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ALY ARMY TAKE THE DUSSELDORF CIVILIAN

BRANCH PUTS COLD WATER ON JAZZ AS LEGISLATURE DIES

Chases Out Orchestra and Announces Serious Affront by House Resolution Proposing a Little Singing.

CLOCK IS TURNED BACK TWO HOURS

The Seventy-Second General Assembly, which came to a close at 2 o'clock this morning with the hands still pointing to the constitutional hour of midnight, afforded the hundreds of belated spectators who remained for the finish an exciting climax when Lieutenant Governor Emmet Forest Branch broke up a jazz party that had been organized to celebrate the end of the session and delivered a tirade against the House of Representatives. The legislators, who had been marking time since early in the evening to give the enrolling clerks a chance to catch up, were suddenly aroused by the strains of a jazz orchestra and immediately the second floor of the Statehouse was filled with dancing couples. Members of the House had contributed to bring the orchestra there, but they were joined in the festivities by many members of the Senate.

The Lieutenant Governor abruptly stopped the music and on returning to the Senate was met by the following resolution, purporting to be signed by John F. McClure, Speaker of the House: "Mr. Speaker—I move that a committee of big huskies be instructed to wait on the honored Lieutenant Governor to ascertain if there is any constitutional law to the members of the House singing."

"I was never so insulted in my life," said Lieutenant Governor Branch, addressing the Senate. "When I stopped that stuff I acted on the authority of the Governor. I want to say that I have signed every bill that the House has sent over here. Now I want to announce that we will adjourn as soon as the Senate enrolling clerks have our bills completed."

SPEAKER MCCLURE MAKES APOLOGY.
Speaker McClure said he signed the resolution as a joke and meant no affront to the dignity of the presiding officer of the upper house.

One of the final acts was the passage of a bill creating the position of engineer in the conservation department and appropriating \$30,000 for the expenses of the new division. The assembly failed in the Senate during the afternoon for lack of a constitutional majority.

In the closing hours, Senator James J. Smith, of Ellettsburg, introduced a bill to set aside \$25,000 for the purpose of investigating a harbor on Lake Michigan, which he said was being used by the Germans for the purpose of launching submarines. He therefore introduced a new appropriation bill carrying that amount and it went through without opposition.

TRAINING SCHOOL MEASURE PASSED.
Colored girls of Indiana will have an opportunity to prepare themselves for the duties of a housewife by taking courses in domestic arts and science, following the passage of the English bill yesterday afternoon. It contains an appropriation of \$25,000 for the establishment of a preparatory school.

Little opposition to the bill, which passed the Senate without a dissenting vote, developed in the House. The apparent need for such an institution was pointed out by various representatives. Another important measure which received the sanction of the House was that introduced by Senator William Brown, of Hebron, which provides that girls (Continued on Page Eight.)

EVANS ACCEPTS BURGLARY PLEA

Prosecutor Makes Known His Position in Case of Wm. Bashard.

Stating that he takes all responsibility in agreeing to William Bashard pleading guilty to second degree burglary instead of going to trial on charges of being an habitual criminal which might have resulted in life imprisonment, Prosecutor William P. Evans today defined his position in this case.

Bashard pleaded guilty to second degree burglary in the Criminal Court and was sentenced from two to four years in the State prison.

Bashard was ready to go to trial before a jury and had as his counsel Paul Wether, pauper attorney, to defend him. Mr. Wether was prepared to introduce evidence which might tend to refute that which the State might introduce concerning two prior convictions of Bashard. This case grew out of Bashard's alleged stealing of twenty-two chickens. The indictment alleged two former convictions.

"It is true," said Prosecutor Evans, "that Bashard has served time twice before, once in Indiana and once in Michigan. But in this case, I feel that the end of justice is well served by Bashard pleading guilty to second degree burglary and being sentenced from two to four years."

Albert Munroe, who was indicted on charge of robbery and grand larceny as well as being an habitual criminal, will be tried Thursday in the Criminal Court.

CHEMICAL PLANT WRECKED.

ESCANABA, Mich., March 8.—An explosion in the still room of the Delta Chemical Company, at Wells, Mich., late Monday, destroyed the plant, causing a loss estimated at \$200,000. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

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Forecast for Indianapolis and vicinity for the twenty-four hours ending 7 p. m. March 9: Colder with rain tonight, probably turning to snow flurries Wednesday morning and followed by fair and colder Wednesday.

HOURLY TEMPERATURE.

6 a. m. 63
7 a. m. 64
8 a. m. 66
9 a. m. 67
10 a. m. 68
11 a. m. 69
12 noon 70
1 p. m. 71
2 p. m. 72

CLEAN PRIMARY RESTS CHIEFLY ON THREE MEN

Selection of Election Commissioners Held Important Factor.

TENNAUT, FIRST NAMED

Watson's Friends Are Interested

Lucius O. Hamilton, a staunch personal and political friend of Senator James E. Watson, gave vent to the feeling engendered by Mr. Thomas C. Howe's reported attitude toward Senator Watson.

Mr. Hamilton, who left today for Hot Springs, Ark., said: "Friends of Senator Watson appreciate the information that has come to them regarding Thomas Howe's feeling toward Indiana's Senator. They are somewhat puzzled to understand just what 'strife of man' Mr. Howe does like, but they are glad to learn that the primary race that he does not like Senator Watson."

"We presume that he did not vote for Senator Watson as he could hardly be expected to overcome his dislikes through party loyalty. "Watson adherents who were doubtful regarding their support of Mr. Howe's primary candidacy are now having no trouble in deciding who is their choice."

Whether Indianapolis is to have a clean primary election May 3 appeared today to depend upon the men appointed to the municipal board of election commissioners.

The board will consist of three members, one appointed by Irving W. Leach, Republican city chairman, to represent the Republicans; one appointed by Thomas Meeker, Democratic city chairman, to represent the Democrats; and the third, George B. Hutsell, city clerk, who serves as ex-officio.

The powers of the election board include the securing and placing of all election supplies, the designation of voting places, the supervision of the election, the settlement of disputes which arise before or during the election, receipt and supervision of the canvassing and tabulation of returns. The latter is considered the most important, as it is the coming election is concerned.

JEWETT FACTOR'S HAND RECOGNIZED.
Charles Jewett announced the appointment of Maurice E. Tennant, attorney, 1217 North New Jersey street, as the Republican member. The hand of Mayor Charles Jewett and the fact that he is backing Mr. Thomas C. Howe, former president of Butler College and News-Jewett candidate for mayor, was quite apparent at the meeting.

Other factions of the Republican party advanced candidates for the position, but Mr. Jewett chose to listen to the mayor, it was said. Among those who were mentioned for the position were Lamkin, attorney, who would have been very acceptable to Mr. Hutsell as a fellow member, and Frank D. Brattain, a deputy county clerk.

There is a large element in the Democratic party that is insisting that Mr. Meeker name as the Democratic representative a man who is allied with no party.

PHYSICIANS MAY TILT BEER 'LID'

Ruling Authorizes Use for Medical Purposes.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The prohibition "lid" was removed today on "beer with a kick" for medicinal purposes. The Department of Justice ruled that physicians are authorized, under the Volstead law, to prescribe beer, when in their judgment, it will prove beneficial.

The beer ruling was drafted before the new administration came into office and bears the signature of A. Mitchell Palmer, Attorney General.

Beer now takes a status equal to that of wine as curative agent, legally listed by the Government, and physicians will be allowed wide latitude in directing its use by patients when such use will aid recovery in cases of illness or convalescence.

860 CHINESE ARE LOST IN WRECK

Only 250 Rescued From British Steamer.

LONDON, March 8.—Eight hundred and sixty Chinese lost their lives when the British steamship Hong He was wrecked near Singapore, said a dispatch from Singapore today.

The Hong He, which hailed from Singapore, was en route from that port to Amoy, with 1,100 Chinese on board. A British destroyer and cruiser rescued 250 of the Chinese.

The long conferences he had with them since early evening. There had been differences of opinion between the Republican leaders with whom he had conferred at dinner and afterward. He made no attempt at concealment of the fact that Republican members of the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee had differed as to whether tariff duties or domestic taxation should be revised first when the new Congress convenes. But he indicated he was hopeful that an agreement would be reached after a careful canvass of the Senate and House is made.

The President made it plain he did not desire the impression should go forth that it was his purpose to consult only a small group of men who are the recognized Republican leaders of Congress. He desired to sound out the sentiment of the full Republican majority of Congress.

Germany Assumes Passive Role, Awaiting Next Move by Allies

BERLIN, March 8.—Following a two-hour session by the German cabinet last night, it was announced today the government will remain firm in its opposition to the indemnity decision of the allies.

The Socialists at Cologne have pledged their support to the government and the people of Dusseldorf (which has been occupied by the allies) sent a message asking the government to continue its defiance of the allied demands.

For the time being Germany will play a passive role, awaiting the next move of the allies. Whether or not there will be any changes will not be revealed until Foreign Minister Simons reports to the Reichstag, probably Thursday.

PETROGRAD IN HANDS OF NEW REBEL FORCES

Bolshevist Commissaries Reported Killed or Taken Prisoners.

PARIS REPORT DIFFERS

LONDON, March 8.—All Bolshevist commissaries in Petrograd have been killed or taken prisoners by revolutionaries, according to foreign office advices today.

Dispatches from Helsinki confirmed reports that all Petrograd, except the fortress of SS. Peter and Paul, was in rebel hands.

TROTSKI IS MADE MILITARY DICTATOR

LONDON, March 8.—Leon Trotsky, minister of war in the soviet government at Moscow, has been appointed military dictator of Russia with unlimited powers to put down the counter-revolutionary movements which have sprung up in various sections of the country, according to an Exchange dispatch from Helsinki today.

Trotsky is said to be on his way to Petrograd, where the insurgents have been making their strongest fight against soviet power.

Thirty-seven thousand soldiers and sailors are said to be marching upon Petrograd from the fortress of Kronstadt. At last reports the fortress of Kronstadt was held by the "whites" or anti-Bolsheviks.

SOVIET ARTILLERY BOMBARDS MOSCOW

LONDON, March 8.—Several hundred persons were killed at Moscow when soviet artillery, massed in the hills near the city, bombarded the workers' headquarters, said a Central News dispatch from Helsinki today.

In addition to the killed large numbers were wounded. The bombardment followed the declaration of a general strike of the part of the workers to enforce their demand for the creation of a constituent assembly. The strikers at Moscow are reported to number over 100,000 at present.

Soviet troops that were ordered against the insurgent garrison at Kronstadt attempted to cross on the ice. The cruiser Petropavlovsk, in the hands of the rebels, (Continued on Page Two.)

CABINET HOLDS FIRST MEETING

Domestic Problems Faced at Initial Conference With Harding.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Drawing of a program for solution of domestic problems occupied President Harding's Cabinet at its first session today.

Harding had planned to have the session over in little more than an hour and to go on to other conferences, but the meeting continued from 11 until 1:20 o'clock.

It was understood Harding outlined the conclusions which had been reached at conference with congressional leaders. These were discussed and plans were laid for various departments to cooperate in the general program of legislation.

Vice President Coolidge was present, an innovation. The Vice President had a seat at the end of the table, facing the President, with the members of the Cabinet seated along the sides.

The President and Senator Lodge conferred for half an hour early in the morning. It is understood that the Cabinet meeting was taken up.

The executive officers, jammed with visitors, Patronage apparently was the President's difficult task, for a score or more Senators and Representatives gathered to confer with him about various appointments. Among those who had appointments were James Harris, national committee-man from Oklahoma; Representative Mason, Illinois; Representative Cooper, Wisconsin; Senator Shields, Tennessee; Senator New, Indiana; Senator Sterling, South Dakota; Senator Elkins, West Virginia; Senator Wadsworth, New York; E. B. McLean, Washington; Senator Harrell and Congresswoman Alice Robertson, Oklahoma; Charles D. Hille and Senator Calder, New York, and Victor Rosewater, Omaha, Neb.

Dr. Otto B. Pettijohn, 68, member of the city council, who was reported at the point of death Monday, was still in a serious condition at the Deaconess Hospital today. His son, Dr. B. B. Pettijohn, is directing the fight to save his life. An acute attack of nephritis Saturday afternoon caused the councilman's removal to the hospital.

Although his health has been failing for several months Dr. Pettijohn made a valiant struggle to remain active in his duties until a few weeks ago, when he was forced to take his bed. His condition is regarded as serious because of his advanced age.

PENALTIES NOT LIGHTENED IN FEDERAL COURT

Judge Anderson Imposes Heavy Sentences for Auto Stealing.

MANY PLEAS ARE HEARD

Severe sentences imposed by Judge Albert B. Anderson marked the second day of the arraignment of defendants in Federal Court today.

In almost every instance the court made the sentences heavier than have been given in the past for similar offenses.

Charles Greenburg of Chicago received a sentence of four years in the Federal prison at Atlanta for transporting stolen automobiles in interstate traffic, despite the fearful pleadings of a paralytic sister for leniency on the grounds that the thefts had been committed by Greenburg in order to get medical attention for her. However, it was shown that Greenburg had in his possession serial keys for many makes of automobiles and it was pointed out that following his arrest an organized effort had been made to provide bond for him.

"This man is a member of an automobile stealing syndicate," Judge Anderson said, "and I cannot do other than give him a sentence."

TWO MANY JOIN NAVY TO ESCAPE PUNISHMENT.

"Too many young men join the Army or Navy to escape punishment," the court said in sentencing Paul Hoernum, 19, Terre Haute, to eighteen months at Atlanta for conspiracy in transporting a stolen automobile from Terre Haute to Paris, Ill. It was shown Hoernum had not joined the Navy until after the completion of the trial.

Rennie Toon of Indianapolis, charged with transporting a stolen car from this city to Cincinnati was given two years in the Federal prison at Atlanta for conspiracy in transporting a stolen machine from Cleveland, Ohio, to Indianapolis.

Roy Comer and Willard Comer of Ft. Wayne, Ind., Donald Harry Bright of Crawfordsville, were sentenced to three years at Atlanta for transporting stolen cars from various points in this State to Highbridge, Ky. Roy Comer was one of the prisoners who escaped from the Marion County Jail in the big jail delivery last July. He was captured several months ago in Texas. Bright admitted he had broken into a wire factory and a poolroom at Crawfordsville for purposes of robbery.

JUDGE OWNS STOCK IN FACTORY.

"This may disqualify me as judge," Judge Anderson said, "I own a little stock in the factory and of the building in which the poolroom is located."

"Do our state courts stand men on their guilt or on social standing in the community?" the court asked when Ellisworth J. Cain, former station agent of the American Railway Express Company at Connersville, and Frank Perkins were brought before him on charges of ridding the wagon safe and of the \$1,000 of cash, jewelry and Liberty bonds. A third man, Oliver H. Henry, is serving a term in the State prison for the same offense, and Frederick Van Nuy, United States District Attorney, explained that at the request of the Fayette County prosecutor the cases against Cain and Perkins had been brought here, as it was desired that "judicial impartiality" in the community no conviction could be obtained in the State courts.

Cain was given a three-year sentence, while Perkins got off with eighteen months.

Man Dies From Auto Accident Injuries

James Scott, 27, 532 Warren avenue, died at the city hospital today as the result of a fractured skull received in an automobile accident on Sunday.

Scott was driving his automobile west on 22nd College avenue, was driving south in Union street. The cars were in collision. Roberts escaped injury, but Scott was badly injured.

On his report, said the accident was due to carelessness on the part of both drivers. Both cars were damaged.

Costa Rican Troops Now Leaving Panama

WASHINGTON, March 8.—With the invading Costa Rican forces in northern Panama being withdrawn, the State Department today was awaiting reports of the evacuation by Costa Rican troops of the territory in the south.

The State Department today was in receipt of the reply from the Costa Rican government to Secretary Hughes' demand for immediate cessation of fighting. The reply agreed to the withdrawal asked by the United States.

The treaty proposed to pay Colombia \$25,000,000 for land used in making the Panama Canal. The apology it once contained for the taking of the land was omitted. American officials are deeply interested in ratification.

Rail Pay to Be Cut

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., March 8.—Railroads of the Northwest running into Minneapolis today served a thirty-day notice on maintenance of way employees, common laborers in the rail and shops and bridge workers of a cut in wages to a minimum of 28 cents an hour. The present minimum wage in this class of work is 48 cents and hour.

Wife for Wife Idea CHICAGO, March 8.—Police today are seeking Joe Bonetti, an Italian, who, according to Frank Brogi, restaurant proprietor, had offered \$10,000 for the murder of the wife of Dr. Benjamin H. Breakstone.

The physician recently performed an emergency operation on Bonetti's wife, during which both she and her newborn child died. At the time Bonetti attacked Dr. Breakstone with a stiletto and was arrested.

Today Brogi received a letter offering a reward for the death of the physician's wife.

Haag Brothers Back From Penal Farm Julius A. Haag and Louis E. Haag, Indianapolis druggists, who were sentenced to serve thirty days on the Indiana State Farm for violating the State prohibition laws, today returned from the farm after completing their sentences. Attorney John Ruckelshaus announced.

DUSSELDORF FIRST SEIZED; DUISBURG AND RUHRORT NEXT

General Degoutte's Troops Occupy Industrial Centers, British and Belgians Joining in Invasion.

AMERICAN FORCE REMAINS ON RHINE

WITH THE ALLIED ARMIES OF OCCUPATION, Dusseldorf, March 8.—Three thousand French, British and Belgian troops held this ancient and historic German city this afternoon.

The occupation of Duisburg and Ruhrort also has been completed by allied troops.

There was no hostile manifestation by the people. More troops are coming into Dusseldorf, although the population is calm.

The first contingent of infantry marched in at 6 o'clock this morning and began taking up stations along strategic streets and upon the bridges. The populace flocked to the streets, but the people only stood in silence while the troops filed by.

German Envoys in London Get Away for Home

Dr. Simons Expresses Belief That Conference Will Be Resumed.

LONDON, March 7.—The German delegates to the indemnity conference, headed by Dr. Walter Simons, the foreign minister, left for home this afternoon. Dr. Simons said he thought he would be back in London in a few weeks, as he felt confident the conference would be reopened.

Despite reports that the German delegates would introduce new eleven-hour proposals today, they made no move to do so. The delegates sent their baggage from the Savoy Hotel to the railway station during the morning. They said they would make a courtesy call at the German embassy and depart at 2:30 o'clock for Berlin.

"We came to London with the best of intentions," declared Dr. Simons. "We submitted plans as near as possible to the Paris proposals and at the same time we considered France's immediate financial needs and her reconstruction problem, but we were turned down and the allies refused absolutely to have any discussions. I asked the allies for a week's delay to consider new proposals, but Premier Lloyd George refused. I do not understand his reason because imposition of the allied penalties will spread disquietude throughout the world. The imposition of the sanctions places the allied position outside of international law."

"Germany desires an expert investigation into her resources to show what she actually can pay. I can see no hope that the negotiations will be resumed."

"It is true that the German experts will remain behind," said Herr Drechsler, chief secretary of the German delegation. "But, while no experts will remain behind, we expect that the disquietude will be reduced within a few weeks. The penalties will force a reopening of the negotiations and the penalties get nothing material for the allies."

Herr Drechsler said he believed one effect of the allies' move would be a German victory in the plebiscite in Silesia.

The Germans arrived at Victoria station at 4 p. m. A large crowd watched their entrain. The last words of the Germans expressed fear that the allied advance will result in a communist uprising in the Ruhr district.

KANTER JAILED FOR CONTEMPT

Divorce Decree Also Set Aside by Judge.

Holding that Lloyd Kanter, a former constable, obtained his divorce through fraud and also holding that Kanter was guilty of contempt of court, Judge Solon J. Carter of Superior Court today set aside Kanter's sweeping action which resulted in the divorce decree being set aside and Kanter being sent to jail for five days for contempt.

Under the orders of Judge Carter, Kanter will be released from jail Sunday. Kanter was cited for contempt of court and brought before Judge Carter shortly before noon.

Information was furnished the court that Kanter telephoned his wife to make herself "scarce" when Judge Carter several weeks ago issued a forthwith order to the sheriff to bring Mrs. Kanter into the court desired to hear her evidence concerning Kanter's reasons for desiring a divorce. When the sheriff reported at the time that she could not be found at her last known address, the court was satisfied.

Some weeks later, information was brought to the court of Kanter's alleged instructions to his wife.

RONEY REPORT TO BE DISCUSSED

School Commissioners' Session Promises Interest.

What promises to be an exciting session of the board of school commissioners will be held tonight when the report on the financial management of the board, of which George C. Hitt is business manager, submitted at the last meeting by H. A. Roney, accountant, comes up for general discussion.

The report severely criticized Mr. Hitt's conduct of the business affairs of the board, and listed a number of specific instances where lax methods had resulted in supplies being purchased in a manner contrary to law. A new system on bookkeeping also was recommended.

Another matter that will occupy the attention of the board probably will be a report from Albert Baker, attorney for the board, on the legality of the printing of the school bulletin by a printing firm in which Clarence E. Crippin, a member of the board, is interested.

48 Sinkers, 23 Eggs Eaten in Two Hours

EDWARDSVILLE, Ill., March 8.—Joseph Koss collected \$35 from John Koss here when he ate forty-eight doughnuts and twenty-three eggs in two hours.

Koss bet Koss that he couldn't eat four dozen doughnuts in an hour and follow it up with two dozen raw eggs in the next hour. Koss got away with the doughnuts in five style. The eggs took longer. With twenty-three down and three minutes to go Koss cracked the last shell. A tiny chicken's head appeared. Koss waited the necessity of consuming No. 24. Koss then drank a quart of milk to show his capacity had not been seriously taxed.