

G. O. P. OPENS DRIVE TO GET RECOUNT FUND

Seeks \$15,000 From County Groups to Finance Investigations.

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Axby will represent the Governor in making the tabulations.

Mr. Hooper said that tabulations will not be completed in the 92 counties in this State for about two weeks, but that returns already certified to the Secretary of State's office will be marked on a chart for public inspection as soon as they have been triple checked.

The committee, following a report of a special legal committee, appointed Saturday, adopted motions outlining the following course of action:

1. Filing of recount petitions in the Circuit Courts of Lake, Marion, Sullivan, Vanderburgh, Vermillion and Vigo Counties, by this Saturday.

2. Selection of a commission to co-ordinate and direct the recount.

3. Appointment of Robert D. Armstrong, of the law firm of Noel, Hickam, Boyd and Armstrong, as counsel for the Republican State candidates during the proceedings.

Financing Authorized

4. Authorization of Felix McWhirter, Republican State Treasurer, to bear the expenses of the investigation, including the payment of premiums on surety bonds to be posted with courts where recount petitions are filed, out of money collected by contributions.

5. Filing of quo warranto (by what right) proceedings about Jan. 1, 1938, contesting the right of the candidates to take office.

6. Appointment of investigators to gather evidence in the six counties on alleged registration and election irregularities and to collect affidavits from persons having knowledge of irregularities.

As Republicans prepared to take recount action for their defeated candidates, Edward D. Koneman, Evansville, apparently defeated Democratic candidate for Secretary of State, was to confer today with Attorney General Omer Stokes Jackson to arrange for a recount of ballots in several counties.

Other recounts sought

Democratic state leaders were quoted as saying that they would ask a recount in Wayne, Randolph and Porter Counties, which returned Republican majorities according to unofficial tabulations.

The only major candidate of either party apparently satisfied with the result of the election was U. S. Senator VanNus, who issued the following statement over the week-end:

"It is my belief that I was elected to the U. S. Senate by a majority of the lawful votes in the last general election in Indiana. The returns show this to be the fact and validity of these returns cannot properly be challenged by mere political propaganda.

"My opponent (Raymond E. Willis) honestly believes that he was elected to the Senate of the United States, he has full opportunity to attempt to prove that fact by competent evidence in a tribunal duly constituted to decide that controversy."

"I have no knowledge of the existence of any irregularities or fraud in the election. I have tried to conduct my campaign honestly and I have heard no claim asserted even by my most partisan critics that I have been guilty of fraud or the use of dishonest means."

The Senator said that he did not desire to retain office if his opponent could establish the fact that he was chosen, but insisted that the issue be decided by an investigation and hearing.

He said he has retained the law firm of Thompson & Rabb and Daily, O'Neal, Dailey and Ebyromson to represent his interests in the controversy.

Funds Sought

Immediately following yesterday's meeting, Arch N. Bobbitt, G. O. P. state chairman, telephoned requests to the 92 Republican chairmen in the State to begin raising funds immediately.

Each county will be asked to contribute about \$200, which would raise a total fund of \$18,800 to finance the investigation for which \$15,000 is needed.

Excess money will be used to further contest proceedings in January, Mr. Bobbitt said.

Federal action in impounding ballots in the counties under investigation was postponed, pending action by the State courts.

Judge Noel Neal, campaign manager of Raymond E. Willis, apparently defeated G. O. P. Senatorial candidate, said county clerks were responsible for preserving ballots and voting machines under the State law.

"Wherever we find that ballots and machines have not been preserved," he said, "we will move forward in the State and Federal Courts."

Arthur Rogers, of Washington, G. O. P. nominee for the State Supreme Court from the first district and member of the State Committee's legal committee for the investigation, said that the committee contemplated no action in Federal District Court on behalf of Republican State candidates.

The State candidates, he said, can file their recount petitions in the State Courts.

Must Gather Evidence

"The U. S. Senate," he said, "will act for Mr. Willis. We must gather evidence through this recount to show a Senate committee that there was fraud in this election."

"I personally feel that this election has been won by the Republican State ticket."

Paul R. Bausman, editor of the Washington (Ind.) Herald read a telegram from Foster Riddick, Republican Editorial Association president, pledging the association's full support in the investigation.

First contributor to the investigation fund was John G. Zazas, who

Wrecked Trains in Which Many Fans Were Hurt



Many football fans were injured when two special trains from Chicago collided in South Bend. None was hurt seriously, and most of

the fans were able to go to the Notre Dame-Minnesota game after hospital treatment. Photo shows the wreckage of the two special trains.

'Good Citizen' Wins High Praise. 13 Killed in Indiana Accidents

'A Fine Thing,' Judge Tells Youth Who Nabbed Alleged Drunk.

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A "good citizen" received the praise of Municipal Judge Charles J. Karabell today for helping apprehend an alleged drunken driver.

The Indianapolis traffic victim was John Paul Love, 30.

At South Whitley, funeral services were to be held Wednesday for Mrs. Cecil Richardson, 48, who died yesterday after being struck by an automobile driven by Robert Brower.

21. Brower is being held on charges of reckless driving and driving without a license, police said.

"I saw he wasn't going to stop," Mr. Isaacs explained, "so I took out after him. I followed him to a traffic light where we stopped, and I went over to his car. He hit me. I took his ignition key out, but it didn't stop the motor."

"Good for You"

"He bumped into two other cars and drove away. I followed him and finally caught him and held him until the police came."

"Good for you," Judge Karabell said. "You are to be congratulated. If we had all people like you, we would break up this drunken driving."

Branding the alleged offense, "a vicious ease," the Judge ruled Gray born \$50 and costs and sentenced him to 180 days on the State Penal Farm on the drunken driving charge, and fined him \$25 and costs and sentenced him to 180 days on the State Farm on charges of being drunk.

His driver's license was revoked for one year.

gave Mr. McWhirter \$100 at the close of the meeting.

William G. Irwin, Columbus, Ind., capitalist and Republican National Committeeman from Indiana, asserted that the investigation "should be financed by popular contributions in small amounts."

Mr. McWhirter said that no anonymous contributions would be accepted.

Indiana's 12 Congressional districts were represented at the meeting by members of the State Committee. Several candidates, including Mr. Jewett and Forest A. Harrelson, victorious Fifth District Republican Congressional candidate, were present; Mr. Bobbitt was chairman.

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SLOT MACHINE EDICT LAUDED BY MINISTERS

State Police Get Orders to Begin Confiscation Drive On Gaming Devices.

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It has been to wait until requests for aid have been received from local law enforcement officials before making gambling or vice raids.

The Indianapolis Ministers Association, the Women's Christian Temperance Union and the Indiana Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church were among the organizations which passed resolutions asking State Police action against all forms of gambling.

Commenting on the Governor's order, Chief Morrissey said he did not know whether there were any machines in Indianapolis, but added that "he would be glad to receive any information on them."

Governor Complimented

Dr. S. Grundy Fisher, Ministers Association president and pastor of the University Park Christian Church, complimented the Governor on his stand.

The text of Mr. Heller's letter to Mr. Stiver follows:

"Several complaints have reached this office concerning the operation of slot machines in certain counties in Indiana. Some time ago, Governor Townsend issued a statement asking the co-operation of all law enforcement agencies in ridding Indiana of these machines."

"The Governor has directed me to ask you to issue a general order to all State Police to confiscate all slot machines in operation in Indiana on and after Nov. 15, 1938, and immediately to file charges against the operators."

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He had remarried and had two sons. His former wife, who believed him dead and collected his insurance, also remarried.

The man was Davis R. McDonald, former wealthy Pittsburgh broker and wartime aviator. He was arrested as John Edgar Davis after a check he wrote was not honored by the bank. A routine check of his fingerprints by the Federal Bureau of Investigation revealed his identity.

"I was in trouble when I disappeared," he said to John Hanson of the Los Angeles FBI office. "I fully intended to commit suicide and I should have gone ahead with it. But I was a coward."

that this order remain in effect, without exceptions, as long as he is Governor."

KING TO ARRIVE MAY 15

LONDON, Nov. 14 (U. P.)—King George and Queen Elizabeth will arrive in Quebec for a state visit to Canada and the United States on May 15, Buckingham Palace announced today. After visiting in Washington their majesties will leave from Halifax about June 10.

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