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Unsettled tonight and tomorrow; continued warm.

## STOP ROBINSON AT START, IS PLAN OF FOES

Coup Organized to Block  
Nomination on First  
Ballot.

PAYNE READY TO ENTER

Other Hopefuls Encouraged  
to Divide Senator's  
Strength.

BY JAMES DOWS

A coup to stop Senator Arthur Robinson on the first ballot tomorrow at the Republican state convention was being planned today as foes of the senator canvassed the sentiment among out-state leaders.

Senator Robinson today refused to estimate the number of delegates pledged to him in the G. O. P. state convention tomorrow in Cadiz, Pa., but said, "We've got enough."

Unable to get one strong candidate in the field for the senate nomination, the Robinsonesque strategy was reported to be directed toward getting a group of senate hopefuls out, on the theory that the more there are in the race on the first ballot the more the incumbent senator's strength can be impaired.

There are only two avowed opponents of Robinson. They are former Governor Harry G. Leslie and William C. Dennis, former Earlham college president.

However, the entry of Gavin L. Payne, Indianapolis broker, appears virtually assured and there are several others, any of whom is likely to permit his name to be brought before the convention. Among these are Thomas A. Daily, Indianapolis; George Barnard, Newcastle; and Gus Condo, Marion.

Leaders Arrive  
Arrival of Republican leaders from outlying sections of the state is said to have disclosed a surprising momentum to the "Stop Robinson" campaign and several other incidents are regarded as significant straws in the wind.

Former Senator James E. Watson originally was scheduled to place Robinson in nomination, but Jim doesn't want any part of "Lil Arthur" now, he ever did.

"Some of my friends may be candidates," is Mr. Watson's artful way of ducking. It was reported that Jim would find it convenient not to be here for the convention, but he apparently decided there wasn't any point in being circuitous about the business.

Coffin Openly Hostile  
Too, there is the open enmity of George V. (Cap) Coffin to Robinson. "Cap" generally is credited with putting Robinson in the senate and the Marion county Republican political boss is reported ranking under the lack of attention paid him by Robinson since the latter got big ideas about his political importance, not as a senator, but as to his power in the party.

It was Robinson's delusions that led him to attempt to control the Republican state committee and that move was the spark to the tinder. Since then, the flames of opposition have been mounting.

Exclusion of Robinson from the speaking program of the convention tomorrow is a blow to the senator's prestige. He had counted on being the convention keynote and thus would have been in a position to launch a typical Robinson diatribe at President Roosevelt and the new deal.

Imrie to Preside  
Tentative arrangements to be passed on today by the state committee call for election of Norman A. Imrie, Culver, as the convention president.

Mr. Imrie was selected by an arrangements committee comprised of Ewing Emission, Vincennes; Mrs. Eleanor Barker Snodgrass, Nashville; Ralph Gates, Columbia City; State Chairman Don B. Irwin, Frankfort; and Secretary Harry C. Fenton, Indianapolis.

The Rev. Dan Hogan, Kokomo, was named to pronounce the invocation and Miss Mary Smith, Rushville, was named chief usher.

Harry W. Thompson, Versailles, Indiana Republican Editorial Association president, will be convention secretary, and Ben Barlett, Evansville, will be sergeant-at-arms.

The platform makers are facing a problem.

There is a strong sentiment among Republican industrialists for repeal of the gross income tax, but it was reported a straight-out repeal plank will not be offered and that the only suggestion will be for revisions that will make it more equitable.

With Robinson out of the speaking arrangements, it is probable that national affairs will be dealt with lightly and that Governor Paul V. McNutt and his liquor control plan will be the principal targets.

## G. O. P. BANKRUPTCY?

AN EDITORIAL

INDIANA Republicanism stands at the crossroads. On the one hand is the broad highway to a rejuvenated party dedicated to the progressive policies which the people demand to lead them out of their present perplexities.

On the other hand lies the tortuous path whose obscure twistings were laid out long ago by the forces of special privilege, selfishness, hypocrisy and bigotry. Along this road are many am-buscades. Never again will the people follow the Republican party down.

Senator Arthur Robinson is a symbol—a signpost pointing the way to the dubious path. Delegates to the state convention are fortunate in having such a clear-cut issue as Mr. Robinson's re-nomination before them tomorrow.

Here is a candidate representing, down to the smallest detail, everything that the citizens of this republic have rejected.

His personal philosophy is based upon the "supersalesmanship-personality-plus" balderdash which sucked in so many innocents and wrought such damage during the speculative orgy of the nineteen-twenties.

His political career reputedly was launched by the Ku-Klux Klan, the history of which is one of the most shameful incidents in American contemporary life.

His conduct in public office has been that of a petty and disgusting opportunist. He was one of the most vociferous of the dregs. He placed his advocacy of prohibition on high moral grounds. Yet he has been strangely silent since repeal. If liquor was as evil as he said two years ago, it still must be, but it no longer is an issue with which to collect votes.

Mr. Robinson is not made of the stuff that goes down with flying colors in a lost cause. He is ever agile about leaving a sinking ship.

Lately he has been beating the tom-tom for the war veterans. He is himself a veteran with a splendid war record—one bright spot in a tawdry career.

Despite his perpetual howling for the ex-soldiers, congress never has permitted his name to appear on one important piece of veteran legislation it ever has enacted. He has not been allowed to sponsor a single bill of any consequence.

His own colleagues in the senate long ago have taken his measure. Republican members fear to have him speak in favor of their projects. He is a serious embarrassment to them.

His speech advocating the overriding of the veto in the independent offices bill was so revolting that it almost caused the veto to be upheld, thus placing in jeopardy a pet Republican measure.

He revealed his own character completely a few weeks ago when he said, in response to a question on a matter of grave public importance:

"The one thing in which I am interested at this time is my renomination for re-election."

There spoke the real Arthur Robinson—not the cheap actor whose heart bleeds for the veteran while he votes to raise his own salary, not the brazen panderer to mistaken minorities, but here was the man himself, stripped naked before the voters.

Is the world struggling with an overwhelming economic problem? Mr. Robinson is interested in his own renomination and election.

Is Democratic government itself on trial before the bar of public opinion? Mr. Robinson is interested in his own renomination and election.

Are decent people of all parties fighting desperately to bring about such intelligent changes in the social structure that they may hand on this republic intact to their children? Mr. Robinson is interested in his own renomination and election.

Is the person whom the Republican state convention must accept or reject tomorrow. Snubbed by his fellow party members in Washington he can accomplish nothing either for his state or his party.

This newspaper is independent of political commitments. We believe in an effective and functioning party system. If we were wholly favorable to the Democratic cause we could further it best by working for Senator Robinson's renomination. Obviously, almost any Democrat could beat him in the fall election.

But we believe that the public interest is best served by each party nominating an able candidate consecrated to real service to his fellow men.

Admittedly, Republicanism has some heavy liabilities. Chief among them is Mr. Robinson. If it continues to carry him the public has no choice but to declare the party bankrupt.

## SPORADIC RAIN BRINGS LITTLE RELIEF TO CITY

Hot Weather Resumes With  
Rise of Mercury; No  
Drop Forecast.

CROPS NOT BENEFITED

Blistering Drought Still  
Threatens Indiana's  
Agriculture.

Hourly Temperatures  
6 a. m. .... 73 10 a. m. .... 89  
7 a. m. .... 76 11 a. m. .... 90  
8 a. m. .... 81 12 (noon) .... 88  
9 a. m. .... 85 1 p. m. .... 90

Relieved only slightly by rain which fell in this vicinity over the week-end, Indianapolis today experienced a resumption of the hot weather which Saturday set an all-time new heat record for June of 99.9 degrees.

The rainfall was sporadic, affecting only parts of the state. Only .3 inch was recorded at the weather bureau downtown, although the east side received slightly more.

Crops received little material relief from the blistering drought which threatens destruction throughout most of the state.

Heat to Continue  
Forecast for today and tomorrow is for unsettled and continued warm weather.

Heaviest precipitation in the state was .63 inches at Marion.

City officials reported that work on swimming pools is being rushed, and that tests on water of White river at the beaches were being made today in hopes of opening the beaches and pools before June 15, the scheduled date.

The river and various creeks were crowded over the week-end by swimmers, who disregarded the danger of swimming in unguarded places. Several private swimming pools, open for business, reported a rushing business.

The rain yesterday and Saturday was accompanied by thunder and lightning.

Lightning struck three houses yesterday, causing slight damage. The homes of E. C. Brown, 5248 Koonswood avenue, and W. D. Crooks, 5744 Broadway terrace, both were struck at 2:26 p. m. A vacant house at 2829 North Chester avenue was struck a few minutes earlier.

Mrs. Lillian Megie, 60, of 936 Udell street, was overcome by the heat as she was returning to her home on a bus today. She was assisted from the bus and treated at a drug store near her home. Later she was sent to city hospital.

State Not Relieved

Drastic reduction by the searing drought of hay and other forage crops has caused Indiana Farmer Bureau executives to ask the agricultural adjustment administration in Washington for permission for farmers to use for raising forage crops land now idle because of agreement between the farmers and the administration.

This was announced today as representatives of the bureau's ten districts throughout the state met here with William H. Settle, bureau president.

The ten brought word that the rains which cooled Indianapolis temporarily over the week-end and brought some relief to city flower and neighboring truck gardens had not extended over the state to any appreciable degree.

Some Direct Relief Sought

The bureau also revealed that a few cases of farmers so hard hit by the drought as to need direct relief had been called to its attention, but said that these were not numerous as yet.

Indiana's oat crop virtually has been destroyed. Wheat now in its crucial filling stage, is being damaged badly. The hay crop will not be one-half of normal. Corn is least affected.

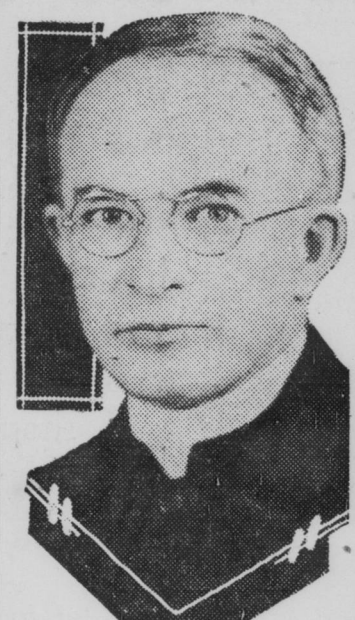
Many county residents found themselves forced to become water-bombers in their own homes due to the drought and the drying up of their wells and cisterns. The downpour of Saturday was insufficient in many suburban homes to feed the residential drinking supply.

Rain Prospects Good

CHICAGO, June 4.—Snow and heavy rains over wide areas of the sun scorched west brought at least temporary surcease today from a drought which in three months has reduced millions of American farmers to the verge of poverty.

Clouds over the entire northwest promised rain in a dozen parched states farther east.

## Death Calls Notre Dame President



The Rev. Charles L. O'Donnell

The Rev. O'Donnell, Noted  
Catholic Educator,  
Dead at 49.

By United Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind., June 4.—The Rev. Charles L. O'Donnell, C. S. C., president of Notre Dame university and one of the most brilliant educators of the Catholic church, died early today.

A streptococcus infection of the lungs and throat was the cause of death.

Letter Also Found  
Hope for recovery of the comparatively young executive, who would have turned 50 in November, was abandoned months ago when he failed to rally from an infection with which he was stricken in March of last year.

Last sacraments of the church were administered several weeks back when his death appeared imminent, but he rallied surprisingly and recently had appeared improved.

The priest's only public appearance since he was stricken was at the Notre Dame commencement exercises last June 4 when he bestowed the golden jubilee laureate medal upon John McCormack, the singer.

His second three-year term as president of Notre Dame was to have expired next month.

The Rev. John P. O'Hara, C. S. C., was appointed vice-president of the university last July and will serve out the remainder of Father O'Donnell's term.

Father O'Donnell was graduated from the college of arts and letters at Notre Dame in 1906 and later studied at Harvard, Catholic University of America and Holy Cross College in Washington, receiving his Ph. D. degree from Catholic university in 1910.

His ordination as a Catholic priest was on June 24, 1910, shortly before he became a professor of English literature at Notre Dame, a position he held until elected to the presidency in 1928.

He won recognition as a poet in 1916 when he wrote "The Dead" to eulogize the death of Brother Basil, an organist at Notre Dame.

Father O'Donnell, a man small of stature but with a resonant speaking voice, became an army chaplain in 1917 when the United States entered the World War. He accompanied the A. E. F. to France and served for five months with the One hundred and seventh regiment of engineers in the Forty-second division on the western front. Later he was transferred to the Three hundred and thirty-second infantry in which unit he saw service in Italy and Austria for nine months.

CITY MAN AWARDED  
YALE FELLOWSHIP

Daniel T. Selko Will Study Research at Institute.

Daniel T. Selko, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Selko, 4015 Graceland avenue, has been awarded the Yale-Brookings institute fellowship for 1934-35, according to word received here.

Mr. Selko will do research work in economics at the institute. He is a graduate of Technical high school. He was instructor at Union college, Schenectady, N. Y., for three years. He is a member of Sigma Chi and Pi Delta Epsilon fraternities and the Blue Key.

Auto Accident Injuries Fatal

Mrs. Margaret Duckman, 38, Sheridan, died in Methodist hospital early today of injuries suffered in an automobile accident Dec. 31, 1933. The accident occurred near Sheridan.

## DR. OXNAM IS AUTOCRAT, NOT QUALIFIED TO HOLD POST, PROFESSORS CLAIM

### YOUTH ADMITS SLAYING TWO WITH HATCHET

'Must Have Been Insane,'  
Writes Killer of Mother  
and Brother.

By United Press

LOS ANGELES, June 4.—Police today planned a sanity hearing for a St. Louis utility magnate's 20-year-old son, who admitted the hatchet murders of his mother and brother.

Louis Rude Payne, 20, his face chalk white from fright, walked into Huntington Beach police station last night and confessed the brutal murders of his mother, Mrs. Carrie L. Payne, and his brother, Robert, 14.

Their bodies, horribly mutilated, were found yesterday in their luxurious Los Angeles mansion. Both bodies were shorn of night clothing. There was no evidence of struggle, indicating the mother and her son were slain while asleep.

"I don't know why I did it—I just did," he told patrolman H. L. Grant.

In his pocket police found an unsigned telegram addressed to his father, L. F. Payne, vice-president of Commonwealth Utilities Corporation of St. Louis. It read:

"Dear Dad: I have killed mother and Bob. I am going to tell the police."

Mr. Payne left his St. Louis home for Los Angeles after hearing details of the slayings. He will arrive here tomorrow.

In another pocket was a letter addressed to the youth's father and expressing deep regret over the tragedy.

Returned here for questioning, he cringed in fear and complained of "pains in my stomach."

Impulses Explained  
"I seemed to know I was going to do something wrong, but I couldn't help it," he said. Young Payne, former student at Missouri Military academy, Mexico, Mo., said he had suffered lapse of memory. He could not recall, he said, where he had been the slayings, said by police to have occurred Thursday or Friday.

The letter found in his pocket rambling on in sadistic vein before bluntly referring to the murders.

The blood-stained ax was found under Mrs. Payne's bed when police made their appalling discovery.

In an adjoining bedroom lay the body of Robert. Both victims had been garroted with ropes.

### PETERS CONFIDENT OF HIS NOMINATION

Ingratitude Charged to  
McNutt by Baker.

Confident that he will be nominated on the first ballot at the Democratic state convention next week was reiterated yesterday by R. Earl Peters at a meeting of his key-men at the Spink-Arms.

Eighty-one counties were represented by one or more persons and talks were made by Albert Stump and Criminal Judge Frank P. Baker.

Mr. Peters declared that delegates favorable to him who were chosen in the primary are standing firm, and that his pledged delegate strength is approximately 1,400 with only 1,706 needed for nomination.

Ingratitude was charged to Governor Paul V. McNutt by Judge Baker, who declared that Mr. Peters, former state chairman, should have the undivided support of the state administration.

GROUP ENDS SESSION

Spiritualists Convention to Resume Discussions Tomorrow.

Members of the Indiana State Association of Spiritualists closed the first day of the thirtieth annual convention last night in the Claypool with messages and lectures.

Dr. Victoria Barnes, Gary, and Mrs. Mable Judy, Elwood, made the principal addresses yesterday. An all-day session tomorrow will be open to the public.

De Pauw President Has Jeopardized Teacher  
Tenure, Academic Freedom, National  
Association Charges.

INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION ENDED

Dismissal of Professor Ralph Hufferd, Which  
Led to Probe, Is Called Unwarranted  
in Lengthy Report.

BY DANIEL M. KIDNEY

Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, June 4.—Dr. G. Bromley Oxnam, president of De Pauw university, is an autocrat. He has jeopardized both teacher tenure and academic freedom at the Greencastle (Ind.) school and is not "especially qualified to deal wisely with the manifold responsibilities of his present position."

That, in brief, is the findings of the committee in academic freedom and tenure of the American Association of University Professors, made public in their bulletin issued here today.

It is based on an intensive investigation made by Professors W. E. Britton of the University of Illinois and Fred C. Koch of the University of Chicago.

Shown the report in advance of publication, Dr. Oxnam sought to write a defense. This was denied, but he was requested to point out any misstatements of facts and failed to do so, according to W. W. Cook, of the editorial committee, who made the bulletin public today.

Dismissal 'Unwarranted'

Investigation was launched specifically after dismissal by Dr. Oxnam of Professor Ralph W. Hufferd of the chemistry department. He was ousted in June, 1931, after being with the university since 1920. The investigators found his dismissal unwarranted.

They also found that professors who failed to follow Dr. Oxnam usually were given a sabbatical year and then dismissed. Some were dismissed at once.

Trustees and the "board of visitors" are completely under Dr. Oxnam's domination and the more democratic faculty control of the past has been abolished, they also assert.

That Dr. Oxnam isn't especially equipped for his job from an educational standpoint is cited at the very beginning of the long report as follows:

Complaints Started Early  
"In 1928, the Rev. G. Bromley Oxnam became president of De Pauw university, Greencastle, Ind. He was a vigorous young man of 37, or gained in the Methodist Episcopal church in 1916, who had acted as a pastor for one year, and been of the period of 1917-27 secretary of the Los Angeles missionary and church extension society."

"His earlier academic experience apparently was limited to service as professor of social ethics in the University of Southern California for the years 1919-22 and one year of teaching practical theology in the Boston university school of theology."

Shortly after Dr. Oxnam became president of De Pauw, complaints began coming to the association regarding dismissals of professors and the matter was brought to a head by Professor Hufferd's case.

"The general effect of Professor Hufferd's dismissal can be appreciated only by considering the broader situation of which it is an item," the report continued. "From the time of President Oxnam's induction in 1928 to the beginning of 1934, there have been 144 different persons on the De Pauw faculty. Of these, three have died, and sixty have resigned, failed of reappointment, or been dismissed. The committee found that twenty-six of the sixty were in the professional grades."

That, besides Professor Hufferd, five of the twenty-nine have been dismissed, formally or in substance."

Setup Is Outlined

How the whole setup of the institution was reorganized to give Dr. Oxnam complete control is then outlined and the following comment made:

"Thus academic tenure at De Pauw has come to mean annual appointment, dependent for renewal upon the action of the president alone after such investigation as he may decide to make and, of course, upon reasons deemed sufficient by him."

And then:

"In view of the method actually employed, it is not surprising that the investigators found the morale of the institution profoundly shaken. They do not pass on the merits of the new administrative machinery."

"Certainly simplicity, directness, celerity and economy are now particularly vital in the management of educational institutions. But men as well as means must be considered, and it is the investigators' opinion that neither President Oxnam nor Dean Blanchard of the college of liberal arts is by general attitude, temperament, or training, especially qualified to deal wisely with the manifold responsibilities of his present position."

Motor (used up, Carburetor adjusted. See Carburetor Sales, 214 E. Ohio. —Adv.

## Congress to Continue Ten Days, Robinson Says

Major Measures Must Be Passed, Senate Leader Reports  
After Conference.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, June 4.—Congress will go forward with its program for passage of major measures, including housing legislation, the Wagner bill, and the silver measure, with no definite date set for adjournment, Senator Joseph T. Robinson, majority leader said today after a conference with President Roosevelt.

"It is not possible now to indicate when the work of the session will be finished," said Senator Robinson, but he added later, "I am inclined to think after this conference the session will continue for at least ten days."

Senator Robinson said the President probably would send congress a message on the drought crisis.

At the same time Mr. Robinson indicated that the amendments to the agricultural adjustment act and the bill for control of oil production might have to go over, although that would be decided upon in further discussions.

President Roosevelt took up the pending important matters before congress upon his return from Hyde Park, N. Y., this morning. Besides Senator Robinson, those in the conference were Speaker Henry T. Rainey and Representative Joseph W. Byrns (Dem., Tenn.).

Both of them said that the question of adjournment would be taken up later, although Mr. Rainey expressed the belief that his house could complete its program sometime next week.

Before departing Senator Robinson expressed the belief that he would obtain for the administration the confirmation of the nomination of Rexford G. Tugwell as undersecretary of agriculture. Committee action on the nomination has been delayed due to opposition of some members.

Representative Byrns said the President "would like to have the oil and housing bills passed, but as yet they are not on the must list."

Beneficial Association to Meet

Marion County United Beneficial Association will meet at 8 tomorrow night at the Claypool.

### FAMILY OF NINETEEN CHILDREN AIDS GATE AT CHICAGO EXHIBIT

By United Press

CHICAGO, June 4.—Mike Latorra and his wife and children went to the world fair yesterday. Exposition financial officers cheered visibly and invited the family to return soon and often.

Mr. and Mrs. Latorra have nineteen children.

BRITISH TO SEND U. S.  
NOTE ON WAR DEBT

Commons to Hear Policy Outlined by Chamberlain.

By United Press

LONDON, June 4.—The British government will present a note to Washington concerning Great Britain's war debt to the United States, it was understood today.

Neville Chamberlain, chancellor of the exchequer, will make a statement to the house of commons on the debt tomorrow.

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## U. S. Army Air Corps Five Years Behind, Survey Shows

BY GEORGE DAWS

Times Staff Writer

Army aviation in the United States, the nation that leads the world in commercial air development, is about five years behind the program congress outlined for it in 1928. On the other hand, while naval aviation is under planned strength it compares favorably with that of any other nation.

Despite the fact that American plants, engines and pilots are rated as the best in the world and are sought and used throughout the world, the United States army air corps today is sharply deficient in fighting planes, personnel and training.

There is grave doubt as to the

value of this major weapon of defense if the nation were suddenly attacked.

These statements can be made after a study of the nation's air problem by the Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance. The investigation included visits to official Washington and army, navy and commercial airports, study and analysis of records and reports and frank discussion of the situation with military, commercial and congressional authorities.

Certain information, classed as military secrets, obviously could not be included in these articles.

Recognition of the fact that aviation is wrong with military aviation in the United States came recently from two sources.

President Roosevelt asked congress to appoint a commission to study the problem and outline a broad policy. Also, acting on the President's request, congress added \$5,000,000 to the army air corps' 1935 budget.

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