

'MACHINE-MADE' LOYALTY M'NUTT FACTION GOAL

Drastic Rule Changes Are Proposed to State Committee.

Discipline, similar to the "machine-made" loyalty which marks the regime of Governor Paul V. McNutt at the statehouse, will be demanded of the entire Democratic party organization, if proposed new rules are adopted by the state committee tomorrow.

The committee was called into session by Chairman Carleton B. McCulloch for the announced purpose of dealing with the election commission finding that no provision is made under the present election law for city committees.

A set of proposed new rules, which deals with setting up a city committee through the county organization, was sent to each member of the state committee for study. In the prospectus were other changes, however, including the somewhat revolutionary provision of removal "for cause" of any county, district or state chairman. This could be done after a hearing and by two-thirds vote of the party organization over which the chairman presides.

"Causes" Are Outlined
"Causes" for removal, as set out in the plans mailed to members by Keith Johns, state committee secretary, are as follows:

Neglect of duty; disloyalty to the party or any of its nominees or regularly elected officials; failure to comply with the rules of the party and the election laws of the state of Indiana; failure to co-operate with other officers of the party and any or all other charges which may result from actions of such county or district chairman or other officer against the best interests of the party.

These are charges largely made by the McNutt men against R. Earl Peters, Ft. Wayne, when he was state chairman. Mr. Peters resigned, but they claim that he did not do so they would have forced him out. As to "neglect of duty," they charged that he failed to call his committee and report on party progress. They also alleged that he was "disloyal" in that he made state headquarters a haven for critics of the McNutt administration, whom they declare, largely were disgruntled through disappointment in trying to pick patronage plums.

Greenlee, McNutt Speak

Pleas Greenlee, McNutt patronage secretary, constantly charged that Mr. Peters, as chairman, failed to co-operate in patronage matters and tried to capitalize on disappointments for his own personal political advantage.

Mr. Peters, upon resigning, announced his candidacy for the United States senate nomination. He is reported, thus far, to be "leading the field" in rank and file popularity among those who have announced or intend to do so.

At a Ninth district Democratic meeting at Batesville yesterday afternoon, Mr. Greenlee appeared to explain to the administration critics that there really were but 3,000 state jobs for the 50,000 applicants.

Governor McNutt addressed a rally there last night, and again stated that he is not a senatorial candidate. Mr. Peters and other candidates and state officials present were introduced.

METALS SOCIETY MEETS

Drop Forging Discussed by Chicago Man at Session.

Effects of overheating in drop forging formed the topic of the illustrated address given by Adam M. Steever, Chicago, technical director of the Lindberg Steel Treating Company, at the dinner of the Indianapolis chapter, American Society of Metals, in the Columbia Club last night.

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THRILLS? BY SCORE

Times Writer Davis Prototype

This is the first of two articles supplementing The Times popular series on its editorial staff members. Today's article is about William F. Collins.

BY TRISTRAM COFFIN
Times Staff Writer

A SURVEY of the incidents in the life of William F. (Half-Mile) Collins, The Times conservation expert, would give the impression that he is a swash-buckling prototype of Richard Harding Davis. Lured by the fast tempo of adventure, he has engineered in Panama, prospected for gold in South America and flown in the army air service.

Stalwart and ready-witted, he even looks the part. But in reality that part of his life is observed by his enthusiasm and determination to better conservation conditions in Indiana. He admits that his interest in conservation has a personal motivation. He is convinced that the outdoors is the best place for his two girls and one boy.

The unworldly nickname, "Half-Mile Bill," is the salute of Brown county natives who were astounded by his accuracy with a long-range rifle. Stream pollution, game hogs, delay tactics, politicians who ride the conservation department for votes and special privileges are anathema to him. Mr. Collins was born five miles from the Kickapoo Indian reservation in Nebraska and was witness to many of the last practices of the red man.

At the time when the country was stirred by the ambitious shouts of the "boy orator from the Platte," William Jennings Bryan, Mr. Collins proudly carried a torch in a Bryan parade, much to the disgust of his Republican parents. The young political standard-bearer was only 8.

With his parents he migrated to Missouri to escape the rigors of frontier during the panic of 1897 and from there to Scotland at the age of 12. The tyranny of land-owners there brought his return to the states, where he studied engineering.

Many men have dreams of seeing the world and satisfying their thirst for adventure, but few realize it. Mr. Collins borrowed from his father, the young engineer, product of the western frontier, landed in Panama when work on the canal was at its height. An attack of chagrin fever brought the need for a change of climate.

SHORTLY before an intended departure for South America, farewell well-wishers gave him a party that prevented him from catching his boat. The next morning the ship went down with all aboard. Out of sheer gratitude, he stayed another year in Panama.

Mr. Collins grew restless and joined a party for the Coppermine river railroad project in Alaska. While waiting for the boat, the party made an extended trip through South and Central America prospecting for gold.

All set for the long journey into Alaska, he met his future wife on the eve of departure and decided that the far away frozen north was no place from which to carry on a courtship.

Mr. Collins came to Indianapolis in 1917 to enlist in the army air service. He cracked up while training in Ft. Omaha, Neb., and after the war drifted back into Indiana and entered law.

Long a zealous enthusiast for conservation, he interested The Times in his articles last year. His hobbies are multiple. In his "engineering department," a machine shop in the basement of his home, he repairs the one hundred odd Kentucky rifles he has collected from old farmhouses. Each firearm in his abundant collection will shoot.

ROBINSON WOULD END FINGERPRINT MUTILATION

Bill to Make Practice Felony Introduced by Senator.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Mutilation of the fingertips, to prevent identification by fingerprinting, would be a felony by terms of a bill introduced yesterday by Senator Arthur R. Robinson.

The senator said his bill, which would provide a penalty of from five to twenty-five years in prison was based on extensive studies made by William W. Reichardt, Gary (Ind.) police criminal identification chief.

He said the practice now is "jeopardizing the value of present fingerprint system of identification." The bill also would impose penalties on the plastic surgeon or other person performing the operation.



"Half-Mile Bill" Collins

BREMER RANSOM IS REPORTED FOUND

Bank Bandit-Kidnaper Is Nabbed in Florida.

By United Press

TAMPA, Fla., Feb. 16.—Edward La Rue, wanted in the \$200,000 robbery of the Lincoln National Bank and Trust Company of Lincoln, Neb., and in the kidnaping of James Hackett, Blue Island, Ill., was under arrest here, officers revealed today.

Identification of La Rue was held to be positive by federal men after a busy night of checking fingerprints and photographs with Washington and Chicago officials.

Federal officers said several suitcases were captured by officers. It was reported that they were filled with plunder and one was said to hold part of the money paid for the release of Edward G. Bremer, son of the wealthy St. Paul brewer, who recently was released by kidnappers after payment of \$200,000 ransom.

M'MURRAY DISCUSSES TRAVEL EXPERIENCES

State School Head Speaks at Sahara Grotto Luncheon.

Floyd I. McMurray, state public instruction superintendent, discussed his travels and experiences in foreign countries at the Sahara Grotto Club luncheon today at the Grotto home, Park avenue and Thirteenth street. Herbert R. Wald is club president.

BUCK' SUMNER DROPS HAT IN MAYOR 'RING'

Sheriff Puts Himself Down as Seeking Nomination of Democrats.

Tactfully assuring his supporters he still is a Democrat and not a political free lance, Sheriff Charles (Buck) Sumner last night put himself on record as seeking the Democratic nomination for mayor.

The genial sheriff's bid for office was made at a rally at the Paramount Club in old Germania park, and 1,000 to 1,200 adherents launched the Sumner political ship on a sea of foamy beer.

Sheriff Sumner's assurance that he still is a Democrat was due, it was indicated, to reports that he might run for mayor as an independent and might be rewarded for this blow at party disharmony by a Republican appointment as police chief, if the Coffin-Armistage faction of the G. O. P. succeeded in putting over its candidate as a result of a Democratic split.

Sheriff Sumner's talk was short and to the point. He said he was a candidate and that he "would be an ingrate if he did not run, in view of the many pledges of support he had received."

Pledge cards were passed out at the meeting and many of them were signed.

Tom Riley, who was a safety board member under the Bell regime, presided at the rally and short talks were made by Miss Julia Landers, county safety director, and L. K. Murchie, deputy sheriff.

Among those who attended, but who did not address the crowd, were Probate Judge Smiley Chambers, Gar Davis, reported candidate for sheriff; City Clerk Henry O. Goett; Joel Baker, criminal court investigator; Russell Dean, deputy prosecutor, and many precinct committeemen.

CHILD LABOR MEASURE FACES FIGHT IN EAST

Massachusetts Legislators Group Opposes Ratification.

BOSTON, Feb. 16.—A Massachusetts legislative committee has voted seven to three against ratification of the proposed child labor amendment to the federal Constitution, making it a practical certainty that the present legislature will refuse to ratify.

VISIT EASTERN SCHOOL

Dr. Dunkel and Wife See Son Embark on Tour.

Dr. and Mrs. J. Ambrose Dunkel have returned from a visit to Princeton university, of which Dr. Dunkel is a trustee.

While in the east, they went to New York to see their son, Wilbur Dunkel, sail for England. Mr. Dunkel will spend several months abroad while completing a book on Sir Arthur Wing Pinero, English dramatist. The title of the book will be "Sir Arthur Pinero and the Modern Theater."

SWIMMERS CAN THANK CWA FOR ENLARGED MUNICIPAL POOL



When the summer's hot sun begins to beat down on sweltering citizens, they can thank the Civil Works Administration for the new Twenty-sixth street municipal bathing beach. It is the first CWA project to be completed in Marion county. Joseph H. Schneider was project superintendent.

Work commenced Dec. 11 and an average of 375 men a day have been employed. The capacity of the beach has been increased from 5,000 to 25,000 bathers.

C. OF C. PLEADS FOR AIR MAIL

Directors Urge Action to Preserve Service for This Vicinity.

A resolution urging every effort be made to preserve air mail and passenger traffic through Indianapolis, was adopted yesterday by directors of the Chamber of Commerce. Stating that Indianapolis has invested more than \$750,000 in building an A-1-A municipal airport, and that the local Chamber of Commerce continuously has been instrumental in establishing air mail and passenger service between this and other cities, the resolution "urges that every effort be made to preserve this service without diminution or cessation."

Copies of the resolution will be sent to Washington.

ALLIANCE FRANCAISE GIVES TWO COMEDIES

Presentation Features Group Dinner-Meeting.

Presentation of two French comedies featured the dinner-meeting of the Alliance Francaise at the Hotel Washington last night. Mrs. Jeanne Morlock, Professor C. E. Aldrich, Dr. Murray DeArmond, Edward J. Meunier, Roland Lambert and Miss Louise De Mart had the principal roles. Mrs. R. O. Papenguth was the director.

Indianapolis Tomorrow

Indiana Democratic Editorial Association, midwinter meeting, Claypool.

Hoosier State Press Association, convention, Spink-Arms.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon, luncheon, Columbia Club.

Alliance Francaise, luncheon, Washington.

Stick to It

Army Air Mail Tempts Philatelists.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The army's emergency air mail may make a small fortune for somebody overnight. Here's how:

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ENGINEERS DISCUSS CONSTRUCTION CODE

City Professional Organization Working on Draft.

Discussion of the preliminary draft of the professional engineers division supplementary code of the construction industry was conducted at a meeting of the Indianapolis Engineering Society yesterday by J. Ray Monaghan, president, and Emmett G. Fowler, code committee chairman.

The local society is at present the only professional engineering organization in Indiana listed in the preamble of the proposed code as being recognized as a group representative of the industry, Mr. Fowler said.

Fractures Leg in Fall

Falling between two stacks of lumber while playing in a lumber yard yesterday, LeRoy Myers, 8, of 1257 West Thirtieth street, sustained a leg fracture. He was taken to city hospital.

COPS DYNAMITE RIVER, HUNTING MURDERED BOY

Father Admits Slaying Son, Chucked Body Under Ice, Police Say.

By United Press

ROCKFORD, Ill., Feb. 16.—Authorities today prepared to dynamite the ice of Rock river in their search for the body of Charles Backus, Jr., 8, alleged to have been slapped to death by his father.

Police claimed a written confession from Backus Sr. The father, part Indian huckster, was first accused by his two stepdaughters and his wife of having killed his sickly son and disposed of the body.

Backus led officers to a recently frozen over arhole in the middle of the river last night and sobbed "he's down there." The arhole was the spot to which Backus brought the body a week ago last Wednesday and "chucked" it through the ice.

State's Attorney Robert E. Nash said the January grand jury would be summoned to hear the case, if the boy's body was found today.

"When Charlie came home he was white and sick. My wife and I quarreled with him over changing his clothes. I hit Charlie in the face. He fell on the floor and looked pale and dizzy. He didn't get up right away and we put him on the bed and gave him salts and soda and rubbed his stomach."

"Then I got scared. I picked Charlie up. He was dead. I carried him out of the front door and placed him in my truck. I drove down to the river, parked the truck and carried him across the ice to the middle, where I chucked him in."

"I was scared. Who wouldn't be? I must have died from the poisoned candy he was eating. I don't want to die in the electric chair."

Backus' reference to poisoned candy went unexplained. The 48-year-old huckster was examined by Dr. E. W. Fell, an alienist, who reported he was sane but feeble-minded.

Backus forced other members of his family to claim that the boy had been kidnapped, according to his stepdaughter, Pauline, 16, and Dorothy, 14.

PERSIAN MOHAMMEDAN POWER SAID WANING

Church Fellowship Addressed by Cincinnati Resident.

Mohammedanism as a political force in Persia is on the decline, asserted Pere S. Benjamin of Cincinnati and a native of Persia, at a fellowship dinner at the Broadway M. E. church last night.

The high priests of Mohammedanism had more power in Persia at one time than did the governors, he said. Mr. Benjamin described details of the religion which he said Mohammed formed from religious philosophy of both the Old and New Testaments.

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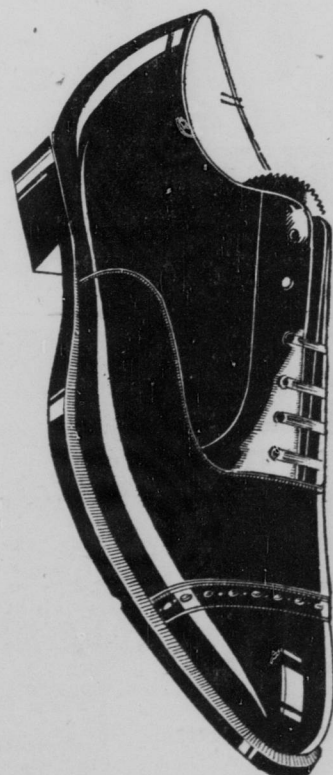


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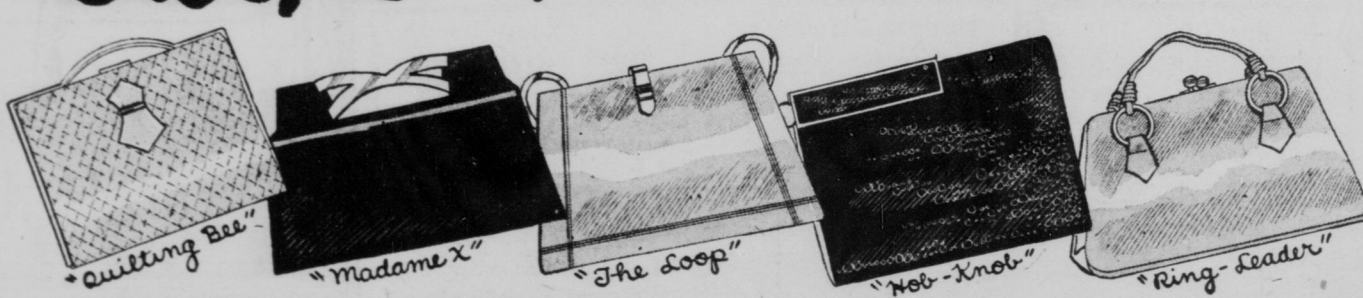
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