

TWO G. O. P. CHAIRMEN NAMED

CITY IN DANGER OF LOSING ITS BASEBALL TEAM

Owner Smith Says Club Will Move if Proposed Sunday 'Blue Law' Is Passed.

MIGHT GO TO DAYTON

Measure Expected to Be Amended in Committee—Affects Movies.

Should the "blue Sunday" legislative bill, introduced by Representative Kissing of Columbia City, be come a law, the Indianapolis baseball club would be forced to transfer its franchise to some large city outside the State, William C. Smith Sr., president of the club, said today.

"We simply couldn't get along without the Sunday attendance," Smith said. "Dayton is desirous of obtaining an American Association franchise, and since Ohio has no Sunday baseball law we might move there," he said.

Indications, however, were that the bill will be subject to several amendments by the public morals committee, to which it was referred, before it receives final disposition. It is understood that the Lord's Day Alliance group, sponsoring the measure, is interested mainly in bringing about the closing of poolrooms, saloons and roadhouses.

Although the bill does not specifically mention baseball, it is understood the game would be banned under its original provisions.

Mrs. David Ross, president of the Indiana Endorsers of Photography, indicated that this group would interest itself somewhat in the measure and would seek a conference with Representative Kissing on the subject. It is expected that numerous organizations will express their views on the measure at a public hearing of the committee, probably next week.

'Chairmen'



GEORGE V. COFFIN



RALPH A. LEMCKE

From Dead

Apparatus May Be Devised to Receive Messages From Other World, Edison Believes.

Copyright, 1925, by NEA Service. RANGE, N. J., Jan. 17.—The secretary who arranged the interview with Thomas A. Edison volunteered the admission: "You mustn't ask Mr. Edison about communication with the dead. Mr. Edison has been so misinterpreted in regard to that delicate matter that if you mention it to him he will go right up in the air."

Despite this dire warning, the forbidden question was the first one ventured.

"Do you think it possible, Mr. Edison, that you may devise any mechanism through which, when you have left this life, you may hope to communicate with us?"

Writes It Out
The wonder wizard answered graciously and fully. But he was cautious against misquotation. He took a pencil and a pad and wrote carefully this fundamental part of his statement:

"If my theory is correct—that the machine called man is only a mass of dead matter and that the real life is in the millions of individual units which navigate this machine and if on the destruction of the machine they keep together, including those individuals which have charge of memory (which is our personality)—then I think it is possible to devise apparatus to receive communications if they desire to make them. It will be very difficult, as each individual as to size is beyond the limits of our present microscopes."

Edison then relaxed into frank talk. He stoutly insisted that he understood as not meaning any such moot thing as "spiritistic messages, so-called."

Substantial Messages
He means messages as substantial and as susceptible of authentication as are those of the telephone, radio, phonograph and radio.

It goes without saying that communication with the dead, though thoroughly authenticated, as Edison says he must have it, would instantly revolutionize all generally accepted theories regarding human existence, reveal a new science of the essence of life and open up vast new visions as to the nature and ultimate function of matter.

(Read The Indianapolis Times Monday for further details of Edison's belief.)

HEAD OF SUPPLY COMPANY MISSING MORE THAN WEEK

Son Tells Police His Father, James B. Adams Disappears on Trip to Crawfordsville.

DID NOT REACH THERE

Had Been Suffering From Ill Health, According to Relative.

James B. Adams, 60, of 2350 N. Delaware St., president of the James B. Adams & Son, Inc., brick and building supply firm, Twenty-Third St. and the Monon Railroad, has been missing since a week ago Friday, according to a report filed today with police by his son, W. N. Adams. The firm has offices at 321-323 Lemcke Bldg.

The son said he took his father to the Terminal station last Friday where he was to catch a traction car to Crawfordsville, where the company has a branch plant, the Crawfordsville Shale and Brick Company. Adams said he did not believe his father took the car as he never reached Crawfordsville, according to word from there.

Adams said his father had been ill. He was described as being 6 feet 4 inches high, weighing 260 pounds. He has gray eyes and gray hair.

Two other persons were reported missing.

Conrad L. Koch, 73, of 1041 Chadwick St., has not been seen since last Tuesday, police were told. He was wearing dark suit and overcoat. He was described as tall.

Albert Ransosian, 1928 Broadway, reported his wife, Sarah, missing since Friday morning when she left for work.

GIRL ADMITS SLAYING

Shot Man Because He Betrayed Her, She Tells Police.

By United Press CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 17.—Angello Mennio, 17, today still held to her story that Friday night she shot and killed Tony Velore, 24, because "he betrayed me."

"Tony flirted with me at the butcher shop. Three weeks ago he waylaid me, bound me and attacked me. I swore I would kill him. I did," she told police.

JOHN D. MAKES

GIFT TO JAPS

Contributes \$1,600,000 to Imperial University.

By United Press NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—John D. Rockefeller has given \$1,600,000 to restore the library of the Imperial University at Tokio.

The gift, made in November and announced today, brought the total of his donations to art and educational institutions to more than \$8,000,000.

ANOTHER G. O. P. FIGHT

Court Leaves Status of Beck and Wetter in Doubt.

Further confusion incidental to the Republican city convention this afternoon was caused when Supreme Court today postponed motion of Emanuel Wetter to dismiss suit filed by Fred Beck, until final hearing. Petition to advance the hearing was granted.

This left status of Beck and Wetter, fighting for office of precinct committeeman from the Ninth precinct of the Thirtieth ward, uncertain.

Beck, a Shank man, originally was declared elected. On suit for recount, Wetter won, in Circuit Court. Wetter is a Coffin faction man. Beck took the case to Supreme Court in an effort to have Circuit Court order revised.

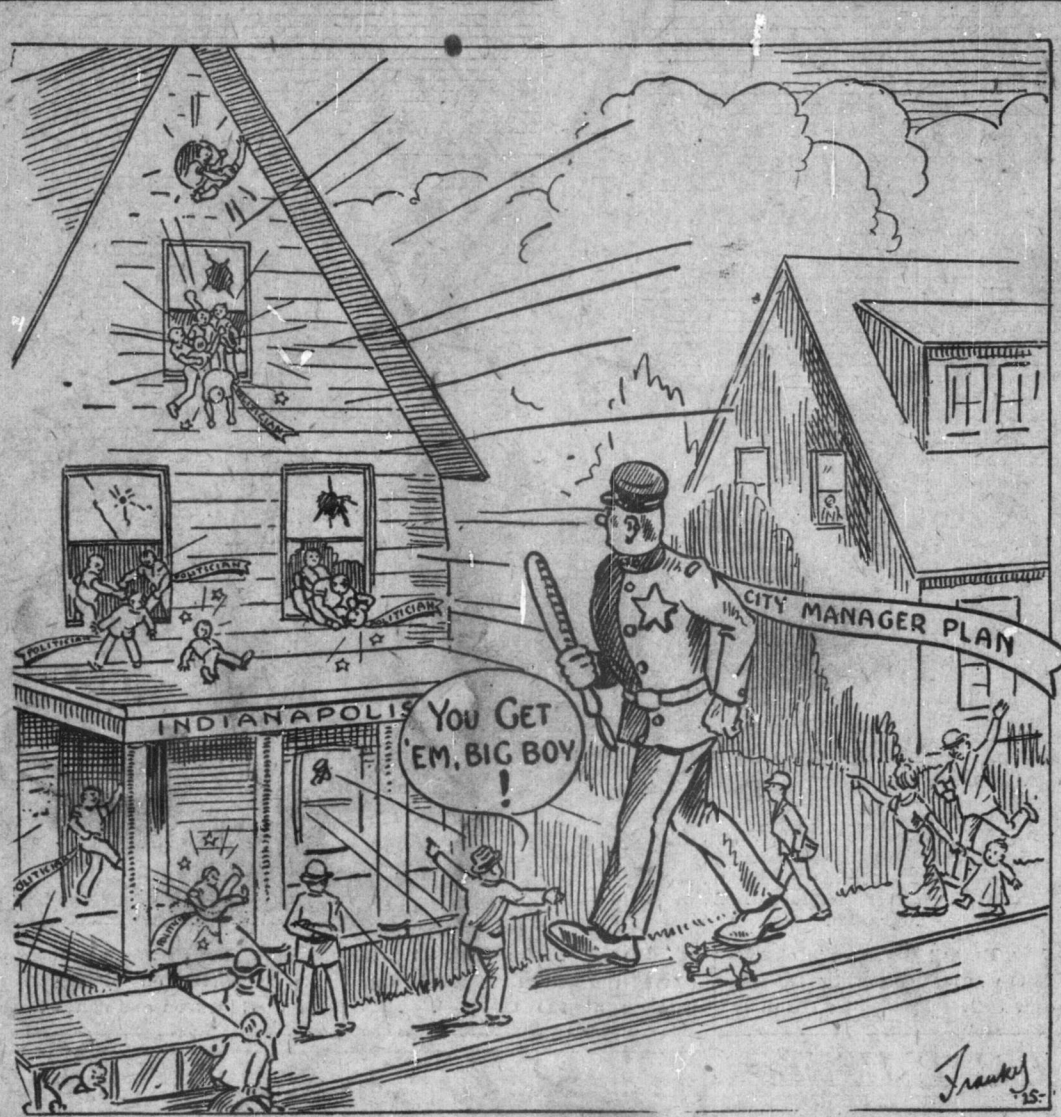
PARTY PATRONESSES

Lincoln's Birthday Date for Benefit Affair Arranged.

Patronesses for the Lincoln's birthday anniversary party to be given for the benefit of the Disabled American Veterans, Chapter No. 1, in the Travertine room of the Lincoln, the evening of Feb. 12, are Mesdames Samuel Lewis Shunk, Milton U. Brown, Martha J. Stubbs, Oscar Lewis, Bruce Maxwell, Jonas Joseph, Wolf Sussman, O. L. Watkins, Joseph M. Francis, Felix T. McWhirter, E. May Hahn, Myron R. Williams, Frank Nessler, Melville Moon and D. M. Parry.

Mrs. Bertha Ruick is in charge of the musical program and Mrs. Elizabeth Hersey of the general arrangements. Dancing will be a feature.

ONE WAY TO END CONVENTION FIGHTS



CITY HAS EARLY 'ECLIPSE'; 'SMOG,' SAYS WEATHER MAN

CHICAGO POLICE

FIRE ON BANDITS

One Killed, Three Wounded in Crime War.

By United Press CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—On orders from Chief of Police Collins to "say it with guns" in the fight on crime, patrolmen and citizens during the night killed one man, probably fatally wounded another and shot down two others. Fewer crimes were reported within the past twenty-four hours.

Patrolman Barney Ford, a negro, shot and killed John Arnold, a negro "bad man," said to have been wanted in Georgia for murder.

Patrolman Michael Madigan pursued four hijackers, shot down one and captured another.

Alexander E. Lundeen, a shopkeeper, resisted robbery by two bandits and engaged in a revolver duel with them. Both bandits were wounded and captured.

A priest captured a robber looting the church poor box.

THREE CHILDREN

DIE IN FLAMES

Home Destroyed While Mother Is Away.

By United Press KEEWATIN, Minn., Jan. 17.—Three small children were burned to death late Friday when their home was destroyed by fire.

The children, two daughters, 2 and 4 years, and a son 6 years old, of Joseph Elmonch, a miner, were left alone to play while their mother went out to the barn. Before she returned the house was a mass of ruins.

WAR OPENED ON SALOONS

South Bend Property Owners Warned by Prosecutor.

By United Press SOUTH BEND, Ind., Jan. 17.—Registered letters were in the mails today, addressed to seventy-five property owners, containing a warning from Prosecutor Harry Taylor to close saloons operating on their property. Injunction suits are also planned to close between fifteen and twenty soft drink places.

The clean-up is ordered as the result of two killing officers which had their start in such places.

Sand Car Kills Miner

By Times Special SULLIVAN, Ind., Jan. 17.—John Ebbon, 27, miner, was dead today. He was caught when a sand car overturned in the Ebb Vale mine.

AFRAID OF GUN? NOT HE

Oil Station Attendant Pushes Armed Bandit Out of Door.

S. K. Good, 42, of 1263 W. Thirty-Fifth St., refused to be held up early today. Good is attendant at the Sinclair Filling Station, Pratt St. and Capitol Ave.

When a colored man appeared and said "All this can," Good turned to get a funnel and looked around to find himself facing a revolver, he told police.

Good said he pushed the negro's arm down, shoved him out the door and slammed it. The bandit escaped.

FASCISTI PUSH

ELECTIONS BILL

Mussolini Reform Measure Expected to Pass.

By United Press ROME, Jan. 17.—Success of Premier Mussolini's electoral reform bill with an overwhelming majority was assured today as the measure passed through its final stages.

Formal discussion of the bill was expected to be completed by the chamber today. The confidence vote given the Government in the face of powerful speeches by ex-Premier Orlando and Giolitti forecast an easy victory.

When Giolitti was painting a word picture of turmoil in Italy, and what would happen if a general election were held, the premier interrupted him:

"Don't worry, we won't use cannons."

BANKERS' MEET FEB. 4

Mid-Year Meeting to Decide Date of State Convention.

Indiana Bankers' Association mid-year meeting will be held Feb. 4 at the Claypool, Miss. Forbe McDaniel, secretary, announced today.

Place for annual State convention in the fall will be decided. Legislative matters will be discussed by council of administration, followed by dinner at night.

The income tax conference conducted by Archibald Harris & Co., of Chicago, under auspices of the bankers, will be held Feb. 4-5.

U. S. RECOGNITION SEEN

Soviet Envoy Says America Will Act Before End of Year.

By United Press MOSCOW, Jan. 17.—The United States will recognize Russia before the end of 1925, Christian Rakovsky, Soviet envoy to London, told the congress of teachers here today.

"The question of Russian recognition now is in the limelight, even in puritanical, capitalistic America," Rakovsky said. "It will not occur within the next few weeks, but will doubtless be a fact before the end of 1925."

Smoke and Fog Darken

Downtown Section—Sun Hidden.

INDIANAPOLIS worked on a "night shift" today.

Heavy clouds, combined with fog and smoke, darkened the city and caused hundreds of calls to The Indianapolis Times from persons asking whether the eclipse of the sun, scheduled for Jan. 24, was ahead of time.

Downtown office buildings blazed with electricity. Autos and street cars were forced to switch on lights.

At 8 a. m. almost total darkness prevailed.

The downtown district began to grow lighter about 10:30, when the smog blanket, driven by a light wind, moved westward.

"A combination of heavy clouds, smog and fog," J. H. Arrington, Government meteorologist explained. Dense clouds, he said, shut out the sun and the darkness was further abetted by the fog due to the damp air.

Arrington said cloudy conditions would exist over Sunday with not much change in temperature.

A waitress in a downtown restaurant said a young man who spends a lot of time up at night, drifted in about 1:15 a. m. and ordered cereal, rolls and coffee.

Then he glanced outdoors. He looked incredulous, yawned and remarked he guessed he had better change the order to steak and French fried potatoes.

Trafficmen were ordered to require motorists to switch on their headlights.

Weather Man Arrington was kept busy at the telephone. One person inquired:

"Anything wrong with the sun?"

"No," said Arrington. "When last seen the sun was all right."

The smog blanket covered an area of several square miles. When it first dropped it engulfed the business district and most of the south and southwestern parts of the city, extending west of the city limits.

EIGHT DRIVERS SLATED

Six Charged With Speeding, Two With Driving While Intoxicated.

Six charges of speeding and two of driving while intoxicated were filed at city prison Friday night. Drivers charged with speeding: Harry Hyde, 32, of 5331 Broadway; Lawrence Reno, 30, of 530 Fletcher Ave.; Walden Middleworth, 24, of 2424 N. New Jersey St.; Harold Vice, 22, of 1752 N. Rural St.; George L. Aamus, 30, of 2049 Shelby St.; Walter Beaver, 29, of 1461 N. New Jersey St.

Barker Files Bond

E. J. Barker, secretary treasurer of the State Board of Agriculture, today filed a surety bond of \$50,000 today, provided by the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company. Governor Jackson approved the bond.

George V. Coffin Named Republican

City Leader in First Convention—

Rump Meeting Called Later Selects

Lemcke as Head.

SHANK FACTION GAINS LOST

GROUND, BUT LOSES IT AGAIN

More Than Score of City Officers and

Fifty Deputy Sheriffs Ready for

Trouble at Convention—Legal

Steps Taken.

BULLETIN

Following the action of the Coffin convention the rump convention, called by the Shank-Jewett-Lemcke faction in Circuit Court room this afternoon, elected Ralph A. Lemcke city chairman. This gave the Republicans two city chairmen.

BULLETIN

The full Coffin slate was elected at 1:30 this afternoon, Shank-Jewett-Lemcke men making no effort to participate in the nominations or voting.

Those elected: George V. Coffin, chairman; George Snider, vice chairman; George O. Hutsell, secretary, and Harry Dunn, treasurer. These men hold the same offices in the county organization.

Lemaux leaders announced there would be a rump convention of the Shank-Jewett-Lemcke faction immediately after the Coffin convention closes.

The rump convention had 108 delegates in the Circuit Court room and the claim was made others would be on hand as soon as they could get out of the Criminal Court room.

The rump convention was expected to elect Ralph A. Lemcke, city chairman; William Davis, vice chairman, and Riley Adams, treasurer.

Amidst the wildest confusion that ever marked a political gathering in Indianapolis Republican precinct committeemen this afternoon attempted to elect city officers at the Courthouse.

While fifty deputy sheriffs guarded the Criminal Court room, where the convention had been called, half a hundred policemen, barred from the room by Superior Judge Clinton H. Givan, milled about the corridors watching for expected fist fights.

Feeling was intensely bitter, following a rapid succession of court moves.

Court action leading up to the convention: Shank-Jewett-Lemcke attorneys obtained an order from Superior Judge Sidney S. Miller rescheduling twenty-six precinct committeemen ousted last November by George V. Coffin, Republican county chairman.

Coffin attorneys induced Superior Judge Clinton H. Givan to dissolve Judge Miller's order a few minutes before the convention opened at 1 p. m.

Shank attorneys announced they would appeal from this to Supreme Court.

Coffin Opponents Barred
The Coffin forces stationed men at the door of Criminal Court and permitted only committeemen bearing pink cards, credentials issued by George V. Coffin, to enter the room.

Irving W. Lemaux, Republican city chairman, had issued white credential cards to committeemen favorable to him. Men bearing these cards were stopped at the door and refused admission.

When Lemaux, Charles W. Jewett, former mayor, and Emsley W. Johnson, attorney for their faction, attempted to enter, they were stopped.

"Do you mean to tell me that your own city chairman can't get into his own convention?" Lemaux asked.

"They can't come in," said a guard.

Hutsell Leads Guards

George A. Hutsell, Republican county secretary, Coffin man, sat just inside the door and directed the guards.

The Shank-Jewett-Lemcke committeemen, both inside and outside the Criminal Court room prepared to hold what was expected to become a rump convention in Circuit Court room.

Shouts of "All committeemen with white cards go to Circuit Court room" were heard in the corridors.

Inside the Criminal Courtroom Bailey Feiler, a Shank man, who somehow had managed to get in, announced that all committeemen with white cards should go to the Circuit Courtroom.

Several committeemen started out the door, but were prevented by Sheriff Omar Hawkins.

Holmes named these committeemen: Credentials—Paul Wetter, chairman; Alfred Reeder and Lem Backley.

Rules—Paul Dunn, Arthur Landmeier, O. L. Masey.

In granting the injunction forbidding removal of the twenty-six committeemen, Miller said:

These precinct committeemen were elected by the people. The law specifies the manner of their removal. It must be after notice and

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CHINESE PIRATES

LOOT STEAMSHIP

Seize Control of Vessel and Rob Passengers.

By United Press HONG KONG, Jan. 17.—The British steamer Hong Hwa, which sailed for Singapore three days ago, put back into port today with an amazing story of piracy on the high seas. All the steamer's passengers were penniless and the safe had been rifled.

Officers of the Hong Hwa reported that for three days the vessel had been in possession of Chinese pirates. The latter embarked with the rest of the passengers without exciting suspicion. When the steamer was a short way out, the pirates gathered, rushed the bridge and overhauled the captain and crew.

The officers were forced to navigate the ship for three days on the high seas, keeping away from land and other vessels while they systematically robbed the passengers.

SHIPS CRASH IN FOG

Collier and Freighter Collide Head-on; Relief Sent.

By United Press BOSTON, Jan. 17.—The Munson collier Munabro and the Norton-Lilly freighter Robin Adair crashed head-on in a thick fog off Hatteras, N. C., today.

The stem, bow and anchor of the Munabro were carried away and a plate ripped from the freighter, but neither ship was in immediate danger. A coast guard cutter was dispatched to aid the ships and other relief craft were ordered to stand by.

BUS DRIVER VINDICATED

Verl Cox Dismissed on Charge of Involuntary Manslaughter.

Absolved of blame by Coroner Paul F. Robinson, Verl Cox, 22, of 512 N. Keystone Ave., bus driver, was dismissed in city court today on an involuntary manslaughter charge.

When Cox's bus struck an automobile driven by Mrs. Yula Carson of Lawrence, Ind., Dec. 14, Edward Dunn Jr., 3 months, of Lawrence, was injured fatally.

SEVEN PERSONS HURT

Floor Collapses in Clinton (Iowa) Plant.

By United Press CLINTON, Iowa, Jan. 16.—Seven employees of Luber & Bell novelty works were injured here today when the third floor of the building collapsed.

HOURLY TEMPERATURE

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