

SENATE VOTE TODAY ON WEST IS PREDICTED

Nomination Being Discussed With Great Secrecy in Executive Session.

SENATE
Considers West nomination in executive session.
Interstate commerce committee continues coal investigation.
HOUSE
In adjournment.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—In secrecy, more unusual even than of war times, the senate will meet again today to resume its controversy over the nomination of Roy O. West as secretary of the interior.

The naval cruiser bill, the challenge of Secretary of Treasury Andrew J. Mellon's authority over prohibition and all other matters were thrust into the background while the West matter is fought out. A vote of confirmation is expected before night if the opposition will permit the vote to be taken.

In the first two and a half hours of debate late Friday the opposition was blocked at every time.

Open Session Plea Fails
First they demanded the nomination be considered in open session. They were defeated overwhelmingly.

Next they sought to have the roll call on the first vote made public, and lost again.

Aroused by these two rebukes they attempted to force reconsideration of the earlier votes, but were unsuccessful even in that plea.

The votes emphasized the majority which West now controls and which will bring about his confirmation unless the opposition is able to change the situation unexpectedly.

Usually senator strolled out of the swinging doors and tell confidentially to their friends at least the general facts which occur in executive session.

However, warnings have been given senators that if they do not keep silent concerning the pending executive business they may be subjected to the archaic rule which permits expulsion of a senator revealing executive business.

Insist on Secrecy
The rule was adopted to prevent military secrets and the like from being made public, but only one previous feeble attempt has been made to enforce it in the last fifteen years.

Those handling West's fight are insisting on the secrecy application and other extraordinary methods of parliamentary procedure in order to bring a vote at the earliest possible moment and to prevent the opposition from stirring up any outside interests which might jeopardize the majority West now has for confirmation.

The investigation of West by the public lands committee was opened at West's request and the vote of nine to four, by which his nomination was favorably reported also was made public.

All other pending business in congress has gone over until next week.

SCHOOL BONDING POWER TO DROP TO \$750,000

New Issue Will Cut Limit, Walsman Announces.

Bonding power of the school city will be reduced to \$750,000 when bonds at present advertised are authorized, Albert F. Walsman, school business director, announced today.

This amount probably will not be approached on any other bond issues, but will remain as a reserve for temporary loans and other contingencies, he said.

In fifty-two subitems of the school budget for the last six months of 1928, Walsman said, overdrifts occurred. A special six months budget was made by the schools last year in order to change from the fiscal to the calendar year.

Had the apparent overdrifts occurred in a school year of twelve months, they would have been merged into expenditures of the whole and no overdrift would have appeared, he explained.

'SOCKLETS' PEEVE GAY PARIS BOULEVARDIERS

New Mode Concealing Pretty Ankles Not So Popular—With Men.

PARIS, Jan. 13.—The observant boulevardiers of the French capital are very much disturbed. It seems that the erstwhile neat ankles of the midtwenties and of many fine and elegant ladies have suddenly been buried in the depths of short thick socks, worn over their stockings.

Cold weather and wintry winds have deprived the café loungers of one of their innocent pastimes, and the reaction has set in among the newspapers.

Some enterprising salesmen from Holland and Norway introduced these "socklets" to Paris. They were worn originally on the tennis court and at the seashore, without stockings.

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Wedding Bells to Ring



The other night over at Marion Davies' beach home in Hollywood, someone noticed that Bebe Daniels of the movies was wearing a sparkler on her finger. Asked about it, Bebe said Ben Lyon, also of movie note, gave it to her, and what do you suppose for? Why, to be married! They say it's to be soon. Here are Bebe and Ben.

Legislative Calendar

Senate bills introduced:
S. B. 20. Hartzell—Providing park board members of Ft. Wayne shall serve without pay. Cities and towns.
S. B. 21. Hartzell—Hill, Lechard—Appropriating \$300,000 for establishing of psychopathic hospital in Indianapolis. Finance.

S. B. 22. Holmes—Simplifying method of foreclosing mechanics liens. Judiciary A.
S. B. 23. Koenig—Amending depository act to permit banks to use, as security, bonds issued under the Farm Loan act or Federal Intermediate credit act. Banks.

S. B. 24. Koenig—Uniform arbitration act to make arbitration causes valid in business contracts, but not affecting contracts between employer and employee. Judiciary B.

S. B. 25. Lechard—Permitting applicants for certified public accountant's license, who have passed in two subjects and withdrawn, to take remaining subjects and qualify. Judiciary B.

S. B. 26. Peill—Authorizing the state to levy on estate of inmates of asylums for the insane if inmates have no near relatives. Beneficial Institutions.

S. B. 27. Southworth—Providing for rotation, on voting machines, of names of candidates in primary elections where three or more candidates are running for the same office. Banks, and means.

S. B. 28. Adams—Setting opening dates for Shelby circuit court terms, after Sept. 2, 1929, as: First Monday in October; first Monday in January; second Monday in March, and third Monday in May.

House bills introduced:
H. B. 41. Gwin—Barring employment of relatives nearer than second cousins as assistants by county school superintendents; and making return or refund of salaries to superintendents a misdemeanor punishable by not more than \$50 fine or imprisonment for thirty days. Education.

H. B. 42. Scott of Floyd—Taxation ex-World war veterans and widows from \$1,000 to \$1,500. Ways and means.

H. B. 43. Scott of Floyd—Abolishing capital punishment through amendment of statute on first degree murder. Criminal code.

H. B. 44. Knapp—Changing Indiana time from central to eastern standard, effective March 31, 1929. To apply to all public offices, banks, etc. Emergency, rights and privileges.

H. B. 45. Adams, McKesson, Freeman and Harris—Ordering trial judges to grant continuances in civil and criminal cases to attorneys who are members of general assembly. Continuance to extend until after the session. Emergency measure passed under suspension of rules. Ayes, 95; noes, 1.

H. B. 46. Stoops—Ordering leases of property for mining and quarrying to file a bond equal to double the amount of the weekly pay roll for employees, default of which is punishable by from \$100 to \$500 fine. Mines and mining.

H. B. 47. Knapp—Changing habitual criminal act so that life imprisonment will be sentence on fourth conviction instead of third; and requiring prosecutor or grand jury in such cases to make complete investigation of accused's record throughout the country; affidavit must list three previous felony convictions. Criminal code.

H. B. 48. Bennett—Grants power to board of works in cities of first class, such as Indianapolis, to determine type of pavement used in widening or adding to roadways, together with type of resurfacing. Cities and towns.

H. B. 49. Claycomb, Zimmerman—City zoning law amendment providing for appeal to the appellate court from decisions of the circuit or superior courts reversing orders of the board of zoning appeals and providing that the provisions of zoning ordinances may be enforced by injunction proceedings. Judiciary A.

H. B. 50. Noll—Broadening definition of terms in existing laws governing drains and sewers, to enable municipalities to construct and maintain sewage disposal plants as integral parts of the sewer system. Cities and towns.

H. B. 51. Curry and Bennett—Providing for erection of hospital by petition instead of election, and authorizing county commissioners to construct hospitals on petition of 30 per cent of the freeholders of each county. Replaces H. B. 20, withdrawn because of deficiencies in phraseology. Counties and towns.

H. B. 52. Street and Smith of Lafayette—Providing for appropriations up to \$10,000 annually by county councils for county historical society museum, printing of catalogs, janitor service and incidental expenses. Counties and towns.

H. B. 53. Cantwell—Grants \$200 tax exemption to all taxpayers of state on personal property. Draft for purpose of clearing books of delinquent taxes. Ways and means.

H. B. 54. Cantwell—Requiring political, fraternal, labor and religious organizations to submit sworn statements of receipts and expenditures within thirty days after each election. Amendment to corrupt practices act. Elections.

H. B. 55. Bennett—Enables attorneys as well as clients to make affidavits re-

AID IS RUSHED TO CITY RAZED BY EARTHQUAKE

Venezuelan Town of 12,000 Leveled by Shock; 200 Are Reported Dead.

By United Press
CARACAS, Venezuela, Jan. 19.—Government and Red Cross aid was dispatched today to Cumana, where 200 were reported killed, 1,000 injured, and thousands made homeless in an earthquake Thursday.

General Jose Gual, governor of the state of Sucre, of which Cumana is the capital, asked the government to furnish relief.

The entire city, the home of approximately 12,000 people, was leveled by the shocks, which lasted ten minutes.

The first shock was light, and enabled people to flee into the streets, but a series of successive quakes followed which shook down their homes.

Towns in the vicinity also were dispatching aid, while the government had offered free use of all transportation and telegraphic facilities for relatives to communicate with the victims.

The steamer Jose Felix Rivas left Friday night carrying supplies and relief equipment. The steamer Guarico had left earlier on the order of President Juan V. Gomez, who personally took charge of organizing relief.

Damage to the city, founded 400 years ago, was estimated at \$10,000,000.

The earthquake Thursday was the second in its history. It was destroyed first in 1853 when struck by a quake.

COURTHOUSE WATER CAUSES HOT DEBATE

Drinking Supply Basis for Heated Argument by Commissioners.

County commissioners argued heatedly as to whose water, what kind of water and how cold the water should be to slake thirsty throats in the Marion county courthouse.

Commissioner George Snider believes that the water being used by the rest of the citizens of Indianapolis is good enough, provided it is piped through special cooling tanks at each outlet. Commissioner John Serer disagrees with this and favors the present system of special water in bottles. Hahn Claussen, city maintenance superintendent, gave the original suggestion that the water in the private well at the county jail fills the need.

Another suggestion in the many-sided debate was to pipe in city water and cool it in a centrally located electric refrigerator.

CITY PERSONNEL BOARD TALKED

Hint Slack Omits Civil Service Provision.

Rules for the establishment of a personnel department to aid city officials in selecting new employees were considered today by the city cabinet.

Mayor L. F. Slack personally "worked over" the regulations for civil service in all departments which was submitted by a committee appointed several months ago when city council unanimously demanded re-establishment of a merit system for all city departments.

Slack's plan for a personnel department differs from the original proposal of council in that Slack is understood to have omitted provision for civil service supervision of promotions and demotions. The examinations will be given to applicants by a board of three to be named by the mayor and an eligibility list established for the various departments.

"Slack's plan will be a great deal of help to the city boards in choosing new employees. But I would not have any more confidence in a personnel board than I have in the safety board for instance," Slack said.

The mayor plans to give boards and department heads a "free hand" in recommending appointments and promotions.

Fathered by John F. White, councilman, who formerly served as a police civil service commissioner under the Duval administration, council adopted a resolution demanding that the mayor establish a civil service system, particularly in the police and fire departments.

The Chamber of Commerce and civic organizations have endorsed the merit plan.

PAROLES REVOKED

Leslie Cancels Jackson Orders for Two.

Homer Dasey, Indianapolis, and Edwin L. Bunch, Kokomo, who won last minute executive clemency from Governor Ed Jackson, before he retired, without approval of the Indiana state prison trustees, had their paroles cancelled Friday by Governor Harry G. Leslie.

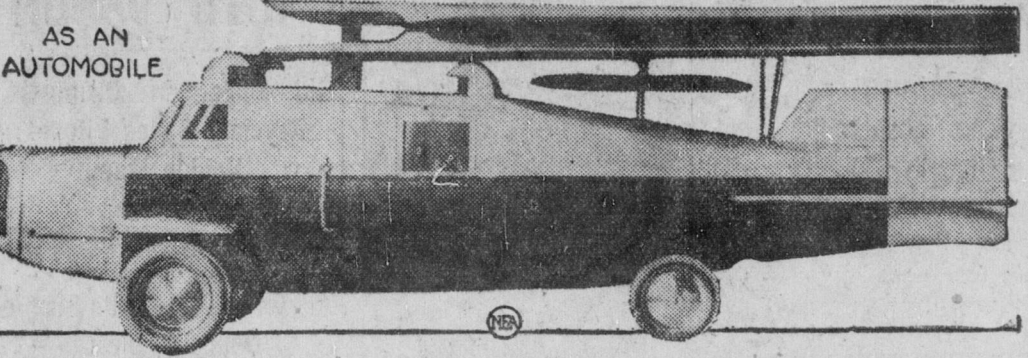
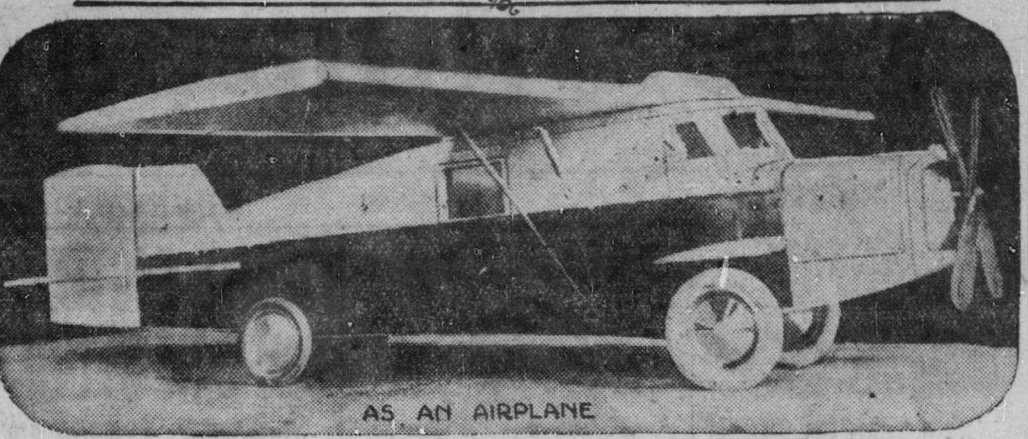
Clerical errors in the Jackson orders gave Leslie the opportunity to carry out his policy of no clemency for felons.

Dasey was sentenced to from ten to twenty-five years for a bank robbery near Greenfield in 1923. Jackson commuted sentence to from five to twenty-five years.

He and his brother Ed, had been sentenced to from ten to twenty-one years for robbery in Howard county.

Both orders were issued on Sunday, the day before Jackson retired from office.

You Can Fly in This Automobile



No joke about it; you can really fly in this automobile, invented by Ernest Reineke of Berlin, Germany. It is a combination land and air vehicle. For ground use, the wings are folded straight back and locked together, the propeller is taken off and the gears shifted from the propeller shaft to the rear axle. Wings folded, it can be stored in an ordinary garage.

CITY MEN ARGUE FOR DE PAUW

Win Places on Varsity Debate Squad.

By Times Special
GREENCASTLE, Ind., Jan. 19.—James Funston, 1813 West Morris street; John Hughes, 1728 Cross drive, Woodruff place; Don Cameron, 1110 West Thirty-fourth street, and John Hanger, until recently of Indianapolis, have been selected members of De Pauw university's varsity debate team.

Their first debate will be a debate with Albion college debaters here on Feb. 6. Thorburn Wiant, formerly of Ft. Wayne, recently moved to Indianapolis, has been chosen for the freshmen men's debate team.

De Pauw's debate schedule for February and March comprises twenty-four debates, including the coed debates with Butler university, Miami college and Manchester college. The first debate of the 1928-29 season was held at De Pauw on Nov. 13, when the first British women's team ever to come to the United States, debated with De Pauw women.

Herold Ross, formerly a teacher of debate in the Rochester high school, is coach.

The subject chosen for this year's debates are "Resolved, That Trial by Jury Should Be Abolished" and "Resolved, That Court Procedure in Criminal Cases, Similar to That in Great Britain, Should Be Adopted Throughout the States."

"Constant supervision will lessen the number of broken paroles and probationers," Holmes said.

OFFERS 90 COURSES

I. U. Extension Curriculum Is Biggest of Its History.

A curriculum of ninety different courses is announced by Indiana university extension division for the late afternoon and evening classes in Indianapolis to begin Feb. 11. This is the largest offering that the Indianapolis center has ever made, according to R. E. Cavanaugh, director.

Among the new courses are the history of painting, to be given by Miss Blanche Stillson, of the John Heron Art Institute; commercial correspondence, by Professor J. W. Piercy, of the department of journalism, Indiana university; real estate appraisals, by Fred V. Chew, assistant professor of insurance; income tax procedure, by Merlin M. Dunbar, vice-president of the Union Trust Company; history of the English novel, by Chauncey B. English, professor of English; studies in Elizabethan drama, by Laurens J. Mills, associate professor of English; the French novel, by Ernest J. Leveque, assistant professor of French; history of modern England, by William J. Morgan, professor of history; mental pathology, by George S. Snoddy, professor of psychology; psychology of motivation, by Professor W. F. Book; social assimilation, by associate Professor W. S. Bittner.

Eleven hundred and thirty three students are enrolled in university extension classes at present.

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Bumps, Bills

Phrenologists are passing up the "bumpiest" field in the nation if Indianapolis hairdressers are to be believed.

So when Friend Husband comes home and in the fashion of a sadist "howls" at your hairdressing bill just lay it on to the "bumps." For marcelles aver that "la femme" of this city have little flesh-mounds on their heads and neck that worry the best pair of scissors or clippers.

"I've given three permanents today and each one had a guinea egg on their skulls. It beats me—but you can believe me those bumps are added to the bill," averred one hairdresser.

SEEK PAROLE LAW

Reduction of Prison Citzzenry Sought by Act.

Decrease of the prison population of Indiana will be sought in the measure to be presented by Senator C. Oliver Holmes of Cary next week, creating a permanent state probation commission with jurisdiction over adult and juvenile cases.

This bill will repeal the law now in force providing for an advisory probation commission and a state probation officer named by the Governor, which in turn would select the probation officer and assistants.

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I. U. SCIENTIST OFF FOR STUDY OF SUN ECLIPSE

Large Photo of Corona to Be Made by I. U. Man in Philippines.

By Times Special
BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Jan. 19.—Obtaining of large scale photographs of the corona of the sun at the time of the total eclipse on May 9 will be the main object of the United States Naval Observatory eclipse expedition on which, Professor W. A. Cogshall, head of the Indiana university department of astronomy, will sail next week.

He left Bloomington for San Francisco Friday. He will sail from there on the naval transport, Chaumont.

A specially constructed camera, sixty feet long, will be set up by Professor Cogshall's party on one of the southern islands of the Philippine group about 700 miles south of Manila, in the neighborhood of Iloilo City.

Eclipse to Last 3 Minutes
At this point the eclipse will last approximately three and a half minutes, a comparatively long duration, according to Professor Cogshall.

Prof John A. Miller, head of the astronomy department of Swarthmore college, and a former Indiana university faculty member, will photograph the corona of the sun in Sumatra at the same time. The duration of the eclipse there will be approximately five minutes and will occur two hours later than at the location selected by Prof. Cogshall and his party.

The two hours lapsing in time between the taking of the two sets of photographs will disclose the changes in the corona which will be evident if the corona proves to be a rotating substance.

Problem Is Not New
This problem is not new to the corona experts who will endeavor to do this work in May. Prof. Cogshall's first trip of this kind was in 1905, when he went to central Spain. In 1918, Prof. Miller headed an eclipse expedition, which made valuable observations at Brendon, Col. Prof. Cogshall also was a member of 1918 expedition.

Prof. Cogshall and Prof. Miller both were members of the expedition in 1923 to Mexico for the same purpose.

BAN ON SCHOOL HEADS HIRING KIN PROPOSED

Bill Would Halt Nepotism by County Superintendents.

A halt to nepotism as practiced by county school superintendents will be effected through the bill introduced by Representative Fabius Gwin of Shiels.

It has been the custom in the past, Gwin said, of county superintendents hiring mothers, fathers, sisters and brothers for a certain period of days each year as special assistants and the assistant does nothing but draw his or her pay and turn it over to the superintendent.

Under the Gwin bill county superintendents will be forbidden to hire relatives who are second cousins or closer.

It also makes the turning back of salaries to the county superintendent a misdemeanor punishable by \$50 fine or 30 days imprisonment.

The legislative recommendations estimate \$3,000 as adequate for administration of funds, but asks \$15,000 to finance field men to check the school corporations' state aid demands. It asks for a committee appointed by the Governor and properly financed to make a thorough study of state aid problems and to report to the legislature in 1931.

CLEAN UP CAPITOL

Governor to Pay Out of Emergency Fund if Necessary.

Although James M. Ogden, attorney-general, has ruled that the legislature may not spend money for furniture and special cleaning of their chambers, the work is under way, with the assurance of Governor Harry G. Leslie that it will be paid for, if necessary, out of his emergency fund.

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