

ANNEXATION DIVIDES BEECH GROVE AGAIN

Citizens in Opposing Camps,
as in Traction-Bus
War.

MEETING ON WEDNESDAY

Klan and Anti-Klan Groups
Lined Up.

They have "poison squads and whispering women" in Beech Grove, the modern municipality of 3,000, southeast of Indianapolis.

Dragging the "annexation skeleton from the closet" the citizens of the town again are divided into two warring camps.

Anti-Klan faction leaders charge small, disgruntled Klan element seeks annexation of the village to Indianapolis, reviving the old bus-action fight.

The Beech Grove Civic Club, of which E. J. Ebbing is president, is circulating petitions opposing the annexation. These will be presented at the public hearing set by the Indianapolis city council for Wednesday afternoon. Council will represent the town board and civic club and a large delegation of citizens is expected to attend.

Tonight the town board will give consideration to the matter and hear Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce representatives on the subject. Harry Britton, board president, announced.

"Nothing to Gain"

Majority of the Beech Grove citizens are opposed to the measure, Britton declared, because "we can't see where there is anything to gain."

"We have everything that Indianapolis has except gas and could have that if we desired," Britton said.

The town has its own sewage system and plant, water, electricity, fire protection and good paved streets and will close the fiscal year with something like \$15,000 surplus, it is predicted. There is a bonded indebtedness of about \$75,000 which is being retired annually.

Those opposing the move pointed out that the proposed ordinance will annex the "heart of the town," leaving the huge Big Four shops, grain elevators, a coal yard and other industries outside the city limits.

Part of the town would be without either city or town government, the petition declares, asserting the annexation would be detrimental to the community and impose an irreparable injury on the taxpayers.

Associates in the majority faction of city council today were perplexed because the Big Four Railroad shops are not included in the ordinance sponsored by Councilman Otis E. Bartholomew to annex Beech Grove.

"Unless the shops are included, I will not vote for the ordinance," Councilman Walter R. Dorsett said. President Boynton J. Moore also announced preference for inclusion of the shops.

Ebbing said 666 signers on the petition, 70 per cent of the voters, would be necessary to defeat the measure. Those circulating the petition expect to get more than that number.

Town officials declared the Big Four shops, which would not be included in the annexation plan, pay about 75 per cent of the taxes of the town.

"Factions Lined Up"

Factions in the annexation fight are lined up the same as in the ancient bus-traction fight.

The Klan faction is said to favor bus lines and annexation to Indianapolis, while the anti-Klansmen are for the Beech Grove Traction Corporation and are fighting annexation.

Frank Stuck, the president, and Gilbert McFarland, a trustee, resigned from the town board more than a year ago, it is said, to enter the bus business. They operate the South Side Bus Company. At that time they opposed annexation, it is said.

Considerable litigation followed the passage of an ordinance by the present board, prohibiting busses from using Main St., on which the traction line runs. Busses continued to operate after securing a restraining order. The public service commission ruled the town board had jurisdiction in the case.

Decision on an appeal of the State Supreme Court is expected soon.

Stuck, the president, declared "the bus company is neutral, it makes no difference to us either way."

Commenting on Annexation

The present board, composed of Britton, W. S. Newcomer and L. C. Dukes, was elected by a two to one majority on a "home rule" traction platform.

"What is to be gained by annexation," asked E. F. Harlan, Beech Grove Traction Corporation superintendent.

Sees No Advantage

"I see no advantage in annexation," said C. F. Schmidt, traction president.

"Every day I can talk to town board members if I want to," said Harlan. "But if we were a part of Indianapolis I would have to go downtown and then would be told of all the red tape of city administration."

Bert Wilhelm, a contractor, declared the annexation move is an attempt of the horsethief detective element to obtain control.

"We certainly have poison squads and whispering women in Beech Grove. We recently had a citizens' meeting in my place and a horsethief detective was stationed at every corner with a flashlight to see who entered the building," said Wilhelm.

"The horsethief detectives don't commit any overt acts, but are always shadowing the residents."

"The other day a friend of mine walked home with a gallon of coal oil and a detective stopped and searched him," said Wilhelm.

"The annexation plan clips off the taxable property of the town and leaves it outside."

INSANE WOMAN WINS PRIZE

By United Press

PARIS, Nov. 29.—The Widow Lombard, an inmate at the Clermont insane asylum, won the 1,000,000 franc first prize in a lottery contest.

Set New Hiking Mark
for Women



Miss Eleanor Sears (above) and Miss Elizabeth Ryan.

By United Press

BOSTON, Nov. 29.—A new hiking record for the forty-seven miles between Providence and this city was established today by two internationally known sports women.

With five male athletes serving in relays as pace-setters, Miss Eleanor Sears, Boston society woman, and Miss Elizabeth Ryan, tennis star, covered the distance in one hour and fifteen minutes under the record established by Miss Sears last December.

The hikers, who had started from Providence at 12:55 a. m., arrived at Miss Sears' Beacon St. home at 1:48 a. m. Just to prove to the newspaper men and photographers who had gathered to greet them that they were still fresh, Miss Sears and Miss Ryan broke into a sprint for the last fifty yards.

"I am feeling very fine, indeed," was Miss Sears' only comment as she hurriedly followed Miss Ryan up the steps of the brown stone Sears mansion and pushed the tennis star through the half-open door.

Both women looked as though they had participated in more than a constitutional walk, however, despite their strong finish.

ALTRUSA PARTY TONIGHT

Proceeds of Card Social to Aid High School Girls.

The Altrusa Club will hold a card party this evening at the Spink Arms to raise money to assist work of the educational committee of the club which aids high school girls in completing their education.

Members of the ways and means committee in charge of the party include Mrs. Blanche Harrington, Miss Helen Elizabeth Clayton, Miss Mary Perrott, Miss Helen A. Patterson, Miss Clara Goll, Mrs. August Hollister, Miss Minnie Hardgren, Mrs. Carl Tempelrey, Miss Gretchen Uterbach, Mrs. Mina Justus, Miss Emily Johanna Rigler.

TRAFFIC CLUB TO DINE

Counsel for National Manufacturers' Body Will Speak.

James E. Emery, general counsel for the National Association of Manufacturers, will address the Traffic Club at its annual dinner Wednesday in the Claypool Riley room, discussing "Tax Relief and Reform an Immediate Necessity."

The speaker is considered to be one of the best informed men in the United States on industrial relations which involve the mutuality of interest between employer and employee.

The meeting has been designated as "Industrial Feature Affairs" by F. C. Baldrige, traffic club president.

EXECUTE TWO IN CHINA

By United Press

HANKOW, China, Nov. 29.—The French military authorities Sunday night executed a French soldier and a civilian following a disturbance in the French concession caused by those put to death.

MOTHER OF TWO SLAYS GIRL, 17, IN ENDING TRIANGLE

Woman Shoots Love Thief
in Presence of Stolen
Husband.

By United Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 29.—Rather than give up her husband to a younger and prettier woman, Mrs. Blanche Richmond, 35, shot and killed the other woman, Miss Clarrie Sparks, 17, and surrendered to police here.

Mrs. Richmond, mother of two children, told police her husband, Harry Richmond, had become enamored of the girl when she lived next door to the Richmond in St. Joseph, Mo. Richmond came to Kansas City last week and Miss Sparks followed the next day, according to the wife.

"Last Thursday Harry came home and told me he couldn't come back, because the girl threatened to kill him if he left her," said Mrs. Richmond, a small, frail woman.

"I came here and pleaded with her and she refused to give him up. When I drew a revolver from my pocket she merely looked at me and said nothing."

Mrs. Richmond shot the girl three times, she said, while Richmond looked on.

"I won't harm a hair of your head, because I love you," she told her husband as she turned from the body of the girl.

Richmond disappeared shortly after the shooting.

PETERS WILL GO
TO WASHINGTON

Will Discuss Contesting
Watson's Election.

By United Press

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 29.—Democratic State Chairman A. Earl Peters today was preparing to submit evidence of corruption in the election to Senator Peter Gerry of Rhode Island, chairman of the Democratic senatorial committee, at a conference in Washington within a week or ten days.

Peters said he believed he had obtained enough data concerning irregular election practices to discuss contesting the election of Senator James E. Watson, who, according to official returns, won by 11,383 majority over Albert Stump.

In more than six counties, investigators found irregularities in voting, tabulation of votes, use of absentee voters' ballots that warrant official investigation, according to Peters.

Gary Muncie, Evansville, Terre Haute, Logansport and Hendricks County were districts where most evidence was obtained, it was said.

BRITISH MINERS'
RETURN TO WORK

Seven Months' Strike Appears at End.

By United Press

LONDON, Nov. 29.—Great Britain's coal crisis which became acute last April and resulted in the general strike and idleness in most of the pits for almost seven months apparently had ended today. Many of the principal coal fields were returning to normal; reductions in coal prices varied from a penny a hundredweight in Lancashire and nearly 500,000 men were working in the mines today.

The newspapers generally were advising their readers to delay purchasing coal in expectation of further rapid price reductions.

It was estimated that approximately 900,000 of Britain's 1,000,000 miners soon would be working again as a result of separate agreements in the various mine districts between the workers and the mine owners.

DECENTRALIZED SANTA

Christmas Celebrations at All Fire Stations This Year.

Decentralization of Santa Claus was the task Fire Chief Jesse A. Huttsell undertook today.

Huttsell announced that in place of the customary central city Christmas celebration for poor children at Cagle Tabernacle, there would be community observances of Christmas Eve at all thirty-two fire stations in the city.

Vaudeville actors will be asked to entertain the children and the customary candy and toys will be dispensed by Santa Claus after he has slid down the engine house fire pole to a fireplace which will be built at its foot.

HEEDLESS FLIERS KILLED

Owner of Plane and Pilot Dead After Being Warned.

By United Press

CHICAGO, Nov. 29.—Failure to heed warnings of other pilots caused the deaths of two aviators here when the right wing of their plane buckled under the strain of a loop.

The dead are Richard Musch, owner of the plane, and A. F. Carlitz, pilot.

The men had been repeatedly warned, according to aviators at Washburne flying field, that the best thing they could do "is touch a match to that thing."

Youth Sits in Judgment on Fall and Doheny



Exclusively for The Times, L. W. Redner, NEA artist, made this courtroom sketch of the juryman who are to decide whether Albert B. Fall and Edward L. Doheny are guilty or innocent of the charges of conspiring to defraud the Government on which they are being tried at Washington. The jurors, who constitute one of the youngest panels ever to take the oath in the District of Columbia Supreme Court, are:

MAINE ELECTION TODAY TO DECIDE SENATE CONTROL

Interest Centers on State
Long Deemed Barometer
of Politics.

By United Press

PORTLAND, Maine, Nov. 29.—That old familiar political slogan, "Maine goes, so goes the nation," had been revised today to read, "as Maine goes, so goes the United States Senate."

For party control of the upper house was at stake as this State went to the polls in a special election to name a successor to the late Senator Bert M. Fernald, Republican.

Today's election, in which Arthur R. Gould, Republican, is opposed by Fulton J. Redman, Democrat, followed one of the most bitter campaigns in Maine's history—a fight that ended almost on election eve in Gould's exoneration of charges of excess campaign expenditures.

Even Ralph O. Brewster, Maine's Republican Governor, came out against the Republican senatorial candidate because of Gould's allegedly improper campaign expenditures and asked voters to support the Democrat.

An unusually heavy vote was anticipated because of the widespread interest in the contest, engendered by the publicity attending the recent inquiry that ended in a dismissal of the charges against Gould.

"I believe we will carry every county in the State, even Androscoggin," said Daniel F. Field, chairman of the Republican State committee.

"Intuition prompts the belief that there is in the minds of the people of Maine a response which will bring a victory to the cause I have advocated," said Redman, "and that I will be chosen to succeed in the United States Senate, Bert M. Fernald, whose rugged honesty I shall emulate."

Maine has gone Democratic only once since 1856, but party leaders believed Redman had a better-than-average chance in today's election because of the numerous charges brought against his opponent in connection with the campaign.

SCOTTISH RITE
HOLDS REUNION

100 Candidates to Receive
Degrees During Session.

More than one hundred candidates will receive Scottish Rite degrees this week during the sixty-first semi-annual convocation and reunion of the Indianapolis bodies which will continue from Tuesday through Friday.

Scottish Rite masons from all over the State will attend.

The convocation class will be augmented for the consistory degrees, (thirty-first and thirty-second), by the Thomas Riley Marshall class of over seventy that received the preceding degrees on Wednesday evenings from Sept. 29 to Nov. 17.

The reunion will be closed Friday evening with a convocation banquet, at which United States Senator Simon D. Fess of Ohio will speak. Senator Arthur R. Robinson, thrice potent master of Adoniram Grand Lodge of Perfection, fourth to fourteenth degrees, will preside and Frank D. Stalnaker, chairman of the building committee, will outline the progress being made on plans for the new cathedral to be erected on N. Meridian St.

LAW SCHOOL TO MEET

Gilliom to Address Benjamin Harrison Upperclassmen.

Attorney General Arthur L. Gilliom will address the senior and junior classes of the Benjamin Harrison Law School at their annual joint meeting with the faculty members at the Chamber of Commerce Wednesday evening. The juniors will be guests of the seniors.

Gilliom will discuss responsibilities of the legal profession, stressing the problem of newly-admitted barristers. A buffet luncheon will be served. V. M. Armstrong, senior class president, will preside.

Far and Near

HONOLULU.—Ten Chinese, who have just completed a year in jail for their roles in the smuggling drama of the "living dead," face deportation to Hongkong in a few days. They went to jail after a stevedore, unloading ten Chinese coffins from the S. S. President Lincoln, stood on the wrong end and was frightened out of his wits by a bump and a squeal.

NEW YORK.—Legal technicalities were invoked Sunday to Isaac Smith, drunk and under arrest for the thirteenth time, in jail until spring. Isaac customarily appeared before the same magistrate and received the same sentence—six months. Then he would get three months off for good behavior, under a ruling pertaining to six months' sentences, and show up again. This time the magistrate gave Isaac five months and twenty-nine days—a dirty trick if you ask Isaac.

ELIZABETH, N. J.—Twenty-five commuters who have ridden unnoticed twice daily over the Central Railroad of New Jersey, between Bayonne and Elizabeth, found themselves invited guests of honor by the grateful corporation at ceremonies opening a fourteen-million-dollar bridge over Newark Bay. C. S. Higgins, a daily rider since the Civil War, headed the guest list.

BROOKLYN.—After catching mice, disposing of fish heads and performing other household duties for many years, Old Tom, pet cat of Mrs. Hermine Wilsie, suffered a fit Sunday and bit his mistress and her two astonished daughters wherever he could get a hold. They went to a hospital while three policemen disposed of Old Tom with revolver shots.

SEATTLE, Wash.—A husband's hunch has saved his wife from injury. Fearing for his wife's safety, Vernon F. Papey told his wife to take a trolley while he drove the family automobile. The car turned over in a ditch and Papey's skull was fractured.

NEWTON, Kan.—The seat covering of a sleeping car proved a safe hiding place for Mrs. Tillie Albright's \$175. Although she dreamed of having lost the money and although she actually forgot to take the \$175 when she left the train, a porter found the cash and it was later returned to her.

NEW YORK.—The validity of a gypsy marriage performed by tribal rite must be determined by Magistrate Alexander Brough in the case of Samuel Ronka, 18, held on charges of abduction and assault. Ronka said the girl's father caused his arrest because he had not paid the remaining \$500 of a \$1,500 payment he was to make for the privilege of marrying the girl.

NEW YORK.—Unwilling to spend his last dime to get across the Hudson River, John Ford walked through the Pennsylvania Railroad tube, only to be arrested when he reached the other side. Railroad employees collected \$1.50 for him and promised to find him a job after Recorder Miles gave him a suspended sentence.

ZURICH.—Pilot Mittelholzer has departed on his aerial expedition across Africa to Capetown.

OXFORD.—Oxford students returning from the dual athletic meet at Cambridge wrecked the interior of two railway cars and hurled beer bottles through windows of the train. The train crew was helpless, but telephoned ahead for university authorities to meet it in Oxford to control the students.

BUENOS AIRES.—La Prensa's Montevideo correspondent reported today that more than 200 Brazilian troops were killed in the Battle of Paso Del Ceibal when they engaged a band of rebels in the State of Rio Grande Do Sul.

LONDON.—British residents in Hankow, China, were reported today to have appealed to the British government for protection. It was believed that the British naval commander-in-chief in China had been instructed how to proceed.

WASHINGTON.—Word has been received here of the death in London of Esme Howard, Jr., son of Sir Esme Howard, British ambassador to Washington.

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How Much Do They Look Alike?



Was Dr. John A. Anderson, New Brunswick, N. J., physician, the man seen there and mistaken for Henry Stevens at the hour the night of the Hall-Mills murders.

Stevens claims to have been fishing near his home in Lavallette. Here are the two men. Can you tell them apart? (Don't let the hat deceive you.) No? Dr. Anderson is below. He's been a constant spectator at the trial and is expected to testify for the defense.

GIRL, 20, BEATEN AND DRUGGED BY YOUTHS IN AUTO

Police Believe They Have
Clew to Identity of
Assailants.

Police today declared they had a good clew to the identity of two young men, who are alleged to have drugged and beaten Miss Rowena Solomon, 20, of 149 W. Pratt St.

The girl staggered home in a drugged stupor early Sunday morning, according to Mrs. Lula Mullins, her landlady. Both eyes were blackened and her face was badly cut and bruised. Her assailants accompanied her to the door and she fell across the threshold, where she was picked up in a semi-conscious condition by John C. Catt, a roomer.

Mrs. Mullins gave the girl first aid, and Sunday Dr. U. B. Hine was called and police notified of the girl's condition. She was taken to city hospital, where her wounds were dressed. Later she left the hospital and is said to have gone to her home at Tell City, Ind.

Motorpolicemen Albers and Powers, who questioned the girl regarding her injuries, said that she told them that she accepted an invitation of a girl friend to attend a dance, accompanied by two young men, with whom her "friend" was acquainted.

They danced and drank a bottle of soda at a barbecue stand on Thirty-Eighth St., making the trip in the young men's automobile, and from that point the girl's memory is hazy. Police believe that the soda was spiked with very powerful liquor, or that the girl was drugged. Dr. Hine declared she showed all symptoms of having been drugged.

The girl friend was taken home first, she said, to which Miss Solomon objected strenuously, but to no avail. The next thing she recalls distinctly is falling into the hall at the rooming house. Police say her clothes were torn and dirty and that her body was bruised and beaten.

Seek Driver

Police are seeking a "hit-and-run" driver who Saturday night, ran over two nurses at the St. Vincent's Hospital as they were crossing the street at Twenty-Sixth St. and Capitol Ave. The two, Miss Lucile Hirtzel, 18, Seymour, Ind., and Miss Marguerite McCauley, 19, North Vernon, were taken back to the hospital by D. L. Skelton, manager of a Kroger grocery, and J. T. Barrett, R. R. A. Box 156.

Jesse Egnow, 19, Bloomington St., was arrested by Motor Policemen Hyland and Finneman, on assault and battery charge, after a machine he was driving in the 1300 block on S. Meridian St., struck Mrs. Ida Douglas, 37, of 1338 S. Meridian St., as she was crossing the street. Mrs. Douglas was taken to city hospital with a broken collar bone and severe body bruises.

Sergt. Earl Halstead arrested Ordek Hackney, Bedford, Ind., for reckless driving after Hackney had made a sudden left turn at Meridian and Fourteenth Sts., knocking Halstead off his motorcycle.

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