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BROTHER OF BLAST VICTIM THREATENED WITH JAIL TERM FOR CONTEMPT BY COLLINS

Elder Libowitz Is Ordered Into Court for Warning After Trying to Chase Fire Marshals From Hospital.

\$50,000 BOND HINTED IN CASE

Holmes, Fire Suspect's Lawyer, Sits Silent During Reprimand; Papers Found in Store Safe Given Remy.

Albert Libowitz, 39 N. Jefferson Ave., brother of Harold Libowitz, the key witness in a sweeping investigation of the Traugott clothing store explosion, was threatened with a jail sentence for contempt of court today by Criminal Judge James A. Collins as a result of Libowitz' attempt to keep officials from talking to his brother.

"If I have to subpoena you into this court again for your conduct," Collins told Libowitz from the bench, "I'll send you to the county jail for contempt."

Libowitz was in court on a subpoena from Collins as a result of his ordering two deputy State fire marshals from his brother's room at Methodist Hospital, where the brother Harold lies.

Harold Libowitz still is a prisoner in the custody of Criminal Court, although his attorney, Ira M. Holmes, has posted a \$25,000 surety bond with the sheriff.

He is in Methodist Hospital with serious burns, suffered in the explosion the night of Aug. 26. He was found beneath flaming timbers back of the wrecked store, 215-217 W. Washington St.

Judge Collins has declared Harold Libowitz will not be under bond until he has approved it and Holmes has not appeared with the bond for approval.

"Even if that bond is presented to me, I may not approve it. The bond may be \$50,000," Judge Collins said.

Holmes Sets Silent
As Libowitz was being reprimanded by Judge Collins, Attorney Holmes sat near by, but took no part in the matter. Holmes and Libowitz left the building together.

"I do not understand this situation," said Judge Collins to Libowitz, "when this court and the police and every one else are trying to cooperate with you. I don't see why you persist in interfering."

Collins had recited the manner in which Libowitz, near death in the detention ward of city hospital, had been transferred to a private room in Methodist Hospital, where he could be better cared for.

Judge Called From Bed
I was called out of bed at midnight last night and told you had ordered two fire marshals and the nurse out of the hospital room. I ordered you slated for interfering with an officer, and this morning I subpoenaed you into this courtroom."

When Deputy Marshals G. W. Myers and Rollie Granger, who hitherto have not been heard of in the fire marshal's investigation of the explosion, appeared at Harold Libowitz's room at the hospital Wednesday night they found Albert Libowitz on guard at the door.

Barred From Room
"This is my affair and I'm not going to allow any one in to see him," they said Albert declared. He refused to permit a nurse to enter, too, they said.

The marshals called police headquarters and Motor Policemen Claude Kinder and C. O. Johnson went to the hospital and arrested Albert on a charge of interfering with an officer.

"I sent your brother out to Methodist Hospital," continued Judge Collins, "as a matter of humanity. It is no business of yours to interfere."

"Sergt. Grover Hinton, on duty at the hospital, phoned me yesterday that you told him he could leave, since the bond had been posted. I told him to stay there until told to leave by this court, and not by you."

The \$25,000 bond was found this morning in the Criminal Court box.

At the Fair

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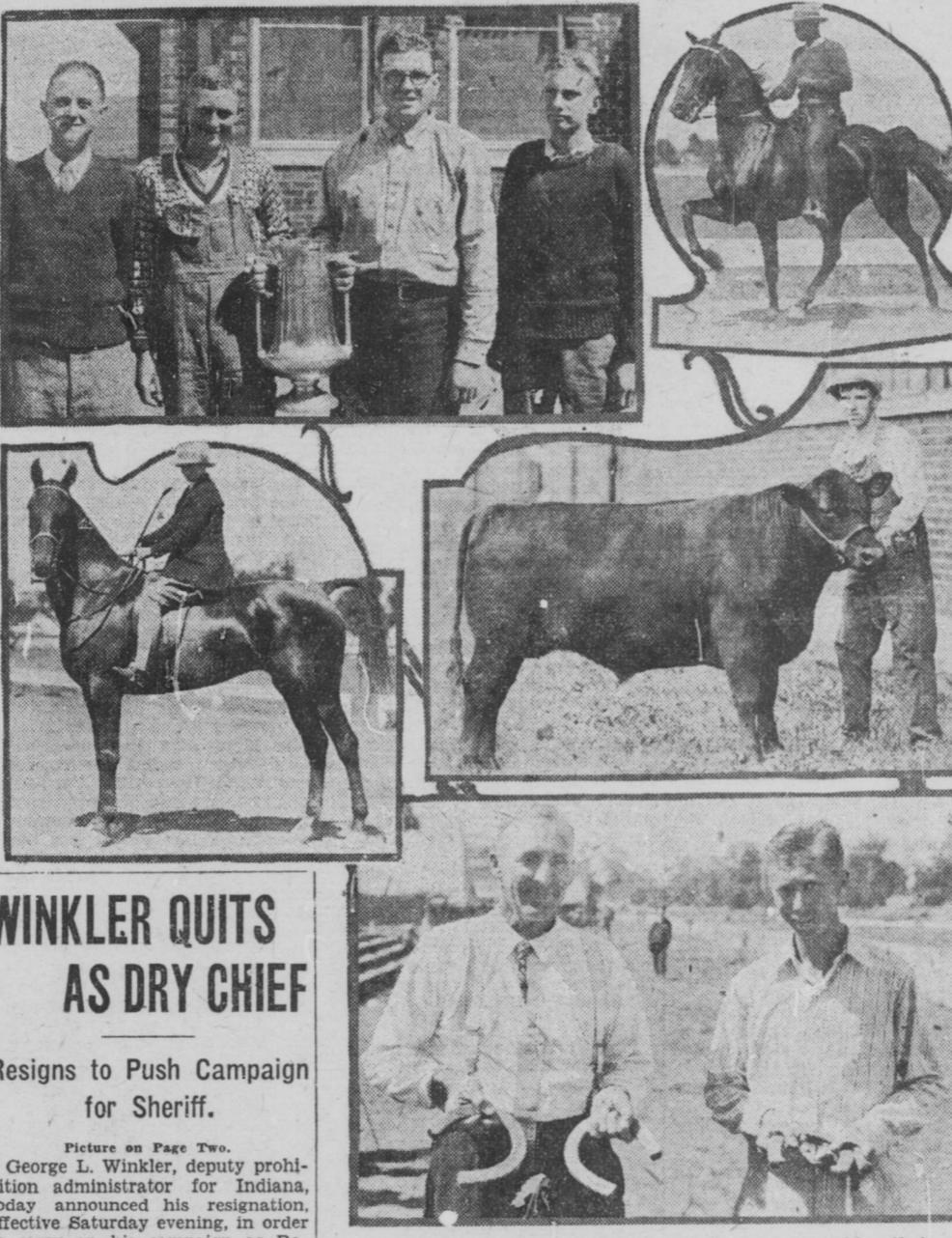
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Champions Pass in Review at Fair



Winners in many contests at the State Fair are making their appearances as the fair nears its end.

WINKLER QUILTS AS DRY CHIEF
Resigns to Push Campaign for Sheriff.

Picture on Page Two.

George L. Winkler, deputy prohibition administrator for Indiana, today announced his resignation, effective Saturday evening, in order to carry on his campaign as Republican nominee for Marion County sheriff.

James G. Browning, agent in charge of the South Bend dry office, under Winkler, will take his place temporarily.

Browning has been connected with the dry forces for six years.

Agent Conrad Bivins, who has been assigned as an investigator, will have temporary charge of the South Bend office.

Temporary offices were announced by William N. Woodruff, Columbus, Ohio, acting administrator for the district embracing Indiana and Ohio, who was here today conferring with Winkler.

Winkler explained his resignation was occasioned by civil service regulations prohibiting civil service appointees from taking an active part in politics.

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Winkler has had eighteen years experience in Indianapolis as a law enforcement officer, eleven years of which was on the Indianapolis police force, and seven years with the prohibition service.

He was appointed to the prohibition force as group chief in January, 1921, and was stationed here four years.

In January, 1926, he returned to the police force as a captain, returning to the prohibition forces Jan. 14, 1927, as deputy administrator for Indiana, in which capacity he has remained.

Witnesses said that apparently the motor exploded while the plane was several hundred feet from the ground.

Both occupants of the plane immediately were taken to the Rushville hospital, but after treatment they left the city on a traction car, without giving their names.

One of the occupants of the plane told a bystander that he was "from St. Louis, spent the night in Columbus, and was on my way to Terre Haute."

The plane was a Curtiss and was wrecked completely. It was not known whether the plane was that flown by Dan A. Robinson, St. Louis, Curtiss entry in the race.

AL TALKS SLATED
Speaks in Omaha, Denver, Oklahoma City.

By United Press

ALBANY, N. Y., Sept. 6.—Governor Alfred E. Smith will open his speaking campaign in the heart of the wheat belt at Omaha, with a speech there the night of Tuesday, Sept. 18, he announced today.

The preliminary itinerary calls for a second speech in Oklahoma City, Sept. 20, to be followed by an address at Denver, Colo., Sept. 22.

These were the only speeches announced today.

Hourly Temperatures

7 a. m. 55 11 a. m. 69

8 a. m. 56 12 (noon) 71

9 a. m. 62 1 p. m. 72

10 a. m. 65

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The School Page Again

The Times Friday will resume publication of its school page, which proved of so much service and interest to parents and school children of the city last year.

Complete information as to opening plans of all public and parochial grade and high schools in the city will be given.

The official list of books to be purchased for pupils in all grades, with school board prices, also will be printed.

In addition to the news of Indianapolis and county schools, opening programs of Indiana's most important colleges will be published, with information as to registration, faculty changes, building and other improvements during the summer season.

Don't miss the first school page of the season. It'll be brimful of news that'll interest every one in the family. And don't miss it any time this year. It'll be published, as usual, every Friday in The Times.

who see could have done it faster.

The occupational therapy department of James Whitcomb Riley Hospital thought her work good and they exhibited it.

THEY have not told Hazel of her honor yet. They won't do that until they can hand her the purse with a blue ribbon on it.

Yes, she'll probably be thrilled, but then there is that other side of her nature which constantly says "do better," so Hazel will forget the honor in her enthusiasm for other work.

Miss Winifred Conrick, who has been her teacher at Riley hospital, believes.

"That girl," Miss Conrick said today, "thinks like—well now let's get a simile—I guess lightning is the best word. She just thinks so fast it's hard to keep up with her."

"Enthusiastic? I'll say she is."

A hard worker, always smiling, never saw a frown on her face in my life. Sometimes she gets a serious expression and then all at once she breaks into a smile.

When you see that smile, you know she's solved in her mind what she is trying to do.

"She is one of those pupils that every teacher likes to find."

BROADMOOR LOOT FOUND ON SUSPECT, IDENTIFIED BY CLUB HOLDUP VICTIM

Police Start Campaign for Extradition of Gambler, Arrested After Brawl in St. Louis; Gives Up Watch Stolen From Indianapolis Man

FOUR LOSERS IN ROBBERY VIEW PRISONER

Captive Declares Timepiece Part of 'Assets' Split by Proprietors of Dice Dive; Companion Clears Self; Indictment Asked of Jury

Machinery for extradition of Charles Phayer, 40, East St. Louis gambler, to Indianapolis for trial as suspected leader of the bandit gang that staged the \$100,000 Broadmoor Country Club robbery the night of May 30, was in motion this afternoon.

Phayer, captured early Wednesday by St. Louis police, was identified partially by four Indianapolis business men, victims in the spectacular holdup, who were rushed to St. Louis during the night.

The business men, according to a dispatch to The Times, would not say positively that Phayer was the bandit leader, but summed up their belief with the statement:

"If this is not one of the bandits, then nobody is."

The St. Louis detectives got their first inkling that Phayer might be one of the bandit gang when they found on him the \$350 Swiss watch of E. W. Fisher, 1840 N. Meridian St., stolen in the Broadmoor holdup.

Fisher, one of those who went to St. Louis with Detective Donald Toohey, positively identified this watch as his this morning, when he worked split second and repeating features with second springs.

St. Louis detectives established to their satisfaction that Ben Boratti, arrested with Phayer, was what he claimed to be, a deputy sheriff from Texas on his way to South Bend, Ind., to spend a vacation with his mother.

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With arrest of Phayer, local detectives renewed interest in checking the movements of Arthur J. Hartman of St. Louis, picked up last week by officers here investigating the Traugott clothing store explosion.

They did not come Hartman with the blast, but they have been looking up his St. Louis connections. St. Louis sent a long record they have against Hartman. He is held on \$5,000 vagrancy bond.

The Broadmoor holdup took place during the annual speedway dinner-dance at the club, northwest of the city, the night of May 30.

While 150 guests were dancing, the bandits, variously described as six or eight, in two or three large automobiles, drove up to the club, leaped out and covered all entrances with military precision, putting under surveillance several guests who were leaving, the club management and persons standing about the entrance and office.

Loot Estimated at \$200,000

Then the bandits gathered their scattered forces and left as quietly as rapidly as they appeared. Police have had their suspicions about identity of some members of the gang but the St. Louis arrest is the first definite clew.

The loot was estimated at first at \$200,000. An