

WATSON'S HOPES FOR PRESIDENCY IN 1928 SOARING

Pennsylvania Slap at Coolidge Encourages Jim—That Quiz Is Bother.

By Roscoe B. Fleming
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WASHINGTON, May 22.—"Our Jim for President? Who?"

Senator Watson of Indiana is beginning to keep his ear to the ground closely, listening for that long wolf-howl to come from the midwestern prairies before 1928.

He is listening especially closely since the Pennsylvania primaries, with their slap at the Coolidge Administration, and since his own pilking up of a huge majority in the Indiana primaries.

And today along came news that Senator R. N. Stanfield, Coolidge supporter, was running third in the Republican primary vote in Oregon.

A Whisper in 1920

The cry was first heard in 1920, but it was such mere whisper, even in Indiana, that Watson could not pretend he had heard it, although he was only prevented from announcing candidacy in that year by an Indiana political incident which has not yet been told.

In 1924 the cry was heard again, only this time the slogan was "The Nation Needs Watson" for vice-president. The nation decided it didn't need Watson, and the incident was closed.

Seriously speaking, however, Indiana's senior Senator is watching with an eagle eye every incident which might show a drift of national politics to the point where they might turn favorable to him.

He and his friends, it is said, were secretly pleased with the Pennsylvania primary as reflecting on President Coolidge's chances in 1928. Watson is also watching closely the progress of former Governor Lowden of Illinois, Vice President Dawes, Speaker Longworth and other midwestern presidential possibilities.

This also furnishes a reason for his great disturbance at the resolution of Senator James A. Reed of Missouri providing for investigation of the methods by which the recent senatorial primaries were won, and for continued investigation of the senatorial campaigns this summer.

No Wonder Jim Fled

Watson was so disturbed, it is recalled, that he was rushed hastily from the Senate chamber after voting against taking up the Reed resolution, and was not present at the final roll call.

Inspection of the resolution reveals his reasons. It is the most sweeping thing of its kind ever passed. It challenges not only the use of money, but the promise of office, or any other kind of promise which might influence votes, made by or for any organizations.

Recalling that Reed is a sworn and bitter enemy of the Ku-Klux Klan and the Anti-Saloon League, both of which have large influence in Indiana politics, it is easy to understand Watson's perturbation.

Reed is a relentless investigator, and will dominate the investigating committee, whatever its personnel. Another member is "Young Bob" LaFollette, who has no love for Watson, and if these two ever sit in the Indianapolis Statehouse and start probing the sore spots in Indiana Republican politics, they will not stop until they reach bottom.

FIREMEN INJURED BATTING BLAZE

Two Are Hurt—Two Homes Nearly Destroyed.

Two firemen today were recovering from injuries received Friday while fighting a fire that practically destroyed two houses and damaged another in the 1300 block on Golay St.

Lieut. Auria Landers, Truck 3, wrung his back and Chauffeur Clarence Taylor, Truck 3, was burned on the foot while fighting the blaze.

The fire started in the residence of W. M. Taylor, Negro, 1319 Golay St., and communicated to the home of Ray Robinson, Negro, 1317 Golay St. The Taylor and Robinson homes practically were destroyed.

Origin of the blaze, which caused several thousand dollars damage, could not be determined.

TO MAIL CREDENTIALS

Party Delegates to Conventions Will Receive Papers.

County election commissioners today ordered that credentials for the Republican and Democratic State conventions be mailed to delegates elected in the primary election. Credentials will be mailed 159 Democrats and 235 Republicans in Marion County, Albert H. Losche, county clerk, said.

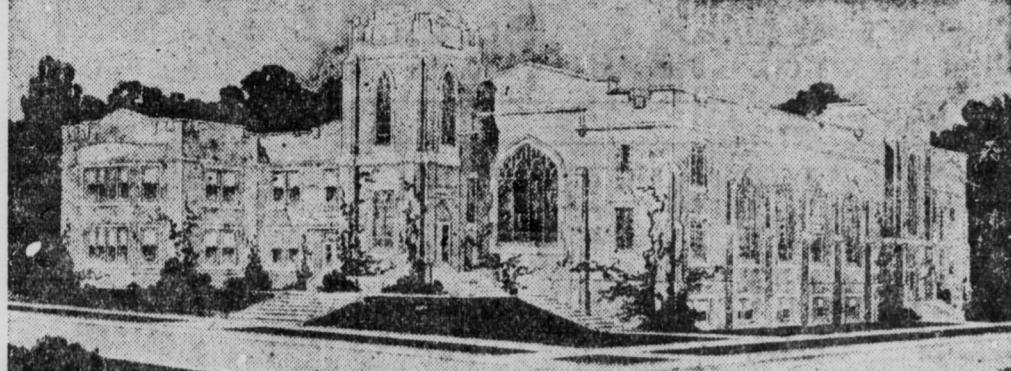
Republican State convention will be held in Indianapolis on May 26-27 and the Democratic State convention here on June 23. There will be 1,705 delegates from over Indiana to the Republican meeting and 4,318 delegates to the Democratic confab, Losche said.

GRAY FREED BY JURY

Muncie Man Acquitted on Charge of Murdering Baby Son.

By United Press
WINCHESTER, Ind., May 22.—Charles Gray of Muncie, was a free man today. He was acquitted on a charge of murdering his infant son, by a jury here late Friday night.

East Side Church to Cost \$150,000



Here is an architect's conception of how the Emerson Avenue Baptist Church, Emerson Ave. and New York St., will look when two units are added to the present structure. The building will cost \$150,000 with the addition, which is expected to be made within two years. The Rev. Paul Judson Morris, pastor, announced the fifth anniversary of the organization of the church will be observed Sunday.

HUNDREDS LAUD CHILDREN'S ACT

Uncle Tom's Cabin' Given on Times Program.

Hundreds of listeners in this city and over the State, applauded the Times radio program over WFBM, Merchants Heat and Light Company, Friday night, from the studio at the Sevier, when "Uncle Tom's Cabin" was presented by a cast of children, the oldest being 14 years of age.

It was presented under the direction of the Indianapolis Theatre Guild, of which Mrs. W. O. Bates is the head. The children were trained by Mrs. Bert Merling, guild director.

Many messages from radio fans stated that radio version of "Uncle Tom" was a rare treat as well as a novelty.

Tom Carey, nationally known banjo player, gave three groups of numbers. He was presented through the courtesy of the Carlin Music Company and the Gibson Company.

Miss Sylvia Tschudi, soprano, again charmed her audience with two splendid groups of songs. Miss Ruth Hutchins was at the Baldwin grand.

SHOT IN BATTLE WITH HI-JACKERS

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steal the liquor or get \$163 which one of the men with Kelsey owed John.

Eugene said they hid under the shack until Kelsey and two other men, being hunted by police, arrived, took the load of alcohol into the shack and seated themselves at a table.

Shot Through Window

Then Eugene said he and his brother raised a window and ordered those inside to throw up their hands.

Kelsey, he said, fumbled with a gun under the table, and fired one shot at him.

He fired back and saw Kelsey slump down in his chair. His brother did not have a gun, Eugene said.

Harold Schultz, 21, of Shelbyville, Ind., who, police said, lived at the shack with Kelsey, according to his statement to police, carried Kelsey to his auto.

When he attempted to start the car and take Kelsey to the hospital, one of the Jegens let the air out of two of the tires, he charged.

Schultz denied that Kelsey fired at the Jegens. Kelsey was shot because he was slow in obeying the order to hold up his hands, he said.

In the meantime, the other two men in the shack were forced to aid the Jegens carry the alcohol to an auto, police said. They fled while hi-jackers hid the alcohol in a vacant lot in that vicinity and drove off.

Calls for Aid

After the hi-jackers left, Schultz drove to Thirty-Fourth and Illinois Sts., and asked Patrolman Bradley to call an ambulance for Kelsey.

Lieut. Walter Claffey and squad were called and searched the shack. They found blood on the floor and a .38-caliber revolver with one empty shell on the table, Claffey said.

Kelsey was taken to city hospital. Doctors said the bullet entered his chest and came out the back.

Police took the Jegens to the field in which they said they hid the liquor later, but were unable to find the booze.

Schultz was held on a vagrancy charge. The other two men in the Kelsey party are believed to have taken the liquor from the field.

Mrs. Dora Kelsey, the wounded man's mother, with whom he had been living, said her son left home about two weeks ago to live with two friends in a cottage. She said she did not know who the men were or where the cottage was located. He is unmarried.

Indicted under the separate bills is William Brown, former captain Vincennes police, as one of those indicted on liquor violation charges.

Other persons indicted in the bribe conspiracy bill, whose names were made public, are: Roy Harding, Eli Crane, James Murphy, "Crip" Sison, who also was indicted in the separate bills; Herman Ayres, August and Mrs. August Kroeger and August Wolf, Jr.

The grand jury also returned seventeen separate bills on violation of various Federal statutes. Two names made public in these were Le Roy Gresham, Terre Haute, narcotics charge; J. E. Fellorn, Terre Haute, postal theft charge.

INCREASE AIR STRENGTH

Eighteen Men Enrolled in 113th Observation Squadron.

Hope was expressed today by Capt. R. F. Taylor, in charge of recruiting for the 113th Observation Squadron of the Indiana National Guard, that the unit would be increased to its full peace-time strength by next week.

Eighteen new men were enrolled Friday, he reported. The organization is being moved from Kokomo to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway as the nucleus of the new Indianapolis airport. The first twenty recruits today were promised assignment as guards at the 500-mile race. Enlistment booths have been placed at the east side of the Federal Bldg. and at 24 E. Michigan St.

RIVERS, HARBORS BILL UP

WASHINGTON, May 22.—The \$33,000,000 river and harbor authorization bill was called up at the House today under a special rule. The measure faces violent opposition from a band of members from seventeen States who are fighting the Illinois waterway canal projects.

CLUB WILL GIVE PLAY

Church Group to Entertain on Sunday and Tuesday.

St. Catherine's Dramatic Club of St. Catherine of Sienna Church will present "The Wishing Well," an Irish romance at 2:15 and 8:15 Sunday at the hall, Shelby and Taylor Sts. The show also will be presented at the same hours Tuesday.

The cast will include thirty-five members of the club, Miss Irene McGovern and Miss Celeste Craney are directors.

OWNER RECOVERS FAMILY ESTATE THROUGH COURTS

Pardon Board Member Finds

False Deeds to Allen County Farm.

John C. Chaney of Sullivan, a member of the State pardon board, was in a happy mood today, for he had regained possession of the old Chaney homestead in Allen County after it had slipped from his grasp through the dealings of real estate speculators.

The final vote on the matter stood fifty-five for turn-down collars at the graduating exercises. Collier Young, class president, led the fight for the wing collars, while Robert Lewis was the champion for the conventional turn-down effect.

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Ellis Hoag, Rocky River, Ohio, student, knocked unconscious during the melee, suffered concussion of the brain and is in a critical condition. Students insist he was struck by a policeman. Three other students were injured, none seriously.

Whether university authorities will make an investigation will be determined this afternoon when George Rethmeier and members of the Bucket and Dipper honorary junior society confer.

The clashes were precipitated when the society forbade first-year men to tread the "long walk," a stretch of pavement traditionally dominated by upper classmen. General fighting broke out and scores of students were ducked in Mirror Lake.

Chaney regained possession of the 172-acre homestead Friday after the Allen Circuit Court had wiped the record clear of four false deeds which had been executed since the estate passed, unknown to him, into the hands of unknown parties.

On June 18, 1924, a man and woman prepared a false deed and transferred the estate to another party, whose whereabouts are unknown.

Records Bare Plan

Two years later, after the estate had passed through the hands of four parties, Dan Hiser, the tenant, was approached by a man and instructed to haul some grain to the market and send him the check. The tenant notified Chaney, and investigation of records bare the plan.

The estate, near Roanoke, was settled first by James Chaney, father of the present owner, seventy-five years ago.

Eleven Alleged Speeders Also Taken by Police.

Twenty-seven motorists alleged to have been driving without proper lighting systems on their autos were arrested Friday night and told to appear today.

Eleven alleged speeders and one alleged intoxicated driver also were held.

The alleged speeders were: O. B. Iles, 58, of 4000 E. Washington St.; J. C. Scott, 39, of 1539 Wade St.; Albert Guley, 21, of 2164 N. Pennsylvania St.; Elmer Thompson, 19, Negro, 453 Arnes St.; Joe Burnett, 23, of 523 Vinton St.; Everett Johnson, 22, of 1939 W. Michigan St.; Paul E. Durant, 28, of 1905 Avon Ave.; George De Sautes, 42, of 2161 N. Meridian St.; Herschell Hendrick, 20, of 1030 N. Meridian St.; Marion Boling, 18, of R. R. Box 21 D, and Robert Hester, 38, Negro, 2418 N. Rural St.; William H. Dugger, 24, of 1021 N. Haugh St., was held on charges of driving while intoxicated and operating a blind tiger.

NAVY RIVALRIES BEFORE CONGRESS

House Passes Equalization Bill to Solve Problem.

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WASHINGTON, May 22.—Congress has set itself to adjusting rivalries that have existed in the United States Navy for years and naval officials in all parts of the country are watching their efforts with interest.

Under present regulations, line officers, those who have been graduated at Annapolis, and staff officers who entered the Navy after being educated elsewhere are not promoted at the same rate of progress.

Staff officers are assigned a "running mate" in the line and their basic pay depends upon that received by their running mate. But promotion has no such connection.

The House has just passed an equalization bill which, if enacted, would permit staff and line officers to advance in rank at equal rates of speed.

Immediate effect of the bill would be to promote some 204 staff officers in the medical, supply, civil engineering and construction corps have advanced more rapidly than their running mates in the line, and further promotion would be delayed some ten years for them.

The equalization bill is the first step toward abolishment of the running mate system and consolidation of the branches of the Navy into one promotion line where there will be no further cause for rivalries, members of the Naval Affairs Committee said. This second step will probably be taken by the next Congress.

FIRE AT NORTHWESTERN

GARY, Ind., May 22.—Plans to move the new Indiana State Dunes Park a tract of 2,500 acres instead of 2,000 acres were revealed here today.

The State conservation commission will seek donations of land and money for the additional 500 acres as the legislative act creating the park provided for only 2,000 acres.

The State has already completed negotiations for the purchase of 1,000 acres in the park site.

LOCKERS FOUND OPEN

Youths Arrested When Found in Park Bath House.

Two youths were arrested today in the Willard Park bath house. Giving their ages as 18 and 19, they said they were seeking shelter from the rain. Lockers had been broken open, but they denied doing it, police said.

W. S. Simmons, Danville, Ind., telephoned police his hen house was burglarized and sixty chickens valued at \$90, taken.

The Standard Grocery, Agnes and Michigan Sts., was burglarized. Value of loot was not known.

CRASH VICTIM MAY DIE

Young Girl Critically Injured—Two Others Serious.

Peru, Ind., May 22.—Miss Opal Bell, 16, is likely to die and her father, Frank Bell and his grandson, Robert Koontz, 4, are in a serious condition following an automobile accident near Macy, twenty miles from here, today. The crash occurred shortly before noon when Bell's car collided with a car driven by Harvey Smith. All are residents of Macy.

SENT TO BOYS' SCHOOL

LEEDS Broadbridge, 17, of 1539 College Ave., was sentenced today by Criminal Judge James A. Collins to the Indiana Boys' School at Plainfield, Ind., where he pleaded guilty to a charge of vicious conduct. The case was brought into Criminal Court from Juvenile Court on recommendation of the officers.

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