

# YOUNG HOODLUM SEIZES CHICAGO RACKET THRONE

Murray Humphreys Dares Gang Death to Take Czar's Seat.

CHICAGO, Jan. 15.—The mighty forces that drove Al Capone from rule of the rackets gathered anew today to fight an athletic young man who has stepped into the gangster's place.

This time the conflict cropped out in the cleaners' and dyers' controversy, with the murder last week by gang executioners of Benjamin Rosenberg.

Today found the "Secret Six," crime-fighting corps of the Association of Commerce, leaders of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association, the state's attorney and police combining to fight the latest gang menace.

And it had revealed Murray Humphreys, a calm-speaking, black-haired young hoodlum, with the build of an athlete, as the successor to "Scarface Al's" control of the rackets.

"The man who steps into Al's shoes will go out quick," was the underworld shop talk after Capone's conviction on charges of income tax fraud.

The place was offered to Johnny Torrio, who held it before Capone came to Chicago eleven years ago. Torrio went back to Long Island.

But Humphreys "took a chance," it was learned today, and assumed chieftancy of the band of gunmen, slugs, bombers and extortionists that Capone had marshaled to control millions of dollars for the syndicate.

Rosenberg's murder brought the war into the open. He had stood his ground when vandals poured acid over thousands of dollars' worth of clothing taken from his cleaning and dyeing establishment. He complained to police. Therefore he was slain.

Two west side hoodlums, Philip Mangano, brother of "Dago Lawrence," and Louis Clemente, were still sought as suspects.

The reappearance in Chicago a few days ago of George (Bugs) Moran, veteran enemy of Capone, gave rise to reports he would attempt to get his share in the loot, now that Capone is in jail.

## How's the Vocabulary? Let It Earn Dividends

How good is your vocabulary? Here is a chance to test it. Twenty-five dollars in cash and fourteen pairs of courtesy tickets to the Indiana theater are offered as prizes in The Times-Indiana Theater Vocabulary Contest, which opens today. Anyone is eligible to compete, except employees of the sponsors of the contest.

Prizes will go to the persons submitting the largest number of words made up of any of the letters which spell "Forbidden," the title of the new Barbara Stanwyck talkie which opens today at the Indiana theater.

Use only the letters in "Forbidden," and make up a list of as many words as you can. It is as easy as it looks; for instance, you can place on your list "bend," "rob," "born," "rib," "of," "bigger," and many others.

The contest closes at noon next Wednesday. All entries must be in the mail by that time in order to be considered. Make up your list as neatly as possible, writing on one side of the paper only, and then send your entry to Walter D. Hickman of The Times. He will choose a committee of judges to help him pick the largest list, and announcement of winners will be made as soon as possible after the contest closes on Jan. 20.

First prize will be \$10 in cash; second prize, \$5; third prize, \$3; fourth, \$2, and the next five prizes will be \$1 each. A pair of courtesy tickets to the Indiana theater will be awarded to each of the next fourteen best entries, making a total of twenty-five prizes in all.

## THEY TELL ME

BY BEN STERN

"CONSISTENCY'S a jewel," was declared in an American ballad published in 1867 and entitled "Jolly Robin Roughhead."

And quite evidently from his recent public addresses and his votes in the last session of the general assembly, State Senator Joe Rand Beckett, of Indianapolis, secretary of the Indiana tax survey committee, does not hold with this theory.

It is a matter of record that Senator Beckett signed the report containing the recommendations of the tax survey committee which declared in favor of a levy on personal net incomes, and a 3 per cent tax on corporate incomes.

The recommendations also included a retail sales tax of 1 per cent.

The 1931 senate journal, still upon the press, will show that Senator Beckett voted against the passage of the personal income tax when it came to the senate, and then he was on the opposition to the tax on corporate incomes.

At one time the bill failed to pass by a vote of 23 ayes and 25 noes. Under the senate rules, twenty-six votes are necessary for passage, yet Beckett cast his vote against the measure and voted to table its reconsideration.

His constancy also is revealed in the address delivered at the meeting

of the Shelby County Republican Club at Shelbyville Monday night, in which Beckett declared:

"The two forms for producing major revenue which have been most talked of are the sales tax and the income tax. In the end, both these measures take money out of the pockets of the farmers and the laboring people who live within the state having such laws."

To the disinterested observer, it is difficult to reconcile Beckett's vote and the above statement with the recommendations contained in the report of Jan. 15, 1931, which he quite evidently approved, for he signed it. And there have been no indications to show that he was under duress at the time.

The best explanation of his attitude is contained probably in Series 1, No. 3, of the Bigelow Papers, by James Russell Lowell, where it is written:

"General C. is a droll smart man; He's been on all sides that give places or pelf; But consistency still was a part of his plan; He's been true to ONE party, and that is, himself."

Former Official Dies  
By Times Special  
MILAN, Ind., Jan. 15.—William Myers, former Ripley county commissioner, is dead of heart disease at his home here.

## SECRET SENATE PARLEY CALLED ON TAX BILLS

Hartzell Issues Summons for Legislators to Meet Here.

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Indianapolis at 3 p. m. on the 6th day of January, 1932, at Room 1625-1626, Washington hotel, for the purpose of seeing if we can do something about this matter.

"We also feel that there should be no publicity given to the meeting, as we are not seeking publicity, but are only endeavoring to do that which is right and should be done."

"If you feel about this matter as we do, come to the meeting, and give us your ideas on the best way to reduce taxes."

The idea of a secret meeting was emphasized in the first letter sent out by Hartzell, in the following postscript:

"This letter is written in confidence, for the reason that I do not want to have my name appear in the newspaper, and I trust that it will be treated as such."

In the body of the letter he also turned attention to this theme as follows:

"I am not doing this to advertise

myself in any manner. In fact, I do not want any publicity, but I do feel now, as I have for many years, that the legislature ought to do something to relieve this tax burden, cut salaries, fire an army off the pay roll, stop bond issues and clean out some of the state institutions."

Hartzell's principal backers and advisers are officials of the Lincoln Life Insurance Company of Ft. Wayne.

\$95,000 IS ASKED FOR COUNTY WORKERS PAY

Battle Over Finances Looms at Wednesday Council Session.

Battle over county finances was predicted today for the council meeting Wednesday when officials banded together and asked wage appropriations of \$95,000.

From all offices of the courthouse came demands for more money during 1932. The department heads are seeking to hurdle the obstacle erected by councilmen last fall when they sliced personnel and pay.

The largest individual demand is from Sheriff Charles (Buck) Sumner who wants more than \$27,000 to reinstate sixteen deputy sheriffs who were fired. John McCloskey, center township assessor, filed two requests to employ field and office deputy assessors. The requests totaled \$27,000.

Alleged Bandits Held.  
NEWCASTLE, Ind., Jan. 15.—Robert Brown and William Taunson wanted here on a charge of assaulting and robbing Loring Lee, Knightstown taxi driver, are in custody at Vanceburg, Ky., authorities have been advised.

## ATTORNEYS HELPLESS IN HIGH BOND CASE

Judge Baltzell Out of City, Barring Reduction Efforts.

With Federal Judge Robert C. Baltzell out of the city, attorneys fighting for the reduction of a \$12,500 bond on Virgil Bragg of Noblesville, today found their hands virtually tied and Bragg apparently

faces at least a week more of confinement in Marion county jail as a federal prisoner.

Bragg was placed under \$10,000 bond, charged with being implicated in a Florida liquor ring, and \$2,500 bond was added on the charge of possession of liquor and transportation. Bragg, when he was arrested, had two half-pints of booze, it is charged.

## Alleged Slayer Acquitted.

SALEM, Ind., Jan. 15.—John Walton, 35, of near Campbellsburg, was acquitted by a Washington county jury here on a charge of manslaughter resulting from the death of John Hines, 34, farmer, in February, 1931. It was alleged Hines was slain in a drunken brawl. The jury deliberated an hour and a half.

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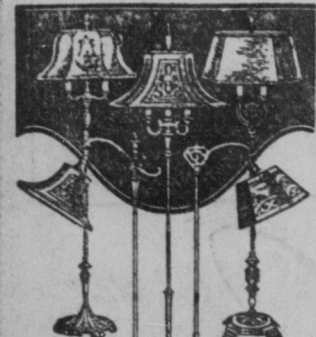
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