

## BUSINESS MEN FORM CLUB TO BACK SENATOR

Candidacy of Watson Is Boosted by Statement of G. O. P. Group.

Henry Lane Wilson, Spink-Arms Hotel, former ambassador to Mexico, today announced organization by eighty-three prominent Indianapolis Republican business men of the Watson Senatorial Club to promote the candidacy of Senator James E. Watson for renomination and reelection. Wilson is chairman.

Recognizing his peculiar fitness by training and education for the high office which he is occupying, his lifelong devotion to the constitution, to American traditions, his unstinted labor in behalf of the plain people, his wide and peculiar influence in the Senate in procuring beneficial legislation and in defeating unsound measures, and his active espousal of severe immigration restriction, we pledge to Senator Watson our loyal support," Wilson said in a statement. It disclosed the names of the business leaders and captains in the club.

Wilson also announced receipt of a letter from Watson expressing appreciation, which said in part:

"While not accepting in its full measure your complimentary estimate of my services in the Senate, I am nevertheless not conscious of having deviated in a single instance from my duty to the people of Indiana, or of having faltered in diligent espousal of the conservative principles lying at the foundation of this Republic, written into our system of government by the fathers of the Republic."

### Parent-Teachers Notes

The Study Circle of School No. 76, Mrs. Julius C. Travis, leader, will meet Monday morning at 9:30. Miss Constance Avery, Robert L. Long Hospital, will talk.

"Training of Our Children" will be the subject of a talk by the Rev. Virgil Rorer, at 3:15, at the William Bell School. No. 60, Mrs. Frances Johnson will sing.

Judge James A. Collins will talk on "The Problem of the Boy" at School No. 61 Wednesday afternoon. Two pupils, Winifred Hoyt, vocalist, and Lillian Bell, pianist, will give the musical program.

J. Arthur MacLean of the Herron Art Institute, will speak at the regular meeting of School No. 75 Wednesday at 3:15. Mrs. L. Herbert will review chapter three of "The Child, His Nature and His Needs." Miss Virginia Harbough will play a piano solo.

Instead of the regular Wednesday afternoon meeting, the club of Hawthorne School, No. 30, will meet Monday at 8 p. m. Albert Stump will speak. Violin numbers will be played by Mrs. R. D. Todd and William Craig will give readings.

The association of School No. 20 will meet at 3:15 Wednesday. Mrs. Charles H. Smith will be the speaker.

### Held Up By Pay Roll Bandits



When their pulse settled back to normal after looking a revolver in the face while four armed bandits stole \$4,273 from their car, Robert M. Watt, 39 S. Tremont St. (seated), and Stanley Chafin, 3542 College Ave. (standing), Duesenberg Motor Company pay roll messengers, decided to smile for the camera. The bandit car knocked the hub-cap off their right front wheel.

and a musical program will be given. Mrs. Ross Manly will preside.

### THREE DEAD IN PRAIRIE FIRES

Toll Includes Property Loss of \$500,000.

By United Press

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 17.— Prairie fires which raged over the northwest during the past week took a toll of three lives and caused property damage estimated at \$500,000.

S. A. Londakin, Bradlock, N. D., the third victim, is the latest to die from wounds received while fighting the fires. Otto Koehler, Ryer, N. D., and Mike Brochite, Crow Wing county, Minnesota, are the other dead.

School houses, farm buildings and settlers' cabins were destroyed and miles of land laid waste in three States.

The fires in all sections were reported under control late Friday. Volunteer fire fighters returned to their homes.

### OFFICER FINDS BANDITS' AUTO

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573-105. Indiana license plates on the bandit auto were stolen from Frank Ketchum, 17 E. Orange St., a month ago.

Last Friday detectives searched the apartment of a woman of the underworld when they received information that a local man was seen driving an auto bearing the license number of the bandit's auto. Police believe they have a valuable clew in an initial found in the front of the book. Handwriting experts were working in an effort to decipher it.

L. B. Jacobs, filling station attendant at Eastern Ave. and Washington St., said he filled the gas tank of an auto similar to the one used by the robbers. Four men were in the auto, he said.

After the hold-up, the bandits turned north in Harding St. from Washington St., police were told and at Harding and Ohio Sts. a trunk fell from the rear of the auto. Suit of cloths and other wearing apparel were in the trunk. Papers found in the trunk lead police to believe the robbers might have been in Kankakee, Ill., recently.

Lieutenant Winkler and squad said they tracked the auto north in Harding St. to Michigan St., but lost trace of it there.

Police believe the robbers had been in the city several days before the robbery. The occupants of an auto similar to the bandit's car engaged in a gun duel with Patrolman Carter in the 1000 block on E. Market St. late Wednesday, when the officer gave chase to the auto after the occupants had attempted to abduct a woman.

Reward of \$400 has been posted for recovery of the money and arrest of the bandits.

Officials of the Duesenberg plant were furnished a police guard today to take a duplicate pay roll to the plant.

### FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT

By United Press

PHILADELPHIA, April 17.—Lawson Robertson, head coach of the 1924 American Olympic team, signed a five-year contract as track and field coach and football trainer at the University of Pennsylvania.

### Important Notice To Theatre Goers

**SPECIAL Railroad Arrangements Have Been Made Wherby**

**GILDA GRAY**

Glorious Golden Girl

and her company will arrive at Indianapolis Sunday and performances will be given at

**6:30—8:30—10:30**

THE CIRCLE THEATRE •

THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

### CONFUSION IN RADIO SEEN AS RULING RESULT

Judge's Decision Heightens Need for Legislation, Officials Say.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, April 17.—The decision of Judge James H. Wilkerson at Chicago holding in effect that Secretary of Commerce Hoover has no authority to assign wave lengths or time to radio broadcasters makes it almost imperative that Congress enact legislation firmly establishing control, if utter confusion is to be prevented.

This is the opinion here of the decision in favor of the Zenith Radio Corporation, which was sued by the Government on the ground that it had "upset" the wave lengths of five Canadian stations at hours not assigned to WJAZ.

#### Official Comments

"The future would seem to depend entirely upon the attitude of Congress toward legislation and its determination as to whether or not Federal control of the situation shall be continued," said Judge Stephen E. Davis, solicitor of the Commerce Department, commenting on the decision.

Davis issued a formal statement as acting secretary in the absence of Secretary Hoover. While dispatches from Chicago stated that an appeal would be taken, Davis said no appeal was possible, because of the nature of the case.

#### Similar Case

Discussing the decision, he pointed out that the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia, had decided the other way in a similar case. He also explained that Secretary Hoover had realized the insufficiency of the 1912 radio act and had called conferences every year to deal with radio problems.

### FRAUD IN RUM TAX ALLEGED

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caused of the difference in the tax, \$4.20 a gallon.

Judge Robert G. Bartzell set the suit for trial May 12.

It is alleged that the illegal withdrawal was part of a gigantic conspiracy of George Remus, former Cincinnati bootleg king, and owners of seven distilleries in St. Louis, Illinois, Kentucky and St. Louis, Mo., to defraud the Government on whisky taxes.

#### Permit Revoked

The permit on the use of the whisky for non-beverage purposes was revoked by the Government on April 17, 1921. The bond was placed with M. Bert Thurman, collector of internal revenue.

Alleged illegal withdrawal of liquor between 1913 and 1921 and its use in bootleg channels, corresponds with charges causing nation-wide interest in the disappearance of 330 cases of the same liquor from the Indianapolis Federal Bldg. since its storage here Jan. 12, 1923.

Judge Bartzell Friday granted a petition of Ward's which holds up certification of a mandate held by the clerk of court to United States Marshal Linus P. Meredith, ordering destruction of the booze. Ward asked that the liquor be held until an investigation he is directing is completed and it is seen whether the facts gathered warrant criminal action.

A check of the serial numbers and dates on each of the cases in the building was completed Thursday evening by Meredith, A. J. Signa and E. H. Henthorn, department agent.

#### To Rearrange Numbers

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