

ANOTHER BOMB IS HURLED INTO THE MAYORALTY RACE

DEUKER'S WITHDRAWAL TODAY ADDS GREAT STRENGTH
TO THE HARRIS FORCES AND TO A SLIGHT
EXTENT BENEFITS ZIMMERMAN.

EDWARD HARRIS IS NOW PICKED AS THE WINNER

Gordon's Friends Are Now Wavering, Realizing That Their
Candidate Now Has No Show to Win—Harris Men Confi-
dent and Are Pulling Together With Wonderful Strength
And Unity.

Harris gained still greater strength when another bomb was thrown into the Gordon and Zimmerman camps today by the withdrawal of Henry W. Deuker from the mayoralty race. The opinion of everyone on the streets today was that this adds great strength to Harris's following. And it is now more than ever clearly a fight between Harris and Zimmerman with Harris having a little the best of it.

Henry Deuker's withdrawal came as a surprise to many of his most ardent supporters. Deuker has been looked upon throughout the campaign as a capable man, but he has not been making the showing expected of him, and friends advised him to get out. It is now recognized everywhere that Deuker's supporters will flock to Harris, and it strengthens the fact that he is the logical candidate of the party. Gordon does not expect to gain any strength by Deuker's withdrawal.

Harris and Zimmerman. With the last day of actual campaigning now arrived, it is apparent everywhere the struggle lies between Harris and Zimmerman. "Unite on Harris" is the slogan of those voters who do not wish to nominate Zimmerman, only to meet defeat at the polls. They know Gordon is clear out of the race and Harris has great strength.

Many shop men expressed themselves today that now that they were sure Harris could be played for a winner they were going to support him. They said that although they liked "Doc" on account of his goodfellowship, that they would not support him because they did not think he was the man for the office. They think that he had held public office long enough and should not have come out this time. They realize that Harris is a business man who will devote all his time to the office and that he is "clean as a bound's tooth," as Gordon said of him.

Gordon Too Erratic. The sober minded voter, who believes in conservatism and forethought has come to fear Gordon. He

has said in his speeches he has the tool to create public sentiment—meaning his newspaper. Any man who has read the past issues of the Item and seen the incendiary tactics of its editor have just cause to feel alarmed as to what might happen if the man who writes its editorials and directs the policy of its news columns were to become mayor. "Gordon would not be so much a mayor as a nightmare," said a man in a cigar store.

Assurances have come to Harris today from all kinds of sources that men are uniting on him. Business men have left their stores on the busiest day of the week, hunted him up and told him they are for him.

Harris Men Organized. Harris forces now are pulling on the cars with wonderful strength and unity. There has been no disconcerting element in his support. There has been no fear of boss rule. No Indianapolis newspaper man has been called in for a conference at the post-office. He has played the game fairly and squarely, played to win and is bound to win.

No stain can be placed on his character this late in the campaign without it being branded for what it is—a campaign lie.

Friends of Gordon, who has been his most active supporters were admitting today he is losing out fast. They see the hand writing before them and recognize it as that of the inevitable. "Gordon ought to withdraw now and let Harris and Zimmerman fight it out," remarked one of the staunchest republicans of the city today.

Inquiry made at different factories and in the business districts today showed Gordon has suffered a bad slump. The reproduction of his editorials of a few years ago attacking the light plant has proved a solar plexus blow to his chance.

"It's Harris to win from now on," is the slogan on every mouth today and there is a growing feeling that the hopes of his followers will be gratified.

DEMURRERS WERE SUSTAINED TODAY

Action Taken in a Railroad
Commission Case.

All demurrers of the defense in the case of the Cincinnati, Richmond and Fort Wayne railway company vs. the Railway Commission of Indiana, the Chicago & Erie and the Toledo, St. Louis and Western railways were sustained in circuit court this morning. The suit was brought to have set aside an order of the state commission given in settlement of a crossing controversy at Decatur.

The case had been on the docket of the local court for a year. In making his ruling the court said there is nothing in the contention of the plaintiff company and never has been. The priority of the railway commission will be hailed with delight by that organization.

GOVERNOR GOES TO SEE PRISON

To Inspect the Damage Done
By Storm.

Indianapolis, Ind., May 1.—Governor Marshall went to Michigan City today to attend the meeting of prison directors to take action for the repair of the wall blown down by a recent storm. The damage was estimated at \$11,000. The Plymouth company national guard was ordered to join the South Bend company to guard the opening in the wall.

DENIES SETTLEMENT.

Washington, May 1.—Count Ferdinand Colloredo Mann, of the Austrian legation, denied today that C. Oliver Taylor, his prospective millionaire father-in-law, has settled \$5,000,000 upon him. He will marry Miss

BILLY BLODGETT A GORDON PRESS AGENT ARRIVES

Indianapolis News Political
Dopester, Holds Confab
With Gordon and Spekenhiser
At the Postoffice.

A NEW LIGHT THROWN ON GORDON CAMPAIGN

Last Attempt of Gordon Is
Made to Circulate Cam-
paign Lies—Blodgett's Rec-
ord Is Well Known.

Billy Blodgett, political writer of the Indianapolis News, came to Richmond yesterday, evidently at the invitation of J. Bennett Gordon. Billy and Bennett held a conference with Al Spekenhiser, postmaster, in Spekenhiser's private office yesterday afternoon. Blodgett is noted throughout the state for the manner in which he misrepresents facts, when there is a purpose to be gained. Blodgett was here to get "information" about the local mayoralty race, and he could not have picked more likely men than these two to give him "information" regarding the "true situation." What kind of "information" will Billy have in the News tonight? It will be the same sort as that put forth several weeks ago. His story then showed a coloring favorable to Gordon. And it set forth campaign lies which Gordon wished to have put out in Richmond thinking they would hurt the other candidates.

His News Source. When Blodgett came to Richmond a few years ago to get political "information," he always visited certain men. At that time Gordon claimed they were machine men. He said that it was Harry Starr's "machine." Al Spekenhiser was said by Gordon to be one of the cogs in that machine. Is Gordon now trying to line up men he formerly opposed as belonging to the Starr machine? Is he trying to effect a "Starr" machine of his own? If so, for what purpose?

Gordon used to say "the machine" was not in politics for nothing. Electric light franchises, waterworks franchises and natural gas franchises will be required in the next four years. Does this same group of men now take up Gordon in order to again get control? Ed. Cates is buying up the waterworks stock. Ed. Cates is for Gordon. And he is said to be furnishing money for Gordon's campaign. Ed. Cates is a heavy stockholder in the Minck Brewing Co. Ed. Cates is Harry Starr's man, "Friday."

Harry Starr is a heavy stockholder in the Minck Brewing company. Lew Hiff, manager of the Minck Brewing Co., is doing all he can for Gordon. It is possible, after the way Bennett Gordon has fought these men and their tactics that he has performed another flip-flop and gone over to their camp? Corporation Backing. Several of the other largest stockholders in the waterworks company are doing all they can for Gordon. Gordon has boasted of the power he would have in influencing the public mind through his newspaper in case he was made mayor. For this reason alone he would be dangerous. The Palladium has quoted portions from editorials showing Gordon has always fought the Municipal Light Plant and it is said he has done this on account of being favorable to the Light, Heat & Power Co., a corporation.

Coming back to Billy Blodgett, his veracity (or lack of it) is well known. It was at the Shelbyville republican convention that the chairman was petitioned by certain men to refuse Blodgett the privileges of the convention. They said he would not treat them fair, as he had been misrepresenting them in his writings.

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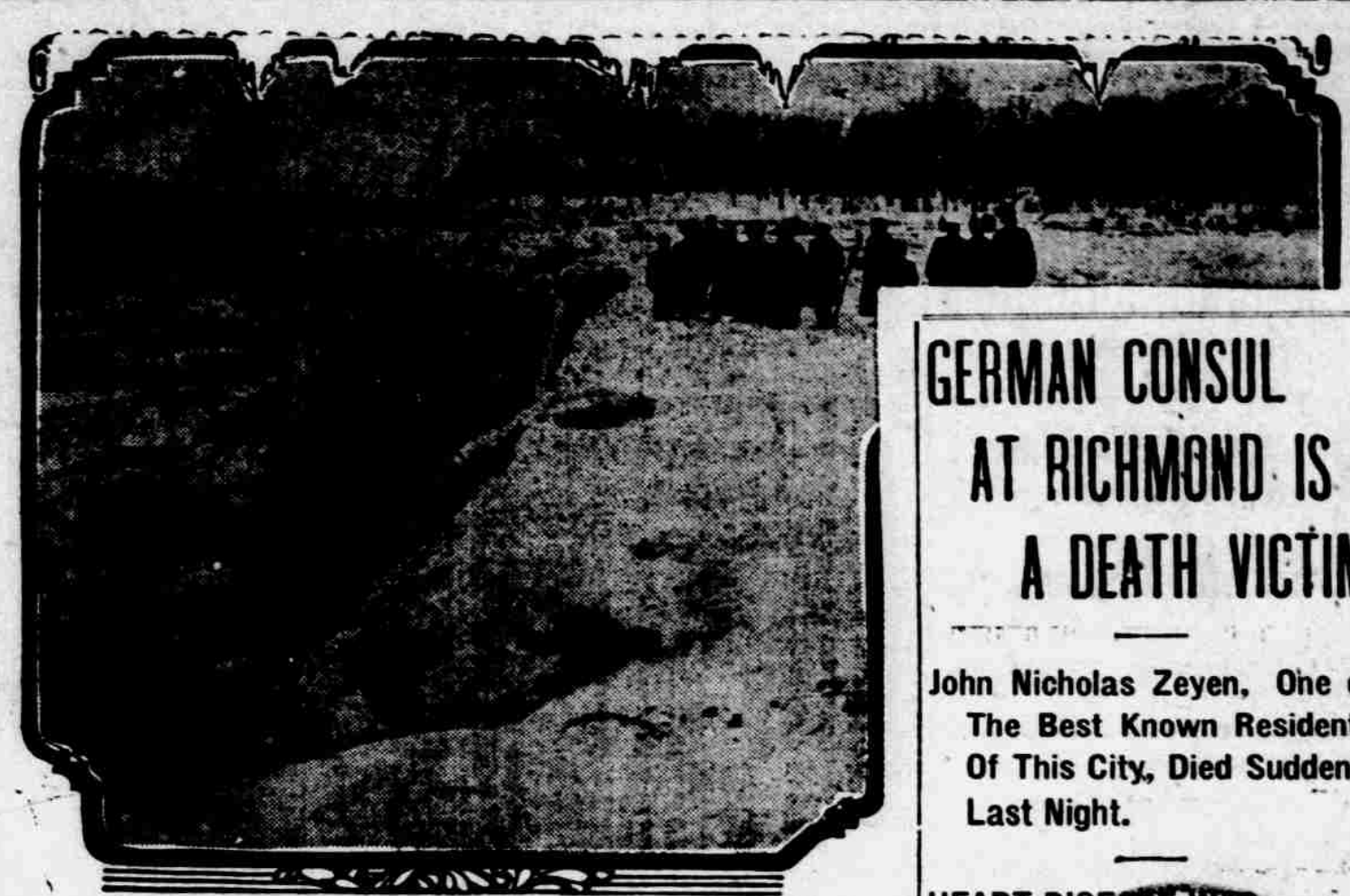
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In retiring from the race, I wish to express my obligation and thanks to all my friends, who have assisted me in my canvass, or expressed or indicated their preference for my candidacy.

Richmond, May 1st, 1909.

HENRY W. DEUKER.

RECENT ICE JAM AT NIAGARA FALLS



CONFESSION MAY SAVE CAPT. HAINS

Story Told by Mrs. Hains
Makes Deep Impression
Upon the Jury.

STATEMENT MADE TODAY

ATTORNEY M'INTYRE FOR THE
DEFENSE STATES THAT HE IS
CONFIDENT HIS CLIENT WILL
BE ACQUITTED.

New York, May 1.—"Captain Peter C. Hains, Jr., my client, has been saved, I believe, by the introduction into the evidence of the confession of his wife, Claudia Libbey Hains. That remarkable document shows that he was not responsible any longer when he shot and killed William E. Annis."

This statement was made today by John F. McIntyre, chief counsel for Capt. Hains, when his trial was resumed before Justice Garretson in the supreme court at Flushing.

"I feel already that there is no danger of the law demanding the life of Capt. Peter C. Hains for that of William E. Annis," Mr. McIntyre continued. "The awful story of the wrong perpetrated on the captain in known to the jury.

"These twelve men shall hear more of it, details that may cause another scene in court because of the condition of the captain. Could any man stand the narration of such facts in public? The captain will go free if his mind does not become utterly destroyed by the agony he is undergoing."

KILLED BY A TRAIN

Fatal Railroad Accident Occurs This Morning at
Indianapolis.

FATHER AND SON KILLED

Indianapolis, May 1.—W. E. Dodd and his son, Ernest Dodd, were killed by a Monon train, No. 31, at Twenty-fourth street, and the Monon tracks at 7:30 o'clock this morning. Mrs. Emma Dodd, the wife and mother, sustained injuries from which she will probably die.

The Dodds were driving into the city from Malott Park with market produce. They were in a buggy.

When they approached the crossing a Lake Erie & Western train was pulling across the street. Mr. Dodd drove his horse around the caboose of the freight train. The Monon train, moving in the same direction as the freight, struck the buggy and hurled the occupants out. Mr. Dodd and his son were thrown in the same direction, a distance of about 65 feet. Both were instantly killed. Both of Mrs. Dodd's legs were broken and her shoulder crushed. She was placed on the engine and hurried into the city, and taken to the city hospital. The buggy was demolished and the horse killed.

SIGNOR CARASA SIGNED.

London, May 1.—After Signor Carasa, the new Italian tenor, made a most successful appearance at Covent Garden last night in "Cavalleria Rusticana," Oscar Hammerstein's engaged him for an American tour.

"MAY DAY" FOUND PARIS UNDER ARMS

Unrest of Labor Has for Some
Time Caused the Gov-
ernment Trouble.

HAVE CALLED IN TROOPS

VIOLENT ACTIONS NOT ANTICI-
PATED BUT THE AUTHORITIES
HAVE PREPARED FOR ANY
KIND OF TROUBLE.

Paris, May 1.—"May Day" found Paris presenting the appearance of an armed camp. The unrest of labor, fomented by diverse political interests and cliques, has for some time past been causing the government keen disquietude. Troops have been called in from the outlying garrisons, notably Versailles and St. Germain, and posted so as to be immediately available to cope with disorder in any part of the city.

Other measures have been taken as well. The police for weeks past have been making ready and the authorities are apprised of the plans made for gatherings in every section of the city. None of these so far as is known, contemplate violent proceedings, but the authorities are prepared for any contingency. An elaborate automobile transport service has been arranged and big cars containing troops and quick-firing guns are ready for instantaneous service.

The leaders of the General Federation of Labor announced that they would call a twenty-four hour strike for today. With their announcement they disclaimed intent to precipitate violence or to lend encouragement to revolutionary sentiment. While the authorities believe that they are sin-

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REGULAR JANUARY WEATHER OFFERED

Snowed Today in a Half-
hearted Manner.

The first day of May resembled the first of January in the kind of weather provided. It snowed in a half-hearted manner for more than an hour this morning. There was not enough of the beautiful to cover the ground, but it was sufficient to make known that Old Mother Goose has not exhausted her flock.

TOLLEY ENTERED NOT GUILTY PLEA

Young Man Charged With
Stealing \$30.

A plea of not guilty to the charge of grand larceny, was entered in the Wayne circuit court today by Robert Tolley. Tolley was arraigned and the plea entered by his attorney. He is accused of stealing \$30 in currency from James F. Happy, agent for the Slinger Sewing Machine company. Prosecutor Ladd has not decided whether to nolle the charge against Tolley because of his mental condition or not. Tolley is a neat appearing young man and easily the sport of the crowd at the jail.

GERMAN CONSUL AT RICHMOND IS A DEATH VICTIM

John Nicholas Zeyen, One of
The Best Known Residents
Of This City, Died Suddenly
Last Night.

HEART DISEASE WAS CAUSE OF HIS DEATH

Deceased Was a Graduate of
Echternach University, Ger-
many, and Was an Expert
In Languages.

John Nicholas Zeyen, aged 62, one of the most prominent local German citizens and for many years a leading merchant tailor of this city, died this morning at 3:30 o'clock at his home, 431 South Fifth street, from heart trouble. Death resulted suddenly. When he retired last evening, he was feeling as well as usual. During the night his wife awakened and found him breathing heavily. After walking the floor for a few minutes he again laid down and within a short time died. Coroner Bramkamp was called and pronounced death due to heart trouble.

Mr. Zeyen was one of the best educated citizens of the city, having graduated from the University at Echternach, Germany, which was established in the seventh century. He devoted his attention to the languages, history and theology, during his university career and also did some work in art. For many years he has been acting as German vice consul at Richmond, being under the German consul at Cincinnati.

Funeral on Tuesday. Mr. Zeyen is survived by his wife, Mrs. Margaret Zeyen, four sons, Joseph, George, Leo and Laurence; two daughters, the Misses Ursula and Dorothy, and one brother, Joseph, of this city. The funeral will be held Tuesday morning at 9:30, at St. Andrew's church. Solemn requiem mass will be observed. Rev. Father Roell will have charge of the services, probably assisted by others. The burial will be in St. Andrew's cemetery. Friends may call at the residence any time after 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Upon completing his course in the Echternach University at the age of 18, he came to this city, direct from Germany, and engaged in the tailoring business. His brother, Joseph Zeyen, had been in the city for some time and encouraged his younger brother to come here. He arrived in August, 1858, and later went to Centerville, which was then the county seat, and filled application blanks for naturalization. He opened a merchant tailoring establishment at 516 Main street, in 1861, and was located in this room for 50 years. In connection with this business he became a notary public and did a large business among the Germans.

While in school, he had studied English, French, Spanish, Greek, German, Italian and other languages and was well versed in Latin also. He was often called on to act as translator for different local firms.

Another business which he was instrumental in making a success was the Quaker City Building and Loan company. He had been president of this organization for 12 years or more. He was also agent for numerous steamship lines and had done a large business with the local Germans, who returned to the fatherland on visits.

During his younger days, Mr. Zeyen found much pleasure in writing for newspapers, and at one time contributed articles for the Sunday edition of the local Register. Of late years he has devoted his spare moments to painting, doing work in oil and crayon. His scenes were almost entirely landscape.

Since a resident of this city, he had always been prominently identified with St. Andrew's church. For a number of years he had served as trustee, and resigned only last January, declining to accept another term because of old age. About twelve years ago he wrote a history of the church, which was published.

The many friends of Mr. Zeyen will no doubt be much surprised at his death. He was apparently in good health and had never complained of feeling ill.

IT IS ESTIMATED TWO HUNDRED ARE STORM'S VICTIMS

Telephone and Telegraph
Communication Has Been
Practically Shut Off From
Stricken South.

HEAVY WIND STORMS FOLLOW THE CYCLONE

The Damage Done to Property
In Dixieland Will Run Into
The Millions, It Is Now Es-
timated.

VILLAGES ARE SWEEPED AWAY

ALL VESTIGE OF HILLSBORO,
GA., IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN
LITERALLY WIPED OFF THE
FACE OF THE MAP.

Atlanta, Ga., May 1.—With telegraph and telephone wires down and communication practically destroyed, in the cyclone zone of the Mississippi Valley, it is impossible today to get details of the devastation wrought by storms. Today it is estimated that the number of dead will reach two hundred and in some parts of the south gales of wind and heavy rain storms are following in the wake of the cyclone.

Is Sweeping Eastward. Wind and rain storms are reported from Raleigh, N. C., and Richmond, Va. The tail of the tornadoes seems to be sweeping eastward through the south, but losing the furious force which wrought such havoc in Arkansas, Tennessee and Georgia.

The damage to property will reach far into millions and it will take months for towns and cities in the path of the storms to regain their normal appearance. Entire villages have been wiped out. Fully fifty people met death in Tennessee and the damage will go to a million at least. All vestige of Hillsboro, Ga., is said to be wiped off the map. Twelve dead bodies have been found in Giles county and tons of debris is scattered over the ground.

DEATH AND RUIN. Memphis, Tenn., May 1.—Death and devastation followed the cyclone, tornadoes and electrical storms which visited more than 40 towns Thursday and Friday.

Untold damage has been done in a vast territory extending from the little village of Caddo Gap, in Northern Arkansas, near the Mississippi river line, to many points in Mississippi and West Tennessee.

Eighteen persons are reported dead at Caddo Gap. Several lives were lost in Wheatley, Ark., near Brinkley, where the entire town was wrecked. The entire family of John Young, four in all, perished at Marion.

With fearful intensity the cyclone struck the neighborhood about Horn Lake, Miss. Houses were picked up and tossed about. Giant trees were uprooted and thousands of dollars' damage was done.

Relief Parties Organized. F. L. Wright, of Horn Lake, began the organization of relief parties, and, assisted by R. R. Scott and German Baker, the work of burying the dead and aiding the injured was begun. Scenes of frightful devastation were on all sides.

Negroes living on the larger plantations suffered seriously, losing homes and barns. The wind blew a giant tree across the Illinois Central track, and a negro, caught in its branches, though both legs were crushed, barely had time to flag the Chicago limited, which would have been wrecked but for the negro's bravery.

At Medina, Tenn., four are dead and a whole family of six are so badly injured that they are expected to die. At Clarksville, Tenn., an aged man was blown 200 yards from his wrecked home and his body was found this morning.

A church was wrecked and several houses were blown away at Wheatley, Ark. Several persons were killed. Centerville, Tenn., was rased and 20 persons were killed.

Five are reported killed near Franklia, Tennessee. At Hillsboro, Tenn., four persons were killed in one house. The town practically was destroyed.

Three paupers were killed when the Pauper Home at Somerville, Tenn., was blown down.

At Lacon, near Somerville, two women were killed. At Marianna, Ark., six persons were killed and a number of houses destroyed.

Bella, Tenn., and vicinity suffered severely. The storm passed five miles south of Bella, leaving a trail of death and destruction. Rebuilt, But to Fall Again. Many houses, just rebuilt from the

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