

THINK GIFFIN WAS A VICTIM OF CRUEL FATE

People of South Bend Who Bought Stock Are Divided as to Opinion of Man Who Offered Mine For Sale.

COMPANY PAID ONE DIVIDEND IN 1906

Marvin Campbell, Who Purchased Some Shares, Says Purchase of Goods Was Merely a Business Mistake.

Whether Abner Giffin, incarcerated at Laporte on the charge of mauling northern Indiana, southern Michigan and Ohio people out of an aggregate sum of \$100,000 on gold mining stock near Seattle, Wash., started out with that intention is a question.

According to some who have held some of the stock, and do yet, they believe that Giffin at the time he first appeared in South Bend about eight years ago was on the square. He actually believed he had a first class gold mine and that after the proper amount of money had been spent in bringing it into being, would net good results. But apparently the mine either "petered out," or not enough money was on hand to continue operating it, and in desperate circumstances Giffin was possibly driven to employ methods not exactly on the level, believing that in the end he could come out ahead and meet all his obligations.

In an effort to get a possible inkling as to the man's real motives, Marvin Campbell, president of the Folding Paper Box Co. and South Bend National bank, who at the time Giffin first appeared, bought some of the stock, was approached for a statement. Mr. Campbell at first refused to talk on the matter over the telephone, but later issued a statement. In it he confessed to having purchased some stock from Giffin but that he disposed of it after he discovered the mine was not panning out as promised. Mr. Campbell explained the buying of stock by many of the city's business men as merely a "business mistake."

Mr. Campbell's Statement.

In his statement given to the News-Times Mr. Campbell said: "As to whether Mr. Giffin is honest I do not know. I did buy a small amount of his stock about eight years ago. I sold it all not a great while after to a Chicago broker, when I found he was not developing with the rapidity promised. I did not visit him. I visited his mine near Seattle, Wash. He had a well equipped saw mill for getting out lumber. He had a horse car track from the mines to a warehouse, all stock being packed in warehouse was well filled at the time with ore. He had a well equipped and well kept boarding house at the mines and several miners at work. We stayed at the mines one night and two days.

"He showed smelter receipts for a good many cars of ore, the receipts giving the amount paid for the ore. It indicated good work. He had a truck, money for proper equipment of roadbed, cars and an engine to take ore to the railroad. We made inquiry of bankers and business men in Seattle as to Mr. Giffin's standing. His uniform statement was confidence in his integrity and purpose.

"After we came home the South Bend stockholders wanted to know what we had seen and we told them without any advice or recommendation. Indeed, I distinctly recall that two young men called at my office and asked if I had bought stock. I said, 'Yes, a small amount.' They said, 'Do you advise us to buy?' I said, 'Can you afford to lose it?' They said, 'No.' I then said, 'Don't buy it. Don't invest your money. If you can't afford a total loss, for all mines not fully developed are uncertain.' They did not buy.

Doubtful as to Giffin. "At the time I thought Mr. Giffin honest. At this time I have no opinion, for as stated above, I sold out long ago and have had no touch with him. That he has not done what he promised is certain. He may have done the best he could.

"As to whether the mine property worked would pay I do not know. In fact, I have no opinion. I do know that many men who have been in close contact with it did for a long time think it a good mine and insisted that I made a mistake to sell because it did not develop with the promised rapidity. What I saw of Mr. Giffin would make me think he started out with intentional honesty. As to whether he afterwards deviated from that I do not know.

According to report, South Bend people who are said to have purchased stock from Giffin are as follows: Marvin Campbell, John Campbell, L. H. Rulo, A. B. France, Dr. L. S. Kilmer, Dr. E. R. Dean, Noah Lehman, Mrs. Henry Helzmann, Mrs. Rebecca Rasp, Judge Walter A. Funk, Dr. J. A. Varier, Dr. Charles Hager, Dr. Walter A. Hager, George Hager, Charles Brodbeck, Frank Brodbeck, William E. Brown, Dr. E. P. Moore, Capt. and Mrs. Edwin Nisar and Herman Babst.

Here Eight Years Ago. It appears Giffin was in South Bend eight years ago. Stock held by L. H. Rulo is dated Nov. 25, 1905. No company was formed, all stock being bought direct from Giffin. It also appears that during the first year following the sale of stock dividends were paid. Mr. Rulo stated Thursday night that he had received a six percent dividend. Mr. Campbell also stated that a dividend was paid the first year.

RUMANIA HAS DECLARED WAR WITH BULGARIA

Minister at Sofia Has Been Recalled by King of Rumania and Hostilities Are Expected to Begin Soon.

BULGARIANS MAKE APPEAL FOR PEACE

Efforts to Drive a Wedge Between Greek and Servian Armies Has Been a Complete Failure.

LONDON, July 11.—The king of Rumania has declared war on Bulgaria. The Rumanian minister at Sofia has been recalled. The Sofia correspondent of the Times sends this announcement early Friday morning.

LONDON, July 10.—The end of a fortnight's desperate fighting in the Balkans has Bulgaria forced to appeal to the powers to arrange peace. The Bulgarian plan to drive a wedge between the Greek and Servian armies in the neighborhood of Guevghell has completely failed. The last reports of the fighting received from Athens Tuesday night show that the Servians and Greeks at this point are combining their forces, while the Rumanian army is beginning an invasion of Bulgaria.

The latter fact doubtless was the deciding factor in the Rumanian appeal to the powers. How far Bulgaria's defeat is due to dissensions in high military quarters, which resulted in the resignation of Gen. Savoff, and how far to the fact that the Bulgarian troops, which bore the brunt of the hard fighting in the last campaign, were more exhausted than the Greek and Servian forces, will probably never be known.

Nothing can be predicted at the moment as to how events will shape themselves, the Rumanians invasion of Bulgaria having brought an entirely new factor into the problem. Russia and France are devoting their efforts to persuading the allies to adopt a moderate attitude in order to facilitate a peaceful settlement. The Servian premier is quoted in the Vienna Neue Presse as declaring that the new war has completely set aside all treaties of alliance and that peace must now be negotiated on an entirely new basis.

NEGRO MAN SAYS WOMAN DOPED AND ROBBED HIM

According to Frank Lee, a negro, who caused the arrest of Lizzie Williams, living on N. Emerick st., Thursday afternoon, he was drugged by the woman and then robbed of over \$17. The case will come up in police court Monday.

ACTING JUDGE BILINSKI

City Clerk Frank Bilinski took the place of Judge Farabaugh in city court Friday morning, but only had a few cases to handle. Gustave Kelenko, who claims to have been in the city 25 years, was allowed to go home as this was his first appearance in court.

CHICKENS CAUSE ARREST

Because his chickens aren't good chickens and run around the neighborhood, Levi Krenewitter, 1122 Emerson st., was arrested Friday morning.

ABSOLUTE LIE, SAYS CHAMP

Speaker Says Ledyard Should Have Told Him About Use of His Name.

WASHINGTON, July 11.—Speaker Champ Clark places on record Friday an emphatic denial of every statement by David Lamar and Edward Lauterbach in their stories told to Lewis Cass Ledyard connecting him with Morgan and Co.

"I believe that when Mr. Ledyard learned that my name and that of Senator Stone were being banded about in this manner, he should have communicated with us."

HUNGARIAN CLUB FILES INCORPORATION ARTICLES

The Hungarian Non-Partisan Political club, has filed articles of association with the county recorder. The club will maintain rooms in the Hofer building, 1212 W. Colfax av. It is planned to inaugurate evening classes to teach history and civics. The officers are Charles Abraham, chairman; John Baumgartner, treasurer; recording secretary, Julius Bolodur; corresponding secretary, Louis Horvath.

SCORE CORONER BECAUSE JOHNS WAS ACQUITTED

Detectives Say Inquest Was a Farce and Verdict Unjustified—Will be Tried Anew.

ASK THAT GIRL'S BODY BE TAKEN FROM GRAVE

Hot Quarrel Follows Jury Action and Sensational Developments May be Forthcoming.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., July 11.—The mystery surrounding the death of Alice Crispell, whose body was found in Harvey's lake Monday, was complicated Friday by a bitter fight between the district attorney's office and the coroner, which promises to lead to sensational developments.

"The coroner and his jury acted illegally in bringing a verdict, and it was what I expected," said Detective McKelvey of the district attorney's force. "The coroner's jury is to determine the cause of death and who committed the crime, if possible, but not who is innocent of the crime. When I saw three of the coroner's deputies on the jury I didn't try to get a verdict."

McKelvey says he has enough evidence to hold Johns at the court hearing Friday night and promises to spring a few sensations.

William Crispell, father of the girl, is being closely watched. Crispell claims that he was in his home at the time of the affair.

McKelvey declared Friday he would ask for a disinterment of the body of the dead girl. He says many important matters were overlooked when the body was first examined.

"I believe Alice Crispell was murdered but the failure of the detectives to produce any tangible evidence at the inquest justifies the verdict," was Coroner Marley's reply to McKelvey. "The section of the verdict that 'the crime may never be solved', is a slap at the inefficiency of the detectives, says Marley.

Johns was present at the inquest and was identified by several of the witnesses who saw him with the girl on the night of July 4. He was not allowed to testify by his counsel and was returned to the jail although he will probably be released Friday.

After declaring their belief that the girl had been murdered the jury in its finding said: "The evidence in this case fails to show any motive for crime on the part of Herbert Johns, and we feel certain that when we consider the evidence, which showed the deceased to have always had a cheerful nature and therefore not subject to morose spells and therefore not liable to take her own life, that a crime has been committed. However, we feel that this, as other crimes of its kind, will never be discovered, but some evidence of guilt may subsequently be brought to light resulting in just punishment for the culprit."

BOY SHOTS POLISH PRIEST AFTER REPROOF

CHICAGO, July 11.—The Rev. Felix Lazewski, a Polish priest, was shot and critically injured Friday, and Stanley Bernal, 18, is under arrest, charged with the shooting. The priest, according to neighbors, reprimanded the boy for speaking angrily to his mother and young Bernal turned upon him and shot him.

OPPENHEIMER HANGED. FOLSOM, CAL., July 11.—Jake Oppenheimer, "the tiger of Folsom prison," was hanged at the prison at 10:30 a. m., Friday.

MILITANTS TRY TO GET AT KING GEORGE IN PARADE

LIVERPOOL, July 11.—Attempting to break through the lines while the king was passing, suffragets staged another demonstration here Friday. They were unsuccessful in reaching the king but struggled fiercely with the officers. Filled in this they started smashing windows. Pipers were used instead of hammers.

MARTIN OFF IN RUSH IN ROUND THE LAKE TRIP

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., July 11.—Starting from Chicago in almost a dead calm, Aviator Glenn L. Martin, the last entrant in the Chicago to Detroit aero-yacht cruise, flew into Michigan City at 9 a. m., covering the distance at the rate of a mile a minute. Twenty minutes later Martin resumed his flight toward Macatawa Bay.

CHRONOLOGY OF THE WILSON UNDERWOOD TARIFF BILL.

April 7.—Introduced in the house and referred to ways and means committee. April 7 to 21.—In house democratic caucus. April 21.—Re-introduced in the house. May 8.—Passed by the house. May 14.—Referred to finance committee in the senate. June 20.—Reported by finance committee to democratic caucus. June 21 to July 7.—Debated in senate democratic caucus. July 11.—Approved by senate finance committee and reported to the senate.

The famous cartoonist who has been amusing News-Times readers with his funny cartoons on the sport page is over in Europe and is sending some brand new cartoons about Europe as he has found it. It promises to make a tremendous hit among Goldberg followers. You'll have lots of fun following Goldberg in the News-Times in this trip.

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SAYS FARMS SHE BOUGHT NO GOOD

Woman Sues to Have Deeds to Land Set Aside—Elkhart Man Handed Deal.

Charging that she has been the victim of a gross fraud in a real estate transaction, Albertina Keck has filed suit in the circuit court to have a deed to property in South Bend worth \$10,000 executed to Rosa Adamek through Miles Reid, set aside and declared void.

Reid is a real estate dealer in Elkhart, and Mrs. Adamek lives in North Star, Mich. According to the complaint Mrs. Keck was to receive deeds to four farms in exchange for her city property. The property included a farm in Elkhart of 73 acres, one in Newasco county, Michigan, of 120 acres, Jackson county, Wis., 200 acres that a tract in Georgia. There are mortgages on two of the properties for a total of \$1,654 according to Reid's representations, the complaint says.

Mrs. Keck alleges that the land was supposed to be tillable, but that she found it worthless, that it was encumbered for more than it was worth and that the tract in Georgia, in fact, did not exist. She says she was supposed to get deeds to the property but in fact only received contracts imposing conditions.

Mrs. Keck alleges she was damaged in the sum of \$12,000 by the transaction and demands that the deed she executed be set aside. The suit of Margaret Fischer against William and Frederick Fischer, demanding a deed be set aside on the ground of fraud, which was filed in the superior court some time ago, has been transferred to the circuit court.

PRES. WILSON HAS A NARROW ESCAPE

WINDSOR, Vt., July 11.—Pres. Wilson narrowly escaped injury in an auto wreck Friday when his chauffeur had to drive off the road, crash down an embankment and run flush against a house to avoid collision with a car traveling in the opposite direction.

AMERICANS WIN DOUBLES

NOTTINGHAM, England, July 11.—Harold H. Hackett and Maurice E. McLoughlin, Americans, won the tennis semi-finals Friday, defeating Kleinbroth and Rahe, of the German team in the doubles match. This qualifies the American team for the finals.

TOY PISTOL THROWS SCARE INTO HOUSE

NEWPORT, R. I.—Suffering from nervous shock, "Me Too," Mrs. Wm. Carter's Pekinese, has the services of three dog doctors, a specialist, a trained nurse and the solicitations of the smart set.

MARSE HENRY TALKS

NEW YORK, July 11.—Col. Henry Watterson, here on a visit Friday was asked about his personal relations with Pres. Wilson. "My personal relations with him? I have none," said the colonel. "Our break was complete and final. Our friendship is a closed chapter. But we have to admit that he has beaten those democratic politicians in Washington to a pulp. A man of great ability and intrepidity, he has thus far handled his end of the business of government with obvious success."

Come on Kids Its Swimming Time at Leeper Park Pool

BY MARGARET TOBIN.

"Mother, may I go out to swim? Oh yes, my darling daughter—"

The famous advisory clause which mother attached to her consent is omitted in these days of modern conveniences in South Bend. Swimming has become safe and sane and mother merely gives daughter her oldest apron and a pair of bloomers and tells her to be home by 4 o'clock. Daughter, with a hop, skip and a jump, is off for the swimming pool in Leeper park.

On the way she meets three or four little girl pals bound for the same place. It takes but a minute in the seclusion of the little bath house, to done the miscellaneous garments that do duty as swimming attire.

With a bound they are balancing themselves on the stone rim of the pool. Then there is a jump, a splash, and a giggle, and the girls are bounding like so many little water sparrows in the middle of the pool.

The shallow end of the pool establishes an age limit, but a girl of twelve, if she isn't so very large, can swim a little if she stays in the very middle.

The pool was a tangle of sprawling arms and legs when I strayed there Thursday afternoon. From the confusion bobbing heads arose every once in a while. Water splashed back and forth and there was an intermittent chorus of squeals and giggles. A fringe of very little boys and girls around the edge of the pool paddled and splashed in the shallow water the older ones scorned.

Newport has nothing to say as to the style of bathing suit that may be worn at the pool. An apron and a pair of bloomers are the accepted fashion. And the apron may be faded and almost torn in twain without impairing its suitability. In lieu of an apron some of the girls are wearing a petticoat with a sleeveless waist.

Among the very tiny folks rompers or a little cotton slip is considered adequate. One of the larger girls in the pool on Thursday had a regular

batting suit and several others wore bathing caps, but there seemed to be an inclination to regard those things as ostentations.

Two little girls, starched, ruffled and superlatively fine, stood upon the edge of the pool. They looked long and anxiously at the half grown mermaids sprawling in the water.

"Do they rent bathing suits here?" inquired one of the girls. Her question was directed at a veritable little white Topsy who was cutting frenzied capers in the water.

"Do they rent bathin' suits here?" yelled Topsy in derision. "Ah gee, of course dey does. But it ain't every one what can afford a suit like mine." She pointed to a rag of a petticoat that covered her lanky form.

Topsy was having her first lesson in swimming. Her teacher was a little curly-headed girl perhaps a year younger than herself.

"She can't never learn to swim," a small boy standing near me on the edge, remarked contentedly. Then he looked at me and inquired apologetically, "Is she your kid?"

Topsy responded to his compliment with a "Scat, you get out of here; you're a mornin' eight years old." Boys above eight are under a ban at the pool.

REPUBLICANS MAY YET PUT TICKET IN MAYORALTY FIELD

Many Declare They Will Desert Party if Its Leaders Tie Up in Merger With Tribune Ticket.

Others, however, are hopeless of achieving anything alone and are willing to go along with the Triumphs. Meeting on Wednesday.

However, the question will be decided Wednesday. City Chairman John P. DeHaven announced Friday that the date of the mass meeting had been set for that time. It will be held in the J M S bldg. auditorium. However, no vote will be taken among the republicans present as to whether a ticket shall be placed in the field.

The central committee will decide that by vote among themselves after the meeting. "We will simply be there to see what the sentiment is," said DeHaven. "And on that showing we will decide whether we shall support a separate ticket. If the decision is no, there is still nothing to hinder republicans who want a ticket from putting one in the field. Except that it won't be supported by the committee."

No set program has been arranged for Wednesday's meeting, no speakers will be invited beforehand, to make formal talks, it is stated. The voters will simply come in and the field will be open to them, all of them talk and state their views. Every republican is welcome, it is announced, to be present, to stand up and give his say.

The central committee will be off in the offering somewhere taking notes and arriving at their verdict from the arguments for and against.

Another Joyce Meeting. The democratic candidates were all busy Friday. The next Joyce ward meeting is scheduled for the second ward, when friends of the city controller will meet in the Linden school and organize a Joyce club.

Mr. Joyce, George Martin, Judge T. E. Howard and other prominent democrats will be on hand to give talks to the crowd and help organize the new clubs.

COL. IRISH SEEKS DIVORCE FROM WIFE HE MET IN SOUTH

KALAMAZOO, Mich., July 11.—A romance which began when the Michigan troops were in the Southland waiting to be sent into Cuba during the Spanish war, has apparently been ended Friday by a decision in the suit of Col. E. M. Irish, one of the best known lawyers of Michigan. The colonel charges his wife with desertion. Mrs. Irish will not oppose the suit.

Col. Irish was head of the second Michigan regiment and met and married Mrs. Irish in the South.

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By Condo

There may yet be a republican ticket in the coming mayoralty race. Careful questioning among representative members of the party discloses that there is lots of sentiment in favor of putting a ticket into the field. Members of the republican central committee who have been sounding out party members since the announcement of a mass meeting to determine the issue admit that the feeling is about evenly divided. Some republicans angered at the proposed loss of party identity and party surrender to the Tribune-Happi clique indignantly declare that they will not support any such merger but will bolt the party if the trade goes through.