

HIGH OFFICIALS TO HONOR RAIL LABOR VETERAN

'Herm' Wills to Be Given Surprise Party on His 80th Anniversary.

BY ROSCOE B. FLEMING
WASHINGTON, July 14.—They're going to give Herm Wills a "surprise party" July 16 at the Carlton Hotel here.

Sixty-two years ago Herm, a husky, black-haired youth from Vermont, landed a job as fireman on the old Northwestern Railroad in Iowa. Running into the frontier town of Omaha, he knew the old West.

Senators, high labor officials, railroad presidents and cabinet members will do him honor Monday night, when Wills, retired assistant grand chief and legislative agent of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, now one of the strongest labor organizations in the world, celebrates his eightieth birthday.

You could hardly say "retired" either, for he still visits his office daily in his work as chairman of the general education committee of all the rail brotherhoods.

Put Over Inspection Law

The story of the rise of the Brotherhood from a few struggling unions is to a great extent the story of Wills. He was a great lieutenant of P. M. Arthur, great Brotherhood leader of the last century, and at one time held the unique power, as assistant grand chief, to suspend the chief if he felt the latter were doing wrong. He was no less trusted by Warren S. Stone, later.

Perhaps his proudest achievement was helping to put through the Federal locomotive inspection law of 1912, securing the aid of President Taft against powerful opposition.

Born in Vermont July 16, 1848, self-supporting at 11, the glamorous western adventures of an elder brother fired Wills' imagination, and he got his fireman's job at Clinton, Iowa, in 1866. At 21 he was driving his own engine, and at 24 was trusted with the Fast Mail and the Denver Express.

They tell all sorts of yarns about him—for instance, about the new executive who went about "pulling" signals on the engineers to see if they were obeying them. When Wills was stopped, he saw what had happened, and waved his fists wildly at the executive on the platform, with considerable rough language.

"Fired" From Burlington

The executive complained, Wills was called on the carpet. "Yes, I swore at him and if he ever does it again, I'll stop the train long enough to knock his block off," he said. The executive received a gentle warning to let Wills alone.

All this time he was active in labor organization. He was a charter member of the Firemen's Brotherhood, joining at Clinton in 1868. In 1872 he joined the struggling engineers' organization, and almost immediately became nationally prominent in it.

He negotiated the second system-wide agreement ever entered with the Northwestern. The ex-president of that road, R. H. Ashton, who warred with Wills over many a council board, but is a lifelong friend, now president of the American Railway Association, will help to do him honor Monday night.

Wills helped to lead the famous Burlington strike. He was "fired" from the Burlington for merely belonging to a labor committee and later returned to the Northwestern.

BOY, 9, TRIES SUICIDE

Evansville Lad Makes Two Attempts at Drowning.

By Times Special
EVANSVILLE, Ind., July 14.—Police have failed so far to find a motive for two attempts at suicide by drowning made by Leonard Combs, 9, son of Leonard Combs.

The first attempt was frustrated by Melvin Smith, houseboat owner when he noticed the boy sitting calmly on a battered craft sinking in Pigeon Creek. He pulled the boy aboard his houseboat and he immediately jumped into the water, and was rescued again.

Academy Reunion Sunday

By Times Special
FAIRMOUNT, Ind., July 14.—Former teachers and students of the old Fairmount Academy will hold a reunion here Sunday.

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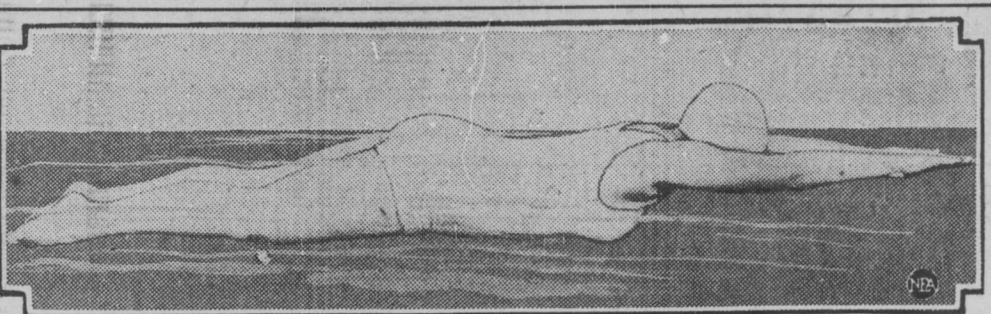
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Overcoming of Fear Is First Step in Learning to Swim, Then Try to Float



Phyllis Zitenfeld poses in the "dead man's float."

BY THE ZITENFELD TWINS

THE first step in learning how to swim is to overcome fear of the water.

The best way to do this, of course, is to grow used to the water while still young. Mother used to take us in swimming when we were tiny babies.

But we never were afraid of the water. It is a mistake to take any child into the water who is afraid. Give him a sand pail and shovel and let him dig around on the beach and before he knows it he will be wading. It is only a step more clear into the water.

Our advice is not for babies, however. We want to try to help boys and girls and adults make up their minds to learn swimming.

Don't Use Floats

If starting in a pool, stick to the shallow end until you really can swim under your own power. Never use water wings.

Try to duck and play ball or tag in the water until you don't mind going under. Wallow around and learn to like the feel of water.

You never can learn to swim if you don't go under far enough to wet your hair. Don't hold your nose, either. Take a deep breath, hold it, duck to a squatting position, come up, exhale.

If you do this easily, slowly, and try to enjoy it, you can easily grow used to water without being afraid. And you should learn to keep your eyes open, too.

Many persons fear to open their eyes. In keeping them shut, they thus develop another kind of fear for water.

When you have learned to duck down and up again without being afraid, or out of breath, try the "dead man's float."

Stretch out upon the top of the water, face downwards, hand out in front, face under water, with breath held. The easiest way to do it is to start from the side of the tank and kick off with your feet.

A Buoyant Feeling

Stretch out your arms as you take a deep breath and push yourself from the side. If you hold your body out taut, you will find that you float across the water easily.

You will have to try it many times before you can push more than halfway across the tank. But this gives you a feeling of buoyancy that is essential to anyone who wants to swim.

Try this "dead man's float" for only a few seconds the first time. Just to get the position. Then repeat, trying to get a deeper breath and stay afloat longer.

Never strain yourself trying to stay afloat longer than you can easily. That will come later.

But the minute you accomplish a good "dead man's float" you have learned several valuable things needed in swimming: buoyancy, the feel of water on the face, the ability to hold the breath without getting scared, and a sense of easy motion through the water.

LIFT YULE TREE BAN

U. S. Opens Gates to Importing Greens From Canada.

By Times Special
WASHINGTON, July 14.—The Christmas tree situation is promising again, as the result of a decree by the agriculture department lifting the quarantine on trees and greens from the province of Quebec.

The quarantine was imposed because of the presence of the gypsy moth, which has now been eradicated, according to reports from the Canadian government.

SCOUTS TO PLAY INDIAN

Boys Will Depict Hiawatha Scenes at Reservation Tonight.

Scenes from "Hiawatha," the poem, will be depicted tonight at the Boy Scout reservation, northeast of the city.

Scout officials will be guests at the entertainment. Scout leaders from surrounding Indiana towns have been invited. Swimming events and a parade will feature the program.

Wife, 14, Asks Divorce

By Times Special
EVANSVILLE, Ind., July 14.—Mrs. Helen Kasper, 14, seeks a divorce here from Edward Kasper, 23, a painter, alleging he falsely represented her age as 18 to authorities when they were married and that he makes and sells liquor. The girl was a June bride.

The PASSING PROCESSION

News of the Week Boiled Down

BY BOB BATMAN

The Whole World in Brief

IT is possible to kill seven persons in two hours, legally. It was done down in Kentucky and a new record set.

A new record set for the largest number of executions ever performed in the United States at one time. It's not a very pleasant subject. But it happened.

Seven men were electrocuted. Two had killed other men in holdups. One had killed another man in a feud. He protested his innocence to the end—"I never did nothing wrong." Another had killed two men. Two had killed their sweethearts. The last had killed in a fit of anger, for revenge.

It took one hour and fifty-seven minutes for the State to punish them for their crimes, and establish a new record.

The Department of Agriculture announced a new record, too. The American people set this record.

They (we Americans) consumed 334,703,610 gallons of ice cream last year, the department announced. Did you get your share? It was 2.85 gallons. That is on an average each person in the United States ate 2.85 gallons of ice cream. Last year was a record year with a total of 11,038,610 more gallons eaten than in 1926.

Executions and ice cream—they're far apart. But such is the passing procession of life.

And from ice cream land, the far north, came word of rescues from death.

Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles stolen:

William H. Block, 3015 N. Meridian St., LaSalle coupe, from in front of his home.

George Kehrer, 1001 E. Georgia St., Ford sedan, 655-722, from Pearl St. and Capitol Ave.

Fred T. Roadcap, Ravenswood, Ford roadster, 658-459, from Pennsylvania and Walnut Sts.

Marion County Nash, Nash roadster, 631-766, from 17 E. Pratt St. John O'Connor, 5066 W. Fourteenth St., Ford sedan, 639-257, from Court and Delaware Sts.

M. C. Wischard, 92 N. Dearborn St., Ford roadster, 646-967, from East and Massachusetts Ave.

Paul Bridgeford, 622 E. Twenty-first St., Ford coupe, 659-862, from New Jersey and Ohio Sts.

William Wadsworth, 2432 N. Alabama St., Ford coupe, 661-039, from 314 Muskingum St.

Ors Davis, 1415 Faulcey St., Willys-Knight touring car, from Bethel Ave., near Beech Grove.

BACK HOME AGAIN

Automobiles recovered by the police:

Jess Miller, Ohio, 650-585, Diana touring car, sent to Market St. Garage; Gypsy hand arrested.

Jess Miller, Gypsy leader, Lincoln touring, Illinois, 676-732, Market St. Garage.

Jess Miller Gypsy leader, Dodge truck, 29-634, Market St. Garage.

Harley Meyers, 1562 W. New York St., Hupmobile coupe, Kentucky Ave. and Missouri St.

DELAY PETERMAN CASE

Judge Continues Trial of Man for Selling Sling Liqueur.

Trial of Adam W. Peterman, proprietor of a restaurant at 502 N. Noble St., has been postponed by Special Criminal Judge Fremont Alford. Defense Attorney E. H. Stewart declared he had not been notified of the trial in time to get his witnesses.

Peterman is charged with having sold liquor to Carl Sken on June 13, the day Sken took Mrs. Pearl Jarboe, waitress, for a ride, which ended when Mrs. Jarboe jumped or was pushed from the machine to her death. Sken is charged with pushing Mrs. Jarboe from the car and is under indictment for murder.

UNTIE MARITAL KNOTS

Elopers Into Maryland Fare Badly in Pennsylvania.

By Times Special
HARRISBURG, Pa., July 14.—Marital knots tied in Maryland come loose in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, it appears from court records which show that fifty-one of 174 couples divorced in this county last year were married in Maryland.

Hagerstown, Md., just over the Pennsylvania-Maryland border line, is chosen by many Pennsylvania elopers for their weddings.

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INDIANA NATIVE NEW PRESIDENT OF NOTRE DAME

University Headed by Father O'Donnell, a Graduate.

NOTRE DAME, Ind., July 14.—A native Hoosier heads the University of Notre Dame, with the election of the Rev. Charles L. O'Donnell, C. S. C., to succeed the Rev. Matthew J. Walsh.

The new president served as an army chaplain during the World War. He is first assistant general of the congregation of Holy Cross and former provincial. He was graduated from Notre Dame in 1906 and also attended Holy Cross College, Harvard University and Catholic University.

With the announcement of Father O'Donnell's election, was that of various other appointments, including the following: Brother William, superior, Catholic central high school, Indianapolis; Brother Gerard, superior, Reitz Memorial high school, Evansville, and Brother Harold, superior, Catholic Central high school, Ft. Wayne.

Directors of outlying posts: The Rev. Louis Kelley and the Rev. Thomas Lahey of Notre Dame, president and vice president, respectively, of Columbia University, Portland, Ore., and the Rev. Matthew A. Schumacher and the Rev. William A. Belger, also of Notre Dame, president and vice president, respectively, of the new St. Thomas College, St. Paul, Minn.

AL IS WHIPPED, HEFLIN CLAIMS

Worse Defeat Than That of John W. Davis Predicted.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, July 14.—The Smith-Robinson ticket of the Democrats will suffer an even worse defeat than that accorded John W. Davis four years ago, Senator J. Thomas Hefflin of Alabama predicted here today.

Hefflin described the nominations of Smith and Robinson as the "worst work the Democratic party had done in fifty years."

"There is not the slightest hope of the Democrats winning in November," he said. "I haven't met a Smith or Robinson man in all the people I have talked with since the close of Congress."

Hefflin said three-fourths of the women in the Democratic party would oppose the ticket. He predicted several southern States would put anti-Smith Democratic electors on their ballots and vote for them in preference to the regular party electors.

Hefflin said Smith must explain his attitude toward social equality in his acceptance speech if he expected to get any support in the South.

"He already has made one mistake by repudiating the party platform," Hefflin said.

BATTLE RADIO OUSTER

Stations Plan Appeal to Test Law Ruling Them Out.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, July 14.—A series of suits to test the constitutionality of the radio law is expected to result from the cancellation of licenses of some of the 164 broadcasting stations now under investigation.

It is regarded as likely that thirty to fifty of the 107 stations which have protested the order will be licensed to continue, but that some of the others, judging from their protests to the Federal Radio Commission in this week's hearings, will take their cases to the courts if they lose.

RAILROADERS TO FROLIC

Peoria and Eastern Employes Plan Riverside Outing for Sunday.

About 1,000 employes of the Peoria and Eastern Railroad will hold their fourth annual outing Sunday at Riverside Park.

The Indianapolis delegation is expected to include about 400 persons. Two special trains will leave Peoria Sunday morning, picking up delegations along the route. Forty-two cities will send representatives.

Twelve Pups Born to Setter

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., July 14.—"Mrs. Queen," registered English setter owned by P. M. Wilson, local real estate dealer, has given birth to twelve puppies, seven male and three female.

Distributes Safety Cards



Yes Madam, Playing in the street.

Police Chief Claude M. Worley is distributing posters and cards about the city in his campaign to cut down automobile accidents. Above is shown Chief Worley holding one of 1,000 posters provided by the Globe Indemnity Company.

The posters show the sixteen causes of accidents. Below is shown one of 100,000 cards provided by the Hoosier Automobile Motor Club. The cards, warning of likelihood of accident to children playing in the streets, is being distributed by the Indianapolis Bell Telephone Company with its monthly bills.

LABOR LEADER SLAIN

Shot From Auto in Chicago Industrial War.

By United Press
CHICAGO, July 14.—Joseph Paul, 32, labor leader, was shot and killed last night by five men who fired upon him as he sat in his parked automobile.

Paul was talking to his brother, Frank, standing on the curb. Guns blazed from a passing automobile. Three pistol bullets struck Paul in the head, while the charge from a saved-off shotgun passed through his chest. The labor leader died almost instantly.

Paul was a member of the Plumbers' Union and recently was elected delegate to the convention at Atlantic City.

Police believe labor disputes were responsible for the assassination.

2 ACCUSED IN KILLING

Epileptic Village Attendants Charged With Slaying Inmate.

By Times Special
NEWCASTLE, Ind., July 14.—Indictments charging manslaughter have been returned by the Henry County grand jury against Benjamin D. Allen and Claude Roach, attendants at the Indiana village for epileptics, in the slaying of Joseph Wyszinger, 29, Negro, an inmate.

Wyszinger was killed during a fight at the institution July 6. He said to have been reprimanded by Kelley Reeve, dairy farm foreman, for beating a cow at which he became angered when it switched its tail in his face.

Find Civil War Shell

By Times Special
MT. VERNON, Ind., July 14.—Vincennes Bridge Company workmen engaged in digging a drainage ditch here found a minnieball, a relic of the Civil War. The balls, used as ammunition, were of two kinds, one being solid metal, the other hollow and filled with small pieces of metal. The one found was solid.

Logansport Merchant Killed

By Times Special
LOGANSPORT, Ind., July 14.—Walter Maiben, 57, merchant, was fatally injured when struck at a street crossing by an automobile driven by Arthur Copeland, a newspaper man.

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LONG CONFLICT ON MAYORALTY MAY BE FUTILE

City Manager Rule Likely Before Legal Tangle Is Settled.

City manager government may overtake Indianapolis before any of the three claimants of the mayor's office is able to establish his right to the chair through the courts.

This became evident to lawyers representing Mayor L. Ert Slack, Joseph L. Hogue and Ira M. Holmes, the claimants, today, with announcement from Chief Justice David A. Myers of Indiana Supreme Court that it is the consensus of the Supreme judges that court shall adjourn for summer vacation July 20.

Arguments upon the mayoralty tangle, which at present is before Supreme Court in suits of Hogue and Holmes, each seeking to oust Slack and seat himself, were held Friday.

Briefs Yet to Be Filed

This did not put the matter squarely before the judges for decision, since Holmes and Slack have not filed reply briefs to the latest brief of Hogue in his suit.

With but one more week of sessions in prospect, it was not regarded likely by most lawyers that the court would settle the highly involved question with consideration of only a few days.

Even if the court does hand down a decision next week, the matter is not ended definitely. The nature of the suits is such that no matter who wins they must go back to the Marion County courts, where they originated.

Courts in Vacation

The county courts now are in vacation until September. Should the matter get back to them early in the fall there still would be opportunity of appeal on error back to Supreme Court and the same routine of briefing and argument would be carried on again.

Lawyers recall that such cases often, without undue dragging by judges, take from eighteen to twenty months to be decided.

It is just eighteen months until the city manager form of government goes into effect and after that citizens care not who legally should have been mayor during the term Slack has held office.

Slack Would Stay

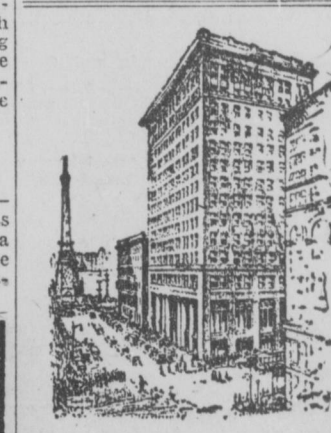
Attorneys generally say that while the matter is being fought out in the courts, Slack will continue to hold office, even though the Supreme Court decided against him in the present affair, unless Hogue or Holmes found some novel means of tossing him out of the chair and sliding into his place.

One attorney in the case has made two informal pleas to the Supreme judges that the decision be handed down before the summer adjournment, because Indianapolis government is hampered through inability of the city to sell bonds for needed improvements.

Banks will not buy the bonds because they require the mayor's signature and they do not care to accept a signature clouded by the suits.

Petters Given Last Warning

By Times Special
SEYMOUR, Ind., July 14.—Final warning against parking in the middle of the country roads surrounding this city have been issued by Sheriff J. O. Hays and Chief of Police W. A. Misch to auto petters. "The heat of the last few weeks," the officials said, "has brought the county's youth into the open with their petting parties. The general practice of the swain is to stop his flivver right in the middle of a country road and turn off all lights. This endangers the lives of sane motorists."



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