

ANTI-WHEATCRAFT GUNS OF G. O. P. CHAIRMAN SPIKED

Republican State Women's Leader, Backed by Watson, to Retain Job.

Mrs. Vivian T. Wheatcraft, Republican State vice chairman, will retain her direction of women's activities during the coming campaign, it was stated in political circles today.

The fight against Mrs. Wheatcraft was started by a number of Republican editors during the recent State convention. Later, State Chairman Clyde A. Walb, is said to have joined the movement, when he learned that the vice chairman is not in sympathy with his ambition to become Indiana's next Governor.

The report of Mrs. Wheatcraft's victory followed a visit Walb made a few days ago to Senator James E. Watson's summer home on Lake Maxinkuckee.

Wanted Mrs. Urbahns

Leaders of the Walb camp sought to induce Mrs. Ben Urbahns, State treasurer, to endeavor to succeed Mrs. Wheatcraft. When Mrs. Urbahns expressed reluctance, Miss Agatha Diek, Ft. Wayne, G. O. P. Twelfth District vice chairman during the 1924 campaign, was boomed.

A crisis in the movement to oust Mrs. Wheatcraft was reached at the State gathering at Turkey Run last Wednesday, it is said.

Walb, according to political insiders, demanded that Senator Watson remove Mrs. Wheatcraft.

Watson is said to have reminded Walb that he made him State chairman.

Organization Desired

The political maneuvers of the Walb factionists are said to have resulted from a desire to develop a Walb-for-Governor organization from the headquarters group that will conduct the Senatorial and State campaigns this fall from the Sevier.

The Walb maneuver was resented by friends of M. Bert Thurman, collector of internal revenue, considered by many as Watson's private choice for the gubernatorial nomination.

Boyce Gets Setback

Frank C. Rozelle, who lives in Lagrange, as does Walb, has been reappointed head of the speakers' bureau and it is said that other Walb partisans are slated for organization positions. An effort to place William A. Boyce, Jr., city clerk of Indianapolis, as Rozelle's assistant has been halted. Boyce recently aspired to be head of the first voters' division, but lost to a man recommended by George V. Coffin, Marion County G. O. P. boss.

Walb is said to have blocked a move to name Archie Bobbitt, State gasoline tax collector, as head of the legislative bureau, which directs the fortunes of candidates for the legislature. Bobbitt's home is in English, a city of the Third District, which is Thurman's home district.

Political observers believe that Watson, in justice to his strong chieftain, Thurman, will not consent to monopoly of headquarters personnel by Walb-for-governor movement, and predict other disputes as a result.

DOG COSTS CHIEF'S JOB

Defended Homeless Cur, Is Fired by Mayor.

By United Press
MARIETTA, Ohio, July 27.—Mayor John W. Gray today made good his threat to suspend Chief of Police R. G. Putman, because he defended a homeless yellow dog.

L. M. Russell, safety director, was appointed acting chief. Five patrolmen who befriended the mongrel and defied the mayor remained on duty when Mayor Gray found he had no authority over them. Chief of Police Russell, however, can suspend them. Putman and the patrolmen have retained an attorney.

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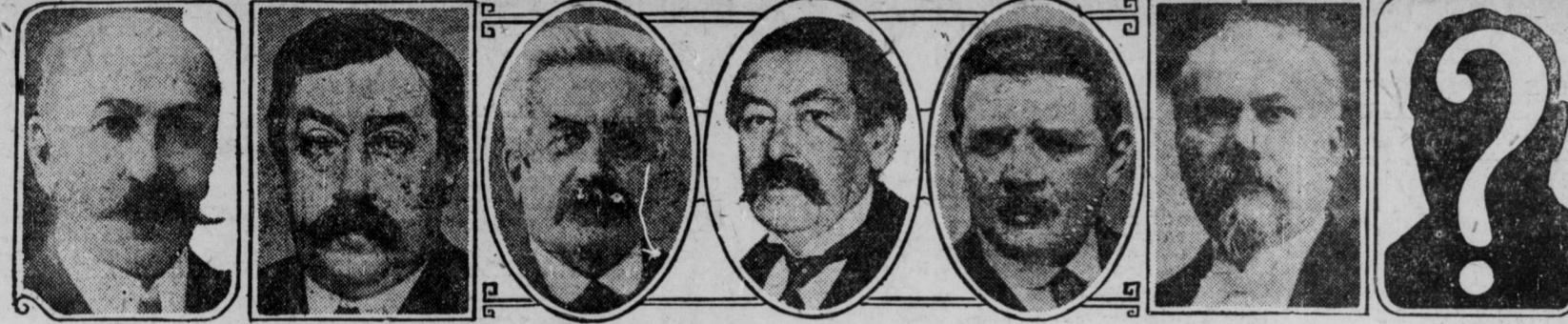
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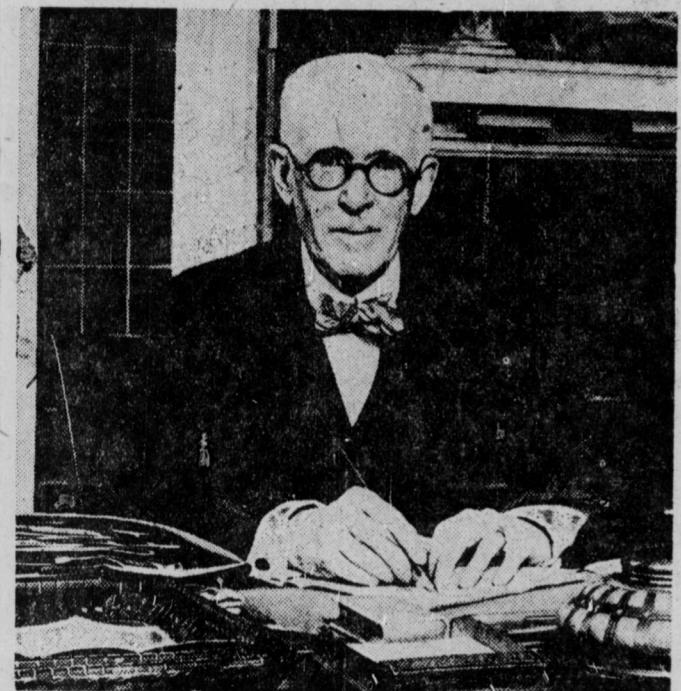
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MEXICANS FLOCK TO CATHEDRALS

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cided upon a hands-off policy toward the Catholic-Mexican dispute, which it considers an internal Mexican affair.

Unless religious property owned by an American is confiscated in a discriminatory manner or in violation of Mexican law, this Government considers it has no right to interfere.

In this connection officials pointed out today that the churches and their holdings in Mexico have been property of the nation since 1857.

In cases of American ministers or priests expelled from Mexico for violating the law against alien religious ministers and teachers, this Government intends to confine itself as in the past to diplomatic attempts to mitigate the harshness of executing the laws without challenging Mexico's right to pass and enforce such legislation.

What is Provided

Cause one of the decree, which is of especial interest to foreigners, provides that ministers of any creed must be Mexicans by birth. Infringement will be punishable by a \$250 fine or 15 days imprisonment followed by expulsion from the country, as provided by article 33 of the constitution.

The new law will effectuate the old constitutional provision that all church property belongs to the State.

Spokesmen, both of the Government and of the church are hopeful of confidence that the situation will not result in a recurrence of bloodshed which admittedly would be disastrous to national progress.

Convents, Monasteries Hit

Religious orders, convents and monasteries will be dissolved when all persons connected with them have been identified, and members again communing will be subject to from one to two years in prison. Superiors, prelates, priors or directors infringing the law will be liable to six years in prison, except that women shall suffer only two-thirds of the prescribed loss.

One of the principal features of this most comprehensive religious law in Mexican history is the clause providing for the secularization of all schools. It is estimated that 1,000,000 children will be affected by this clause. Those responsible for private schools in which this clause is violated will be fined \$250 for the first offense and will be ordered to close their schools if the offense is repeated.

Ban Explained

In abolishing religious orders, Clause 6 of the decree says that the State cannot permit any contract, agreement or compact to be effective which has for its object "the loss or sacrifice of a man's liberty on account of work or religious views."

Any individual practicing his religion, or any minister of any creed, who through public statements, writing or sermons incites the public to refuse to acknowledge existing political institutions or to disobey the law will be punished by six years imprisonment and a fine. If disorders result from the incitement, the punishment may be greater. Punishment also will be provided for members of groups using force, threats or moral force against the authorities or moral force against the authorities.

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