

SEES BUSINESS BASIS SOUNDER THAN IN YEARS
Comptroller of Currency Reports War on Profiters Only Need Now.

HITS GOTHAM 'PIRATES'
WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The nation today is on a sounder basis, financially and economically, than it has been for many years and will enter on an era of healthy progress when prices of commodities are further stabilized, Comptroller of the Currency Williams said today in his annual report to Congress.

Comptroller Williams told Congress there is urgent need in the readjustment period to stamp out profiteers in money and commodities.

While the banking situation is growing more secure, Williams recommended that Congress act to this security by legislation that will improve the banking system and increase the security of bank depositors.

Among the main recommendations for legislation is one to the agricultural and producing regions has been partly due to this diversion of large sums from the interior banks to New York to be re-lent at higher interest.

Again criticizing certain New York bankers, whom he charges with habitually exacting exorbitant rates of interest on short time loans, Comptroller Williams asked an amendment to the national bank act, providing that member banks borrowing money from Federal reserve banks should be prohibited from charging more than a fair and reasonable advance over the rate paid the reserve banks.

Congress was informed that tightness of money in the agricultural and producing regions has been partly due to this diversion of large sums from the interior banks to New York to be re-lent at higher interest.

Williams said the legislation he suggests would stop this form of "piracy" and make available to mercantile, industrial and agricultural fields adequate credit for legitimate needs.

He estimated the shrinkage in values in the United States last year at from \$12,000,000,000 to \$10,000,000,000.

A "tax" in the form of middlemen's profits, "in many cases unwarrentable and in many cases unpayable," is preventing the consumer from benefiting from the tremendous drop.

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BOMB WRECKS CHICAGO PLANT
Explosion Blamed on Strike Troubles Shatters Windows for Blocks.

CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—A terrific bomb explosion wrecked the leather goods plant of Stone Bros. at Polk and LaSalle streets early today, injuring one man, shattering windows for blocks and causing a panic when scores rushed to the street in their night clothes, thinking it was an earthquake.

Labor troubles at the plant, where a strike was in progress, are believed to have been responsible.

The damages were estimated at \$12,000.

SURRENDERS IN MAIL ROBBERY
Chicago Labor Chief Faces Federal Charge.

CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—Big Tim Murphy, labor leader, surrendered today to Chief of Police Fitzmorris, after Federal officials had put in three days searching for him to serve a Federal warrant charging complicity in the spectacular \$100,000 mail pouch robbery at Pullman, Ill., recently.

Vincenzo Cosmano, also charged with complicity in the robbery, has been released on \$50,000 bail.

Murphy and Cosmano were indicted by a grand jury two years ago for the murder of Maurice (Doc) Barker in one of Chicago's labor wars. The indictments were dismissed when the State failed to produce witnesses.

Meat Inspectors Join Local Force

Two changes in personnel of the Federal bureau of animal industry and inspection today. S. A. King, veterinary inspector at Phoenix, Ariz., has been transferred to the meat inspection division of the bureau here. Harry F. Hertz, who has been with the meat inspection division at Chicago, will come to Indianapolis as an inspector.

American Is Injured
VIENNA, Feb. 7.—Twelve persons were killed and thirty injured, including William Upson, a member of the American mission to Austria, in a train wreck near Feldkirch, said a dispatch from that city today.

WEATHER
Forecast for Indianapolis and vicinity for the twenty-four hours ending 7 p. m. Feb. 8: Cold with temperature near freezing and rain turning to snow and sleet; Tuesday partly cloudy and colder.

Will This Be Harding's Cabinet



The men selected for Harding's Cabinet and the posts they are scheduled to occupy. Left to right, above: Andrew W. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury; Charles Evans Hughes, Secretary of State; John W. Weeks, Secretary of War; Benator Albert B. Fall, Secretary of the Interior. Middle row: Will R. Hays, Postmaster General; James J. Davis, Secretary of Labor. Lower row: Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce; Harry M. Daugherty, Attorney General; Henry C. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture; Frank O. Lowden, Secretary of the Navy.

DOUGHBOYS TO GET ATTENTION OF U.S. SENATE

Bill Appropriating \$17,500,000 for Hospital Care Scheduled for Adoption.

LONG DELAY NEARS END

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Congress is apparently about to do something at last to compensate the American doughboy for the sacrifices made in the World War.

After months of dilly-dallying and debate since the armistice was signed, "adequate, ample and satisfactory" provision, in the words of Senator Penrose, is now being made for proper hospital facilities for maimed, sick and insane veterans.

As one step in that direction, the Senate today, coincident with a meeting of the executive and legislative committees of the American Legion here, planned to adopt an amendment to the pending sundry civil appropriations bill providing for \$17,500,000 for proper hospital facilities for maimed, sick and insane veterans.

Believes Congress WILL BE BACKED.

Senator Penrose is of the opinion that the American people will back Congress if increased taxation is found necessary to furnish financial sinews for the soldiers' aid bill passed by the House this session and still before the Finance Committee, of which the Pennsylvania Senator is chairman.

The bill is in charge of Senator McCumber, Republican, of North Dakota, who, as ranking Republican member of the committee, was its active champion before Senator Penrose's recent recovery from a long illness.

The taxation features of the measure have prevented the committee from reporting it. Senator McCumber explained, but Senator Penrose declared emphatically the bill must be passed by the Senate, if not at this session, at the next, even if it is found necessary to enact the new taxes it would impose. Some of these taxes would be levied on stock exchange transactions. The New York, Chicago, Philadelphia and other stock exchanges are opposing them.

LEGION SPURS ACTION.

It is Senator McCumber's plan to hold hearings on a patent covering the manufacture of automobile wind shields, the ownership of which is claimed by the plaintiff, was filed today in Federal Court by the Troy Sunbeam Company of Troy, Ohio. An accounting is also demanded.

The complaint charges the metal company has been notified of the reputed infringement, but that it has persisted in its course of action.

Slippery Pavements Cause Auto Smash

Slippery pavements caused an automobile accident at Meridian and North streets today. F. W. Gunkle, 833 Middle Drive, Woodruff Place, was driving east on North street with E. S. Carter. C. A. Wanda, 1440 Lemcke Annex, was driving on Meridian street. The automobiles collided and both were damaged. No one was injured, although Wanda's car was knocked on the sidewalk.

KOKOMO MAN GETS RUM FINE.

KOKOMO, Ind., Feb. 6.—Found guilty of unlawful possession of intoxicating liquor, Carl Perkins was fined \$100 and sentenced to the penitentiary for thirty days. The case has been appealed to the Circuit Court.

Tabloids on Men Slated for Big Table

Tabloid histories of the men now believed slated for portfolios in Harding's cabinet.

CHARLES EVANS HUGHES—Born, Glenn Falls, N. Y., April 11, 1862. After graduating from Brown University went to Columbia law school. Practicing law at New York City. Present business, practicing law at New York City.

ANDREW W. MELLON—Born, Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1852. Educated, University of Pittsburgh. Has never held important political position. Present business, banker and railroad man. Home, Pittsburgh, Pa.

JOHN W. WEEKS—Born, Lancaster, N. H., April 11, 1850. Educated, United States Naval Academy. First important political berth, alderman, Newton, Mass., 1901-1902. Present business, Senator from Massachusetts. Home, West Newton, Mass.

HARRY M. DAUGHERTY—Born, Washington Court House, Ohio. First sprang into prominence when he supported Sherman in the Sherman-Forsaker fight years ago. Manager Harding's pre-convention campaign. Home, Columbus, Ohio.

WILL R. HAYS—Born, Sullivan County, Indiana, Nov. 5, 1879. Educated, B. A. Wabash College, Indiana. First important political berth, city attorney in Sullivan, Ind., 1910-1913. Present business, head of Republican national committee. Home, Sullivan, Ind.

FRANK O. LOWDEN—Born, Sunrise City, Minn., May 13, 1861. Educated, B. A. Iowa State University. LL. B., Union College of Law, Chicago. First important political berth, delegate Republican national convention, 1904. Was Governor of Illinois, 1917-1921. Home, Springfield, Ill.

ALBERT B. FALL—Born, Frankfort, Ky., Nov. 23, 1861. Educated, in country schools, principally self-taught. First important political berth, member of New Mexico Legislature. Present business, Senator New Mexico. Home, Three Rivers, N. M.

HENRY C. WALLACE—Born, Rock Island, Ill., May 13, 1880. Educated, B. A. Iowa State College; Agriculture and Mechanical Arts, Ames, Iowa. No previous important political appointments. Present business, editor, publisher. Home, Des Moines, Iowa.

HERBERT C. HOOPER—Born, West Branch, Iowa, Aug. 10, 1874. Educated, B. A., Leland Stanford Jr. University; LL. B., Brown University, 1905. University of Pennsylvania, 1917. Has become world famous as relief director. Present business, head of giant European relief organization. Home, Washington, D. C.

JAMES J. DAVIS—Little was known about Davis outside of fraternal circles until mentioned as a Cabinet possibility. He is forty-six years old and started life as a puddler in steel mills. He is director general of the Loyal Order of Moose. He lived in Pittsburgh until recently, when he moved to Indiana.

Bernauer and Jones Slated for Murder

Carl Bernauer, 21, 2929 Paris avenue, and Charles Jones, 24, 3515 Massachusetts avenue, today were slated at the City Prison on a charge of murder in connection with the killing of Sam Eald, proprietor of a confectionery at 229 South Illinois street on the night of Oct. 22 in a hold-up. They were indicted several days ago.

She is the woman with whom Bernauer, writer and lecturer, who was found dead in a gas-filled room in his boarding house, had discussed spiritualism and to whom he said, "I can prove, in a very simple manner, that the dead can communicate with the living."

AWAITS CALL OF MAN WHO DIED TO PROVE SPIRITS TALK

A sheet of paper in Bradford's room had written upon it: "I am dead and it is through scientific facts that I propose to demonstrate clearly the phenomena of spirits and prove that all the phenomena is outside the domain of the supernatural."

Other papers showing that Bradford had advertised in the Detroit papers for "some one interested in spiritualism" were pointed to the theory that he had agreed with some one to kill himself and send a message back from the spirit world.

STEPS TO SEND HAAGS TO FARM

Judge Sparks Here to Make Entry Showing Appeals Dismissed.

First steps were taken today in compelling Louis E. Haag and Julius Haag, local druggists, who recently returned under parole from the Federal prison at Atlanta, Ga., to serve thirty days on the State farm and pay a fine of \$400 each on conviction in Criminal Court of violating the State liquor laws, practicing law at New York City.

Although the record of the Supreme Court shows that the Haags disclaimed their appeal by counsel while they were in the Federal prison, the records of Criminal Court up to noon did not show that the case had come back to the trial court.

Judge Sparks, who immediately conferred with Prosecutor William P. Evans, stated that he was here to have the Criminal Court record show that the Haags have disclaimed their appeal which they took to the Supreme Court.

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NEW TRAFFIC ORDINANCE TO BE SUBMITTED

City Council to Take Up Pay Boost for Police and Firemen.

NURSES' HOME DELAYED

A new traffic ordinance embodying important provisions not contained in the old and a number of changes in the existing regulations is among measures to be introduced in the regular City Council meeting tonight.

Ordinances to increase the pay of police and firemen, to approve an appraisal of surplus property under the control of the Board of Public Safety and to approve four contracts for the purchase of new hose for the fire department also will be introduced.

A measure granting the board of public health authority to issue \$500,000 worth of bonds to raise funds with which to construct a nurses' home at the city hospital was to have been introduced, but Corporation Counsel Samuel Ashby held it up at the last minute to consider a change. The ordinance, as prepared by Assistant City Attorney Harry H. Yost, would permit the sale of long term bonds.

Mr. Ashby is understood to favor authorization of short term bonds so that, in case the board of health is unable to retire them in three or four years, some other short period, they might be refunded at a lower rate of interest prevailing at that time. It was not thought likely that the ordinance would reach the council until a later meeting.

TRAFFIC CHANGES.

Among the important changes in the traffic regulations in the new ordinance is the moving of the south boundary of the congested district from Georgia street to South street. This would make the boundary of the congested district, starting from Capitol avenue and South street, run as follows: Capitol avenue to New York street, New York street to Alabama street, Alabama street to Maryland street, Maryland street to Delaware street, Delaware street to South street, and South street to Capitol avenue.

Flat-to-the-curb parking is provided in Capitol avenue, Illinois, Meridian and Pennsylvania streets from Washington street to the north limit of the congested district. Thirty-degree parking now is in force on these streets. The new ordinance provides that flat-to-the-curb parking shall prevail in all places outside the congested district. This would wipe out the present provision by which thirty-degree parking is permitted in Capitol avenue and Meridian street between New York and St. Clair streets.

PARKING PROVISIONS FOR MARKET DAYS.

Parking would be prohibited on the south side of Thirtieth street from Capitol avenue to Meridian street and on the north side of Thirtieth street from the case to White River.

Changes in the parking rules in streets on market days parking would be permitted on the north side only of Market street to hold their traffic in the city.

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Yielding by Board Seen in Ship War

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—"I don't believe there will be a rate war," said Admiral Benson, chairman of the shipping board, today, discussing the threat of a rate war between the American Steamship Company and the United Fruit Company to undercut the board's rates from Atlantic to Pacific along the west coast and to Hawaii unless the board withdraws its vessels from the coast.

The question arose when Senator Nejd attempted to put before the Senate a motion to reconsider its action in indefinitely postponing the Senate Bill No. 12, which provides for an increase in salary of judges of the Supreme and Appellate Courts. The chair ruled the motion out of order. Senator Nejd appealed and the Senate upheld the chair.

Society Buds Race Working Girls for Honors on Clothes

CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—Do working girls wear their clothes as well as society girls?

Dressmakers from all parts of the country will decide the answer to the question this week when they will act as unofficial judges of models at a fashion show which opened here today.

For the first five days of the week the department store models will show the latest in everything feminine. They will not only show how well a working girl can wear her clothes on the street, but in the boudoir as well.

Saturday night sixteen of Chicago's most beautiful society women will act as models. Thirteen of them are debutantes, the other three the wives of bankers.

he said. "That is the name he gave me. I had my attention called to an advertisement he had placed in the papers a few weeks ago. I answered the ad and requested that he call. He did so. Our first interview here in this very room lasted more than two hours."

"I am a psychic. For years I have been interested keenly in the occult. I found him a very intelligent man to converse with."

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Preachers' Union Brands Parole of Haags Outrage; State Action Is Demanded

At a meeting of the Indianapolis Ministerial Association at the Roberts Park M. E. Church today the following resolutions were adopted unanimously:

Whereas, The Haag brothers have been paroled from the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga., and

Whereas, This parole was made contrary to the rules governing such paroles, and

Whereas, These men were defiant and persistent lawbreakers of both Federal and State liquor laws, and were found guilty by the best of evidence, and

Whereas, Such paroles encourage lawbreakers to have a greater disrespect for law, and discourage law-abiding citizens from enforcing the law;

Therefore be it Resolved:

1. That a copy of these resolutions, representing the great Protestant denominations and thousands of the best citizens of Indianapolis, declare this parole of the Haag brothers to be an outrage and an insult to the law-abiding citizens of Indianapolis.

2. That we condemn Mr. Palmer, the United States Attorney General, and the Federal pardoning board, for paroling these men without giving the best citizens of Indianapolis an opportunity thereby to protest against it.

3. That we severely criticize the men who signed the petition for the parole, affirming that their act was inimical to the best citizenship of this fair city.

4. That we call upon the State authorities to enforce the penalties which are still hanging over the Haag brothers.

5. That we commend the Indianapolis News and the Indiana Daily Times for their excellent editorials on this subject.

6. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the three daily newspapers of this city and to United States Attorney General Palmer.

MOVE TO HALT BENEDICT FEE BILL DEFEATED

House Passes Measure to Engrossment Over Plea for Time to Amend.

SALARY BOOST FAILS

The Benedict bill abolishing the fee system in Marion County and placing county offices on a salary basis was passed to engrossment in the House today after an effort by Representative Frank Noll of Indianapolis to delay action on the measure. Representative Noll moved to recommit the bill to the Committee on Affairs of the City of Indianapolis.

In explaining his motion Representative Noll declared it was his opinion that members of the Marion County delegation were not satisfied with provisions of the bill and that he made his motion to give them time to agree on amendments.

Representative Noll's motion was tabled on motion of Representative John L. Benedict of Indianapolis, author of the bill.

Rank members came to the front again with opposition to salary increase bills when Representative Charles A. Harlan of Kosciusko County made a motion to strike out the enacting clause of House Bill No. 22, which would increase the salaries of Supreme and Appellate Court judges from \$6,000 to \$7,500 a year.

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HOLDS BRANCH RULING WRONG

Parliamentarian of National House Backs Nejd.

The contention of Senator James J. Nejd of Whiting that a motion may be made to reconsider the vote indefinitely postponing action on a measure is correct, according to a letter received by him today from Lieber Peas, parliamentarian of the National House of Representatives. Lieutenant Governor Emmett F. Branch had held otherwise.

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GIVE UP HOPE FOR ANY BUT SUPPLY BILLS

Congressional Leaders Enter Last Stretch With Others in Discard.

PERSHING BACKS DAWES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Congress today entered the last stretch of the present legislative session bent on only one accomplishment, the passage of the annual appropriation bills before the advent of the new administration March 4.

The program for the short session has been reduced day by day until the passage of the annual supply bills remains alone as the sum total of accomplishments desired.

The House will endeavor to pass the navy and fortifications appropriation bill this week. Republican Leader Mondell said. The Senate hopes to pass the sundry civil bill before tomorrow night and then take up the postoffice bill. If it is not certain that an early vote can be had on the emergency tariff bill.

IMPORTANT BILLS TOSSED ASIDE.

Important legislation scheduled for passage which virtually has been discarded includes the immigration exclusion bill, the coal industry control bill, the packer control bill and the soldier bonus bill.

Accomplishments of the session to date include passage of the resolution creating the war finance corporation and the reduction in the size of the army.

"If an agreement is not reached for the limitation of armament and warlike expenditures, the fault will be that of America, as in former days it was that of Germany," Representative Mondell told the House Naval Affairs Committee.

Life and several other members of Congress appeared to urge the calling of a disarmament conference.

DANIELS AND BAKER UNDEFEATED.

Mondell attacked Secretary Daniels and Baker for submitting such large programs to Congress, claiming that in foreign lands their statements were taken to mean that the United States favors huge armaments.

An investigation of conditions in the coal fields of West Virginia was asked in a resolution introduced in the Senate by Senator Johnson of California.

The resolution pointed out that violence has been so serious as to lead to the calling out of Federal troops.

PERSHING REFUSES TO DEFEND ARMY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—"The achievements of the American expeditionary force in France are a credit to the American people," said Pershing today.

This was the first time today of Gen. John J. Pershing to charges made against the American Army in France by the American press.

Pershing joined with Brig. Gen. Charles G. Dawes, who recently denounced the American Expeditionary Force in a vitriolic manner, in resenting the charges made against the Army.

General Pershing notified a House committee that he was a reasonable man. (Continued on Page Two.)

FATHER DRAWN FOR JURY DUTY

Unusual Coincidence Occurs in Preparing Venire for Inda Myers' Trial.

That Alonso Snyder of Warren township and father of Mrs. Inda Myers, who is charged with the murder of her husband, was a juror in the Marion County Criminal Court on a charge of murdering her husband, Frederick A. Myers, was drawn as one of the seventy-five prospective jurors in a special venire of seventy-five, because known today.

It was explained by attaches of the Criminal Court that Mr. Snyder had been drawn out of the box by the jury commissioners in connection with other prospective jurors. Bailiff Clarence Clegg of the Criminal Court stated that he instructed the sheriff's office not to serve the jury summons on Mr. Snyder because Mr. Snyder was a relative of the defendant and could not qualify for jury duty.

It was announced at the sheriff's office that no summons for jury service was issued for Mr. Snyder.

Announcement was made today by both the State and the defense that both sides agreed to a bench trial for the jury tomorrow morning. Mrs. Myers, although indicted on a charge of first degree murder, was released on bail just before Christmas at a hearing before Judge (Continued on Page Eleven.)

House Member From St. Joseph County Ill

Asa L. Matthews, representative from St. Joseph County, is confined at Deaconess Hospital suffering from a nervous breakdown following an attack of influenza. This announcement was made today by Speaker John F. McClure when the House convened.

Representative James W. Southard of La Porte County was in his seat for the first time today, having been ill since the day the session started.

Climbs Pole on Dare; Burned by Live Wire

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