

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 he 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.

Meantime, 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

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Gone, but Not Forgotten

An automobile reported stolen belongs to:

Walter Shiel, 1394 Central Ave., Cole, taken from Vermont and Madison Sts.

BACK HOME AGAIN

Automobiles reported found by police belong to:

J. J. Barnhart, Wilkinson, Ind., Willys-Knight, at Maryland St. and Capitol Ave.

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

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

W. E. Bettcher, 438 De Quincy St., Ford, at Missouri and Market Sts.

Nine Counties Represented

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, 2334 N. Capitol Ave., at 3:25 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 always given a position and the old-timers tell how he came to work the next day wearing a plughat and a broad-cloth 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 by his first name, and in many cases he knew their fathers before them. Frequently he knew things about legislators and lobbyist 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.

M'CULLOCH HITS INSANE SITUATION

Confers With Party Leaders
in Morgan County.

By Times Special
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.

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From
Far and Near

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Honored by leading figures of the nation, Dr. Charles W. Eliot, 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 69.2 per cent of the nation's sentiment as favoring the Mellon tax plan as against 30.7 opposed.

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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.

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