

ROOSEVELT TO ACT SOON IN WALKER CASE

Governor Can Do Only Two Things in Graft Charges; Both Embarrassing.

NEW YORK, March 23.—Franklin D. Roosevelt's decision on the graft charges against Mayor James J. Walker—an action which will exert a powerful influence on his steadily ascending political career, and on the long-established way of Tammany hall—was expected soon.

Roosevelt today continued his study of charges against Walker. The Governor planned to remain at the executive mansion with the greater part of the day devoted to conferences with his personal counsel, Samuel Rosenman.

The Governor sent word to the capital that he had nothing to announce.

The courses open to the chief state executive were considered to have narrowed down to the two basic ones—either an investigation of Walker, or dismissal of the charges.

To follow the first would mean a declaration of war on the mightiest civic political machine ever developed in America. Grover Cleveland dared it once and reached the White House regardless. But few others have ever.

The second course—and the one persistently reported to have been decided upon by the Governor—likely would allow his name to go before the 1932 Democratic nominating convention as a favorite son, presidential candidate with the full support of the New York delegation.

Jimmy on Coast

PALM SPRINGS, Cal., March 23.—Governor James Rolph Jr. of California and Mayor James J. Walker of New York, met here Tuesday when the Governor will fly in from the capital.

What the Governor of California will say to the mayor of New York City will be of no political significance, it was indicated, and is only another of "Sunday Jim" Rolph's gestures of friendships which have brought him fame.

Mayor Walker, radiating good health, laughed at reports that he was being shadowed by private detectives, purported sent here by political opponents to watch his movements.

"They hand me a laugh," Walker said. "If they find anything here, I'll split with them."

Mayor Walker Sunday attended church services at the church of Our Lady of Solitude, and then chatted with some ninety fellow worshippers.

Further report that Mayor Walker would become a member of a motion picture firm were scouted by him.

"I have a term to fill as mayor of New York," he said, "and I shall fill it."

WATCH REACTION TO WHEAT BUYING BAN

Capital Worried About Effect of Farm Board Edict.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Official Washington, especially that group particularly interested in the farm relief problem, awaited with interest today the nation's reaction to the federal farm board's announcement that it would buy no 1931 wheat.

The board, in a statement released this morning, said bluntly that while its policy toward 1930 wheat is unchanged, it will permit no further use of its funds for pegging the price of next year's crop.

If the farmers want relief, the statement said, they can get it by curtailing production.

From Senator Arthur Capper (Rep., Kan.), farm bloc leader, came the response that the change in policy is "both a shock and a disappointment."

POLICE ARREST TWO, CONFISCATE ALCOHOL

Cops Chase Pair in Auto Several Blocks, Get Five Gallons.

After a chase of several blocks, police today captured two alleged rum runners and confiscated five gallons of alcohol.

Suspicious of two men in a car, one of whom was carrying fishing poles, Sergeant Dan Cummings and squad pursued Everett (Shug) Elkins, 36, of 2412 South Randolph street, and Abe Franklin, Negro, 2133 Lexington avenue.

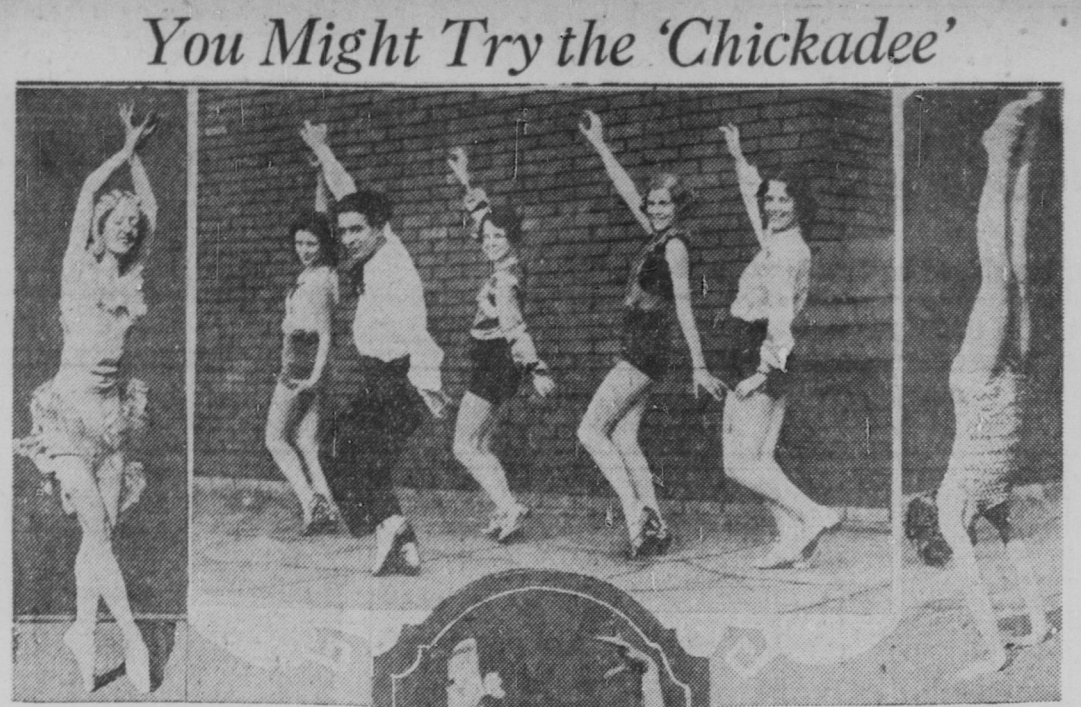
Elkins was charged with not having a driver's license, blind tiger, and transporting, and Franklin with blind tiger.

Cummings, in a raid on Elkins' house following the auto arrest, said he confiscated forty gallons of alcohol.

KIWANIANS TO MEET

Eight Divisional Meetings Slated Early in April.

Eight divisional meetings will be held by Kiwanis clubs of Indiana early in April. Dates of the meetings, the host club and the presiding officer are:



You Might Try the 'Chickadee'

TWO MURDERED AT SOUTH BEND

Suicides Send Deaths From Violence to Five.

SOUTH BEND, March 23.—Week-end violent deaths here mounted to the highest number in recent years when the body of a World war veteran, apparently murdered, was found in a vacant house and the body of another, an apparent suicide, was found making the total five dead.

One supposed murder mystery was cleared up early today when the body, found in a culvert near New Carlisle, was found to be that of Stephen Wegnowicz, 25. The dead man's mother identified the body and a verdict of death by heart trouble was returned by the coroner.

Alex Cwiklinski, 42, World war veteran, was found apparently murdered in a vacant house here today. Police were told that Cwiklinski had intended cashing a \$350 veterans bonus check today. No money was found on the body.

William J. Milice, 57, was found dead with a bullet wound in his head, apparently a suicide. The widow and two children survive.

Julius Von Holsbeck, 64, shot Mrs. Helen Sanders, 54, and killed himself after Mrs. Sanders was said to have spurned his attentions.

PREPARE FOR APRIL CONCERT

Indianapolis Symphony to Close First Season.

Audiences at the Civic theater performances this week will find inserted in their programs announcements of the April concert of the Indianapolis Symphony orchestra.

The concert, which will close the orchestra's first season, will be given Sunday, April 19, at 3 p. m. at Caleb Mills hall.

Co-operation with numerous clubs of the city in affording them the opportunity to buy tickets in advance is to be another measure of the ticket sales committee headed by Mrs. R. Hartley Sherwood. Other members are Mrs. Charles Latham, Miss Lorle Krull, Mrs. Carl T. Lieber Jr., Mrs. Isadore Kahn, Mrs. Frank S. Hunter, Mrs. C. A. Seear, Mrs. Stewart Greene, Miss Helen Coffey, Mrs. Wilbur Johnson, Mrs. John W. Kern, Mrs. Louis Haerle, Miss Jeanette Harris, Mrs. Jack A. Goodman and Mrs. Nancy Martens.

Mrs. Martens has volunteered to handle the exchange of coupons for tickets at her offices in the Baldwin Piano Company, 35 Monument Circle.

DINNER FOR HOOVER

3,000 to Attend Editorial Party in City.

One of the large buildings at the state fairground may be used for the mammoth dinner in honor of President Hoover when he comes here June 15 to address the Indiana Republican Editorial Association.

A special committee composed of Everett E. Neal, internal revenue collector; Frederick E. Schortemeier, former secretary of state, and Harry E. Fenton, secretary of the G. O. P. state committee was appointed Sunday by the association's executive committee.

Arrangements also will be made with a large catering concern to provide the dinners for at least 3,000 persons.

BOND ISSUE APPROVED

Preliminary O. K. Voted for School Securities by Tax Board.

Preliminary approval has been given by the state tax board to a \$125,000 bond issue for the Decatur township school in Marion county for which a \$194,000 bond issue had been asked.

Protesting taxpayers contended the proposed issue was excessive.

CLUB ELECTION IS UP

Civic Federation to Name Chief at Meeting Friday.

Officers will be elected at a meeting of the Indianapolis Federation of Community Clubs at 8 p. m. Friday night in the Chamber of Commerce building. Present officers are:



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CONVOCATION TO START TUESDAY

Rite Groups Prepare for 66th Annual Session.

Sixty-sixth annual convocation and reunion of Scottish Rite bodies in the Indianapolis jurisdiction will start at the cathedral Tuesday, continuing through Thursday.

Conferring of degrees will begin Tuesday forenoon after registration by candidates with Fred I. Willis, secretary. John F. Engleke, thirteenth degree, will preside at the fourteenth degree Tuesday night closing exemplification ceremonies of the first day.

Degrees of the Saraiha Council, Princes of Jerusalem, and Indianapolis chapter of Rose Croix will be given Wednesday under direction of Gail H. Morehead, Clarence R. Martin, William H. Morrison and J. Ralph Fenstermaker.

Remainder of rite degrees, including twenty-seventh with a cast from the Madison County Scottish Rite Club, will be given Thursday with a banquet in the evening. Major Norman A. Imrie of Culver Military academy will be principal banquet speaker.

During the convocation numerous class reunions and get-together meetings will be held.

YALE BOY HELD IN AUTO DEATH

Senior Charged With Reckless Driving; 2 Others Hurt.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 23.—Roger Clark, Yale senior, Cincinnati, was summoned to a coroner's inquest here today into the death of Mrs. Augusta Graywacz of Seymour. She died Saturday of injuries received when an automobile in which she was riding was in a head-on collision with a machine driven by Clark.

Mrs. Graywacz and her two daughters, Miss Aida Graywacz and Mrs. Cora Stoddard, were taken to the hospital after the accident.

Authorities held Clark in \$500 bond on a charge of reckless driving.

OLD SOLDIER DEAD

City Man Enlisted in Union Army at Age of 13.

Funeral services for Aurelius Smith, 82, veteran newspaper man, who died at his home, 249 South Temple avenue, as result of a paralytic stroke Friday, will be held at 2 today in Christ church. Burial will be in Crown Hill cemetery.

Mr. Smith, who was one of the youngest soldiers in the Civil war, had been active in newspaper work until his retirement five years ago. Previously, he had been with the Sentinel-Examiner company twenty-five years. He enlisted in the Union army as a musician at the age of 13.

Surviving him are the widow; a daughter, Miss Aurelia La Vergne Smith; a niece, Mrs. Clay Ward, and a nephew, Hewitt D. Talbot, all of Indianapolis, and another niece, Mrs. Paul Fahle of Texas.

LEGION'S MEMBERSHIP QUOTA IS EXCEEDED

Seventh District Passes Goal by 100; Organize New Posts.

Membership goal of the Seventh district, American Legion, has been exceeded by more than one hundred. J. E. Mendenhall, district membership chairman, announced today. More than 2,200 applications have been obtained.

Several new Marion county posts of the legion are being organized. A south side post will be formed at 8 Tuesday night in engine house No. 3, 1134 Prospect street. Another post is to be started at

CONFESSIOIN IS CLAIMED

Police Believe Alleged Admissions Solves Local Robberies.

Several recent local robberies were believed solved today by police, who say they obtained a confession from John Perkins, 21, of R. 2, Westfield, arrested Sunday.

The robberies to which Perkins is alleged to have confessed, include filling station jobs, police said, and the theft of two autos.

Perkins is held on a vagrancy charge in default of \$5,000 bond.

DENIES LOBBY CHARGE

Senator Hebert Never Represented Insurance Scraps, He Says.

BOARD REFUSES TO REJECT BIDS ON TEXT BOOKS

Commission Begins Choice of School Volumes for 5-Year Period.

Renewed efforts of L. N. Hines, president of the Indiana State Teachers college, Terre Haute, to have the state board of education reject all bids for school text books on the ground the prices were too high, failed today when the board made a text book commission.

Hines attempted to have the bids rejected when they were considered by the board before the general assembly convened in January. He pointed out that the adoptions of the books are for five years and that the general prices of texts have declined greatly over the country.

The bids submitted to the Indiana education board were as high as those of five years ago, he declared.

Plea that the board adopt a rental system for the Indiana schools was made by Representative E. Curtis White (Dem., Marion), member of the Allied Printing Trades council.

Try to Exclude Reporters

White said that all of the texts used in the state would total but \$286,000, and that no special law is required to permit the board to authorize the purchase of the books and rent them to the pupils.

For the first time in years an attempt was made to hold the session behind closed doors. George C. Cole, new superintendent of public instruction, refused to admit newspaper men and interested parties. A motion by Mrs. Martha Whitacre, Richmond, board member, to exclude all from the meeting except members failed for want of a second after Dr. W. L. Bryan, president of Indiana university, and Hines protested against such a step.

Books Selected for 5 Years

Mrs. Payne Mercer, associate editor of the Prairie Farmer, appeared before the board to defend a circular letter she wrote attacking the system of book adoption in Indiana. She declared that Illinois had adopted a special text in English, which in her opinion was much superior to any of those submitted, at a much lower price than the bids here.

The board was to meet again this afternoon to continue its selection. Majority of the important texts to be adopted this year.

Methods of book adoption were attacked during the last session of the general assembly on the grounds that they provide too heavy a burden. Three bills which would have changed the system and also established a rental plan died in the senate after passing the house.

Jail Fight

COLUMBUS, Ind., March 23.—Because a partner trumped an ace in an after-breakfast game of cards at the Bartholomew county jail, Jack Ogeltree, 18, Milan, Tenn., and Ivory Olmstead, 19, Edinburg, are in solitary confinement.

The two men engaged in a fist fight over the game and Sheriff J. W. Foust had to separate them. Ogeltree is serving a fifteen-day term for stealing a pair of gloves from a filling station and Olmstead is awaiting trial on a charge of stealing a watch.

INSTALLMENT BUYING SHOWN ON INCREASE

Payments Met Despite depression, Commerce Department Finds.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—The American installment buying system, criticised by some economists, seems to have weathered the business depression.

"There were no disturbing changes in the proportion of business done on a credit basis," commerce department officials said on the basis of a survey made by the government.

Figures were gathered by a corps of department experts from twenty-four of the nation's large cities.

The survey disclosed that the American people not only have continued the installment plan, but actually have increased business of this sort, and that in spite of the depression they meet their obligations.

The test has demonstrated that the American people like this form of mass credit operation and that they demonstrate their faith by paying their debts.

445 Points in Plea

HARTFORD CITY, Ind., March 23.—A motion for a new trial for Oscar Wagner on a charge of possessing still, filed in Blackford circuit court here, cites 445 reasons, among that, that a search warrant used in obtaining evidence was illegal and that the court erred in permitting the state to set up in the courtroom during the trial purported to be a still Wagner had possessed.

Wood Chain Whittled

BRAZIL, Ind., March 23.—A twelve-foot chain has been carved from an eight-foot board by J. J. Biggs, living here. A pocket knife was the only instrument used.

4 Rabbit Feet!

LAWRENCE, Kan., March 23.—It wasn't a rabbit's foot, but the whole rabbit—a pet one—which J. E. Ekberg of Tulsa, Okla., credited today with having saved his life.

Ekberg had the rabbit with him in a truck which he was driving toward Tulsa. An automobile forced him off the road and the truck overturned.

The pet rabbit darted through the broken windshield and across the road. Ekberg scrambled out and hurried after it. When he was a few feet from the truck, it burst into flames.

"If it hadn't been for the rabbit I'd have taken my time and been caught in the burning cab," Ekberg said.

Millionaire Suicide to 'Avoid Being Murderer'

Commission Begins Choice of School Volumes for 5-Year Period.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—Emory A. Winship, millionaire retired naval officer, committed suicide through fear of "mad impulses to take two or more lives," it was revealed today in a note which he left.

The note solved a mystery that had puzzled authorities for twenty-four hours. It was addressed to Fred Rasmussen, superintendent of a building belonging to the vast Winship estate.

Contents of the note were revealed by Dillon Winship, son of the dead man.

"It is the lesser of two evils," Winship wrote, "Mad impulses come over me to take two or more lives. Each recurring one is stronger than its predecessor, and I know that if I continue to resist them I will lose my mind. I can face most anything but insanity."

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Names Team Heads in Club Member Drive

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7 CHILDREN DIE IN FIRE; 3 MORE HURT

Parents Make Heroic Efforts to Save Sleeping Family From Flames.

PLYMOUTH, N. H., March 23.—Three children were near death today from burns inflicted by a fire which destroyed their home at Holderness, near here, and claimed the lives of six brothers and a sister.

The three, under treatment in a local hospital, retained a chance for life only through the courage of their mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Avery, who risked themselves to get the children to safety.

The others were trapped in the flames which quickly enveloped the frame cottage.

The dead were Sterle Avery, 20, George, 14; Harry, 10; Fred, 9; Milton, 5; Daisy, 3, and Joseph, 9 months.

Those under treatment are: Frank, 18; Thomas, 17, and John, 16. They are suffering from multiple burns of the head and body.

After Mrs. Avery had rescued one of her sleeping children, she was overcome by dense smoke. Her husband carried her from the blazing building and was prevented from returning by the flames.

COPS SEIZE WHISKY

Arrest Two in Raid on South Side House, 18 Gallons Taken.

Raiding a house at 4000 South Meridian street Saturday afternoon, police confiscated eighteen gallons of whisky and arrested two persons.

Those under arrest are James Wilson, 20, of the South Meridian street address, and Miss Dorothy June Jackson, 22, of Evansville. Police said Wilson was armed. The two are held in default of vagrancy bonds of \$3,000 each.

Printing Company Fails

HUNTINGTON, Ind., March 23.—A voluntary petition in bankruptcy has been filed in federal court at Ft. Wayne by the Whitlock Press of Huntington. Liabilities are placed at \$83,000 and assets at \$44,000.

PLAYS TWO PARTS WITH SUCCESS

Both heroic parts, too. Here is a tooth paste which doubles up in service. Name: PEBECO, the "Teed" Dentifrice. It whitens your teeth while it cleans. And it leaves a cool, refreshed feeling such as you have seldom enjoyed. Let your dentist care regularly for your teeth's big and little ills. Use Pebece twice daily—your mouth will tingle with real exhilaration and your teeth will never become "bad actors."—Adv.

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