

## STOCK DEAL WAS FIZZLE, WATSON SAYS

Senator Asserts He Really  
Is Loser, in Connection  
With Sugar 'Flier.'  
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preferred of the South Coast Sugar Company.

Watson was required to sign the two notes aggregating \$25,000, with the understanding that no interest was to be charged and that Watson's "liability on the notes is limited entirely to the stock."

The shares, together with the unsigned notes, were sent to Watson, by registered mail, in an envelope marked "personal," addressed in care of the senate office building in Washington.

Watson signed the notes and returned them with the stock, which was to serve as collateral. May 14, 1928, Watson wrote to Dahlberg, "I return herewith certificates of stock and notes properly signed."

### Reserves Letter for Self

"I accept the stock under the conditions prescribed in your letter, which I am reserving for myself."

"I certainly thank you for your kind consideration, which I most heartily appreciate and wish you unbounded success."

Aug. 14, 1929, Dahlberg wrote Watson that he had sold the shares in the sugar companies, and returned the two notes marked "canceled," together with 500 shares of common stock of the Dahlberg Corporation of America, which represented Watson's "profit" in the deal.

Soon after the committee recessed Monday, Watson was informed of the evidence. He made the following statement to the press: "Early in 1928 I gave my note for stock in one of Dahlberg's companies. The stock is of no account or worth nothing, and neither is my note. Therefore the score is nothing to nothing—no hits, no runs, two errors."

"One error I made when I bought the stock, and the other error Dahlberg made when he took my notes. This was a purely private business transaction and had no relation to legislation, past, present or future."

### Employees for Railroad Parley

In elaboration of this statement, Watson gave the following account of his dealings with Dahlberg:

"It came about this way. In 1927, after congress adjourned, Dahlberg, who is an old friend of mine, came to me and asked me to try to settle some suits he had against four railroad companies.

"The suits came about as result of excessive freight rates, which had been declared illegal. Several of the railroads had made refunds of excessive charges, but four refused to compromise. Dahlberg offered me a handsome fee, and I employed me as a lawyer."

"Well, I spent nearly all that summer talking with first one railroad president and then another, but I couldn't get them to compromise. The cases still are pending in court."

"I was to get the fee if I settled the suits, but I failed, and so I thought I at least would get my traveling expenses."

### Watson Given Stock

"So I went to Dahlberg and he said to me, 'Now you spent a lot of time on this, and I want to do something for you. I want you to take some stock in my companies. You don't need to put up any money. Just give your personal note, and I'll carry you.'

"You know I don't know much about business matters, so I said to Dahlberg: 'Just as you say. You handle it for me. If we make any profits on the stock you can turn over the proceeds to me, and if we lose anything you can just tell me how much I owe you.'

### Just Lost His Money

"So that's that. I didn't pay any more attention to the deal. Dahlberg swapped the stocks from one company to another, and the stocks I now have aren't worth anything. The net result is that I lost the money and time I spent in traveling that summer."

Asked whether he would request permission to explain the matter to the lobby committee, Watson said: "No, it was only a personal matter between Dahlberg and myself. It had nothing to do with the senate. If the committee had asked me about it I would have been glad to explain. I have nothing to conceal."

### GAMBLERS CONVICTED, PUT ON PROBATION

Fines for Seven Caught in Hotel  
Raid Are Suspended.

Seven gamblers arrested Saturday in a raid on a downtown hotel were convicted Monday by Municipal Judge Clifton R. Cameron and were placed on probation.

J. D. Potter, 5516 College avenue, charged with keeping a gaming house, was given a suspended 10-day jail sentence and was fined \$10 and costs.

Six other men said by police to have been playing poker when the raid was made were fined \$10 and costs, on a charge of visiting a gaming house. The fines were suspended and the men placed on probation for an indefinite period.

Police said several of the men were arrested in a raid in the same room Friday. They had been discharged by Municipal Judge William H. Sheaffer.

### FIREMEN TO CELEBRATE

Remodeling of Station 22 to Be Big Event; Sullivan to Attend.

Firemen at engine house No. 22, at Twenty-fourth street and Ashland avenue, will entertain Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan and other city officials at a banquet tonight celebrating the remodeling of their firehouse.

The mayor will address the firemen and Fire Chief Harry C. Voss will speak at the banquet.

Safety board members also will be guests at the affair. Installation of a modern heating plant, new lockers and redecoration of the house's interior recently were completed.

## SANTA CLAUS IS NOT SO VERY DIFFERENT

Jay Mills and Flo Robinson Brings a Different Sort of Nutty Comedy to the Vaudeville Stage Today.

BY WALTER D. HICKMAN

THERE is nutty comedy and nutty comedians of many different brands but I am going to elect the first time in many months a new comedy team to my very own Hall of Fame.

Meaning that Jay Mills and Flo Robinson now have seats in my very private hall of fame.

And both bow in together as both have a right to be considered beards except Mr. Hoover." Maybe I am crazy and maybe it is only Mills. In cold type this may not be funny but wait until you hear and see this team dress that remark and many other in a comedy style that is individual, smart and different. So much so that they stop the show. And they deserve it. And also watch this woman dance. Yes, yes and several more of the same brand.

A new polish and sophisticated understanding has a come into the work and personality of Baby Rose Marie. Miss Bobby Folson, You will be interested in Tessie but wait when the modern Priscilla meets the modern John Alden. It is a new version and a nifty.

We have had Baby Rose Marie several times in vaudeville. The

performance that I caught, Baby Rose Marie is becoming more adult in delivery and even material. To me she is still the best of the very young who tackle adult material.

The children are going to like the pony with Mary Palmer. Also the other splendid pets. The De Toregos go in for dancing that is not different from their work when we have seen them in other seasons.

The comedy of Billy "Swede" Hall does not appeal to me. He has not advanced with the seasons. Be your own judge.

The movie is James Cagney in "Blonde Crazy."

Now the Lyric.

Florence Austral opens the Civic Music series tonight at Caleb Mills hall. John Amado is associated with her as usual.

Other theaters today: "Local Boy Makes Good" at the Indiana, "His Woman" at the Circle, "Devotion" at the Ohio, "Possessed" at the Palace, "Ambassador Bill" at the Apollo and "The Love Match" at the Civic.

These men stirred me as they have never moved me before. They sing because they like to sing. At least that is the way they impress me. They were in fine singing form last night.

As far as I am concerned (and be your own judge if you were there last night) they triumphed over the assisting artist—Elisabeth Schumann.

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The men (and I have heard them for years) seemed to have a new spirit in this concert. There was a

THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

## MEN GIVE FINE PROGRAM AT FIRST CONCERT

Maennerchor Triumphs in the  
Singing of a Grand  
Number.

BY WALTER D. HICKMAN

Will probably always remember the way the Indianapolis Maennerchor sang "Kamerad Komm."

That memory is with me now as you read this account of the opening concert of the Indianapolis Maennerchor.

And the audience was no different than I was. I wanted to hear it again and Karl Reckzeh, director, permitted the singer to again create the human rhythm of a people to penetrate the hall.

But her reception last night completely reverses my own opinion.

Not only the melody, the swing of its very being but the way the men got into this song under the direction of Reckzeh was what counted.

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## Such a Racket

By United Press

CAMDEN, N. J., Nov. 24.—Albert Rumford, 23, is back in jail after sawing his way out with hacksaws over a period of weeks.

How did he do it without

making any noise? He didn't. "The other prisoners sang hymns while I was sawed, so I didn't attract any attention," he said.

united effort which gave results. Maybe the program was chosen with a better regard to the entire effect.

There were several things that Elizabeth Schumann did beautifully. Her voice is not of grand opera dimension.

This is the first time I have heard her. She did not move me at any time. In the high register she brings color and true tone. And then when she attempted a lower register much was missing.

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## \$250 LOOT OF CITY CROOKS

Autos, Three Homes and  
Store Are Raided.

Looting automobiles, a store and three homes Monday night, thieves obtained clothing and valuables totaling nearly \$250, police reports revealed today.

A prowler heaved a breadbox through the front window of a Kro-

ger grocery at 942 South Meridian street, and fled with two fruit cakes on a display counter.

Possessions valued at \$38 were taken from the home of Herbert Schokel, 811 East Fifty-first street, by a thief who forced a window in the side of the home.

Mrs. Lottie Vaughn, 162 Gelsen-  
dorf street, reported a talking ma-  
chine and a watch, both valued at  
\$10 from parked automobiles was  
taken from her home Monday afternoon.

Theft of clothing valued at a total  
of \$110 from parked automobiles was  
reported by F. M. Bancroft, 737  
North Wallace street, and J. S. Sey-  
bert, 4842 Kenwood avenue.

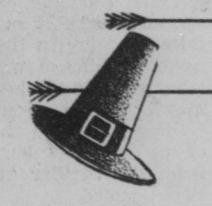
## DIVISION PICKS BONHAM

Named New President of Indiana  
Society; Plan Dec. 20 Session.

Earl T. Bonham is the new pres-  
ident of the Indiana Society of the  
First Division. Election of officers  
of the society took place in the  
Consolidated building Monday  
night. Other officers are: Ralph  
Carter, vice-president; Henry Klein,  
secretary, and Hilton U. Brown,  
treasurer.

Plans are being made for a meet-  
ing in American Legion national  
headquarters on Dec. 20. An out-  
standing figure of the division will  
be guest of honor.

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