

VOTERS APPROVE PETTICOAT RULE

Mrs. Landes, Clean-up Candidate Leads Seattle Mayor's Race

SEATTLE, Feb. 24.—(United News)—"Petty rule" has been upheld by voters of Seattle.

Mrs. Bertha Landes, a plump, middle-aged woman, whose public career is founded on a devotion to rigid law enforcement, led a field of five candidates in the city's majority primary.

The actual election will be held on March 9, when Mrs. Landes will be opposed at the polls by Mayor Edwin J. Brown, incumbent.

Turning aside congratulations with a wave of the hand, Mrs. Landes would say but little Wednesday about her victory.

"The hardest fight is still ahead," she declared, "the election next month will speak for itself. I'll do plenty of talking before then, but not now please."

Hobby Runs Errands

Mrs. Landes has presented her campaign in a forceful manner, and with a physical vigor, despite her matronly appearance, she dominates the office.

Her husband, professor of science at the University of Washington, figured only in the background as the returns came in, making himself useful on small errands, and compiling tabulations of the returns.

The political battle between Mayor Brown and Mrs. Landes is of long standing. As a council member Mrs. Landes has backed the city manager form of government, and once during Brown's absence from Seattle, took over mayor's office and put in a chief of police, with orders to "clean up" the city.

Asked if the preference voters had shown for her would change her position in regard to a city manager, she declared she would seek adoption of the plan if elected.

"I want to be mayor and then abolish the office," she said.

All the women who were running for office in Tacoma were defeated decisively at the primaries.

NEW YORK MAID BATHES IN WINE

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stunts before this gave a party Monday night, in which the piece de resistance was a bath tub on the stage of his theatre.

Guests who were thirsty could pass by the tub, which was filled with sparkling ginger ale or something of the sort, and fill up their glasses from a convenient spigot.

Harry Thaw was there and the countess of Cathcart and Irvin Cobb, and Conde Nast and a number of other distinguished guests, perhaps 200 in all.

Offered Step-Ins

Carroll at one time appeared with an armful of step-ins and offered them to all and sundry who would don them and appear before the company. It is not on record that Countess Cathcart or Irvin Cobb so appeared, but for many of the showgirls present the step-ins provided more warmth and coverage than they were ordinarily accustomed to when about their business.

If one of the young ladies present missed the step-in and stepped into the bathtub as has been rumored around, it was certainly without the knowledge or consent of Earl Carroll.

"Why, declared that bobbed haired impressario, "the party was decorous in the extreme. A minister and his wife might have attended without being shocked."

But Broadway and the good folks among the city's millions were shocked just to hear about such doings.

Emory C. Buckner, United States attorney, said he was interested in the contents of the bathtub, aside from the young lady. Chief Inspector Lahey of the police department called around to find out if it was true that the girl wore nothing but bubbles, but said the liquor business was up to Buckner.

And a lot of folks who have been secretly and with wicked delight whispering to their friends that they had been present at the party, got the greatest kick of all when Assistant Probation Administrator Tuttle announced he guessed he would have to subpoena all the guests and make them tell what they drank.

SMALLPOX EPIDEMIC

HONOLULU, Feb. 24.—(United News)—An epidemic of smallpox has broken out in Yokohama, according to a Tokyo dispatch to Hawaii Hochi Shu. Japanese newspaper here.

Haney Hands in His Resignation

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—(United News)—Hert E. Haney today resigned as a member of the United States shipping board, to take effect March 1.

This ends, so far as he is concerned, an unusual situation, created last summer, when President Coolidge asked for his resignation on the ground that he had violated an understanding with him by moving the dismissal from service of Admiral Palmer, head of the Fleet corporation. Denying this imputation, Commissioner Haney refused to resign and later carried a majority of the board with him in depositing Palmer.

The president, deeply irritated, was unable to remove Haney from office, but prepared to appoint a successor as soon as congress convened, as Haney has been acting under recess appointment.

CROWD DRINKS IN RACY TESTIMONY

MASON, Mich., Feb. 24.—(United News)—The biggest crowd of the trial packed the court house Wednesday to hear testimony concerning the "petting party" on which Arthur C. Rich is alleged to have criminally assaulted Louise King, Battle Creek college girl.

Prepared to hear intimate details of the country club golf course affair the spectators were disappointed when the testimony developed nothing more sensational than expert opinion as to Miss King's injuries.

Many of the court fans brought their lunches with them, so they would not have to give up their seats during the noon recess.

Several physicians testified that Louise's jaw had been fractured on the night of the alleged assault last May. Dr. Edmund D. Vance, a dental surgeon, said he believed the fractures were caused by blows.

Louise claims young Rich, the son of a wealthy Battle Creek manufacturer, beat her into unconsciousness. Rich claims her conduct and her dress invited his advances, and that she did not resist. She became intoxicated and bumped her face against the side of Rich's automobile, the defense claims.

C. O. Durstein, who was discharged from his position as a clerk in a factory owned by the elder Rich, testified he saw Arthur the day after the alleged attack.

"His face was all scratched up and I told him 'you look like you'd been in a cat fight,'" Durstein said. "Rich told me he had been in 'some' cat fight."

MASON, Mich., Feb. 24.—(United News)—After the alleged attack on Louise King, Arthur C. Rich carried her back to the car on his shoulder, according to the testimony of Miss Meda Reasoner, a companion on the ride to the country club. Miss Reasoner was the final witness called by the prosecution at Wednesday's session of the trial.

"He said she had had a terrible time with her and that Louise was drunk," Miss Reasoner testified.

DIFFERENCES MAY HALT PROJECT AID

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but probably not at the present session, legislation will be written which will provide general rules under which the secretary of the interior will be authorized to have the had accounts written off.

Not First Clash

The charge-off clash between the Oregon senator and the secretary of the interior is not the first they have had on the subject of reclamation. Senator McNary stands firmly against the state-aid idea for land settlement, which crept into reclamation legislation in the last congress and reappears in the pending interior department bill as passed by the house.

This bill will be taken up by the senate appropriations committee next week, but prior to that time McNary will call the senators from reclamation states into conference to consider amendments he has prepared, the effect of which is to eliminate state aid as a requirement and to provide that where it is found desirable to extend financial aid to the settler it shall be given from the reclamation fund, to be repaid to the United States as other charges are paid.

If the McNary plan is substituted in the senate the question of state aid will be thrown squarely into the conference committee for final action, the house having already adopted state aid as a condition to the construction of new projects.

UPTON SINCLAIR WILL ENTER RACE

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 24.—(United News)—Upton Sinclair, noted author, will carry the banner of socialism to the state capital, he announced here Wednesday.

Sinclair definitely decided to accept the nomination for governor of California.

"I do this," Sinclair said, "because I feel that the United States and California are the most looted governments in the world. California has always been misgoverned."

He will base his campaign on a demand for repeal of the California criminal syndicalist law. Governor Friend W. Richardson paved the way for his acceptance of the nomination, he said, when he refused to take a definite stand on the syndicalist law.

"The law is un-American," Sinclair announced, and I propose to awaken among the people of California an interest in its repeal and to show them that it is in direct violation of the principles of freedom and of the constitution."

He will have Lena Morrow Lewis as his running mate, Sinclair said.

ASSESSORS MEET

SALEM, Feb. 24.—(United News)—County assessors, in conference with the state tax investigating committee here Wednesday afternoon, went on record as favoring the adoption by Oregon of the Washington law, which vests supreme control over all assessments in a state tax commission. The assessors also expressed themselves as in favor of financing the state government through a tax on intangibles and indirect sources of revenue.

Gloria Awaits Stork Mid Palms



New photo of Marquise de Palaise de la Coudray, otherwise Gloria Swanson, was taken at Miami, Fla., where she is vacationing between pictures. Gloria is expecting the stork, it is said.

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SNOW INSURES A BIG KANSAS CROP

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 24.—(United News)—The largest wheat crop in the history of Kansas will be produced this year, all because Thursday's terrific blizzard covered the state with eleven inches of snow.

It was the worst snowstorm of the year, and it came at a time when the Kansas farmer was wringing his hands in despair over an unprecedented "dry spell," which had it continued much longer, would have meant ruin.

The soil had become dry, and the farmer, standing in the doorway of his farmhouse could watch the swift Kansas winds carrying his wealth away in clouds of dust. Then the snow with its weight and moisture, and the future took on a rose-colored hue.

Agriculture experts in all sections of the state concur in the opinion that Kansas will give to the world a record crop this year.

"I've just returned from western Kansas," H. Unberger, dean of the extension division of Kansas state agricultural college at Manhattan, Kansas, told the United News Friday. "The ground was very dry throughout that section and the soil had started to blow. But the farmers are jubilant now, with their wheat safe under the snow."

STARTS OUT YOUNG

OAKLAND, Calif., Feb. 24.—(United News)—A 16-year-old girl was named as co-respondent in the divorce complaint of Mrs. Anna C. Macmillan, who charges that her husband maintained an apartment for Alice Lind and had been intimate with the girl for four years.

Mexican Church Fight Is Serious

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 24.—(United News)—Sixteen persons were wounded in the conflict which resulted Tuesday when authorities closed the church of the Sacred Family here, according to an edition of the Newspaper Graphic. The riot occurred when thousands of women gathered in front of the department of interior demanding conversation with the secretary.

"If the women continue their intemperate attitude we will call the firemen out against them. If the same attitude obtains among the men we will call for machine guns," said Secretary Adalberto Tejeda.

The secretary used the firemen to disperse Tuesday's gathering after it had declined to break up Traffic adjacent to the church was impeded by throngs during the day. Quiet prevailed late Tuesday night. In spite of the padlocking of the church, evening vespers rang out as usual.

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