

RACKET QUIZ IS DOWNFALL OF 'BIG BILL'

Political Machine Crumbles as Allies Are Indicted; Crowe Probed.

This is the fifth of a series of articles on racketeering by James P. Kirby, staff writer for The Times and NEA Service and closes the story of Chicago.

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CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—"Big Bill" Thompson, three-times mayor of Chicago, super-patriot who was elected on his pledge "to keep America safe for Americans," founder of the "America First Foundation" and who prided himself as "Big Bill, the Builder," is now in seclusion somewhere in the Wisconsin woods.

Meanwhile a special grand jury is investigating the political activities of his ally, Robert E. Crowe, State's attorney for eight years and one of his strongest henchmen.

Already, two of the strongest of the political allies of Thompson and Crowe—Morris Eller, leader of the bloody Twentieth ward, and his son, Judge Emmanuel Eller of the Criminal Court—are among sixty indicted by the special jury on charges of conspiracy.

From his seclusion Thompson today contemplates the destruction of his political machine and the imminent indictment of powerful friends and associates who for years maintained absolute control on Chicago and who permitted the racketeer and the gangster and the beer barons to operate without disturbance.

Officials Resign
Charles Fitzmorris, once secretary to the mayor, then chief of police, and finally controller, has resigned.

Dr. William H. Reid, Thompson's city smoke commissioner and close personal and political friend, has resigned.

Michael Hughes, Thompson's chief of police, adviser and councillor and long powerful in Chicago politics, has resigned.

State's Attorney Crowe was re-elected by more than 200,000 votes in the April primary in his attempt at renomination after eight years in office. He is the man held responsible by Chicagoans for the demoralization of business and public affairs through his failure to prosecute racketeers, gunmen and gangsters.

A judgment of more than \$225,000 held by the courts to be collectable, has been returned against Thompson and certain of his political associates for the return of city funds, dissipated by the Thompson spoils system.

Thompson Sick Man
Thompson, according to informed persons at the city hall, is a sick man. Strangely missing from the front pages of Chicago newspapers are the invective, the proclamations and picturesque comment of the thrice-elected mayor.

Stranger still, in the minds of Chicagoans, are some of his more recent official acts. These include the appointment of Captain William Russell, long known as a policeman of honesty and integrity and never popular with the Thompson machine, as commissioner of police; the appointment of Captain John Stege, fired from the police force on technical grounds after twenty-six years, as chief of detectives and the ace in the hole of the special grand jury investigation. It is admitted these resulted from strong pressure brought to bear on the mayor by reform organizations.

Police Force Probed

In one industry alone, the candy jobbing industry, sixty-two individuals are under conspiracy indictments in the State courts. Forty-five of these are under similar indictments in Federal court and are now awaiting trial under bonds of \$210,000.

Already a special grand jury has begun to comb the police department to sift the part played by some of its officers in the affairs of primary day. It is investigating, too, the part played by certain notorious gangsters, racketeers and gunmen, known to have been heavy contributors to campaign funds.

The once-powerful Thompson-Crowe political machine which contributed to the appropriation Chicago has borne among the great cities of the world is passing.

Next: The Racketeer invasion of St. Louis.

HELD IN MURDER FOR CIRCUIT COURT TRIAL

Second Degree Charge Against Porter Jordan.

Charged with second degree murder in the death Sept. 9 of Bert Harris, 1209 Deloss St., Porter Jordan, 1414 Deloss St., late Friday was bound over to Circuit Court without bond by Judge Paul C. Wetter in municipal court.

Ray Frankum, 1501 Chicago Ave., accused of an attack on Mrs. Harris after her husband had been killed, was bound over to the court under \$2,500 bond.

Harris was killed in an altercation among the three men.

Mrs. Jordan, in court Friday with her three small children, collapsed when the murder charge was made against her husband.

PHILIP KANTZ DIES

Father of Mrs. Marie DeLong Passes Away.

Philip A. Kantz, 75, father of Mrs. Marie DeLong, 825 N. Delaware St., died Friday. Mr. Kantz, member of a long lived family, came here two years ago from Muskegon, Mich., where he lived most of his life. He was born in Pennsylvania.

Besides his daughter, he is survived by a sister and three brothers. Burial will be in Muskegon.

Television Is Broadcast



The first broadcasting of television drama is pictured here. The drama was "The Queen's Messenger," by J. Hartley Manser, and it went through the air from WGY. In the top photo are two members of the cast before the three "cameras" which were used. Below is Zetta Jewel, the leading woman. The "cameras" picked up the action as microphones transmitted the sound.

OBSERVE NEW YEAR

Jewish Temples Scene of Solemn Services.

Indianapolis Hebrews today celebrated the first full day of Roshanah, the New Year.

The holiday was ushered in with solemn observance in Temples in the city Friday night and will continue until sundown Sunday.

Services today opened at 10 a. m. It is during the services on this holiday that the ram's horn is blown to awaken the soul to its full realization.

Rabbi Morris Feuerlicht conducted services at the Indianapolis B'nai Congregation temple; and Rabbi Milton M. Steinberg is in charge of the services at the Temple Beth El Zedeck, with Cantor Myro Glass in charge of the musical portions of the almost continuous all-day services.

RULES CHILD CLAIMED

BY TWO IS LEGITIMATE

Court Orders Father to Pay Support for Motherless Girl.

By Times Special
VALPARAISO, Ind., Sept. 15.—Betty Lorraine Bouris, 4, for whom two men went to court claiming to be her father, has been adjudged a legitimate child by Judge Grant Crumpacker in Porter Circuit Court.

The girl has been made a ward of the court and allowed to remain with her aunt, Mrs. Lulu Bradford, with whom she has been living. Her mother died a few weeks ago.

Peter Bouris, Hammond, was ordered to pay \$10 a week for the girl's support. Earl Mead, Valparaiso, other claimant for the child, testified that he had been contributing weekly to the support of the child, believing that he was its father.

50 YEARS IN PRISON

Three Youths Are Sentenced for Missouri Holdup

By Times Special
JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Sept. 15.—Three youths, all in their twenties, began 50-year penitentiary terms here today on their pleas of guilty to holding up the automobile of John Findlay, Gasconade merchant, blinding him and his aged mother to a tree, and escaping with \$5,500 Findlay had withdrawn from a bank.

They are Walter Johnson, 23, and Carl Dipton, 27, of Moberly, Mo., and Clarence Hamlich, 24, of St. Louis.

BEAR ROBS CAMPERS

Flour Bruin's Favorite Food; He Loots Tourists.

By Times Special
LINDSAY, Cal., Sept. 14.—Three local sportsmen were forced to give up cooking with flour while camping at Sequoia National Park. A bear got away with all but one package of their supply, and they had hopes for at least one round of flapjacks. To protect if they fastened the package to the limb of a tree overlooking a stream. But Bruin succeeded in tearing a hole in the bag, big enough to let the flour pour down into his gapping jaws.

LENIENCY FOR YOUNG

First Offenders Are to Get Second Chance When Possible.

By Times Special
LONDON, Sept. 16.—First offenders will be given a chance to come back in this metropolitan area. A letter recently addressed to magistrates by the Home Office expresses the wish "that every court, before committing a young offender to prison, will satisfy itself that this course is inevitable and that no other method of treatment can be properly employed."

Bomb Proves to Be Skunk

By Times Special
CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—Frank Smith, garage owner, called police asking investigation of a stench bomb attack on his place of business. Detective John Hannon shook a pair of overalls hanging in the place and a skunk jumped out of one of the pockets. Hannon reported another stench bomb had been thrown.

CHEMISTS BARE FRAUD IN 'DOPE' TO DOCTOR GAS

Declare Secret Mixtures to Add Motor Power Are Snares.

By Science Service

EVANSTON, Ill., Sept. 14.—Secret "dope" sold to private owners for addition to motor gasoline is at least a delusion and possibly a snare. "Investigations described at the Institute of Chemistry of the American Chemical Society here show that chemicals of real potency in the betterment of automobile fuel are already well known and are now marketed by responsible manufacturers.

There is no secrecy in their scientific formula. The search for anti-knock material has been highly scientific and exhaustive. It is probable that no ordinary person outside the great research laboratories has any chance at all of producing something of value to drop by the teaspoonful into a tank of "gas."

Brand Mixtures Fraud

Among the chemicals recently sold widely without basis of merit are inro-benzene and ortho-model toluene, fixed up in perfumed and colored mixtures. These coal-tar products do nothing of significance to the gasoline and may be regarded as a fraud.

More deceptive is the widely known use of moth balls. These may be used either as such, or may be purchased at times in a crushed form under some non-descriptive trade mark. Experiments carried out by the Bureau of Mines have revealed that moth balls, known to chemists as naphthalene, have practically no effect, good or bad, on the power qualities of gasoline.

The substance does, however, increase the viscosity of the fuel so that the spray of the material in the motor carburetor is cut down in volume. Particularly in the case of T Ford it is well known that most owners waste a large part of their fuel by feeding too rich a mixture to the carburetor.

Gives More Mileage

Naturally, the addition of naphthalene cuts down the supply and actually gives more miles per gallon. One could have gotten the same result without expense merely by turning down the needle-valve. With the up-to-date high efficiency carburetors, however, the naphthalene is worthless.

It is considered possible here that some anti-knock substance of lower activity than that of the present ethyl fluid may be developed and used in larger proportion because of possible cheapness. Such a preparation may be a compound of some cheaper metal than the lead now used. But there will be no mystery about its identity when it comes.

POLO GAME SLATED

Eleventh Infantry Clashes Sunday With Rolling Ridge

The Eleventh Infantry polo team will meet the Rolling Ridge quartet at 3:30 p. m. Sunday on the main parade at Fort Benjamin Harrison. Capt. James Polk Gammon, who recently arrived from Schofield barracks, Hawaii, will be in the soldier lineup. A series of matches with the 138th field artillery, Kentucky National Guard, has been arranged by the Army team, the first of which will be played in Louisville next Saturday.

What American aviator first flew over the North Pole in a plane? What did Lindbergh say when he arrived in France, ending his trans-Atlantic flight? What is the name of the organization to which the leading aviators belong?

Mail answers at once to The Times Lilac Time Editor.

VETERAN TEACHER DEAD

Miss Lizzie Perlee, 67, Taught in Indiana 43 Years.

Funeral services for Miss Lizzie Perlee, 67, a teacher in Indiana's public schools for forty-three years, were held Friday night at her home, 915 Eastern Ave. Her body was taken to Dillsboro, her birthplace, for burial. Miss Perlee, who retired from active work several years ago, died Thursday.

Dog Saves Woman From Bull

By Times Special
MEMPHIS, Mich., Sept. 15.—After she was knocked down three times and painfully injured in an attack by a bull, Mrs. Mary K. Mecheek, 60-year-old widow near here, was saved from death when her shepherd dog, Flossie, sprang on the bull, driving it away.

How Smith Looked at Syracuse Fair



A picture of Al Smith as a spectator at the recent Syracuse (N. Y.) State fair, this. It is interesting in connection with Smith's "Nailing a Lie in the Whispering Campaign" statement. The statement dealt with a purported letter saying Smith was "disgustingly intoxicated" at the fair. At the left of the photo is Mrs. Smith. At the right are John H. McCooey, Brooklyn political leader, and his wife.

ALUMNI TO PICNIC

De Pauw Association Plans Sept. 26 Outing.

De Pauw Alumni Association members will picnic Sept. 26 at Ulen Country Club, Lebanon. Fred A.

Likely, Indianapolis alumni president, announced today.

Likely said more than 150 are expected to attend the university gathering. Golf, bridge, chicken dinner and dancing will feature the afternoon and evening program. Prizes will be offered in golf and bridge. Mrs. James C. Carter is secretary.

Golf—Fred C. Tucker, George Clark, Hughes Patton.
Dinner and Decorations—Mrs. James C. Carter, Mrs. Neal Grider, Mrs. Earl W. Riger.

League Judge Appointed

By Times Special
GENEVA, Sept. 15.—The League of Nations Hague Court has appointed Judge Oda of Japan to succeed John Bassett Moore, American, who resigned, on the panel of labor cases.

SEEK CHAIR FOR BANDIT KILLER

Move to Ensure Death for Cleveland Gunman.

By Times Special
CLEVELAND, O., Sept. 15.—The State today set in motion the legal machinery by which it hopes to send Paul Jaworski, Detroit and Pittsburgh bandit and killer, to the electric chair.

Jaworski was shot and captured here Thursday after killing Patrolman Wicorek, shooting Patrolman George Effinger and wounding Ben Majsterik, a confectioner. Effinger and Majsterik are still in a serious condition.

The gunman was indicted for the murder of Wicorek Friday and will be arraigned today from his cot in city hospital, although his condition still is serious.

Physicians reiterated today that Jaworski will recover.

Edward C. Stanton, county prosecutor, will conduct the arraignment. He said he is determined Jaworski will pay with his life and Stanton, himself, will prosecute the gunman.

Should Jaworski receive less than the death sentence, he will be extradited to Pittsburgh where he is under sentence of death for the killing of a mine paymaster at Clowdville, Pa.

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