

Spring Motoring Defeats Hope for Gasoline Price Cut

Fairbanks-Morse and County Spur Switch War Ends

Commissioners and Company Officials Sign Agreement After Three Years.

After three years of controversy, Marion County commissioners and Fairbanks-Morse Company officials today agreed on use of the spur switch on the company's property, Twenty-First St. and Northwestern Ave., formerly the county workhouse grounds. It was practically the same reached with R. H. Morse Jr., and the county council on March 25.

Provisions are: That the deed given to the company for the switch area in October, 1923, be ratified; that the county has use of the switch and leading grounds until April 1, 1930; that the company will move a small building on the county's property at the firm's expense; that within the three-year limit the county will have a right to take off a switch from the spur and that repairs amounting to \$1,270 needed on the switch will be made immediately by the company and the firm will maintain it.

The company bought the workhouse grounds from the county for \$150,000. The bill of sale called for the entire tract with the exception of a small area on which the county garage and the spur is located, commissioners asserted.

Leo K. Fesler, the county auditor, was indicted for tampering with public records when it was found a later record of the sale included the switch. Fesler's case is pending in Criminal Court. Fred C. Gause, attorney, is special judge.

It was set out that Marion County and the public would benefit by improvements made by Fairbanks-Morse. Work of enlarging the plant was held up, however, pending the agreement. The firm plans to build large manufacturing structures.

Several weeks ago the company moved three of its statistical departments to Beloit, Wis.

Esterline Slaps Mayor System

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order to stay the hand of professional politics, operating on the principle that "To the victor belongs the spoils?"

"It is nothing short of cowardice for us to pass on to the coming generation the problems which should be solved here and now."

"One thing should now engage the minds of men. That is the problem of municipal administration. It is that part of government which comes nearest to the lives of a majority of people. It involves health, safety and material prosperity."

Good Administrators

"You can elect legislators, but good administrators must be selected. Legislation is the summing up of the work of many minds, while administration requires the concentration of one mind on definite authority and responsibility. You must not take chances by electing administrators."

"Men elected to public offices cannot be removed if incompetent; but men selected and employed can be discharged."

"Just as long as we confront the voter with a long list of candidates to be voted for, incompetent men will be swept into power."

"To prevent one party from capturing the city permanently, a change of personnel is required every four years, no matter how good an administration the citizens might elect. No institution can undergo frequent disruptions and be successful."

"Due to wide use of political patronage, regarding those who have helped to win an election, all municipal employees realize the temporary character of their positions, with consequent lack of interest and loyalty. This frequent change of personnel eliminates all possibility of continuing plan or policy."

Looking Ahead

"City manager cities are looking from twenty to fifty years ahead in their plans, and under competent leadership, with business-like methods, they have created high grade, honest, capable organizations which deserve to be continued because they are responsive to the public will and are rendering the people service, something which is impossible under the partisan system."

"In the partisan system of double-headed government the mayor is vested with appointive and administrative duties, and the council with legislative and appropriating power. Neither can go very far in opposition to the other. Where the mayor and council are crooked, the people are robbed. When one is straight, the other not, they get nowhere."

"Some very good men refuse public office. Politics will not work in business and business does not go in politics."

"The failure of the mayor-council system is due to the system itself."

Esterline outlined reasons why able men and women refuse to serve under the aldermanic system. They do, however, respond to places on the boards of civic and welfare organizations, because there they can obtain results. Politics is eliminated, Esterline said.

He charged that the citizens of Indianapolis are paying a tremendous price for the maintenance of a political organization which is serving no good purpose.

"It is time in municipal affairs to quit talking about the good of the party and think about the good of Indianapolis," he declared.

New Works Board President



Smith Reply and Bigger Tammany Believed Linked

Nation-Wide Scope Plan of 'Hall'—Many Praise Governor.

By United Press NEW YORK, April 19.—While prominent men and women of widely different political beliefs congratulated Governor Alfred E. Smith today on his statement of faith, Tammany Hall started work on plans to expand into a national institution.

Some political observers interpreted the Tammany move as an attempt to establish through the country political clubs which would support Smith for President in 1928. The Governor is a member of the board of sachems of Tammany Hall.

Timely Move

Announcement of the Tammany expansion plan was made last night at the annual election of officers of the organization. It came at an opportune time from the political standpoint, for Republicans and Democrats alike conceded that the Governor's reply to Charles C. Marshall on the status of a Catholic in American public life had aided his prospective candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination.

No Further Reply

Governor Smith stood pat today on his long statement reconciling the beliefs of the Catholic church with the duties of an American citizen. He announced he would not reply to Marshall's second letter, made public yesterday, which undertook to refute some of the Smith statements, made in a reply to an earlier letter from Marshall regarding the question of whether Catholicism's requirements were at variance with Americanism.

Among Democratic leaders who praised Smith's statement were John W. Davis, presidential nominee in 1924; Senator Walsh of Montana, who is a Catholic; former Governor Cox, Ohio, presidential nominee in 1920; Governor Donahey, Ohio; Governor Moore, New Jersey; Senator Edwards, New Jersey, and Senator Bayard of Delaware.

Praised by Republicans

Republicans who praised the statement included Senators Edge, New Jersey; Borah, Idaho, and Curtis, Kansas.

Prominent churchmen expressed great interest in the Smith reply.

Several large bets on Smith's nomination and election to the presidency were placed in Wall Street after publication of his letter. W. L. Darnell & Co. announced some bets at 5 to 9 that the Governor would be nominated and one of \$1,000 to \$7,000 that he would be elected.

Five to 1 was being placed against William G. McAdoo's nomination; 3 to 1 against Governor Ritchie of Maryland; 4 to 1 against Senator Rest of Missouri; 6 to 1 against Senator Carter Glass of Virginia; 5 to 1 against Governor Donahey of Ohio; 10 to 1 against E. T. Merle of Iowa, former Secretary of Agriculture, and 12 to 1 against Josephine Daniels of North Carolina, former Secretary of the Navy. No Republican quotations were listed.

JUGO-SLAVIA ACCUSED

Italian Correspondent Charges Potential Soldiers Summoned.

By United Press ROME, April 19.—The newspaper Impero's special correspondent at Zarra has sent a dispatch to his paper charging that Jugo-Slavia has secretly ordered all able-bodied men to evacuate the Dalmatian Islands and come to the Jugo-Slavia mainland.

The newspaper remarked that the order purported to prevent the Jugo-Slavia army from losing a large force of prospective soldiers in the event Italy seized the islands, but that its real purpose was to automatically place the coastal region of Jugo-Slavia on a war footing with our preparatory mobilization.

ALBANIA ACTS, REPORT

Greek Newspaper Says Troops Moved to Frontier

By United Press ATHENS, April 19.—Wartime preparations in Albania were reported in a dispatch from Salonica to the newspaper Eleftherou Vima to day. Six battalions of Albanian troops left Eubasbas for the Jugo-Slavian frontier, the dispatch said.

FORD'S COUNSEL TO ASK MISTRIAL

Based on Alleged Remarks of Woman Juror.

By United Press DETROIT, Mich., April 19.—The Ford-Sapino libel suit was postponed today until next Thursday morning, because of illness of Senator James A. Reed, chief counsel for the defense.

"At that time," said Stewart Hanley, in making motion to judge Fred M. Raymond for the postponement, "the defense will move for a mistrial because of published reports concerning investigations of a certain juror."

FOUR BEFORE REALTORS

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COURTS TO GET MANAGER FIGHT

May Mandate City Clerk to Certify Petition.

By Times Special EVANSVILLE, Ind., April 19.—City manager proponents today were planning to file a writ of mandamus to force City Clerk Louis P. Sarlis to certify to the city council a petition calling for a special election on whether the city should change its form of government.

Monday, Sarlis refused to certify the petition, claiming he had been unable to examine the 13,288 signatures on it within the five days allowed him by law.

They were Fritz Reiner, conducting the Cincinnati Symphony, and Sophie Braslau, contralto soloist.

And there were many reasons for this fact. The orchestra opened Beethoven's overture, "Egmont," by the orchestra, and was followed by Sophie Braslau singing a Beethoven aria, "Ah, Perfido."

This was Ona B. Talbot's contribution to the hundredth anniversary of Beethoven's death. It was beautifully done on the part of the orchestra and the soloist. I certainly did not agree with the "death" notice aspect of the printed program, which contained the announcement of Beethoven set like a funeral notice.

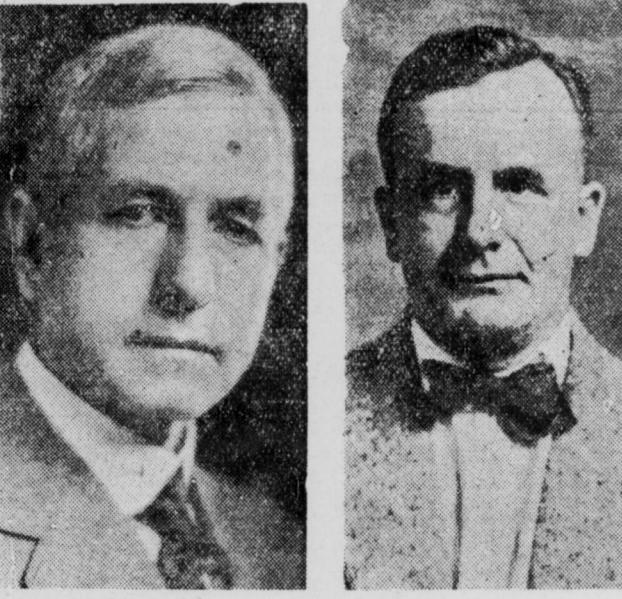
The fact remained that Reiner now gets exactly what he wants from his orchestra. There is no lost motion. The orchestra is responding every second to the will of its conductor. Here is a conductor who is making national history for

himself and the Cincinnati orchestra. Sophie Braslau really came into her own while singing three of Moussorgsky's songs: "Pain," "The Classical," and "On the Dnieper."

It seems to me that Fritz Reiner has grown more this season than ever before. Or is it just genius becoming more visible and more appreciated? His guest conducting experiences have brought a new majesty and a quickening response on part of the orchestra to the conductor.

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THEY'LL DIRECT MANAGER VOTE



These men, named by Council President Claude Negley, will have charge of the city manager election June 21. (Left to right): W. H. Insley, city manager supporter (Photo by Dexheimer); Fred W. Connell, secretary of Indiana Crushed Stone Association, representing opponents, and City Clerk William A. Boyce Jr.

Council Sets June 21 for Manager Election

POWERS MAY USE STRONGER TERMS IN CHINESE NOTE

French Foreign Office Intimates Nature of Renewed Demands.

By United Press PARIS, April 19.—The foreign office indicated today that the powers had decided to address another note to Eugene Chen, Chinese nationalist foreign minister at Hankow, demanding satisfaction for last month's Nanking disorders in stronger terms than were employed in the first note. It was suggested that the note might be in the nature of an ultimatum.

Active exchanges of opinion were in progress among the powers, the foreign office spokesman said. To define a common policy in the event Chen again "refused satisfaction."

No Dissenting Vote

The council adopted a resolution setting the date for the election without a dissenting vote. A large delegation of manager boosters was present. Numerous city officials and politicians also were on hand to hear the debate.

Councilman O. Ray Albertson persistently questioned Boyce on the manner in which the 2,612 signatures on the city manager petition were checked.

Corporation Counsel Schuyler Haas told the councilmen it was mandatory that they set the date after the petition had been certified by Boyce.

"I'm against the city manager plan, but am voting for it because I have to. Nevertheless, let the people have what they want," said Councilman Otis Bartholomew.

A resolution fixing June 7 as the election date was introduced by Dr. Austin Todd, but amended to read June 21.

Pledge Fair Election

Insley and Connell thanked Negley for the confidence shown in them and assured the council president that the people will have a fair and honest opportunity to express their sentiments.

Shanghai Moderate Nationalists, followers of Gen. Chiang Kai-Shek, and is president of the Insley Manufacturing Company and the Family Welfare Society.

Connell, 3909 Salem St., is president of the F. W. Connell Company, road materials, 802 Hume-Mansur Bldg. He was secretary of the Indiana Crushed Stone Association for many years and is said to be close to Lawrence Cartwright, Portland, chairman of the Republican State executive committee.

Rumors that Chiang would organize his own government followed the open break between moderate and radical wings of the Kuomintang last week. Chiang, in a speech at Nanking yesterday, announced definitely his determination to ignore the Hankow government of which Foreign Minister Eugene Chen is the outstanding figure, the Express said.

JOINS BANK'S REALTY DEPT.

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