

STRAWN'S ASSISTANT CENSURED IN PREVIOUS FEDERAL WORK

WALDRON PASTOR ADMITS FINE FOR INSULT TO WOMAN

Johnson's Record Given Air in Church Burning Case.

By Times Special
SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Feb. 9.—Members of the congregation of the Waldrum Baptist Church who attended the trial of the Rev. Ulysses S. Johnson, charged with setting fire to the church on the night of May 10, 1923, showed much surprise Friday afternoon when the pastor testifying in his own defense. He admitted on cross-examination that in October, 1921, he paid a fine and costs of \$13 in police court at Indianapolis for insulting a woman in a theater there.

Following the testimony of the few remaining witnesses, the defense rested its case today at 9 a. m.

The remainder of the day was to be devoted to arguments and the case was expected to go to the jury about 5 p. m. It has been on trial here since Monday, thirty-seven witnesses testifying for the State and more than a score for the defense.

When the Rev. Johnson was called to testify Friday he rejected the customary oath and took instead an affirmation. His story on direct examination concerned his whereabouts and actions on the night of May 10, 1921, when the church was damaged by fire to the extent of \$800.

Johnson Testifies

He told of leaving his home with his wife and 6-year-old son and of being at the Annex in Waldrum from 7 p. m. until the meeting of the Baptist Young People's Union was brought to a close. He left his wife for five minutes, while he put his car in a garage, he said.

According to his testimony, they then returned home and he told of the events prior to the fire which were outlined by other defense witnesses. He said that as they reached home he noticed two men prowling about the garage at the rear of the house and pointed his flashlight in that direction. He saw a tall, slender man, wearing a light suit of clothes, he testified. He then told of the fire and said that he told the fire-fighters to "be careful" as they entered the building.

"I Can't Remember"

State's attorneys, on the cross-examination, read the testimony given by the minister at the State fire marshal's office on May 16, 1923, and attempted to show discrepancies in the statements which were given by the defendant on direct examination.

Most of the questions asked by State's attorneys, were answered, "I don't remember," by the defendant. He admitted however, that he had paid a fine and costs in Indianapolis for insulting a woman and that he had given his name as "Grant Johnson" at that time. He also admitted that his first wife secured a divorce on charges of non-support and that she is now living in Indianapolis.

When closely questioned by State's attorneys regarding his departure from Greentown, Ind., at the time he accepted the Waldrum charge, he admitted that he had asked the driver of the truck which carried his furniture not to tell Greentown people where he had gone. He also said that he asked the driver to refrain from telling Waldrum people who he came from.

He explained to the court that until the year 1922 he had been a member of the Baptist Church, but at that time he was taken into the Christian Church. In November, 1921, when he accepted the Waldrum charge, he again became a Baptist, he testified.

SHERIFF CATCHES ALLEGED 'RUNNERS'

'Relay Team' Says \$50 Was Price for Job.

One hundred and five gallons of alcohol are held in the county jail and two men are under arrest today on rum-running charges as a result of Sheriff George Snider's activities west of the city Friday.

Floyd Haverick, 21, and Thomas Fagin, 19, both of Madison, Ill., were captured on the National Road, speed along in a Ford coupe with twenty gallons of the alcohol. They told Snider they were supposed to give the liquor to a third man at a local restaurant. They got it at Terre Haute, they said, and were to get \$50 for the trip between the two stations on the trail from St. Louis.

The sheriff later visited a cave on Big Eagle Creek and unearthed a cache of seventy-five gallons of alcohol.

Snider was fined \$100 and costs on speeding charges, judgment withheld on a charge of carrying concealed weapons, and was bound over to the grand jury on \$300 bond on a charge of transporting liquor. Haverick was fined \$100 and costs on charges of carrying concealed weapons, judgment on speeding charge withheld, and was bound over to grand jury on a \$1,000 bond on charges of transporting.

TAFT 'FEELING' FINE
Ex-President Recovers From Indigestive Attack, but Takes It Easy.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Former President Taft has recovered from the digestive attack which sent him to bed on Wednesday.

"Feeling fine," said Taft today over the telephone.

He expects to go out Monday for a walk, but has been ordered by his doctor not to go to work or resume his engagements for a couple of weeks.

De Pauw Choir Will Sing at Broadway Church



FRONT ROW—VIRGINIA KIRACOFFE, ROWENA KENNEDY, ISABELLE GAUL, CHRISTINE VICKERY, FERN GRAY. SECOND ROW—EDDIE SAYRE, ARTHUR KOFFMAN, LOUISE LANDON, MARY RUTH BOUTTLES, MARGARET DUNN, JACK BRYAN. THIRD ROW—PAUL WYCOFF, RALPH BOYD, BERNIS DOOLEY, ALDEN MORRIS, BENJAMIN G. HABBERTSON.

Above is the De Pauw University Choir which will give a sacred concert, under the direction of Dean Robert G. McCutchan, Sunday night.

at the Broadway Methodist Episcopal Church.

The choir is composed of some of the best musical talent in the uni-

versity.

It is accompanied by Virginia Baum, pianist; Prof. Van Denman Thompson, organ, and Helen Roland, cellist.

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WASHERTON, Feb. 9.—Sils Strawn, Chicago lawyer, nominated by President Coolidge to be the Republican member of the bi-partisan counsel to prosecute the Teapot Dome and California oil lease scandals, has appointed, even before his confirmation by the Senate, Hinton G. Clabaugh of Chicago to take charge of the investigating work.

Strawn was introduced to Senate officials as a "splendid investigator, a man you can bank on to dig into this case."

Clabaugh has been in the Government service before. Up to Nov. 1, 1919, he was connected with the Department of Justice as chief of the Bureau of Investigation in Chicago.

Just before Clabaugh left the Government service he played a part in the attempt of the packers to discredit the Federal Trade Commission.

ROBERT G. McCUTCHAN, Sunday night.

Brought Out in Hearings

This was brought out in hearings before the Senate Committee on Agriculture in January, 1920. It was shown Clabaugh and his assistant, Phillip J. Barry, received from Wash-

ington a list of names of individuals who were to be arrested in connection with former Attorney General Palmer's "red" raids. A man named Raphael Mallen, once a temporary employee of the Chicago office of the Federal Trade Commission, was arrested. His name was not on the list sent from Washington.

The newspapers, on the day of Mallen's arrest, carried flaring head-

lines to the effect the "United States Official Locked Up as Red," and "Federal Trade Commission Agent Arrested as Red." After the stories were printed all over the "United States, Mallen was released, the Department of Justice saying simply "we don't want him."

A week or so later Clabaugh, who had handed in his resignation to take effect Nov. 1, 1919, left the service. He at once entered the employ of the Peabody Coal Company. His assistant, Barry, also left the Government employ and entered the service of Swift & Co.

Mallen Was Not 'Red'

At the time Mallen was arrested he was not in any way connected with the Federal Trade Commission. Neither was there any evidence of any kind against him as a "red" or other type of offender.

A great effort was then being made by the packers to make it appear that the Federal Trade Commission was dominated by Bolsheviks.

That was Clabaugh's last service for the public before Mr. Strawn brought him on to Washington as his chief investigator.

Erratic Indiana weather, causing a

tornado in the Southern part and a heavy snow storm in the Northern section during the same week, was blamed today by John D. Williams, director of the State highway department, for the bad condition of many highways.

Overland traffic was urged to proceed cautiously over all roads having stone and gravel surfaces.

Truck and bus loads have been ordered reduced to one-half capacity during the thaw period.

Condition of roads out of Indianapolis:

No. 1 (New Albany, Indianapolis, South Bend, Michigan line)—Open from Indianapolis to the Indiana line, then north to intersection of Sheridan-Noblesville Rd., thence northwest to State line, then west to Indianapolis. No. 2 (Westfield and take 33 to junction of 15, then on 15 to 29 and 29 to No. 1 in weather). Old detour just before reaching pavement nine miles south of Kokomo is impassable.

No. 3 (Terre Haute, Indianapolis, Richmond)—One-way traffic over railroad over-

row grade at Glenn three miles east of Terre Haute, also grade to Deer Creek bridge east of Piqua Hill. One-half mile west of Glenn, No. 7, H. L. O. tracks are torn up.

No. 8 (Madison, Greenbush, Indianapolis, Lake Erie)—One-half mile west of Glenn Indiana on Madison St. to Canal west and across bridge to Illinois St., north about one-half mile, then one-half mile west to junction of 15 and 33 and via Lebanon.

No. 22 (English, Spencer, Indianapolis)—One-half mile west from Bruceton to Spencer. The road is impassable during thaws. Avoid Piqua Hill.

No. 12 (Vincennes, Spencer, Indianapolis)—Closed at north end of La Porte account pavement construction. Bridge out of Vincennes to Indianapolis.

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