



HOUSE LEADER MAKES TARGET OF DEMOCRATS

Speaker Garner Assails Hoosiers of Own Party for Loss in Eighth District.

CONTEST ACTION LAGS
Albert H. Vestal, Republican, Occupies Seat Despite Question.

By Times Special
WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Indiana Democratic leaders, here for party festivities, today were discussing methods by which they might reopen the languishing contest over the eighth district seat in the house, now held by Albert H. Vestal, Republican.

The Hoosier Democrats were administered a severe tongue-lashing Thursday by Speaker John N. Garner, who addressed the visiting leaders at a luncheon given by Representative Louis Ludlow of the Indianapolis district.

"I want to speak plainly to you Indiana Democrats," Garner said. "The people of Indiana elected ten Democrats to congress, but you only sent us nine. You let the Republicans steal that other seat. What I want to know is whether or not they also stole the Democratic candidate. The Democratic party is entitled to that seat. If the Democratic candidate is not going to make a fight, then we should take steps to declare the seat vacant and hold a special election in the district."

Earl R. Peters, chairman of the Democratic state committee of Indiana, who spoke a few minutes after Garner had concluded his tirade, promised the Speaker to take immediate steps toward unseating Vestal as soon as he returns to power.

Fails to Push Contest
Claude Ball, the Democrat who opposed Vestal, filed notice with the house of representatives soon after the election that he would contest the seat. At that time he asked for a recount. However, seven months have elapsed and Ball has failed to continue the contest.

The luncheon was a Democratic love fest, given in honor of Thomas D. Taegart Jr., newly elected Democratic national committeeman from Indiana. All nine of the Democratic representatives were present.

Richard Burton in recommending the February selection of the page said: "When I first read this manuscript I thought it a fine book. When I re-read it, I was sure it was a great book."

The January selection of the league is "The Weather Tree," by Maristan Chapman.

Margaret Ayer Barnes, who wrote "Years of Grace," the Pulitzer prize novel of 1931, and just recently, "Westward Passage," will speak on "Behind the Typewriter," at Caleb Mills Hall Wednesday night, Jan. 13.

In discussing how she began to write, she states: "From my earliest childhood I was always interested in reading and both in school and college I took all the courses I could command in the study and appreciation of literature. It was during convalescence from a broken back that I began to write short stories for my own amusement to fill long inactive days. If you have a feeling for words and phrases, for rhythm and balance and proportion, for lovely sounds and poignant images, you will produce work that has real elements of grandeur."

What are they reading of fiction in New York? Brentano's reports the six best as "Maid in Waiting," by John Galsworthy; "Westward Passage" by Margaret Ayer Barnes; "All Passion Spent," by V. Sackville-West; "Malaise," by Henri Fauconnier; "The Good Earth," by Pearl S. Buck, and "A White Bird Flying," by Bess Streeter Aldrich.

MANY readers of this department over the state are sending in their book reviews as well as many readers in this city.

The winner of this week's review is H. A. Baker Jr., 1232 South Ninth street, Terre Haute, Ind., who reviewed "All Passion Spent," by V. Sackville-West.

I will write Baker a letter and give him choice of one of several new books.

His winning review is as follows:

"All Passion Spent" is a masterpiece, probably the first story ever written with a heroine in her eighties. Let Sackville-West's death of her husband renounce the invitation of shelter from her children and return to an old maid. She is supremely happy and is a miser. She is supremely happy to the disgust of her greedy family. She again has entire life—one of showy displays and supported by a husband that of being an artist. And the circle is then complete. The author is a New Englander, a nature artist. The mood is outwardly gay but underneath is a clear understanding with all of old age. It is one of the finest novels I have ever read."

Every reader of The Times with the exception of Times employees are eligible to write their reviews of any book, new or old. Keep your reviews around 150 words if possible.

Professor John Dewey introduces F. Mathias Alexander's new book, "The Use of the Self," which E. P. Dutton & Co. will publish Jan. 15, to the American public. Dr. Alexander is the author also of "Man's Supreme Inheritance," and "Constructive Conscious Control of the Individual."

Paul Cohen-Porthmein, whose "England, the Unknown Isle," found a wide American public, will be represented on the Dutton February list with "Time Stood Still: 1914-18," the story of Cohen-Porthmein's internment in England during the war.

Rachel Field's romantic fantasy, "The Brontes Went to Woolworth's," which, according to his report, made Frank Swinnerton "laugh till the tears ran down my cheeks," is being published in this country by Dutton's early in February.

III. Negro Hangs Himself
Despot because of illness, Clarence R. Riddick, 48, Negro, committed suicide late Thursday night at a rooming house at 519 West North street. The body was found hanging from a rafter on a porch in the rear of the house.

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Aged Surgeon Operates on Self and Jokes With Attendants.



Dr. E. O. Kane

HUGE 'FEE' TO WIN FOREIGN LOAN BARED

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BORROWERS IN DEFAULT

Latin American President's Son Enriched, Senate Probers Told.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The New York banking firm of J. & W. Seligman paid \$533,000 to a group of Peruvians, including the son of the president of Peru, to turn a \$100,000,000 Peruvian loan to them, Frederick Strauss, member of the Seligman firm, revealed today, testifying before the senate finance committee investigation of foreign loans.

Of the total paid, the president of the president—Leguia—received \$415,000, Strauss said.

Harold Bolsten, New York attorney, now dead, received \$67,000; S. A. Magenis, a former American minister to Bolivia, \$40,000, and T. V. Salt of Lissman & Co., bankers, \$10,000, in connection with the loan, it was brought out.

The witness said no payment was made to President Leguia himself, who Senator Hiram Johnson contended "sustained himself in power by these loans."

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