

# SENATE WILL RULE ON FATE OF MUSCLE SHOALS TODAY

## NORRIS TO HEAR VERDICT AFTER 5-YEAR BATTLE

Nebraskan Declares He Has Enough Votes to Pass His Measure.

## HOUSE STAND IN DOUBT

Power Interests Wage War on Plan for Operation by Government.

BY PAUL R. MALLON  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Forces on opposite sides of the power question massed again today when the Norris Muscle Shoals resolution came up for disposal in the Senate.

The resolution provides for Government operation of the \$100,000,000 plant on the Tennessee River in Alabama and Senator Norris believes he can get it through Congress this time.

He has tried for the last five years, but always failed, because of opposition from power companies who believe the plant should be leased for private operation.

Norris told the United Press he had sufficient votes to pass the resolution in the Senate, but action in the House is doubtful.

**Power Is Big Issue**  
Power has become a chief issue in Congress. Last week the Senate, after a bitter battle, killed the Walsh resolution seeking a congressional investigation of the so-called national power combine. Such investigation has been started by the Federal Trade Commission.

The Independents are planning to introduce a resolution for investigation of the lobby which they charge killed the Walsh resolution.

Another move against the lobby is promised by Senator Caraway (Dem.), Arkansas, who will press for action on his bill requiring lobbyists to register their interests and expenses with the Senate and the House. The bill was reported by the Senate Judiciary Committee yesterday but one dissenting vote.

**Opposition Is Weaker**  
Norris' resolution has not been opposed this year as it has in the past. Opposition of the power companies appears to have died down considerably and the American Cyanamid Company is the only bidder, actively in the field, against it.

The resolution provides that the Government continue its construction work to develop power at the plant and at the same time experiment with processes for extracting nitrogen for fertilizer from the air in commercially suitable quantities.

Power developed at the plant would be sold to the private power companies for distribution throughout the South.

## U. S. FORESTRY GROUP TO STUDY IN EUROPE

Seek Information on Outdoor Life and Parks.

By United Press  
NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—To exchange ideas with the leaders of forestry and outdoor life in Europe and to study the problems of European forests, a group of members of the American Forestry Association, Washington D. C., and others vitally interested in forests, parks and wild life, are planning to sail from New York on June 30.

The tour will include France, Germany, Switzerland, Finland and Sweden.

The tour represents a step to bring conservationists of the two continents together in the cause of the forests and outdoor life, as the party will be received by representatives of foreign governments and the tour of the foreign forests made under their direction and leadership.

Among the famous forest areas to be visited is the world-renowned Black Forest of Germany, an outstanding example of forestry as practiced abroad.

## APPROVE BONUS DELAY

Two-Year Extension for Applications Voted by House.

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—More than 750,000 ex-service men who failed to ask for bonus may apply if the Senate approves the Green bill passed by the House Monday, which extends the time for application for two years.

The measure also validates nearly 30,000 applications filed too late for the deadline last Dec. 31, as well as those returned for correction to applicants who died before the corrections were made.

It is believed President Coolidge will approve the extension.

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## Blind, Suffering 20 Years, Woman, 70, Sees Light



Mrs. Carrie B. Sillery and her grandson, John C. Burdette, 4.

**Mrs. Carrie B. Sillery, Bainbridge, Ind., Now a Silvery Haired Great-Grandmother, Regains Sight by Prayer When Medical Aid Fails.**

BY BOB BEARD  
BAINBRIDGE, Ind., Feb. 21.—Twenty years of inky blackness, and then—

Light! Sight! Loved ones' faces; scenes once familiar, but lost these interminable years in abysmal darkness.

"Oh, dear God! Am I to see again?"

The silvery-haired old lady who voiced that exclamation when light pierced the blind darkness had her prayer answered with sight.

She is Mrs. Carrie B. Sillery, 70, a great-grandmother, whose sons till Putnam County's soil while their children play at "Granny's feet, wondering at the strange change that's come in her eyes."

Mrs. Sillery and her husband live two miles north of Bainbridge. From their 200 acres they have drawn an independence. There they reared two sons and two daughters, the sons to take up farms of their own beside the old homestead.

There it was that Fate interposed partial blindness upon the mother when a son was born. Thirteen years later—twenty years ago—total

told Vera my daughter, who lives here with us: "Vera, I've tried everything on earth for my eyes. I believe I'll go to prayer."

"And I did, and—"

"Your prayer was answered!" was the interruption.

"Yes, it was, and I'm thankful to God; but" and she hesitated, "there's something else I did."

"I tried another prescription my daughter sent me, and, well, I don't mean to be ungrateful, but I don't know which helped the most."

LAST Tuesday night I couldn't sleep. Wednesday morning after breakfast I lay down here on the davenport and dozed off to sleep. "Charley—that's Mr. Sillery there—was sitting over there. I must have slept two hours when I heard him come in from the mail box with the paper.

"He always reads to me.

"I opened my eyes a little. Something white seemed to be above me. I thought I must be dreaming. I kept looking. Then I made out it was the white ceiling."

"I turned my head. There sat Charley reading."

"Charley!" I cried out. "Come to me!" I seemed so excited. It seemed it couldn't hardly be so.

"And then, I don't know, I just lost control of myself. You don't know how I felt. But that night when I got quiet—there was Vera and Harry, that's her husband, and little John here, and his brother and the other children and the grandchildren, all so happy and so excited.

"Oh, I can't tell you how good it was to see all of them. The grandchildren, you know, I had never seen—just heard their voices and held them on my lap."

"And when I walked around the house it all was such a surprise. I had never seen it, for the old home was remodeled eight years ago. Vera's piano over there. I was just sure it was lighter than mine. And now I find it's dark. Oh, I'm so thankful and I hope my eyes won't go back on me."

The Sillery household is watching out for that. Sunlight comes into Grandma's room, but under lowered blinds. To shade her eyes while they grow accustomed to the light, she wears an old-fashioned black bonnet most of the time.

Mrs. Sillery never has seen a "movie" nor does she care to greatly. Her cup is brimming with contentment as it is.

"You haven't told about that looking glass the other day," her husband said with a wink.

"Yes, you do like to josh me about that, don't you?" she replied. "I did look in the glass Sunday. I hadn't seen myself for twenty years."

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## CITES OLD ARGUMENT

Suit Against Big Four Railroad Based on 1895 Subsidy.

By Times Special  
WABASH, Ind., Feb. 21.—The Big Four Railroad is defendant in a suit filed here by W. G. Gardner, Noble Township trustee, for \$55,000, paid the railroad thirty-three years ago as a subsidy for keeping its shops in Wabash.

Over one hundred members attended the business sessions and the banquet and dance that closed the convention last night.

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## STATE MAY USE DODGE TO HALT REMUS FREEING

Former Federal Agent, Named Paramour of Dead Wife, in Lima.

By United Press

LIMA, Ohio, Feb. 21.—Habeas corpus proceedings for the release of George Remus, former millionaire Cincinnati bootlegger, from the State hospital for the criminally insane here, were resumed today with the prospect the State would call Franklin T. Dodge, former Federal officer, who figured in Remus' trial for the murder of his wife.

Dodge arrived in Lima presumably to testify for the State. When Remus shot and killed his wife, Imogene, several months ago, he named Dodge as his wife's paramour and charged the two had conspired to send him to the Federal penitentiary and loot his estate. Although Remus was acquitted he was sent to the asylum.

State's attorneys denied they called Dodge when it was intimated Dodge was here to thwart Remus' attempt to regain his liberty. It was understood, however, that Dodge would confer some time today with Walter Sibald of counsel for the defense.

Dodge intimated he was in Lima in an effort to clear his name.

"There had never been a word against my reputation before the Remus trial," he said. "My record is clean."

C. G. Anthony, supervisor of the asylum, was the first witness called today. Two of five aliens who examined Remus have declared him sane. Love letters written by Remus to his wife, who it was testified "he trusted implicitly" were read late Monday.

His second point was that even if such procedure was legal, Dodge could appoint only an acting city controller, who would become only acting mayor without power to appoint a third city controller who could succeed to the mayor's chair. He claimed the second election rested with the city council.

**Appeal for Slack**

Louis B. Ebwbank, attorney for Holmes, claimed the appeal of Dodge from the conviction stayed the execution and, therefore, not until the final high court decision will Dodge be adjudged guilty and his election be void.

City Attorney Edward H. Knight and Albert Raab, appearing for Mayor Slack, said they intend to ask that the quo warranto complaint be made more specific. After this is done, they will file demurrer.

Knight said, Slack also has on file with the court a motion to strike out certain parts of the complaint. This motion was not argued Monday.

**PRIMARY LAW IS DEFENDED**

J. W. Becker Opens Speaking Drive for Congress.

Blaming public disinterest and the political trading of blocs and cliques for defeating the commendable purposes of the primary law, John W. Becker opened his speaking campaign for the Republican nomination for Congressman before the Irvington Masonic Temple Monday night.

"If the people voted, even under our present primary law we could not ask for better, and there hangs the problem; for only blocs, cliques and groups seeking special privilege or the advancement of their own ideas are voting at the primaries."

"We are thankful for at least one thing, and that is that they are in the minority; and that when the yoke presses too severely, as it does today, the people can rise up and will rise up and cast it off."

Prof. Howard E. Jensen, of Butler University, delivered one of a series of lectures on governmental problems. He voiced a plea for national control of child labor, marriage and divorce laws, education and health.

**Foreign Ministers Confer**

MONTREAL, France, Feb. 21.—The Rumanian foreign minister, Titulescu, has conferred with Foreign Minister Stresman of Germany at Stresman's hotel at Cap Martin.

Whether in view of his daughter's condition Clarence W. Mackay will remain in his attitude toward her marriage to the song writer was discussed widely in stage and society circles.

These officers were elected: Edward Wilson, Richmond, president; Charles Harper, Vincennes, first vice president; Otto Kahn, Vincennes, second vice president, and H. L. Carmony of Marion was reelected secretary and treasurer. David Jones, Ft. Wayne, was elected to another term as sergeant-at-arms. Directors included Charles F. Gregg of Indianapolis and J. Carl Suverkrup of Columbus.

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**REPAIR ROME'S CHIMES**

Workmen to Replace St. Peter's Bell by Bit by Bit.

ROME, Feb. 21.—Work that will take two years to complete, has begun on the belfry of St. Peter's, where the shafts and masonry that held the famous deep-toned bells are being repaired.

The structure around the big bell of the chimes dates back to 1748, and the iron-work, wood-work and masonry have suffered considerably from the weather.

The repairs on the belfry will be made in two months, as the damaged pieces have to be replaced bit by bit, without interrupting the chime.

**POSTAL MEN TO MEET**

Letter Carriers of Nation Will Convene at Muncie Tonight.

By Times Special

MUNCIE, Ind., Feb. 21.—A reception at 8 tonight will open the thirtieth annual convention of the National Association of Letter Carriers which will bring delegates from all parts of the United States.

Registration will begin at 8 o'clock Wednesday morning and formal sessions of the convention at 9. Music will be provided during the convention by the Indianapolis Letter Carriers' band. The annual banquet will be held at 6 Wednesday evening.

## Auto-Butcher

By Times Special

PETERSBURG, Ind., Feb. 21.

—Will Roberson, farmer, was not angry when one of his hogs was killed by an automobile. Immediately after the hog's death, Roberson decided it might as well be butchering time, so the auto victim became salt pork and sausage. Roberson says the auto did a neat job, as there was not a bruise on the hog's body.

## RULE SOON ON HOLMES CLAIM TO SLACK POST

Decision by Judge Chamberlin Expected in Circuit Court This Week.

Ruling on Ira M. Holmes' quo

warranto proceedings in the Indianapolis mayor tangle, affecting directly at least three claimants to the office, is expected late this week from Circuit Judge Harry O. Chamberlin.

Judge Chamberlin Monday heard arguments on Joseph L. Hogue's demur to the complaint. Claims of both Hogue and Holmes were outlined to the court by their attorneys. Mayor L. E. Slack, also a defendant, had attorneys in court, but his case was not argued.

Circuit Court room was crowded to capacity for the arguments, the balcony being opened for the first time in many months.

**CLAIMS ELECTION VOID**

Thomas A. Daily, attorney for Hogue, set out two points by which his client claims the office. Hogue