

## ASK HOLMES TO HELP IN FAMED CASE

Local Lawyer Requested to  
Assist in Mellett Mur-  
der Prosecution.

SAYS HE MAY SERVE

'If It Is Agreeable to Other  
Attorneys.'

Ira Holmes, prominent Indianapolis attorney, has been asked to assist in the prosecution of three men under indictment at Canton, Ohio, on charges of murdering Don R. Mellett, former Indianapolis resident and newspaper publisher, it was learned today.

Holmes was asked to assist in the prosecution by J. H. Mellett of Anderson, brother of the slain publisher, he said.

"I consented to aid in the case if an agreement is reached on a satisfactory fee and if my connection with the case is agreeable to other counsel," Holmes said.

Mellett went to Chicago today to confer about Holmes' retention with Joseph Roach, former Indianapolis attorney, engaged by Canton citizens to investigate vice conditions there which led to the Mellett murder and to prosecute the murder case, Holmes said.

Roach won fame as an investigator of graft cases in election fraud cases at Terre Haute. He also was investigator in the Bell election fraud case here.

Michael Glenn, former Indianapolis traffic inspector, has been adding Roach in the Canton case.

### ARRAIGNMENT TUESDAY

Prosecutor Says There Will Be No  
Delay for Two Indicted Men.

CANTON, Ohio, Sept. 4.—Louis Mazer and Ben Rudner, two of the three men indicted Friday in connection with the murder of Don R. Mellett, are to be arraigned here next Tuesday and a date set for their trial.

Patrick McDermott, third man named by the Stark County grand jury, has succeeded so far in eluding authorities.

"There will be no delays," Prosecutor C. B. McClintock promised. "We shall ask death for every one implicated in the murder."

More indictments are expected. Investigators believe the two men now in jail will implicate others of the bootleg ring held responsible for Mellett's assassination.

## REPORT MADE ON S-51 SINKING

Two on 'City of Rome' Held  
Partly to Blame.

BOSTON, Sept. 4.—Capt. John Diehl of Everett, Mass., and third mate Timothy L. Dreyer of Savannah, Ga., of the steamship City of Rome were held partly responsible for the collision between that vessel and the United States submarine S-51, which cost thirty-four lives, in the report of steamship inspection officials, made public here this afternoon.

The report said circumstances warrant the suspension of the license of Diehl and Freyer for nine months.

The steamboat inspection officers said, however, that the S-51 was not entirely blameless. They said: "While any fault attributed to the S-51 cannot take away from the City of Rome, at the same time it is our opinion that the acts and conditions on the S-51 were contributory to this collision and modify the fault on the part of the master and third mate of the City of Rome."

## MORE RAIN IS FORECAST

Showers Likely Tonight; 3.24 Inches  
in Three Days.

And still it rains.  
Not content with dumping 3.24 inches of rain on Indianapolis during the first three days of September, the weather man is likely to furnish more showers this evening, according to the United States Weather Bureau.

Clear skies are expected by Sunday, however. White river, which reached a high point of 9.8 feet, started falling Friday morning. Rain Friday night totaled .09 of an inch.

## DO YOU VOTE?

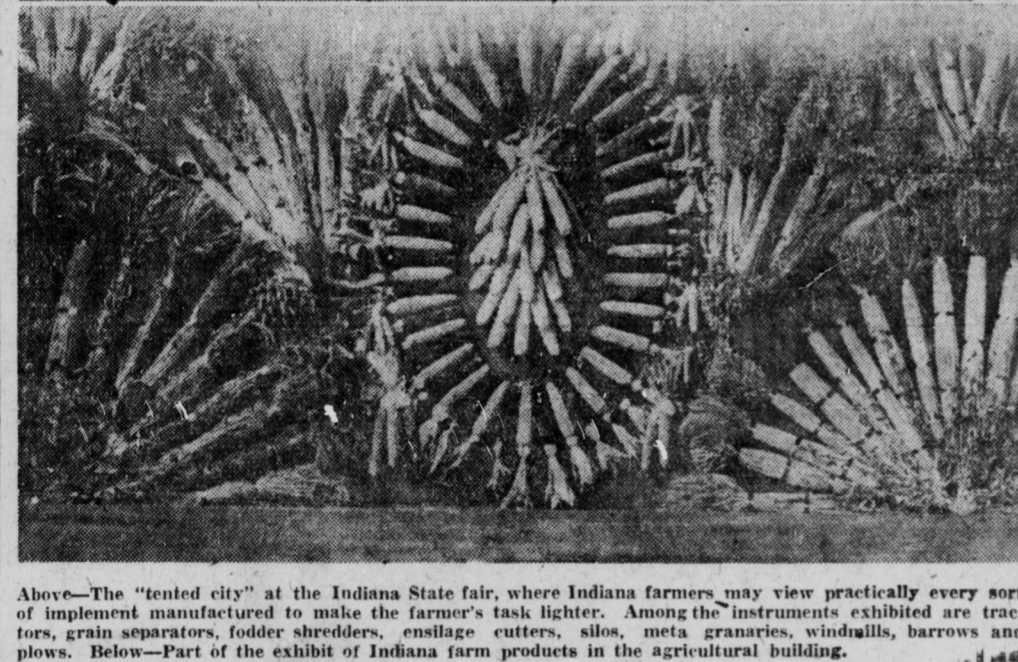
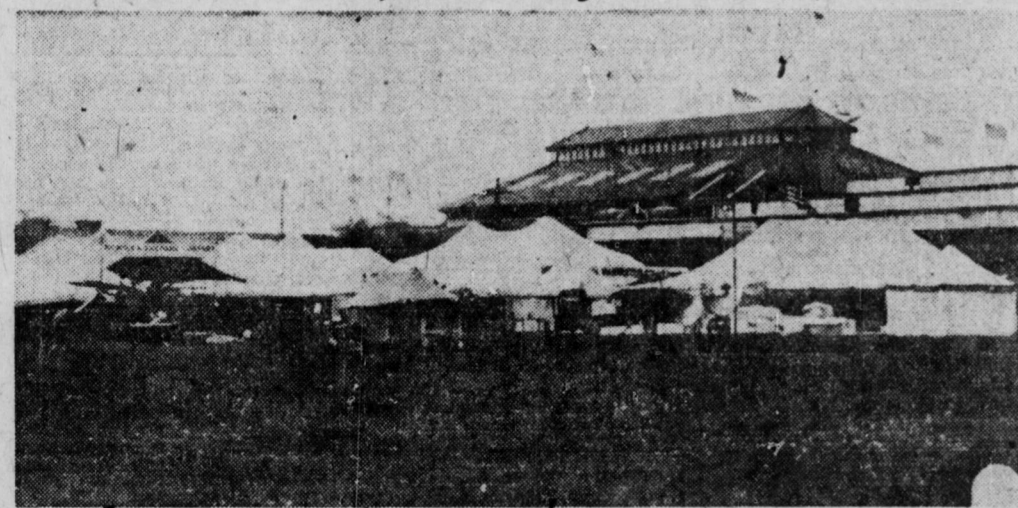
Why did 40 per cent of the qualified voters in Indianapolis stay away from the polls in the last primary?  
The League of Women Voters today started to find out through the Indianapolis Times.

The league, as do many citizens and other organizations, feels there is real menace to American political safety in the fact that thousands upon thousands of persons take no part in selecting officials.

A questionnaire upon voting will be printed in The Times for a week, beginning today. Both voters and non-voters are urged to fill this out and mail it as directed on the coupon. From the answers the league hopes to get at least a good cross-section upon how Indianapolis citizens feel about voting. This will be made the basis of a campaign to get out a bigger total vote than ever in the November election.

See the coupon on Page 4.

## Hoosierdom Drawn in By Magnet of State Fair, Seventy-Five Years Old



Above—The "tented city" at the Indiana State fair, where Indiana farmers may view practically every sort of implement manufactured to make the farmer's task lighter. Among the instruments exhibited are tractors, grain separators, fodder shredders, ensilage cutters, silos, meta granaries, windmills, barrows and plows. Below—Part of the exhibit of Indiana farm products in the agricultural building.

## CITY TAX RATE DUE TO BE SET AT \$1.04 TODAY

Council Meets This After-  
noon Instead of Mon-  
day Night.

Designation of the city tax rate for 1927 at \$1.04 cents is expected at a city council meeting this afternoon.

The regular council meeting had been scheduled for Monday night, but a check of councilmen revealed that too many were planning to leave the city for Labor day, majority members said.

**Eliminate Economy**  
Council has eliminated from the budget many items of economy proposed by City Controller William C. Buser, whose estimate called for a tax rate of \$1.035.

Councilmen failed to sanction Buser's plan to disperse with many of the lawyers for various boards and departments and to authorize elimination of all grades of policemen between sergeants and patrolmen.

**Friends Profit**  
Friends of the councilmen profited from their consideration of the budget, notably Acting Inspector of Detectives Claude M. Worley. The compensation for Worley's position would be increased from \$3,282.50 to \$3,600, only a few dollars less than the salary of Police Chief Claude F. Johnson. Worley had been boomed by the G. O. P. Coffin faction for chief of police.

Buser had recommended abolition of a number of the legal positions and addition to the regular legal department of one attorney.

## DEDICATION IS SEPT. 12

Bishop Will Preside at Ceremony of  
Irvington Church.

Bishop Frederick D. Leete will preside at formal dedication of the new \$250,000 structure of Irvington M. E. Church, Sept. 12.

Dr. W. G. Davidson, Illinois Wesleyan College president, will speak, including furnishings the structure is valued at \$300,000. The Rev. J. B. Rosemurgy is pastor.

**BOUND OVER TO JURY**  
George Sandes of Los Angeles, Cal., was bound over to the federal grand jury today under \$1,000 bond by United States Commissioner Fae W. Patrick, for alleged possession of 120 grains powdered opium.

Sandes said he had become ill while with a show troupe in the West and became addicted to drugs.

## All Exhibits in Place as Big Affair Opens—Children Admitted Free.

Promptly at 6 this morning turnstiles at the State fairground began clicking off what sponsors of the 1926 Indiana State fair predict will be a record-breaking assemblage.

With the most minute details arranged and every exhibit in place, the exposition was started with full prospect of successful termination a week from today. Interest was heightened with the recollection that this year's presentation marks the seventy-fifth anniversary of the fair as an institution.

Three-quarters of a century ago the fair was a mere child, nothing more than an experiment. Today, as the 1926 exposition opens, it is the outstanding event in the lives of Indiana's thousands of prosperous agriculturists.

Weather permitting, officials of the State board of agriculture predict a total attendance of 250,000. Last year, with only a one-week fair, (Turn to Page 2)

## SECRETARY KEEPS G. O. P. PUZZLED

Leaders Wonder if Davis  
Will Address Them.

Secretary of Labor James J. Davis today solved the puzzle of the Republican State organization to work overtime in speculating whether he will address a joint meeting of the G. O. P. State central and executive committees in Indianapolis.

A letter from Davis himself, who will speak at the Labor day celebration here Monday, has failed to shed light on the question.

"It is partly definite and partly not," one party official said when asked whether the letter contained an acceptance from Davis.

State Chairman Clyde A. Wahl and other party officials had hoped to persuade Secretary Davis to lambast the World Court, praise the Watson program for farm relief and create an atmosphere of veiled administration support for the senatorial ticket.

## RADIO FOR HOSPITAL

EAST VIEW, N. Y., Sept. 4.—Equipped with headphones for every patient, a \$5,000 radio set, purchased with funds collected in a country-wide drive, was operating in Grasslands Hospital today.

## FIVE DIE IN CRASH.

TOLEDO, Ohio, Sept. 4.—Five persons killed in a crossing accident near here Friday were identified today as C. Paul Tallmadge, Chicago attorney, his wife and their three children, Robert, 15; Jean, 8, and Caroline, 2.

## UPSET IN PERSIA

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—The Persian shah has accepted the resignation of Premier Mostowfi-Ma'malek, according to State Department advices today. A new cabinet is expected to be presented to the next session of the Medjlis (Parliament), which opens Sept. 9.

## SEE ACCEPTANCE OF RESERVATIONS TO WORLD COURT

Delegates Believe Way Will  
Be Paved for American  
Entrance.

By Henry Wood,  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
GENEVA, Sept. 4.—The United States Senate's five World Court reservations eventually will be accepted, it is believed by delegates to the conference, which has been considering them here.

The jurists, representing thirty-eight of the forty-eight signatories of the court protocol, have ended their discussions of the reservations after accepting, on first reading, the first four and the first half of the fifth. The body adjourned Friday night until after the meeting of the League of Nations assembly.

Ultimate entrance of the United States into the court, therefore, hinges upon action on the last half of the fifth reservation.

Conference President Van Eysinga of Holland said the conference has been unanimous in believing that the fifth reservation merely was intended to obtain equality for the United States with nations which are members of the League of Nations, but that the reservation's drafting permitted a wider interpretation which might have grave influences upon the constitutional rights of both the League and the court.

A committee will seek means of accepting the last half of the fifth reservation.

## SEAT FOR GERMANY

Council Recommends Creation of  
One Permanent Place.

GENEVA, Sept. 4.—The League of Nations council in session today, today decided unanimously to recommend to the assembly the creation of a single permanent seat on the council for Germany, thus overcoming what was presumably the last obstacle to Germany's admission to the league.

The council also decided to recommend the creation of three non-permanent seats.

The resolution regarding the increase in the number of non-permanent seats is understood to give full satisfaction of Poland, as it is highly likely that she will obtain one of the three available seats. It is understood that China also will be seated.

## PRISON RIOT; ONE KILLED

KINGSTON, JAMAICA, Sept. 4.—One prisoner was killed and several wounded when thirty convicts in the penitentiary here made a break for freedom Friday. Several of the convicts are still at liberty.

## MELLON AT LONDON

LONDON, Sept. 4.—Secretary of the Treasury Andrew Mellon has arrived in London from the continent. He declared that he had not yet formulated his future plans and that he might possibly leave for New York on the Berengaria today or might remain here a few days longer.

## LAW BASIS OF GOSSIP IN POLITICS

Wheatcraft Incident Shows  
Need for Equal Rights,  
Says Club Leader.

HONEST WOMEN BARRED

Mrs. Allen T. Fleming Gives  
Views on Affair.

The demand for honest, equal representation in politics for women of Indiana with the men, growing out of the Mrs. Vivian Tracy Wheatcraft "poison squad" interview incident, was reinforced today by Mrs. Allen T. Fleming of Indianapolis, chairman of the legislative committee of the State Council of Women.

The council is a non-partisan, non-political organization with which 300,000 Indiana women are affiliated. Mrs. Fleming also is chairman of a special committee to direct a campaign of political education of women of the State council. Besides, she has been an active Republican worker for a number of years.

**Women Aroused**  
Republicans throughout the State have been aroused by an interview accredited to Mrs. Wheatcraft, the vice chairman of the Republican State committee, by a correspondent for the Baltimore Sun. This interview quoted the vice chairman as saying that much of her success in putting across the candidates she favored in Indiana was due to her "poison squads" of Republican women in each county, who could be depended upon to spread the propaganda she directed.

Mrs. Fleming blamed the situation, whereby neither Republican nor Democratic women, legally, can have equal representation in party councils upon the 30-50 bill passed by the last Legislature. She declared Mrs. Wheatcraft pushed through the Legislature the bill.

A section of the bill was slurred in reading so that many legislators did not know what they were voting for, with the result that the present 30-50 bill gives women the right to party office only after appointment by men party officials, was passed, she said.

"Change the Law"  
"The only chance for honest women to succeed in politics, and honest men for that matter, lies in changing that iniquitous law," said Mrs. Fleming. "Ohio women have real equal representation with the men."

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## HURLS ROCKS AT RAILROAD ENGINE

Youth, Who Disliked Noise,  
Held by Police.

Tired of hearing the bells of engines at the Big Four round house of Shelby and Debus sts., Russell Ryan, 21, 235 Leola st., attacked a train crew at Bates and Leola early today. He is charged with vagrancy.

Lieut. George Winkle and Detectives Russell and Taylor who made the emergency run to investigate the attack, found that Ryan had thrown rocks at Charles Lyng and Robert Lang, 1515 Tuxedo st., night clerk; Jack Haney, 741 N. Bradley ave., engineer and Robert McClellan, fireman on a transfer engine. Ryan had broken three windows in the flagman's tower, two glasses in the coach yard office and had struck the engineer's cab three times police were told. The rear view glass and windshield of Robert Lang's automobile, parked on Leola st., were broken.

## Start Registering of County Voters

Voters who did not cast their ballots in the 1924 general election or who have moved into another precinct since that time, began registering today in Room 37 on the first floor of the courthouse. Registrations will be taken until Oct. 4, said County Auditor Harry Dunn.

Dunn said persons who voted in 1924 and had not changed their address need not register. Persons who have not moved since that time, but did not vote then or are first voters, must register to vote in the November election.

## HELIICOPTER TESTED

CURTIS FIELD, L. L., Sept. 4.—A helicopter, capable of rising straight into the air and flying both forward and sidewise, is being tested here. It has made two flights of about 1,000 yards each, ten feet above the ground.

## COLONIZATION SCHEME

BERLIN, Sept. 4.—It is reported that the proposed visit of ex-Chancellor Luther to South America is connected with an important colonization scheme, involving the establishment of a series of German colonies in potentially rich but now thinly populated sections of that continent.

## LOCAL MAN HONORED

Herbert Woolen Chosen President of  
Life Insurance Association.

Herbert Woolen of Indianapolis, president of the Central Life Insurance Company, was elected president of the American Life Insurance Association at the close of its annual convention in Detroit today, according to a dispatch received here.

## STRIKE TIES UP PORT

SALBOA, Canal Zone, Sept. 4.—Reports from Ventura, Colombia, state that railway workers and stevedores there are on strike and that the port is congested. Wage increase demands caused the strikes.

## Home News for Fair Visitors

HEN SAVES LAD  
By Times Special  
ANDERSON, Ind., Sept. 4.—Don Michaels, 10, farm lad, fell twenty feet headfirst from a hay mow. He was unhurt as he fell on a hen. The hen was killed.

ELECTRICIAN KILLED  
By Times Special  
KENTLAND, Ind., Sept. 4.—Wilbur Bertrand, 25, Interstate Public Service company, was electrocuted here, while repairing a transformer at the Harlan Grain Company's elevator.

HOOSIER ARTIST HONORED  
By Times Special  
RICHMOND, Ind., Sept. 3.—A banquet will be given John E. Bundy, local landscape painter here, Sept. 17. Art lovers and artists all over the States have been invited.

IT WAS THE TRUTH  
By Times Special  
HAMMOND, Ind., Sept. 4.—Officials of the postoffice here are telling a story of a girl who brought a package to the window and asked the clerk to insure it for \$100. As the package was merely a small envelope weighing but four ounces the clerk asked her what it contained to be of such value.

"A dress," was the answer. The clerk nearly collapsed with surprise when an investigation proved her statement correct.

PIONEER DIES  
By Times Special  
MATTHEWS, Ind., Sept. 4.—The death of Noah Hill Reasoner, 51, here, marked the passing of the first white pioneer born in Matthews County. Grief for his wife, who shared with him the hardships of pioneer life when the county was a trackless wilderness, caused his death, friends said.

SAVES GOOSE; HURT  
By Times Special  
LOGANSPORT, Ind., Sept. 4.—Harry Rush, 18, drove his auto into a telephone pole near "Star" City, when he attempted to miss a goose on the road. The goose was unhurt. Rush broke his hip.

TRIPLETS ARE BORN  
ENGLISH, Ind., Sept. 4.—Mr. and Mrs. Everett Houston are parents of triplets, born Friday—a boy and two girls.

WOUNDED MAN SOUGHT  
By Times Special  
MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., Sept. 4.—Police are seeking a bandit believed seriously wounded when he attempted to hold up the filing station of A. E. Hoffmaster, near here. The bandit shot Hoffmaster under the arm. Hoffmaster returning the fire. The bandit fled without loot.

NOBLEMAN KILLED  
By Times Special  
MOKSHI, N. J., Sept. 4.—Baron F. C. De Collet, reported to have been a Belgian nobleman and war hero, was killed here today when a horse he was taking over the hurdle fell on him.

FIRE ON HOSPITAL,  
U. S. DESTROYER

Church Institution Struck 20 Times by Chinese Bullets  
—Warships Also Watching Nicaragua.

State Department was informed today by the United States consul general at Hankow.

The American Church Hospital was struck twenty times by bullets fired during the fight between Cantonese troops and forces under Wu Pei Fu, the consul reported.

The destroyer was steaming up the Yangtze River, seven miles below Hankow when troops, believed to have been Cantonese, fired on it, striking it several times, the report said. The boat did not return the fire.

No reports of Americans killed or wounded have been received.

State department advices reported an important battle being fought between forces of the radical Canton Government and of Marshal Wu Pei Fu near Hankow, China, where there is an American missionary and business colony. Two additional American gunboats are expected to arrive at Hankow today.

There was no official confirmation of reports that the U. S. S. Rochester, flagship of the special service squadron, has joined the U. S. S. Galveston at the Nicaraguan port of Bluefields, center of American interests.

A decisive battle between Liberal revolutionist forces and the army of General Chamorro, unrecognized president of Nicaragua, still was reported impending across Bluefield Bay at El Bluff.

## AIR CRASH EXPLAINED

Excitement Over Virtual Bank  
Blamed—One Killed.

YORKVILLE, Ind., Sept. 4.—That sudden "air" thrills are responsible for some airplane accidents was the theory advanced today by Robert Meade of Cincinnati, who is suffering from severe injuries received in a plane crash near here Friday, in which Sergeant (Texas) Griffith was killed.

"We slid into a virtual bank as we were coming down to alight at Yorkville," Meade said. "Griffith didn't do a thing to right the ship and I yelled for him to let go of the controls that I might work them. I pulled frantically, but the controls remained stuck until we hit. Apparently becoming excited when we went into the vertical bank, Griffith apparently had 'frozen' the stick," Meade said.

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## HOURLY TEMPERATURES

6 a. m. .... 73 10 a. m. .... 81  
7 a. m. .... 74 11 a. m. .... 83  
8 a. m. .... 76 12 noon .... 85  
9 a. m. .... 78 1 p. m. .... 86

## Forecast

Unsettled with showers to-  
night followed by clearing by  
Sunday; somewhat cooler Sun-  
day.

## GRAND JURY TO QUIZ TAX COLLECTION

Forcing of Delinquents to  
Pay Special Fees Will  
Be Looked Into.

COMPLAINT BY WOMAN

Deputy Prosecutor An-  
nounces Inquiry After Clash.

Investigation of the collection of delinquent tax fees by the county treasurer's office will be started next week by the grand jury. Deputy Prosecutor John L. Niblack announced today.

Evidence of illegal collection of a fee for costs of seizing, storing and selling property to meet delinquent taxes, which it is said has been collected in many cases where the property was not seized, will be presented, he said.

Announcement of an investigation was made following a clash late Friday between Niblack and Deputy Treasurer Henderson over collection of the fee from Mrs. James W. Rose, 2011 Miller st.

**Told No Taxes**  
Mrs. Rose told Niblack that both she and her mother-in-law were told last September at the treasurer's office that she had no taxes to pay.

Several weeks ago she said she received notice that her taxes were delinquent and that she would be required to pay the sum of \$5.50, which included the tax, a delinquent penalty and a fee of \$2.50 for the costs of levying on her property for the tax amount.

Friday she received a notice that at 4 p. m. Friday collectors would arrive at her home to seize property to cover that amount.

When she presented facts in the case to Niblack, he went with her to the treasurer's office and warned Henderson not to collect the illegal fee. Henderson, however, made no changes on the notice and Mrs. Rose was required to pay the \$5.50.

Listing of property and personal taxes on separate duplicates also may be investigated by the grand jury next week.

**Double Duplicates**  
Democratic leaders have charged that the number of persons have been forced to pay delinquent taxes as the result of the double duplicate system put into use this year by Treasurer Edward Ramsey.

Persons accustomed to receive both taxes on the same duplicate paid their property tax to find out later that their personal taxes were delinquent and were then forced to pay 10 per cent fee for being delinquent, it was charged.

Three-fifths of the delinquent fee goes to the treasurer personally. John J. Brown, State tax board chairman, has ruled that the double duplicate system is illegal.

## THINKS 'ROBBIE' WILL LEAD 'JIM'

Mayor Predicts Re-Election  
of Senators.

Senator Arthur R. Robinson will poll more votes than the veteran Senator James E. Watson in the coming election was the prediction of Mayor Duval today.

Duval insisted that both Robinson and Watson will be elected.

"When a man has been in office as long as Senator Watson he is bound to make enemies because it is impossible to please them all," Duval said.

Duval is closely allied with George V. Coffin, Senator Robinson's political backer. The Coffin machine was scheduled to support Watson in Marion County in return for Watson influence for Robinson throughout the State.

## Notice to Dealers and Carriers of The Indianapolis Times:

On Monday, Labor day, Sept. 6, The Indianapolis Times will publish one edition, in accordance with our holiday custom.

Out-of-town carriers who receive papers on interurban cars between 1:30 and 2:30 p. m. may expect their papers from one to two hours earlier than usual.

Carriers in Indianapolis will receive papers from two to three hours earlier than usual, with the exception of those whose papers are delivered by traction cars. These carriers will get their papers on traction cars leaving Indianapolis not later than 2 o'clock.

There will be no late Final or Pink Sports edition.

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