

# NEGRO GRAFT IN G. O. P. MAY SWING SOUTH

Factional Fight to Rule  
Republicans Boosts  
Smith's Chances.

This is the sixth and last of a series of articles dealing with the political situation in the South brought about by the candidacy of Governor Smith.

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The participation of Negro leaders in southern Republican organizations, some of whom now are under fire for their conduct, may be the decisive factor in keeping the Solid South solid for Governor Alfred E. Smith, according to reports gathered by United Press.

Democrats, at least, are planning to make the most of recent revelations in several States, while Republican organizations in some cases are split because of recognition by national leaders of the Negro wing.

Democratic campaigners and Democratic editors are explaining that the recent senatorial and Justice Department investigations in Georgia and Mississippi showed that white postmasters and postmistresses have had to pay tribute to Negro Republican leaders to hold their jobs.

G. O. P. Negro Ousted

No action followed the Senate committee's investigation in Georgia, Congress being in adjournment. However, the justice department investigation in Mississippi, instigated by Mrs. Mabel Walker Willebrandt, assistant attorney general and Hoover lieutenant, resulted in the indictment of Perry Howard, Mississippi Negro national committeeman, along with seven others, and Howard's dismissal as an assistant attorney general in Washington.

Hoover is given credit for ousting Howard, and feeling is reported some better toward the Republican candidates since the Negro was indicted for missing Federal patronage and dismissed from the justice department.

Some political significance is attached to the fact that the trial of Howard and the others has been delayed until after the November election, but the case is making the usual court speed.

There are prospects of investigations later by the Senate committee, perhaps not until after the election, in Tennessee and South Carolina. The committee, it is known, has been informed of charges of alleged bartering of Federal offices in both these States.

This brings four States into the domain of alleged patronage abuse by Negro Republicans, and the charges raised there will be repeated in every other southern State by Democratic campaign orators.

Beyond these developments: tending to discredit Negro Republican leaders, there are actual splits in the Republican organizations in two southern States, Tennessee and Mississippi, which will weaken the Republican campaign.

## Negros, Whites Battle

Negro and white factions are battling now for control of the Republican organization in Tennessee. R. R. (Bob) Church, leader of the Negro organization, has been recognized by the national organization. He led a successful fight a Kansas City to have his delegates seated over those of the "lily white" group. Should the fight between Church and the white faction continue until the election, chances of Republican success would be greatly lessened. One Tennessee political observer reports that it appeared certain Hoover would carry Tennessee until Church and his delegation were seated at Kansas City. Church has been a power in Republican politics, not only in Tennessee but throughout the South.

How Tennessee goes in November may depend on what, if anything, happens to Church between now and that time, according to United Press reports from Tennessee.

## Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported to the police as stolen:

Cecil Theobald, 3635 Graceland Ave., Essex sedan, 38-465, from St. Clair and Meridian Sts.

R. D. Bland, 1459 Fletcher Ave., Ford roadster, from Fountain Square.

W. D. Butler, R. R. A, box 197, Ford touring, 33-163, from Washington St. and Senate Ave.

## NOT ONE HURRICANE

No Tropical Storms Reported; First Time in 2 Weeks.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—For the first time in almost two weeks the weather bureau today had no hurricane to worry about.

"There is no evidence of a tropical disturbance this morning, its daily bulletin said. "Vessels are requested especially to send observations of unusual conditions over the southwestern Gulf of Mexico."

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# 'Siamese Twins' May Part



New York doctors are considering the advisability of an operation by which Mary and Margaret Gibb, 17-year-old "Siamese twins" of Holyoke, Mass., may be parted. One report says that Margaret, on the right in both pictures above, desires to marry. The twins are shown here in their home.

# SHUMAKER ANSWER AIMED AT GILLIOM

New Step Toward Appeal  
Charges Infringement  
on Liberties.

Answer to Attorney General Arthur L. Gilliom's motion to strike out the motion for new trial filed by Secretary E. S. Shumaker of the Indiana Anti-Saloon League was filed with the Supreme Court today by attorneys for the dry chief.

The move is a further step in perfecting appeal of his contempt sentence to the United States Supreme Court, according to Shumaker, who declared that all avenues of relief must be exhausted in the State court first.

Shumaker has been held in contempt by the court and sentenced to pay a \$250 fine and spend sixty days at Indiana State Farm. The case was brought by Gilliom, who had Shumaker cited for calling the court "wet" in his report to the directors of the league in 1926.

Opposes New Trial

After the case was heard and sentence passed, it was reopened on Gilliom's motion to increase the sentence, which was not done.

Gilliom's motion to strike the new trial motion from the files was merely a dilatory move. In a defending motion in the answer filed today, the charge is made that Gilliom having the case reopened was dilatory and not the present motion.

"The whole proceeding is unauthorized, illegal, unconstitutional and contrary to American ideals of freedom of speech and press," today's answer sets forth.

Claims Testimony Illegal

It asserts that the admission of testimony by depositions from Senator James E. Watson and Henry Lane Wilson over the defendant's protest was illegal.

The Governor has the right to pardon in contempt cases and thus contempt is a crime against the public in another point made and the charge set out that since such is the case the defense had a right to witnesses and cross-examination.

Five points are set forth as being those whereby Shumaker has been deprived of his constitutional rights as an American citizen.

## CHECK FORGER NABBED

Denied Return to California for Charges Here.

Detectives do not look kindly on the desire of Louis E. Miksell, Linden Hotel, to be returned to California. Miksell has admitted he was sentenced twice at Los Angeles to prison terms for passing bad checks and said he is wanted there by a parole officer for breaking parole.

But detectives declared they had enough evidence of fraudulent check operations here. He was arrested attempting to persuade Theodore Hessel, 48 W. Ohio St. to cash a forged \$39.50 check.

## MACHINE IS SALESMAN

Vends Cigarettes and Even Says "Thank You."

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—"Thank you," says a cigarette vending machine as it delivers a package of cigarettes to the purchaser in a smoke emporium here. If the lever is set for "cork tips" it says "cork tips protects the lips." With one of the popular brands it says: "They're toasted."

# SCOOTER DERBY FINALS SET TO START AUG. 27

Races Will Be Run in Five  
Districts: First Rounds  
End Today.

Final arrangements were completed today for holding the semi-finals of The Times-Capitol Dairy Scooter Derby the week of Aug. 27 by The Times and the city recreation department.

Five districts have been selected and playgrounds will be assigned to districts in The Times Monday. District No. 1 races will be held Monday, Aug. 27, and each district will race on the four succeeding days.

## Pick Three Winners

The three winners in the preliminary scooter races in the three classes will be entered in the semi-finals. The fifteen children will race 200 yards. Three winners will be selected in each class for the finals.

The \$500 cash prizes will be distributed to winners in the semi-finals and finals.

Winners in the Friday races were:

## RINGGOLD

Junior Boys—Wynant Romana, 1127 Fletcher Ave.; William Reddow, 1513 Barth Ave.; and Richard Hubert, 1513 Ringgold Ave.

Senior Boys—Kenneth Castheusen, 718 Weyhart St.; Salvador Rindas, 513 Melville Ave.; and Robert Brownings, 1319 Ringgold Ave.

Girls—Virginia Roberts, 1125 Shelby St.; Orene Kern, 1027 Orange St.; and Ilee Fahy, 1644 Woodman Ave.

## GREER

Girls—Josephine Blisey, 931 E. East St.; Catherine Bondi, 713 Greer St.; and Mary Short, 723 E. East St.

Senior Boys—Samuel Barolo, 927 E. East St.; and Thomas Scott, 655 Greer St.

## RHODIUS

Junior Boys—Wayne Campbell, 1821 Wilkins St.; Robert Sanford, 1102 Richmond St.; and Robert Carter, 726 S. Mount St.

Senior Boys—Frank Vardash, 1906 Jones St.; Charles Westenhoefer, 1907 Lambert St.; and Kenneth Oliver, 1913 S. Belmont St.

Girls—Virginia Wineman, 1442 S. Belmont St.; Louise Green, 1907 Wilkins St.; and Mary Sanford, 1102 S. Richmond St.

Final preliminary races will be held today at Spades, Willard, and Schools No. 20, No. 28 and No. 44.

# MAYOR FACES PRISON, FINES

Ordered Into Court for De-  
fying Council.

By United Press

NEWBURYPORT, Mass., Aug. 17.—"Bossy" Gillis, Newburyport's redoubtable mayor, today faced the possibility of jail sentences totaling ninety days and fines aggregating \$340 for operating his gasoline filling station without his city council's permission.

He has been summoned to appear next Wednesday on charges of illegally storing inflammables, unlawfully digging up sidewalks and unlawfully changing the grade of a city thoroughfare.

All these charges and several more scheduled to be made were based on "Bossy's" action in establishing a filling station earlier this week without awaiting an official permit.

"Bossy" who would rather fight than eat, showed ill-concealed elation last night when he learned that the summonses had been issued.

For two hours he waited impatiently at his new gasoline station for the summonses to be served. Finally he dispatched a mayoral emissary in an automobile to give the summonses-server a "lift." After the papers demanding his court appearance had been served, "Bossy" said:

"This man is going to bust somebody high, wide and handsome. Maybe I'll be me; maybe it won't. Anyhow, we'll damned soon see."

## CABINET AID NAMED

J. R. Clark, Utah Lawyer,  
Is Kellogg Assistant.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—J. Reuben Clark, noted international lawyer of Salt Lake City, Utah, has been appointed Under Secretary of State, it officially was announced by the State Department today. He succeeds Robert E. Olds, who resigned June 30 to take a position with Sullivan & Cromwell, New York firm of international lawyers.

## Female Villain

Lilyan Tashman has been signed to serve as the "feminine menace" in Bebe Daniels' next picture, "Take Me Home."

## 'Off' Straton

By United Press

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Aug. 17.—Sydney R. Carter, fire captain here and cousin of Dr. John Roach Straton, New York Baptist minister who strongly opposes Governor Alfred E. Smith for president, thinks Smith is the greatest figure in American life today.

Describing meeting Dr. Straton here for the first time since childhood, Carter said he followed the pastor's directions to look for the ugliest man and prettiest woman getting off a train.

Carter said he recognized Dr. and Mrs. Straton immediately. The minister remarked: "My goodness, how did you identify us in such a hurry?"

"Well, you told me to look for the ugliest man and the prettiest woman, and that's what I did," Carter replied.

# Lillian Genth to Shun Nudes; Action Baffles World of Art



Lillian Genth, and one of her old and one of her new style paintings, "The Bird Song," one of her famous nudes, hangs in the Carnegie Institute, Pittsburgh, and "Ayisha-i-Rakkassa," the dancing girl, shown in her most recent exhibition, shows the type to which she will devote herself in the future.

# Trip Abroad Breaks Jinx of Modest Alma Rubens



Alma Rubens

Beautiful Film Star Will  
Return to Screen  
Again.

By DAN THOMAS  
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HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Aug. 18.—Alma Rubens—the girl who can't sell herself.

"By that I don't mean that Miss Rubens, or Mrs. Ricardo Cortez, as she is known in private circles, has a "for sale" sign hanging around her neck. In fact, the only thing that she has to sell is her personality. Half the battle that one must wage in screenland is selling one's personality. That is the thing for which producers pay thousands of dollars every week.

Consequently, Alma must be classed as about 50 per cent efficient. She can easily hold her own in any kind of competition when it comes to acting. But she can't talk convincingly about Alma Rubens.

Miss Rubens has tasted the very cream of success, and was where a good salesman, she probably would still be at the peak of her career. But no matter how good an actress one may be, continual "selling" is necessary in this village of make-believe.

It would be much better for Alma Rubens if she could walk into a producer's office and tell him convincingly how good she is. But it is not in her makeup to do that—she is too retiring. However, her recent European trip had something of the same effect. Hollywood likes anything with a foreign flavor. When Alma returned from Europe she was sought out by the golf-playing executives.

And now after months of absence from the silver sheet, she is returning to the celluloid realm.

## G. O. P. LEADER BURIED

Services Held for George Morris,  
New York Chairman

By United Press

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—Funeral services were held in the funeral parlors of the National Casket Company today for George K. Morris, chairman of the Republican State committee, who died suddenly here Wednesday. A simple service was conducted by the Rev. Gilbert Ritter, after which the body was removed to Amsterdam, N. Y., where a private funeral will be held.

## Cast as Mother

Ann Bodil Rosing has been cast as Clara Bow's "other" in that star's new picture, "The Fleet's In," now being made.

# LUNCHEON CLUB CHIEF ASKS AID FROM MENCKEN

Constructive Help Urged  
Instead of Scathing Criticism Blasts.

BY EARL H. LEIF  
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SACRAMENTO, Cal., Aug. 18.—H. L. Mencken, Sinclair Lewis and George Jean Nathan, bitter foes of luncheon clubs, today were invited to suggest a constructive program for the clubs.

The invitation was extended by Ray L. Riley, California State comptroller, and first international vice president of the Lions Club.

"Mencken, Lewis and Nathan could be very helpful if they would direct their undoubted brilliance and ability as writers toward a constructive policy rather than a destructive criticism," Riley said.

## Advice Is Asked

"I would ask these gentlemen what they would do with the 400,000 business men who belong to these service and luncheon organizations. They are harnessed and ready to go full speed ahead on any constructive work."

The type of man who is a member of the luncheon clubs is usually the successful man in his own field and a leader in his own line of activity, Riley says, and it is one of the chief purposes of these clubs to stir interest among themselves in fields other than their own.

"The poor type of publicity the service clubs receive is doing them a great injustice. It is such asinine statements as 'Jesus Christ was the first Rotarian' that gets the Nation-wide publicity, and provides Mencken, Nathan and Lewis with salves for their broadsides."

## Enjoys Lewis' 'Babbitt'

Riley says he has read and enjoyed Lewis' "Babbitt," a satire on the American business man, and realizes that there is just such a type as George Babbitt.

"We must realize that a great deal of the criticism directed at the luncheon club movement is deserved for the reason that, superficially, at least, we have never exhibited any evidence of having a serious purpose behind our meetings."

"The average business man—and this includes Rotarians, Kiwanians, Lions—lets the other fellow do his thinking for him in fields other than his own, such as civics and politics."

## PLAYING TORCH FATAL

Mishap With Matches Causes Girl's  
Death in Circus Stunt.

By United Press

DETROIT, Aug. 17.—A 4-year-old girl, who was made a "flaming torch" in a child circus Thursday, died here of her injuries.

The girl, Evelyn Kincaide, was playing circus with children in an alley. Because she was so small to be an "animal," Evelyn was wrapped in burlap and given matches to burn as a "torch." One of the matches set fire to the burlap, and before neighbors arrived, the little girl was burned fatally.

## TAKES GALLOP TO JAIL

Morning Rider Gets His Horse and  
Blind Tiger Mixed.

John Bartwell, 47, of 841 Meikel St., had his morning horseback ride halted today by Patrolman William Deeter, who took Bartwell to city prison and charged him with blind riding and drunkenness. Deeter was returning from city hospital to headquarters when he met Bartwell and the horse. He took the horse home. The blind tiger charge was placed against Bartwell when a half pint of alcohol was found in his possession.



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