

Politics

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State Auditor Richard T. James is expected to toss his hat formally into the G. O. P. lieutenant governorship contest within the next few days.

Mr. James was unanimously endorsed by his home district, the fifth, "for anything he wants" at a caucus here Saturday. Acting District Chairman Early Merry made it plain that the "anything" was an endorsement by the district.

The lieutenant governorship nomination is the usual prelude to a formal announcement. While there are a number of prospective candidates for the nomination for the No. 2 state job, there have as yet been no formal announcements. Considerable campaigning has been done, however, by State Senator Clyde Black, Logansport; Rep. Glen Sienker, Monticello; and Mayor John Hampton of Muncie. Lt. Gov. Charles Dawson, who is considered a possible candidate for renomination, says he expects to make up his mind shortly on what he will do. He is being urged to seek the Republican congressional nomination from this district.

Opposition Fading

Mr. James, observers agree, is the man to beat in this race and there are many who believe that, unless Lt. Gov. Dawson gets in, he will have no opposition at convention time.

Senator Black and Rep. Sienker hurt the chances of the other since they come from the same district, the second, and Mayor Hampton is well known throughout the state.

Mr. James, who at 34 is completing his second term as state auditor, is organizationally very strong. His district will have the second largest block of delegates in the state convention and he has more than a dozen county chairmen throughout the state working for him now in the gasoline inspection and store license divisions.

G. O. P. Meet Overflows

To use the vernacular, the Republican editorial association meeting here Saturday was something. It wasn't so long ago that one couldn't have imagined there were so many Republicans in the state. But with the smell of victory in the air, every man and his brother who has a dream of getting to be postmaster, deputy collector of internal revenue, state welfare worker or member of the state parole board turned out to show his interest in the party's welfare.

The editorial association had to have two extra batches of tickets printed for the banquet and finally had to send 25 would-be diners down to the main dining room at the Claypool to eat—couldn't even seat them in the lobby outside the banquet room.

Resolution Blocked

The major fireworks of the week-end came Friday night when Henry Marshall, Lafayette publisher and Willie-hater, launched a move to get the G. O. P. state committee to adopt a pro-Dewey resolution the next day. State Chairman Ralph Gates, who so far has successfully kept the fuse from being lighted on the presidential keg of dynamite in this state, immediately swung into action, called the committee into session informally and there convinced his colleagues that they couldn't afford to permit such a resolution to even be introduced because they would either have to vote for or against it.

More Entries Indicated

ODDS AND ENDS: Concerning reports that he will be a candidate for state auditor, Deputy State Auditor Ross Teckmeyer says, "I am not a candidate as of today." Emmett LaRue, former Jasper county G. O. P. chairman, likely will be a candidate for a supreme court judge.

War Changes for Fortress Gunner as His Buddies Die

SGT. JOHN S. CHIDDER, 21, a gunner, rode the Flying Fortress, "Heaven's Angels," over Germany many times. For John and his buddies the war among the clouds was an impersonal thing. They never saw the enemy. Once, returning to England, they flew so high John's eardrum burst. On the next mission, the Fortress went over Germany without him. It didn't come back. This changed the war for John Chidder. He wrote to his father, John Chidder, of Columbus, O., telling what the war means to him now.

This is his letter:

Dear Dad: Here is the letter that you've been waiting for so long. Dad, my crew got knocked down. They went out on a raid, but never came back.

I didn't go because I'm grounded, and I guess I should be thankful for my bum ear, but I'm not! I couldn't write to you about it before because we are not allowed to. The government has to notify their parents first. I knew I couldn't write to you without mentioning it, so I didn't write. I feel pretty damned bad about it, Dad, as I figure I should have been along. My best buddies went down with that ship, Pop, and I'm not forgetting it. This is a personal war for me now, Dad, and I mean it. Before I was fighting for one thing, to come home. Now I'm out for blood. I'm fighting to kill. The more Germans I kill, the happier I'll be.

I cried like a baby when they came in after the clothes of the boys to send home. It wasn't a pretty sight, I assure you. I saw on Charley's uniform that he'd get shot, and I'm not going

to rest until I do. I only hope that they don't get me before my mission is completed. That's how I feel, Dad. I can't help it. I just learned what war really is.

That's the story, Pop, and please try and understand why I couldn't write before.

Am still in the hospital, but I hope to be out soon. In your last letter you told me you were promoted in the shop. Thought you were up one on your boy, eh Pop? I think I'm one up on you, because, as you will notice by my return address, I have been promoted to a sergeant. What do you think of your boy now? Dad, if this race between father and son continues, you'll be president of Bonney's, and I'll be a general before this war ends. I had to mix a little good news with the bad, and all I've got to say is that now is my chance to prove that I'm worthy of my promotion.

That's all for now, Dad. Please explain to Mom and my beloved sisters. Be good to take care of yourselves, and God bless you all. Love to all, John.

National Politics—

ASK MOTHERS TO URGE WAR VOTE

Republicans Open 'Letters-To-Servicemen' Drive to Block F. D. R.

WASHINGTON, March 13 (U. P.).—Rep. Charles E. Halleck (R. Ind.) last night urged Republican women to join a letters-to-servicemen campaign to get the soldier vote for the G. O. P. and to block a fourth term for President Roosevelt.

He told the closing session of a three-day advisory board meeting of the National Federation of Women's Republicans clubs that the new deal was using "every possible propaganda medium" to get the soldier vote. The proper antidote, he said, would be for Republicans to write and "tell the boys the truth about the manner in which the administration has misused its powers."

Chairman Harrison Spangler of the Republican National committee warned that the "American way of life" faced its greatest threat in a hundred years through administration attempts to regiment the people, "tamper with the constitution" and undermine the faith of the people in congress.

Mrs. Clyde Corbin, national chairman of the Young Republican National Federation, said the party in the next few weeks will start a drive to get the vote of first-time voters in colleges, offices and on the farms.

Advisory board resolutions commended the 78th congress for its "reassertion of independence and initiative" and denounced the administration for making a "political football of the soldier vote."

Ralph Roberts

WASHINGTON, March 13.—Ralph Roberts, Rockport, chief doorkeeper of the house of representatives, does not intend to seek the Democratic nomination for congress in the 83rd Indiana district he declared today.

It had been reported that he might do so and he admitted talking with several district leaders regarding the matter.

"I certainly would not go through a primary contest to get it," Mr. Roberts said. "Should the Democratic organization decide I should run and no opposition arise, I could be drafted to take it, of course. Otherwise, I am not interested."

A world war I veteran and A. E. F. marine, Mr. Roberts has been a house employee for 20 years. His present job is rated as one of the highest in the house and he has an expansive office and is in charge of a staff of 40.

He succeeded the late Joseph Sinnott. One of Mr. Roberts' assignments is to announce the arrival of messages from the President, the President himself or the senate and supreme court members, when extraordinary sessions are held in the house.

Alben Barkley

PITTSBURGH, March 13 (U. P.).—The necessity of unity, co-operation and understanding among mankind was stressed by Senator Alben W. Barkley in an address here before 1200 at the annual banquet of the Dapper Dan club.

The Kentucky senator, who recently caused a political stir by his revolt against the President's veto of the tax bill, spoke here last night. He made only casual references to politics.

"The recent tax bill was not satisfactory to anyone—we hope to do better next time" was his only allusion to his recent protest to the President's veto, which was overriden.

The senator would not make any predictions as to the length of the war. "We know victory is certain, the war will last until we have achieved victory on every front," he said.

The audience was urged to strive for an era in which men shall be guaranteed the right to labor, the right to share in profits and the right to enjoy the four freedoms. The senate majority leader warned that unless we advance in the enjoyment of democracy, our soldiers will have fought in vain.

Burton K. Wheeler

CINCINNATI, O., March 13 (U. P.).—Two definite steps are necessary if a United States of Europe is formed as the basis for a lasting peace, Senator Burton K. Wheeler (D. Mont.) said yesterday in a radio address.

"First," Wheeler said in advocating such a plan, "is the maintenance of the countries of eastern Europe between the Baltic and Aegean seas as independent communities and their integration as an organic whole."

Second, he said, is further restriction of German influence in Europe "by a federal organization of western Europe and the integration of Germany into this new order—such federation to be based on human liberty and national equality after the pattern of Switzerland."

IRVIN S. COBB RITES BEING HELD TODAY

NEW YORK, March 13 (U. P.).—Private funeral services for Irvin S. Cobb, humorist and author, will be held this afternoon.

Hitler Missing At 5th 'Heroes Day' Memorial

LONDON, March 13 (U. P.).—Adm. Karl Doenitz, commander in chief of the German navy, told the German people yesterday in the fifth observance of "war Heroes Day" that Germany was fighting for her very existence but promised that the struggle would be brought to a "victorious conclusion."

It was the first time since the war started that Adolf Hitler did not address the German people on "War Heroes Day." Two years ago, Hitler predicted a quick victory over Russia. Last year he said the German army passed the crisis on the eastern front which would lead to victory.

Doenitz admitted that the allies had built up formidable forces against Germany, but assured the people that no "decisive penetration" had been made.

67 SEIZED HERE IN POLICE RAIDS

Gambling and Liquor Law Violations—Head List Of Charges.

The police department stepped up its raiding forays during the week-end, arresting 67 persons on charges ranging from gambling and liquor law violations to vagrancy.

Heading the list was the well-known Lucky 13 club, 46 N. Pennsylvania st., which for several months had been operating under a temporary restraining order against police until dissolved recently.

Arrested there were Herman Higgs, 4809 E. 21st st., alleged club president, on charges of liquor law violation and failure to have a dance permit, and George Cogdall, 119 Cecil ave., also charged with liquor law violation, and an unidentified woman charged with drunkenness, disorderly conduct and vagrancy.

50 Ordered to Leave

Fifty other persons in the club rooms were ordered to leave the place. Gambling charges were filed today against 31 persons arrested in a raid yesterday on the Hotel Waiters, Cooks and Employees' association quarters at 424 N. California st.

George Hibbert was charged with keeping a gaming house and the others were charged with visiting a gaming place.

In 10 other raids, police squads arrested 33 persons, charging them with gambling and violating the liquor laws.

State excise police added two more to the week-end list when they raided a place at 428 W. Pearl st., arresting Mrs. Kate Murphy and William Sterling on liquor law violation charges.

BADGE AWARDS SET FOR JUNIOR POLICE

Brightwood junior police will be the first of the city's civilian defense youth organizations to be officially inducted and given their badges. Ceremonies will be held at 3:15 p. m. tomorrow at school 51 and at the same time Thursday at school 73. Police Chief Clifford Becker will present the badges; Fire Chief H. H. Pulmer will deputize the boys as fire inspectors and Harry E. Yockey, city O.C.D. director, will welcome them into the organization. Other guests will be Paul V. Brown, park head; Emmett Rice, youth activities director of city schools, and the two school principals.

DOG BACK FROM WAR IS HOME FRONT HERO

Patty, an honorable discharged member of the K-9 corps, was a hero today.

The 2-year-old police dog and her puppy, Kippy, raced back and forth in their yard this morning, barking furiously.

When their mistress, Mrs. Henry Hoereth, 1137 S. Kenwood ave., came out to see what was wrong, she saw flames in the house next door, 1141 S. Kenwood ave. She called the fire department.

Charles Deaton, 19, was awakened by the fire in his home and jumped through a window. He was taken to City hospital and treated for cuts. His condition was reported not serious.

Firemen said the fire started in the kitchen when a kerosene stove exploded.

TWO FAMILIES ILL FROM FOOD POISON

Four adults and three children were suffering from food poisoning today after they ate a late lunch of sardines, beef and noodles at their home last night.

The 14 persons, all of whom live at 145 S. Arsenal ave., were Mr. and Mrs. Desco Welman and their 4-year-old daughter, Carol and Mrs. and Mrs. Clayton May and their two children, Bonnie May, 9, and Stanley, 6. The three Wellmans and the two May children were in a fair condition at the City hospital. Mr. and Mrs. May were treated at the hospital and returned home.

RIFFLE CLUB TO MEET

The Broad Ripple Business and Professional Women's association will meet at 8 p. m. tomorrow at the home of Dr. Gertrude Hinshaw, 6325 Guilford ave. Mrs. Paul Pratt is co-hostess.

FIRE DESTROYS BUTCHER SHOP

2 Firemen Hurt in Blaze That Causes Loss Set At \$10,000.

Five thousand pounds of meat went up in smoke yesterday as fire destroyed three buildings of a wholesale butcher shop in the rear of 3025 S. Rural st.

Damage was estimated at \$10,000 and two firemen were injured as they fought the flames which started in a smokehouse Saturday night and broke out anew early yesterday.

Butchering equipment, including meat slicers, scales, electric motors and a refrigerating unit were ruined, and Eugene Lutz, proprietor, said neither the equipment nor buildings were insured.

The second fire was believed to have started from the contact of burning embers with sawdust insulation packed in the walls of the refrigeration building.

Lt. John Ward, 1014 LeGrande ave., a member of the crew of Pumper 26, was in a fair condition at City hospital. He was injured when he was knocked off a table in the refrigeration building by the stream from high pressure hose.

Battalion Chief Frank A. Braun was cut on the face by flying bits of glass.

Water was hauled from Beech

County \$4,000,000 Over Top, Final War Loan Total Shows

Final tabulations of fourth war loan figures released today showed that Marion county's total was \$69,865,431.50, more than \$4,000,000 over the goal.

The state's final sales total was \$292,581,000, or 125% per cent of the goal.

County purchases of "E" bonds, known as the "people's bonds," were reported at \$12,561,781, more than \$500,000 over the goal, a record war loan total for this series. The total was 50 per cent higher than last

September's third war loan total. More than \$8,500,000 of the total resulted from the "buy-where-you-work" phase of the drive.

State "E" bond sales totaled \$81,011,000, or 108 per cent of the goal. Corporation purchases made up the bulk of the more than \$7,000,000 balance of sales in the county. Theaters were responsible for nearly \$500,000, and Boy Scouts and Cubs for \$1,500,000 in their house-to-house canvass. The Press club conducted a \$10,000,000 drive. Sales in downtown booths also were high.

Grove and pumped from a nearby gravel pit to help put out the fire.

TROOPSHIP LAUNCHED

KEARNY, N. J., March 13 (U. P.).—The Gen. M. C. Meigs, second giant troopship to be launched at the U. S. Steel Corp.'s federal shipyard here, slid down the ways yesterday after being christened by Mrs. Henry H. Arnold, wife of the commanding general of the U. S. army air forces.

CLEANING CO. SAFE ROBBED OF \$1100

Safecrackers cleaned one safe of \$1100 and another of \$60 worth of silverware this week-end.

L. H. McKowan, employee of the Franco-American Cleaning Co., 2835 Central ave., discovered that the company safe had been forced open and \$1100 taken when he went to work early today.

The silverware and several ration books were missing from the safe in the Frank Anderson restaurant, 1608 N. Illinois st.

Meanwhile, a purse snatcher, described as tall and slender, grabbed a purse containing \$33 from Mrs. Freda Hootor, 2860 Kenwood ave., as she was walking in front of the Columbia club early yesterday.

MEMORIAL SERVICE PLANNED

The 2d company, 3d battalion of the Indiana state guard will hold a memorial service for the late commander, Capt. Thomas R. Stewart, at 3 p. m. Sunday at the Northwestern community center. A service flag honoring members' relatives in service will be presented.

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