

WATSON'S HOPES FOR PRESIDENCY IN 1928 SOARING

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

By Roscoe B. Fleming
Times Staff Correspondent
WASHINGTON, May 22.—"Our Jim for President!" "Wheel!"

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 piling up of a huge majority in the Indiana primaries.

And today along came news that Senator R. N. Stanford, 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 a 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 Daves, 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 campaign this summer.

No Wonder Jim Fled

Watson was so disturbed, it is recalled, that he 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 whatever.

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" La Follette, 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 Battling 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. Anna Landers, truck 3, wrenched his back and Chaffeur 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., and to a vacant house at 1321 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 150 Democrats and 235 Republicans in Marion County. Albert H. Losche, county clerk, said.

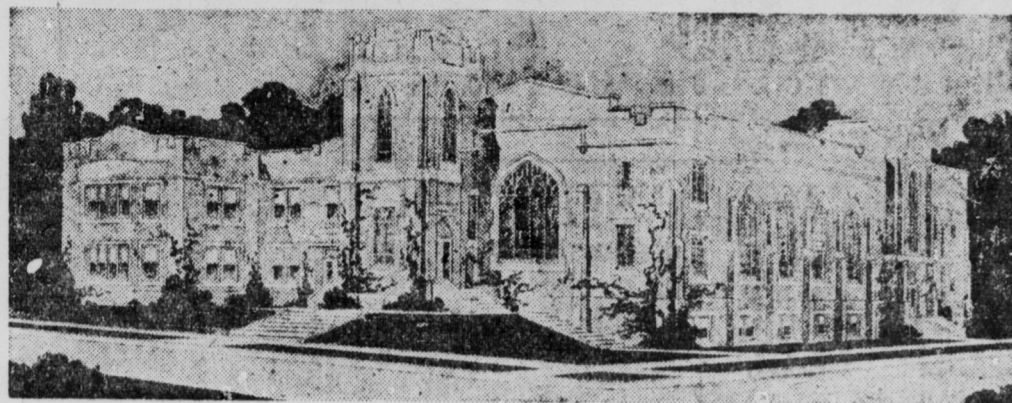
Republican State convention will be held in Indianapolis on May 26-27 and the Democratic State convention here on June 2-3. There will be 1,705 delegates from over Indiana to the Republican meeting and 4,318 delegates to the Democratic confab, Losche said.

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 Mott, 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 WFEM, Merchants Heat and Light Company, Friday night, from the studio at the Severin, 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 and Bert Merling, guild director.

Many messages from radio fans stated that this radio version of "Uncle Tom's" 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 Jeggens let the air out of two of the tires, he charged.

Schultz denied that Kelsey fired at the Jeggens. 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 Jeggens 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 Jeggens 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.

Mrs. Kelsey has been very ill and is just recovering. She said she would endeavor to go to the hospital today to see her son.

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. Enrollment booths have been placed at the east side of the Federal Bldg. and at 24 E. Michigan St.

Turn Down Collars Nose Out Wings

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QUIET RESTORED ON OHIO CAMPUS

One Student Critically Hurt in Melee.

By United Press
OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 22.—Extreme quiet today supplanted the student clashes of Friday in which two students were killed, presumably by policemen who were called out from campus patrolmen feared the situation would get beyond control.

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 Rhetmeier and members of the Bucket and Dipper honorary junior society confer.

The clashes were precipitated by 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 records 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 Plain

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 barred the plan.

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

RACE GUESTS TO STAY IN HOMES

Chamber Will Arrange Lodging for Visitors.

Speedway visitors in the city next Saturday or Sunday without hotel accommodations will be lodged at Indianapolis homes through the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce convention bureau, it was announced today by Henry Davis, manager.

Downtown headquarters will be established late next week, at which strangers may call to receive assignments to rooms.

For many years the convention bureau has successfully conducted the housing bureau, during the races, making its appeal to Indianapolis householders through coupons carried in the daily newspapers.

Those desiring to list rooms must prepare a card and sign the coupons before mailing to the bureau, since no telephone listings will be taken.

Because of the fact the largest crowd in the history of the Speedway will attend this year's race and because of the added fact that most of the visitors will desire to remain in the city over the week end, reservations for Saturday, Sunday and Monday, May 29 to 31 inclusive, are desired, Mr. Davis said.

TO EXPAND DUNES PARK

Will Add 500 Acres to Present Tract in State.

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GARY, Ind., May 22.—Plans to make 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 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.

TO BE HEARD LATER

Blind Tiger Charge Against Bondsman's Son Up May 29.

The charge of blind tiger against Joe Farb, 22, son of Sam Farb, professional bondsman, was passed in Criminal Court Friday afternoon until May 29 in order to give the State an opportunity to produce another witness.

Farb, who appealed his conviction in Municipal Court, declared he was "framed" by a friend, who introduced him to a Federal agent. Farb, said the agent induced him to get some liquor for a "little party."

SENT TO BOYS' SCHOOL

Leslie 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.

CLUB WILL GIVE PLAY

Church Group to Entertain on Sunday and Tuesday.

St. Catherine's Dramatic Club of St. Catherine of Siena 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 Celestine 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 operators.

In the meantime, Chaney presented facts in the case to the Marion County grand jury and to postal authorities and criminal action likely will ensue.

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