

# APPROVE BILL FOR U. S. TO PAY FLOOD CONTROL COST

## VAST PROGRAM IS PRESENTED TO CONGRESS

Measure Reported to House as Legislation Basis; Wide in Scope.

DIRECTED BY PRESIDENT

Newly Created Commission Would Be in Charge; Ask Bond Issue.

BY THOMAS L. STOKES  
United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The House Flood Control Committee today reported favorably by vote of 11 to 6 a comprehensive Mississippi valley flood control bill carrying an appropriation of \$473,000,000.

The measure is the same as that agreed upon earlier by the committee, providing full Federal payment of control costs except that the Mississippi alone is provided for. The committee agreed to eliminate provisions calling for a survey of other rivers and tributaries and to bring in an amendment on the floor including these streams. A sum of \$73,000,000 was added at the last minute to the bill, which previously contemplated spending \$400,000,000 on flood control over a period of years.

The bill also paves the way for electric power development through reservoirs constructed primarily for flood control.

President to Direct Project

The measure provides:

1.—Direction of the project by the President.

2.—Administration by a newly created commission of seven, the Mississippi valley flood control commission, to supplant the present Mississippi River commission.

3.—Payment of flood control works by the Federal Government, without local contributions.

The commission would be appointed by the President, with Senate confirmation required.

The present Mississippi River commission would cease to exist.

A Federal bond issue is authorized to meet the expense.

Counter to Coolidge Plan

No specific engineering plans are provided in the bill. These are left to the commission.

In providing for payment of entire cost by the Federal Government, the committee ran counter to the desire of President Coolidge, who recommended 20 per cent contributions from the affected States.

The committee measure provides for a comprehensive survey, with reports to Congress as the basis for additional control works outside of those needed to meet the immediate emergency.

The bill directs that flood control works shall be erected from Cape Girardeau, Mo., to the Gulf of Mexico, specifying that they be sufficient to keep the flood crest on the Carrollton gauge at New Orleans to 19 feet, at Arkansas City, Ark., to 58 feet and at Cairo, Ill., to 54 feet.

There are about 110,000 Indians in Canada. The government reservation upon which most of them live cover 5,000,000 acres.

## Gertie Robbed



Gertrude Ederle

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Feb. 16.—Gertrude Ederle, English channel conqueror, found, after completing her vaudeville act here last night, that some one had stolen her red roadster.

## STREET FUNDS SHIFT IS URGED

Engineer Would Use Gas Tax to Repair Paving.

On the ground that the city needs money to buy materials for street repair as well as for buying new street repair equipment and fixing up old machinery, City Civil Engineer L. N. Moore today announced he will ask the city council to amend an ordinance appropriating \$25,000 of gasoline tax money, passed recently.

The ordinance limits use of the fund to buying new equipment and repairing old. Moore says only about \$1,800 is needed for equipment and machinery repair.

"Restriction of the fund to one particular use only causes confusion for the department. I will ask the council to put as few strings on the money as possible to enable the engineering department to use it as it sees fit," Moore said.

Street repairs can be made considerably cheaper by the city's force than by contract, Moore said.

The city will receive about \$105,000 in gasoline tax money from the State, March 1.

SPANISH VETS SEEK NEW CAMP CHARTER

Commemorating the thirtieth anniversary of the sinking of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor, a group of Spanish-American War veterans assembled at the Hotel English Wednesday night, and completed organization of the William E. English Camp of the United Spanish War Veterans.

Application was made to State and National headquarters for a charter for the camp, which is named in honor of the late Capt. William E. English. Mrs. English, widow of the captain, appeared at the meeting and thanked the camp members for the honor bestowed on the memory of her late husband.

S. F. Leach, temporary commander, presided. More than 400 veterans and their wives and friends attended. A musical program was given under direction of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Swain.

## LINDY DODGES HONORS TO BE PLAIN 'SLIM'

Slips Behind Obscurity Cloud for Four-Day Rest in St. Louis.

BY FOSTER EATON  
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ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 16.—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh slipped behind a cloud of obscurity today for the first respite from public functions since he went hunting some weeks back in Panama.

For the next four days the good will ambassador wants to be just plain "Slim" Lindbergh of the air mail service.

The "Lone Eagle's" next public appearance will come Monday when he throws his increasingly important support to the air mail with a flight over the St. Louis-Chicago route. Several thousand pounds of air mail that day will bear a special commemorative postmark.

Pictures Great Industry

At a Chamber of Commerce luncheon Wednesday, Lindbergh advised American municipalities to get in step with the progress of aviation.

"It is entirely probable that aviation will take its place among the greatest industries of the world," Lindbergh said.

He pictured a historic commercial battle between strategically located cities for a corner on the aviation business of America.

Lindbergh made no reference to the sporadic "wing-clipping" movement designed to curb his future pioneering impulses. He had said he probably would make more "experimental flights," but admitted he had no definite plans beyond the air-mail flight next week.

Confers With Davis

Lindbergh accepted the honorary chairmanship of the St. Louis air board of 250 members. The purpose of the board is to make St. Louis the air center of the nation, a possibility which Lindbergh said he believed was "perhaps better than that of any other city in the country."

He was understood to have conferred briefly with Secretary of War Dwight F. Davis before the luncheon relative to the public concern over his safety on long flights, but when asked about it, replied: "I don't know anything about that."

'Let Him Fly,' Says Mellon

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Secretary of Treasury Mellon believes Col. Charles Lindbergh should be allowed to do as he chooses about his aviation career.

"Lindbergh has the full right to say what he wants to do," Mellon said, commenting on recent moves to reduce Lindbergh to rest on his laurels and not attempt hazardous flights.

"If it had not been for his initiative and knowledge he would not have accomplished what he has," Mellon said. "It has been a demonstration and assurance of what we are coming to in the future—an assurance that such flights can be made with reasonable safety."

MAY ESCAPE TRIAL

Haig Murderess Not Wanted Here or in Chicago.

Trial of Lawrence Ghere and Arthur McClelland for the murder of Wilkinson Haag, Indianapolis chain drug store official, who was shot to death at the Green Mill barbeque inn, May 17, 1926, appeared less probable today.

From a situation where Chicago and Marion County both were anxious to try the pair, the case now has turned to where neither wants the prisoners, Judson Stark, deputy prosecutor, said today.

Marion County's evidence is such that McClelland can not be tried here without Ghere, and the latter has skipped \$10,000 bond in Chicago. Cook County is seeking to get Stark to resist a habeas corpus effort of McClelland which has been pending in Cook County several weeks.

Stark today refused to enter the case on the grounds that he can not get a conviction of McClelland without Ghere, who Cook County allowed to be released on bond on a robbery charge.

Cook County refused to allow Marion County to try the pair when both were under arrest, on the grounds that they could be convicted in Cook County.

CITES NEED OF MODERN SCHOOL STRUCTURES

School Board Official Urges Replacing of Portables at Public School 44.

Need of a modern structure to replace portables at Public School 44, Sugar Grove Ave. and Twenty-First St., was cited by Fred Kepner, school board vice president, before the Riverside Civic League Wednesday night.

Kepner pledged aid of the board in remedying the conditions.

Dr. F. E. Jackson, city health board member; Recreation Director Jesse P. McClure and George Turner, Riverside Building and Loan Association president, were other speakers. About 300 attended.

James Bradford, club president, announced a petition asking W. Twenty-First St. be opened from Langdale Ave. to Riverside Dr. would be presented to the board of works.

William Henry Harrison will speak Feb. 22 at a Washington birthday meeting at South Grove Country Club.

## Twins Baby Show Entry



Robert Lee and Edwin Herbert—or maybe it's Edwin Herbert and Robert Lee—Bennish, R. F. 5, Box 287, Indianapolis, were the first twins entered in the baby show which will feature the Indianapolis Pure Food and Household Appliance Show at Cadle Tabernacle, Feb. 27 to March 3.

More than thirty babies are entered, but entry lists do not close until Feb. 25, according to the baby show management. Babies up to one year will be judged in separate classes four days, starting Feb. 28. One physician and one dentist will be sole judges. Merchandise prizes will be offered.

## CHURCH PENSION FUND IS URGED BOY PICKPOCKET NABBED BY COPS

Disciples of Christ Consider Endowment.

The necessity of providing an endowment fund sufficient to undergird our ministry with a safe and reliable pension system can no longer be postponed.

"We recommend that the entire brotherhood look forward to a brotherhood-wide campaign, within a few years, to raise an endowment pension fund sufficient to meet the needs of our growing ministry."

This was the statement made by T. C. Howe, chairman of the commission of ministry of the Disciples of Christ, at the opening today of a two-day conference at the Severin.

The morning session opened with devotion led by Dr. Cleveland Kleihauer of Seattle, Wash. The entire conference will be spent in study and discussion of the pension problem before the commission.

The gathering is composed of prominent business and professional men as well as churchmen from all parts of the country. Among them are George H. Stewart, Winnipeg; C. E. Scott, St. Louis; Judge U. E. Harmon, Tacoma, Wash.; D. L. Rand, New York City, and Judge E. S. Joutt, Louisville, Ky., vice president of the L. & N. railroad and president of the next international conference of Disciples of Christ to be held at Columbus, Ohio.

Women's organizations in Cleveland obtained his release after his arrest there.

Recently he has been touring the Far and Midwest, "earning" his way. Police say he preyed principally on women because he couldn't reach men's pockets.

7 NABBED IN RAIDS

'Blind Tiger' and Gambling Charges Result.

Arrested on two charges Tuesday night, L. H. Schreiner, who operates a poolroom at 6 Louisiana St., faces four additional charges today as the result of a raid on his poolroom Wednesday night.

Schreiner locked himself in an upstairs closet and threw three bottles out a window, according to Capt. Walter Claffey. Two of the bottles, containing liquor, Claffey said, failed to break, so Schreiner was charged with operating a blind tiger. Schreiner also was charged with keeping a gaming device, pool selling and gambling.

Fred White, 41, of 228 1/2 Massachusetts Ave., bartender, was charged with keeping a gaming house. He stepped on a buzzer as police entered, Claffey charged.

Five men in an upstairs room were charged with visiting a gaming house.

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## 'STAY AWAY' SIGNS ANGER INDIANA TOWN

Warnings Against Edinburg Which Has Preacher as Marshal.

BY CHARLES C. STONE  
State Editor, The Times

EDINBURG, Ind., Feb. 16.—Many citizens here today are asking, "What profiteth it a town to gain a reputation for strict law enforcement at the price of becoming a municipal outcast?"

Anger is flaming in many quarters over "Stay away from Edinburg" signs posted along Federal Rd. 31, leading into the town. Both local and Federal officials are making an investigation. So far there is no clue to identity of those guilty of posting the signs, which read:

WARNING

Motorists and farmers, take warning: Fanatical city council and police officers are arresting motorists for technical violations of the law, endeavoring to return to the blue laws of a century ago. Shall we return to the blue laws regime, or shall we go forward with the march of progress?

TOURISTS, STAY AWAY FROM EDINBURG

The town marshal, W. C. Milburn, appointed by the town board Jan. 1 last, is a minister of a sect zealous in temperance and other uplift movements. He has been a "holy terror" to dealers in liquor and its consumers, as well as others who violate laws. A few weeks ago he officiated at a wedding of a young couple after taking them before the prosecutor and helping them "decide" a marriage ceremony was in order.

The couple had been living together here after coming from Ohio. In that State, they said, they went through a ceremony before a justice of peace, paid him, and were told he would send the license by mail. He told them "it would be all right." But it wasn't all right with Marshal Milburn, and he fixed matters up according to his views.

A modern thirty-apartment three-story apartment building will be erected by the Chesla Manor Realty Company on the site of the home of John Perrin, former Fletcher American National Bank president, southeast corner to Central Ave. and Fifteenth St. The old home is being wrecked. The new building will cost \$135,000.

INDIANA EDITOR DIES

John B. Faulkner, Michigan City, Victim of Pneumonia.

By United Press

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., Feb. 16.—John B. Faulkner, editor and publisher of the Michigan City Dispatch, and former Indiana State Senator, died at 8:48 Wednesday night in a Hammond hospital from injuries sustained in an automobile accident here more than a week ago.

Several days following the crash fluero-pneumonia developed and was directly responsible for death.

CONFERENCE ON WAGE SCALE OF INDIANA MINERS

Employers and Union Officials Meet at Terre Haute.

By United Press

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Feb. 16.—A conference preliminary to consideration of a new wage scale for Indiana coal miners opened here today. The present wage agreement will expire March 31.

Representatives of District 11, United Mine Workers of America, are discussing the situation with Phil Penna, secretary of the Indiana Bituminous Coal Operators Association, and James Pauley, also representing the operators. Harvey Cartwright, District 11 president, and William Mitch, district secretary, represent the miners.

Indiana mine owners are inclined to await action of Illinois operators. Wage negotiations in the latter State ended in failure a few days ago.

DELAY ACTION TO MOVE CHURCH OFFICE TO CITY

Final Vote of Christian Missionary Society Expected Next Month.

A thirty-day delay of final action on the question of moving headquarters of the United Christian Missionary Society from St. Louis to the College of Missions in Irvington, was voted by the executive committee in session at the Irvington school after an all-day discussion Wednesday.

The motion to defer definite decision on the matter was made by Dr. George Campbell, one of the St. Louis committee members, who is opposed to the proposed relocation.

Indianapolis arguments in favor of the change probably will be presented in St. Louis next month by William H. Book, director of the civic affairs department of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce. The society employs more than 120 persons and has an annual payroll of \$200,000.

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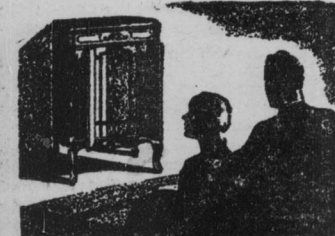
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