

'POISON ROOM' IN HOTEL PICTURED

TAGGART SAID TO BE ON JOB FOR ELECTION

Report Electrifies Democrats Working for Balloting Tuesday.

COLORED VOTE SOUGHT

Both Parties Launch Effort to Land Large Bloc.

"Tom Taggart is on the job." "That's the report today that electrified the Democratic organization seeking to elect Walter Myers mayor of Indianapolis.

Preceding the Taggart rumor, both Democratic and Republican parties Friday night launched a desperate effort to obtain the colored vote, registered from 40,000 to 45,000 strong.

The crusade virtually ended the municipal campaign, although Duvall is slated to address a mass meeting at Cade Tabernacle, called by George S. Elliot, head of the Marion County Klan, and also will speak to employees of the Fairbank Morse Company Monday noon.

To Rest Sunday

Both candidates will rest Sunday, it was believed.

The report that Taggart will direct the Myers forces in the home-stretch of the campaign was substantiated by the fact that Taggart visited the Myers office this morning and held a long conference with the Democratic nominee.

If Taggart has entered the majority campaign as a guiding spirit, politicians believe the Democratic morale will be bolstered many degrees.

It is understood the local Democrats have been endeavoring for many weeks to obtain the counsel of the master strategist in the municipal race, but it was said the pressure of business affairs had prevented the action.

"D. C. Stephenson is done in Indiana," Gibson Blaker, Democratic speaker, said at Odd Fellows Hall, Hamilton and Washington Sts., Friday night.

"But the machinery which made Stephenson one of the most powerful figures in our current history is ready for use of another," Blaker said. "He is George V. Coffin, head of the Duvall forces, soldier of fortune, political strategist and Hoosier Caesar."

A qualified voter is entitled to vote a secret ballot, according to a statement issued by the Democratic committee of attorneys named to work at precincts.

"Such man or woman," the statement reads, "shall be entitled to vote a secret ballot—such vote without any person or election of (Turn to Page 11)

CRASH KILLS YOUNG WIFE

Hunting Trip With Husband Proves Fatal.

Because she wanted to be with her husband, to whom she had been married only a year, Mrs. Homer Smith, 17, of 127 N. Dickson St., accompanied him Friday morning on a rabbit hunting trip.

Today she lies dead, at her parents' home, of the same address, the victim of an automobile accident.

The young couple were driving west on State Rd. 3, near Clayton, when a sedan, crashed into their car from a side road. The license number was obtained, and the driver went on. Mrs. Smith, hurled from the car, never regained consciousness, and died this morning at the Indiana Christian Hospital from a fractured skull.

Besides her husband and parents, Mrs. Smith is survived by two sisters, Miss Violet Smith and Mrs. Allan Kennedy of Detroit, Mich. Services and burial will be at Greenfield, Ind., Tuesday.

TWO BONDS FORFEITED

Defendants Fail to Appear When Appeals Are Called.

Appeal bonds totaling \$400 were forfeited in Criminal Court before Special Judge Harry C. Hendrickson when two defendants failed to appear. Defendants were Joe Dugan, 530 W. Abbott St., and Paul Jones, 2005 Shelby St. Dugan and Jones were each fined \$10 and costs on drunkenness charges in city court. Jones was also fined \$1 and costs and sentenced fifteen days in jail by the lower court.

WAR COMMISAR DIES

Soviet Official Succumbs After Serious Ulcer Operation.

MOSCOW, Oct. 31.—M. V. Frunze, Soviet commissar for war, died here today following a serious operation for ulcer of the stomach.

Ralston Shaving Mug Returned by Negro

Late Senator's Office Is Vacated for Robinson.

By Times Special

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—

"Scuse the intrusion, suh, but I jest gets to thinkin' mebbe they would like to hab this here mug back in Indiana."

It was an old-fashioned shaving mug Jay Sims, old negro barber, held forth toward Richard T. Buchanan, secretary to the late Senator Samuel Ralston.

"Hit's Senator Sam Ralston's mug, yes suh," explained the old negro.

"Me, I shaved him out of this here mug so many times I long lost count. Men'ty ain't good like hit used to be. And now, the Lord hab mercy, the old Senator is dead, but his name is still bright and all in gold on this here shavin' mug, yes suh. I jest gets to thinkin' mebbe they would like to hab hit back in Indiana."

Buchanan will take the mug with him when he leaves for Indiana. He will take with him also a number of other mementoes of Senator Ralston's stay in Washington, including his Senate name plate and locker tag.

Buchanan formally closed the offices, 439 Senate Office Bldg., Thursday night.

Credentials of Senator Robinson were filed with the secretary of the Senate today by John F. Hayes, Senator Watson's secretary.

TRUE BILLS IN ALLEGED RUM RING RETURNED

Persons Indicted by Federal Jury to Be Secret Until After Arrest.

Four true bills were returned today by the special Federal grand jury investigating an alleged St. Louis and Indiana booze ring. Just how many persons were indicted by the jury, and who they are, will remain unknown, however, until they are arrested. Bond was fixed after the indictments were returned.

It is thought that the indictments include several St. Louis politicians, and State and Government officials of Missouri, and several Cincinnati (Ohio) business men. Arrests probably will be made the first of the week, it was said.

Seventeen St. Louis persons, now under indictment in Federal Court at St. Louis, may have been reindicted.

The investigation is said to center about the substitution of water for whisky in 800 barrels in the Jack Daniels distillery at St. Louis. George Remus, Cincinnati, multi-millionaire bootleg king, who recently was released from Atlanta Penitentiary after serving twenty-one months of a two-year sentence and now is under \$50,000 bond in the St. Louis Federal Court, has testified several times before the grand jury. It is thought he is a Government witness.

Arnold J. Hellmich, collector of internal revenue at St. Louis, arrived in Indianapolis, Friday night, accompanied by George Winkler, local prohibition agent, and Judge Klabin, chief deputy collector of internal revenue at St. Louis. Hellmich did not testify, and all witnesses were discharged.

DRIVER HAS CLOSE CALL

Auto Strikes Dangling Trolley Wire—Top Torn Off.

Theodore Stevens, 604 W. Maryland St., narrowly escaped serious injury and probable death when his auto struck a dangling trolley wire at 1200 W. Washington St., Friday night. The top was torn off the auto. Stevens was uninjured.

Others injured in auto accidents were: Miss Ruth Evans, 28, Rieder Nursery and Mrs. Phyllis Mayhew, Apt. 1B, 510 N. Meridian St. One driver arrested as a result of an accident was Roland W. Brennan, 1322 Calhoun St.

PAVING IS COMPLETED

By Times Special
INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 31.—The paving of State Highway 11, between this city and Marion, has been completed with the exception of eighty rods near Fairmount, it was announced today. The road will be opened within the next few days.

Baby Girl Keeps Coffin Home

GEORGE V. COFFIN, Republican city chairman, did not appear at headquarters in the K. of P. Bldg. this morning.

But he had a good reason. A healthy baby girl arrived at his home at 3338 College Ave., Friday night. Both mother and daughter are doing nicely. The baby, born at 10 p. m., weighs six and one-half pounds.

STRAW BALLOT GIVES DUVALL SMALL MARGIN

Undecided Voters Hold Balance of Power in Election.

DISGUST IS EXPRESSED

Indecision of Colored Persons Revealed.

TIMES STRAW VOTE

	Men.	Women.	Total.
Duvall	779	187	966
Myers	712	162	874
Undecided	478	108	586
Not voting	146	101	247

Persons interviewed 2,673

If John L. Duvall, Republican candidate for mayor, triumphs over his Democratic opponent, Walter Myers, it will not be by the extravagant majority claimed by many politicians, returns of The Times straw vote from 2,673 persons interviewed today indicate.

Today's totals give Duvall 966 votes, while Myers has 874. Added to the reckoning are 586 undecided votes that may easily sway the election in either direction. Disgust at the present political system was expressed by a majority of 247 persons who told Times reporters they will not vote.

5,000 Majority

Of 150,000 votes cast in the election Tuesday the same ratio of strength would give Duvall a 5,000 majority. However, no accurate prediction may be made because of the huge bulk of the undecided vote. The Times poll, although taken fairly and accurately, also suffers from the limitations of all straw canvasses.

The indecision of colored voters was a revelation to the Times vote collectors Friday. A general feeling of apathy seemed manifest on Indian Ave. Its importance is great because there were from 40,000 to 45,000 negro voters registered.

Exchange Club luncheon: Men, Duvall, 12; Myers, 35; not voting, 1. Chamber of Commerce smoking room: Men, Duvall, 4; Myers, 15; undecided, 1.

Guaranty Bldg. Cafeteria: Men, Duvall, 24; Myers, 20; undecided, 2; not voting, 7.

Wheeler's luncheon: Men, Duvall, 6; Myers, 6; not voting, 2. Women, Duvall, 4; Myers, 1.

Along Indiana Ave., majority colored votes: Duvall, 80; Myers, 84; undecided, 113.

At Illinois and Washington Sts., 4 p. m.: Men, Duvall, 17; Myers, 19; undecided, 7; not voting, 15. Women, Duvall, 6; Myers, 2; undecided, 7; not voting, 6.

In front of Palace Theater, 3:45 p. m.: Men, Duvall, 21; Myers, 27; undecided, 15; not voting, 23. Women, Duvall, 1; Myers, 4; undecided, 14; not voting, 17.

Outbound E. Tenth St. street car: Men, Duvall, 9; Myers, 4; undecided, 5. Women, Duvall, 3; Myers, 2; undecided, 7.

In front of Lincoln Square theater, 7 p. m.: Men, Duvall, 2; Myers, 7; undecided, 15. Women, Duvall, 0; Myers, 0; undecided, 6.

At Fountain Square

Sanders Theater, Fountain Square: Men, Duvall, 35; Myers, 28; undecided, 13. Women, Duvall, 42; Myers, 19; undecided, 6.

In Kresge's Store: Men, Duvall, 11; Myers, 9; undecided, 14. Women, Duvall, 55; Myers, 14; undecided, 11. Bankers Trust building cafeteria: Men, Duvall, 24; Myers, 16. Women, Duvall, 9; Myers, 0.

Woolworth's store: Men, Duvall, 18; Myers, 2; undecided, 2. Women, Duvall, 18; Myers, 2; undecided, 1. Van Camp Hardware and Iron Company, employees and persons near building: Men, Duvall, 45; Myers, 27; undecided, 8; not voting, 4. Women, Duvall, 8; Myers, 10; not voting, 10.

Hindis street, 7 a. m.: Men, Duvall, 11; Myers, 15; undecided, 1. Women, Duvall, 1; Myers, 3; not voting, 5.

Along W. Washington St., near Senate Ave.: Men, Duvall, 37; Myers, 30; undecided, 53; not voting, 12.

PORTER BANDIT PAIR IS HUNTED

Chicago Hears Indiana Town Loot Is Large.

By Times Special
CHICAGO, Oct. 31.—Two bandits today robbed the New York Central office at Porter, Ind., according to word to police here. A considerable amount of money was taken, the report stated.

WILL ARRAIGN MANY

Judge Pro Tem to Be on Bench in Criminal Court Monday.

More than seventy persons are scheduled to be arraigned Monday morning in Criminal Court, before Judge Pro Tem Frank A. Symmes. Judge James A. Collins, who is at the home recovering from a severe cold, will not be on the bench until about next Thursday, it was said.

GIRL AND BOY MISSING

Miss Ruby Sloan, 14, of 2260 Harding St., and Carl Martin, 17, of 1805 Orange St., were reported missing to police today. Miss Sloan had not returned from Manuel Training High School and Martin had not come home after attending a party Friday, police said.

NOBLESVILLE WITNESSES



Top (left to right), James Hollins, Henrietta Patterson, elevator operator; Ted Wilson, clerk; Mrs. Lillian Reid, chambermaid, employees of the Indiana Hotel at Hammond, where D. C. Stephenson is alleged to have taken Miss Madge Oberholtzer.

(Center left to right), Miss Emma Moore, 2417 Ashland Ave., best friend of Miss Oberholtzer, who testified late Friday. W. S. Porter, 1208 College Ave., and Levi Thomas, Chicago, conductor and porter, respectively, on the Monon train on which Miss Oberholtzer is said to have been taken to Hammond.

Below (left to right), Asa J. Smith, Oberholtzer attorney, who prepared the dying statement of Miss Oberholtzer, and Griffith D. Dean, his law partner, both of whom testified Friday.

Wilson and Mrs. Reid testified this morning, and the other hotel employees and trainmen are expected to take the stand for the State later.

ARAB REVOLUTION TERRORIZES SYRIA

League Hears Protests Against French Rule—Bands of Insurrectionists Seize Four Towns.

By United Press
LONDON, Oct. 31.—Arabs have revolted and a reign of terror prevails north of Damascus, an Evening News dispatch from Haifa, Syria, reported today. Motor cars have been stopped, the occupants robbed, and wire communications cut ten miles north of the city, according to the dispatch.

Earlier reports out of Syria indicated the tribes are bent on driving the French rulers out, following the request by Marshal

Lieut. Claude F. Johnson, parade marshal, requested motorists to not bring their machines into the downtown district.

Police Inspector John White warned persons against destroying property. He advised removable articles be taken from porches, the doors and windows locked, and said many pickpockets might be on the streets.

OCTOBER WILL GO OUT NICELY

Fair and Warmer Weather Is Predicted.

After blustering about in erratic fashion, October bids fair to make lamb-like exit, the United States weather bureau announced today. Forecast is for generally fair weather tonight and Sunday with slowly rising temperature.

Temperature at 7 a. m. was only 25, or about 20 degrees below normal, but the mercury mounted rapidly after that hour, registering 42 at noon. The thermometer may reach 45 this afternoon, and 45 or 50 Sunday, it was said.

This October has been the coldest, frostiest, snowiest October on record here, J. H. Arrington, meteorologist said. The average temperature has been about 8 degrees below normal, with a high of 77 on the first, and low of 22 on Oct. 23 and 29. Total snowfall was 1.5 inches, more than an inch above any previous mark for the month.

TWO DEAD AS CRASH RESULT

One Other Car Occupant Not Expected to Recover.

By United Press
KOKOMO, Ind., Oct. 31.—Adolph Guerin, 45, and his wife, Frona, 34, of Indianapolis, Mich., died in a hospital here today from injuries received when their auto was struck by an interurban Union Traction car.

Mrs. Harriet Dibble, 65, another victim of the accident is not expected to recover.

Mary Guerin, 15, and Bernard Barber, 63, two other occupants of the auto, escaped with less serious injuries.

Guerin, who was driving, stopped at a filling station for directions and then swung his auto across the tracks. The interurban was south bound from Ft. Wayne to Indianapolis. J. H. Earl, Indianapolis, was motorman.

RUNAWAY GIRL HELD

Taxi Driver Brings Her to Home at 3 A. M.—Police Called.

Mary Ann Johnson, 16, who ran away from the St. Elizabeth's Orphan Home, is being held today by police. She was brought to a home on E. Pratt St. at 3 a. m. by a taxi driver who told the housewife: "Keep her for the balance of the night. She is homeless." Police were called.

Chambermaid at Hammond Hotel, Where Miss Oberholtzer Is Said to Have Taken Potion, Tells of Finding Blood and Liquor.

IDENTIFIES STEPHENSON AS MAN WHO PACED CORRIDOR

State Tightens Evidence by Presenting Actual Bottle of Witch Hazel Used, It Is Alleged, to Bathe Girl's Wounds.

By John Niblack and William L. Toms.

By Times Staff Correspondents
CIRCUIT COURTROOM, NOBLESVILLE, Ind., Oct. 31.—

Startling evidence, including the bottle of witch-hazel with which the wounds of Madge Oberholtzer were alleged to have been bathed, was introduced before the jury today by Prosecutor William H. Remy, as a part of the chain of evidence he is seeking to weld to prove that D. C. Stephenson, Earl Klink and Earl Gentry were responsible for the young woman's death.

The evidence was introduced after Judge Will M. Sparks permitted the introduction of Miss Oberholtzer's dying statement as evidence with certain parts deleted. None was vital to the State's case, according to Prosecutor Remy.

In addition to identifying the bottle of witch-hazel she found in room 417, in the Indiana Hotel at Hammond, where Miss Oberholtzer is said to have been taken, Mrs. Lillian Reid, chambermaid at that time, identified Stephenson as the man she saw walking up and down the corridor of the fourth floor.

Identifies Stephenson

Asked if she could point out the man she saw pacing the corridor floor, she arose from the witness chair, walked over to the group of defendants, and their attorneys raised her hand, pointed to Stephenson and said:

"Yes, sir. I saw that man there going up and down the hall."

Stephenson laughed grimly, and wrote vigorously on the tablet resting on his knee.

Ted Wilson night clerk and Dean Ayres, day clerk at the hotel, also identified Stephenson as well as Gentry as the man who came to the hotel on March 16. Wilson was the first witness on the stand.

That the rooms 416 and 417 were in an extremely disordered condition after the alleged escape was the story told by Mrs. Reid. She said room 417 smelt strongly of liquor. An empty quart milk bottle, the bottle of witch hazel, oranges, a wet, blood stained pillow-slip and a cuspidor "all full of what looked like sour milk," were other things. Mrs. Reid noticed in the room, the afternoon she cleaned it after the occupants had departed. A handful of over bullets in a dresser drawer and an empty whisky bottle with some pills in it, were among the articles which were left in the adjoining room, 416.

Asked if she had gone to the rooms during the forenoon, at her usual time for tidying up, she said: "I couldn't get in. They were locked."

"Did you return later?"

"Yes, about 1 o'clock I went into 417."

"What did you see?"

"Saw Girl on Bed"

"I saw the girl lying on the bed."

"Was she asleep?"

"I could only see her arm."

"When you were up there in the morning did any one come to the door and speak to you?"

"When I was at 17's door, in the morning, a man came out and said there were people asleep in there."

"What did he say to you?"

"He asked for towels—said they had used all theirs for hot towels."

"Did you observe any odor about him?"

"Yes, sir, he smelt of liquor and there was a smell to complete the sentence because of the wild storm of objections from the defense."

"When you were asked for the towels, what did you say?"

"I said, 'Big night last night' and he just laughed."

While Mrs. Reid was being assisted to the witness stand, Prosecutor Remy handed to the jury, the page from the Indiana Hotel register, on which appears the signatures of W. B. Morgan and wife. Each juror examined the name carefully, then looked over the entire page and several looked on the opposite side of the page before passing it on.

Wrong Identity

After Mrs. Reid testified she had seen Stephenson walking up and down the corridor, Remy asked: "Did you see any one else around there?"

Mrs. Reid then made a mistake of identity, upon which the defense pounced eagerly.

"Yes, sir, that big fellow over there," she said, pointing at Ralph Waltz, Noblesville attorney, who was sitting at the defense table. He is one of Stephenson's lawyers. Waltz's face turned redder than fire, while several of his townsmen in the audience tittered.

"I mean on that day, March 16," a showdown tonight.

DE PAUW ALUMNI BACK

Annual Home Coming Celebration at De Pauw.

By Times Special
GREENCASTLE, Ind., Oct. 31.—

Hundreds of De Pauw alumni returned for annual home-coming celebration today. Senator James E. Watson was speaker at the Old Gold Day chapel. Class exercises were held.

Fraternities were to entertain with a showdown tonight.