the State committee, and Mrs. Riggs.

## BORDER REPORTS GIVE HUERTA AN EDGE ON OBREGON

Rebel Is Capturing Valuable Territory—Victory in Doubt.

By TOM E. SHARPE, Editor of the El Paso Post.

EL PASO, Texas, Jan. 3.—Adolfo De La Huerta, leader of the revolution against President Obregon of Mexico, is winning all the way, according to a well informed and unaligned authority here whom I cannot quote. The difference between this and other revolutions, he says, is that hereofore other revolutionists always got good press notices by "capturing" wide expanses of territory which were really only desert and without value for strategic or economic purposes. Continuing, he said: "De La Huerta has taken control of sections of real value—oil sections, rich farm lands, busy manufacturing districts and the one big revenue port of Vera Cruz."

"Vera Cruz duties paid a large share of the Obregon government's expenses. He now finds trouble in paying army and civil employees with-out for revenue. Living expenses have increased in Mexico City but not in rebel controlled sections, and this may have large influence."

"It is possible that De La Huerta may win a quick and complete victory. But probably not. More likely there will be a compromise between Huerta and General Calles, perhaps with Obregon stepping aside, but with Huerta being given major say in a new deal. It is possible, however, that trouble will continue indefinitely."

"Obregon probably made a grave mistake in arming the communist element for government defense, as they later use their arms to their own purpose."

Opinion of all seems that neither Huerta or Calles ever will be president. General Flores is now looming as a factor. It is generally conceded that De La Huerta can take control of Chihuahua whenever he says the word. But he is said to be holding off as he considers it valueless and does not want the campaign to get too close to the border.

## BRAINS IN THE CHORUS!

Wuxtry! Intelligence of Tinsel-Toed Flossies Established.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—It is impossible for chorus girls to have brains. This discovery, the latest triumph of scientific research, was made, and is announced fearlessly to the world, by David Bennett, New York revue producer.

Bennett had been searching for years for the combination of beauty and brains. He did not exactly say, but intimated plainly, that he had about given up the search when he happened to come over here—and ran right into it.

Bennett at once saw there was something unusual about London chorus girls. There was an intriguing something about them which escaped him for a time. Then it came over him all at once. It was mentality.

At first Bennett was loath to credit the reality of his discovery. But he tested 650 chorus girls, asking them the day of the week, and what were the chorus girls' costliest eating and accoutrements, costly presents from rich gentlemen with diamond neckties, and such things.

Twenty-two girls passed the test.

Days of War Recalled as 3,000 Devil Dogs Leave for South—Officially, Boys Leave for Harmless Maneuvering With Navy.

By United News  
QUANTICO, Va., Jan. 3.—It looked like the days of war all over again in this drab military town, huddled along the Potomac, as 3,500 Devil Dogs said goodbye and sailed South.

Scores of wives and sweethearts, and the handful of Marines who were left behind, stood chattering in the cold rain Wednesday waving farewell as the Henderson and the Chaumont, Navy transports, steamed out.

## Pollock Had Trouble Getting 'Fool' Started



CHANNING POLLOCK

The difficulties that beset Channing Pollock, an established playwright, when seeking a manager to produce his successful play, "The Fool," were so numerous that they would have disheartened any young and ambitious author. Being a dyed-in-the-wool and hard-shelled worker, the managers could not down him. By his persistency and dogging their footsteps at every turn, eventually he corralled one whom he convinced there was a big play in "The Fool," and so the piece found its way to the stage.

The manager who produced "The Fool" was Archie Selwyn of the Selwyns, a happy man today, knowing that he has beaten his coming in producing a play that promises to equal in popularity that other tremendous success for years, namely, Gen. Lew Wallace's "Ben Hur." "The Fool" is on view at the Murat all this week.

## PRICES INCREASE AT CITY MARKET

Slight Decreases Fail to Offset Advances.

Marked increases in prices of fruits and vegetables that overbalanced a few slight declines were noticeable at the city market on its first day of business in 1924. Pineapples were higher, at 35 and 40 cents each; sweet potatoes increased from 8 cents to 13 cents a pound; tomatoes from 40 to 45 cents a pound; mushrooms from \$1 to \$1.10 a pound; alligator pears from 65 cents each to \$1.10 each; times from 40 to 50 cents a dozen, and artichokes from 20 to 25 cents each.

Strawberries of exceptional quality, selling for \$1.75 a quart before Christmas, were 75 cents today. New potatoes were cheaper at 15 cents a pound.

## PAIR WED BY WIRELESS

Radio Marriage Is Recorded as Official.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The crew of a British trawler just returned from the Arctic regions reports being present at a wireless wedding at Matokchin Shar, Nova Zembla, where the Soviet government has a large station.

The British crew amused themselves listening in nightly, and one night heard Matokchin calling for the marriage commissar at Archangel. When the commissar reported himself, the station at Matokchin answered that one of its female employees wanted to register her marriage.

The commissar wirelessed the usual questions and then pronounced the marriage complete.

## Help, Mr. Cupid

All went merry as a wedding bell. In fact, a wedding was scheduled. County Clerk Albert H. Losche passed out the license to the blushing bride-to-be and the nervous gentleman who produced \$2.50 for the fee.

"Ever married before?" Losche asked.

"Yes, but I'm divorced—my last got a divorce time in July or August, they said," replied the lady.

"Just step into the next room and have the divorce clerk check your application to show the costs of the divorce paid," smiled the clerk.

"Madam, your husband did file a divorce suit, but he dismissed it," announced the deputy. "You're still married."

"Oh, Heavens! Ain't I in a fix?" shrieked the prospective bride. "They've had four showers and two parties for me and tonight everybody in the factory is invited to the wedding."

Officially, the Marines are off to Panama for a little harmless maneuvering with the Navy—but most of them felt as they boarded the transports that there's something else in the air. They've felt it for days as the news dribbled in from Mexico.

A portentous hush came over those on board and ashore as the vessels started themselves slowly in the mist. The band aboard the Henderson played "Auld Lang Syne."

Post Is Stripped

The post has been stripped of practically all its equipment, which aroused speculation. All of the field artillery, twelve pieces, was put aboard, as well as the three 155, anti-aircraft guns, machine guns and Howitzers about the post. Six airplanes were taken along. Rifles for the whole force are stocked in the ships, as well as large quantities of ammunition.

There is also considerable mystery as to why the Marines were taken on the naval maneuvers this year. It is the first time since 1915, when they were detached from the naval units and sent to occupy Vera Cruz by President Wilson.

Maneuvering a Cloak

Many think the maneuvering with the navy is only a cloak—that the Marines will be detached soon after they arrive at Panama, and be sent to hover in the vicinity of Vera Cruz.

Rumors were even floating about the town that guns were being stored in the transports for delivery to the Mexican government, but this turned out to be only talk.

Only a few Marines are left here—to do police duty. They were disappointed bunch. But none of them appeared so disappointed as General Smedley Butler, who ran away from his duties as director of public safety in Philadelphia to tell the boys goodbye. Butler loves action, and Panama looks more promising now.

## FOLLOW RULES IN MAILING PROVERBS

Contest Closes at Noon, Jan. 19—Don't Be Late.

Do not spoil your chances of winning one of the cash prizes totaling \$2,500 in the Times Proverb Contest by failing to follow the rules of the contest. You have until noon, Jan. 19, in which to have your proverb answers in The Indianapolis Times office.

Most important rule is that only one answer to each picture appear in each set of proverbs. Mail the proverb pictures after you have wrapped them and be sure sufficient postage is in the package. Write your name and address in the upper left hand corner of the package. Be certain that your name is written plainly and legibly. Address the proverbs to The Proverb Editor, Indianapolis Times, Indianapolis, Ind. The answers may be brought to the Proverb Editor in person, but they must be wrapped, addressed and the name of the contestant written in the upper left hand corner as though they were mailed. They must be in the office of The Times by noon, Jan. 19.

You may obtain all missing proverb pictures in your set by designating the number, not the date, and sending 2 cents for each picture after the first fifteen. The Proverb Editor will supply complete sets to those persons who desire to enter the contest now. The first fifteen will be given without cost. After that send 2 cents for each picture. This would cost 90 cents for a complete set, including the first fifteen pictures.

## AGED MINISTER TAKEN BY DEATH

Rev. John Vinson Pastor Here for Seventeen Years.

With the death Wednesday of the Rev. John Vinson, 72, of 2106 Olive St., Indianapolis lost one of her oldest ministers. Rev. Vinson dropped dead in front of his home. Rev. Vinson was born near Summitville, Ind., and was educated in Madison county. He had lived in Indianapolis about thirty-two years. For seventeen years he was pastor of the Church of God, Olive St. and Le Grande Ave. He retired five years ago.

He had been in poor health several months. Arrangements for the funeral have not been completed. Surviving: the widow, Mrs. Etta L. Vinson; a son, Roy H. Vinson, both of Indianapolis; two sisters, Mrs. Mary M. Carter and Mrs. Sarah J. Brown, both of Alexandria, Ind.

Plum Passing Is On

James Redmond, Democratic committeeman of the third precinct of the Sixth ward for many years, is now operating the elevator at the county courthouse. He was installed by John Kitley and John McCloskey, the Democratic majority on the board of county commissioners. He succeeds Mrs. Emma Holly, a Republican appointee. Democrats control county appointive power for the first time since 1915.

Headaches From Slight Colds

PROVERB PICTURE NO. 58—JAN. 3



The answer is .....

My name is .....

I live at .....

City ..... State .....

FIRST PRIZE \$1,000 CASH

Second Prize	\$500 Cash	4 Prizes	\$50 Each
Third Prize	\$250 Cash	6 Prizes	\$25 Each
Fourth Prize	\$100 Cash	6 Prizes	\$15 Each
Fifth Prize	\$75 Cash	20 Prizes	\$5 Each

**RULES GOVERNING CONTEST**

Prizes will be awarded for the best and most appropriate answers from among those submitted by contestants. First prize will be awarded to the person submitting the largest number of such answers; second prize to the one submitting the second largest number of such answers, etc. In event of a tie, care and neatness displayed in preparation of answers will be considered.

Contestants must submit complete set of 60 proverb pictures in order to qualify for any prize.

Answers are not to be sent in until the entire 60 proverb pictures have appeared in The Times.

Only one answer may be submitted for each proverb. Where more than one answer is submitted to any proverb all will be thrown out. Only one set of answers may be submitted by any one person and only one member in any one family can win a prize.

Each answer must be plainly written upon coupon published with each proverb picture. Any illegible will be thrown out.

The last proverb picture will be published Jan. 19, 1924.

Answers must be submitted in one set to The Proverb Contest Editor: on or before noon Jan. 19, 1924.

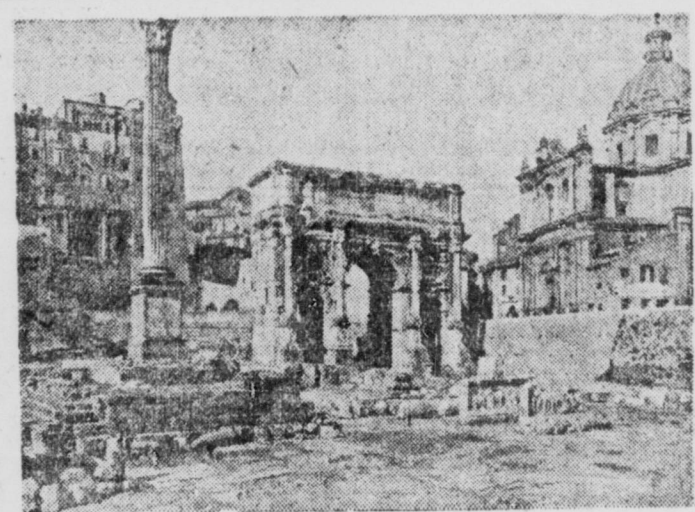
Employees of The Times or members of their families cannot participate in this contest.

The Indianapolis Times will deposit each drawing and correct answer with Mr. Ralph E. Smith, vice president and cashier of the Fletcher American Bank in advance of each publication.

The judges will be Edward J. Gausepohl, president of E. J. Gausepohl & Co.; Judge James A. Collins of the Marion County bench; and George Buck, principal of Shortridge High School.

The decision of the judges will be final in all matters related to the contest.

## Many Local People Write History Essays



Each mail brings many essays by readers of The Indianapolis Times who are interested in ancient history. This is the fifth picture of a series of six pictures showing historical scenes in Rome, Italy. These scenes are used as the historical background for "The Eternal City," a movie on view at the Circle this week.

The Times and the Circle Theater offer \$50 cash for the best essay properly identifying any one of the six pictures. Three representative Indianapolis citizens have been selected to act as judges. The next six best will receive autographed copies of "The Eternal City."

Identify this picture, write an essay not to exceed fifty words, telling what part it played in Roman history, send or mail it, with your name, address, occupation and this picture attached to the essay, to the History Editor of The Times.

The last picture will be published Friday. All essays must be in the hands of the History Editor by midnight of next Tuesday, Jan. 8.

## POOR LOUIS! A MISTAKE!

Guardman Includes Ushers in the French Cabinet.

By United News  
PARIS, Jan. 3.—Just because Louis Lenoir had put on for the first time the gorgeous uniform of the Republican Guard and had taken up his post at the ministry of education, he came to the conclusion that not only does "the coat make the man," but that "the uniform makes the cabinet minister."

So, when he was handed a copy of a decree ordering a national funeral for Maurice Barres, the writer, and was told to get the signatures of the ministry of finances, the foreign minister and the President of the republic, he thought he knew what to do. Stalking boldly into the palatial offices of the finance ministry in the Louvre, he clicked his heels together on approaching a grave personage, repudiating in scarlet coat and Napoleonic hat. Handing him the paper, Lenoir said:

"Sign there on the dotted line."

"A personage named 'Durand'."

When Lenoir arrived at the Quai d'Orsay he repeated the performance. There he got the signature "Vigier" from another gaudily bedecked and haughty person.

But when President Millerand in turn looked at the document and noticed the signatures of the "ministers," he called his son, Jean, who is his private secretary, and asked him how it came about that the cabinet

## Megan Lloyd George Will Write Her Opinions of America in New Book

Skyscrapers and Candy Impress British Statesman's Daughter.

By WANDA VON KETTLER  
LONDON, Jan. 3.—Megan Lloyd George is going to write a book about us. Yes—all about skyscrapers and candy and American boys and girls and things. This isn't official. It's just "Me-official."

Ever since the 21-year-old daughter of Britain's most famous statesman returned home from her trip to America with her distinguished father and pal, she has been dodging reporters who have been trying to put this question to her.

"I haven't said I am going to write a book," she protested to me. "Oh," said I, "shall I contradict the report in America?"

"Oh, no!" put in Megan with speed. "Don't do that. I haven't said I'm not going to write a book. I just haven't officially said that I am."

That settled it. Remained for me to find out what she was going to put into that book. I cautiously queried her.

Office Buildings  
"You're an American girl," she said, "and you've been in my country just a little while. Well, things here are different to you, no doubt. In the same way, things over there were different to me."

"What impressed me the most?" Let's see—Oh, I know—the New York skyscrapers and the candy."

That made us both laugh.

Miss Megan is small of stature and small of build. When she laughs her face, softened by light brown locks, rounds out. It grew round now and her gray eyes twinkled a bit.

"Quite a difference in the two, isn't there?" she said. "But I will never forget either. Those skyscrapers with their tremendous up-and-downness. You notice, we don't have them in England."

"Yes, I noticed that. But you do have candy. Only you call it sweets. Why the candy?"

"I don't know," came the reply. "It's just—well, it's so distinctly American. Everywhere you go your girl friends offer you candy. And you have so many kinds that we never either saw or heard of over here. Like American candy? Um"

No American matinee girl could have put more soul into that "Um" than Megan Lloyd George.

"Of our boys and girls, the future authoress said.

"They seem to have the frankness that is typical of the age. But I didn't notice them to be any more frank than the young people of England and other countries. Despite the fact that Americans are reputed to be extremely outspoken."

"American girls know exceptionally well how to wear their clothes. They know how to adopt styles that are becoming. We must say adopt, because all of us seem to let Paris do the creating. Rather deplorable, but convenient, isn't it?"

"Now about American boys—"

Megan laughed. "I know! They dance delightfully! That's the thing about them that I remember best."

## HARRIS RE-ELECTED 'GATLING' CHIEF

Committees Are Appointed for Work of 1924.

Carlson B. Harris remains president of the Gatling Gun Club, 707-9 N. Illinois St., following the annual election Wednesday evening.

Frank C. Baldrige was elected first vice president; Carey E. Chapman, second vice president; Frank E. Randall, third vice president; George T. Girard, re-elected secretary and Albert S. Burns, re-elected treasurer.

George O. Jackson was chosen director for one year; John O. Branner, for two years and Roy L. Craig for three years.

President Harris appointed these committees:

Entertainment: Homer Selch, chairman; Jesse J. P. McClure, Thomas E. Dugan, Robert Brown and Frank A. Richards.

Relief: Ike Riley, chairman; Joseph T. Head and Dr. Raymond Culver.

Publicity: Ike Riley, chairman; Frank A. Richards and C. E. Shaw.

Among new members elected were Potentate C. J. Orblison of Murat Temple Shrine, who spoke.

Madame Shows How Abdominal Exercises Keep the Doctor at Home.

By United News  
PARIS, Jan. 3.—An abdominal exercise a day keeps the doctor away.

Such is the theory attractively presented by Mme. Laurka, shapely American physical expert, in a practical exhibition before the staid members of the French Academy of Medicine.

Glad only to a filmy silk bathing suit, of the very one-piece variety, the comely queen of "relaxism" mounted the platform and put her abdomen through an edifying workout to demonstrate that proper exercise will cure or prevent many bodily ills.

The exhibition was supplemented by a lecture and motion pictures explaining the purely scientific side of each wriggle and quiver by Mme. Laurka, in her demonstration of the medical values of the movements made famous by hula-hula maidens and the young ladies of the streets of Cairo.

Mme. Laurka attributes the need of abdominal training in the occidental races to their use of chairs. In the Orient sitting down and rising from the floor provide the necessary exercise.

## WOMEN USE THEIR VOTES

Feminine England Frightens Pillars of State With Franchise.

By United News  
LONDON, Jan. 3.—Men are slipping rapidly, or are being pushed from their position as the chief voting element.

Women over here have had the vote for only five years, and even now are not enfranchised until they are thirty. But in numbers they are rapidly overtaking the men.

Some Scottish districts show a majority of women voters; in many English districts the men are barely holding their own.

Two examples in the long list are the Chelsea district of London, where 14,171 of the 28,500 voters are women, and at Torquay, a seaside resort, where 18,481 of a total of 37,500 voters, or still did at the time of writing.

Election agents confess privately that they view the situation with alarm. They declare that women think before they vote, and they fear that the entire political system may be revolutionized.



MEGAN LLOYD GEORGE

## CRASHES BLAMED ON BLINDING RAIN AND ICY STREETS

Two Men and Boy Injured in Series of Automobile Accidents.

Slippery pavements and blinding rain and snow caused a series of auto accidents during the night, three resulting in injuries, reports showed today.

Arthur Royce, 24, of 422 E. St., driver of a Frank Bird taxi, was arrested today by Sergeant Dean and emergency squad and charged with assault and battery and failure to stop after an accident. John Morrow, 40, of 58 E. Market St., employee of the city street cleaning department, suffered injuries to the head and legs.

Boy Injured  
Morrow told Dean he was cleaning away snow at Delaware and Washington Sts. when the taxi skidded thirty feet and struck him. Royce later gave himself up at police headquarters.

James Sterns, 14, of 12 N. Arsenal Ave., was injured about the head and received a dislocated knee when struck by a truck while looking at a collision of three other cars.

According to police, icy streets caused Carl Tielking, 831 S. State Ave., to strike a parked machine owned by Fred Blausey, 2143 Bellefontaine St., at Arsenal Ave. and Washington St. Blausey's car struck an auto owned by Elmer Dent, 10 N. Arsenal Ave.

Truck Driver Held  
The truck, driven by B. O. Stratton, 440 Dorman St., and owned by the Standard Metal Company, Pennsylvania and Georgia Sts., struck the boy after sliding into the Tielking truck. Stratton was slated on charge of assault and battery.

Daniel Blackwell, 325-1/2 N. California St., sustained a broken left leg when struck by an auto driven by George Marley, 27, Mooreville, Ind., at West and Washington Sts. Marley was charged with assault and battery. Blackwell is at the city hospital. Marley said rain blinded him.

Novella Taylor, 24, colored, 1138 Vandeman St., suffered bruises about the body today when she was struck by a machine driven by Fay Beeson, 420 E. New York St., at Vermont St. and Indiana Ave., police said. Beeson was charged with assault and battery.

## How to Stop Sour Stomach

Chronicle With Many People—Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets Bring Quick Comfort—Sweeten and Stop Acid, Sour Risings and Such Dyspeptic Distress.

When the fact is considered that even careful people, those who follow diet rules, get attacks of indigestion, no argument is needed to recommend the best means of relief. Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are used by lawyers, doctors, teachers, by business men, high livens, society women, industrial workers, clerks and the worst abused of men, and thus they are the condition of the stomach, if due to dyspepsia, these wonderful tablets stop gasiness and sour risings, they give the stomach the alkaline effect which overcomes acidity, and thus they either avoid distress after eating or else they quickly relieve it. Be fortified. Get a 50-cent box of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets at any drug store and arm yourself against indigestion.—Advertisement.

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