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MEET TONIGHT TO PICK HEADS OF ASSEMBLY

Marion County's Delegates May Hold Margin to Decide Results.

NEIDL IS CONFIDENT

Rumor Frank Wright May Withdraw in Race for Speaker.

Marion county's six state senators and twelve representatives today were regarded as holding the margin of votes that probably will determine the result of caucus elections tonight for president pro tem. of the senate and Speaker of the house.

All Republicans, members of the two Marion county delegations, were planning to caucus ahead of the regular party caucuses to determine whether they should vote as a unit. Thirty-eight Republican senators and eight representatives will choose the Speaker at caucuses, 7:30 in the legislative halls. Twelve democratic senators and twenty representatives will choose their minority leaders in caucuses at the Claypool at 8.

Neidl Is Confident

A persistent report that most of Marion county's senators were pledged to Denver C. Harlan, Richmond, strengthened the probability of his election as president pro tem, his friends asserted. But James J. Neidl, Whiting, who held the post in the last three sessions, reiterated his claim: "I'm sure of election."

C. Oliver Holmes, Gary, joined the crowd milling in the Claypool lobby and predicted Harlan's election by a big majority. If all senators attend the caucus, twenty votes will be necessary to elect.

Talk in the speakership contest involved the probable withdrawal of Frank E. Wright, Indianapolis, from the race.

"I not ready to say," was Wright's comment.

Evans Claims Strength

Despite the rumors of formidable strength held by James M. Knapp of Hagerstown and J. Glenn Harris of Gary, H. H. Evans of Newcastle was claiming he would have thirty-five votes on the first ballot. If all representatives are present, forty-one will be necessary for election. Evans was claiming the votes of six Marion county representatives. An alliance of Harris and Knapp forces behind Knapp was widely rumored. Such a move would give Harris chairmanship of judiciary a committee, it was said.

Truman G. Murden, Cass county, and John W. Chamberlain, Terre Haute, disclaimed any intention of withdrawing. George W. Freeman, Kokomo, is the seventh man in the race.

On the democratic side, Joseph Cravens, Madison, was said to hold the inside position for senate minority leader. Fabius Gwin, Shoals, and Delph McKesson, Plymouth, were in a rather unsprited contest for minority leadership in the house.

Sixty Newcastle friends of Evans, including Mayor Strod Hayes, a Democrat, came to Indianapolis by special interurban today to advance Evans' speakership candidacy.

Candidates multiplied for elective clerical and doorkeeping posts in both houses. The jobs will be filled at tonight's Republican caucuses. Claude G. Phillips of Carbon, assistant secretary of the senate in 1927, became a last-minute opponent of Leland K. Fishback of Richmond, for secretary of the senate. Fishback was head of the Republican speakers bureau in the recent campaign. He has been assisting Lieutenant-Governor-Elect Edgar D. Bush in his headquarters at the English.

Brown Seeks Re-Election

Miss Marie Mackmeyer, Richmond, minute clerk in the 1927 session, and Wilson S. Dalley, former Marion county senator, are seeking the assistant secretaryship of the senate.

Jerome Brown, Anderson, is seeking re-election as chief-senate doorkeeper, and George Graham, Logansport, re-election as senate postmaster. Brown is supposed, but Charles E. Conaway, 1101 Oakland avenue, Indianapolis, is opposing Graham. Warren Sampson, senate reading clerk in 1927, wants the job again but may find, it was said, that his close affiliation with George V. Coffin, Seventh district G. O. P. chairman, who failed Leslie in the November election, will injure his candidacy. Sampson is Washington township Republican chairman.

Race for principal clerk of the house became three-sided with the entry of Ira A. Brown, North Salem. Albert B. Snider, well known about the legislature for many years as an employee of the state printing board, is regarded as holding the inside track. Douglas Whitlock, Terre Haute, is the third contestant.

Miss Josephine Claypool, Newport, is seeking re-election as assistant principal clerk of the house, opposed by Edgar S. Anderson, South Bend. Everett C. Newlin, Plainfield, house doorkeeper for several sessions, is seeking re-election. Thomas W. Langston, retired post clerk of this city, wants the house postmaster position. Charles L. Michael, Indianapolis, is seeking reappointment as house reading clerk.

IRVINGTON LOOT IS SET AT \$21,000

Bank Bandits Stayed in City All Tuesday, Police Believe.

Four "hard-boiled" bandits who raided the Irvington State Bank Tuesday morning, got \$21,000, a complete check showed today. Early estimates of the loot had been between \$10,000 and \$12,000.

The loss completely is covered by insurance and the robbery did not even halt business at the bank Tuesday. The bank is affiliated with the Fletcher Savings and Trust Company, which rushed cash to the Irvington institution a few minutes after the robbery.

City and State Bankers' Association detectives culling clues picked up Tuesday today believed the bandit quartet from either Toledo or some other city east of Indianapolis, perhaps Pittsburgh, although one bit of evidence indicated they might have been from St. Louis.

AMELIA LANDS IN CUBA

Miss Earhart Flies to Havana From Key West.

HAVANA, Cuba, Jan. 9.—Amelia Earhart, first woman to cross the Atlantic ocean in an airplane, flew over a portion of the Atlantic again today.

Miss Earhart arrived here at 10:20 a. m. from Key West, Fla., in a Pan-American Airways plane.

Stal \$506 Worth of Meat

Burglars took \$506 worth of loot from his meat market, at 2313 East Michigan street, Thurman Dorow reported to police today. Of the loot \$450 worth was meat and the rest eggs, butter, lard and canned goods.

ARRESTED OUTSIDE COURT AS BANDIT

Identified During Hearing of Alleged Pal in Louisville Robbery.

Arrest of an alleged bandit accomplice on the second floor courthouse corridor today added excitement to the habeas corpus hearing of Benny London, fugitive, held here as one of the bandits who robbed the First National bank at Clinton, Ind., of \$25,000, Dec. 20 and participated in a holdup of a big poker game near Louisville, Ky., earlier in December.

Pointed out by three Louisville persons as one of the trio of "poker game" robbers, Nathan Pritz, 317 North Riley avenue, was arrested outside superior court four by Carl Sheets, motor policeman. Pritz denied participation but was held on a vagrancy charge.

Meanwhile Superior Judge Byron K. Elliott denied London's plea for a habeas corpus writ after Mr. and Mrs. Sam Desurne and J. G. Bickel.

TRAIL MURDER BAND

Posse Pursues Indians After Slaying, Kidnaping.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Jan. 9.—Scores of determined men, led by Francisco Fimbres, bent on avenging the slaying of his wife and the kidnaping of his son, trailed a band of Apache Indians through the rugged mountainous country across the international border today. The Indians raided the Fimbres home, killed Mrs. Fimbres and carried off the boy.

ORDERS BOARD CONFABS

Works Head Urges Discussion Within Departments.

Inter-department conferences to discuss matters to come before the works board have been ordered by Theodore H. Dammeier, new works board president.

"I feel that things will work more smoothly if we have a chance to discuss pending problems and every one will get better acquainted," Dammeier said.

"This department has a large staff of employees and it is necessary to have co-operation to get the highest efficiency."

The board formally meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons at 2.

"Go Fetch"

Like the dog he was advertising, Times want ads were told to "go fetch," and they did, in the form of a buyer for a well trained rabbit dog.

RABBIT DOG—A-1, well broke, male, reasonable, Ch. 0209.

You, too, can get results like this if you write a good ad and place it before more than 250,000 daily Times readers.

Call Riley 5551.

You Can Charge Your Ad.

CROWDS FIGHT THEIR WAY TO RICKARD BIER

Rites Held After 'Garden' Doors Close; Thousands Still Trying to Enter.

200 COPS ON GUARD

Late Sport Promoter Is Honored by Notables at Services.

BY FRANK GETTY

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—A spectacle such as Tex Rickard never planned drew stampeding thousands to Madison Square Garden today while the promoter lay in his bronze casket, amidst the overpowering scent of massed floral offerings.

When the huge garden was filled from the flower-banked bier to the uppermost reaches of the galleries, the doors were shut against a throng still seeking admission, and funeral services were conducted for the promoter in the presence of his softly-weeping young widow and many notables came to honor Rickard.

From 10 o'clock in the morning, when the doors of the Garden first were thrown open to the public, until time for the services, crowds swept in waves against the entrances, recalling the riotous scenes enacted on the occasion of the funeral of Rudolph Valentino.

Two hundred policemen shouted and stormed at the throng, and the disorder was largely vocal. Mounted cops were forced to charge the crowds at times.

Once forced into more or less orderly lines, the crowd sifted through the entrances and into the lobby of the arena, strangely peaceful after the turmoil outside.

The quiet hush of the Garden was broken by the harsh intonation of officious police.

"Hats off!"

"Get in line, there!"

"Keep moving!"

"Get over on the other side, you!"

If the silent figure in the casket had come to life, its first thought would have been to give the public a bet as representative from the Eleventh district on the Indiana board of agriculture at a meeting of electors from the various county fair boards and agricultural societies today.

Those re-elected were Roy E. Grantham, Franklin, Fourth district; O. L. Redfish, Waveland, Fifth; Russell G. East, Shelbyville, Sixth, and C. Y. Foster, Carmel, Ninth.

Reorganization of the agricultural board and election of officers was on the afternoon program.

President Levi P. Moore, E. J. Barker, secretary and treasurer of the board, and Governor Ed Jackson addressed the delegates' meeting.

Barker urged passage of the requested \$350,000 appropriation for a new grand stand and Indiana university building.

RANEIRI WITNESS GETS PHONE DEATH THREAT

Detectives Set to Guard State's Aid After Mafia Warning.

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—Michael Devito, chief state's witness in the Raneiri kidnaping trial, was guarded by detectives today after he reported he had been threatened with death by Mafia extortionists.

Devito, whose testimony aided in the conviction Angelo Pettiti and Salvatore Matrianno for the Mafia kidnaping and ransom plot against 10-year-old "Billy" Raneiri, said he received the threat over the telephone.

"Watch your step, or you'll go the way of Ole Scully," was the threat Devito said he received.

Scully, state's witness, was slain shortly before he was scheduled to take the stand against the extortionists.

TALK CITY AIRPORT

St. Louis Builder Here, Confers With Slack.

Russell B. Shaw, airport builder, St. Louis, Mo., conferred with Mayor L. Est. Slack and City Engineer A. H. Moore today relative to the proposed city airport.

Shaw was accompanied by George Rinker, Slack's former law partner, a friend of the St. Louis builder.

The mayor said several airport builders had sought conferences on the plans for the flying field. Council ordered plans advertised for the project preliminary to passage of a \$692,000 bond issue.

MOTHER OF TWINS DIES

Greenwood Woman Succumbs After Caesarian Operation.

Mrs. S. B. Harbert, 41, of Greenwood, Ind., died at St. Vincent's hospital at 12:30 a. m. today following the birth, Tuesday, of twin boys by a Caesarian operation. Mrs. Harbert was brought to the hospital Monday. Condition of the babies was reported satisfactory at the hospital today.

Town Gets Largest Bath

MANCHESTER, England, Jan. 9.—This town had its largest bath, recently. Approximately 2,750,000 tons of rain fell, the heaviest of the year, in twelve hours.

Probers of Crime Ring at Angola



Top Group, Front Row (left to right)—Charles V. Beatty, David Rockey, John H. Elliott and Milo H. Powers; back row (left to right), Ulf E. Huber and I. D. Deller.

Center Group (left to right)—Milo Thompson, Theodore A. Redmond, Judge Clyde Carlin and Dorsey Folck.

Below—Garage of the Steuben county jail.

SENTENCED TO CHURCH TERM

'Repeater' Escapes 30 Days on State Farm.

Owens, you go to church every Sunday for the next six months and don't get drunk again in six months.

This was the "sentence" Municipal Judge Clifton R. Cameron gave Otis Owens, 38, World war veteran, "city" today.

"Judge, I'll admit I just got out Monday from serving a forty-day sentence on the farm for being drunk," said Owens, but the veteran's bureau has fixed it up for me to borrow some money on my war insurance and I'll pay."

"It's not money we want. It's to build up your character," answered Cameron. "How long has it been since you've been to church?"

Years came to the man's eyes. With faltering voice he told the judge he guessed he hadn't been to church since he was a boy.

Then the judge passed sentence—\$10 and costs and thirty days on the Indiana state farm. Fine and costs and farm sentence suspended if Owens goes to church every Sunday for six months—and if he does not get drunk again in that time.

TWO HOLDUPS REPORTED

Bandit Gets \$60 in Pharmacy; Gas Station Holdup.

Detectives today sought clues to bandits who took \$72 in two holdups Tuesday night. One held up Charles Eiler, 4820 East Washington street, and Paul Butts, 56 South Gladstone avenue, clerks in the Bell pharmacy, 4034 East Washington street and took \$60.

Two bandits, whose accomplice waited in an automobile, held up Veri Syphers, R. R. O., attendant at the White Rose filling station at Pleasant Run boulevard and Shelby street and took \$12.

KILLS TO SAVE SISTER

Shoots Brother-in-Law to Spare Girl's Life of Shame.

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 9.—Brigo Messina, 38, confessed to police today he killed Pietro Parrotta, 35, former gunman, to save his sister, Parrotta's wife, from a "life of shame" in New York City. Parrotta was shot down in Messina's home here last Tuesday night.

PUSH DEATH TRIAL

State to Open Northcott Prosecution Today.

By United Press

RIVERSIDE, Cal., Jan. 9.—The state of California probably will begin presentation today of testimony by which it hopes to gain a death verdict in the trial of Gordon Stewart Northcott, accused "murder farm" slayer of three boys.

Eleven men and a woman were seated tentatively in the jury box when the trial was resumed today. Prosecution and defense indicated there would be little argument over completion of the jury.

Hourly Temperatures

6 a. m. 31 10 a. m. 34
7 a. m. 31 11 a. m. 37
8 a. m. 32 12 (noon) 39
9 a. m. 33 1 p. m. 39

FAMOUS O'CONNOR JAIL BREAK LINK IS PROBED IN STEUBEN COUNTY QUIZ

Bank Bandit and Chicago Prisoner About Same Height.

BY BEN STERN

ANGOLA, Ind., Jan. 9.—Tommy O'Connor's break from jail in Chicago, famous in the nation's crime annals, was resurrected today in an investigation of an angle in the Steuben county crime ring.

Acting on a possibility that Tommy Burke, slain following the robbery of the First National bank May 8, 1928, might have been O'Connor, state police took the skull of Burke to Ft. Wayne today for a check up of Bertillon measurements.

The man known as Burke was about the same height of O'Connor. Practically none of his remains are available with the exception of the skull. The body was practically destroyed by fire which burned a barn near Fremont in which it was found.

Positive identification of the slain man as one of the four who took part in the robbery has been made by persons in the bank at the time.

The crime ring investigation is being carried on rapidly and on an extensive scale. Ten members of the state police are interviewing witnesses preparatory to their appearance before the Steuben county grand jury which convened here Tuesday.

Better Races

The Times has arranged for speedier and more complete service to accommodate race followers and the Stocks and Pink editions will carry race entries, scratches, selections and results from the leading tracks.

The Times is the official newspaper for turf followers and you can obtain the latest news of the racing world by reading the Stocks and Pink editions every day.

\$5,000 FOR ARREST

Union Head Wins Suit Against Coal Company.

By United Press

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 9.—Falsely arrested by coal and iron policemen of the Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Corporation, Patrick Fagan, head of the United Mine Workers of America in the Pittsburgh district, won a \$5,000 verdict against the company today in common pleas court.

Fagan was arrested June 1, 1927, when he protested strike breakers being taken from the Pittsburgh offices of the company to Covadale mines. He said they were being used to defeat the aims of the striking miners.

Police Ponder on Whose Who and Whose Hootch.

Whether Albert J. Searling, 47, of 416 East Michigan street, apartment 24, and Edward J. Pohlmam, same address, are the same person was a question police and federal authorities faced today.

The man who gave his name as Searling when he was arrested Tuesday night in front of his home while he was putting liquor into an automobile of which the certificate of title was issued to Pohlmam, is Pohlmam, Sergeant John Elsenhut declares.

Searling declared Pohlmam, his room-mate, owned the "bonded" liquor.

Police and federal agents also found in the apartment labels and government stamps. Searling was slated on a blind tiger charge.

Night Into Day

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Jan. 9.—Joseph Alden, composer of "Sleepy Time Gal," has applied for a divorce, charging his wife keeps him awake by her scolding.

\$10,000 PRICE SET IN DEATH CASE LETTERS

Blackmail Hinted by Harvey L. Smith Defense at Elkhart.

LOVE NOTES OF REYHER

'Gen' Stults' Married Sweetheart Admits Being Writer.

BY ARCH STEINEL

ELKHART, Ind., Jan. 9.—"Did relatives of Mrs. Genevieve Stults attempt to get you, Mr. Reyher, to pay \$10,000 for four letters which they had in their possession?"

This question, the shroud of blackmail, slipped into the trial of Harvey L. Smith, former private detective, charged with the murder of Gen Stults today when Robert E. Proctor, defense counsel, cross-examined Charles Reyher, real estate dealer.

"The question was never answered. State attorneys objected to its admission and Judge William B. Hile sustained them.

Letters Not Revealed

On redirect examination by the state, the four letters written by the South Bend sweetheart of the beauty parlor operator to her, were identified by Reyher. The state refused to present the letters as exhibits or divulge their contents.

The curious courtroom crowd could only surmise the endearing phrases of the married man, Reyher, to his four-year love.

Following swiftly upon the black cloud of blackmail charged by Proctor and not admitted as court evidence, came the testimony of Miss Eunice Jones, Star City stenographer for Smith at the time of the alleged murder, who testified that Smith owed her six weeks' salary at the time of the disappearance of Mrs. Stults.

It was the first direct evidence proffered by the state to explain a motive for Smith's alleged crime. The state asked the jury to "find of money" despite the defense's plea that \$204 was found in the lime pit where the alleged body of Mrs. Stults was discovered. The defense contends no one who needed money could have robbed the body.

Smith admits he received \$50 from the Reyher for detective services the day prior to the disappearance of Mrs. Stults.

Reyher Nervous

When Proctor opened a new mystery drawer in the trials chaffron of sordid allegations and counter-allegations with his blackmail attempt charge, Reyher, fidgeted in the witness chair. His hands opened and closed nervously. He started to answer the question but was prevented by the state's sharp objection.

In identifying letters which he wrote Mrs. Stults and which were never returned to him, Reyher glanced at the handwriting as his own and looked quickly away past the bone exhibits of what the state says was at one time the "woman he loved too well."

Smith focused his eyes directly on Reyher at Proctor's blackmail charge as if he wished to mesmerize him into stumbling out an answer to the farmer-jury before the state could prevent.

Bar 'Dead or Alive' Reply

Only an objection of state's attorneys stood between Reyher and public admission Tuesday that he believed Mrs. Stults might be alive. Just a few hours before he went to the stand he told an interviewer he "did not know whether Mrs. Stults was alive or dead."

Reyher said a long distance telephone call which Mrs. Stults received from Detroit shortly before she disappeared; her oft-repeated exclamation, "I'll go away and never come back," added to a report that she was seen leaving a Goshen hotel with "two men" the Sunday following her disappearance, gave rise to his belief she went to Detroit.

Smith continued to turn the "scars" of Mrs. Stults out of town over to two dance hall hangers-on. Like a fumbled football, Reyher rolled out of the hands of the state into those of the defense.

An hour before Mrs. Reyher with her evasions of "I don't remember" took on championed ways, she fed courtroom morbidity with little peeks of her four-year worry over her husband who says he fell in love with a "love leech."

Destroyed Love Evidence

On cross-examination Tuesday and today, Reyher heaped fuel on the fire of sensationalism with his tale of the photographs, postal card and letter which Smith in a gentlemanly "growl" obtained from Mrs. Stults' apartment and returned to Reyher.

Reyher destroyed the evidence of his marital delinquencies. He said one photograph was that of Mrs. Stults and her daughter, Virginia, 12; one of he and Mrs. Stults, and a third of Mrs. Stults, her mother, Mrs. Anna Schowski, and the beauty operator's daughter, Virginia, 12. Reyher further identified himself as a defense witness by revealing that the route which his car, driven by the mysterious "tall" man, took in the hunt of the alleged slayer in its hunt in Elkhart for an alleged "hot" spot in committing a murder could be disproved.