

# 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 endorsement 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 Dawes. 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 to confuse the race, so that with 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 plumb 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 Dawes 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 has so long dominated that State. Ohio, on the 24th of April, returned a two-and-a-half-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 endorsement 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?

## Lindy's Hop Mapped



## DENMARK JOINS U. S. TO PREPARE FOR GLOBE HOP

Painstaking Surveys, Study of Climates, Territory to Precede Trip.

## 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.—Painting 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 cooperating 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 airmen, 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 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 Frederiksdal in Greenland.

### Were Guarded by Ships

The remainder of the far north stretch took them 165 miles to Igloot, 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 cruisers 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 Frederiksdal, 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 Chichagoff 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.

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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 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  
ANDERSON, Ind., May 3.—Fourteen persons are working in industrial plants here, a survey by the Chamber of Commerce shows.

ated 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 if 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. Griffis declares. He is in charge of the organization which includes thirty-two police and firemen.

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

system. He has never slept in a fire-house, rode a pumper, or held the nozzle of a hose.

## POLICE ORDER NEW STUTZ EMERGENCY

\$4,300 Car Will Be Equipped With Rifles, Bombs, First Aid Kit.

Purchase of a \$4,300 Stutz seven-passenger touring car for use as a police emergency machine was ordered Wednesday by the board of safety.

The new automobile will replace the emergency which was demolished in a crash several weeks ago, when four policemen and three reporters were injured.

"In buying the new machine we have endeavored to equip it with all of the safety and emergency equipment possible."

"The new car will have bullet-proof windshield and wings, tear gas bombs, first aid kit and 30-30 automatic rifles," said Fred W. Connell, safety board president.

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