

LUDLOW FACES SHOWDOWN ON DRY LAW VOTE

Anti-Prohibition Association to Quiz All Aspirants for Congress.

Congressman Louis Ludlow must take a definite stand on the prohibition question and proposals for a national referendum on the subject before the May primaries. This is the dictum which went out today from the offices of the Indiana division of the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment.

For that matter, not only Ludlow, but all congressional aspirants, will have to make clear their stands, declared William Stokes, secretary.

First step in the offensive came today with the announcement by Chairman Nelson A. Gladden that Frank L. Littleton had been appointed to head the special committee to investigate the prohibition attitude of candidates for congress from the Twelfth district.

Ludlow Is First

Ludlow, of course, will be the first to be interrogated, because he was listed in the Indiana Anti-Saloon League in 1928 and in 1930 as being a "dry." He also is shown as a contributor to the league in the 1930 report, Stokes declared.

Ludlow also was a sponsor of the recent dry meetings in Cade tabernacle.

"For years the Anti-Saloon League has been sending interrogations to all candidates, and then listing them either for approval or opposition. By swinging this club the league has effectively controlled the congressmen," Gladden asserted, "and has maintained a two-thirds majority in congress, thus blocking any move to pass a resolution repealing the eighteenth amendment."

Will Demand Stand

"The association in all Indiana districts will demand knowledge of the attitude of candidates in the primaries, as well as in the fall elections.

"Every member of the association is pledged to vote for and support only those men who favor permitting the people to decide upon the question of the retention of prohibition."

"The people of this country never have voted on national prohibition. If incumbent congressmen are against permitting the voters to exercise their constitutional right, steps will be taken to elect only such men as will be in favor of a referendum."

PASTOR'S CHARGES FAIL

Church Members Acquitted of Beating Halesburg Minister.

By Times Special

SALEM, Ind., Jan. 16.—Seven members of Pilgrim Holiness church, Halesburg, were found not guilty at a trial here on charges of inciting a riot, filed against them by the pastor of the church, the Rev. Pleasant Brown. The pastor alleged that they beat him and drove him from the church because he crusaded against bootlegging.

The minister said he probably would present his case to Governor Harry G. Leslie.

Those freed by the verdict were Louise Temple, Hattie Clifford, Clarence and Hazel Wheeler, Louis Bowers and Albert Temple.

Cemetery Lot Makes Bond

By Times Special

GARY, Ind., Jan. 16.—Paul C. Roberts, former city police department clerk, used a cemetery lot as security for a \$200 bond when he appealed from an intoxication conviction in city court. The case was taken to Lake criminal court. Roberts asserts some tobacco he swallowed sickened him and gave him the appearance of being drunk. Police arrested him in a corridor of the city hall.

Oldest Resident Near 99

By Times Special

ADAMS, Ind., Jan. 16.—Thomas J. Shields, Decatur county's oldest resident, has entered upon the ninety-ninth year of his life. He makes his home here with his son, Frank. There are two other children, C. Frank Shields, Greensburg, and Mrs. Viola Snoddy, Indianapolis. His wife died in 1908.

Bomb Trial Deferred

By Times Special

PRINCETON, Ind., Jan. 16.—Trial of William Foster, one of eleven men indicted on charges of conspiracy in bombings at Somerville, which was to have started Monday, has been postponed until Feb. 22. A crowded court docket caused the continuance.

Slump End Forecast

By Times Special

WABASH, Ind., Jan. 16.—The depression will be "put on the spot" before the end of 1932, R. C. Stephenson, former president of the American Bankers' Association, said in an address before Wabash business men.

Coach's Wife Killed

By Times Special

MUNCIE, Ind., Jan. 16.—Mrs. Charles McComas, 29, whose husband is a basketball coach in a junior high school was killed instantly Friday night when struck by an automobile driven by Lucene Current, 23, who said his vision was obscured by a truck.

Bloomington Man Dies

By Times Special

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Jan. 16.—Funeral services were held Friday for George H. Miller, 85, who died after a short illness.

'On the Spot'

By Times Special

GARY, Ind., Jan. 16.—Stray cats are being "put on the spot" here by four Emerson high school students who hold a contract to deliver the bodies of 100 cats each month to a Chicago laboratory for use in experiments by medical students. Chloroform is used to kill the cats.

Fight on Cut Rates Moved to Ft. Wayne

Federal court suit of the Frankfort Heating Company to block enforcement of a public service commission order for lower heat rates at Frankfort, was transferred to Ft. Wayne Friday as the commission's order went into effect.

Originally filed in the Indianapolis court Thursday afternoon, the action was transferred to the court of Judge Thomas W. Slick due to Judge Robert C. Baltzell's absence from the city.

The company charges the order for lower rates is "prejudicial and wholly discriminatory."

Although the company has brought in the commission's depreciation fund order as a pivot in the suit, the battle to block the order probably will key more on the valuation figures set on the plant system by the commission.

The commission fixed the value of the company at \$393,703, which is \$18,906 lower than the figures of the commission's own engineering department.

The order ruled that the company charge a 30-cent rate until a depreciation fund of \$56,362 has been built up from a \$7,156 annual depreciation sum.

The company charges this statute is not enforced against other utilities and is discriminatory.

FALLEN HERO'S BOOK RETURNED

Alexandria Parents Get Bible of Soldier Son.

By Times Special

ALEXANDRIA, Ind., Jan. 16.—Mr. and Mrs. George K. Sherman have received a New Testament carried by their son, Clyde Sherman, killed in action during the World War. The book was a gift to the soldier from the Presbyterian church. It was sent to the parents by D. M. Sawyer, Lynchburg, Va., a war buddy of the fallen soldier.

Sawyer took the book from the body of his comrade and wrote on the flyleaf, "Picked up on the battlefield after the Hindenberg drive, Sept. 29, 1918."

MORE AUTOS BOUGHT

State Highway Commission Adds Seven to Motor Fleet.

The five-wheeling fleet of the Indiana state highway commission was increased by seven cars Friday when the Barker Company of Indianapolis delivered the machines, all Studebakers, to the commission for use of engineers.

Total cost of the cars was \$9,755, with a trade-in value of \$2,562 allowed on seven old machines. Twelve bids were received, but it was regarded as a foregone conclusion that the Studebakers would be chosen, since the commission is "standardizing" on those cars.

Rifled Mail Bag Found

By Times Special

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Jan. 16.—A mail pouch stolen from the Wabash depot here was found in a car near the freight house today. All the first class mail, with the exception of one letter, was missing. Other mail was recovered. The pouch was sent from Williamsport, Frank Hawley, postmaster there, said there were no registered letters in the sack. Postal authorities and police sought to obtain fingerprints from the recovered mail.

Valuation Cut Urged

By Times Special

WABASH, Ind., Jan. 16.—A 60 per cent reduction in tax valuation of land in Wabash county was urged at a meeting here of owners of 6,217 acres. The meeting was regarded as the beginning of a Wabash County Taxpayers' Association. It has been reported here for several months that members of the farm bureau were planning a resolution for a 50 per cent reduction in valuation.

Hit by Elephant

By Times Special

GARY, Ind., Jan. 16.—Alleging his wife hit him with an elephant's ear, Frank Hruska has filed suit for divorce from Mrs. Mildred M. Hruska. The elephant appeared an ash tray which the husband alleges his wife hurled.

Poor Aid Drop Forecast

By Times Special

KOKOMO, Ind., Jan. 16.—Better employment in factories means there will be a few days in a decreased demand for poor aid, Walter Koonz, center township trustee, predicts.

Heavy Sentence Imposed

By Times Special

ANDERSON, Ind., Jan. 16.—Selling liquor to three boys brought fines totaling \$530 and penal farm term of 390 days to Joseph Scampamonte on conviction in city court.

THEY TELL ME

BY BEN STERN

WITH the announcement today by William E. Clauer, former secretary of the Indianapolis baseball club, that he will seek the Democratic nomination for county treasurer against Timothy F. Sexton, the incumbent, prospects for a bitter battle are in the air.

Sexton issued a statement a week after taking office Jan. 1, that he would be a candidate in the May primary. Scarcely has a second week passed and Clauer's hat also is in the ring.

The latter was city councilman during the Shank administration and was city chairman during the 1925 mayoralty campaign.

This is Clauer's second bid for treasurer. He was the nominee in 1924, when, although the remainder of the ticket was defeated by 30,000, he came within 12,000 votes of the goal.

Sexton had a pretty tough time getting the nomination in May, 1930, obtaining 10,762 votes against 10,335 for Frank Woolling. Reports are out that the latter may enter again this time.

Of course it must not be discount-

NEWEST PURDUE BOOK RELATES WHEAT'S STORY

History of Grain Ranges From Ancient to Modern Times.

Wheat, probably man's first cereal food, at least the first agricultural product, is the subject of the newest publication of the Purdue University agricultural experiment station. "The Story of Wheat" is the title of a booklet of seventy pages, with a foreword by President E. C. Elliott, which points out the place of wheat in the scheme of things and that thorough knowledge of the grain is essential in any school curriculum.

"Each year, nearly five billion bushels of wheat are produced in the world. Equally divided, this would provide two and one-half bushels for each man, woman and child on every continent and island from the north pole to the south. If this wheat were placed in bushel baskets, set side by side, it would make a strip more than a block wide from New York to San Francisco," reads the opening statement.

"The Story of Wheat" takes the reader in an interesting way from the first known uses of wheat in the valley of the Nile, with all the difficulties of early growth, harvesting, and final use, down to today, with the giant machines used in large scale production in the western wheat areas, modern flour mills, bakeries and other channels involved in the handling of wheat and wheat products.

The booklet has a map which indicates that the world wheat acreage would cover all the states east of the Mississippi river and north of the northern boundary of Tennessee and North Carolina. The publication is fully illustrated showing planting, harvesting and ways of using wheat down through the ages.

CITIES WILL ORGANIZE FOR LOWER RATE FIGHT

Meeting to Be Held at Martinsville Jan. 29.

By Times Special

MARTINSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 16.—A permanent organization of representatives of Indiana cities will be formed here Jan. 29 for the purpose of obtaining lower utilities rates, it was decided at a preliminary session Friday attended by mayors of nine municipalities.

Visiting executives were guests at luncheon of Mayor George Smith of Martinsville and a business session at Evansville. Cities represented were Bloomington, Martinsville, Vincennes, Newcastle, Brazil, Crawfordsville, New Albany, Connersville and Rushville.

One of the objects of the proposed organization will be formulation of a plan for a change of rates of utilities legislation to be presented in the 1933 Indiana legislature.

LOOT AT MAYOR'S HOME

Woman Tells of Stolen Watches Hidden at Bedford.

By Times Special

BEDFORD, Ind., Jan. 16.—Mayor H. D. Murray thought it was a joke when a woman informed him by telephone that he could find five watches, stolen in a recent robbery at Evans, under a stone near the garage at his home.

Murray investigated, however, and found the watches.

Murray and Mahlon Rainbolt, police chief, believed the anonymous call resulted from a threat that Ray Dowling, held in the county jail, would be prosecuted on a charge of auto banditry unless watches taken in the robbery were recovered.

Receivership Asked

By Times Special

PORTLAND, Ind., Jan. 16.—Mrs. Mabel Lay, plaintiff in a divorce suit against Arthur J. Lay, has filed a petition in Jay Circuit court asking appointment of a receiver for the Joseph Lay Company, operating a broom factory. Both she and her husband are stockholders of the company.

Closed Bank to Pay

By Times Special

CONNERSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 16.—A dividend of 162-3 per cent, amounting to \$169,500, will be paid by the closed First National bank early next week, according to John Owen, receiver. This will make a total of 50 per cent paid. The bank was closed a little more than a year ago.

Bank Officers Re-Elected

By Times Special

ALEXANDRIA, Ind., Jan. 16.—Officers of the Commercial Bank and Trust Company have been re-elected to serve during 1932. They are Herbert S. Hesler, president; Frank G. Davidson, vice president; W. J. Sprow, secretary and counsel; and E. H. Shriver, treasurer and general manager.

Guest Dies

By Times Special

NOBLESVILLE, Ind., Jan. 16.—Earl Laub, 50, Elwood, who came to the home here of his aunt, Mrs. John Ault, to visit, died suddenly of apoplexy. He leaves his widow and several children.

Merchant Hurt Badly

By Times Special

VERSAILES, Ind., Jan. 16.—Bryan J. Castner, local merchant, is in a grave condition as a result of injuries suffered when a train struck the automobile he was driving.

Family Deserter Sentenced

By Times Special

POWELL, Ind., Jan. 16.—A sentence of one to seven years in the Indiana reformatory was imposed on James C. Hightgate, convicted of deserting his wife and two children.

Shelbyville Child Dies

By Times Special

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Jan. 16.—Funeral services were held today for Shirley Josephine Tyner, 3, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tyner, who died following an operation.

Former Judge Dies

By Times Special

FT. WAYNE, Ind., Jan. 16.—Funeral services were held today for James H. Rose, 64, Ft. Wayne attorney and former judge of the DeKalb circuit court, who died Wednesday of heart disease.

SMOKED A PIPE, TOO

Girl Poses as Messenger Boy



Elizabeth (Dick) Chatman

THE AMERICAN LEGION IS

minus a messenger "boy" this week. The star messenger carrier of the national headquarters turned out to be a girl—and resigned.

"Dick" Chatman, whose real name, it has been revealed, is Elizabeth Chatman, resigned suddenly Monday when friends identified "him" as a girl.

The administrative department of the legion hired "Dick" approximately nine months ago. Legion officials state that, until Monday, they had no intimation that their handsome, small, "17-year-old" messenger carrier was a 28-year-old girl. Elizabeth was one of the best messenger "boys" legion headquarters ever had, it was said.

"HE" had small feet and a

rather high-pitched voice, they say, but smoked an under-slung pipe—Dawes style—with all the nonchalance of any boy of the 'teen age.

Investigation uncovered the fact that "Dick" has been masquerading as a boy for the last five years. "He" has worked at two Chevrolet sales agencies as an office boy.

Carrying "his" ruse further, "Dick" became engaged to a Technical high school student. This girl, daughter of "his" landlady, stated Thursday that "as soon as Dick gets a good job somewhere, I expect to go to him."

Employees at legion headquarters recalled almost no feminine characteristics displayed by "Dick." They do know, however, that they now have solved the puzzle of why "he" would not go swimming with legion members at the Antlers hotel pool.

"HE" client messengers we have

had in a long time," said Frank E. Samuel, assistant national auditor, speaking of "Dick." "He was courteous and wide-awake all the time. Everybody liked him."

At the legion, and at his rooming house, "Dick" claimed to be from Louisville.

However, the persons who identified "him" Monday, and to whom "he" admitted the pose, lives in Hartford City, Ind. They assert that "Dick" is a native and long resident of their home town.

Information as to where "Dick" may be now is varying. Legion professes ignorance on the subject.

His former landlady—to whom "he" owes two weeks' rent,—"he" is erstwhile sweetheart, say "he" is in Ft. Wayne.

"His" friends from Hartford City believe "him" to be in Indianapolis. And there you are.

\$2,500 Damages Awarded

By Times Special

VALPARAISO, Ind., Jan. 16.—Judgment for \$2,500 has been given by a Porter Circuit court jury in the suit of Edward J. Donovan, former captain of the Yale university football team, against the Gary Street Railway Company. Donovan was injured when passengers on a street car became panic-stricken due to burning of a controller box.

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Radio Slander

HAMMOND, Ind., Jan. 16.—The first radio slander suit ever recorded in local courts is on file.

John Laws, an alderman, brought the suit against Henry Heckler, Hammond city treasurer, who is known as the lone crusader. Laws charges that in a speech over WWAE, Heckler referred to Laws as a "tax dodger running so fast the township assessor cannot catch up with him."

Laws asks damages of \$10,000.

CHURCH GROUP WILL CONVE

Christian Endeavor Society to Meet Sunday.

By Times Special

MARTINSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 16.—Attendance of 200 young folk is expected here Sunday at a White river valley conference Christian Endeavor rally to be held in the First Presbyterian church.

The principal speaker will be Dr. H. M. Harris, pastor of the Pleasant Grove Christian church, Baptist church at Madison. He served fifteen years as a missionary in China. During the World War he was a chaplain for Chinese troops.

Others on the program will be the Rev. Robert Lewis, pastor of the Pleasant Grove Christian church, and David Durbin, Paragon, district president.

Hoosiers' Appeal Ready

By Times Special

LANSING, Mich., Jan. 16.—The complete record of the trial at which Morris Hurwich and Claude Nicely, South Bend (Ind.) manufacturers, were convicted of arson, is before the Michigan Supreme court here on an appeal for a reversal. Hurwich and Nicely were accused after their paper box plant at St. Joseph, Mich., burned in 1928. An employee, turned state's evidence, said he was hired to set the blaze.

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PROGRAMS FOR INSURANCE DAY ARE ANNOUNCED

Sales School, Sectional Meetings Are on Bill Tuesday.

Sectional meetings for Indiana Insurance Day at the Claypool, Tuesday, were announced today by Ralph L. Colby, general chairman. A sales school will be conducted by James Elton Bragg, New York. Indiana Association of Insurance Agents will be in charge of the fire and casualty section.

Annual meeting and election of the Insurance Federation of Indiana will follow fire, fire and casualty section meetings. The Frank M. Chandler trophy will be awarded the Indiana resident who has contributed most to insurance generally during 1931.

At noon the Indianapolis Rotary Club will hear Charles G. Taylor, vice president of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of New York.

Members of the Indiana Association of Insurance Agents will hold a mid-year luncheon, and there will be a luncheon for program speakers.

Presidents of ten insurance companies in charge of the day, and presidents of eight out-state local life underwriters' association, will meet Monday evening, when the annual party and dance is scheduled at the Claypool Monday night.

STATE SEARCH URGED

IN CHECK FRAUD CASE

Large Amount of Bad Paper Passed at Noblesville.

By Times Special

NOBLESVILLE, Ind., Jan. 16.—Noblesville police have asked authorities throughout state to be on the lookout for a couple which passed several fraudulent checks here recently. A stranger who was accompanied by a woman whom he represented to be his wife is blamed. Each check they presented was for \$19.50, signed by Charles Bardoner, secretary of the Hamilton county farm bureau, and made payable to Fred Geiger.

The couple would purchase a few dollars' worth of goods and received the balance of the face value of checks in cash.

An automobile they used carried Indiana license 321-228. Officers learned it was issued to George Myers, Newcastle, who reported that the plates had been stolen from his machine. Local authorities understand that a similar check fraud has been perpetrated at Anderson, Pendleton, Knightstown, Newcastle and other points in central Indiana. The man and woman are described as well dressed and refined in manners. The man's left little finger is missing.

Brazil Man Killed

BRAZIL, Ind., Jan. 16.—Carrie Miller, 55, was killed instantly by a T. H. L. & E. traction car while he was walking on tracks.

MEXICANS IN NEED DESIRE TRIPS HOME

Lack of Money All That Prevents Exodus From From Gary.

By Times Special

GARY, Ind., Jan. 16.—Members of Gary's general relief committee state that only lack of money prevents a large exodus of the city's Mexican residents to their native land.

Several hundred Mexicans have been provided with money for the trip home, but recently the practice was stopped, the committee deciding its funds should be used only in relief work in the strict sense.

A charity rate, one-half fare, was collected by the Wabash railroad in returning the Mexicans, making cost of the trip only \$25.18. One case was cited in which at a cost of little more than \$50, a Mexican, his wife and three children were sent back to Mexico after receiving \$400 in aid.

Lake county commissioners indicate some plan may be devised whereby transportation can be paid for from county funds.

Relief Cost Mounts

By Times Special

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Jan. 16.—Center township, which spends more for poor relief than any other in Lafayette county, faces a continually increasing burden, according to Trustee Frank E. Behndt, in his report for 1931.

During the first three months