

FREES WIFE OF BLAME AS HE DIES OF SHOT

L. G. Cummins, Prominent in City Affairs, Killed by Bullet.

As he died, Lawrence G. Cummins, 45, Indianapolis business man, exonerated his wife Ethel, 44, of blame for a bullet wound which caused his death at St. Vincent's hospital Sunday night.

Cummins was wounded Saturday night at his home, 4166 Washington boulevard. Police said they did not learn of the shooting until about an hour after it occurred.

The couple, prominent in social circles of the city, quarreled after retiring Saturday night, according to Mrs. Cummins, when the husband said that she could not accompany him on a trip to Martinsville which he planned to make Sunday.

Struggled for Revolver

Cummins had returned Saturday from Martinsville and his wife from Terre Haute.

"I'll go with you," Mrs. Cummins is said to have asserted. "No, you won't," the husband responded.

The quarrel continued and finally Cummins, according to statements to police, asserted he would leave immediately for Martinsville.

His wife obtained a revolver and is said to have threatened to kill herself. They struggled for possession of the weapon, which was discharged. A bullet entered Cummins' abdomen.

Called Friend of Family

Assisting her husband to a bed, Mrs. Cummins is said to have telephoned Thomas M. Quinn, 2340 North Pennsylvania street, a business man and friend of the Cummins family.

He, in turn, called a police officer at his residence, who suggested calling the captain on duty. An investigation was made by detectives R. J. Taylor and Lawrence McCarty.

"Tom, you take care of Ethel," is statement credited to Cummins by Quinn.

Mrs. Cummins was arrested on a vagrancy charge and released on \$5,000 bond. Authorities indicated today she will not be prosecuted, a theory of accidental shooting having been accepted.

Dr. W. E. Arbuckle, coroner, who has a dethatched statement of Cummins exonerating his wife, opened an inquest today.

A statement made to detectives by Mrs. Cummins varies from other versions of the shooting only in that she says first telephoned the family physician, Dr. T. N. Siersdorfer, Winthrop and Fairfield avenues, instead of Quinn, and that Quinn accompanied the doctor to the Cummins home.

Born in Brownstown

Cummins, who was born in Brownstown, had been a resident of Indianapolis since childhood, and was secretary-treasurer and plant manager of the Schwitzer-Cummins Company, 1125 Massachusetts avenue, which he and Louis Schwitzer formed in 1914.

He was a member of St. Joan of Arc church, Indianapolis Athletic Club, Highland Golf and Country Club, Algonquin Riding Club and the Knights of Columbus.

Besides the widow, he is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cummins, 4201 North Pennsylvania street; two sons, Lawrence G. Cummins Jr., a Purdue university student, and John Cummins, student in Indiana university; three daughters, Mrs. Paul McNamara, Miss Mary Cummins, student in St. Mary's college, Lake Forest, Ill., and Sister Ethelberta, a member of the Sisters of Providence.

Funeral services will be held at 8 Wednesday morning at the home and at 8:30 at St. Joan of Arc church. Burial will be in Holy Cross cemetery.

COOK-YOUR-OWN FAD SWEEPING HOLLYWOOD

Servant-less Days Lead to Vogue Now Popular With Men.

By United Press
HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 24.—Score one for Helen Hayes as originator of the cook-your-own-buffet-supper, which is fast becoming the vogue in Hollywood entertaining.

Servantless Sundays and Thursdays are no bar to guests for the diminutive Paramount star, what with her new formula of letting the visitors do their own work.

It's really quite simple, she explains. Two chafing dishes are placed at the ends of an oil-cloth covered dining room table. All the food ingredients are assembled in small dishes, together with cooking implements, knives, forks, salt and paprika. Coffee is served at the middle of the table, with a large bowl of salad next to the Java urn.

Typewritten recipes are placed besides the chafing dishes and the guests are supplied with aprons and assigned places. Some fun, some fun!

The men seem to go for this more than the women, Miss Hayes found.

HIGH COURT REVERSES SALES TAX RULINGS

Kentucky Decisions Are Turned About by Supreme Judges.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—The supreme court today reversed the Louisville (Ky.) federal court ruling which dismissed the suit of leading Kentucky merchants attacking the validity of the state law imposing a gross sales tax on retail dealers.

The court held that the dealers had a remedy at law by suing to recover the taxes once paid, but could not sue to enjoin their collection.

The decision was handed down in a series of cases brought by leading Kentucky merchants.

The law imposes a license tax of one-twentieth of 1 per cent on the first \$400,000 of gross receipts and is graduated upward to 1 per cent on gross sales of more than \$1,000,000 annually.

Both department store and chain store operators joined in the appeal.

Van Nuys Is Indorsed by Wet Group; Cabinet Quits Work to Help Hoover; Doak's Attack on Norris Is Deplored



Charging Senator James E. Watson has been evasive in his attitude toward direct repeal of the eighteenth amendment, the executive committee of Indiana Association against the prohibition amendment announced today that the organization will support Frederick Van Nuys, Democratic candidate for senator.

Decision to support Van Nuys over Watson was reached after the executive committee had made a careful study of the records, public utterances, and attitudes of the two nominees, the announcement said.

"In advance of the state convention which nominated him, Van Nuys announced publicly that in event of his election, he would support any resolution aimed at repeal," the announcement declared.

"On the other hand, Watson has refused to give a direct expression in the matter of outright repeal.

"He has been evasive, and apparently has been anxious about the repeal issue not to be considered a major issue.

The association urges citizens who wish to make their voices count for repeal to vote for Van Nuys on Nov. 8.

The association also said it soon will publish a list of candidates for congress and the general assembly who meet with its approval.

Hoover Aids Ignor Order

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance
WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—The closing two weeks of the presidential campaign fund President Hoover's cabinet members and several assistant secretaries devoting most, if not all, of their time to his re-election.

Secretary of Treasury Mills, Secretary of War Hurley, and Secretary of Agriculture Hyde have been campaigning almost continuously for the last three weeks.

Secretary of State Shumway and Undersecretary Castle, Secretary of Labor Doak, Secretary of Commerce Chapman and Secretary of Interior Whilbur have made frequent speeches for Hoover in and out of Washington.

At a recent cabinet meeting only three members were present.

Other presidential appointees have been showing unusual activity in the 1932 campaign, although political activity by government employees is prohibited by civil service commission regulations.

In all government bureaus and in many postoffices, circulars headed "Warning" in large type caution federal workers against political activity. They are even prohibited from wearing Hoover or Roosevelt buttons.

G. O. P. Meetings Slated

Marion county Republican meetings will be held tonight at 8 at 441 North Fulton street, Thirty-fourth street and Arlington avenue, and the residence of Earl Martin, Mars Hill.

Doak's Course Deplored

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance
CLEVELAND, Oct. 24.—Attempting to mislead the veracity of Senator George W. Norris, my Secretary of Labor Doak in the controversy over the senator's anti-injunction bill was termed "unfortunate" today by Alexander F. Whitney, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, Doak's union.

"Norris always has been a friend of the people and never has turned down labor in his thirty years in Washington. He is a lovable character and a Christian gentleman," Whitney asserted.

"It is regrettable that Secretary Doak must knuckle down and do the chores of a reactionary President to stay in the Cabinet. I don't blame Doak. He is a personal friend on mine."

The first report I heard that Doak had offered to help Donald Richberg get a federal judgeship if he would withdraw his support of the anti-injunction bill came in Senator Norris' Cleveland speech Oct. 18.

"Doak called me by phone on Jan. 2, 1931, and told me the bill had to be changed. I told him it had been approved by A. F. L. counsel, Richberg, and legislative representatives of the brotherhoods.

"He asked me to go to Washington. I sent S. A. Harvey, assistant president. Doak suggested changes be made in the bill. Mr. Harvey refused to urge any changes. Doak did not reveal the changes desired."

MacNider Speaks Here

Assenting veterans understand the bonus situation and "know it can not be paid when there is nothing to pay with," Hanford MacNider of Iowa, former national commander of the American Legion, urged veter-

President Hoover's few hours in Detroit were marked by boos mingled with cheers along the line of parade from the station to the Olympic auditorium, where he spoke. The above photo shows the interior of the auditorium as 22,000 heard his speech. In the inset Governor Wilbur M. Brucker of Michigan is introducing the President.

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Rail Chief Backs Hoover

By United Press

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Bank Plan Rapped

"Bunk" was substituted for bank

by Ward B. Hiner, National party candidate for Governor, when he discussed the home loan bank law at a meeting Saturday night in Beech Grove.

Hiner declared that originally it was intended that the law would permit borrowing of money at cost by home owners, but that after Senator James E. Watson's "sticky fingers" touched the legislation, it became a means of obtaining loans by building and savings associations

for state leaders on his campaign during the next two weeks.

Springer speaks Tuesday night in Newcastle and Tuesday night in Rutherford. He will speak at Huntingdon Wednesday night at Huntington. He will speak in Columbia City Thursday afternoon and at night at Angola.

Elkhart county will be visited Friday and St. Joseph county Saturday. Other addresses on the Springer itinerary are Nov. 4, Terre Haute; Crawfordsville, Nov. 5, and Connersville, Nov. 6.

Harlan for Roosevelt

By Times Special

CHICAGO, Oct. 24.—John Maynard Harlan, lifelong Republican, lawyer, orator and once Republican candidate for mayor of Chicago, will speak Tuesday night at a Republican rally at Bloomington. A. N. Bobbitt, chairman of the G. O. P. state speakers' bureau, said

for the last three weeks.

Senators Daniel O. Hastings, Delaware keynoter at the 1932 Republican state convention, will speak at Elwood Tuesday and at Kendallville Wednesday. Senator James E. Watson is scheduled to speak tonight at a Republican rally at Evansville.

On the same night, Claude Bowers, author and editor, will deliver an address at Terre Haute, Ind., in behalf of Governor Roosevelt's election to the presidency.

Mrs. Gann Here Tuesday

A group of nine Republican women leaders will accompany Mrs. Dolly Gann, sister of Vice-President Charles Curtis, on four trips to larger cities of Indiana, after she speaks here at 2:30 Thursday afternoon in the Riley room of the Claypool.

Mrs. Gann will arrive here on Tuesday morning from Wheeling, W. Va., for her address and will speak at Terre Haute on Tuesday night.

She is scheduled Wednesday afternoon at Gary and Wednesday night at South Bend and Thursday at Ft. Wayne.

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Thomas Raps Roosevelt

By United Press

BALTIMORE, Oct. 24.—Norman Thomas, Socialist candidate for President, speaking before 3,500 persons here Sunday night, assailed Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt as "out and out imperialist" and big navy advocate.

Devoting most of his address to an attack upon the Democratic nominee, Thomas said he resented a widespread opinion that a Socialist is a vote "thrown away."

"Herbert Hoover never has been franker than Governor Roosevelt in explaining the function of the navy as the salesman and bill collector for economic imperialism," the Socialist said.

Sanders to Make Speech

Everett Sanders, Republican national chairman, will address a Republican rally in his home town of Terre Haute on Oct. 31, with Senator James E. Watson and Representative Fred Purnell also on the program.

Since President Hoover will be speaking in New York on the same night, the Terre Haute meeting will be arranged so the crowd may listen in before the Sanders-Purnell program begins.

Springer in City

Raymond S. Springer, Connersville, Republican candidate for Governor, will arrive here today to con-

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