

Main and colder tonight; Saturday fair in south, probable snow in north...

SCOTS BEGIN CAMPAIGN FOR FREE STATE

A. MURRAY TURNER WINS BOWLING MATCH HANDS DOWN

THRILLS THE LADIES WITH HIS GRACE

Ex-Sheriff Pulls Old-Time Stuff And Wins With Ease

Into the annals of local sportdom there was inscribed last night in letters of red—red for the unquenchable spirit of youth—the story of two men, friendly enemies, who have passed the three score milestone of life, but who met on an old battle field to settle a question of endurance, and skill and agility.

One of these was A. Murray Turner, banker, and the other was Dick McHie. The contest took place before a crowded gallery at McCool's Bowling Alley. It was the feature event of an evening otherwise given over to a bowling contest between representatives of the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs.

With the entrance of the two bowlers, who can recall the era when that old game "duck-on-rock" was young, a cheer went up from the waiting spectators.

The contestants shook hands. Then went over to the chalk tray to wipe from their palms the damp each had received from the hand of the other, for the occasion was exciting.

Each selected the ball of his choice, murmured into his trio of ears sweet words of encouragement in the parlance of the bowler—and the contest was on!

Mr. Turner cast an appealing glance at the stolid faces of the pins, drew himself up to Olympus, sanctified gracefully and whirled himself in the direction of the ten solidly maple.

The ball sped on—and on. It followed the route pointed out by the still upraised hand of the bowler. Then there was a crash, "Strike!"

Loud went the buzz of the gallery. Mr. Turner's opponent eyed the remarkable showing of his rival and smiled—and glanced anxiously down the long alley before him. The pin boys were still cheering as Mr. McHie set himself for his shot.

He smoothed his hair, gathered his wiry muscles for the ordeal, placed himself, changed his position, and decided finally that he'd use the new-fangled, sweeping throw much in vogue among the professionals.

He admitted later that he thought the pins knew him. He had said many nice things about those very white and shiny pins in his paper. But he was mistaken. The alley pins are short-sighted.

He set himself. With a long, sweeping curve he hurled the ball down the alley. It struck the gang to the board and seven pins hit the dust. Another cheer went up from the crowd. Here was a real contest. There would be a real fight on!

Thus it went throughout the game. Always Mr. Turner maintained the edge on his opponent. In the end they figured up the score. Mr. Turner had won—by 37 pins.

The Kiwanians started a snake dance around the Rotarians. Murray Turner was the conquering hero. He had saved the day for the Kiwanians. Mr. McHie, Rotarian representative, conceded the superior ability of his worthy opponent—and so the great match closed.

W. C. Belman, another banker and loyal Rotarian, while he boosted for Dick McHie to win, admitted that those that are must serve youth and piety and consequently the result was a foregone conclusion.

In the events that followed the stellar performance of the evening, the Rotarians bowled over the Kiwanians, both in the five-man events and the two-man championship matches. Both contests were close, however.

The team match was won by the Rotarians with a scant margin of five pins. In the two-man event the Rotarians again walked off, Fehrman and Dorsey knocking down 383 pins to a total of 418 for Moran and Hutton.

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BRINGING FRANCE AND ITALY IN LINE

BY GEORGE R. HOLMES WASHINGTON, Dec. 16—Using the triple agreement between the United States, Great Britain and Japan as a bedrock, the conference powers started today on the task of bringing France and Italy into line and constructing a new powered naval agreement which will define in positive terms the naval strength of the world for the next ten years.

Only the fixing of the Italian and French ratios, and the settlement of submarine and other auxiliary craft strength remain in the way to the complete accomplishment of the primary aim of the conference. A vast amount of parley and discussion will be necessary to bring this about, but no serious difficulties are anticipated.

Spurred on by the hope of getting out of Washington by New Year's, the heads of delegations, assisted by their experts, plunged back into the naval discussion today with speed their main object.

The secret meetings of the big three gave way to the equally secret meetings of the committee on limitation of naval armament, comprising fifteen men three from each of the five powers, as follows:

United States—Secretary Hughes, Theodore Roosevelt, Admiral Robert E. Coontz.

Great Britain—A. J. Balfour, Lord Lee and Admiral Chatfield.

Japan—Baron Kato, Vice Admiral Kato, and Captain Suyetsugu.

France—M. Sarraut, M. Jusserand and Admiral De Bon.

Italy—Senator Schanzer, M. Albertini and Admiral Acton.

Unofficial French spokesmen have indicated their intention of demanding a naval ratio for France equal to that of Japan. So far, this demand has not been formally placed before the other delegates, and doubt was expressed today if it ever would be. France stands alone in her desire for a navy second only to those of the United States and Great Britain.

Italy has no specific demands in the way of naval strength, other than that her navy shall be equal to that of France. Italy's position as a Mediterranean power makes this necessary, her spokesmen assert.

Finds Nose Bag Loses Hand Bag

Carl Thompson, seller of caskets, native of Indianapolis and trusting rustic from the Hoosier center of politics and piety, dropped humbly from a Monon train yesterday in Hammond.

He staggered weakly into the station. He had eaten nothing for fully five hours. Under the weight of his two hand bags he dropped wearily into a seat. One of the hand bags contained a comb, brush and pair of silk pajamas. The other was laden with gloomy literature about wooden overcoats, satin lined temples for insulating clay and toy to make death pleasant—as well as profitable for the undertaker.

The aroma of boiling coffee wafted into the station from a restaurant across the street. Thompson's nose knew and Thompson was galvanized into action.

He placed the two bags on the seat he had been occupying and rushed out—for nourishment.

He was gone from 12:30 to 12:40. This important evidence is introduced verbatim from police records.

After enjoying the mutable pleasures of the graining board for ten minutes Thompson took off the nose bag and walked back to the station for his hand bag.

And—again we quote police records. "When he got back his hand bags were gone."

Which ruined Mr. Thompson's digestion, his faith in man-kind and disposition in general.

JOSEPH BEATTIE STRICKEN TODAY

CROWN POINT, IND., Dec. 16—Joseph Beattie, one of Crown Point's most prominent citizens and a member of the city council, formerly manager of the Willowdale stock farm, was stricken today with paralysis and is regarded in an extremely critical condition.

TIN PLATE MILLS OPEN FULL TIME

FARRELL, PA., Dec. 16—The plant of the American Sheet & Tin Plate Co. in this city will resume capacity operations at midnight Sunday and continue on full time indefinitely, it was announced today by company officials. All of the 30 hot mills will be operated.

MASONIC NOTICE

EAST CHICAGO LODGE No. 595, F. & A. M., will hold an annual election of officers Saturday evening at 7:30 p. m., December 17th. Refreshments. All members urged to attend.

12-14-21 W. E. JEFFERSON, Secy.

Honeysuckles, Violets and Roses Reported in Bloom

VINCENNES, Ind., Dec. 15.—At the home of Joseph Stevens, two miles south of this city, honeysuckle and verberna are in bloom. Residents in several parts of the city report violets in bloom in large numbers.

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Dec. 16.—Joseph B. Randall, of this city, yesterday reported that a rose bush, in a protected position in his rear yard, was in bloom. A perfectly formed bud had appeared, and was half unfolded, Mr. Randall said.

COLUMBUS, Ind., Dec. 16.—Strawberry vines in Bartholomew county are blooming because of the mild weather. As a result, the crop next year will be short, according to growers, who say the blossoms will be killed by frost and every blossom frozen means one strawberry lost.

WILL HAYS SERIOUSLY ILL AT ST. LUKES

Wife is Also a Patient in Chicago Hospital For Some Time.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Will H. Hays, postmaster general of the United States, is seriously ill at St. Luke's hospital where he came several days ago to visit Mrs. Hays, who also is a patient there.

Mr. Hays is in a serious nervous condition, caused partly by the injuries received several weeks ago in a rail road wreck in New York and partly by the strenuous business and political life in which he has been engaged.

The illness of Mr. Hays was not made public until today, hospital authorities making no mention of the fact because of the patient's desire to keep personal consideration of his health separated from the national interests in which he is involved.

Mrs. Hays has been in the hospital about a week.

BANK ASKS FORECLOSURE

Two suits asking for foreclosure of mortgages and involving \$10,000 with interest were filed today in the superior court at Hammond by the U. S. National Bank of Indiana Harbor against Harry Goodman, grocer, and his wife, Clara.

The first suit concerns a mortgage which was given as security on a note for \$2,000. The second suit is for \$8,000. Both ask for interest at 8 per cent since November, 1920. Riley, Hembroff, Dyer & Reed are representing the plaintiff in the cases.

Harry and Clara Goodman are also listed among the defendants in a suit to collect on a promissory note which was filed by Abraham Ribbhatt against Sam Goodman et al. The complaint asks for judgment of principal and interest amounting to \$1,405. W. J. Murray is attorney for the plaintiff.

DEATH OF MRS. SMITH

Mrs. Nettie May Smith, wife of Mrs. Smith, 511 Michigan avenue, who died Wednesday at St. Margaret's hospital after an illness of three days, was buried today at Daley, Michigan.

Besides her husband she leaves two small children, Bernice and Charles. Charles H. Stewart conducted the funeral.

OBSCURE SINGER DEFEATS RIVALS



Paul Parks.

From more than 50 baritones who participated in the contest, Paul Parks of Nelsonville, O., has been selected by the judges for a debut at the memorial concert to the late David Bispham at Carnegie hall Dec. 13. The announcement has been made by the memorial committee named to carry out the late baritone's wishes that opportunities be afforded young American singers at these concerts.

EXTRA ROBERTSDALE RUM VENDOR GETS A HEAVY DOSE

Peter Napier, proprietor of an alleged secret service agency, which has been under suspicion for several months, fired three shots at Sergeant Makar in the East Chicago police station this afternoon.

The shots from Napier's revolver missed Makar and the assailant was overpowered and thrown into jail on a charge of attempt to kill.

Napier had been taken into custody to be questioned regarding reports that he was engaged on shaking-down soft drink parlors, representing himself as an agent of U. S. Commissioner Charles Sprague.

The police had been told that Napier threatened his victims with the fat of Police Chief O'Donnell and Capt. Downey against whom he testified in the federal court at Indianapolis last week. The shooting happened at 12:25 p. m.

EDISON CO. GETS EGGERS HOLDINGS

Commonwealth People are Purchasers of Tract Owned by Eggers Estate

Good fortune often comes wearing sack cloth and ashes and falling to penetrate the disguise you bemoan your fate. The pot of gold at the rainbow's end is a myth and the gold really concealed beneath some uninviting cloud.

One night in Chicago, many, many years ago, a number of sharpers took advantage of a certain man in his cups and sold him the worthless stretch of sand that is now Gary for an outrageous price. A few years later he, in turn, sold it to the big packers for a million dollars, netting a profit of several thousand per cent.

It is said that after Jacob Rimbach bought his Hohman street property he regretted the bargain and felt so down cast over it that he cried. Today his income from that property is enormous.

The above is introductory to the story of the late Henry Eggers which becomes timely with the announcement today that the thirteen acre tract at Roby in the corner of the state of Indiana against the state line of Illinois, has been sold to the Commonwealth Edison Co. of Chicago, for \$257,000. It is the highest acreage price ever paid in Indiana.

The land was purchased from the Eggers estate.

Did Henry Eggers buy the land years ago with a vision that it would some day be the most valuable tract in a great industrial region? No, Mr. Eggers, like everybody else who bought land in this district in the 60's couldn't help himself.

THROWN UPON IT The fact is, he didn't buy it; he was forced to take it. With his little family, Henry Eggers, a sturdy, thrifty German, came to the United States to join his brother in Chicago, drawn by the reports of the opportunities abounding in this land. He scraped up enough money to get to New York but not counting on the great distance to be covered by land did not have sufficient funds to take him to Chicago. People on the train contributed out of sympathy to the immigrants who did not know the language and were unable to help themselves. But even with the contributions there was not enough to pay the fares to Chicago and a kind-hearted conductor after carrying the Eggers family as far as the Indiana-state line became afraid that he might be checked up at the station in the city. He stopped the train and with best wishes and compliments of the season ejected the Eggers family on the very land that later became the nucleus of one of the big fortunes of Hammond.

It is probable that Fred Eggers would have sold all claims to that property for a meal and night's lodging.

At that time—1853—the land was worthless.

According to the story that is now a family legend Mr. Eggers built a fire with drift-wood and arranged some sort of a rude shelter for the night. He was without means. The fishing was good, in a few days he had a cozy shack and the family was comfortable.

Years later a man named Roby, the founder of the town of Roby, sought to oust the Eggers from the land and claim it but when the quarter told the court how he had been thrown on the land and had wretched a living from it and that he had buried two little children there, he was given a clear title.

Luck? Perhaps, but the thrifty, industrious and honest nature of the man had something to do with his making the most of it. He became county commissioner and was one of the pioneers of the county. His word was as good as gold and he had the respect of the community.

All of which goes to show that a real estate deal is not such a dull topic as it sometimes appears.

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