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MARKET IN STREET IS GIVEN TEST

Thoroughfare Between Alabama and Delaware Blocked Off.

STALLS DOWN CENTER

Garrett Charges Commissioner With Not Aiding.

Patrons of the city market today swarmed over Market St. to make their purchases, but found nearly all the sidewalk and street stands on Alabama, Washington and Delaware Sts. sides of courthouse missing.

Today was the first test of the 1st of safety's recent attempt to solve the market problem through blocking of Market St., between Alabama and Delaware Sts., and its conversion into an open market.

With two long rows of stalls in the center of the street, ample room for passage of pedestrians was afforded. The automobile congestion seemed considerably relieved. Attempts to park in the block now closed occasioned many traffic jams 'n the past.

However, Market Master Earl Garrett charged county commissioners with failure to cooperate in the move to rid the city of the insanitary condition because they have permitted five standholders to take positions at the west entrance of the courthouse on Delaware St.

"It's an outrage," Garrett exclaimed. "These standholders are chiefly those I forced from the market because they violated rules and were objectionable."

Garrett said that he days of choice corner locations for the politically powerful are over. He will establish aisles, seven feet wide, at intervals of twenty-eight feet, thereby making nearly all stands corner stands.

Producers from the country were allowed to park their trucks all about the courthouse, but had finished their business before 8 a. m.

At the end of the day the street will be flushed with a fire hose and thoroughly cleaned, Garrett said.

The transformation of market stalls caused a little confusion early in the day, but the change was made with a relatively small amount of trouble.

The regulations will prevail on Tuesday, Thursdays and Saturdays, the regular market days.

INDIANA BOXER DIES AFTER BOUT

Muncie Fight Fatal to Hartford City Youth.

By United Press MUNCIE, Ind., Aug. 31.—Leo (Bill) Landis, 22, of Hartford City, an amateur boxer, died early today from a concussion of the brain suffered in a fight with Frank Crouse, Muncie, last night.

Landis was knocked out in the first half minute of their scheduled six-round bout. The two fighters started their battle with a rush and followed up with terrific slugging. The fight was stopped by the referee when Landis was knocked down. He was quickly revived, but appeared in a dazed condition. He was rushed to a local hospital, where he died.

Crouse is a brother of Clyde Buck Crouse, Chicago White Sox catcher. Coroner Frank T. Kilgore is investigating.

BOAT BURNS: TWO DIE

By United Press NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—Mr. and Mrs. Osmond Stobeland were burned to death early today when fire destroyed their houseboat in the Harlem River.

NEW AIR ROUTE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—An air mail route from Seattle, Wash., to Los Angeles, Cal., will start operation Sept. 15. Postmaster General New announced today.

STATE TO GET GROCERY BIDS

Bids will be received Sept. 16 by the State purchasing board on groceries and laundry supplies needed for the different State institutions during the next quarter year. Twenty-one institutions are served by the purchasing committee.

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'POISON SQUADS' OF WOMEN USED TO AID WATSON

Interview With Mrs. Wheatcraft in Baltimore Sun Discloses How Gossip Was Spread Through-out State in Primary.

How a "poison squad" of five women in each county, under the direct command of Mrs. Vivian T. Wheatcraft, now promoted from Indiana politics to a national field for the fall campaign, secured the nomination of Senator Watson is told in an interview with Mrs. Wheatcraft in the Baltimore Sun.

A staff correspondent for that newspaper came to Indianapolis just before Mrs. Wheatcraft, as a result of many bitter secret fights within the Republican organization, departed for a wider field of political endeavor as an associate of Representative Will Wood of the congressional committee.

"Whispering Women"

In that interview is related the secret of government by gossip, the poison squad of women in each county who were her followers and to whom she sent the whispered word that went out to the women.

The revelation of a system of "government by gossip" as organized by the woman leader for Watson, as contained in the Baltimore Sun, says:

"In delving into the reason why Indiana, a great and populous State, managed to escape a Republican primary scandal such as involved her next door neighbor, Illinois, and her Eastern sister, Pennsylvania, it is discovered that that astute and veteran politician, United States Senator James E. Watson, solved his campaign financial problem in most adroit fashion by substituting the female ballot for the dollar.

"Senator Watson gave the women of Indiana something to play with. He made politics an interesting game and a pleasurable thing to them. And all it cost him were a few kind words and some stray dollars of expense money.

Watson Spent Only \$21,969.17.

"How successfully he employed the female factor in politics is shown by the fact that he won the primary nomination for the seat he now holds, on May 4 last, by the expenditure of only \$21,969.17. And how efficient he found his substitute for the dollar is evidenced by the fact that of the 250,000 votes he garnered, some 150,000, or 60 per cent, are claimed to have been cast by women.

"His lead over his opponent was 125,000, so the indorsement of him by the Klan and labor organizations may be set down as an almost negligible factor. And, incidentally, he carried to victory along with him his confere, Senator Arthur R. Robinson, with a cost to that candidate for the short term seat of only \$10,496.62.

Won Campaign On Gossip

"This remarkable feat was accomplished through investment in the services of a clever woman politician and organizer, Mrs. Vivian Tracy Wheatcraft, who, in turn, utilized a medium that came easy to her scores of skirted lieutenants—gossip. In fact, as the story of the campaign told by Mrs. Wheatcraft is boiled down, it shows that Senator Watson's candidacy was won on gossip.

"I have them drilled all right," Mrs. Wheatcraft explained, referring to her woman aids scattered throughout the State. "I have a little black book that nobody gets to but me. In that I've got what I call my poison squad—five women in each county. When I want to start something, I tip off the poison squad. Inside of twelve hours it's buttered all over the State."

"Mrs. Wheatcraft was reminded of the "Whispering Women of the Piafe," whose defeatist propaganda crushed the Italian war strategy in 1917.

Victory by Gossip

"That's the secret," she laughed. "Victory by gossip."

"Mrs. Wheatcraft's welcome to every one is a cheering, warmful thing. Although her hair is slightly graying and she is said to be in her early forties, she has the figure, the vitality and carriage of a girl of 19. She is so pretty that one wonders at her success with her sisters, but so charming one no longer wonders. So far her rewards for political service have been meager, but she is under no misapprehension regarding the worth of her work to the Senator and to the party.

Taught Women How to Vote

"I built up the women of this State for him," she said. "I went through the ninety-two counties and put a solid organization of my own women everywhere. I taught the women how to vote."

"The fame of Mrs. Wheatcraft's ability as a leader and organizer has carried far and the G. O. P. congressional committee has drafted her for service in Maine. She is on her way there now to spread her teachings and methods and her gossip, so it is a safe bet the 'whispering women of Maine' will be heard from in the election in November."

Quilt G. O. P. Committee Post

"It is true that the political enemies of Senator Watson have been trying to make some capital out of the fact that Mrs. Wheatcraft worked in the interest of his campaign while still vice chairman of the Republican State central committee, a violation in spirit of the State corporation practices act. But there was no violation of the letter of the law.

"Mrs. Wheatcraft, although she had spent several months in organizing the women of the State for Senator Watson, was careful to re-

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BUILDING FIGURE IN AUGUST GREATEST

Permit Total for Month Leads All Others of This Year—

Record Set in Week Ending Last Saturday.

Building activities in Indianapolis in August were greater than any other month during the present year, according to the report of City Building Commissioner Bert J. Westover to the board of safety today.

With permits for construction

COOLIDGE IS CONFIDENT

Not Worried Over Wobbling on World Court.

By United Press PAUL SMITHS, N. Y., Aug. 31.—Despite the wavering of some Senators on the world court, President Coolidge is confident that there will be no withdrawal of the offer of American adherence, the president spokesman said here today commenting on the announcements of Senators Gooding of Idaho and Trammell of Florida that they are no longer in favor of joining the court and will seek to have the offer withdrawn.

Indications are that many builders are working as never before to make up for the time they lost because of the inclement weather.

Among the permits recorded during the past week were those for the Indiana Theater at \$600,000 and the Indiana Box Company at \$200,000.

FERGUSON'S ALIBI

AUSTIN, Texas, Aug. 31.—The "fumber crowd," the "oil companies' money" and the Ku-Klux Klan is "the crowd that gave Dan Moody his majority," former Governor James E. Ferguson declared in a formal statement today, commenting on the defeat of his wife, Governor Miriam A. Ferguson, in the recent Texas Democratic primary.

WOMAN BOMBER FREED

CHICAGO, Aug. 31.—Because she was suffering from a heart attack, Lena Schrock Rice, woman leader of a bombing gang that was broken up by the police several months ago, was at liberty today on bond. She is awaiting trial.

EARTHQUAKE KILLS MANY IN AZORES

City of Horta, Capital of One Island, Reported in Ruins.

DISPATCH FROM CONSUL

Washington Told All Americans Believed Safe.

By United Press HORTA, Azores Islands, Aug. 31.—A violent earthquake shook Horta at 9 a. m. today.

Many lives were lost.

The city is in ruins.

By United Press LISBON, Aug. 31.—The Portuguese government was notified today that a "terrible earthquake" had shaken the Azores Islands. Details were unknown.

By United Press WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—The earthquake which has rocked the Azores was the severest in the history of the islands, with heavy loss of property and life, the American consul at Horta, Fayal, Azores Islands, reported.

The consul report said:

"Severest earthquake in history of Azores. Houses down and all houses suffered. Impossible to estimate loss of property and life."

"All Americans are believed to be safe."

"All residents are prepared to live out of doors."

The American Red Cross has offered help to the Azores if needed, in a message to the American consul through the State Department.

No definite plans will be made for relief from here, however, until the consul calls for assistance, it was said.

Horta is the capital of the island of Fayal in the Azores group, about eight hundred miles off the Portuguese coast. It was a well-built town, irregularly laid out. The last figures placed its population at 6,734.

Fayal is the westernmost island of the center group of the Azores Islands. It is a volcanic island and reached an elevation of over three thousand feet. Its area is approximately sixty-five square miles, while the population of the island is about twenty-five thousand. Agriculture is the chief industry.

Maneuvers of the school board majority faction this spring, when futile attempts were made to relocate the new Shortridge High School and the plans were changed, will cost the taxpayers of this city \$50,000, the proposed budget disclosed today.

The new school budget, before the State pardon board, pleased for the right to take her son's place.

Recently, she said, she was elected from her home in Zanesville and committed to the almshouse. She refused to go to the almshouse, coming to Indianapolis instead. The board promised that the cost of erecting the new Shortridge would total only \$1,000,000. The bond is now, will aggregate \$1,050,000.

Plans Abandoned

The amount was lost in architect's fees when the board abandoned plans, drawn under specification of the former board. This followed the majority members' attempt to relocate the school, first at Forty-Sixth St., and Central Ave., and later at Fortieth and Meridian Sts.

After battling the Indianapolis Public School Welfare Association for almost four months, the board returned to the present site, Thirty-Fourth and Meridian Sts.

Construction is to start Oct. 1 on the new high school.

Figures Not Given

Business Director Ure M. Frazer, declined to make public any figures on the budget, except to state that the general appropriations, on which the levy will be based, total approximately \$7,000,000. It is said the tax levy will be estimated at about \$1,000.

Chamber of Commerce officials will review the budget soon.

A quorum was expressed as to whether a quorum would be present at the meeting tonight when the budget is to be presented. Charles R. Yoke and Fred Bates Johnson, minority faction members, have not been in Indianapolis and Vonnegut, has been.

Monday's quake was more or less violent along the Adriatic seaboard from Ancona to Taranto as well as through Sicily. No damage was reported.

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