

Ex-Convict in Mayoralty Race Brings Muddle

Opponents Charge Roberts, Nominated by Democrats of Terre Haute, Could Not Serve if Elected

New Legislation Cited

Present Republican Mayor, Defeated in Primary, May Aid Opponent of Party

Special Dispatch to The Tribune. TERRE HAUTE, Ind., May 15.—Developments in the Terre Haute municipal campaign following the primaries in which Dan M. Roberts won the Democratic nomination for Mayor have brought out prominently several questions, chief of which is whether Roberts, in event of election in November, would be able to qualify for the office.

A law enacted by the last Indiana General Assembly and which will be effective on publication by the Governor on June 15 makes ineligible to qualify for any public office any person who has been convicted of felony.

Roberts is a former Mayor of Terre Haute, the legality of whose election was contested and who later was convicted of conspiracy to corrupt elections. With the Judge of the Circuit Court, Sheriff, other minor officials and associates in the election activities, Roberts was sentenced in the Federal Court at Indianapolis to Fort Leavenworth Federal prison, for a term of one year and his term he has returned to Terre Haute and has been working to reestablish himself in political control.

Not Disfranchised by Court

Roberts was not disfranchised when sentenced by Judge A. B. Anderson and there has been no question of his citizenship rights since his return to Terre Haute.

Should Roberts receive a majority of votes for Mayor in November there is no question but that his right to assume office would be contested and the new law invoked. This raises another question since the law is not retroactive and Roberts to qualify for office it is assumed that the present administration would continue, Mayor Charles R. Hunter was defeated in his race for the Republican nomination. It is freely predicted that the friends of Mayor Hunter will contest any effort on the part of Roberts to assume office in November. In the primaries Roberts received 7,407 votes. His nearest opponent was Nathan C. Wallace, former county auditor, now a merchant and banker, who received 2,510. Charles H. Bideman, former Representative in the Indiana General Assembly, received 560.

There were six candidates for nomination for Mayor on the Republican ticket and the Republicans polled nearly double the Democratic vote, which was 3,342 against Mayor Hunter, 4,095; James M. Churchman, 631; James O. Leek, 710; Archie Chambers, 235, and George C. Smith, 35. On the part of the vote the Republicans do not appear much concerned about the result in November, although they recognize the activity of the Roberts support and already are extending its efforts to offset any gains Roberts might make.

Hunter May Aid Roberts

It is said that the Hunter support, or part of it, might go to Roberts in the hope that Roberts might be elected and then the Hunter forces would take the matter into court and fight to continue the present administration. On the other hand, the Republican organization appears willing that the Democrats take the initiative and get Roberts off the ticket. Already there are whisperings of a break in the Democratic ranks, and some candidates nominate in the primaries. The chief one was the over-confidence of the organization Democrats, representing the business and professional classes. Roberts has an active since his return from Leavenworth in his effort to regain control of the party organization. He sought to elect the chairman of the county committee, but was defeated. A later effort to gain control of the city committee also was defeated by a decisive vote of his party. But he has not been idle. Night and day he has conducted a personal campaign, appealing to men and women with the plea he never had a chance. His efforts also have been directed to bringing to his support the non-producers and the unemployed. He has succeeded in creating a prejudice against certain business and professional men and public service corporations.

Sunday Made So Blue Churchgoers Wear Grape

Special Dispatch to The Tribune. WELLSBURG, W. Va., May 15.—Sunday was so blue in Wellsburg that hundreds of churchgoers wore grape on their coat lapels. The lid was on, in accordance with a city ordinance passed last week which directed the police to enforce state Sunday closing laws to the letter.

Two of the city's physicians closed their doors and announced that they would neither accept nor visit sick folk to-day. Two musicians who played at church services are to be arrested tomorrow, according to Mayor George E. Kraft. A newsdealer was arrested and



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Two Gangsters Slain; Quarrel Is a Mystery

Associates of Victims Are Arrested, but Disclaim All Knowledge of How Brooklyn Men Met Death

Identified as Hold-Ups

John Larkin and John J. Brennan Accused of Wallabout District Thefts

John Larkin, forty-two years old, of 84 Flushing Avenue, Brooklyn, an alleged gangster, known to the police as "Red Clutch," was killed yesterday in a fight which resulted in mortally wounding another gangster and the arrest of two others. According to the police, all four men were members of a gang who are believed to have been responsible for a series of robberies in the vicinity of Wallabout Market.

Patrolman Lewis, of the Classon Avenue station, found Larkin early yesterday morning at Clinton and Park Avenues. He had seven knife wounds in his back and one in the abdomen. He was rushed to the Cumberland Street Hospital, where he died an hour later.

Five blocks from the place where Larkin had been found, Patrolman Ansham, also of the Classon Avenue station, came upon John J. Brennan, of 170 Flushing Avenue, a chum of Larkin's. He was hanging unconscious over a picket fence at Myrtle Avenue and North Oxford Street. He had been stabbed half a dozen times. He was taken to the Cumberland Street Hospital, where it was said that he would not recover.

By the side of Larkin, Patrolman Lewis found John O'Toole, of 27 Vanderbilt Avenue. He was apparently uninjured, but seemed exhausted. He was taken to the Raymond Street Hospital, where he was held for observation.

When questioned O'Toole told the police that he had no recollection of what had happened. "I was with Larkin and Brennan," he said to have told the police. "From 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon on, and we had many drinks. There was no hold-up as far as I can remember, and I don't know how they were stabbed. The only thing I remember was trying to get Brennan home."

Drive also was found. From certain documents the story that Mr. and Mrs. Warner had been separated for a year and a half was somewhat discredited. Lila Wiley, Mrs. Warner's cousin, said to live in the Mount Hope district of the Bronx on Anthony Avenue. Little was learned of Boylan. It was said that he also was well known on Broadway.

Uncle Cook and Caretaker

Kuriger, since last January, has been living at University Avenue house, acting as cook and caretaker. He is being kept under surveillance. Warner, Mrs. Warner's son, has been registered at the school in Freshfield since last Christmas, it was said there last night.

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Owner of Rooster Sued For \$20,000 for Lost Eye

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During the stay at the farm little Lenore went out to visit the poultry. She crawled through the wire fence enclosing the school in Freshfield since last Christmas, it was said there last night.

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Reports of the connection of two prominent city officials with the affair have come to the ears of the committee. They are declared to have had some interest in the 174th Street Construction Company, which obtained the final contract to finish the hospital after the failure of Albert Wisternitz.

If the reports are confirmed, Mr. Untermeyer is certain that the committee will be in a position to bring the men into the courts. The identity of the two officials involved could not be learned, but it is known that their names have not yet been mentioned in the testimony in connection with the case.

The members of the Association of Dealers in Mason's Building Materials, who pleaded guilty recently to violations of the Donnelly anti-trust laws, will be sentenced by Justice Davis in the Supreme Court this morning. The Lockwood committee and the prosecutor in the case, Special Deputy Attorney General William A. DeFord, have gone on record for jail sentences for the guilty building material contractors. Mr. DeFord having presented a strong recommendation to that effect to the court.

Among the men involved is John A. McCarthy, intimate political friend and former business associate of Charles F. Murphy, Tammany leader.

Foiled Attempt to Kidnap 15-Year-Old Orphan. Intruder Enters Institution by Window and Escapes in Fusillade of Bullets.

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Kenton is reported to have been infatuated with the girl whom he saw frequently about the grounds. Last midnight, a man alleged to have been Kenton, removed a long gate from a fence and, using it as a ladder, reached the orphan