

## SPRIT OF HUEY STALKS PARLEY OF OARP GROUP

His Aid, the Rev. Smith, Seen as New Leader of Movement.

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CLEVELAND, July 18.—Huey Long still lives! The transmission is through the broad-shouldered, stocky person of the Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith, the wavy-haired, evangelical politico, rabblerouser extraordinary, who learned his tricks at Huey's feet and who is rising so rapidly to the top of the Townsend Plan heap that he ought to be its leader before this convention is over.

Already the gaunt Dr. Francis E. Townsend gives the appearance of being the preacher's shadow. The Rev. Smith seems to be pulling most of the wires, while the doctor goes through the motions. He is constantly at the doctor's side. He looks to be the successor to Robert Clements, co-founder with Dr. Townsend.

Dr. Townsend began to clear away the obstacles to Mr. Smith's succession when he announced his intention to oust Gomer Smith of Oklahoma, vice president, who did two things in a convention speech which aroused him and the minister. He ridiculed the Rev. Smith and scoffed at his claims of 6,000,000 "Share-the-Wealth" Club members and, second, he announced his support of President Roosevelt.

So, with the preacher at his side, Dr. Townsend said he intended to throw Gomer Smith out of the order. The board of directors was expected to meet today.

Crusade Against F. D. R.

Accordingly, the lines seem to be laid to transform the \$200-a-month pension plan into a crusading vigilante crusade against Franklin Roosevelt, a scheme that eventually may split the Townsend Plan wide open, for many Townsends, especially in the South and on the Pacific Coast, have a soft spot in their hearts for the man in the White House.

If the fight over Mr. Roosevelt doesn't split the movement, then it may break on the rocks of too many prima donnas. It is full of them and they are rather rugged individuals.

Whatever happens in the way of a third party here—and an open declaration does not seem likely for the Lemke-O'Rourke ticket—a tacit alliance already has been worked out between the Townsend movement, the Lemke third party, Father Charles E. Coughlin's National Union for Social Justice and the remnants of the "share-the-wealth" organization, under the Rev. Smith.

Four to Four Nation

As a result, the next few weeks will see a barnstorming of the country, with four very effective speakers evangelizing—Rep. William Lemke, Dr. Townsend, Father Coughlin and the Rev. Smith. They are going troupng together, it was

rumored, whether there are rifts in the organized ranks or not, these four may be able to do a lot of damage to President Roosevelt for they are united in their opposition to the chief executive. Each has a group to which he can appeal and with which he has influence.

The observer gets the impression that the effect of the Townsend Plan and the allied movements are stronger than many have thought.

Not the least contributory factor is the growing Fascist color evident in the convention progresses.

Iron Hand Discipline

This is apparent in two ways. First is the autocratic discipline from the top exemplified in the prompt and brusque move against Gomer Smith, denoting a strict censorship despite protestations of free speech and continued emphasis that the Townsend Plan is not concerned with candidates for President but with increasing its strength in Congress.

Second, is the blind faith, the docility of the followers who are imbued with a sort of fanaticism which accepts every word as gospel. Not to be overlooked in accounting the influence of the Townsend Plan and allied groups is the religious element. From the church have come Father Coughlin, the Rev. Smith and Dr. Clinton Wunder of New York, the last-named a potent factor in the Townsend Plan organization, keynoter of last year's convention.

Many Pastors Present

Scores of preachers are scattered through the convention, as was demonstrated when a show of ministerial hands was requested. They are of the fighting evangelist type, able to sway crowds.

The Rev. Smith is typical, always with his hip-pocket Bible handy. A man who knows just the proper time to shuck his coat and collar, who walks up into a sweat becoming a thorough master of mob psychology known exactly how to bring the crowd to its feet.

Gomer Smith satisfied him to the amusement of the convention by announcing as he started his speech that he was not going to remove his coat, collar or tie during his whole address, "nor shall I take out of my pocket a Bible to constitute the word of God."

Coughlin Sways Crowd

Father Coughlin has but few equals in tuning up a crowd. He literally swept the convention into hysteria. He, too, pitched aside his coat and his clerical collar and went after his audience with all the vigor of an Irish bricklayer.

As a phrase-maker he excels, also, giving the convention the cue with his snarling "Franklin Double-Crossing Roosevelt."

No, Huey Long still lives!

And works—through a Protestant minister and a Catholic priest.

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THIS WAS A SPARKLING LAKE BEFORE THE DROUGHT



Where waters of a lake rippled in other years, only this parched, cracked bed remains, dotted here and there with stagnant alkaline pools, grim evidence of the toll taken by the blazing heat and drought that have ravaged northwest and middle west. It is near Bismarck, N. D.

## BOND PETITION GETS APPROVAL

Retirement of Debt Reason for 14-Million-Dollar Utility Issue.

Issuance of \$13,827,000 worth of 3 1/2 per cent first mortgage bonds by the Indianapolis Water Co. was approved yesterday by the Public Service Commission. The bonds, due in 1966, are to be sold at not less than 98 per cent of their face value, the commission ruled.

Proceeds of the issue are to be used to retire the outstanding fund debt of the company. The company's original petition called for selling the bonds at not less than 96 1/2 per cent. The commission raised the minimum to 98 to insure sufficient funds to cover the outstanding debt.

The water company is to pay the Indiana state treasurer \$4,567.50 intangibles tax on the issue.

## RULES CONTROLLER MAY HOLD 2 JOBS

Attorney General Answers Michigan City Query.

By United Press

The Sanitary Board of Michigan City may employ the city controller as its treasurer in the operation of the sewage disposal plant, Atty. Gen. Philip Lutz Jr. held today.

In an opinion directed to William P. Cosgrove, chief examiner of the board of accounts, Mr. Lutz said: "The sanitary board is free to employ such controller as may be reasonable and necessary."

He declared that the sewage disposal plant was not a public utility as defined in the Indiana Public Service Commission Act of 1913 and amendment of 1933, and that its administrative officials, as result were not subject to terms of the city classification act of 1933.

The city classification act prescribed conditions under which city officials might receive additional salaries for administration of "public utilities."

## JOHN F. REES HEADS RECRUITING STATION

Native of Kentucky Succeeds Lieut. Commander Hoover.

Lieut. Commander John F. Rees has assumed charge of the United States Navy Recruiting Station at 730 E. Washington-st., succeeding Lieut. Commander G. B. Hoover, who has been ordered to the U. S. S. Utah as executive officer.

Commander Rees, a native of Kentucky, was graduated from the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis in 1919, and has served in Atlantic, Pacific, European and Asiatic stations.

Eliza E. Montgomery, son of Mrs. John E. Montgomery, 1322 E. Kappel, is on an 18-day leave of absence from the Naval Training Station at Great Lakes, Ill., where he has completed a three-month training period. He enlisted here April 14.

## PENALTY IS LIGHTENED

Once Fired, Policeman Is Given Hearing and Drawn Suspension.

Irvin Chapel, police radio operator, has been suspended until Aug. 1, by the Safety Board.

Mr. Chapel, charged with neglect of duty and insubordination, was dismissed May 29, but the order was rescinded and a hearing was given before the trial board Tuesday.

Commands Artillery

Maj. Emil W. McCoy, Indianapolis, has been named to command the 326th Field Artillery, Second Battalion, reporting today for two-week training with the Citizens Military Training Camp at Fort Benjamin Harrison.

## Bucket Brigade

This is a preliminary report on what's been going on at Fire Station 13 these hot nights.

Two firemen will be seated comfortably in their chairs under a tree at Kentucky and Maryland-sts. From the top of the first station there will come a drenching two buckets full of water.

Then the water war is on. Every one grabs a bucket and soaks every one else. Pretty soon every one's pretty wet and nobody cares how much water he gets.

Then the game is to get the other fellow to soak you, and thus get relief from the heat. Firemen say it's lots of fun, going around putting out personal fires for each other.

Take Over Lodge Hall

WABASH, Ind., July 18.—Unable to finance the debt, members of the Elks Lodge here voted to give bondholders their temple, built in 1924 at a cost of \$250,000.

Fractions

William R. Smith, taxi owner, has quite a problem on his hand. It involves the question: How much is 25 per cent of two?

The new city taxi ordinance provides that a company may expand its fleet up to 25 per cent. Mr. Smith is a driver for the Union Cab Co., a firm whose drivers own their own cars.

Mr. Smith owned two cabs.

He sought a license for a third taxi, but City Controller Walter Boettcher turned him down, pointing out that 25 per cent of two cabs is not one.

Superior Judge Joseph T. Markey is expected to hear Mr. Smith's protest today.

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## LAST RITES FOR WILLIAM KINNEY ARRANGED HERE

Retired Western Union Co. Accountant Dies After Illness.

WILLIAM F. KINNEY, who retired June 1 as local revenue accountant for the Western Union Telegraph Co., died yesterday in St. Vincent's Hospital after an illness of two weeks.

Funeral services are to be held at the home of a nephew, Frank Kinney, 3634 Kenwood-av., at 8:30 a. m. Monday. Burial is to be in Holy Cross.

Mr. Kinney, who was 61, was a lifelong resident of Indianapolis and had been employed by the Western Union since 1891. He was a brother of the late Jerry Kinney, former Indianapolis police chief, and lived at the old Kinney family home, 523 W. St. Clair-st.

Besides the nephew, he is survived by a niece, Mrs. Elizabeth Kinney, in Indianapolis.

MRS. SARAH A. WINTERROWD, who died yesterday in Methodist Hospital of injuries suffered when she fell Sunday at her home, 523 W. 42d-st., is to be buried at Plainfield tomorrow morning after funeral services in the Royce-Ashkin Mortuary at 9 o'clock.

Mrs. Winterrowd was born in Sullivan County and had lived in Indianapolis eight years. She was 65, and was the widow of Harry S. Winterrowd. Survivors are four children, Effie, John, Joseph and Alice Winterrowd, all of Indianapolis.

MRS. KATHERINE M. GRIFFIN, a resident of Indianapolis 43 years, died yesterday at her home, 4110 Ruckle-st., after an illness of six weeks.

A list of Marion County institutions qualified to make insured mortgage loans under the Federal Housing Administration was issued today by R. Earl Peters, state FHA director.

The list was issued, Mr. Peters said, because of numerous requests coming into his office. The institutions are:

American State Insurance Co., Arsenal Building and Loan Association, Bankers Trust Co., Builders Finance Corp., Fidelity Trust Co., First Federal Savings and Loan Association, Fletcher Trust Co., W. H. Fleming Agency, Union Central Life Insurance Co., Indianapolis Morris Plan, Indiana National Bank.

The Indiana Trust Co., Grain Dealers Mutual Fire Insurance Co., the Indianapolis Mutual State Bank, Northwestern State Bank, People's State Bank, Provident Building and Loan Association, Reserve Loan Life Insurance Co., Railroadmen's Federal Savings and Loan Association, Security Trust Co., State Life Insurance Co., Oaklandland State Bank of Oakland.

MRS. MARY E. NEWBY, who died Thursday at the home of a son, Ralph E. Newby, 201 S. Arlington-av., after a short illness, was to be buried in Crown Hill this afternoon following funeral services at Mr. Newby's home at 1:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Newby was the widow of Francis Newby. She was 81. Besides Ralph, survivors include another son, Mont H. Newby; a daughter, Mrs. Alta Wright; a brother, Mont Bonner, all of Indianapolis, and two sisters, Mrs. William Bedford, Indianapolis, and Mrs. Laura Critter, Toledo, Kas.

INDIANA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE WILL MEET

Official From 10 Counties Hold Regional Meeting Tuesday.

By United Press

RICHMOND, Ind., July 18.—Mayors and clerk-treasurers of cities in 10 counties are to attend a regional meeting of the Indiana Municipal League here Tuesday.

The league's legislative program and a plan to obtain action from the new General Assembly favorable to the league are to be discussed. A round-table conference on municipal problems will be held.

President of the league is Mayor William Dentlinger, Connersville. Mayor W. Vincent Youkey, Crown Point, is executive secretary.

Cities in Wayne, Henry, Hancock, Fayette, Union, Franklin, Rush, Carroll, Shelby and Bartholomew Counties will be represented.

M'CARL FOR LANDON FOLLOWING PARLEY

Former Controller General Terms Him Sanely Progressive.

By United Press

TOPEKA, Kas., July 18.—J. R. McCarl, long the watchdog of the treasury as controller general, today struck a blow for Gov. Alf M. Landon as a climax to his criticism of New Deal spending.

Mr. McCarl, a Republican, emerged from a two-hour conference with the Governor yesterday and issued a 400-word statement lauding the Kansas executive as "sanely progressive" and not likely to be "tempted toward fantastic experiments."

## MILK BOARD ISSUES EMERGENCY ORDER

Ruling for Putnam County to Be Effective Monday.

The State Milk Control Board in an emergency order set prices to be paid milk producers and dealers in the Putnam County marketing area. The order, made yesterday, is to become effective Monday.

Under the new schedule pints are to retail for 6 cents and wholesale for 5 cents. Raw milk is to retail at 32 1/2 cents a gallon and wholesale for 30 cents for 30 cents.

Prices to be paid producers for class one milk will be \$2 per hundredweight, and the national evaporated cows price for class two milk.

Live Wire Kills Hunter

POPLAR BLUFF, Mo., July 18.—Lawrence Martin, 21, climbed a pole after a squirrel grabbed the animal just as it jumped to a wire.

The youth was knocked from the pole by a 33,000 volt shock. He died within a few hours.

Edward B. Raub, Pres.

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## STATE WOMAN WRITES, PRINTS BINDS, SELLS HER OWN POEMS

Nashville Artist Publishes Collection, Doing all the Work in Hoosier Shop.

Nelle Merrill, Indiana artist, was in Indianapolis today, prepared to market copies of her "one-woman" publishing enterprise, a book of poems entitled "Gold Fillings."

Type-setter, engraver, printer