

WILLIS' SLIPS HELP HOOVER IN OHIO FIGHT

Numerous Tactical Blunders
Weaken Favorite Son's
Position.

BY RAY TUCKER

COLUMBUS, Feb. 25.—Herbert Hoover has won the first round in his Ohio primary fight against Senator Frank B. Willis, largely through serious tactical mistakes made by the latter since Hoover decided to carry the battle to his opponent.

It is no secret here that Willis' advisers are seriously concerned over many of the moves made by the Senator himself and by his friends. An unfavorable reaction came fast in each instance. The mistakes in judgment trailing the Willis camp may be summed up as follows:

1. The Senator's threat to withhold Federal patronage from Ohio leaders who support Hoover, and his assertion that he will make good the warning, first contained in a letter to Maurice Maschke, national committeeman and pro-Hoover Cleveland leader. This retaliation placed Willis' presidential campaign on the plane of an aldermanic contest, and it has been difficult to raise it above that level.

SECOND CHOICE INVITATIONS

2. Willis' invitation to Senators Watson of Indiana and Curtis of Kansas and Ex-Governor Lowden to bolster his anti-Hoover campaign by becoming "second choices" on his delegate slate. Ohioans, including Willis sympathizers, are wondering what has become of Willis' original demand for a delegation that would vote for him first, last and all the time—an attitude which forced Hoover to enter the primary.

3. Willis' attempts through sarcastic remarks to deprecate Hoover's personality and record. The Senator himself now recognizes the blunder of such a policy. Hints that he will conduct a "good natured fight," although not borne out by other developments, have supplanted his earlier flings at the secretary of commerce.

4. Alarmist and humorous remarks directed against Hoover's Ohio allies by Fred W. Warner, county-bred chairman of the Republican central committee and one of Willis' chief backers. Warner's prediction that the Willis-Hoover primary would split the national party as wide apart as did the Taft-Roosevelt break of 1912 sets a mark for political humorists to shoot at from now until November.

Warner Squelched

His characterization of Walter F. Brown, Assistant Secretary of Commerce, and Col. Thad C. Brown, ex-Secretary of State of Ohio, as "the Brown boys who leave a bad, brown taste in your mouth" has embittered friends of Hoover's two allies in Ohio. Warner incidentally has been requested to forego his alarm-producing and mirth-provoking quips.

The Anti-Saloon League's apparent intention of taking no active part in the fight against Hoover. Willis had depended on the organized drys for the backbone of his campaign, but it seems doubtful if they will do more than give him mild commendation. This may be offset by the number of outstanding drys declaring for Hoover daily and running as candidates on his delegate slate.

By comparison with these outbursts, the dignity and restraint of the Hoover campaign has been thrown into sharp relief.

CALL LINCOLN 'LINKERN' IN OLD STATE RECORDS

Original Hoosier Phonetic Spelling
Found On Deed to Homesteaded.

When Abraham Lincoln was 8 and his father, Thomas Lincoln, moved to Indiana and purchased the now famous Lincoln homestead in Spencer County the original Hoosier phonetic spelling was given his name as recorded in the deed.

"Linkern" is the spelling given, according to the records in the office of the State auditor, it was revealed today. Date of entry was Oct. 15, 1817, in Vincennes tract book No. 5, Page 286.

The land was purchased from the Government and contained eighty acres. The tract is now included in the reserve for the Nancy Hanks Lincoln shrine, funds for which are being raised by the Indiana Lincoln Union.

MUNCIE PASTOR SPEAKS

Addresses 400 Masons at Washington Birthday Banquet.

"The Masonic Highway" was the topic of the Rev. Edgar Fay Daugherty, pastor of Jackson Street Christian Church of Muncie, Ind., Friday night, addressing 400 Masons at the annual Washington birthday banquet of Calvin Prather Lodge, F. and A. M., in the lodge hall, Forty-Second St. and College Ave.

Invocation was given by the Rev. T. R. White, pastor of the Meridian Heights Presbyterian Church. Carl A. Ploch, worshipful master, presided. Charles A. Mann was chairman of the banquet committee.

Homespun Fare

Evidence of an omelet already mixed and ready for frying was found by parcel post employees of the Indianapolis postoffice when they opened a mail sack.

Sorting through the packages, the offending article was located, a thin cardboard carton containing a quantity of Kentucky shelled beans and homespun twist tobacco, liberally decorated with raw eggs.

The three varieties of articles had been placed together in the carton, the sender, living in a Kentucky town, thoughtfully wrapping each of the eggs in one thickness of newspaper.

Aged Woman Jumps to Fame, Fortune in Mother Role From Obscure Poverty

Picture "Four Sons" Makes
Her 'Baby Star' as
Screen Mother.

By NEA Service

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—A white-haired "baby star," somehow overlooked by the Wampas aggregation of Hollywood, has come to Manhattan to gaze with almost unbelieving eyes at the miracle of her own artistic triumph.

Mrs. Margaret Mann is a 60-year-old Cinderella brought from obscure poverty to fame by a single motion picture. She played the part of Grandma Bernie in "Four Sons," and simply walked away with the picture.

Years ago, by chance, she played the role of Martha Washington in a public pageant in San Diego, Calif. Well-meaning friends, who knew little of the problems of the films urged her to go into the movies. So she went to Hollywood and found that her only chance was an occasional bit in a mob scene.

PLAYS MINOR ROLE

For nearly ten years she haunted the offices of casting directors. The turning point in her fortunes was when "Mother Macree" was filmed. She was one of fifty old women picked from the crowd.

When John Ford, Fox director, was looking for a "mother type" for "Four Sons," he remembered Mrs. Mann and gave her the chance.

IS GERMAN MOTHER

It was about a German woman with four boys. Three fought with the Germans; the other, who had migrated to America, battled with the Yanks.

The three on the German side were killed and the American son was spared.

No other triumph can offer Mother Mann the thrill that came from the first venture. Among those who offered congratulations on her work was Mme. Schumann-Heink, world-famous diva, now retired from the concert stage.

BUILDING SLOW DURING WEEK

Expect Business to Improve
With Weather.

Real estate activity in Indianapolis was slow this week according to the weekly statement of Indianapolis Real Estate Board officials. They pointed out, however, there was increased purchase of lots for future building and predicted that when the weather improved building will be resumed on a large scale.

Building permits for new construction issued this week totalled \$186,300. These included permits for twenty-four residences amounting to \$196,300.

Two apartments will be erected according to the permits. One will cost \$30,000 and will be constructed by H. K. Fatou, for the Chelsea Manor Realty Company, at Fifteenth St. and Central Ave. The other will be built by E. A. Cook and will go up at Eleventh St. and College Ave.

The Zero Ice Company began erection of a new ice house, Twenty-Seventh St. and Cornell Ave., and the Second Presbyterian church, Norwood and West Sts., started an addition to the church.

Deals amounting to \$36,500 have been negotiated by the Ernest E. Woods Company. It was announced.

MAN, 93, READS TIMES WITHOUT GLASSES' AID

By Times Special

PAOLI, Ind., Feb. 25.—H. F. Lankford, who celebrated his ninety-third birthday on George Washington's birth date, reads The Indianapolis Times every day without the aid of glasses and walks without a cane.

Children, grand children and great grandchildren to the number of thirty attended the birthday party. To them Lankford remarked: "I am 93. I was up and made my bed before breakfast was ready."

SEEK TO HALT REFUND

Seven Would Be Defendants to Mandomus Suits.

Superior Judge Byron K. Elliott today had under advisement petitions of two individuals and five corporations to become defendants in two mandamus suits seeking immediate payment of tax refunds.

The oral arguments were heard Thursday by Judge Elliott, who took the matter under advisement when briefs were filed.

Those seeking to become defendants are Harry Miesse, secretary of the Indiana Taxpayers Association, William L. Taylor, Acme-Evans Company, E. C. Atkins & Co., Havens and Geddes Company, Rockwood Manufacturing Company and Eli Lilly & Co.

The suits seek to mandate county commissioners to act at once, and to direct County Auditor Harry Dunn and Treasurer Clyde E. Robinson to pay seven claims allowed last spring by commissioners for test cases.

BOY, 15, MISSING AGAIN

Wilbert Mackey Believed Making Way to Florida.

Wilbert Mackey was believed to be making his way to Florida to account for the disappearance of Wilbert Mackey, 15, of 1510 W. Twenty-First, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Mackey.

The boy left for school with his twin brother Wilbur, Friday, later stopping at the home of his brother-in-law, where he borrowed 50 cents for his "lunch." He has not been seen since.



Mrs. Margaret Mann, at top, whose success in "Four Sons" may win for her the title of the greatest screen mother. Below she is shown talking with Mme. Schumann-Heink, whose actual experience was strangely like the celluloid story in which Mrs. Mann starred.

URGES REGULAR MEDICAL TESTS

True Affection and Time
Have No Connection,
Says Patri.

By ANGELO PATRI

ONE can not fall in love after 30? Why just that tick of the clock? Is there then no grace for the day after? Or the year? Did Old Time set a mark at that place? Tilt his glass with finality? Or is it but the pleasant notion of a happy man who, having found his treasure early, believes his good fortune to be the law of life?

It can not be that one loses his chance of love and loving because he has lived a short 30 of the 78 years allotted him. What has true love ever had to do with time? Love is limitless, timeless.

It is a quality of the spirit as intangible as sunlight and air—and as evident. It always has defied the gestures of time and of locksmiths. It is as elusive, as mysterious, as powerful as the Spirit of God, which indeed it is. How else explain its eternal power over men and women?

Recently there were two weddings in my circle of friends. One pair were little more than children—a scant 21 numbered the tale of their years. The other two were both gray-haired. More than 50 years had passed over their heads, yet the loveliness in their eyes was just as bright, the spring in their steps, the lilt in their voices was just as buoyant, just as blithe as that which animated those of youth.

Indeed, second spring seems to have come to them, for the man, an artist, turns out better work than ever before, and the woman lives and works in the tireless energy of youth with the added power of experience.

I NEVER hear about lovers without remembering the Brownings, those most perfect of all lovers. The story of their great love is enough to quicken the heart and moisten the eyes of the darkest doubter.

Elizabeth Barret was a poetess, frail of body, an invalid confined to her room for the greater part of her life. Shielded from all outside contacts by a jealous father who had sworn death to lovers, she lived in seclusion and loneliness until she was 39 years old. Then it happened this thing some folks say cannot happen after one is 30.

Miss Barret wrote a poem and Robert Browning read it. His heart responded to its message as one song-bird responds to the love call of another.

He wrote his love a letter and she was not slow to answer. Within two years these two eloped to Italy, where they lived in complete happiness until death claimed the frail Elizabeth.

She was 40 and Browning was 34 the day they ran away to be married secretly in the parish church. Where was Old Time then? Ah, no. Love is timeless. It is the divine quality that merges self into selfishness, seeks another's good, another's joy.

When the chamber of the heart is swept and garnished true love comes and stays. It never asks what o'clock it is.

Browning read the poem and the dance teachers declared it was a stirring plea for examinations and licensing by the State for all dancing teachers, basing it on the grounds that medicine

and other professions have such requirements.

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