

WOMEN VOTERS WANT U. S. TO GUARD BALLOTS

Proposal to Have Returns
Sent by Mail Gains
Favor.

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The League of Women Voters
hesitate to say in so many blunt
words that they do not trust the
politicians.

But, if questioned closely, they will
admit that when it comes to ballot
boxes they prefer the integrity of
the United States Postoffice De-
partment. And if they want it and
can handle it, postoffice authori-
ties may have a new job offered
to them.

The story starts in the commit-
tee room of the Senate chamber at
the Statehouse. Representatives of
the League of Women Voters have
appeared before members of the
Elections Committee to argue the
merits of a bill having to do with
reforms in the present primary laws.

The bill is the league's pet. They
have worked for months, studying
laws of other states and probing
deeply into conditions in Indiana. They
feel that the present primary
setup has many faults and they are
offering amendments designed to
remedy them.

Chief among the proposed changes
is an arrangement called the central
count system. No one will
argue that many queer things may
happen to a ballot box and the bal-
lots therein between the time the
polls close and the votes are finally
delivered to the canvassing board. Often
when the first few precincts
indicate a close race it may take
four or five days for final returns to
trickle in from key positions.

Legislators Are Cynical

So, the league suggests that all
hint of "stuffing" and other irreg-
ularities be squelched by requiring
that ballot boxes be locked, sealed
and immediately taken to a central
spot where the boxes may be opened
and the votes tabulated in public. This,
they declare, would help get
Satan behind the precinct officials.

It would help, the committee
members conceded, but it still would
be far from perfection. Taking an
intensely practical, not so cynical,
view of the matter, they pointed
out that "every man had his price
and every lock a key." And even if
heavy penalties were written into
the law to discourage mislaying the
ballot box or dallying unduly on the
way to the central counting hall, what
judge would convict if the un-
fortunate election officials showed
up with a black eye or two and
swore that they had been set upon
by a gang of thugs who stole the box
or crammed it with votes for Honest
Joe Bluke, the peep's choice?

There the matter stood as the
committee, apparently doubtful of
the success of the suggested changes,
thanked the ladies for their interest
and promised an early report.
The hearing adjourned.

Worth a New Stamp Issue

Then some one had an idea. If
all that was needed to add to the
purity of primaries was to insure
the safe and immediate passage of
the ballot boxes from the polls to
the central counting hall, why not
give the job to Uncle Sam? Every
one well knows how jealous the old
gent is of stamped packages and
letters entrusted to his care. Con-
sidering that persons foolish enough
to steal, break, destroy, open or
otherwise fiddle with such matter
are most liable to be cast into cells
for long periods, who would be foolish
enough to take the risk, even
for the promise of a snug post in a
public job?

At least three members of the
Elections Committee on first
thought are enthusiastic. Senators
Thomas A. Hendricks and John
Bright Webb hope it can be ar-
ranged and Senator Jacob Weis
declares he will introduce it in com-
mittee. The League of Women
Voters is working out details.

So if Uncle Sam decides he can
undertake it, he may have a brand-
new job. It is predicted that Post-
master General James A. Farley will
cheer the chance to break out with a
new issue of stamps.

Indianapolis Tomorrow

Architectural Club, luncheon, Ar-
chitects and Builders Building.
Gyro Club, luncheon, Spin-Arms.
Indiana Retail Hardware Associa-
tion, all day, Lincoln.

Mercator Club, luncheon, Colum-
bia Club.

Rotary Club, luncheon, Claypool.
Universal Club, luncheon, Colum-
bia Club.

Stamp Club to Meet

Stamps will be auctioned to col-
lectors at a meeting of the Indiana
Stamp Club at 8 Friday in the Lock-
erbie. The committee in charge of the
auction has requested that lots be turned in early.

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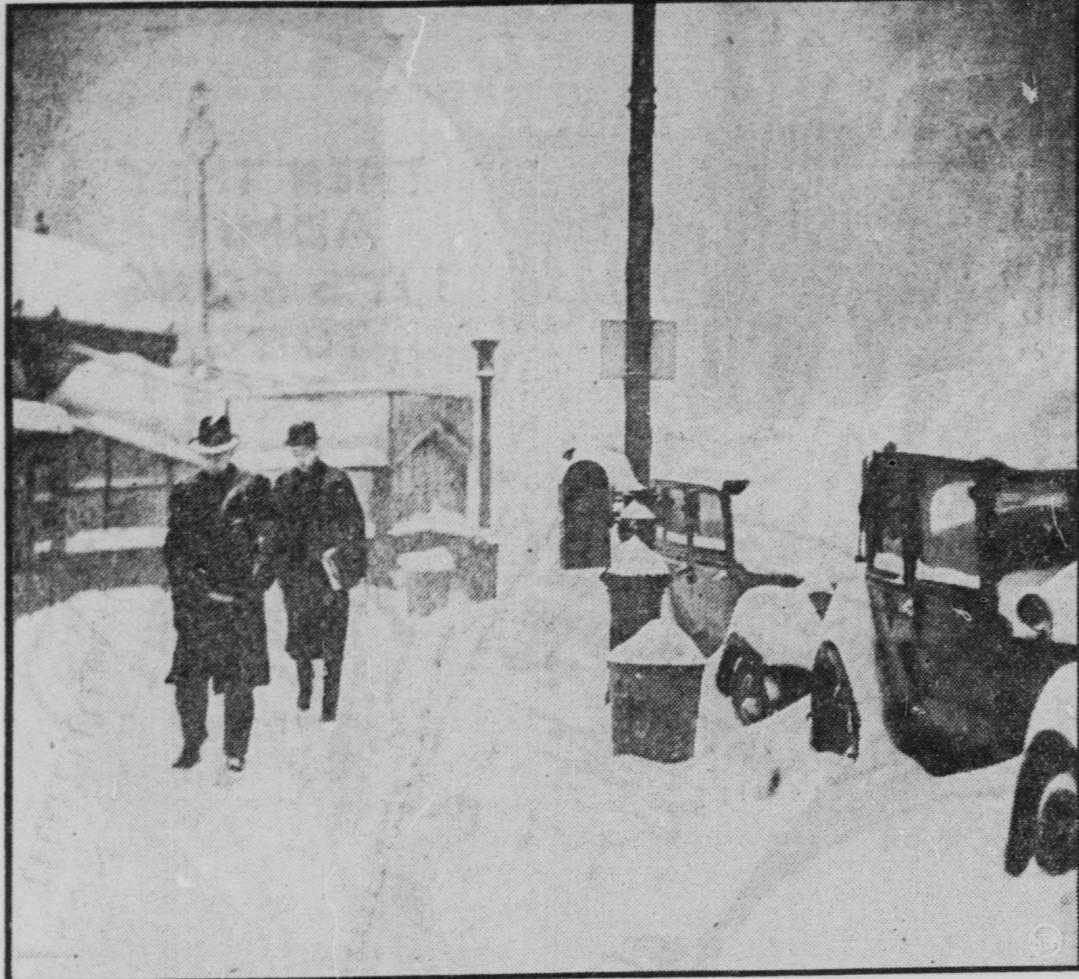
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In the Amusement World

Stravinsky, Dushkin and Musical Art Quartet Give Fine Performances Here

BY WALTER D. HICKMAN

MUSIC that is making modern
history was played yesterday
afternoon at English's by the
composer himself—Igor Stravinsky, and
Samuel Dushkin, violinist.

Mrs. Nancy Martens presented the
composer-pianist and the violinist.

Playing the first part of the pro-
gram in a sensational manner was the
Musical Art Quartet, the second
half being given over to Stravinsky
and Dushkin.

There is something new, vital and
tantalizing about Stravinsky's "Fire
Bird" and his "Danse Russée" from
the "Ballet Petrushka."

Of course, it takes great artists
like these two to present this type
of music and both are masters. On
the stage, Stravinsky and Dushkin
give the impression that they are
just playing in their own studio, so
informal are they.

When applause demands their at-
tention, they acknowledge it, but with
no trained showmanship, which makes
the taking of bows so important to see artists.

When I met the composer after
the concert, I asked him how his
country was accepting his music
during his present tour.

He answered that "America is well
acquainted with my music" and
maintained that "this country has
made great strides forward in the
last few years in music."

Judging by the large audience
that greeted the musicians yester-
day, this city is doing its part in
accepting this music.

I found so much life and fresh-
ness in the composition of Stravinsky,
although when he and Dushkin started their program
with "Divertimento," many of us
in the audience apparently shared
our confusion.

But that confusion gave way to a
feeling of great joy when the
artists played "Danse Suisses" and
the "Scherozo."

Their artistry resulted in three
encores and the complete holding
up of the program.

The second encore of the quartet
was Nevin's "Song of the Brook."
This one caused a stampede of ap-
plause. Here was a program that
contained both the very old and the
very new.

Whether you like Stravinsky's
compositions or not, you must
agree that yesterday afternoon was
a great excursion in music.

Muni Is Fine Actor

BORDERTOWN is the emotional and melodramatic story
of a Mexican lad who, failing to win
his first law case after four years
of heard study, starts out to get
rich by any means.

Paul Muni is seen again in a role
which affords him ample opportu-
nity for the display of his emotional
talents. He is seen as Johnny Ramirez,
the young Mexican, who leaves his home
and mother to seek wealth in a border-
land gambling rendezvous. Here he
forces himself into partnership with a
night club owner. But his partner's
wife, played dramatically by Betty
Davis, becomes infatuated with
Johnny and murders her husband in
order to clear the way for her con-
quest of the young foreigner.

However, Johnny's secret love is
an American society girl (played
unusually well by Margaret Lind-
say), who once cast gentle eyes in
his direction. And the society girl,
unknown to Johnny, is interested in
him only as the momentary toy, her
"young savage," she calls him.

All of which makes a precarious
setting for the dramatic explosions
which follow. These bring Johnny
to the idealistic realization that
home and mother are the place for a
young Mexican boy.

Mr. Muni is an artist of emotion.
He can sob most gracefully. His
scenes with his mother and with his
friend, the padre (Robert Bar-
ber), are the best in the picture.

Although there is obviously too
much melodrama in "Bordertown,"

the spelling contest will be held by
the McGuffey Club at 7 Wednes-
day night in the Brookside Communi-
ty House. The club is also plan-
ning a meeting Feb. 9 in Cropey
Auditorium to celebrate the birth-
days of George Washington and
Abraham Lincoln. S. B. Prater is
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ARRANGE SPELLING BEE

McGuffey Club to Stage Contest
Next Wednesday.

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CITIES JOIN IN MIDWEST WAR ON GAS RATES

Mayors of 11 Municipalities
Meet in Columbus for
Showdown.

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tration forces collected to support
the move for an investigation.

Detroit officials most active of
all in the investigation, remarked
that the reported \$100,000 ready for
bribes was "mere chicken feed."

Mayor John W. Kern, Indianapolis,
and other city officials were
due here to attend the conference
which may last two or more days.

Giants of Industry

BY VINCENT LYONS
Times Financial Editor

The Standard Oil Co. of New
Jersey, North American Co., Colum-
bia Gas and Electric Corp., and the
Cities Service Co., the four compa-
nies whose natural gas activities
may be subjected to a senatorial
probe as a result of a preliminary
investigation now being conducted by
11 Midwestern cities are among the
largest of the country's corporate
giants.

The Columbia Gas & Electric
Corp.'s basic and dominating in-
terest is in the production and dis-
tribution of gas, principally natural
gas, in which field it ranks among
the leading units in the industry.
Total gross revenues for 1933
aggregated \$74,453,000, of which ap-
proximately 65 per cent was pro-
duced from gas.

Seven Operating Divisions

Properties of the system are lo-
cated in the East and Middle West
and are grouped into seven major
operating divisions, six of which are
centered about these cities: Cincinnati,
Dayton and Columbus, all in Ohio;
Charleston, W. Va.; Pittsburgh, Pa., and
Binghamton, N. Y., while the seventh embraces the pipe
line system connecting the gas fields
of Kentucky and West Virginia with the
Atlantic seaboard states.

Producing and gas reserve fields
owned at the close of 1933 amounted
to approximately 4,256,000 acres in
West Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio and
Pennsylvania. In addition, the com-
pany has large potential sources
through its interest in a pipe line
tapping the Panhandle areas of
Texas and Oklahoma.

At the close of 1933 Standard Oil
had current assets of \$150,500,000,
of which \$92,674,000 represented
cash. Net working capital at that
time totalled \$407,000. Net in-
come for 1933 amounted to more
than \$25,000,000, which was equivalent
to around 27 cents on the 25-
761,465 shares outstanding.

The Cities Service Co., 30 per
cent of the voting power of which
was held by Henry L. Doherty in
1931, controls comprehensive groups
of oil and gas producing and dis-
tributing companies, an extensive
group of public utility properties
and real estate holdings. In 1931,
it is stated, 24 per cent of the gross
revenues of the company came
from natural and manufactured gas.

In recent years, this company has
made important additions to its
natural gas properties. At the close
of last year these included some
15,570 miles of pipe line and dis-
tributing mains, including manu-
factured gas mains.

Serves Wisconsin Cities

The North American Co., one of
the largest public utility organizations
in the country, in addition to
providing electric power functions,
serves gas in Racine and Appleton,
Wis., and various other communities in
the Missouri-Illinois-Iowa group.

The company, through common
stock holdings, has 19 per cent interest
in Detroit Edison, which operates
in Detroit and adjacent territory,
and a 73 per cent interest in North
American Light & Power, which
serves Illinois, south central Iowa,
northern Missouri and north-
eastern Kansas.

At the close of 1933 the United
Corp., reputedly a Morgan com-
pany, owned 2,424,436 shares, or 21
per cent, of common stock of the
Columbia Gas & Electric Corp.
Shares of the company are listed on
the New York Stock Exchange.

Shows Profit in 1934

This system operates principally
in Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri,
Arkansas, Louisiana, Colorado, New
York and Ontario, Canada. Hold-
ings of the company also includes
a 27 per cent interest in the Natural
Gas Co. of America, which owns
a 900-mile pipe line from the
Texas Panhandle to the Chicago
district.

Net income of the company for
the first half of 1934 totalled \$2,979,-
000, contrasted with a deficit of
\$317,749 in the corresponding
period of the preceding year.

Total funded debt of the company
as of June 30, 1934, the consolidated
balance sheet of the company
showed total assets of \$883,022,000.
Property and plant was valued on
that date as valued at \$672,043,-
427, including a 50 per cent invest-
ment in the Capital Transit Co.
Total funded debt of the company
and its subsidiaries aggregated
\$311,791,000. Gross earnings for the
year ended June 30, 1934, aggregated
\$102,528,972, while net income came
to \$10,713,049.

Gas Business Increasing

Although gas and transportation
operations of North American Co.
subsidiaries are relatively small
compared with the electric business,
they are increasing. In the second
quarter of last year gas output ex-
panded 8.23 per cent over the cor-
responding period of the year before.

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on the New York Stock Exchange.

The Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey,
although for some time the
leading domestic petroleum enter-
prise, has, in recent years, been

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