

## PRESIDENT TO BE PICKED IN PADDY'S PALACE

Chicago Stadium Is Result of Harmon's Dream of Success.

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CHICAGO, May 20.—A dream that came to big, genial, blarney-tongued Paddy Harmon one night, as dancers shuffled on the floor of his "Dreamland" dance hall, is realized in the mammoth Chicago Stadium where the national conventions meet in weeks.

Patrick Harmon, as Irish as appearance as his name, was a promoter by trade and a dreamer by nature.

"Boys, I'm going to build the biggest, finest sport emporium in the world right here in Chicago," he used to exclaim in a crowd of sport followers and newspapermen.

"We'll build it on the near west side, over near where my Dreamland stands. It will be a grand thing for Chicago. You'll be seeing fights there, and bike races and big conventions. People will be coming from all over the country to see the events we'll put on there."

Went On Dreaming

"It'll be a palace—a place to knock your eyes out. Elegant as a grand opera house and big as all outdoors."

Paddy would pause for breath. A chorus of good-natured "Oh yeahs" and vernacular wisecracks from the crowd didn't phase Paddy. He went right on dreaming out loud.

It was hard to believe that what Paddy Harmon predicted would come true, especially back in those days when he was just another promoter, staging occasional fights or a six-day bicycle race in the Coliseum to add to his income from his dance hall.

But Paddy Harmon's portly figure—he weighed something over 200 pounds—clad in the dark suit he always wore, began to be seen in offices of business leaders and capitalists. Paddy would run his thick fingers through his thinning gray hair and launch into his spiel about "a super-stadium for Chicago."

Soon the men with money began to sign pledges. Enough was pledged to insure the project. Harmon was in his glory.

" Didn't I tell you guys?" was his cheery greeting to every one.

Finest In Country

In 1929, the stadium, a block-square structure of concrete, steel and glass, was completed. It was, as Paddy Harmon had dreamed, the finest and the largest building of its kind in the country.

And it rose only a few blocks from the location of Harmon's old Dreamland dance hall.

A corporation had been formed to hold title and Harmon was given the post of promoter. The first boxing match he brought to the stadium was the Michel Walker-Tommy Loughran battle which drew a \$185,000 gate.

But there arose dissatisfaction within the management and Harmon was crowded out. It was the hardest blow of his life and he fought back desperately. He filed suit to force the management to re-instate him.

Killed In Crash

"I practically built the stadium, boys," he said. "They can't push me out like that."

While his suit was pending in court, Harmon died in an automobile wreck. The crowd that follows the fights and bicycle races believes Paddy Harmon has the finest monument in the country. It is the structure that grew from his dream.

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## LIGHT BEAMS CARRY VOICES FROM AIRSHIP

Mirror Picks Up Sounds for Rebroadcasting Over Chain.

By United Press

CHENECTADY, N. Y., May 20.—Three men on the dirigible Los Angeles transmitted their voices to the General Electric Company laboratory half a mile distance on a tiny beam of light Thursday night.

The voices then were transmitted to the General Electric's long wave station WOY, and its short wave station W2XAF, and broadcast over a nation-wide hookup.

The men on the dirigible, John B. Taylor, research engineer; Oscar H. Lane, and Commander F. T. Berry of the Los Angeles, spoke into the microphone.

In the rear of the microphone was a high wattage light bulb, about three times larger than a Christmas tree bulb. On the roof of a plant building was a movable 24-inch mirror, behind which was set a photoelectric cell.

The voices were carried on the beam of light, which was focused on the mirror. From the photo-electric cell the voice impulses were sent to a thyatron tube amplifier. It reproduced the voices and rebroadcast them.

SHIP DEATH TOLL IS 49

Recount of Survivors After Fire Cuts Missing List.

By United Press

PARIS, May 20.—Forty-nine persons were listed as missing and believed dead as the result of the fire aboard the Georges Philhar, in the Gulf of Aden, the owners of the vessel said today. The previous figure was seventy-eight, but officials said a recount had accounted for 78 of the 767 passengers and crew.

## CADET'S BODY FOUND FLOATING IN HUDSON

West Point Man and Pal Have Been Missing Since April 30.

By United Press

WEST POINT, May 20.—The body of Cadet Leo Adolph Skeim was discovered floating in the Hudson yesterday afternoon off Cornwall landing.

Cadet Skeim and Allen Jackson Light, both qualified swimmers, had obtained permission on April 30 to go canoeing. When they failed to return, a search was started.

On Sunday, May 1, the canoe used by the cadets was found by a track walker of the West Shore railroad, floating in the Hudson, but filled with water.

Cadet Skeim's mother, Mrs. Russell Needham, Cass Lake, Minn., was notified last night of the recovery of her son's body.

The search for the body of Cadet Light will be intensified.

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## HOOSIERS HEDGE ON VOTE ON BEER BILL

Representatives Are Chary of Announcing Stand on Measure.

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Second Row — Jack D. Day, Thomas Snyder, Carl T. Lipes, Claude Phillips, Sam Hunter.

Third Row — Ernest Shearer, Frank A. Huber, Lowell Johnson, Glen Shearer, Victor Cox, Raymond King.

Fourth Row — Russell Thomas, Richard Wilson, Alice Kettner, Anna Mae Overman, Joan Worrall, Ralph Owen.

Fifth Row — Ruth Smith, Jessie Phillips, Averill Squier, Dorothy Williams, Bertha Waters, Marjorie Gowan.

Bottom Row — Mercedes Banks, Billy Payne, Margaret Bailey, Imo Weber, Lillian Phillips.

## Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported to police as stolen belong to:

Paul Stinnett, 117-770, from 2160 Broadway.

Al Ralph Kyle, 2214 North Illinois street, Buick sedan, 68-988, from 1812 Pleasant street.

William Whaley, 734 Congress avenue, Chevrolet cabriolet, 14-003, from 734 Congress avenue.

James P. Flaherty, 605 Middle drive, Woodlawn Place, Elcar sedan, 87-794, from 1300 North Meridian street.

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