

ALLIES INVADE GERMANY TOMORROW

72D ASSEMBLY NOTED FOR VAST AMOUNT OF ITS EXPENDITURES

Ten Million Dollar Surplus on an Inheritance From Goodrich Regime Which Sent State Institutions to Low Ebb.

FULL MCRAY PROGRAM CARRIED OUT

When the Seventy-second General Assembly, which is hastening to sine die adjournment tonight with practically its entire program already completed, is analyzed the outstanding feature of the session, which otherwise was colorless, will be the unprecedented expenditure of public funds it has authorized. It has spent more money than any other Legislature in the history of the State and through no fault of the present administration, upon which has developed by inheritance the gigantic task of resurrecting the State institutions from the low ebb they reached as a result of the political parsimony practiced by former Governor James P. Goodrich.

Governor Warren T. McRae has won a signal victory and can look back on the last sixty days with a feeling of satisfaction, for practically every measure he espoused has been enacted, and that without ostentatious display of power such as characterized so many prior sessions.

The last of the McRae measures, the tax bill, was approved today when the House concurred in the Senate amendments, which make it the outstanding piece of legislation because of the vast power given to State officials.

LEGISLATION COVERS MANY SUBJECTS

Although the session has been devoid of the usual popular interest that attaches to law-making assemblies it has enacted legislation upon many conceivable subjects from individual grants to those that will apply to every man, woman and child in the State.

Out of the mass of new laws created, however, by far the most important are the administrative measures which the Governor has pushed through without even a sign of factionalism developing in the preponderant Republican Assembly. For the session was entirely a Republican show, the diminutive Democratic minority having small voice in the matter considered.

Strikes as it may seem there was little of the kind played, the Republicans and Democrats joining hands in what apparently was an honest endeavor to enact laws for the good of the State. And while Governor McRae considers himself lucky to have escaped without a factional rumpus, it is well to remember that few issues came up that tended to create a party, or even partisan, division.

TAX AND BUDGET BILLS STAND.

Aside from the appropriation bills, which will earn the title of a \$10,000,000 Legislature, the tax bill and the budget bill probably are the outstanding pieces of legislation enacted. Both are purely administrative measures and in this category may also be placed the bill which converted the board of agriculture into a department of State; the removal of the Reformatory from Jeffersonville; the erection of a children's hospital in Indianapolis as a memorial to James (Continued on Page Three.)

BIG AUTO SHOW OPENS TONIGHT

Optimists to Give Exhibition Starting Boosts—Special Features.

Indianapolis Optimists in force are expected at the opening tonight of the twenty-second semi-annual automobile show, given by the Indianapolis Automobile Trade Association, at the State fair grounds.

Members of the Indianapolis Athletic Club are to visit the show tomorrow night, the Kiwanians on Wednesday night, Rotarians on Thursday night, members of the Exchange Club on Friday night and Saturday night will be known as carnival night.

The show is, of course, for the public, as well as the members of the clubs mentioned, each day and night.

Each afternoon and evening there will be musicals.

There will be vaudeville stunts by the Optimists and special musical features will add to the program.

One of the outstanding features of the show will be its completeness in all lines; another feature will be the new model, the Ford, and, one, that will lend much to the attractiveness of the show—will be the manner in which the big building is decorated.

Every possible arrangement has been made for the comfort of the visitors to the show, even including a restaurant in the east end of the building.

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Fletcher Nomination Confirmed in Senate

WASHINGTON, March 7.—The Senate this afternoon confirmed President Harding's nomination of Henry P. Fletcher to be Under Secretary of State and other nominations sent to the Senate today.

In its executive session the Senate ratified some minor commercial treaties.

The nominations of Theodore Roosevelt to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy and E. D. Ball to be Assistant Secretary of Agriculture were confirmed. As well, the poll had been taken on them. They were referred to the Naval and Agriculture Committees, respectively.

Harding sent to the Senate the following other nominations:

To be Major-General Commandant of the Marine Corps, John A. Lejeune.

To be Major-General in the Marine Corps—George Barnett.

The President also sent to the Senate a long list of secretaries of legations which had failed of confirmation in the last Congress.

WEATHER

Forecast for Indianapolis and vicinity for the twenty-four hours ending 7 p. m., March 8. Showers tonight and Tuesday; warm to 60°.

HOURLY TEMPERATURE.

6 a. m.	41
7 a. m.	41
8 a. m.	42
9 a. m.	42
10 a. m.	56
11 a. m.	46
12 (noon)	52
1 p. m.	52
2 p. m.	58

CAUCUS ON BILL FOR BALLOT ON AMENDMENTS

House Majority Members Try to Smooth Over Differences.

DATE CAUSES SQUABBLE

A caucus of majority members of the House of Representatives was called at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon to iron out opposition to the English Senate bill which fixes the date of a special election for the eighteen constitutional amendments.

The bill was saved in the morning session only by making a special order of business immediately on convening after the noon hour.

As originally drafted the bill fixed June 6, 1921, for the election, but the Senate changed it to Sept. 6. The House committee, however, recommended that the date be postponed to June 6 again and this provoked a stirring debate.

NUMBER ON BOARD CUT.

An amendment to the bill was adopted on motion of Representative Barker, Boone County, administration pilot, which reduced the number of persons to serve on the precinct election boards to three, the inspector and clerk to be representatives of the party casting the highest number of votes for Secretary of State at the last congressional election, and the judge to be of the party casting the next highest number of votes.

Following adoption of the Barker amendment, Representative Miltenberger, Delaware County, moved to postpone indefinitely further consideration of the bill. Representative Raymond E. Willis, St. Charles County, moved to table the Miltenberger motion. His motion was lost.

The House voted to postpone the definite postponement of the bill and Representative J. Glenn Harris, Lake County, who was a member of the committee which drafted the amendments, pleaded with the House not to destroy the fruit of their work by killing the bill in the special election.

When it looked as if the bill would be lost, Representative Pitfield moved to make it a special order of business for 2 o'clock.

SUSPENSION OF RULES DEFEATED.

A motion by Representative Fleifield to suspend the rules and pass Senate Joint Resolution No. 13, which would amend the constitution so that the Governor could appoint the State superintendent of public instruction, failed.

Bills passed included one Senate bill, introduced by Senator Charles Nichols Howe, relating to authority of banks to make stock purchases for their own accounts, and a House bill introduced by Representative Oliver Lafuse, Wayne and Union Counties, permitting school trustees to join with those in adjoining (Continued on Page Two.)

Facts of the Session

Three hundred and sixty-seven bills were introduced in the Senate.

Four hundred and sixty-four bills were introduced in the House.

One hundred and fifty-six House bills and 110 Senate bills had been enacted up until today.

Governor Warren T. McRae has signed 101 bills, thirty-nine Senate bills and seventy-two House bills.

The Legislature appropriated \$10,041,925.71.

It authorized expenditures that will cost the State \$25,000,000 in the next two years.

It raised the tax levies which it fixes to 12.9 cents, an increase of 4.3 over the present rates.

Both houses were preponderantly Republican, only nine Democrats sitting in the Senate and ten in the lower branch.

One of the majority members, Representative Ann E. Matthews of South Bend, died during the session.

Lieutenant Governor Emmet Forest Branch of Martinsville presided over the Senate.

Speaker John F. McClure of Anderson presided over the House.

INDICTED MEN CROWD ROOM OF FEDERAL COURT

Opening Session Witnesses Arraignments on Various Charges.

When the roll call of defendants began in Federal Court at 10:45 o'clock this morning the courtroom was almost packed by the more than 200 persons indicted by the Federal grand jury in its recent session and their lawyers. There was room for only a few spectators.

The roll call was made the defendants entered their plea. Those pleading not guilty will be given trials beginning about March 21, while the cases of those entering pleas of guilty were taken up by Judge Anderson as soon as the roll call was completed.

Among the defendants were Lillburn H. Van Briggle, president of the Van Briggle Motor Device Company; Henry S. Rominger, transfer of the Indiana State Fair to Indianapolis, and others, all of Indianapolis. All three were indicted on charges of using the mails in a scheme to defraud in connection with representations alleged to have been made concerning the financial condition of the company for the purpose of inducing persons to invest money for its capital stock.

The Van Briggle Motor Device Company was given full receivership in the local courts last August and shortly after that postoffice inspectors began an investigation that resulted in the return of the indictments.

Van Briggle Officers PLEAD NOT GUILTY.

Peals of guilty were entered by Van Briggle, Rominger and Taylor when their names were read on the roll call.

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Hill to Make Effort to Gain His Freedom

Physician, Convicted of Performing Criminal Operation, Hopeful.

Dr. A. A. Hill, local physician, who was found guilty by a jury in the Criminal Court late Saturday on a charge of performing a criminal operation which resulted in the death of Sara Karash, awoke the morning in the Marion County Jail. Dr. Hill is hopeful that a new trial will be granted by Judge James A. Collins. Counsel has indicated that an appeal will be taken to the Indiana Supreme Court.

The penalty, as fixed by law, is from three to fourteen years in prison. The jury this time reached a verdict after a little more than three hours' deliberation. The jury in the first trial last year failed to agree, after being out more than nineteen hours.

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No Change in Ban on Cable Landing

WASHINGTON, March 7.—There has been no change in the orders of the Navy Department to vessels on the Florida coast to prevent the landing of the Western Union cable from the Bahamas, it was stated at the department today.

The State Department has called on the Navy Department for a report on the incident Saturday when a submarine chaser fired on a cable ship of the Western Union, which was reported to have been attempting to lay the prohibited cable.

No formal announcement was made as to the result of the investigation.

The Dr. Hill case was one of the hardest fought legal battles ever staged in Criminal Court here.

High Court Upholds Indiana Rum Decision

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Supreme Court today sustained the contention of the Government that in a previous decision in the Dan Hill case it had upheld the Reed amendment, passed before the day of the Volstead act, to prohibit the shipment of liquor into a dry State.

The court held that the Volstead act did not set the date. Senator Underwood said he believed that the special session

which had been called until early in April

Premier of New Zealand Sends America Greetings Through Owner of Times

W. D. Boyce, owner and publisher of the Times, while in the Dominion of New Zealand with his "West by Southwest Expedition," which he is leading to the little known continents and islands of the South Pacific in search of new material for travel and adventure articles, requested from the Right Honorable W. F. Massey, Prime Minister of New Zealand, a message of greeting to the American people. Mr. Massey complied with the request as follows:

DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND.
Prime Minister's Office,
Wellington, 2nd February, 1921.

Dear Mr. Boyce:

I willingly comply with your request to send a few words of greeting, on behalf of the government and people of New Zealand to our kindmen in the United States:

In our own way New Zealanders are building up a British nation in the south Pacific in much the same fashion as the people of New England laid the foundations of the great American Nation of today. We rejoice in the fact that, in the heart of the world's greatest tribulation, New Zealanders and Americans were found fighting side by side, on French soil, in upholding those principles of truth, liberty and justice upon which both the British empire and the United States have moulded their destinies. Could it have been otherwise with peoples of whom it has been so well written:

"We must be free or die, who speak the tongue that Shakespeare spoke; the faith and morals hold which Milton held."

Under differing constitutions we may differ in politics, as in most countries of the world, and we New Zealanders look hopefully forward to that day when the English speaking people will stand united for the protection of the weak against those strong and ruthless nations who might seek, without such corrective influences, to hold them in bondage. The British ideal has been well pictured by one of our poets in the words:

"Free voice, free aid, free counsel; a free throne by freemen elected, each respecting each; a realm self-centered, yet with arms to reach where earth's oppress'd ones groan."

That ideal we hold largely in memory and know we have so much reason to be grateful to our neighbors with one another, I say: "Heaven grant that the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes may ever wage together as the champions of the world's liberties."

The people of New Zealand have nought but the most cordial feelings toward the citizens of the great American Commonwealth with whom they send, through me, this expression of good will. Yours sincerely,

(Signed) W. F. MASSEY.

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