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Mostly cloudy tonight and Friday, probably showers and thunderstorms not much change in temperature.

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U. S. AID ASKED TO CRUSH CITY GAMING RINGS

Baseball Pool Operators Will Face Probe on Income Taxes.

EQUIPMENT IS SEIZED

Lottery Czars Also Hit in New Smash Directed at Gamblers.

Two new moves were started by the prosecutor's office today to ruin the game of baseball pool and lottery operators.

1. Deputy Prosecutor John L. Niblack directed a deputy income tax collector to investigate the wealthy pool operators, to determine whether they have reported their enormous profits to Uncle Sam.

2. Niblack announced he will seek to impound all gaming materials seized, thereby tying up equipment and considerable capital of the operators. Judge Collins impounded equipment seized in a raid on an alleged lottery headquarters as the first step in this drive.

Cases Are Rushed
As further evidence that the fight to suppress high, commercialized gambling as opposed to sociable, home poker sessions had passed the stage of mere sniping here and there, the prosecutor's office started filing cases directly in Criminal Court.

This will avoid at least part of the delays and legal loopholes through which big gamblers manage to wriggle now and then in municipal courts.

Niblack invited the internal revenue department to send an agent to his office to get data on profits of pool and lottery operators and a conference was arranged for this afternoon.

Should the Government prove the operators failed to report their full incomes stiff penalties can be assessed.

Charges Are Dismissed
The prosecutor's office suddenly dismissed lottery charges in municipal court this morning against three Negroes and another man arrested after the raid on 322 N. Senate Ave., Wednesday morning, in which a patrol load of baseball pool tickets and other materials was seized.

The charges immediately were refilled in Criminal Court and Niblack filed a motion to impound the more than 20,000 books of tickets seized.

Defendants in this case are Denver D. Ferguson, alleged operator of the ticket factory; his brother, Sea Ferguson; his cousin, William Ferguson; and Michael Gray, alleged agent.

Meanwhile, the second big case of the present drive remained in Judge Paul C. Wetter's municipal court. Criminal Court Investigator John G. Willis late Wednesday arrested Joseph P. Rolles, printer, 540 Century Bldg., as the operator of a huge lottery, and Edward J. Holmes, 1435 S. Illinois St., as an agent of Rolles. Willis charged he had information that this lottery brought in about \$4,000 a week from "regular customers" and disbursed only weekly prizes ranging from \$20 to \$100 and one monthly prize of \$1,000.

Winners formerly were determined by a spin of a roulette wheel, Willis said.

Rolles and Holmes asked for a change of judge. The defense struck Ralph K. Kane from the list supplied by Judge Wetter.

The State struck Harry E. Yockey, the special judge whose rulings stopped several pool selling prosecutions Wednesday. This left Charles S. Wittsie, who is to try the case July 12.

Meanwhile, Prosecutor's Detective Harry McGinnis obtained a search warrant for Rolles' place and seized a box about two feet wide and deep full of lottery tickets, and a smaller box from which the winning numbers are said to be drawn. This method replaced the roulette wheel plan, it is said.

This equipment was impounded by Judge Collins.

Evidence Is Obtained

Patrolmen George Stricker presented such a case against three men today that Municipal Judge Paul C. Wetter, who frequently has discharged gaming defendants and criticized police for arresting them, remarked: "This is one case in which the police had the evidence." The judge fined Floyd Newman, poolroom operator, 401 Virginia Ave., \$25 and costs for keeping a gaming house; his attendant, Wayne Thomas, 930 Lexington Ave., \$10 and costs for pool selling; and Charles Ludwig, 1134 Hoyt Ave., customer, \$5 and costs for gaming.

Stricker testified he stood near the baseball ticket and scoreboard in Newman's place and saw Ludwig buy \$2 worth of tickets from Thomas.

Boy Is Killed by Train

ALLENTOWN, Pa., June 28.—William DeBarber, 6, disengaged the warnings of railway men and attempted to dash across the tracks near here. His foot caught in a switch and he was run down and killed by an oncoming train.

Bigger and Better Than Ever—and Much Wetter

By United Press

OGDENSBURG, N. Y., June 28.—Ogdensburg will not see the circus this year. The show is ready to go on. The birds and the beasts are here. The big tent is up and none of the performers is ill. Prohibition violations did it. When the first three sections of the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey train pulled in from Canada, Federal officers got a tip that pay day and the plentifulness of liquor in Quebec had combined to make the train a saloon on wheels.

A hasty search turned up 1,000 bottles, hidden among baggage of performers. The folds of the Japanese acrobats' kimonos yielded rare wines; beer bottles rolled out of clown costumes and even the car in which the camels were riding contained whiskey.

Meanwhile, on the fourth section of the train, the rest of the performers heard a raid was on. Pullman windows flew open, bottles showered out. It costs \$5 when a dry agent seizes a bottle of liquor at the border.

Then the Federal inspectors started a thorough search, announcing it would take all day and that the show could not go on. The latest count showed that 4,000 bottles had been seized.

SUICIDE NOTE LEFT ON BANK OF RIVER; MAN DISAPPEARS

Naughty Boys

Man, 65, Threatens to Spank Nephew, 52, in Buggy.

WHEN Uncle Herman Kurrasch, 65, threatened to spank his nephew, Albert Litz, 52, while returning in a horse and buggy from a luckless fishing trip at Ravenswood Wednesday, neighbors called police.

They told the men engaged in a brawl, but Motor Officers J. E. Okey and Fred Brennan found that it was just an argument over the length of the buggy ride, fishing and dry beer.

Kurrasch had invited his nephew on the fishing trip and after trying his luck for some time Litz said the fishing was poor and he would like to be taken back to the city. Finally the uncle agreed to transport him as far as the Broad Ripple car line.

They were en route when the argument started. Kurrasch wanted his nephew to get out and walk. Neighbors, hearing the men talking loudly and drinking from their bottles of dry beer to keep their throats in condition, called police. They were not arrested.

REPAIR GIRL'S PLANE

Fraulein Rasche's Machine Slightly Damaged.

By United Press
MONTREAL, Quebec, June 28.—The trans-Atlantic airplane, North Star, in which Fraulein Thea Rasche hopes to fly to Germany, was damaged slightly today when the German girl attempted to take off from Cape de la Madeleine for Newfoundland, an official of the Fairchild Aviation Company at Grand Mere, Quebec, informed the United Press by telephone.

The aviation official said the German girl and her crew hoped to complete repairs immediately and perhaps make a second attempt to take off this afternoon.

NO MAIL ON FOURTH

Only General Delivery Windows to Be Open at Postoffice.

All departments of the Indianapolis postoffice except general delivery windows will be closed July 4, Postmaster Robert H. Bryson announced today.

General delivery windows will be open from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. (d. s. t.) There will be no carrier delivery and carrier stations will be closed all day.

FISH LAW AFFECTS ALL

Out-of-Season Catch in Another State Can't Be Brought Home.

Possession of out-of-season fish in Indiana is unlawful even if the fish was caught in some other State, Attorney General Arthur L. Gilliom ruled in an opinion to Walter Shirts, assistant State fish and game superintendent, today.

CHARGE SPEAKER ABUSED OLD GLORY; IS RELEASED

Charles H. Krause, 66, of 674 E. Drive, Woodruff Place, resident of Indianapolis for forty years, was talking single tax from a soapbox at Market and Illinois Sts., Wednesday night.

The Revs. John H. Bradbury, Summitville, and Alpheus J. Sampson, 1440 Le Grande Ave., Baptist ministers, halted to listen to the speech. They began questioning the man's patriotism. Bradbury asked what he thought of the flag and the speaker said it is a "grand old rag."

The ministers called police who took Krause to headquarters.

There the ministers also accused him of talking slightly of the Constitution in general and the Eighteenth amendment in particular.

'Last Words' Are Found in Clothes; Police Will Drag Stream.

Police today planned to drag White River to determine whether Gilbert L. Wood, about 49, R. R. 6, Box 214, near Edgewood, committed suicide by jumping into the stream from the Illinois Central bridge between Oliver and Kentucky Aves.

A note in clothes found on the bridge early today said that Wood had ended his life in the river because of domestic difficulties.

Possibility that the man may have faked the apparent suicide, so he could disappear to escape his alleged troubles, was suggested by Captain Claffey, however.

Youths Find Clothes

Herbert Mascoe, 18, of 2110 W. Morton St., and Edward Garr, 18, of 2110 Martha St., found trousers, coat, vest and a 38-caliber revolver near by. One shell of the gun was discharged, but Captain Claffey did not believe the shot had been fired recently.

In the clothing was a letter summoning Wood and his wife to the office of Miss Isabelle Somerville, Juvenile Court referee, June 13.

At the bottom was written, "This is the end of everything. I can't stand it any longer."

On the envelope was written: "I leave this note to keep any one from getting in trouble. These clothes belong to G. L. Wood of Edgewood and I am committing suicide over domestic trouble and bad health."

Hailed to Court by Wife
According to Miss Somerville, Wood was brought into court some time ago by his wife, Mrs. Sarah Wood, who charged he would not work and support their children, Gilbert, Jr., 15, and Wilma, 15, and Vivian, 11.

Early in June his wife came to authorities again and said Wood was running around with other women. Both were summoned into court June 13, but Wood did not appear.

A few days later he appeared and said he had been unavoidably prevented from appearing June 13 and asked that another hearing be set. He seemed in good spirits, according to Miss Somerville.

Mrs. Wood, according to Captain Claffey, does not believe her husband has killed himself. He recently completed building an sort of house on his automobile, she said, and has been removing his clothing from their home in small lots.

CHECK TECH HIGH BIDS

\$215,000 Bond Issue Asked for New Auditorium.

Jacob Hilkene, Indianapolis school building and grounds superintendent, and tax board members today checked bids on a new Technical High School auditorium for which the school board is asking a \$215,000 bond issue.

With Tax Board Engineer Walter Horn the costs of school buildings over the State are being compared to the bids.

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GEM IN NOMINATING SPEECHES; BRIEF, TO THE POINT

HOUSTON, Texas, June 28.—Making a bold speech, in striking contrast to those for other candidates, William H. O'Brien of Lawrenceburg, Ind., Wednesday night placed in nomination the name of Evans Woolen of Indiana. His speech follows:

"The militant democracy of Indiana enters the campaign aggressive, unafraid and will go all the way in support of the nominee of this convention, no matter what his name may be or whether he comes,

CLEARING SKY GIVES HOPE OF ITALIA RESCUE

Planes' Attempts to Reach Stranded Men Held Up for Three Days.

PLAN HAZARDOUS TRIPS

Airmen to Scout Over Vast Arctic Region in Hunt for Explorers.

By United Press

KINGS BAY, Spitzbergen, June 28.—Unfavorable weather, which for three days has delayed attempts to take aid to twenty-one men lost in the Arctic wastes, was abating today the Citta De Milano, radioed and aerial rescue attempts may start shortly.

Only clear skies are needed before a start is made.

Planes, including two Italian, one Swedish and one Finnish craft, are in readiness for the hazardous journeys over the encampment of Lieutenant Viglieri and through the territory where Roald Amundsen, Finn Malmgren's party or the six men with the dirigible Italia might be stranded.

Finn to Try Rescue

The Finnish plane Wednesday made several test flights. Its pontoons have been substituted with skis. The plane successfully landed on an icy surface, the Citta Di Milano reported, and then rose again utilizing a space of only about 100 meters for this difficult aviation feat.

This would indicate the plane later might be used in a landing attempt at the Viglieri encampment where Lieutenant Lundborg, the Swedish aviator, landed and took off in rescuing General Umberto Nobile last week.

Lundborg made a second landing, but his plane nosed over and he now is stranded with the five members of the Italia's crew there.

Lundborg has advised by radio that he believed a plane might be able to land and said he was attempting to smooth a place on the ice where this landing might be made.

Lundborg Repairing Plane

Lundborg also has advised that he is at work attempting to repair his plane, has asked for spare parts, and indicated he might try to fly off the ice island on which the Italia's five men have been prisoners since May 25.

Meanwhile a great number of ships moved into the territory to the rescue of the six men on the ice and to search for the other fifteen missing men.

CHECK TRAILER BIDS

Cost Higher in Louisville, Records Show.

H. W. Fiedlerman, Louisville street department superintendent, today gave to City Engineer A. E. Moore a copy of Highway Trailer Company bids showing the price higher than the figure at which the sanitary board here recently purchased similar equipment. It was charged that the board paid a higher price than other cities.

The copy of bids in February, 1927, showed the highway bid \$1,595 each, without brakes and covers. Brakes and covers cost \$125 each.

The city bought eight of the trailers at \$1,670, fully equipped. Attorneys Taylor Croninger and Earl Cox protested the awarding of the contract to the Highway company, charging other cities bought the same trailers for \$400 less.

Attorneys, representing the Freuhauff Trailer Company, had given Louisville as one of the cities which had been offered cheaper bid.

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Reed's Name Placed Before Convention as Final Hope; Smith Wave Near Its Peak

Missourian Is Resolved to Battle to Last Ditch for Nomination.

PLATFORM FIGHT FACED

Drys Want Stronger Plank; Adjournment Tonight Is Possible.

BY CARL D. GROAT

United Press Staff Correspondent
CONVENTION HALL, HOUSTON, Texas, June 28.—The name of Senator James A. Reed of Missouri, was placed in nomination before the Democratic national convention today by Charles M. Howell, his life-long friend and associate from Kansas City, Mo.

It went to the convention as a foreboding hope, for Reed faced certain defeat. The Smith wave was its peak, and Smith managers were suggesting the convention might clean up tonight, naming the New York Governor as 1928 presidential nominee and a running mate—probably Senator Joseph Robinson of Arkansas.

The platform committee, meantime, was finishing its work of approving the drafting committee's draft. This contained a dry plank endorsing enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment, an anti-corruption plank, and a strong plank for farm relief.

Dry Fight Possible

There was prospect that when the platform came to the floor a minority report would come, too, thereby precipitating the southern row over the dry plank as Governor Dan Moody of Texas and other extreme dries want a stiffer dry doctrine.

A demonstration of less than two minutes, for Reed, with Missourians practically the only ones in it, preceded Howell's nominating speech.

Some scattering groups joined in the cheering, but the demonstration, centered along in the Missouri section, was not a victory for the political situation here. Reed was finished; Smith was about to have his triumph registered by the convention.

Reed Given Praise

Howell praised Reed as a champion of religious tolerance. A few handclaps greeted his remarks, but most persons believed that, while he might furnish some fireworks, the situation as to nominating Smith and adopting the platform would remain unchanged.

Mrs. Woodrow Wilson again was an honor guest on the platform.

The galleries were only partly filled at 10:30, the scheduled time to start.

Chairman Joseph Robinson called the convention to order at 10:35.

Platform Near Finish

Chairman Key Pittman estimated the full committee would complete action on the platform before 2 p. m., central time, under the new arrangement.

A farm relief plank recognizing the necessity of Federal aid in disposing of surplus crops was adopted in general terms which made no specific reference either to the McNary-Haugen bill or the equalization fee.

The prohibition plank was accepted by Senator Robert F. Wagner, representative of Smith forces, on the committee, and to all other members except Governor Moody.

Moody decided to wait until the platform is presented to the full resolutions committee later in the day before he decided whether he will carry his fight for a stronger plank to the convention floor.

Farm Plank Approved

The farm plank was acceptable to the McNary-Haugen advocates, on the committee, including Senator Thaddeus Caraway of Arkansas, action on it was unanimous.

The committee selected the corruption-in-Government issue as the dominant point for the coming campaign. It mentioned the oil scandals and the contributions received by the Republican party from Harry F. Sinclair, lessee of Teapot Dome.

The committee promised that the coming campaign would be conducted on a moderate financial scale. The full committee met at 9:30 a. m. to hear labor leaders for an hour.

Demand Labor Aid

Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor presented planks demanding amendment of the Sherman anti-trust law and legislation to abolish the use of injunctions in labor disputes.

Morrison also urged planks to prevent shipment of convict labor in interstate commerce.

The labor hearing was concluded at 10:45 a. m., and the full platform committee adjourned for one hour so the sub-committee could

'Missus' Sure Al'll Win



Mrs. Al Smith didn't know much about politics, she said, but she did know that Al was going to win. This excellent close-up of the happy Mrs. Smith was taken as she attended the opening session of the Democratic convention in Houston. She wore a black and white polka-dotted silk frock, a white quilted silk hat with a single crystal ornament, and two necklaces, of crystal and jet.

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A large man bearing a California banner with a picture of Smith thereon, leaped down the middle aisle in what appeared to be a smashing line buck for twenty yards. He was up before the speakers' platform and away to a flying start.

A few seconds later State standards were piling in behind him, marching around the hall. The New York delegation, with the "wise-cracking mayor," Jimmy Walker, and other Tammany folk in it, stood by, pleased. Some southern delegations stood aloof.

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Another Chance

For the convenience of children, who are unable to get to the Times office today, membership buttons will be distributed to all who bring their coupons to Broad Ripple Park, Friday before 10 a. m. Cut the coupon in this edition, bring it with you, and get in on the first "treat day" of the Kids Fun Klub of The Indianapolis Times and Broad Ripple Park.

The lodge costs you nothing; the button you get in exchange for your coupon entitles you to a full share in all activities of the park. Get yours today if possible; but if you cannot come to The Times office, you may obtain your membership at the park, Friday morning.

STUMP PAID BY UTILITIES FOR SPEECHES

Democratic Nominee for Senate on Pay Roll in 1921-22.

FIGHT TO 'FIX' LAWS

John Mellett Tells Probers How Teachers Accepted Propaganda.

By Times Special

WASHINGTON, June 28.—Albert Stump, of Indianapolis, Democratic nominee for the United States Senate was paid more than \$1,300 in 1921 and 1922 to make speeches in behalf of Indiana public utilities, it was disclosed today when the Federal Trade commissions probe of the power industry was directed to Indiana activities.

John C. Mellett, former executive secretary of the Indiana Public Utility Association, identified records showing that Stump had been paid \$165.69 in 1921 and \$1,116.51 in 1922, for "services and expenses" when he was being questioned by Judge Robert E. Healy, chief counsel for the commission.

"What were the services and expenses?" Judge Healy asked.

"He made talks before Rotary and Kiwanis clubs and business organizations of various kinds," Mellett replied.

"At how much a talk?"

"I think \$25."

"Were speeches delivered before clubs other than Rotary and Kiwanis clubs?"

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