

DEMOCRATS TO TALK MINORITY ASSEMBLY RULE

Outline of Program for Coming Legislature Planned.

Democratic members of the legislature will confer with R. Earl Peters, democratic state chairman, here Thursday on a program embracing the party's platform pledges and feel out sentiment on minority leadership in both houses.

Twelve senators and twenty representatives comprise the minority representation in the general assembly which opens Jan. 10. The state chairman has committed himself to only one bill since the November election. It would provide that names of presidential electors appear on a separate ballot or on a separate row in voting machines. It aims to eliminate confusion for the voter and afford a better opportunity for scratching.

In announcing the meeting at state headquarters in the Claypool Thursday, Peters outlined no program for the legislators. However, it is believed they will be reminded of platform promises which may find expression in legislation.

Pledged to Salary Cuts

While honesty was made the dominant issue in the state platform, the Democratic party pledged itself to reduction of salaries of officials, officers, commissions and bureaus to those necessary to manage the public business; to 95 per cent. the county unit system of government for schools; to "fast" to the state board of accounts out of politics and see that it fairly discharges its statutory duties; to promote "an efficient and economical state highway system;" to limit the "drastic power" of the state tax board; to favor adequate provision for the state library; to favor legislation requiring utilization of Indiana coal by state institutions; to curb competition between prison and free labor, and to support a workman's compensation law that will compare favorably with compensation laws of adjoining states.

Hope for Democratic success in accomplishing many of its pledges was wrecked with the Republican landslide which augmented the Republican majority in the senate from thirty-six to thirty-eight and the Republican house majority from sixty-three to eighty.

The apparent certainty that Republicans will carry out their campaign promise to enact legislation amending the primary law to throw nominations for United States senator and Governor into the state conventions and possibly place congressional nominations in district conventions is expected to be a subject of discussion for the Democratic solons.

Cravens May Head Senate

What attacks against the public service commission may come from the Democratic quarter in the legislature is a matter of speculation. The commission was a target for Democratic campaign shafts when it was proposed to "restore the commission to its original purpose by the appointment of members who will protect the public and the utilities by fair rates based on just valuations only."

With the speakership of the house and the president pro tem. of the senate safely in the hands of Republicans, yet undetermined, it remains for Democrats to name candidates for these posts who will become, automatically, minority leaders in the respective houses.

In the senate the minority leadership probably will fall to Joseph M. Cravens of Madison, dean of the Democratic senators and minority leader in 1927. Thurman A. Gottschalk of Berne may be minority senate member of the budget committee.

Fabius Gwin, attorney and manufacturer of Shoals, Ind., re-elected to the 1928 legislature from Dubois and Martin counties, is an avowed candidate for minority leader of the house. Addison Drake of Fairbanks, who was Democratic candidate for Lieutenant-Governor in November, held the post two years ago.

636,000-TON BUILDING

Chicago Tower, 75 Stories High, to Be Tallest Structure in World.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—Weight of the Chicago tower, the new seventy-five-story skyscraper to be erected here, will be approximately 636,000 tons, according to estimates made for Walter W. Ahlslager, the architect.

The weight of the structure, which will be the tallest and largest in the world, will be equivalent to twice the weight of the daily average of coal production in the state of Illinois.

HORSE OBEYS SIGNALS

serves All Stoplights in Unguided, Leisurely Runaway.

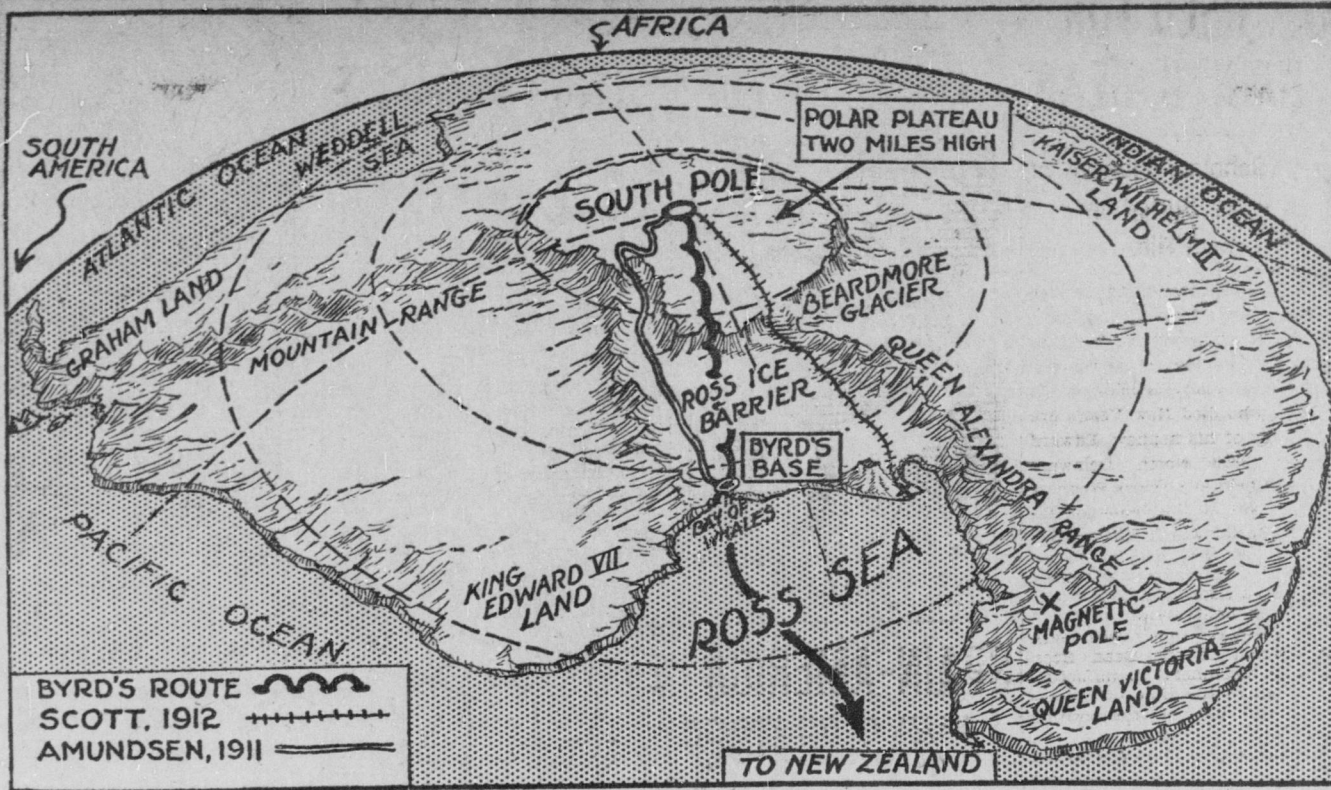
LANCASTER, Pa., Jan. 2.—"A horse with more intelligence than any autoist" is the opinion of cops hold of a horse here which, while his driver was delivering milk, came restless and started away across streets, when stop signals were held, he waited for them to turn continued on his way until stopped by a cop who noticed the absence of a driver.

AYS MADE TO ORDER

ience Suggests Titles: Impromptu Performances Given.

ERLIN, Jan. 2.—Berlin has a pair of actors and actresses that give impromptu plays. The audience is requested to supply the title of an imaginary play. A troupe of once produces the play, making up the plot and conclusion as the play proceeds.

With Byrd at the Bottom of the World



This map shows the scene of one of the greatest adventures of an adventurous age, Commander Richard E. Byrd's conquest of the South Pole area by airplane.

Byrd has established his base at the Bay of Whales, 800 miles from the pole, and plans emergency landing stations at 100-mile intervals. He will have to fly above the great polar plateau, a circular mass of

ice nearly two miles high. He also plans to explore much of the surrounding Antarctic continent, desolate wastes of mountainous ice that are swept by terrific blizzards.

The routes of Amundsen and Scott, who reached the pole by dog-sled, are shown. Captain Wilkins, rival polar explorer, has established his airplane base on an island in Weddell sea (upper left) and plans to fly to the pole from that direction.

ROOSEVELT FOR AL'S POLICIES

Message Follows in Steps of Smith.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 2.—Franklin D. Roosevelt, new Governor of New York, mentioned by some as the next Democratic presidential candidate, sent a message to the state legislature today embodying and expanding the policies of his predecessor, Alfred E. Smith.

The message, read in both houses, carried even further the policy of non-partisanship in state affairs which Smith showed in appointing Republican as well as Democratic officials.

Roosevelt pleaded for co-operation of both parties in enacting beneficial legislation, pointing out that "most of our problems are not political."

He advocated appointment of a commission to study state farm problems and reduce farm taxes. Like Smith, he favored public retention of water power sites, but urged action this year in developing them. He praised Smith's fiscal policies.

Roosevelt urged carrying forward of social welfare reforms and public programs.

He suggested an eight-fold handling of the labor problem, including "a real eight-hour day and 48-hour week for women and children in industry."

Roosevelt was inaugurated Tuesday in an impressive service.

FOILED IN DRUG STORE ROBBERY; RINGS STOLEN

Thieves Cut Through Roof; Jewels Taken From Home.

Cutting their way through the roof of the Walgreen drug store at 336 West Washington street Tuesday night, thieves entered the store and departed virtually empty-handed after ransacking the establishment.

They found no money in the cash register and took two flashlights.

W. A. Fisher, 737 North Riley avenue, reported the theft of three diamond rings, valued at \$1,215, from his home.

Meat valued at \$165 and \$5 in cash was taken by thieves who entered the Carl Schindler meat market at 349 West Thirtieth street.

'BRAIN' DOCTORS NEEDED

Great Shortage of Psychiatry Cited by Physician.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—A great shortage of physicians familiar with psychiatry exists in the United States, according to testimony of Dr. William A. White, superintendent of St. Elizabeth's Federal Hospital for the Insane, before the house committee on appropriations.

The number of physicians in the country, Dr. White said, approximately 149,000, of which only 2,000 were thoroughly familiar with the treatment of mental disease.

Against this figure, he put the fact that "there are 800,000 beds in all the hospitals of the country. Four hundred thousand, or one-half of these, are in mental disease hospitals."

SHOT BY ACCIDENT

Men Injured When He Drops Revolver in Barbecue.

When a revolver fell from his hands and was discharged on the floor, Alfred Brenton, 20, of 373 Burr avenue, was shot in the left leg Tuesday night. The mishap occurred in a barbecue establishment at 6800 East Washington street when Brenton took the revolver from Oscar Wilson, a detective.

Cop Gets Own Stolen Auto

Patrolman Robert Smith, 5012 East Washington street, spent New Year's day in Louisville, Ky., doing some police work on his own behalf. He went there to get his Essex automobile stolen Saturday night from the alley beside police headquarters.

BANDIT FOOLS GIRL

CLERK, GETS \$25 LOOT

Stages Daylight Holdup Without Weapon in Busy District.

A weaponless, intoxicated bandit, staged a daylight holdup of a downtown dry goods store Tuesday and got away with it. He also got away with \$25.

The holdup occurred at the Queen City Salvage Company, 202 South Illinois street, when the bandit staggered in, pretended he had a pistol in his coat pocket, held a woman clerk at bay and forced her to give him the store's receipts.

The clerk, Miss Lillian Rothbard, 2213 North Meridian street, realized the hoax too late, and snatched at the money as the bandit ran from the store. She is positive he did not carry a gun.

CRIME ON INCREASE

State Penal Population Grows in 1928.

Indiana's penal population grew at the rate of twenty-one commitments a day during 1928 according to the annual report of the state board of charities compiled by John A. Brown, secretary.

The six penal and correctional institutions had an average daily population of 5,792 during the fiscal year which closed Sept. 30, 1928, the report shows.

This is an increase of 489 over the previous year.

Five years ago these institutions maintained an average population of 3,842. Since then the number of inmates has increased at the rate of 462 annually.

Cost of maintaining the six institutions was \$1,390,592, which means but 62 cents a day per prisoner according to the report.

It was found that of the 1,430 men committed 87 per cent were under 30 and 33 per cent over 30.

LIGHTNING KILLS TREE

Leaves of 200-Year-Old Forest Monarch Withers After Flash.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—A white oak tree in the Botanical Gardens here was struck by lightning.

Immediately a change could be noticed. The leaves started to wither and in a short time it presented an autumnal appearance in contrast to the bright green of the rest of the grove.

The ring count of the tree showed it to be 200 years old.



A COLD May Mean Flu!

If you've caught a cold don't be sneezing and hawking about others. That spreads cold germs. And any cold may end in grippe or flu. Protect your own health, too. At the first sign of a cold, go and get a package of HILL'S CASCARA-QUININE. These well-known tablets break up a cold in one day because each tablet combines the four helps a cold requires.

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STORK BRINGS 10 NEW YEAR'S

Old Bird Spends Busy First Day of 1929.

Ten babies opened their eyes for the first time and greeted the new year with a loud "wa-a-a" as the stork made his rounds on Jan. 1.

At the Coleman hospital he delivered a son to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Armer, 590 East drive, Woodruff Place, and at the Methodist hospital, a son to Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson, 2526 Olney street, and a son to Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Nevill, 5231 Brookville road. While he was at the Methodist hospital he left two girls, one for Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Bowles, 3055 Broadway, and the other for Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bush, 2261 Moore avenue.

As he went past St. Vincent's he stopped to deliver a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Houghtaler, 3330 North Meridian street, and then turning around went to 1317 Blaine avenue, to take a son to Mr. and Mrs. Ora M. Moore.

The first baby in the new year was a girl, that he delivered at 12:01 to Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Cayto, Negroes, 880 West Twenty-fifth street, at the city hospital. Fourteen minutes later he gave a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Wray, 429 Irving Place, at the hospital, and later a girl to Mr. and Mrs. John Porter.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Cays, 890 North Gladstone, will have to celebrate her birthday on Dec. 31, since she was born just three minutes before midnight.

BURIAL OF FORMER CITY DOCTOR FIXED

Stephenson Service to Be Held Thursday Afternoon.

Funeral services of Dr. John C. Stephenson, a former physician of this city, who died Monday in Orlando, Fla., will be held at 2 p. m. Thursday at the Royster & Askin undertaking establishment, 1902 North Meridian street. Burial will be in Crown Hill cemetery.

Dr. Stephenson formerly had offices at Hamilton avenue and Tenth street. Three years ago illness caused him to go to Orlando. Sleeping sickness was the cause of death.

Survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Frances Conway, and a cousin, Dr. O. L. Stephenson. Mrs. Conway was in Florida with her father. Mrs. Stephenson died ten years ago. The body will arrive in Indianapolis tonight.

WORST IS OVER FOR KING, SAYS HIGH OFFICIAL

Home Secretary Leaves on Vacation Hopeful of Ruler's Recovery.

BY KEITH JONES

United Press Staff Correspondent LONDON, Jan. 2.—Sir William Joynson Hicks, the home secretary, announced today he believed the worst of the king's illness is over.

Before leaving on a trip to Montone, France, the home secretary told the press:

"I feel that the worst of the king's illness is over and there is every reason to hope for slow but gradual improvement to take place."

Joynson Hicks said Lord Dawson of Penn had assured him the king's doctors were satisfied with his progress.

Goes on Vacation

The home secretary is going to the south of France for two weeks. "I had a consultation with the king's doctors before I thought it safe to go," he explained.

It was pointed out that the home secretary would be extremely unlikely to leave the country for so long a time if the king was considered in danger.

The announcement caused great satisfaction to the public, already reassured by the fairly optimistic trend of recent official bulletins on the king's progress.

Doctors Omit Call

After a bulletin Tuesday night reporting a restful day and some improvement in the king's general condition, the following was issued today:

"In spite of a restless night, the

School Chief



Charles W. Kern, slated to be elected president of the city school board today.

condition of his majesty remains unchanged from last evening."

Princess Mary returned to Buckingham palace today from a visit to Yorkshire.

The king's doctors did not make their customary call at the palace this afternoon.

SECTION HAND INJURED

Struck On Head by Tie Taken to Hospital.

Hit on the head by a railroad tie tossed from a railroad car by workmen on the Baltimore & Ohio near Belmont avenue this morning, Orville A. Higgins, 35, of North Salem, Ind., a section man for the railroad, was injured seriously. He was taken to St. Vincent's hospital.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS MEET

Gather in Various States to Name Hoover.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The presidential electors, selected by the voters on Nov. 6, 1928, when they balled for a President and Vice-President of the United States, formally met today to elect Herbert Hoover the next chief executive of United States.

Voters last election day selected 531 electors to choose the men for the two highest offices of the land. These electors in turn met in their various states today, at places designated by their state legislatures, formally and officially to name Hoover and Senator Charles Curtis as President and Vice-President-elect, respectively.

Electors today were to cast about 444 votes for Hoover and Curtis and 87 for Alfred E. Smith, defeated Democratic candidate for the presidency, and Senator Joe Robinson (Ark.), his running mate, according to semi-official figures.

This meeting today of the electoral college, however, does not finally elect Hoover and Curtis. There is another official gesture which must be made before the election is complete.

On Feb. 13 the senate and house meet in joint session and votes cast by the electors today officially are counted and registered in the journals of the two legislative bodies.

Find New Teeth are Perfect

By United Press LONDON, Jan. 2.—Teeth of school children in at least one Derbyshire village are nearly 100 per cent imperfect. A member of the education committee offered a shilling to each child with perfect teeth. Only one passed the examination.

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