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## Time for Action

Indianapolis Must Shake Off the Political System That Has Made Possible the Duvall Fiasco.

If there ever was a time when the people of Indianapolis should do some straight thinking about their city government it is now.

Less than two weeks ago John L. Duvall was elected mayor of Indianapolis by a plurality of about 8,000. He must have had the confidence of a majority of the people who took the trouble to vote or he would not have been elected.

Today that same John L. Duvall has completely lost the confidence of the people of Indianapolis. If an election were scheduled for tomorrow he would be almost the last man in Indianapolis who could succeed in being chosen mayor.

Everyone, with the exception of a few politicians, will agree with that statement.

The reason for the failure of John L. Duvall to retain the confidence of the people, the reason why his administration already is so obviously going to be unsuccessful can be summed up in one word:

### POLITICS.

Before all the returns had been counted on election night, John L. Duvall fled from Indianapolis, taking every possible precaution to keep his destination secret.

Why should a man secretly depart in the night from a city that had just accorded him the highest honor it could give?

### POLITICS.

From his hiding place in another State, John L. Duvall made public the names of the men who will comprise his official family.

The appointments startled the voters of Indianapolis—and it takes a great deal to startle the voters of this city, because they have quietly taken so much punishment from politicians that they are hardened.

### POLITICS.

JOHN L. DUVALL made his appointments. In a few cases he appointed men well qualified for their jobs. In many cases he appointed men with no qualifications. In some cases he made appointments to fill vacancies that do not exist. In others he made appointments that can not legally be made by the mayor.

### Then he began shifting.

He appointed Orin Davis, head of a horse thief detective association, as a member of the board of safety. Then he removed Davis and appointed another man.

He appointed Charles J. Orbison, the eminent Democratic Klansman who, as prohibition administrator for Indiana, distributed liquor to his friends with a lavish hand, as corporation counsel. Then he removed Orbison and appointed Alvah J. Rucker, whose principal qualifications include a deep base voice and a friendship for George V. Coffin.

### POLITICS.

JOHN L. DUVALL wanted to be mayor of Indianapolis. In order to become mayor, it was necessary for him to put himself under obligations to many people.

He is now trying to fulfill those obligations. It is a humanly impossible task.

John L. Duvall put himself under obligations to the Ku-Klux Klan. He put himself under obligations to George V. Coffin. He put himself under obligations to William H. Armitage, who swung the negro precincts.

These people are demanding that those obligations be met. They have whetted their knives and are cutting out the pound of flesh.

Members of the Klan are denouncing Duvall because he did not give the Klan all of his appointments.

Friends of Coffin and Armitage are denouncing him because he did not give them more appointments.

And the people of Indianapolis have lost confidence in him because he so obviously is not his own master.

### POLITICS.

JOHN L. DUVALL is more to be pitied than censured. He is a victim of a system. He is the victim of a system that is vicious—a political system that is robbing the people of Indianapolis of the right to govern themselves, to be served by the men they employ as public servants.

The present state of affairs is not entirely new. The situation simply is a little more pronounced.

Some such condition undoubtedly would have existed if another man had been elected mayor.

There is only one way to do away with such a tragically ridiculous state of affairs as prevails in Indianapolis today.

The way out is to follow the lead of hundreds of American cities, big and little, which have done away with political government.

The way out lies in the adoption of the business-like city manager form of government.

The time is ripe for the people of Indianapolis to rise up and overthrow the system that is doing incalculable damage to their city.

It will do no good to sit by and complain about our miserable state of affairs. WE MUST ACT.

### MURDERER IS HANGED

**FIREMAN IS SUSPENDED**

Iowa Robber-Slayer Pays for Crime on Gallows.

By United Press FT. MADISON, Iowa, Nov. 16.—Garlan "Gabe" Simons, 32, was hanged here today for the murder of Orton Ferguson of Atlanta, Mich., at West Liberty, Iowa tourist park July 12, 1924. Ferguson was beaten to death with an iron pipe and robbed of a few dollars.

### HOURLY TEMPERATURE

6 a. m. 32 10 a. m. 32  
7 a. m. 32 11 a. m. 32  
8 a. m. 31 12 (noon) 32  
9 a. m. 32 1 p. m. 32

### JUDGE MILLER TO SPEAK

Judge Sidney S. Miller of Superior Court Three will address the Junior Chamber of Commerce at weekly luncheon Wednesday on "Humorous Incidents in the Court Room."

# STEPHENSON IS SENTENCED

## COFFIN IS SLATED TO PICK MEN

New City Court Appointments Will Be Dictated, Politicians Says.

## JACKSON DELAYS CHOICE

Announcement in Few Days, States Governor.

George V. Coffin, Republican city chairman, will name all four judges of municipal court, who take office Jan. 1, in the opinion of the politicians today.

Governor Jackson, who makes the appointments, announced last week he would name his selections today. This morning, however, he said, the appointments would not be made for several days.

Politicians said Jackson delayed the appointments pending return of Coffin, who had been out of the city.

Coffin returned today.

Insiders say Judge Dan V. White is certain to retain his judgeship and the other Republican will be James E. McDonald, a Coffin adherent.

The two Democratic members are to be Edward W. Felt and Fred McCallister, according to dusters.

Felt would be a personal appointee of Jackson, it is said while McCallister is a friend of Coffin.

Walter Pritchard, former city judge, and Judge Delbert O. Wilmett, who have been mentioned do not seek office, it is said.

Other possibilities mentioned by the politicians were Paul C. Wetter and Don Roberts, Republicans, and John Garvin, Democrat.

## ELKS CLUB PADLOCKED

Grill Room and Bar Closed Up By U. S. In New York.

By United Press

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—The New York Elks Club consented today to accept a "prohibition padlock" on its grill room and bar, following charges that beer or more than legal potency was delivered there. The club at first fought attempts to padlock the place but after United States District Attorney Buckner demanded the club's books, it was agreed to accept the padlock instead.

## OLD TOLL EXCEEDED

Cook County Auto Fatalities Higher Than Total Last Year.

By United Press

CHICAGO, Nov. 16.—Automobile fatalities for Chicago and the rest of Cook County today stood at \$36, compared with a total of \$34 for the entire year of 1924. Four deaths occurred in the last twenty-four hours. Officials estimate the death toll for 1925 will be around 750.

## MARSHAL HEARD IN WOLFE TRIAL

State Plays Trump in Hance Murder Case.

By United Press

MUNCIE, Ind., Nov. 16.—The State expected to produce its "trump card" in the trial of Charles "One Arm" Wolfe here today when Marshal David Boehler of Middletown, was called to the stand.

It was Boehler who first reached Ben Hance, as the latter lay dying in a cornfield south of here from gun-shot wounds, alleged to have been inflicted by Wolfe and his pal, George (Dutch) Anderson.

Boehler will tell the jurors that Hance, in his last words, named Wolfe and Anderson.

## COFFIN BACK AFTER HUNT

Quail and Rabbits, Not Duval, His Quarry.

George V. Coffin, Republican city chairman, has been hunting, but not for John L. Duvall, mayor-elect, he said on his arrival at headquarters in the P. B. Higby today.

"I'm satisfied," he commented on the trend of Duvall's appointments to municipal positions, which have favored his faction during the past few days.

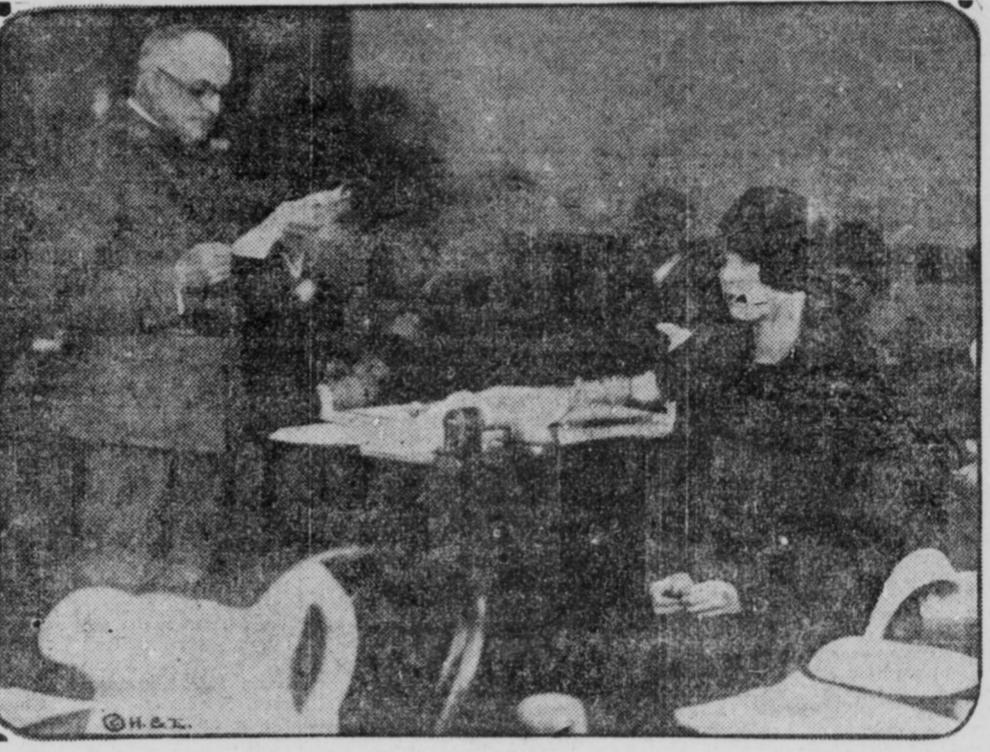
Coffin said he has been at his cottage at Lake Webster for the past week, where he hunted quail, coons and rabbits. He brought back a live coon.

## MOTHER OF FOUR ENDS LIFE

WAUBASH, Ind., Nov. 16.—Despondent because of ill health, Mrs. William Baumgardner, 45, mother of four children of school age and a son of mature years, committed suicide at her home by drinking poison.

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## MRS. LANSDOWNE TESTIFIES



Mrs. Zachary Lansdowne, widow of the Shenandoah commander, appeared as a witness for Colonel Mitchell at his court-martial and testified she had been approached by naval officers seeking to influence her testimony before the Shenandoah Inquiry Board. The story resulted in the resignation of the judge-advocate of inquiry board.

## Phone Hearing Under Way

### LILLY COMPANY MAKES \$18,000 GIFT TO FUND

Total of Campaign Reaches

\$582,064—Drive Ends

Friday.

With only four more days to contribute, total contributions to the Community Fund campaign reached \$582,064, with reports at a luncheon of workers at noon today at the Claypool. Donations over the weekend were given as \$75,590.32.

The drive will end at noon Friday. A contribution of \$18,000, the largest of the campaign, from Eli Lilly & Co., was reported. The goal is \$650,662.

The Lilly contribution was included in a report made by Dick Miller, special gifts division chairman, who added \$22,500 to the fund total of more than \$500,000. Other gifts reported by Miller of \$100 and more were:

Shield & Hackleman, \$800; Fred E. Nonkovics, \$200; Taggart Baking Company, \$250; W. L. Taggart, \$300; Kirschbaum Realty Company, \$600; Bernard W. Kirschbaum, \$100; Arthur Jordan, \$1,000; Fred C. Dickson, \$1,200; Severin Hotel, \$300.

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"For heaven's sake, Len, don't stay out there so long and live such a life for your father. Come home, for I can't wait any longer for you. A young girl can't stay in every night and worry and worry."

"If you don't return I shall have to go off with some one else. Are you coming back? I want your answer."

The courtroom buzzed when the next missive was read. It was written in March, 1923, and said in part:

"Len, dear, I often feel sorry I did not know you before I knew Al Rose and you would have gotten a pure girl. I know you love me and I couldn't take your promise that you would not bother me at the hotel Marie Antoinette because I knew your love was so strong."

Speeches by attorneys representing the public were made on the basis of the public's feelings. The defense was asked to make a formal statement.

Attorney General Arthur L. Gilhorn, in an opening statement, said he is appearing as representative of the general public.

Fair Valuation Sought

"Once and for all, let's get at the facts here, and fix a fair valuation as a rate fixing basis which will give this company a fair return and stop this continual litigation, on the ground that she deceived him as to her color."

Discovered living with Alice at the Marie Antoinette Hotel in New York before they were married, Rhinelander was sent by his father to a ranch school near Phoenix, Ariz., it was said, as direct examination of the young aristocrat continued.

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No motions were filed by defense attorneys.

Stephenson was escorted back to jail by Sheriff Gooding.

**Fight Expected**

A desperate fight to have Judge Sparks release their client on bond during the year or so required by the Supreme Court to pass on the case had been expected.

Ira M. Holmes, Indianapolis, and Floyd J. Christian, Noblesville, members of defense staff, were busy in Noblesville this morning, arranging details of the appeal and conferring with the fallen leader.

Klinck and Gentry had been sought by Hamilton and Marion County authorities since they were allowed to leave Noblesville by Sheriff Gooding Saturday night despite the fact he had warrants for their arrest on the conspiracy charge from Criminal Court at Indianapolis.

Sheriff Omer Hawkins of Indianapolis had hunted the pair over the weekend without success. He was expected here this afternoon to take the prisoners to Indianapolis.

Sheriff Gooding of Noblesville said he let the two get away by a "big mistake." He said he thought they had posted bond with him, but discovered they had not.

Sheriff Hawkins immediately began an investigation, making two trips to Noblesville.

At 5:20 Saturday afternoon the jury filed into the Circuit Court at Noblesville with a verdict, after having got the case at noon. The three defendants had been hastily brought from the jail next door. Stephenson and Gentry were smoking cigars. About 100 spectators were present.

"Gentlemen, have you reached a verdict?" asked Judge Sparks.

"We have, Your Honor," replied Foreman W. A. Johnson, farmer, rising from his seat in chair No. 7.

"Please pass it to the bailiff."

The foreman handed the paper to Bailiff Ingraham Mallory amid a deep hush. Stephenson watched intently, his teeth set. Not a juror looked toward the defendants. Klinck and Gentry also leaned forward. The only defense attorney present was Christian. Prosecutor William H. Remey of Marion County represented the State. Mallory gave the verdict to the court.

"Stephenson Tense

Unfolding the paper, Judge Sparks adjusted his spectacles and read

his speech.

"We are astounded and have no understanding of how the jury could have freed Klinck and Gentry."

The speaker was Mrs. George Oberholtzer, mother of Madge Oberholtzer, for the murder of whom, D. C. Stephenson, Earl Klinck