

## LEADERS BALK INDIANA PLEDGE FOR ROOSEVELT

Democratic Delegation to Convention Will Be Fancy-Free.

BY BEN STERN

FRENCH LICK SPRINGS, IND., May 28.—Dropping state police 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 option 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 heat 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 outspakkeness in behalf of the New Yorker.

A flight 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" Werncke, Terre Haute boss, and "Uncle Joe" Cravens, Madison veteran to heal 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 to win agricultural support; and Peters and McNutt men desirous of rewarding the loyalty of Philip Lutz Jr. of Boonville, old First district chairman, were advancing him for the attorney-general post.

Committee Is Named

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

Wray Fleming, editor of the Michigan City Dispatch and first vice-president of the editorial association, was appointed to have charge of the publicity for the Democratic state committee in the coming campaign.

**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., administrator of the estate of Jessie 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.

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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

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While the officer and his prisoner awaited the arrival of a patrol wagon, Rosenthal was started 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 maps 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 attache 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 as an applicant for the state industrial post to be vacated June 1 by Horace G. Yerkin, Newcastle.

Miss Schmitt explained 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. Bassie Waddiman, 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

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

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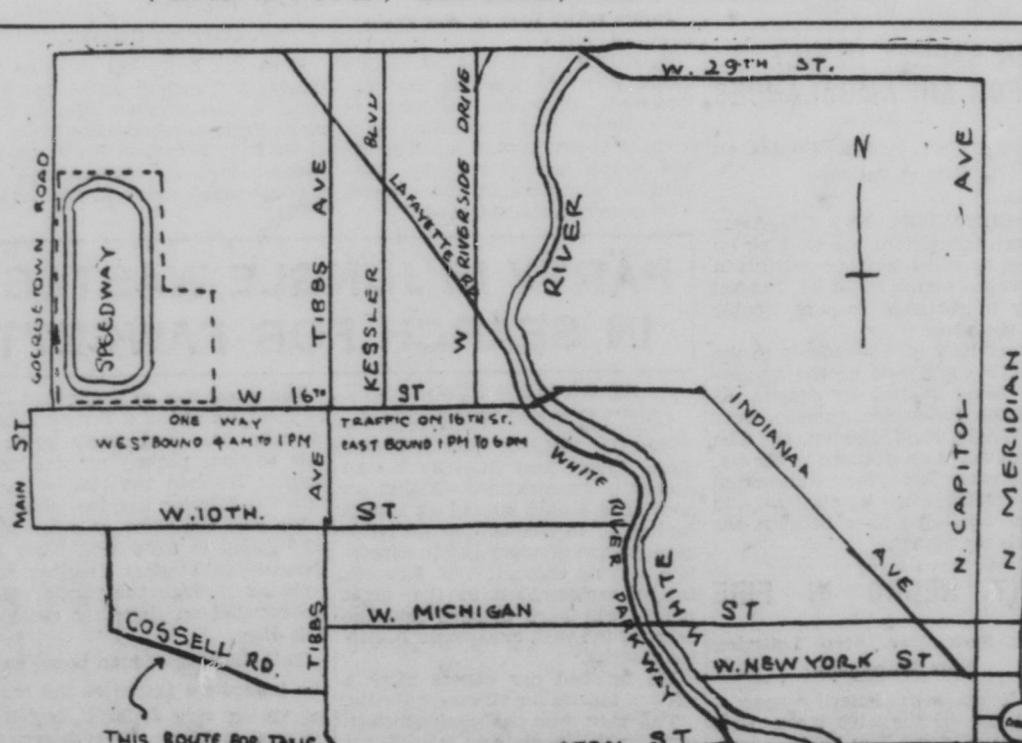
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## Motor Routes to Speedway

West Thirtieth Street Traffic on Memorial Day Will Be One-Way West Bound From 4 A. M. to 1 P. M.; East Bound, From 1 P. M. to 6 P. M.



Automobile, bus, and taxicab routes to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway are shown in this diagram, arranged today by Captain Lewis Johnson, police traffic head. One-way traffic for race bound motorists will be maintained from 4 a. m. to 1 p. m. Monday on

Speedway road (West Sixteenth street), and West Thirtieth street to Georgetown road. Motorist leaving the race will be routed one way over the Speedway road and Thirtieth street from 1 to 6 p. m. Route for busses and taxicabs follows: West on Washington street to

## 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 Quiet

And as the Hofstader 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 paid for any, and I never got any money out of it, and I never got any share of stock confided by agents in the car."

Herrick 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.

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

## '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 Heindrich were taken before Fae W. Patrick, United States commissioner, Friday by federal dry agents on charges of liquor transportation.

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

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## 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-Senator 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.

## FIVE MAP APPEAL IN RADIO LOTTERY CASE

XED Station Group Sentenced for Using Malls in Ticket Sales.

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

T. M. Kennerly, federal judge, imposed jail and penitentiary sentences ranging from six 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 to a freight train. The widow and seven children survive him.

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