

LABOR SOLID FOR LA FOLLETTE, IS CLAIM OF CHIEFS

Supporters of 'Fighting Bob'
Say He Will Receive
5,000,000 Votes.

WASHINGTON, July 17.—Organized labor, 5,000,000 votes will be swung behind Senator Robert M. La Follette, his campaign, leaders claimed today.

The American Federation of Labor will sanction, if not openly endorse, the La Follette candidacy when its executive council meets in Atlantic City the first of August, according to progressive opinion.

Gompers Opposed

While Samuel Gompers, head of the American Federation of Labor, is opposed to endorsement of independent political movements, La Follette chiefs have been informed the labor body will oppose the candidacies of both Coolidge and Davis, and therefore will at least tacitly endorse the La Follette campaign.

This is the opinion of William H. Johnston, chairman of the national progressive committee, as expressed to the United Press today. "The heart of labor is La Follette," Johnston said. "Of course no leader wishes to be put into the position of attempting to control the votes of labor, but the entire political career of La Follette has been a fight for the rights of laborers both in the factories and on the farms. The men know this and I am sure that the effect of the labor vote will be felt stronger next November than at any previous time."

3,000,000 Members

There are 3,000,000 members of the American Federation of Labor. There are more than a million more workers not members of that body. These two groups control at least a million more votes through their families—making the estimated present strength of the labor vote about 5,000,000.

In previous elections the labor vote has been somewhat nebulous and never has lodged solidly behind one candidate. La Follette leaders feel they can solidify the workers against Davis, whom Johnston describes as "a tool of Wall St.," and President Coolidge, whom he calls a "reactionary."

FLOODS DESTROY CHINESE TOWNS

Thousands Toil on Dykes to
Save City of Tien Tsin.

By United Press

PEKIN, July 17.—Peril of floods in western China continues grave.

Five villages west of Tien Tsin were inundated and destroyed, but the railroad running through the rice lands withstood the waters.

"Thus far, the city of Tien Tsin has been spared. Two smaller dykes broke today, flooding districts east and west of the city, but dykes protecting Tien Tsin have held. Thousands of soldiers and coolies are toiling in relays repairing small leaks.

Pekin still is menaced by a river carrying fifteen miles to the westward, but the capital is thought safe. Approximately 300 brick and mud houses here crumbled.

AMERICANS HELP AT CONFERENCE

Offer to Aid Reparations
Parley Committees.

By United Press

LONDON, July 17.—American Ambassador Kellogg and Col. James A. Logan Jr. placed their services at disposal of all three interallied reparations conference committees today, ready to sit in and speed the preliminary work of the convalescence wherever questions might arise requiring their presence.

There was an air of "strictly business"—the MacDonald keynote—about the deliberations today, and an atmosphere of unguessed goodwill and anxiety at the foreign office.

The conference will not meet in plenary session again until the committees have ironed out differences of opinion over agenda and other matters in dispute.

Today's London newspapers stress the perils of failure, but profess to take heart from the participation of the Americans.

IRISH PICNIC AUG. 16

Hibernians to Reconstruct Erin in
Festivities at Columbia Park

Irish reels, Celtic dances, athletic contests, and all the festivities to go with a Hibernian picnic are on the program for the Ancient Order of Hibernians' picnic, Aug. 16, at Columbia Park.

The committee: Jerry Grady, Barney Kelly, F. T. Lally, D. P. Sullivan, Nicholas Carroll, Mrs. I. R. LaPorte, Mrs. P. J. Cahillane, Mrs. J. J. O'Brien, Mrs. A. Sullivan, Mrs. J. Christy, J. H. Deery, Edward J. Sexton, J. L. Kinney, M. J. Mannix, F. T. Flaherty, H. J. McMahon and Francis Flaherty.

Speakers: Edward J. Sexton, James E. Deery and P. J. O'Mahoney. The Irish dances will be executed by Charles O'Donnell, Francis McGeehan, John Gainer, John Ash, Jerry Grady and T. J. McCarthy. The committee will meet July 22.

'Family Flivver' Steered Switchman to Art Lost Since Time of Egyptians and Road to Millions

By NEA Service
EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., July 17.—Jim Cummings lost his job—and made a fortune because of it.

A little while back he was "broke" and on the verge of asking a "lift" from his neighbors. Cummings—perhaps he will sign his checks "James Earl Cummings" now—lives here with his wife and half dozen children. He is 33.

Until he was thrown out of employment, he was a switchman. Before that he was a truckman.

Today he is worth a million and a half. And royalties are beginning to come in right along.

And he can thank the old family flivver for his good fortune.

"The family was about to go hungry," Jim explains. "We owned an automobile—one with a record of long service but disreputable aspect. I figured I might fix it up a bit and sell it."

And in the fixing operation he solved a problem that has been stumping scientists these last 2,000 years. Accidentally he discovered a process for hardening and tempering copper—lost art since the days of the old Egyptians.

In cleaning the gaskets on his car, Cummings used a chemical mixture he haphazardly had concocted. Now one of the gaskets was bent—and Jim tried to straighten it. But each time he hammered the metal it flew back into its old bent position.

Jim couldn't understand it. He told a fellow-workman about it. The latter, being better acquainted with mechanics, informed the perplexed Cummings he had made an important discovery.

Exhaustive tests were made at a copper concern. A check for \$1,500,000 already has been delivered him, along with a contract calling for royalties on every hundred pounds of copper treated with his process.

"I have been pestered to death



JIM CUMMINGS' WIFE AND CHILDREN. CUMMINGS IS SEEN IN INSET.

by automobile and stock salesmen," says Cummings. "I don't know a lot about

stocks, but I do know this old bus of ours is plenty good enough for us."

I. U. Instructor



DALE COX

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., July 17. Dale Cox of Bloomington, honor graduate of Indiana University, instructor in the department of journalism to take the place left vacant by the resignation of J. Wyndham French. French accepted a position as professor of journalism at the University of Arkansas. The new Indiana instructor will supervise the publication of the Indiana Daily Student. He will begin his work with the State Fair edition of the Daily Student, Sept. 15, at Indianapolis.

Cox has gained prominence on the campus for his ability to write and for his campus activities. He is a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity; was president of the Aeon, influential organization of men students appointed by President Bryan; holds membership in Sigma Delta Chi, national journalistic organization; and in Phi Beta Kappa, national scholastic fraternity. He was director of the campaign among men students in the spring of 1923 for funds for memorial buildings at Indiana University.

LEAGUE PLANS CAMPAIGN

The board of directors of the Indiana League of Women Voters discussed the "get-out-the-vote" campaign which will be put on by all leagues for the coming election, at the monthly board meeting at the Spink-Arns today.

"Rainbow Flyers" brightly colored band bills urging persons of Marion County to re-register and pointing out the importance of voting were displayed. They will be put into circulation at county fairs and bazaars over the State.

Indiana chapters of national organizations which have pledged themselves to support the campaign will be solicited. Mrs. W. T. Barnes, president of the State board will appoint a get-out-the-vote chairman about the first of August.

HUGE STILL IS FOUND

By United Press
DES MOINES, Iowa, July 17.—Nearly 800 gallons of intoxicating beverages were seized in a raid on a roadhouse near the edge of the city last night.

Police destroyed a huge still capable of distilling from eight to ten gallons of illicit product in twelve hours.

J. T. "Dep" Bell, proprietor, was arrested.

STATES PROMISE INDIANA AID IN TELEPHONE WAR

Commission Engineers From
All Over Country Meet
in East.

John W. McCordie, vice chairman public service commission, and Earl Carter, chief engineer, returned today from a conference at Washington, D. C., of public service commission engineers from more than thirty States. Concerted action against the alleged monopolistic practices of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company was discussed.

"We got what we went after," said McCordie. "There will be the fullest cooperation between the commissions in fighting the present emergency to a finish."

McCordie said that Maryland, New Jersey and Virginia had practically the same problem confronting them as Indiana in the matter of telephone rates and control by the American Telephone and Telephone Company.

Details of the cooperative plan of action by the various States will be discussed by the Indiana commission Friday. Only a general idea of what is to follow will be given out. It is understood.

It is believed that the several states will reciprocate in furnishing evidence of American Telephone and Telegraph control of local exchanges and will supply to one another experiences with the telephone situation in their own states.

Carter, of the local commission, took the lead in the conference discussions, said McCordie.

BAND CONCERTS OPEN SATURDAY

Programs Announced for
Two City Parks.

Band concerts at Brookside and Jackson Parks this week-end will open the city park board summer program.

The Arndt Military Band, under direction of Herman Arndt, will play at Brookside Park at 8 p. m. Saturday. The same band will play at Jackson Park Sunday at 3 p. m.

The Brookside program: "The Free Lance," "No, No, No," "Linger Awhile," "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers," "Song of Love," "Sally," "Willie," "Pan-American," "The Troubadour," "There's Yes, Yes in Your Eyes," "I Wonder Who Is Dancing With You Tonight," "Tone Pictures of the North and South," Schubert's "Serenade," "National Emblem March" and "The Star-Spangled Banner."

The Jackson program: "The Diplomat," "That Old Gang of Mine," "Lovey Come Back," "March of the Toys," "Shuffle Along," "A Kiss in the Park," "Raymond," "My Old Kentucky Home," "I Love You," "Oh, Baby," "Mile Modiste," "Tales of Hoffman," "Wonderful One," "Command of the Legion" and "The Star-Spangled Banner."

The park board has appropriated \$2,000 for summer band concerts.

In Afghanistan, a man has to do to take a girl as his wife is to cut off a lock of her hair or throw a sheet over her.

COLUMBIA CITY MAN TALKED AS DISTRICT ATTORNEY

May Succeed Elliott if Harry
Long, Muncie, Declines.
Post.

George Crompton, prosecuting attorney of Columbia City, is now being strongly talked of as successor to Homer Elliott, United States district attorney, who has submitted his resignation.

Harry Long, Muncie, has been offered the post, and Long would like to return to Indiana, it is said, but now has a better position financially with the Shipping Board in Washington.

Frank Rowley, Angola, is named to succeed Bert Morgan as State prohibition director, this would give Senator James E. Watson two appointments in a Harry New district, the Twelfth.

Feud Crops Out

There is continual outcropping of the New-Watson feud about Republican headquarters and all is not as serene as appears on the surface. Another constant irritation is the Klux Klan question. It is said that some tried Republican workers over the State are being replaced by known Klan adherents. It is said appointment of Daily McCoy, Ed Jackson primary manager, as secretary of the State committee is not proving popular with the rank and file of old line Republicans.

The following women have been named as speakers by Mrs. Vivian Wheatcraft, Whiteland, vice chairman of the G. O. P. State committee and head of the women's organization:

Mrs. Allen Fleming, Indianapolis; Mrs. H. O. Long, North Vernon; Mrs. Luella Pinkeliner, Greenwood; Mrs. Elmer E. Boone, Whiteland; Mrs. Florence Johnson, Franklin; Mrs. Agatha Diek, Ft. Wayne; Mrs. Elizabeth Atkinson, Indianapolis; Mrs. E. C. Rumpfer, Indianapolis; Miss Jessie Levy, Indianapolis; Mrs. Rose Remick, Miss Maude Daghighian, Mrs. E. J. Long, Mrs. J. A. Madison, Mrs. Isola Wallace, Vincennes; Mrs. Lella B. Chesline, Indianapolis; Mrs. H. E. Cox, East Chicago, and Mrs. F. B. Chester, Valparaiso.

Chambers Takes Up Work

Walter S. Chambers, Newcastle, Democratic State chairman, was to arrive in Indianapolis today to take up organization plans and program for the State committee meeting next week. Tom Taggart will arrive at French Lick from Hyannisport, Conn. Friday, and will attend the committee meeting here.

Four of the ten new cars of the Indianapolis Street Railway Company, ordered in view of the increase of fare to 7 cents, arrived at the W. Washington St. barns today. Six more are en route from Cincinnati, where they were made.

The new cars probably will not be ready to put in service until early next week, traction officials said. Minor adjustments of motors and running gear, installation of fire boxes and safety appliances must be made.

NEW TYPE CARS ARRIVE FOR CITY STREET RAILWAY

Entrance in Front and Exit
at Center Is Style—
Service Soon.

The cars are of the front entrance, center exit type. They are fifty feet long, three feet longer than the 1,000-series, now the longest in the city service.

Seats in the front half of the car are longitudinal, while in the rear they are of the cross type. A long, semicircular seat fits in the rear. The conductor will be stationed at the center door. If the passenger remains in the front half of the car he pays his fare when he gets off. If he goes to the rear half, past the conductor, he pays as he passes. This will facilitate loading during rush hours.

The company is expected to divide the cars between north and south side lines.

CONVICT DECLARES EVIDENCE FRAMED IN ASKING RETRIAL

John L. Partlow Brought
From Prison to Plead
New Hearing.

A battery of attorneys today presented arguments and affidavits why John L. Partlow, president of the Partlow-Jenkins Motor Car Co., should be granted a retrial of his conviction of receiving stolen autos in 1919.

Partlow was present under guard of a warden from the State penitentiary, where he has served months of his two-to-fourteen-year term imposed in Criminal Court in November, 1919. He has waged a bitter legal battle since then.

The Supreme Court affirmed the sentence, denied a petition for a rehearing, and then ordered criminal court to reopen the matter when affidavits were presented from the two prosecuting witnesses saying they "had framed Partlow."

Testimony Is "Framed"

Affidavits dated in 1920 from the witnesses, Carl E. Bernauer, 25, of 2549 Paris Ave., and Thomas E. Sterrett, were introduced by Partlow's attorneys. Both said they "framed" Partlow, and said he did not know they stored stolen cars in his garage, converting their testimony.

Prosecutor William H. Remy introduced a statement by Bernauer, now serving a life sentence in the Indiana State prison for murder in 1921, given him and Claude M. Worley, Criminal Court investigator, at the prison July 9. In the statement Bernauer said he was a dare devil, and was taken to Noblesville, Ind., to "sign something" while under influence of drugs Christmas day, 1920. The statement said he did not remember signing an affidavit he and Sterrett "framed" Partlow.

Fail to Appear

Ex-Governor Goodrich and Secretary of State Jackson, who were interviewed by Partlow with Bernauer along, were subpoenaed by Partlow, but did not appear. In the statement, Bernauer said he was under the influence of drugs when taken to the Statehouse an dwas not responsible for what he may have said.

The hearing was continued this afternoon.

RAINBOW VETS TO PICNIC

Rainbow veterans will hold an all-day picnic at Northern Beach, White River, July 27, Jim Veatch, Art Vonburg and Charles Clift, entertainment committee, announced today.

Families and friends are invited. Athletic games and numerous contests are to be held. Picnickers are to bring baskets of food for dinner. Supper will be supplied by the vets.

Motor royle will be marked by arrows. Those without cars will be met with automobiles at the Broad Purple car line and Sixty-Third St.

Pekin Barber's Work Overtime



CHINESE BARBERS AT WORK OUTSIDE THE GATES OF PEKIN.

By NEA Service

PEKIN, July 17.—"Pigtails," once the badge of aristocracy in old China, are not worth a cent now.

In fact, it soon will be costly to wear them.

General Wang Cheng-ping has decreed they must go.

And the general is boss hereabouts. He is the republican dictator of the province of Chihli, of which this ancient city is the capital.

The barbers, consequently, are doing a rushing business. Many of them have set up shops just outside the gates of the "imperial city."

But the Manchu men, who, de-

spite thirteen years of republican regime, still are devoted to the "good old days," protest vigorously.

The Manchus were the last of China's long series of invading conquerors. They held sway over the empire from 1644 to 1911—more than two and one-half centuries.

General Wang, however, is determined to make the citizens of the province look like republicans, even if they remain devoted to royalty.

His order, posted conspicuously in every corner of Chihli, gives the Manchus just two months to comply.

Those failing to do so after that will be fined and imprisoned.

LEGION HEADS TO SPEAK

French Fete Under Way in Jameson Park—Decorations Gay

E. Arthur Ball, Muncie, State commander of the American Legion, and John R. Quinn, national commander, are to speak tonight at the French Fete of Irvinston Park, American Legion, in Jameson Park.

Governor Emmett F. Branch is to speak Saturday night.

The park is gaily decorated for the annual affair, which was formally opened Wednesday evening with an address by Hilton U. Brown. Brief talks were made by Prosecutor William H. Remy and City Judge Delbert O. Wilmet.

MORGAN DEFENDS OFFICIAL CONDUCT

Friends Say Dry Director
Will Not Accept Transfer.

"I will not resign. I have so conducted my office that there is no reason for resigning and I do not intend to do so."

This statement was made by Bert C. Morgan, Federal Prohibition Director for Indiana, upon his return from Ft. Wayne, Ind., today, when asked about reports from Washington that his resignation had been asked by Roy W. Haynes, national prohibition director upon demand by James E. Watson, United States Senator.

Morgan, however, did not deny that he knew a change in directors was imminent. He said the Washington reports did not occasion him any surprise. He denied that Haynes had requested his resignation.

Morgan refused to comment upon reports that Haynes would transfer him to the field force. His friends say he will not accept the transfer, should it be offered him.

Frank Rowley of Angola is slated to succeed Morgan, according to Washington reports.

ARRESTS ARE PROMISED

Federal Narcotic Agent Declares
"We Are Not Through."

Two more arrests Friday of druggists for illegal sale of paregoric were promised today by Federal narcotic agents. These will bring the total to five.

"We are not through," said L. J. Ulmer, narcotic agent, today. "This is one of the worst towns I ever saw for the sale of paregoric."

One druggist's record shows a sale of only one-half gallon of paregoric during the past year, but he has on hands, Ulmer said, ten gallons. The supply would last him twenty years if it weren't sold illegally, Ulmer said.

Edward D. Hines, 1932 Ashland Ave., clerk in a "Glad" drug store, 828 Ft. Wayne Ave., arrested today, waived examination before United States Commissioner John W. Kern and gave bond of \$1,000. He was held to the grand jury.

CASE IS CONTINUED

President of Bedford Stone and Construction Co. on Trial.

Disposition of the case of Edward C. Strathmann, 4220 Central Ave., president of the Bedford Stone and Construction Company, was continued today in Criminal Court by Special Judge John W. Holtzman.

Strathmann was tried on charges of manufacturing liquor. Evidence showed police officers seized nearly 750 gallons of wine and a quantity of alcohol and beer in his home last summer.

DAVIS RECRUITS ADVISERS FROM WILSON RANKS

Friends of Former President
Flock Around Demo-
cratic Nominee.

By United Press

NEW YORK, July 17.—Headquarters of John W. Davis are taking on the atmosphere of Woodrow Wilson campaign days.

High on the roster of those whose advice he is seeking in mapping his campaign and writing his keynote speech of acceptance are men who worked in the van of Wilson's fights for the White House in 1912 and 1916.

Colonel House

There is Frank Polk, a close adviser of the late Ex-President and Under Secretary of State in the Wilson administration. There is Colonel E. M. House, for years an intimate confidant, friend and counselor of the war President. There is Gordon Auchincloss, son-in-law of Colonel House.

Davis is to spend the next ten days at the summer home of Charles Dana Gibson, one of the closest friends of Colonel House, Norman Davis, who up to the time of Wilson's death, was one of his closest friends, is in constant touch with the Democratic nominee.

Henry Morgenthau, one of the original apostles of the Wilson campaign in 1912 is a Davis adviser. Daniel Roper, head of the Internal Revenue Bureau, during the Wilson administration and for many years political adviser of Wilson is a leader now in the Davis campaign conferences.

There appears little doubt that these men will have a telling effect upon Mr. Davis' announcement of his government principles. The fact that most of them, including Davis himself, have long sponsored American entrance into the League of Nations already has aroused widespread interest in how the candidate will treat this subject in his forthcoming acceptance speech.

Touch in Speech

In the only semi-political speech Davis has made to date—one delivered Wednesday night to a group of friends who met to welcome him at his Locust Valley (L. I.) home—there was a genuine Wilson touch to his utterance.

"I believe," he said, "all free government comes from the people up and not from any source down to the people. This country is and will remain what the great masses of people care to make it. We have thrust our all on the principle that the safety of this country lies in the keeping of its individual citizens."

"If we begin man for man and woman for woman to do our duty at home, we can safely trust that the labor of the masses will show itself in the happiness of the home."

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Schick was murdered with a blow said to have been inflicted with either a pool ball or cue, while it is thought he was an innocent bystander caught in the midst of the poolroom brawl at State and English Aves.

Twelve men have been arrested in the case and two of these were released Wednesday.

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SCHICK MURDER TO GRAND JURY?

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'HELP MOTORISTS,' SAYS HOOSIER MOTOR CLUB

Wants Local Drivers to Minimize
Traffic Congestion

"Help visiting motorists by explaining local traffic regulations to them," said Todd Stoops, secretary-manager of the Hoosier Motor Club, who is endeavoring to minimize traffic congestion. Local motorists have an opportunity to benefit by a plan evolved by the Hoosier Motor Club, providing they are willing to cooperate with motorists in other cities, Stoops said.

"Local motorists when asked for advice should explain any points in connection with traffic regulations which strangers would not be likely to know," he said. "Strange motorists should take into consideration the matter of parking and should aim to direct the tourists to some point where parking is car will not interfere with parking plans of local business men and shoppers," Stoops said.

Points about speed limit, prohibited left turns should also accompany directions. It is not merely a matter of offering a courtesy, which the strangers will learn to return, but of forestalling more stringent local regulations which can be avoided by discouraging unnecessary congestion, Stoops said.