

GILLION WOULD ABOLISH PRIMARY FOR CONVENTION

HOOVER LEADER TAKES FIGHT TO WATSON CAMP

Invades Enemy Stronghold, Offering 'Opportunity for Indiana.'

Sponsors of Herbert Hoover's presidential campaign in Indiana today knocked loudly on the very doors of Senator James E. Watson's stronghold—the Republican State organization.

Thirteen Republican district chairmen who recently endorsed Watson's candidacy unanimously, found in their mail boxes a letter from Hoover's State manager, Oscar G. Foellinger of Ft. Wayne, declaring "the selection of a President transcends State 'factional politics' and placing Hoover before them 'as more than a candidate—an opportunity for Indiana.'

Shows Campaign Vigor

Others to receive the letter included district vice-chairmen, county chairmen and vice chairmen, district and county secretaries, Republican members of the Legislature and those aspiring to that assembly and Indiana Republican Congressmen.

The daring of Foellinger's latest move was regarded as evidence of the vigor with which Hoover's campaign for Indiana's presidential preference will be waged.

Political observers are agreed that the Republican State organization affords one of the biggest obstacles to Hoover's candidacy in Indiana. Regardless of personal sentiments, the rank and file of organization Republicans display a hesitancy of being caught off the Watson organization band wagon, say politicians.

Bears Acid Test

Foellinger, in his letter, reminded organization members that as publisher of the Republican Ft. Wayne News-Sentinel, he has been "a staunch supporter of Republican principles."

"My support of Mr. Hoover," he told them, "whose candidacy is national in scope, is born of the conviction that it best serves the party. I have also been a supporter of Senator Watson, but I do not feel that there is any inconsistency in my present attitude. The Americanism and Republicanism of Mr. Hoover received the acid test, when all the United States Senators twice voted the confirmation of his appointment as Secretary of Commerce by Harding and Coolidge.

"Mr. Hoover is in no sense a candidate of any group in Indiana or elsewhere," Foellinger continued. "He is an active candidate in practically every State in the Union, and has the support of thousands of the rank and file in Indiana and throughout the Nation."

Rank and File for Hoover

"That in the past there may have been Roosevelt, Beveridge, Goodrich, Watson, New factions cannot be blamed on Mr. Hoover. He seeks the support of the high and humble, controlled by no group, but wholly responsive to the rank and file of the party."

Foellinger took a rap at the "favorite son idea," which has been a much-used argument by Watson supporters who opposed Hoover's entry in Indiana and declared it "is not orthodox political gospel."

"No blame," he said, "attached to Mr. Coolidge when he entered the California primaries in 1924 and carried the State against Hiram Johnson, a favorite son. No harm was done in Indiana when Wood, Lowden, Harding and Johnson competed in 1920. Then Wood received 85,776 votes; Harding, 20,819."

Makes Appeal to All

"There were no presidential factions after that primary. All pitched in and helped Harding roll up the biggest vote that any President ever received in Indiana up to that time."

"It is my purpose," Foellinger concluded, "with the sincere cooperation of the regular Republican organization, from the State chairman down to the precinct worker, so to conduct the campaign that when the primary is over the party will be in even a better position to support the successful national State and county nominees."

"I feel, and you may as well as I do, that Hoover is more than a candidate; that he is an opportunity for Indiana."

Foellinger asked expressions of the sentiment in the constituencies represented by those receiving the letter, assuring them of his "deep interest in party success and harmony."

Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported stolen to police belong to:

Jack Cohen, 1102 Union St., Pontiac, 25-838, from in front of that address.

Marmon Motor Car Company, 1037 N. Meridian St., Marmon, 621-827, from in front of that address.

BACK HOME AGAIN

Automobiles reported found by police belong to:

Belle Fallender, 4605 N. Meridian St., Cadillac, found at Tenth St. and Shadeland Ave.

Pontiac coach, license, 636-325, found at 109 W. St. Clair St.

James H. Lowry, 3109 Park Ave., Willys-Knight, found at 135 S. Capitol Ave.

Charles L. Bandy, 1441 Madison Ave., Ford, found at 322 W. Maryland St.

Prison Term for Assault

WABASH, Ind., March 15.—Willie Ham Plew, 49, North Manchester, is under a two to ten-year State Prison sentence following conviction by a Circuit Court jury here of a 1926 10-year-old st

BEAUTIES 'SHRINK' SINCE VENUS' TIME; MOVIE STARS FAR LIGHTER



VICE IN COAL REGION BARED AT MINE QUIZ

Reporter Tells of Disorderly Houses, Liquor Sales in Non-Union Camps.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Liquor is sold and disorderly houses are maintained in nonunion mine camps near Pittsburgh, Harry T. Brundidge, St. Louis Star reporter, told the Senate coal investigating committee today.

He said he bought three pints of corn liquor on the property of the Pittsburgh Coal Company at Moon Run and visited several disorderly houses there.

He also said there were gambling houses and houses of ill fame at Hornung No. 4, another Pittsburgh Coal Company. In one of the latter establishments, where he said no color line was drawn, he claimed to have seen a girl only 14 years old.

Brundidge contended immorality was unconcealed and must have been known to company officials.

Reveals Clean-Up Note

He gave the committee the following note, on stationery of the Pittsburgh Coal Company, to mine superintendents:

"The United States Senate investigating committee is now visiting the Pittsburgh district. Clean up all unsightly conditions.

"Keep our police in the background. Avoid all arrests.

"Instruct our men so that they can be depended upon to give the right kind of answers. If you are examined by the committee, do not answer any questions you think might be harmful to our interests. The company will protect you.

"The company has mailed a spirit letter to each individual employee.

"If you know of any unsatisfactory conditions in company camps or barracks see that it is eliminated at once."

Denies Pre-Arranged Visit

Brundidge was the reporter who led the coal investigating sub-committee to the home of John Barr, Prizedale miner, whose children were found to be without shoes or adequate clothing.

He denied the charge made by a previous witness that the Barr incident was "staged" for the benefit of the visiting Senators.

"I talked with striking miners while the subcommittee was visiting the mine offices and learned of conditions at the Barr home," Brundidge said. "After a visit to the Barr home I led the committee there. Nothing was prearranged."

HEARS APPLICATION FOR CAR CO. RECEIVER

Indianapolis-Cincinnati Firm Files Petition in U. S. Court.

Application for appointment of a receiver for the Indianapolis-Cincinnati Car Trust Equipment Company, Indianapolis, filed by Fred H. Kelley, Mattoon, Ill., stockholder, was heard by Federal Judge Robert C. Bartzell today. The petition was taken under advisement.

At the hearing it was revealed negotiations are under way by Charles T. De Hore, Cincinnati, and Leroy E. Eastman, Toledo, Ohio, for purchase of the equipment company, and also the Indianapolis & Cincinnati Traction Company, of which Will M. Frazee, Rushville, is receiver, appointed by the Rush Circuit Court.

THREE MISSING SOUGHT

Keltis Reed, 14, Left for School Never Returned.

Police were asked to search for Keltis Reed, 14, of 1816 E. Kelly St., who failed to attend school Wednesday and did not return home Wednesday night, according to his mother.

Members of the I. O. O. F. Lodge 44 asked police to aid in finding Kenneth Albright, 35, who left his rooming house at 801 N. East St., driving his Franklin car and wearing a valuable diamond ring and has not been seen for the last two days. The car bore license No. 618-986.

Theodore Clemens of 176 Orange St. asked police to find his brother-in-law, Fred Shumaker, 36.

SHOTS ROUT BURGLAR

Flees in Terror From Lunch Room; Gets \$9.40.

Awakened by the sound of falling glass, H. E. Gerrard, who operates a luncheon at 140 E. Wabash St., and sleeps in the rear, saw a man in the room at the cash register. Gerrard fired two shots at the man who screamed and ran with \$9.40. Bullet holes showed Gerrard shot too high, police said.

Ban Radio Battery Chargers

By United Press

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Debate on the new naval building bill may be completed by the House late today.

Chairman Butler has indicated he may ask for additional time beyond the six hours provided however, which would continue the general discussion to Friday. The measure authorizes fifteen new cruisers and one aircraft carrier.

STEVEN'S POINTS

WIS., March 15.—The common council has passed an ordinance prohibiting the use of radio battery chargers except between 3 a. m. and 7 a. m. Violators are subject to a fine of \$100 or imprisonment for 10 days. The ordinance was introduced by Charles Fetter, a Republican



Joan Crawford



Thelma Todd Billie Dove

Film Stars and Venus

How Hollywood stacks up against ancient Greece:

Venus	Movie
5-4	Height..... 5-3 1/2
135	Weight..... 112
34 1/2 in.	Bust..... 32 1/2 in.
37 1/2 in.	Hips..... 35 1/2 in.
13 1/2 in.	Calf..... 12 1/2 in.
8 in.	Ankle..... 7 1/2 in.

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Yola D'Avril

APPOINT MANAGERS

Watson, Hoover Forces Named for Campaign.

Hull Gould being named in place of Charles B. Enlow, who was named to the post Monday. Both are of Evansville.

At Hoover headquarters at the Claypool, Oscar G. Foellinger, State manager, named Fred Keller, former South Bend mayor, Thirteenth district manager; Lloyd Crouch, Columbus City banker, Whitley County manager, and Harry M. Shull, Aurora farmer, De Kalb County manager.

Keller with Eli Seebert, another former South Bend mayor, now a vice president in the Indiana Hoover-for-President Club, filed petitions Friday for delegates to the State Republican convention while Thurman was in South Bend recruiting Watson forces.

WOMEN VOTERS HEAR OPINIONS OF CANDIDATES

Attorney General Gives Views in Letter; Says Test Failure.

DALE FAVORS METHOD

Muncie Editor Asserts Right Is Cherished; Has Cleaned Politics.

Attorney General Arthur L. Gilion, candidate for Republican nomination for United States Senator favored modification of the direct primary law to make Governors, Senators and presidential electors nominated by party State conventions, in a letter read at the convention of the League of Women Voters at the Marott this afternoon.

The league invited all Democratic and Republican candidates for high state offices to speak upon their primary views. Gillion, unable to attend, sent the letter.

Among others to respond was George Dale, Muncie editor, candidate for Democratic nomination for Governor, who, being ill, sent Mrs. Dale to read a statement in favor of the direct primary.

Gillion declared he was convinced the long trial of the direct primary had proven it does not result in selection of the best men for office, and concluded:

"While, as I said, a United States Senator has no official voice in this matter, I say unequivocally that if I am nominated and elected a United States Senator, I shall use such party influence as that position brings toward a consummation of the views I have herein expressed."

Answering some of the stock arguments against the primary, Dale declared: "Those who do not vote at the primaries prize the privilege. Just try to disfranchise them and see what you get."

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