

TWO NATIONS TAKE UP PLANS FOR LINDY'S FLIGHT

WATSON CAN'T BE NOMINATED, POINTS AUTHOR

Any Bedroom Candidate Has to Be Free of All Taint, Says Irwin.

This is the last of a series by Will Irwin, famed author, under the general heading, "Indiana, Be Yourself."

BY WILL IRWIN

Senator Watson's campaign for State indorsement of his presidential "ambition" depends for its success on State pride. Able legislator as he is, few will persuade themselves that he qualifies with such aspirants as Hoover, Lowden or Daves. But, say his masters and followers, he's pretty good, and here's a chance for Indiana. Let's stand by the local man. Anything might happen in a national convention.

Anything—except in this instance the nomination of James Watson. That is one of the outstanding impossibilities at Kansas City in June, 1928.

**Wanted: A Nobody**

Let us look into the motives which inspire this singular campaign. Ever since Coolidge refused to run, the hard-boiled politicians of the Old Guard have desired another bedroom nomination.

Every one, I assume, knows the qualifications of the ideal hand-picked candidate for such an honor. He must be regular; he must have a pleasing personality; he must not be too able, and, above all, not original. Above all, he must have a record untainted by personal or political scandal.

They planned to let the leaders "run it out," and the confusion, so that in the convention deadlocked, they could shoot over that candidate whom they had selected by trade and barter.

**Everybody Wants Hoover**

But this time, the unexpected began to happen. When it became a practical certainty that Coolidge meant what he said about not running again, the rank and file of the Republican party began asking for just one man—Hoover. National political leaders have most effective ways of sounding public opinion. Wherever they plumed the country—workshops, offices, farms—they found Hoover in the mind of the average citizen.

They had thought to play one candidate against another. They found that impossible.

The job, now, was at all costs to "block Hoover." In some districts they harped on the suspicion that the President didn't mean what he said and cried "draft Coolidge." They strove everywhere for "uninstructed delegations."

Finally, as a piece of most effective sniping tactics, they took advantage of local pride by persuading certain eminent citizens to set themselves up for the nomination as "favorite sons." Had the friends of Hoover universally refused to set him up in opposition, there might now be a favorite son running in every State which has a preferential primary.

**Watson Impossible**

Favorite Son Curtis of Kansas has a faint outside chance of the nomination. You and I stand as much chance as any of the others. And it is no exaggeration to say that Watson is the leading impossibility of them all.

In one outstanding respect, he doesn't fit the pattern by a mile. The gentlemen who are working for a subservient nominee want no more party scandal. The bedroom candidate must have an irreproachable past. And Watson—his name stands symbol to the insiders of politics for the widely advertised Indiana political scandals.

The Democrats, especially if the sarcastically eloquent Al Smith leads them, could in two weeks make it stand the symbol in the minds of half our voters. Of course, it won't be Watson!

A vote for Watson is a vote against the most eminent living American, against the candidate best qualified, to lead our people.

A vote for Watson is a vote for perpetuation of that machine whose operations so long have disgraced the State.

And let no admirer of Lowden or Daves think that by voting against Hoover in Indiana he is assisting the chances of his man. The Indiana delegation, in Watson's hands, would be just thirty-three pieces of merchandise for barter with the backers and selectors of the bedroom nominee.

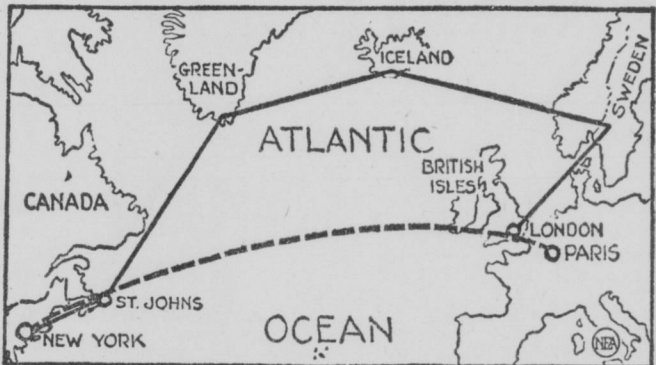
It seems to an outsider that Indiana has reached the appointed time to be herself. Illinois rose up on the 10th of April and threw out a machine differing only in degree from that which so long dominated this State. Ohio, on the 24th of April, returned a two-and-a-half-to-one majority in favor of Herbert Hoover.

Michigan and Kentucky have gone unanimously for Hoover. In short, all the abutting States either have cleaned house, or given overwhelming indorsement to that aspirant for the Republican nomination whose name means clean, business-like and above-board conduct of public affairs. Will Indiana go with them, or will she follow the brass band to the shell game?

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Lindy's Hop Mapped



The tentative route of the proposed June flight of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh and Maj. Thomas G. Lanphier of Detroit to chart a trans-Atlantic course, mapped above. The flight probably will follow the far northern route, with stops at Labrador, Greenland and Iceland. How this compares with the route of Lindy's former flight, pictured below, is shown by the map. The 1928 trip will be made in a tri-motored Ford plane. They are expected to visit all European capitals and may go to Asia.

COUNCIL WILL MAKE SURVEY

Plan Inspection of Police and Fire Departments.

The board of safety and city councilmen today planned a tour of fire engine houses and police headquarters with the view of studying departmental needs.

Decision to inspect the city buildings and survey improvements was reached at the Mayor's cabinet meeting Wednesday. Fred W. Connell, safety board president, said.

Councilmen also plan to inspect city hospital soon.

Oren S. Hack, works board president, reported the board contemplated removal of esplanades on Thirty-Second St., between Meridian St. and College Ave.

The works board will ask council for a \$35,000 bond issue to repair and clean Tomlinson Hall and city market, and a \$11,000 bond issue to connect the heating system of city hall with municipal garage and fire headquarters.

BARBERS RAP G. O. P.

Attack 5 State Candidates for Assembly.

A resolution opposing nomination on the Republican ticket and reelection of State Senators Robert L. Moorhead and Russell B. Harrison and Representatives Frank Borns, H. Walker De Haven and Lloyd D. Claycomb was adopted by the Master Barbers' Association of Indianapolis, Chapter 122, according to Gug Slagle.

The resolution condemned the five for their efforts to defeat the Barbers' License bill in the last Legislature. "The measure was passed by both Houses, but vetoed. The resolution also criticized the Central Labor Union, which cooperated in efforts to secure passage of the bill, for indorsing the five.

**SPEAKER ATTACKS FREE USE OF CARS BY YOUTH**

Shortridge Principal Urges Placing Confidence in Boys.

"Free use of motor cars would tend to give the young more of a chance to do wrong," declared George Buck, principal of Shortridge high school, in addressing the Bible Investigation Club, Wednesday night. Buck stressed, however, the need for leniency in dealing with youth.

"If you are too strict on a young man, he may become rebellious," he said. "The young men of today need to have our confidence placed in them and if we show the right disposition toward them, we will not have so much trouble with them."

Buck mentioned the recent case in which a youth, who had taken a neighbor's automobile, declared in court that he did it because his father refused the use of his own car to the boy.

The Rev. E. L. Cooper, pastor of Calvary United Brethren church, delivered the invocation.

AUTO CRASH TRIAL SET

Try Motorist In Police Car Accident, May 7.

Trial of John Stickle, 2346 Central Ave., for failing to give a police car the right of way, and for assault and battery, will be held May 7 before Judge James A. Collins in Criminal Court.

Stickle is alleged to have driven into the path of the police emergency car wrecked at Twenty-First and Illinois Sts., March 27. Four policemen and three newspaper men were injured when the emergency car driver swerved to avoid hitting Stickle's automobile.

The affidavits were filed in Judge Collins' court Wednesday afternoon. Stickle was released on his own recognizance.

SHOWS COURT DEFECTS

Present Appellate Court System Weak, Says Educator.

Defects in the American Appellate Court system were pointed out by Edson R. Sunderland, of the University of Michigan Law School, before the Indianapolis Bar Association, at the Columbia Club, Wednesday night.

A hundred members and guests attended the dinner. Sunderland declared that the complications of the present system—confusion of jurisdiction, and possibility of double appeal—could be done away with if there were but one appellate court to which all appeals might be sent for disposition.

Life Restored

By United Press

PARIS, May 3.—The heart of a frog, taken from its body several days before, has been made to beat as in real life by an injection of solution of sea salt. Prof. Andre Boucicaut of the medical school of the University of Dijon, performed the experiment. He believes it shows a connection between radio-activity and the mystery of the life force.

DISCUSS POWER LEVY

Valuation of City Firm Taken Under Advisement.

The State Tax Board today had under advisement the valuation for taxation purposes of the Indianapolis Power and Light Company.

"In an effort to reach an equitable valuation as is humanly possible, it has been necessary for the board to take the matter under advisement," Chairman John J. Brown, of the board said.

Discussion of the problem was held Wednesday afternoon when Harley L. Calke, Chicago, who was active in the merging of the Indianapolis Light and Heat Company and the Merchants Heat and Light Company and W. C. Richardson, treasurer of the company appeared before the board.

POSTAL THEFT CHARGES FACED BY CITY MAN

William H. Patrick Arrested When He Presents Check.

William H. Patrick, 911 E. Washington St., today faced Federal postal theft charges as a result of his arrest Wednesday.

Officers said he confessed stealing four letters containing checks amounting to \$149.19.

A. C. Garrigus, postal inspector, said he would present the case to Albert Ward, United States district attorney, for Federal grand jury action.

Patrick was arrested when he presented a \$27.50 check payable to Miss Hannah L. Medicus, Apt. 34, at 8 W. Michigan St., at the Inland Bank and Trust Company.

He also is charged with stealing checks payable to Conenna Lefebvre, 510 N. Meridian St., \$38.45; Mrs. Bertina C. Cook, 2010 N. Meridian St., \$53.24, and one to Mrs. John Seitz, 510 N. Meridian St.

BOULEVARD PLAN UP

Park Board Considers Fall Creek Project Today.

Park board members were expected to consider the proposal of A. W. Brayton, landscape architect, to establish a boulevard along Fall Creek from Thirty-Eighth St. to Millersville at this afternoon's meeting.

Brayton submitted a plan whereby property owners will donate necessary property if the city will agree to build a boulevard extension within a year. The Chamber of Commerce favors the project.

Liberty Light Value Raised

Valuation for taxation of the Liberty Light and Power Company, of Richmond, was increased from \$210,000 for 1927 to \$286,500 for 1928, by the State tax board Wednesday. Increased valuation is a result of increased earning of the company during the past year, the tax board said.

Daily Comment

Trying for a Record

Royal V. Thomas of Durant, Okla., has been in the air over Long Island Flying Fields since 12:30 p. m. yesterday in a single-handed attempt to break the world's endurance record. To do this he must remain in the air 54 hours, 36 minutes and 41 seconds. That is a long time to fly alone, but with determination he can win.

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FOLLOW ARMY AIR TRAIL

Expedition Eastward to Take Lindbergh Over Path of Fliers in 1924.

BY MAURITZ A. HALLGREN  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
WASHINGTON, May 3.—Painstaking preparations are being made for Col. Charles A. Lindbergh's projected flight to Europe this summer in at least a half dozen independent quarters, it was learned here today.

The Danish Government, the United States Weather Bureau, other Government agencies, individual Army airmen, and many private organizations that possess reliable information as to meteorological and other flying conditions in Greenland and Iceland, are co-operating to make the Lindbergh venture a success.

The results of meteorological studies made by the University of Michigan expedition in Greenland in 1927 and 1928, are also being used in preparing plans for the flight. This expedition is headed by Prof. William H. Hobbs, who plans to return to Greenland this summer.

Follow Army Trail

Lindbergh's flight will take him over much the same territory covered by the Army round-the-world fliers in 1924, although his course would be in the opposite direction.

Lieutenant Lowell H. Smith, leader of the Army venture, and his companions touched Iceland, Greenland, Labrador and Newfoundland on their trip. Lindbergh is expected to take off from St. John's in Newfoundland, possibly stopping in Labrador, and with definite stops slated for Greenland and Iceland.

After leaving Brough, England, and stopping at Kirkwall in the Orkney Islands, Smith and his men reached Hornsford, Iceland, on Aug. 2, 1924. Three days later they made the 290-mile jump to Reykjavik, Iceland, and then flew 830 miles to Frederiksdaal in Greenland.

Were Guarded by Ships

The remainder of the far north stretch took them 165 miles to Ivigtut, Greenland; 560 miles to Icy Tickle, Labrador, and 315 miles to Hawkes Bay, Newfoundland.

It is not known whether the Ford ship which Lindbergh proposes to use will be similarly equipped with pontoons. Furthermore, the cruises Raleigh, Richmond and Milwaukee patrolled the route from Iceland to Newfoundland, meeting the Army airmen at several places with fuel and supplies.

The Italian aviator Locatelli joined the Army flight at Reykjavik, but was lost on the hop to Frederiksdaal, being picked up at sea, 125 miles east of Greenland, by the Richmond after a three-day search.

Careful Plans Under Way

Unusual preparations were made for the Army flight, trusted and experienced officers being sent in advance to map and photograph the route and arrange for accommodations for the fliers. Although no advance agents are being sent out, even more careful preparations are being made for the Lindbergh flight.

There remains a bare possibility, it was indicated here today, that the colonel and his companion, who may be Maj. Thomas G. Lanphier, of the Army air service, will attempt to return to the United States by the way of Asia, the Aleutian Islands and Alaska.

On their trip the Army aviators flew from Seattle, Wash., touching at Prince Rupert, B. C., Sitka, Seward, Chignik and Dutch Harbor in Alaska, and at Nazan and Chigoff in the Aleutians, finally reaching the Japanese Archipelago of Paramushira.

FIREMEN NEVER SEE BLAZES

Get Signals, Locate Fires and Send Apparatus

Francis Sloan (left) and Louis Gass (right) are both firemen, but they never think of attending a fire. They just learn where the fire is and let the other firemen go.



Both are veteran members of the department, but neither has been to a fire in more than a quarter of a century.

The fireless firemen function in the Gamewell room at city hall along with "beatless patrolmen" from the police department.



BY DAN M. KIDNEY  
When the Bethard Wall Paper Company burned out recently it gave some of the firemen a chance to see some flames. They saw them through the windows on the fourth floor of city hall. If the windows had been opened they might have smelled the smoke. That would have been a novelty indeed.

It's more than a quarter of a century since these firemen have been to a fire. One of them never did attend. He has been with the department since 1898.

If being a member of the safety squad is the zenith of fire fighting attainment, being a member of the city hall group of firemen must be the nadir. Their jobs are exactly opposite. The safety squad attends all the fires. The city hall group none.

There is Francis Sloan. He was a venturesome youth back in the nineties. When the gong sounded he was first to slide down the greased pole. It's thirty years now since he has ever seen one. Except the one he saw the other night through the window.

Louis Gass is runner-up in the Sloan record. He quit attending fires back in 1898.

They retain their fireman rank, but spend their time handling the Gamewell signal system. This consists of a mass of electrically operated devices and telephones located on the fourth floor at city hall.

They are the first to know about the fires. Then they know nothing more about them until they are out. Some folks who call the fire department do not seem to understand that. They grow irate when the operators are unable to give them all the lurid details.

"We know about the fire before anyone else in the department does, but we can't tell what it is that is burning," Gass explained. "Of course it's a 'still' we know." A "still" is a fire alarm called in by phone.

The operators get the call and send apparatus. In a thickly settled district, or one that is particularly fire hazardous, they send in a box call.

This notifies all truck companies that were not warned by phone.

"Gamewell is the heart of the department," Superintendent W. B. Griffiths declares. He is in charge of the organization which includes thirty-two police and firemen.

Griffiths' own record is the most unique of all. He is an electrician, who became a fireman fourteen years ago to operate the Gamewell

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RENEW COUNTY ROAD BATTLE; HIT AT COFFIN

Approval of Work Turned Down Before Is Asked of Council.

Approval of a part of the county road system will be asked of the county council at a special meeting Saturday. This work previously was refused by the body.

Calling of the meeting late Wednesday occupied the attention of politicians today. It was looked on by some observers as a move by the Dodson faction of the Republican party to embarrass the faction headed by George V. Coffin, county chairman.

Refused Approval Before

The council is ruled by a majority favorable to Coffin, while the county commissioners' court is governed by a Dodson majority.

Before such roads can be constructed, the council must go through the formality of declaring them a utility and a public necessity.

Such approval was refused last fall.

John E. Shearer, council member favorable to the Coffin group, is seeking a seat on the commission, while another member, Frank Cones, a Dodson supporter, is seeking the nomination for treasurer, in opposition to the incumbent, Clyde E. Robinson, a Coffin man. Henry Campbell, county surveyor, Dodson supporter, is seeking renomination. He backs the road program.

Dunn Issues Call

The call for the meeting was issued by Harry Dunn, County auditor, a courthouse leader of the Dodson faction.

The Dodson man opposing Shearer in the race for the commissioner nomination is Seth C. Klein, Campbell is opposed by Paul Roscoe Brown, Coffin backer.

Roads to be passed on are: College Ave. from Seventy-First St. to the county line; High School Rd. from Valley Mills to Rockville Rd.; E. Tenth St. from Arlington Ave. to Cumberland, and the Holt Rd. from the National Rd. to the Bluff Rd.

Petitions have been prepared.

14,000 Work at Anderson

By Times Special  
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