

## ELECTION BOARDS RUN DOWN 'BEAR STORIES' GALORE

Leo K. Fesler Says Reports of Irregularities Show Need for Smaller Precincts.

"They're holding out the returns in the Ninth Ward, where there's a big Klan vote, although the ballots have all been counted," or "none of the big precincts from the black belt are in—the shank boards are holding back to see how many votes are needed."

All day the county election board received these complaints or others of similar tenor from nervous candidates as the vote swayed this way and that.

Out goes the panting lizzie and a dash is made into the mooted Ninth.

Some men are smoking leisurely on the front porch.

"Yeah, we had \$11 votes cast here," said one. "Got 200 counted. The two women clerks gave out about 8 a.m. and went home to bed. Nope, no arguing with them."

### One Hint Enough

Another trip up Yandies St. into the territory of Windy Johnson and Bell Howard, colored bosses, to see about a complaint from a candidate that "the returns in one precinct didn't suit Bell Howard and he's making them count over."

Voting place closed. Dogs barked. No one knew anything, being suspicious to a liquor raid. Repeated knocks on doors resulted in a terrible voice from a second-story window:

"If you all don't go on away right now, I'm going to start shootin'!"

Election commissioners didn't have to be knocked down with a hint, and departed to find the missing ballots safely at the courthouse.

Another trip out toward Riverside in the Fourth resulted in some startling information from a group of unofficial watchers looking through the open door at the election board.

### Another 'Bear Story'

"There's ten people in there counting the votes. Three extras, and one is the shank candidate for precinct committeeman, who is voting all the incomplete ballots for himself. And the inspector can't read or write. Look at him unfold them ballots and hold them upside down like he's reading. But he's not."

The three "extras" turned out to be official watchers, and the inspector was left to the tender care of the rest of the board. And so on and so on, until the last precinct was in.

"These rumors and complaints are the result of too big precincts," said Leo K. Fesler, county election commissioner, who personally investigated many "bear stories" of graft, crooked work and rascality.

"When a group of average citizens are put to work to receive 800 votes and then count them without stopping it is too much of a strain. Exhaustion, delay and breakdowns occur. Then people get suspicious and nervous because the counting is done in twelve hours."

"There certainly will have to be a reduction in size of the precincts."

## SECOND LODGE TO ELECT

Louis G. Buddenbaum Named Adonis Head.

Annual election of Saraiyah Council, Princes of Jerusalem, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, will be held next Wednesday night in the Scottish Rite Temple.

Adonis Grand Lodge of Perfection, governing Scottish Rite body in the Valley of Indianapolis, elected these officers Wednesday night: Louis G. Buddenbaum, three potent master; Walter J. La Soultier, deputy master; A. E. Robins, senior warden; Fred L. Willis, junior warden; Edward D. Moore, treasurer; Robert G. McClure, secretary; William W. Thornton, orator; Martin T. Ohr, hospitaler; Vincent V. Smith, master of ceremonies; Frank E. Floyd, captain of guard; Frank Burns, tyler, and John T. Sauter, trustee for three years.

### Man Falls Under Train

By Times Special  
SHELBYVILLE, Ind., May 8.—The body of Donald Lonon of Pitts, N. C., is being held here until arrival of relatives. Lonon was killed Wednesday when, attempting to board a freight train near the Big Four passenger station, he slipped and fell under the wheels.

### Bicyclist Dies

FT. WAYNE, Ind., May 8.—Injuries received when he was struck by a street car were fatal to H. P. Converse, 50. He was riding a bicycle and is believed to have become confused when he met the car at the approach to a bridge.

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## CATARRH CATARRHAL DEAFNESS AND HEAD NOISES

I want the names of 15,000 people who suffer from catarrhal deafness, and head noises. I have a simple treatment which is safe, and costs nothing. I want you to try without cost or obligation. I suffered for many years. Tried many different treatments, and nothing relieved me. I began experimenting on myself, and stopped the terrible head noises. I want you to try this splendid treatment entirely at my own expense. Just send me your name and address.

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### Don't Neglect Catarrh

While catarrh in itself may not be dangerous, when neglected it often leads to all sorts of complications. Authorities claim that nearly 90% of all deafness is

caused directly by catarrh of the head and ear passages. Others state that it leads to indigestion, rheumatism, asthma of the stomach and many other diseases.

## Feeling Good!



## BELIEVE IN GOD? FANATIC ASKS; DIES IN BATTLE

Cowboy, Carrying Bible and Gun, Creates Sensation at Kansas City.

By United Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 8.—Peter Gaston, believed to be from Pierpont, Mich., walked into the lobby of the Federal Hotel here today with a Bible in one hand and a revolver in the other and was shot and killed in a battle with police fifteen minutes later.

Dressed in high leather boots, corduroy trousers and wide brimmed cowboy hat, Gaston stalked in the hotel and registered, changing his revolver to his left hand as he panned his name. He placed his Bible on the cigar counter. Then he turned on the guests in the lobby and calmly asked:

"All of you men believe in God?"

"All of you put your left hand on the Bible and your right hand on your heart."

A clerk, seated at a switchboard, called George Fleischer, a Federal narcotic agent, who lives in the hotel. As the four men placed their hands on the Bible, Gaston turned to one and demanded:

"Where is the girl you stole from me a year ago at the North Hole?"

"I'm going to get her," the guest replied.

At this point Fleischer appeared on the stairway. Simultaneously, a police car stopped in front of the hotel, and Gaston opened fire at the officers. Fleischer started shooting from the rear and killed the fanatic instantly.

## EIGHTEENTH AUTO ACCIDENT VICTIM DIES OF INJURIES

Driver of Machine in Collision With Street Car Sustains.

Harry Collins, 30, of 2303 N. Pennsylvania St., died at city hospital early today from a fractured skull received when the automobile he was driving was struck by an Illinois street car at Thirty-Fourth St. and Kenwood Ave. May 8.

His mother, Mrs. Guy Collins, is at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. V. Brown, 3815 Kenwood Ave., suffering from injuries received in the accident. Charles Poole, 213 Dickson St., motorman of the street car, was released today on an involuntary manslaughter charge, pending an investigation.

### Eighteenth Victim

Collins was the eighteenth person to die in Indianapolis motor vehicle accidents this year.

The conditions of Mrs. Kate Meyer, 3360 N. Meridian St.; Mrs. E. J. Schoonover, 536 Highland Dr.; Mrs. Frank Randles, 3744 N. Meridian St.; Joe Kinsley, Hillsboro, Ind., and Timothy Lane, Jamestown, Ind., were reported as improved today. They were injured when the machines driven by Mrs. Meyer and Kinsley collided at Twenty-First St. and Emerson Ave. Wednesday.

Mrs. Schoonover and Mrs. Randles were in the car driven south on Emerson Ave. by Mrs. Meyer and Lane, and two other men who escaped injury were in Kinsley's machine traveling east in Twenty-First St. Kinsley was arrested.

B. W. Huck, 25 E. Ohio St., was slightly injured when his auto collided with an auto driven by Hayes Albee, 213 W. Miami St., who, police say, failed to stop after the accident.

### Girl, 4, Injured

Daisy Lee, 4 years old, of 1810 Howard St., was cut about the face when an auto in which she was riding, police say, was struck by a car driven by Walter Turner, 938 W. Twenty-Seventh St., at Howard and Belmont Ave. Turner was charged with assault and battery.

Michael Schmid was charged with failure to stop after an accident when police say, he struck a car driven by Ralph Bruce, 1018 Virginia Ave., forcing it into the auto of Mrs. G. H. Perry, 317 E. Maple Rd., at Third and Meridian Sts.

### CARNATION DAY INDORSED

Postmaster General New Approves Drive by War Mothers.

This letter has been received by Mrs. E. May Hahn, president of the Marion County chapter of American War Mothers, from Postmaster General Harry S. New, in regard to the Carnation day drive here Saturday:

My Dear Mrs. Hahn: I am glad of the opportunity to write you concerning the drive for Carnation day. Every one is welcome in the splendid movement and will be glad to donate their bit, and I sincerely trust that the funds will be well used to help you to carry on your relief work with the needy. Very sincerely,

HARRY S. NEW.

Young women who will assist the War Mothers Saturday may call Mrs. Hahn, Randolph, 0875, or Mrs. J. Harvey Reese, Webster 0362.

## COOLIDGE DOUBLES CALIFORNIA LEAD

Over-Night Returns Give Him 40,000 Plurality.

By United Press

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 8.—President Calvin Coolidge doubled his lead over Senator Hiram Johnson in the California primary election count overnight.

The count today with a few less than 600 precincts missing gave Coolidge a majority of 40,224. The count for 3,720 out of 6,974 precincts in the State was:

Republican—Coolidge, 294,895; Johnson, 254,471. Coolidge's majority, 40,224.

The majority of William G. McAdoo over the unpledged ticket by which his delegates are opposed was also increased during the night.

The count today stood:

Democratic—McAdoo, 105,263; unpledged, 18,360. McAdoo's majority, 86,903.

## SOLDIERS GUARD DOOMED SEXTETTE

Extraordinary Precautions Taken on Eve of Hanging.

By United Press

AMITE, La., May 8.—State troops maintained a close guard today on the little Amite jail which holds six Italians sentenced to hang at noon tomorrow for the murder of Dallas Calmes.

Guardsmen, camped in the jail yard, kept vigil throughout the night while inside the jail, guards did not leave the prisoners unwatched for a second. Another company of guardsmen is due Friday.

Precautions are being taken to prevent the prisoners from attempting suicide and to frustrate any effort that might be made to assist them in escaping.

Threats of death have been received by all officials connected with the executions and large bribes have been offered if the men are allowed to escape.

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The State forest reserve in Clark County is making money, according to figures of the State department of conservation. Eight carloads of railroad ties and several thousand feet of lumber were marketed.

The department is advocating reforestation of more than a million acres along the Ohio water shed, now a waste area.

Scarlet and black oak on 2,900 acres of State forest near Henryville in Clark County is being cut to make way for white and chestnut oak.

Evangelistic Career Opened

Henry W. Lewis of the Henry W. Lewis Realty Company, 46 N. Pennsylvania St., who plans to enter evangelistic work, preached his first sermon in Union Tabernacle Baptist Church, Senate Ave. and St. Clair St., Wednesday night. His text was: "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth."

Dies at Work

By Times Special  
CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., May 8.—Frederick Maxwell, 65, former school teacher, was buried from his home at Byron, Ind., Wednesday. He dropped dead while working in the fields.

Fiery Cross Burned

Police were called to the corner of Eleventh and Olive Sts. late Wednesday on report that a "fiery cross" was burning. When they arrived the cross had been extinguished and they were unable to learn anything of the circumstances.

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DR. W. O. COFFEE, Suite 3133, St. James Hotel Bldg., Davenport, Ia.

## She Didn't Wear Stockings!



## ADDICTS BLAMED FOR DRUG STORE NARCOTICS THEFT

Thirty Dollars Worth of 'Dope'  
Taken From Place at  
450 N. Riley Ave.

Narcotic addicts are blamed by police for a burglary at the B. D. Brown drug store, 450 N. Riley Ave., early today. Thirty dollars worth of narcotics, of various kinds, was taken. Police said the front door glass was broken.

Mrs. H. B. Smith, 849 N. New Jersey St., told police her daughter screamed when she saw a man in her room. He jumped through a window. Miss Marie Hartman, a roomer, said her purse, with \$25.75 in cash, was missing.

Mrs. Harry Condit, Washington Hotel, reported \$45, two checks, one for \$150 and another for \$50, both signed by her husband, and a strand of pearl beads taken from her room.

Miss Laura Cain, 137 E. Palmer St., said a pay check for \$18, \$8 in cash and a wrist watch were taken from the office of the Progress Laundry, where she is employed.

Rudolph Heyne, 1125 Broadway, reported furnishings valued at \$75 taken from a vacant house at 1504 College Ave.

Miss Goldie Van Horn, visiting at 715 S. Meridian St., reported clothing valued at \$30 taken from her room.

## From Far and Near

A graduated tax on undivided profits of corporations has been adopted by the Senate.

To prove