

LEADERS BALK INDIANA PLEDGE FOR ROOSEVELT

Democratic Delegation to
Convention Will Be
Fancy-Free.

By BEN STERN
FRENCH LICK SPRINGS, HO., May 28.—Dropping state politics for the nonce, Democratic editors, meeting here for their summer session today, and party managers present, turned their attention to the presidential situation, as a drive was being staged in caucus rooms to pledge the Indiana delegation of thirty to Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Proponents of the pledge plan, however, received a setback when they were told by Thomas D. Taggart, national committeeman, and R. Earl Peters, state chairman, that the Indiana delegation was going to be "footloose and fancy-free." Party scouts and workers making reports declared that indications from over the state were to the effect that the New York Governor's boom had come to a halt and that party opinion was leaning toward Newton D. Baker of Cleveland, secretary of war in the Wilson administration.

Laffoon to Be Speaker

The Baker sentiment went into the upgrade as a result of the fact being turned loose on Mayor Jimmy Walker of New York by the Seabury commission, which is intensifying the Hoosier distrust of New York politics, they reported.

A play for Roosevelt support is expected to be made tonight by Governor Ruby Laffoon of Kentucky, who will be the principal speaker at the editorial dinner here.

Anti-Roosevelt men were viewing his visit with suspicion because of Laffoon's outspokenness in behalf of the New Yorker.

A fight was scheduled at the state committee meeting here today to change the order of business for the state convention to permit the nomination of judges before those of senator and governor.

Supporters of Paul V. McNutt for the Governor nomination will oppose this, because they are fearful that he will lose much delegate strength as a result of the trades which will go into the nominating of the judiciary.

Nominated Better Judges

Such a change in procedure occurred in the 1930 convention and made for the nomination of a better type of judicial ticket than had been the case in former years, proponents of the plan are asserting.

No rays of peace in the conflict between Frank May Jr., secretary of state and the McNutt forces appeared on the horizon today, despite the strenuous efforts of "Little Dick" Werneke, Terre Haute boss, and "Uncle Joe" Cravens, Madison veteran to head the breach.

The name of Tom McConnell of Fowler, Second district chairman, and former state commander of the American Legion, was being advanced for the post, but his legion connections were said by many to be a draw back.

Much talk was being heard regarding advisability of nominating Clifford Townsend of Grant county, representative of the state farm bureau, for Lieutenant-Governor, and Peters and McNutt men desirous of rewarding the loyalty of Philip Lutz Jr. of Booneville, old First district chairman, were advancing him for the attorney-general post.

Committee Is Named

The editors in their business session appointed Dale J. Crittenden of Anderson, Scott Chambers of Newcastle, and Bernard McCann of Lawrenceburg as members of a resolution committee.

SUES FOR AUTO DEATH

Woman Asks \$10,000 Damages From Driver of Car.

Suit asking \$10,000 damages was filed in superior court three Friday by Mrs. Edna Hiett, De Land, Ill., administratrix of the estate of Jesse E. Hiett.

Defendants are Leo and Marie E. Lauck of Indianapolis. The suit averred that Mr. Hiett, traveling salesman, was injured fatally by an automobile driven by Lauck and owned by his mother, Marie Lauck. The accident occurred at Meridian and Michigan streets, Dec. 18, 1931, the suit said.

ASK \$10,000 DAMAGES

Death in Crash Following Funeral Is Basis of Suit.

An accident that occurred while two men were returning home from the funeral of John McGregor, former county commissioner, April 12, was basis of a suit for \$10,000 damages, filed in superior court three Friday.

This amount is asked by relatives of Arthur Eaton, who was killed. Eaton was riding in an automobile, driven by James McConnell, former commissioners' court bailiff, which was struck by an automobile belonging to William A. Shepler.

Don't Do That!

By United Press
CHICAGO, May 28.—Thumb biting is very bad taste, John Villa, 36, has discovered, especially if the thumb belongs to a policeman.

Officer Herman Rosenthal arrested Villa for assault and battery.

While the officer and his prisoner awaited the arrival of a patrol wagon, Rosenthal was startled to feel Villa's teeth snap down on his thumb.

Writhing in agony, Rosenthal was unable to release his thumb until arrival of his fellow officers, who managed to persuade the prisoner to desist.

At the station Villa was booked on two charges of assault.

'Can't We Talk It Over?' Is Theme Song



PLAYS 'CARE' OF COURT RECORDS

Niblack Assails Failure to
Preserve Papers.

In a letter today to Municipal Judge Clifton R. Cameron, John L. Niblack, an attorney, declares records of the municipal courts and the old police court which preceded them are in "a deplorable condition."

Niblack recalls that Cameron made an effort about one year ago to preserve the records, and offers his aid to the court in the matter with the suggestion that the Indianapolis Bar Association take action.

The attorney says he had occasion to use records of a case filed in 1926 and in the ensuing search found some court records on the third floor of the police station piled with mops and brooms in a small room.

Others were found in a sub-basement room at city hall, back of a boiler. He says a state board of accounts attaché informed him that a janitor burned a box of old affidavits, assuming they were rubbish. "There is no system or order by which any one could find a case in those records," Niblack asserts.

SEEKS STATE OFFICE

Miss Schmitt Asks for Post in
Department of Women.

Miss Esther M. Schmitt, local attorney, was named in The Times-Friday as an applicant for the Democratic post on the state industrial board to be vacated June 1 by Horace G. Yergin, Newcastle.

Miss Schmitt explains that her letter of application to Governor Harry G. Leslie is for a possible vacancy in the department of women and children of the state industrial board and not a board membership. She is a Republican, she said.

FLEES FROM ATTACK

Mother, With Baby in Arms, Escapes
Being Dragged Into Alley.

A mother with her 9-month-old baby in arms escaped from a Negro Friday night after he attempted to drag her into an alley. He ran when she screamed.

The mother was Mrs. Bessie Wildman, 934 South Delaware street. She encountered the Negro when he emerged from an alley as she was walking on McCarty street, near East street.

Four Killed in Hunger Clashes

By United Press
BERLIN, May 28.—Four persons have been killed and at least a score wounded in clashes between hunger marchers and police in the Rhineland, it was revealed today.

The clashes occurred in the city of Cologne, where a group of about 1,000 hunger marchers were being dispersed by police.

The marchers were demanding food and better living conditions for the unemployed.

The police used tear gas and batons to disperse the crowd.

The clashes resulted in the deaths of four marchers and the wounding of many others.

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YOUNG STARS TRAIN AT PERRY STADIUM

Legion Juniors to Be Given
Instructions in Diamond
Art by Indians.

"Let's go to Perry stadium,"

That's the battle cry in every section of the city today, as junior baseball players mobilize for the march to the big brick-enclosed arena, where at 10:30 this morning Manager Emmett McCann and all members of Indianapolis baseball team will act as instructors to the future stars in a baseball school.

The baseball school will be continued throughout the summer, twice a week, when school is out. Whenever the Indians are at home.

Besides, several other attractive entertainment features throughout the coming season are being planned for the sandlot stars by Norman A. Perry, owner of the Indians; Russell Cook and John Kelly of the American Legion junior baseball championship; George McAlevy, who will be in charge of the Perry-Spalding knothole gang, and The Indianapolis Times.

Kids all over the city planned today to be on hand when Manager McCann and his team trot out on the field. McCann will tutor the boys who aspire to become first sackers. Tom Angley and Johnny Riddle the catchers, Jonah Goldman the shortstops, Sammy Hale the third sackers, and so on.

Doug Taitt, the leading batsman of the Indians; Harry Rosenberg, Frank Sigafos, and other leading hitters will show the lads the fine points of making safe hits.

Everything is free. So, let's go play ball like the professionals do.

Wales Charges Auto
Hurting Beef Trade

Mourns Days When Dad Brought
Home a Goodly Joint.

By United Press
YEOVIL, England, May 28.—The prince of Wales told "fellow farmers" at an agricultural fair here that "baby" automobiles are killing beef production and trade.

"Youth now takes to the roads on Sundays, and a couple of cutlets for father and mother are substituted for a whole joint of beef at the Sunday meal," the prince said.

He mourned the passing of the "good old days" when father brought home a goodly joint every Saturday night.

The prince also mentioned the fact that the automobile industry was causing a loss of jobs for farmers.

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'LEGGER' BY PROXY

'Bums Ride' From Friend;
There's Alky in Car.

"Bumming a ride" home in a friend's automobile almost proved costly to William B. Floyd, 826 North New Jersey street.

Floyd and Earl Heidenreich were taken before Fae W. Patrick, United States commissioner, Friday by federal dry agents on charges of liquor transportation.

"Judge, I met Earl downtown and he asked if I wanted to ride home," Floyd pleaded, adding he knew nothing of the two gallons of alcohol confiscated by agents in the car.

Heidenreich corroborated his story, and dry agents who made the arrest said they believed Floyd was telling the truth, but they felt they had no alternative but to take him before the commissioner before releasing him.

Patrick dismissed charges against Floyd and held Heidenreich to the federal grand jury under \$1,500 bond.

OFFICES TO MOVE

Farm Bureau Takes Two
Floors in Old Trails.

Indiana Farm Bureau, Inc., will move seventy-five office employees into the Old Trails building, Washington street and Senate avenue, it was announced today.

Entire fifth and sixth floors of the building have been leased by the bureau from the Washington-Senate Realty Company and the name of the building is to be changed to the Indiana Farm Bureau building, it was announced.

Move from the present quarters in the Lemcke building is to be made June 10.

HUNT BANK ROBBERS

Posse Seeks Fleeing Pair
in Oklahoma Shooting.

By United Press
MORRIS, Okla., May 28.—A statewide hunt was in progress today for two bank robbers who hurled their dead companion and a wounded woman cashier from their speeding automobile in their flight after holding up the Morris State bank.

After robbing the bank the three men forced Miss Clare Apbus, 44, cashier, to accompany them to their automobile.

Marshal I. Z. Compton exchanged pistol shots with the bandits. One fell screaming to the sidewalk. A bullet struck Miss Agnus' head.

One bandit dragged the wounded man into the machine, while the other forced Miss Agnus to climb in also, and they fled.

Twelve miles from here a posse found Miss Agnus lying beside the road, and a few miles farther on, the body of the bandit, shot by Compton, was found.

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CONDUCTOR TO RETIRE

Edward Boteler to Finish 43 Years
of Service Tuesday.

Edward M. Boteler, 111 East Sixteenth street, Big Four railroad conductor, will be retired from service Tuesday, after forty-three years with the company.

Boteler has been a resident of Indianapolis for the last forty-three years.

PLAN BARRYMORE FILM

Ethel Joins Brothers; Three Will
Appear in Picture.

By United Press
HOLLYWOOD, May 28.—Ethel Barrymore was here today to appear with her brothers, Lionel and John, in a motion picture—the first time the famous trio has been united before a camera.

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FIVE MAP APPEAL IN RADIO LOTTERY CASE

XED Station Group Sentenced for
Using Mails in Ticket Sales.

By United Press
CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex., May 28.—Will Horwitz, Houston theater man, and four co-defendants, today planned appeal from their convictions in connection with the XED lottery case.

T. M. Kennerly, federal judge, imposed jail and penitentiary sentences ranging from sixty days to five years, suspended. Horwitz also was fined \$5,000.

Prosecutors charged that Horwitz, owner of broadcasting station XED at Reynosa, Mex., conspired with his wife, station announcers and others to use the station in advertising the Tamaulipas state lottery, selling tickets through the United States mails.

Engineer Dies in His Cab

ROCHESTER, Ind., May 28.—Lon Ware, 57, of Huntington, brought his locomotive to a halt in Erie yards here and fell dead in his cab. He just had completed a run from Hammond on a freight train. The widow and seven children survive him.

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WALKER DENIES HE WILL RESIGN JOB UNDER FIRE

Eight Witnesses Contradict
N. Y. Mayor's Story of
Official Conduct.

By United Press

NEW YORK, May 28.—New testimony intended to prove that Mayor James J. Walker's memory is defective, or that he lied about financial transactions in which he had been named by other witnesses, will be offered Tuesday before New York's city-wide investigation committee.

Eight witnesses already have contradicted the song-writing mayor's story of his social conduct, of his franchise negotiations, of stock and bond deals, of his relations with a missing accountant, Russell T. Sherwood, of Sherwood's accounts showing deposits of nearly a million dollars.

One of these witnesses testified Friday after the mayor had concluded his testimony. Testimony of seven others who preceded Walker had been denied, contradicted in part by the mayor himself.

Mayor Denies He Will Quit

And as the Hofstadter investigation committee, conducting the hearings, adjourned until Tuesday, the mayor denied at city hall that he intended to resign, or that he intended to ask Walter R. Herrick, park commissioner, to resign.

Herrick told the committee Friday that he bought 350 shares of Interstate Trust Company stock, which he thought he was buying for the mayor.

The money, he said, came from city hall, from either the mayor or Edward Stanton, his former secretary. Herrick didn't remember which, and he didn't recall whose name was signed to checks involved.

Walker had testified that "I never owned any, I never saw any, I never paid for any, and I never profited by, and I never got any money out of any share of stock."

Walker Voted for Franchise

The significance of the stories concerning the Interstate Trust shares lies in the fact that Samuel Seabury, counsel for the committee, has shown that the stock eventually was used as collateral for a loan to build up a fund held by backers of the Equitable Coach Company, which sought a bus franchise from the city.

Mayor Walker voted for that franchise. And the day before he sailed for Europe in 1927 he shared in a letter of credit bought for members of his party by an agent of the bus company, although it has been testified that Walker contributed \$3,000 as his share of the credit.

The committee's questions concerning the stock transaction leave the inference that it is attempting to prove that Walker, as well as close friends of the mayor, was among the promoters of the company seeking the bus franchise.

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