

## PREDICTS WIN FOR HOOVER BY RIGHT CAMPAIGN

Survey Shows Weakness of Watson, Open to Slashing Attack.

**By RAY TUCKER**  
Herbert Hoover has a chance to smash Jim Watson's creaking, graffiti machine and carry the presidential primary against the veteran Hoosier politician with the right kind of campaign, in the opinion of many political observers here.

Watson's position is weaker than many outsiders realize, according to reports of growing dissatisfaction with the Watson regime and the corruption blackening so many public officials and G. O. P. politicians. But it will take a more slashing campaign than that now outlined by Hoover's State representatives to unseat the Senator.

### Eager to Oust Grafters

Indiana, many observers say, is ready for some one who will put an end to the reign of graft and malfeasance that has sent so many office-holders to jail and may send a dozen more. It is eager to be rid of the invisible and irresponsible government resting from open alliance between Klan dictators and easy-going political bosses.

The issue of official corruption, according to many indications, overshadows such questions as local pride in Watson, farm relief, Hoover's Republicanism and even the oil scandals. But it must be dramatized for an electorate which has come to feel that it makes no difference who wins, and therefore stays away from the polls. It is the staying crowd Hoover must capture.

Hoover pictured as an anti-corruption candidate, in the opinion of many political leaders, would rally to his standard thousands of independents, women and disgusted Republicans who otherwise will not vote on May 8. Rightly or wrongly, all these elements hold Watson responsible for the misdeeds of his organization.

### Watson Stronghold Open

The farmers, for instance, are reported to be favorable to Watson, but not enthusiastic. They put little stock in protestations that any Senator's heart beats for them. It is said that a "clean out corruption" cry raised by the Hoovers would more than offset arguments that Watson has done more for agriculture than Hoover.

Many country banks have fallen partly as a result of speculations by public officials and Klansmen, entailing heavy losses to depositors. Hard-headed farmers and their wives have become disgusted with conditions existing during Watson's leadership, but have no clear way of expressing themselves.

In the cities, especially Indianapolis, disgust at corruption is widespread. Six city councilmen face trial here at the present moment.

A frank assault on these evils by Hoover, it is believed, might prove Watson's undoing. In no other way, according to those on the field, can the Cabinet member hope to overcome the handicap of Watson's twenty years of practical politics.

### Friendly Campaign Work

So far local Hoover managers show no disposition to base their fight on this ready-made issue. They have promised a "good-natured" campaign, with no hard feeling." Naturally, the Watson camp is elated at this prospect of a quiet and dignified scrap, and have reciprocated with assurances that the Senator will engage in no "mud slinging."

Hoover, it appears, has a chance to win if he makes his fight as an advocate of decent government, State and national, with particular reference to long-suffering Indiana. But he will have a hard job if he tries to play the same kind of political poker that has enabled Watson to squeeze out other rivals.

### TARIFF CHANGE URGED

Relief for Agriculture Demanded by Becker.

Readjustment of the tariff to afford relief to agriculture without injury to industry was advocated by John W. Becker, candidate for the Republican nomination for Seventh district Congressman, addressing the First Ward Republican Club, Friday night.

"I advocate a readjustment of the tariff," Becker said, "to take away monopolies where they are not necessary for the advancement of American industries and a reduction of tariff in other instances."

Anti-trust laws "should be armed with teeth long and sharp enough," he said, "to pierce and destroy the monopolistic control of the necessities of life and business."

### GAS RATES LOWERED

Service Commission Approves New Schedule for Seven Cities.

Seven northern Indiana cities will have lower gas rates for domestic and commercial consumers as a result of the approval by the public service commission of new rate schedules submitted by the Northern Indiana Public Service Company. The majority of the reductions apply only to special appliances for heating purposes.

Cities affected are Hammond, Whiting, Decatur, Bluffton, Wabash, Logansport and Peru.

### NECK BROKEN; MAY SURVIVE

LAPORTE, Ind., March 24.—John Hunsley, 59, will recover despite a broken neck, his physician, Dr. F. T. Wilcox, believes. Hunsley suffered fractures of two vertebrae in a fall from a wagon load of logs. His home is at Union Mills.

## Sheik Hickman Is Gone



## 47 START TO SERVE FEDERAL PRISON TERMS

Ninety-Four Plead Guilty in U. S. Court; Trial Dates Are Set.

Forty-seven defendants sentenced in Federal Court Friday by Federal Judge Robert C. Baltzell today began serving sentences ranging from one day in jail to five years in Leavenworth.

Of the 144 persons arraigned, ninety-four pleaded guilty and fifty pleaded not guilty. Nearly half those pleading guilty will be sentenced later.

Trial dates set for those pleading not guilty are: Terre Haute division, April 2; Evansville division, April 9; New Albany division, April 16; Indianapolis, May 10.

### Booteleg to Keep Children

Henry Van Horn, Martinsville, alleged counterfeiter, didn't get much encouragement on his work from the court. When Charles Maze, secret service operative, poured some of Van Horn's counterfeit quarters on the bench, the rattle drew a laugh from the courtroom.

"You are no counterfeiter," Baltzell said. "You just think you are. Sixty days, and don't try it again."

Rosa DeHoff, 914 S. West St., recalled childhood memories of the "old woman that lived in a shoe" when she told the court she turned to bootlegging because "I have so many children, Judge, I don't know what to do." She said she had five children in school and one not yet in school, as well as a crippled husband.

Her sixty-day sentence was suspended in order she might keep the children in school.

### Suspend Cashier's Term

Anna Gazroda, 920 Haugh St., went into court with an interpreter, couldn't understand a word Baltzell said while he discussed sentences of six months to a year. When he finally decided on sixty days suspended, she nodded affirmatively and smiled.

Ben Reese, Attica farmer, who has served two terms at Leavenworth for using the mail to "sell" bears and raccoons he did not have, collecting the money and "forgetting" to ship the animals, was sentenced to another three years for "selling" six minks for \$70.

Arthur R. Owens, former assistant cashier Franklin National Bank, charged with embezzling \$14,000, which he later repaid, was given a five-year sentence suspended.

### Cortelyou Given Term

Harry F. Lighty, Newcastle, drew a sentence of five years and \$500 fine when he pleaded guilty to using the mail to defraud. He admitted advertising for women to do typewriting and in return for \$1 each sending them a pamphlet on how to become a typist. He also admitted making about \$20,000 on various similar schemes.

George T. Cortelyou, 59, of 2136 N. Talbot St., former assistant money order cashier, Indianapolis postoffice, was sentenced to three years at Leavenworth for embezzling \$7,600 from the postoffice over a period of ten years.

"I took the money to buy whisky," he admitted. Cortelyou had served thirty-eight years in the postoffice.

Indianapolis liquor defendants sentenced included:

Sam Lee, 2040 N. Meridian St., three months; Earl Phillips, 502 Buchanan St., \$200; Charles W. and George Smock, three months; N. E. each; George H. Hough, \$100; four months suspended; Denny Dumcouch, 350 W. Washington St., \$100; Paul L. Phillips, 420 W. Washington St., two months; John Stanovich, 318 Congress Ave., four months; Stoy, Harold S. and Burket, 100 W. Washington St., Surbit, Beech Grove, one month suspended; Howard B. Cox, Wesley Taylor, each, one month; Wesley Taylor, six months; Howard Harding, Negro, fifteen months; Martin Miller, Negro, fifteen months; John G. Clifford, Jackson, Negro, 1438 N. West St., three months; Earl Foreman, 432 N. E. Washington St., \$150; Edward G. Sartorius, 300 W. Washington St., Samuel Curry, 338 Prospect St., \$300; Reese Jones, month; Frank Saro, three months; Indianapolis liquor defendants sentenced not guilty were:

Dan Vladin, 2040 N. Meridian St.; John Stanovich, 318 Congress Ave.; 734 E. Twelfth St.; George Lyster; Albert Bowden, Negro, 2232 N. West St.; Elmer Sipe; Mike McNamee, 300 W. Washington St.; 226 N. King Ave.; Sam Phillips, 463½ Washington St.; and James Santucci, 707 Bates St.

### "SILENT" ORATOR DIES

Then there was George McDonald, American, hanged in Quebec, Canada, for the murder of a taxicab driver. "I feel I have made my peace with man as well as with God," he shouted to his father as the two separated shortly before the hanging.

McDonald, perhaps referred to his last minute efforts to save his wife Doris from the gallows. Doris, former Chicago girl, was saved. Her death sentence was changed to life imprisonment, the living death. It sounds trite to say the living death, but it is not true?

Then there was the death of Mrs. Charlotte Pickford at Beverly Hill, Cal. Why does she deserve mention, you ask, more than thousands of other persons who died such as we live in today?

### BIRDS OF A FEATHER

Senator Artie Robinson got tangled up in his Senate debate on the subject. He said something about "birds of a feather flock together."

The answer: She was the mother of Mary Pickford and Lottie and Jack Pickford, of movie fame. Who has not heard of Mary Pickford? Mothers deserve credit.

United States Senator Woodbridge N. Ferris of Michigan also died. Bronchial pneumonia the cause. He was known as the "silent orator," dispatches said. You wonder why. Presumably because his orations were the silent kind. He was a good listener. Most of us are listeners. A good listener can exert a lot of influence even among the talkers.

Senator Ferris was 75. He had been an educator most of his life. He was the first Democrat to be elected from Michigan to the Senate for seventy years, a long, long time. Too long. Longer than most of us will live.

### SOCIAL WORKERS MEET

For, say the scientists, the average expectancy of life is 58 years. That means that averaging them all up, those who live to be 90 and those who live to be 75 and those born at 10, 5 or 1, that a child born today has a 50-50 chance of living to the age of 58.

Nora Bayes, stage star for more than twenty years, died the other day at the age of 48. She died following an operation for abdominal trouble which had troubled her for two years.

Miss Bayes was rather temperamental. She was in the first Ziegfeld Follies in 1907. Just a few weeks before her death she appeared in several charity shows. Her fifth

STOCKS RECORD SET

City Agencies to Hear Hospital Survey Report Monday.

Regular meeting of the Indianapolis Council of Social Agencies will be held Monday at 12:15 at the Lincoln.

Miss Madeline Berry, statistician of the Community Fund, will discuss a cooperative project in which eighteen midwest cities are to combine for a study of uniform statistics and service reports.

A report of the survey of the Negro hospital facilities made in Indianapolis by the American Hospital Association, will be made by Eugene C. Foster, director of the Indianapolis Foundation, which financed the survey.

## CITY MAN DIES WHEN CAR SKIDS AND TURNS OVER

Five Other Persons Are Injured in Auto Accidents.

One man was killed and five persons were injured in traffic accidents in and near the city Friday. Two motorists were arrested.

Festus Alfrey, 51, of 3728 E. Twenty-Eighth St., was injured fatally Friday afternoon when his automobile struck fresh gravel on the Bertermann Rd. near Thirtieth St., skidded sixty feet and overturned. Witnesses told Sheriff Omer Hawkins that the car was traveling at a high rate of speed.

Mr. Alfrey died of a fractured skull at a nearby residence.

Charles E. Whitehouse, 2970 Gale St., riding with Mr. Alfrey, suffered painful lacerations and bruises and was treated at city hospital.

### Lived Here Fifteen Years

Mr. Alfrey, employed as a yard brakeman by the Big Four Railroad, had been a resident of Indianapolis for fifteen years. He was a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Nellie Alfrey; three daughters, Nellie, Almeda and Catherine; two sons, Russel and DeVeale Alfrey; three sisters and four brothers. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

Clarence P. Mitchell, 3425 N. Capitol Ave., was uninjured Friday night when his truck was demolished by a Big Four passenger train at Massachusetts and Commerce Aves. Mitchell said he heard the warning bells, but became confused and was on the tracks before he realized what he was doing.

### Woman Is Injured

Miss Violet Branning, 1318 N. Shellfish Ave., suffered severe bruises in an accident in the 800 block Indiana Ave. The automobile in which she was riding and driven by Miss Belle Robbins was struck by a truck driven by Cecil jeans, 518 S. Senate Ave. The car was hurled into one driven by H. C. Oliver, 1228 W. Twenty-First St. jeans was held on a reckless driving charge.

Others injured: Thomas Ragan, 204 St. and Barth Ave., head lacerations; Miss Mary Fromer, 1928 Lexington Ave., body bruises.

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### Public Is Warned Against 'Salvation Army' Agents.

The public today was warned against swindlers who are going about the city representing themselves as fund collecting agents for the Salvation Army. The warning was issued by W. B. Sowers, divisional commander of the Salvation Army.

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"We have no persons soliciting money from door to door in our name," declared Sowers.

The only persons representing the Salvation Army in solicitation in any way are those from the Industrial Army for Men, and the card they leave states explicitly that no one has authority to accept cash. They ask for waste materials only, and these are used in providing work, shelter and food for those who would otherwise be on the streets.

"We know of no way to stop this fraudulent practice other than to notify the public to be careful, and in cases where necessary exists to notify the police department. All persons acting in any business capacity for the Salvation Army are provided with written authority to do so."

### SHOCK CAUSES DEATH

Mother of Man Killed by Tractor Dies.

Shock of the tragic death of her son-in-law, Herman Kieffer, 32, of Oaklawn, who was crushed beneath a tractor that overturned Thursday afternoon, caused the death of Mrs. Grace W. Bogart, 53, also of Oaklawn, from hemorrhage Friday at her home.

She had lived in Oaklawn throughout her life. In 1895 she was married to Bernard Weaver, of that place, who died in 1920. A year ago she married Benjamin Bogart, who survives her. There are three sons, John Weaver, of Mt. Comfort, and Floyd and Hobart Weaver, of Oaklawn; the daughter, Mrs. Kieffer, and a brother, Charles Kieffer, of Indianapolis.

Kieffer leaves the widow and two small children. Double funeral services will be held at Oaklawn Christian Church at 2 p. m. Sunday and burial will be in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery there.

**HAYMAKERS Plan Card Party**  
Indianapolis Hayloft No. 1 Haymakers Association, will give the last monthly card party of the season in their hall, 49 S. Delaware St., Monday at 8:15 p. m.

### O. K. BUS FARE BOOST

State Commission Approves Increase at Michigan City.

Increase from 5 to 7 cents in the bus fare of the Jahn Bus Company of Michigan City, has been approved by the Public Service Commission.

The O'Donnell Transfer Company of Indianapolis, has been granted a certificate to operate buses between Indianapolis and Kentucky, and Ralph Williams of Richmond, has been granted a certificate to operate trucks between Milton and Connerville.

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**AIR EXPRESS TO CITY**  
Contract for Service Beginning April 2, Is Signed.

Indianapolis will have air express service after April 2, the American Railway Express Company announced today. A contract has been signed with the Embry-Riddle Company, Cincinnati-Indianapolis-Chicago air mail contractors.

Service to the east and west coasts, to Texas and the southwest, to St. Paul and the northwest, and to St. Louis, with connections at Chicago.

Rates will be cheaper than air mail first class fee.

### TO GAIN POWER