

CHOICE OF JUDGE AFFECTS FATE OF EXTRA U. S. COURT

Anderson Promotion and Hickey Bill Linked in Discussions.

Speculation as to a successor to Judge Albert B. Anderson as United States district judge, should be named for the Circuit Court of Appeals, to succeed the late Francis E. Baker, and as to the fate of the Hickey bill, which would create another Federal court in Indiana, was rife throughout legal and political circles today.

The two questions have become so thoroughly intertwined as to become practically one.

Judge Anderson left for Washington Wednesday night to appear before the Senate Judiciary Committee, which is considering the Hickey bill. A large delegation of advocates of the measure from northern Indiana will appear before the committee.

William L. Taylor, former attorney general of Indiana, will present a statement to the committee in opposition to the new court. The statement contends that the calendar is not clogged and that there is no necessity for the court.

Candidates Numerous

There is a widespread feeling that should Judge Anderson be promoted by President Coolidge, advocates of the Hickey bill would not push the measure. Personal dislike of Judge Anderson and a desire to escape from his jurisdiction has played a large part in the move for another court, according to opinions expressed by lawyers.

Meanwhile, candidates for Judge Anderson's position, should he be appointed circuit judge, have sprung up in all parts of the State.

"If you want to know who wants the position," a well-known Indianapolis lawyer said, "just take the list of Republican members of the bar and Republican judges in Indiana."

The question rapidly is assuming importance politically, and Republican leaders are becoming active in support of various candidates.

Out-State Man Favored

Should the appointment fall to an Indianapolis man, Judge Louis B. Ewbank of the Indiana Supreme Court and Homer Elliott, United States district attorney, are considered among the most likely candidates. Elliott is said to be assured of the backing of Postmaster General Harry S. New, who is very close to President Coolidge.

However, it is believed an out-State man will be given preference.

Judge Anderson's selection as Judge Baker's successor is by no means assured. Opposition to him is said to be active among labor leaders and Illinois Republican leaders have become active in urging selection of an Illinois man for the position.

Coolidge's Stand

According to Washington dispatches, Judge Ewbank and Judge Julius C. Travis of La Porte have become active candidates for Judge Anderson's place. Friends of both have wired Indiana Congressmen urging their selection. President Coolidge, it is said, is inclined to believe that Anderson's promotion would create a difficult problem in Indiana and might result in an open split between the New and Watson factions in the selection of a successor.

Powerful Indiana interests among the law enforcement element of the State are said to have urged the President to keep Judge Anderson in his present position on the ground that he is indispensable. If an Illinois judge should be selected, that State would have four out of five places on the Circuit Court of Appeals.

Gone, but Not Forgotten

An automobile reported stolen by Walter Shiel, 1304 Central Ave., Cole, taken from Vermont and Meridian Sts.

BACK HOME AGAIN

Automobiles reported found by police belong to J. J. Barnhart, Wilkinson, Ind.; Willis-Knight, at Maryland St. and Capitol Ave.

John Baughman, 3721 E. New York St., Chevrolet, at New York and Penn. sylvania Sts.

George D. Strasser, 962 N. Oxford St., Ford, at Illinois and Maryland Sts.

W. E. Bettcher, 435 De Quincy St., Ford, at Missouri and Market Sts.

Nine Counties Represented

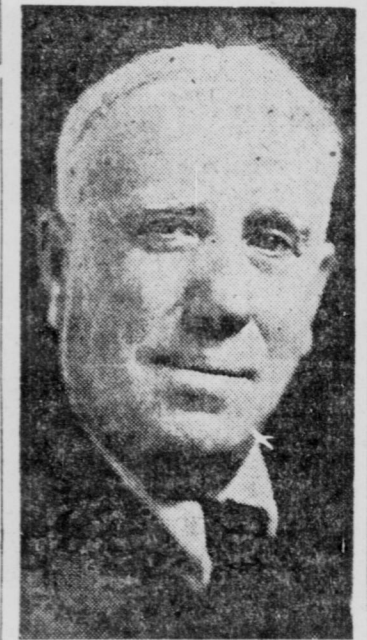
By United Press KOKOMO, March 19.—Sixty delegates attended the Ninth district convention of funeral directors here Wednesday. Representatives were present from ten counties. Following a business session a banquet was held at the Masonic Temple.

W. H. BLODGETT IS PNEUMONIA VICTIM

Veteran Reporter Widely Known Because of Thirty-Seven Years of Activity on One Paper.

William H. Blodgett, 68, veteran Indianapolis newspaperman, died at his home, 2304 N. Capitol Ave., at 2:25 a. m. today. Death was due to pneumonia and acute heart dilation. The illness developed Sunday after he had returned from an assignment out of the city.

It is said almost everybody in Indiana knew "Bill" Blodgett. Whenever anything of importance was happening, Mr. Blodgett, a little, gray haired quiet-spoken man, was almost



WILLIAM H. BLODGETT

certain to be somewhere around. He was such a familiar figure for so many years that his presence was taken for granted. During his thirty-seven years of service as a reporter on the Indianapolis News, after serv-

ing on newspapers at Anderson and Richmond, he became something of a traditional character in the State.

One of the stories that was told of him was that he arrived in Indianapolis one Sunday morning many years ago and went to the home of the late John H. Holliday, then editor of the News, to ask for a job. He was greeted by a dog which ran him up a tree, there to stay until Holliday came out and called the dog off. However, the young man was given a position and the old-timers tell how he came to work the next day wearing a plughat and a broadcloth cape, then the conventional dress of reporters.

No session of the Legislature in years has been complete without "Bill" Blodgett. He usually took his position on the steps leading to the platform of the president of the Senate or the Speaker of the House. He knew every member of the Assembly by his first name, and in many cases he knew their fathers before them. Frequently he knew things about legislators' and lobbyists that they wished he would forget.

Mr. Blodgett was known as an investigator into political affairs, particularly as one who dug up facts on the wrongdoings of some officials. He was particularly active in the investigation leading up to the Terre Haute election fraud cases. It was said that at least one attempt was made to take his life in connection with this investigation. After this affair, the story goes, Blodgett never ventured out without a small pistol in his left-hand coat pocket. He was left-handed.

Mr. Blodgett rather prided himself on his knowledge of the doings of the so-called underworld. He had the knack of getting into the confidence of crooks and obtaining knowledge invaluable to him.

During the war Mr. Blodgett was correspondent for his paper at Hattiesburg, Miss., where many Indiana troops were encamped. Later he covered the steel strike at Gary, where "red" activities were uncovered, and the seizure of coal mines at Staunton, when Governor McCray attempted to have coal dug during the last strike.

Mr. Blodgett is survived by his widow and a daughter, Mrs. E. T. Brennan of Indianapolis.

McCULLOCH HITS INSANE SITUATION

Confers With Party Leaders in Morgan County.

By United Press MARTINSVILLE, Ind., March 20.—Dr. Carleton B. McCulloch of Indianapolis, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor, conferred with Morgan County Democrats here today.

He placed honesty of public officials as the most important consideration in the campaign. Second in importance, he said, is reduction of taxation. Dr. McCulloch called attention to the large number of insane persons held in county jails while the State spent millions of dollars for a new reformatory.

Honored by leading figures of the nation, Dr. Charles W. Elliot, foremost educator and president emeritus of Harvard, today celebrated his 90th birthday.

Curtis D. Wilbur took the oath of office as secretary of the navy Wednesday afternoon at San Francisco. William P. Lawlor, associate justice of California Supreme Court, administered the oath.

The Literary Digest poll gives 69.3 per cent of the nation's sentiment as favoring the Mellon tax plan as against 30.7 opposed.

Fines and prison terms were assessed Wednesday against seven members of the crew of the British ship Orduna, when found guilty of smuggling liquor and narcotics.

United States Ambassador Herrick to France has made a profit of \$75,000 by buying French francs.

Fire raging in the lumber yards of the Minter Homes Corporation at Huntington, W. Va., has caused a loss of \$1,000,000.

For second time a jury disagreed today at trial of Adelard Delorme, former priest, charged with murder of his half-brother, Raoul Delorme, at Montreal.

Proprietors of 600 saloons in Pittsburgh, Pa., have been served with abatement papers ordering them to stop sale of intoxicating liquors, remove bar fixtures and signs.

These addresses show these boys come from good homes, the majority from the north side.

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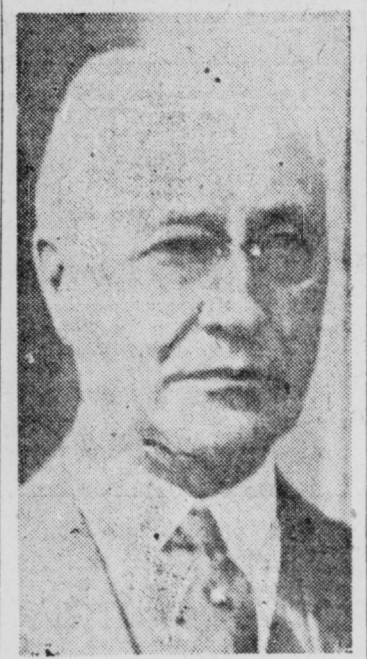
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Remy's report showed that sixteen boys were convicted of stealing money and other property, including pushbikes, candy and cigarettes, four of vehicle taking of autos and motorcycles, one as a robber with a revolver and one receiving stolen goods. Four boys were shown to have entered ten stores and committed burglary. All but a few were white boys, the report showed.

What This Patient Says About His Eyes—My son is getting along fine at school. He passed alright. He certainly has been greatly benefited by coming to you. If any Beech Grove people need glasses they won't lose anything by coming to you.

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Leader in Quizzing of McCray Talesmen



EPH INMAN

Following the indictment of Governor Warren T. McCray in Criminal Court, Eph Inman was named special assistant prosecuting attorney in the case. He has done most of the questioning of talesmen in behalf of the State.

Oh Skinnay!

Big Top Dolls Up for Its Long Trip Through Nation.

By United Press KOKOMO, March 20.—There's a stir of spring in the lot by the railroad tracks where the greatest show on earth is awakening from its winter sleep.

A small of fresh paint and new pine boards mingling with the thousand and one circus smells redolent of childhood days when we ran barefoot after the elephants.

The steam calliopes are brave in new coats of gilt and rainbow hues and up in the attic of the long house the wardrobe man is dusting off tinsel bandmen's uniforms.

The animal cages are freshly painted and reinforced, especially the one which Mabel, the tiger who "went bad" last December and had to be dispatched, made such a mess of before they got her.

The circus moves to New York next Sunday, just as old Bill Gottschalk, septuagenarian caretaker, with the show for thirty-six years, has seen it move these many springs.

Old Bill says the only thing missing this year is that the emu didn't lay the big green egg which Bill used to look for each St. Patrick's day. He tried his best to produce the harbinger, did the emu, but somehow, since his wife died during the rigorous winter, nature just didn't seem to make it possible.

Over in the elephant house, the bulls and the cows and the so-called little ones (no bigger than a Ford coupe) are receiving their final training with improvised burglar alarms.

Old Bill and the correspondent waded gingerly into the big, murky elephant barn just as one of these went off. Bill's rheumatism had been troubling him "somethin' powerful" up to this moment, but he was the first man up to a convenient rafter.

Sold With Sound

For a moment the dingy structure was solid with sound, a hellish clatter and smashing of tin and iron.

When the din died down, there were forty-four elephants in their places around the barn, swishing vast manfuls of hay unconcernedly. Tom, the big bull, was still at his tricks of stealing occasional wisps from his comparatively diminutive neighbors.

"That's to train 'em not to stampee," old Bill explained, descending with difficulty from his impromptu perch. "It's to get 'em used to sudden noises and excitement. I tell ye a stampee of elephants ain't nothin' to laugh at."

The stampee alarm proved to have been a collection of large cans suspended by a rope and pulley over some concrete flooring. When this was dropped, there was excuse for something stampeeing.

There are also ducks, rabbits, dogs and a goat which play about beneath the elephants' bellies for the purpose of accustoming the pachydermata to petty annoyances.

SHOCKLEY STARTS TERM

Convicted Man Foregoes Sixty Days Grace to Ask Rehearing.

George Shockley, convicted March 17, 1923, of keeping a gambling house with Roy Travis, and sentenced to thirty days in jail with a \$500 fine, is serving his sentence today. Shockley surrendered to Criminal Court last Wednesday. He had appealed to Supreme Court, which dismissed both convictions. He had sixty days of grace in which to ask a rehearing. He preferred the jail.

Travis and Shockley were jointly indicted by the grand jury under Prosecutor William Remy said today, after a survey of juvenile court statistics.

Twenty-nine boys from 10 to 16 years old, were found guilty of major crimes by Juvenile Judge Frank J. Lahr since Jan. 1. Robbery, larceny, vehicle taking, receiving stolen goods and burglary were the charges.

"Look at these history cards," said Remy. "Without exception they show the contributing cause as 'lack of parental supervision and care.'"

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Citizenship Institute Opens

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The first institute of the kind was held last year.

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Name
Address
Age School

Indianapolis parents have a right to be proud of the sportsmanship of their boys and girls. They display the attitude of which good citizens are made.

For example, here is a letter from Ernest Linville, 1020 N. King Ave., who entered The Indianapolis Times Marble Tournament today:

"I am glad to be entered for the first time in the marble contest. 'I am as good a loser as I might be' winner, as any boy or girl entered. I am enclosing my entry coupon."

"Respectfully, 'ERNEST LINVILLE.' 'P. S. Am hoping to win.'"

Ernest is just one of the many boys and girls who are flooding The Times with entry blanks to the second annual marble contest. His attitude is typical of them all.

Atlantic City Is Goal

First there will be tournaments in your own community. Successful players will compete in the big city tournament, at which the Indianapolis marble king or queen will be decided.

Then, at the expense of The Times, the winner will get a week's trip to Atlantic City. There the National marble contest will be staged. Winners of tournaments conducted throughout the country by Scripps-Howard newspapers will compete for the National title.

Judging from the number of entries this year, Indianapolis should have a good chance to produce the Marble King of the United States. The Indianapolis king will have lots of fun and visit interesting places in the East, just as Ross Beaver, 157 W. Twenty-Third St., did last year.

Any boy or girl under 15 years of age is eligible to enter The Times contest.

Free Marbles

Many valuable prizes will be given the winners. Of course, the capital prize—the trip to Atlantic City—is the best of all.

Here are some additional entries: Wayne Farmer, 1515 Faß St.; Robert Gross, 1449 Hiatt St.; Jack Shaffer, 417 E. Twenty-Third St.; William Manning, 320 N. Webster St.; Earl C. Bennett, 704 Dorman St.; Robert Earl Haisted, 840 N. Dearborn St.; Robert Tyner, 237 Massachusetts Ave.; Ed-

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McCray Prosecutor Since Probe Began



CLARENCE W. NICHOLS

When a county grand jury investigation of the affairs of Governor Warren T. McCray was asked, Clarence W. Nichols was named special prosecutor in charge. It was under his direction that indictments against McCray were drawn. He now has charge of the case for the State.

McCray asked information concerning the board's action in cutting the appraisal from \$95,000 to \$3,000 when he received a protest against the board's action from John G. Davis, Newton County auditor, his brother-in-law.

Stock Value Negligible

William Darroch, the bank's receiver, had asked the reduction. Appraisal was made on furniture and fixtures alone. Stock value was negligible, Darroch said. McCray was former president of the bank.

The correspondence, made public today, showed that Davis, in a letter Feb. 13, 1924, complimented the tax board for "saving" the township (Kentland) \$32,999 on three roads. "Thanks to a live State tax board."

In his protest to the Governor on the reduced appraisal a few days ago he was in favor of abolishing the tax board.

Erroneous Statements

Concerning Darroch's statement to the tax board asking for a reduction, Darroch wrote to his attorney, N. K. Todd, Ft. Wayne, that Davis and the Newton County treasurer "admit the truth of what the statement shows but they hesitate to sign any papers."

"You understand," he said, "campaign year is on and that they are all candidates for re-election and are timid about signing papers."

Darroch's statement to the board "erroneous and excessive" appraisal statement to the board March 1, 1923. McCray was president at that time.

'DREAM BABY' CASE UP

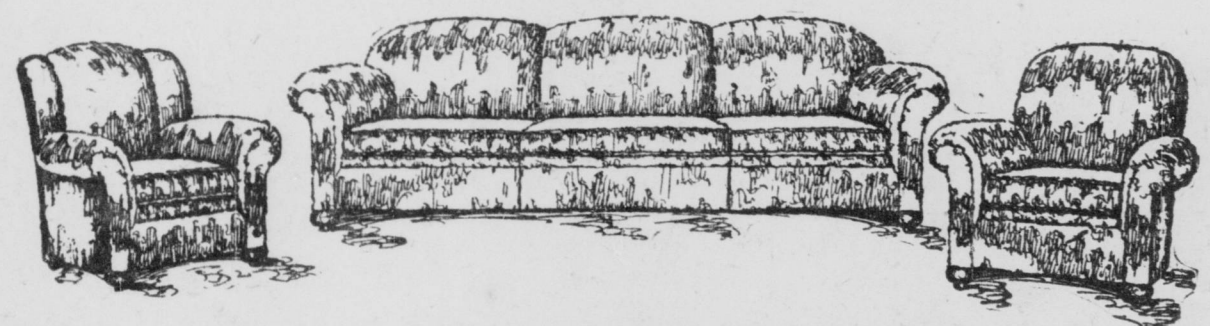
House of Lords Hold Recent Hearing of Sensational Trial.

By United Press LONDON, March 20.—The case of the celebrated Russell "Dream Baby" was up in the House of Lords today.

The session was closed to the public. The lords heard Mrs. Christabel Russell's appeal against the divorce granted her husband by the courts. She is fighting to establish the legitimacy of her son, conceived, she claims, when her husband walked in his sleep into her bed chamber.

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