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BONUS ARMY REPULSED IN PICKET DRIVE

GEORGE ERWIN'S FUNERAL TO BE HELD FRIDAY

Services For Prominent
To Be Held at Home
At Four o'clock

JOHN DEATH ROCKS COMMUNITY

Funeral services for Judge
B. Erwin, judge of the
Circuit court, whose
death occurred suddenly late
yesterday afternoon, will be
held from the Erwin resi-
dence, 519 North Second
street, at four o'clock Friday
afternoon.

The absence of a pastor of
the Presbyterian church of which
Erwin was a life-long mem-
ber, B. H. Franklin, of the
Methodist church of
Decatur, will officiate at the
services. The deceased, who
was 59 years of age, was
suddenly stricken while en-
gaged in the service, accom-
panied by his wife, Mrs. Carrie
Haubold, at the
home of the deceased.

He has been selected
for the Knights of Pythias lodge
of the Decatur Rotary club, of
which Erwin was a member
of the Presbyterian church.
Many pall bearers will be
present.

Business to Cease
More Graliker, president of
the Chamber of Commerce
and business houses and
to close during the funeral
from four to five o'clock
afternoon.

Members of the Adams County
Knights of Pythias lodge, led
by Mr. Merriman, the Knights
of Pythias lodge will conduct
ritualistic services at the grave.
Burial will be in the Decatur
cemetery.

It was received today that
Mrs. Erwin, a daughter of
the deceased, would arrive
from San Diego, Cal., Friday after-
noon. The services were arranged
according to the schedule of
the lodge.

Erwin was removed from the
funeral home to the Erwin
home this afternoon and may
be viewed at any time up to the
hour.

Messages of condolence were
received by the widow and family
from scores of persons acquainted
with Erwin, either from a
standpoint, fraternally or
businessly.

Mr. Mitchell, Indianapolis, In-
dianapolis, a member of the
Knights of Pythias lodge, wired that he
and other grand lodge officers
attend the funeral services, and
attorney acquaintances
from counties also signified
intention of coming here for
funeral.

Erwin's death occurred
at 10 o'clock of acute dilatation
of the heart. He took ill last
Sunday while presiding as
judge in the Allen Super-
ior court. Fort Wayne and went
to the hospital at noon. He re-
sumed his duties during the afternoon
complained of not feeling well.
He first thought he was suf-
fering from over exertion and from
heat of the day. Miss
Smith, court reporter and
Bernice Nelson, former depu-
ty clerk, were with him.

Erwin's sudden death
was one of the finest and most
valuable careers as judge of the
Circuit court in the history
of Adams county. During his short
life he disposed of several cases
and insisted on keeping
the court clear.

Death Again Shows in the Cards



In the room where George Carl,
Chicago grocer, was shot to death
sixty hours after the cards of Mrs.
Susan Ballo (above), a amateur
seers had predicted that end for
him. Mrs. Ballo again shuffled and
dealt her pack of ill-fortune telling
cards and again the figures of
death appeared. Detectives staged
this scene Tuesday but the
cards gave no clue to the person
who ended Carl's life.

FINAL PAYMENT MADE BY COUNCIL

City Pays in Full For Elec- tric Distribution Sys- tem; Bonds Sold

The final payment to the Deel
Electrical Engineering and Con-
struction Co., Fort Wayne, for
building the new electric distribu-
tion system in Decatur was made
by the city council last evening.

The last payment amounted to
\$7,373.50, bringing the total ex-
penditure to \$30,171.87. The con-
tract was awarded amounted to \$27,
796.60 and the balance of \$2,375.27
was for additional work done at
the plant, extra cable and under-
ground work near the plant and for
changes ordered by the engineers.

H. M. Gillig, chairman of the
finance committee of the council
informed the body that the city had
sold \$5,000 worth of 3 1/2 per cent
government bonds at market price,
\$96, to make up the amount of the
final payment. The bonds were
turned over to the city by the O.D.
Adams County Bank as security for
the city's deposits in the bank, the
bank being one of the depositories
for city funds.

Mr. Gillig also informed the coun-
cil that the city had \$8,000 worth of
bonds at the bank, being the bal-
ance of the security given by the
bank for city funds. The law per-
mits banks to put up government
or road bonds for half of the
amount of public deposits and in
the case of the city a total of \$13,
000 was posted, protecting deposits
up to \$26,000. Mr. Gillig said the
city had about \$68,000 in the bank,
of which more than half was in
certificates of deposit, bearing three
and four per cent interest. Cer-
tificates of deposit are not protect-
ed by security, the deposits being
classified with general deposits and
distribution being made on them
the same as individual deposits.

Other bills were allowed by the
finance committee and the session
adjourned.

Accident Results In Death of Two Men

Fort Wayne, July 20—(U.P.)—Ray
R. Treesh, 39, and J. A. Seifert,
46, both of Garrett, died here last
evening of injuries suffered when
the auto in which they were riding
with two women, overturned
yesterday morning.

Mrs. Hilda Hofer, 28, was injured
seriously, and Mrs. June Wil-
lard, 27, suffered minor injuries.

Escaped Prisoner Is Found And Again Jailed

Fort Wayne, July 20—(U.P.)—
Liberty was brief for Humbert
Hayes, 22, held on a charge of
murdering his brother, Leslie.
Humbert broke from jail here
yesterday by sawing through two
bars of his cell. Twelve hours
later he was found beneath a box
car in the railroad yards, and re-
turned to jail.

WOULD DIVIDE GAS TAX FUND HALF AND HALF

House Bill Provides For Equal Distribution of State Gas Tax

TENURE LAW IS LICKED IN SENATE

Indianapolis July 20 — (U.P.) —
Leaders of the attack against funds
of the state highway department
won their initial legislative skir-
mish today when the house passed
a bill providing for allocation of
half the state's gasoline and auto
license collections to local units. The
bill introduced by Delph Mc-
Kesson, Democrat of Plymouth, Ind.,
goes now to the senate.

Nineteen new bills containing
provisions for municipal control of
utilities, taxation of corporation
stock, stricter property taxes, limi-
tation of budgets and absorption of
local unit roads by the state high-
way system were introduced in the
senate.

The senate voted to adopt a ma-
jority committee report on a bill
seeking repeal of the teacher's ten-
ure law. It also voted indefinite
postponement of a measure design-
ing to repeal the teacher's minimum
wage law.

A majority report of the house
Ways and Means committee which
sought indefinite postponement of
a bill which would remove the state
four mill levy for Indiana's World
War Memorial, was voted down. The
bill then was advanced to sec-
ond reading.

Two house bills designed to grant
municipalities authorities to own
and operate public utilities were
recommended for indefinite post-
ponement by the cities' and towns
committee. They had been spon-
sored by the new municipal rights
league of Indiana.

A measure which would grant
municipalities the right to own and
operate public utilities was intro-
duced in the senate.

Indianapolis, July 20. — (U.P.) —
Five new relief bills passed by the
senate, including a sweeping pro-
posal to revive home rule, were
sent to the house today.

The home rule measure, spon-
sored by J. Clyde Hoffman, Republi-
can, Indianapolis, was passed by the
senate 39 to 14. It would give
local authorities almost unlimited
authority to slash salaries and
abolish offices, including those of
county and township assessors, at-
tendance officers and all others ex-
cept township trustees and consti-
tutional officers. It also would im-
pound the teachers' minimum wage
law.

The house today had before it
several measures for final reading.
A battle between urban and rural
representatives broke out before
two bills re-allocating state gaso-
line and auto license fees were sent
to engrossment. Charges of "hand-
out" and "gag rule" were heard
when attempts were made to re-
apportion the amount which local
governments will receive.

Cities may spend their share of
the gasoline and auto license fund
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BANDIT SEEKING PRISON PAROLE

Elmer Wood, One of Linn Grove Bank Bandit Gang Wants Parole

Clemency petitions of 14 convicts
in Indiana State Prison at Michigan
City will be considered by the board
of pardons and paroles at its quar-
terly meeting, July 28, it was an-
nounced today.

Among the convicts seeking a
parol is Elmer Wood of Pennville,
who with Everett D. Galtier, R. W.
Sniff and Phil Chamberlain robbed
the Bank of Linn Grove in 1928 and
again on March 14, 1929. The men
were sentenced to 20 years in the
Michigan City state prison by
Judge Jesse C. Sutton in the Adams
Circuit Court, March 30, 1929.

Mr. Wood was 40 years of age
at the time he was sentenced, and
was the oldest of the four men.
He had been a railroad worker for
more than 20 years. He was married and
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Crown Cherry Queen



Governor Wilbur M. Brucker of Michigan officially declaring Miss
Carolyn Hazard queen of the National Cherry Festival at Traverse
City. The governor is shown placing the crown upon the 1932 queen's
head. The festival drew a record attendance from all parts of the
country.

Former Decatur Girl Is In Toledo Hospital

Word was received here today
that Miss Mary Neptune, daughter
of Mrs. Celeste Neptune of Toledo,
O., and formerly of this city, is in
a critical condition at St. Vincent
Hospital, Toledo.

Mary suffered an injury to her
spine more than a year ago when
she slipped and fell on the floor of
the gymnasium of the school where
she was a teacher.

She has been a patient at the hos-
pital since the accident. An opera-
tion was performed Tuesday morn-
ing. Her condition is regarded as
serious.

RAIN TO BRING RELIEF FRIDAY

Predict Showers For In- diana by Thursday or Friday Night

Indianapolis, July 20. — (U.P.) —
Thunderstorms Thursday night or
Friday will bring the first relief
from the intense heat wave now
prevailing over Indiana, J. H. Ar-
lington, U. S. meteorologist, fore-
cast today.

Temperatures equalling those of
yesterday, and in some cases go-
ing higher, prevailed in the state
today.

At Indianapolis the mercury had
risen 13 degrees in four hours to
reach 90 degrees at 10 o'clock. A
temperature of 95 was expected be-
fore sundown.

Corn throughout the state pro-
gressed well during the past week
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Body of Murdered Woman Found Today

Chicago July 20 — (U.P.) — The
body of Mrs. Catherine Lenth 67,
a crippled woman who owned consid-
erable property and lived alone was
found clothed on her bed today
where it had been tossed after she
was murdered.

A letter in Germany only partly
translated by noon led to discov-
ery of the murder and was believed
by police to hold a clue to identity
of the slayers.

Foundation Day To Be Held August 7

Winona Lake, Ind., July 20 —
"Foundation Day," an annual event
on Winona's Chautauqua program
set apart for commemoration of the
anniversary of the founding of this
institution, will be observed Sun-
day, August 7.

Rev. Paul Rader of the Chicago
Gospel Tabernacle, world-renowned
mission worker, evangelist and ra-
dio speaker, will deliver the prin-
cipal addresses of the day, at 10:30
a. m. and 3:00 p. m. The meetings
will be in the Billy Sunday Taber-
nacle. Homer Rodeheaver will di-
rect the music during the day.

CONDITIONS IN GERMANY GROW WORSE TODAY

Military State of Emer- gency Declared in Ber- lin And Brandenburg

FRANZ VON PAPEN IS IN CONTROL

Berlin, July 20. — (U.P.) — Berlin
and the Prussian province of Bran-
denburg were ruled under a mili-
tary state of emergency virtually
equivalent to martial law today
with Chancellor Franz von Papen
serving as reich's commissioner in
Prussia.

The control of the Prussian po-
lice force of 90,000 men passed to
the reich administration, ostensibly
to end serious political rioting
which has taken a high toll in lives
during the past six months.

President von Hindenburg issued
dictatorial decrees bringing about
the important government changes,
which were effective immediately.

Von Papen was authorized to
assume the Prussian premiership
and replace Prussian cabinet min-
isters with reich commissioners. This
authority meant the end of the
last important democratic regime
in Germany, the socialist and
catholic cabinet of Prussia.

Von Papen at once removed act-
ing premier of Prussia Otto Braun
and Minister of the Interior Karl
Severing, "strong man" who con-
trolled the Prussian police force
for years.

The von Papen government as-
sumed power today
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WARN AGAINST OVER INFLATION

Senator Smoot Attacks Borah's Plan to Expand National Currency

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Washington, July 20—(U.P.)—Ad-
ministration leaders today warned
emphatically against continuing cur-
rency expansion beyond the \$1,000-
000,000 (B) authorized under the
Borah-Class rider to the Home Loan
bank bill.

They took issue sharply with
Senator Borah, Repn., Idaho, who
declared expansion should be car-
ried "much further" in an effort to
increase prices.

"Just observe the history of Na-
tions which to any great extent
have expanded their currency," said
Chairman Smoot of the Senate
finance committee in a United
Press interview answering Borah.
Smoot had in mind particularly
the vicious circle of inflation in
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FARLEY DIRECTS CAMPAIGN FOR GOV. ROOSEVELT

Campaign Committee Is Headed by James Farley, Supplants National Body

HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK

New York, July 20—(U.P.) —
A "campaign committee"
headed by James A. Farley,
national committee chairman
and with strong representa-
tion from the states, will run
Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt's
campaign for the presidency.

This new type of organiza-
tion, supplanting the demo-
cratic national committee as
the campaigning force, was an-
nounced at democratic headquar-
ters today. At the same time, it
was confirmed that New York will
be the pivotal point of the cam-
paign, without regional branch
headquarters as hitherto.

The democrats will make their
drives in individual states without
the aid of other headquarters than
the New York offices in the Bilt-
more Hotel and the state cam-
paign offices in each state. The
national committee will continue
to function as a permanent organi-
zation, but the work of trying to
elect Roosevelt will center in the
metropolis under the manage-
ment of the tall, youthful appear-
ing Farley who with Louis M.
Howe is credited with swinging
the Chicago nomination.

Howe, friend and advisor of
Roosevelt for many years, will be
in direct charge of the campaign
committee's office operations here.

Knights of Pythias To Meet Tonight

All members of the Knights of
Pythias lodge are urged to attend
a special meeting to be held at the
K. of P. Home at 7:30 o'clock to-
night.

Marion Hoagland,
Chancellor Commander.

DIVING ACT AND CONCERT ON BILL

Big Free Program to Con- clude Trade Day; Stores To Remain Open

A concert by the Decatur Junior
band under the direction of David
Rice, will be given at 7:15 o'clock
tonight in front of the court house
in connection with the special
Trade Day and free entertainment
provided by Decatur merchants for
the benefit of shoppers.

The band is volunteering its ser-
vices and the concert is given pre-
viously to the big free act which
will be staged at 9:30 o'clock on the
Methodist church lot, corner Mon-
roe and Fourth.

Captain Edwards, advertised as
the "diving fool" and the human
torch will make a high dive into a
tank of water. His act is a thrilling
one. His clothes are saturated with
gasoline and set on fire. Gasoline is
also spread on the water and set
on fire. Captain Edwards makes the
dive from a high tower.

Shoppers were busy today visit-
ing the Decatur stores and taking
advantage of the bargains offered
by local merchants. Forty-one
stores sponsored the special trade
day and free entertainment. The
program was given morning, after-
noon and again tonight. This morn-
ing "The Fox" in the mysteries of
Houdini performed on Liberty Way
to the enjoyment of hundreds who
witnessed the two programs.

The stores will remain open un-
til about 9:30 o'clock tonight.

Elk's To Enjoy Turtle Supper at Home Tonight

Members of the Elk's lodge are
invited to the turtle soup supper
to be served from six to eight
o'clock at the Elk's home on North
Second street this evening.

The committee in charge of Al-
bert Colchin and O. W. P. Macklin,
has arranged everything and as-
sured members of a tasty menu. A
short program will be given dur-
ing the evening and every member
is urged to attend.

Heads Campaign



James A. Farley
Democratic national chairman
who will direct the campaign of
Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt for the
presidency. Mr. Farley heads the
new Campaign Committee which
will take the place of the National
committee in the coming election.

PARKING LINES ARE SET BACK

Change Made to Permit Trucks To Make Turn; Discuss Legislation

A change in the temporary park-
ing arrangements on Second street
will be made today to permit truck
operators to make right or left
turns into and from the alleys.

The cars will be parked back
about ten feet from the present
lines at the alley intersections.
D. F. Teeple, operator of the
Teepie truck line appeared before
the council last evening and stated
that under present arrange-
ments it was impossible to turn
into Second street from any alley
and suggested that more space be
given at the intersections. The
street and sewer committee in-
structed Amos Fisher, city street
commissioner, to make the changes
today.

Ed Highland, agent for the
Nickel Plate railroad appeared be-
fore the council and requested
that the city eliminate the extra
street lights at the Winchester
Line, Tenth and Eleventh street,
maintained by the railroad. The
matter was referred to the elec-
tric light committee with power
to act.

Objections or remonstrances on
the preliminary assessments on
the Floyd Acker sidewalk im-
provement will be heard by the
council on August 2.

Discuss Legislation

The matter of proposed legisla-
tion before the Indiana legislature
affecting cities was discussed by
the council. Chief interest con-
cerned the bill permitting munici-
pal plants to purchase and operate
utility plants and those concern-
ing the division of the gasoline
tax money.

City councilmen will address
letters to Senator Thurman A.
Gottschalk and to Representative
Virgil Simmons, recommending
enactment of the utility bill and
in favor of the bill which would
give the city its proportionate
share of the gasoline tax. No
special bill was mentioned. Sev-
eral gas division tax bills have
been introduced. One bill would
take away from the cities the
money now received and Mayor
George Krick and members of the
council are opposed to this
measure.

Glenn Donnell Has Right Arm Broken

Glenn Donnell, adopted son of
Mr. and Mrs. Rollie Donnell of this
city fell and broke his right arm
Tuesday, while playing ball with
his playmates. This is the second
time in the last month that the lad
has had his arm broken.

Radio Abolished From Commerce Department

Washington, July 20—(U.P.) —
President Hoover issued an execu-
tive order today abolishing the
radio division of the department
of commerce, and transferring its
duties and functions to the feder-
al radio commission.

MARCHERS FAIL TO REACH THE WHITE HOUSE

Group of 200 Bonus Army Men Fail in Attempt To Picket Place

TWO LEADERS ARE ARRESTED

Washington, July 20.—(U.P.) —
Police repulsed two attempts
of an insurgent group of 200
members of the bonus army to
picket the White House to-
day. They dispersed the de-
monstrators after arresting
two of the leaders and leaving
the executive mansion the
center of a heavily guarded
area from which veterans and
the general public alike were
excluded.

John Pace of Detroit, leader of
the "left wing" forces, and Beck-
with E. Johnson of Big Rapids,
Mich., were arrested. They were
held in jail when they were unable
to furnish a bond of \$125.

The first of the clashes occurred
when the veterans, defying a police
warning, approached the White
House along the street which sepa-
rates it from the treasury.

The arrests were made a little
later when Pace and Johnson at-
tempted to lead their men through
police lines after a flanking move-
ment which brought the veterans
into a position at the rear of the
White House.

Hundreds of Washingtonians
gathered to witness the unprece-
dented scenes as the White House
with President Hoover working as
usual in his office, became virtu-
ally an armed fortress defended by
hundreds of white-shirted police
whose weapons and tear gas bombs
were displayed openly at their hips.

Meanwhile the main force of the
bonus army was listening to an ad-
dress by Smedley D. Butler, former
Marine general, who exhorted the
men to "stick by your guns until
we let 120,000,000 people know
about what's going on here."

The insurgent contingent, after
the flanking movement had failed,
was escorted by police back to its
camp a half mile from the White
House. A police guard was thrown
about the camp to prevent the vet-
erans from again leaving it.

When the insurgents were safely
established in their quarters, the
police lifted the guard about the
White House and permitted ordi-
nary traffic again to flow through
the area.

Walter Elcker, one of Page's
lieutenants, was taken into custody
by police in the second clash but
his name did not appear on the po-
lice blotter. He was held after he
had yelled to the crowd, while po-
lice were arresting Page.

"Hold that line! Don't let them
take him! Hold that line!"
Elderly Police Inspector Albert J.
Headley stopped the first approach
of the veterans almost single hand-
ed, while Police Superintendent
Glassford, shirt-sleeved and busy,
was directing the maneuvers from
a position in front of the White
House. Headley was stationed in
front of the treasury building.

FASCIST HEAD RESIGNS POST

Dino Grandi Quits As For- eign Minister In Ital- ian Cabinet

Rome, July 20. — (U.P.) — Dino
Grandi, youthful and popular for-
eign minister, resigned in a periodic
shakeup in the fascist cabinet to-
day and became a likely candidate
for the ambassadorship to Wash-
ington.

Premier Benito Mussolini assum-
ed the portfolio of foreign affairs
and of corporations. Only three
cabinet posts remained unchanged.
If Grandi becomes ambassador to
Washington, Giacomo de Martino,
completes his service there. It also
was possible that Grandi might be
named ambassador to London.

It is Mussolini's policy to rotate
able men of the fascist party in
office so that as many as possible will
be in touch with various govern-
ment departments and be prepared
for any eventualities.

Grandi's resignation had been ex-
pected for some time, and was
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