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Generally fair tonight and Tuesday; continued cold

tonight, lowest zero to 5 above. Warmer Tuesday.

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## MOVE TO CUT TAX AS BOTH HOUSES OPEN

Session of 71st Congress  
Receives Resolution  
for Huge Slash.

## ROAD CLEAR FOR ACTION

Senate Expects to Effect  
Reduction for Coming  
March Payments.

BY PAUL R. MALLON  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—A resolution proposing \$160,000,000 tax reduction was dropped into the house bill hopper as the first legislation to be offered when the seventy-first congress convened in its first regular long session today.

Chairman Hawley of the house ways and means committee, who proposed the legislation in behalf of the administration, announced completion of a program which would make possible its adoption by the house Thursday.

In the simplest terms, the resolution proposes a 1 per cent reduction upon all classes of taxpayers, individuals and corporations.

The normal tax on individuals, estates and trusts would be reduced from 5, 3 and 1½ per cent to 4, 2 and one-half of 1 per cent respectively. The tax upon corporations and insurance companies would be cut from 12 to 11 per cent.

Effective Jan. 1.

The resolution provides that the reduction be effective Jan. 1, 1929, which makes it applicable to earnings of this year, payments for which are to be made beginning next March 15.

While the house and the senate were going through the brief, formal routine of organizing their sessions for business, the tax reduction resolution was being referred to Hawley's committee for consideration. A hearing will be held Wednesday by Under Secretary of the Treasury Mills and the resolution will be reported to the house Thursday.

The group which controls the House, led by Speaker Longworth and Republican Floor Leader Tilson, has made arrangements to take up the resolution Thursday for limited debate and they expect the legislation will be on its way to the senate Thursday night.

Preparations already are being made to receive it in the senate and adopt it there before the Christmas holidays. The cumbersome senate machinery makes the same speed as the house almost impossible, but there is a general unanimity of opinion among Republicans and Democrats that the legislation will be enacted speedily because of its encouraging effect on the general business situation.

The administration will swing its full force behind the resolution within the next few days.

The tax cut move was the outstanding event of the convening of Mr. Hoover's congress.

Leaders Call Roll

At noon, in accordance with the Constitution, Vice-President Curtis and Speaker Nicholas Longworth, respectively called both houses to order. Announcements were made that the long session was convened and the roll was ordered to be called to ascertain officially if there was a quorum present.

The session was not attended fully. The thin coating of ice on the pavements outside made hazardous by continuous rain, kept many of the elder statesmen indoors, while other realizing no business was to be transacted from the opening day, remained away.

The usual resolutions were adopted, giving official notice that congress was in session and ready for business. Committees were appointed by the house and senate to notify the President personally. The senate session lasted only seven minutes.

The first order of business Tuesday in the senate is the case of Senator-Elect William S. Vare of Pennsylvania, whose friends spent \$75,000 in a primary election three years ago. By special order, the senate must take up Tuesday the Norris resolution proposing to deny Vare a seat on the ground that the expenditure of such a large sum of money is "contrary to sound public policy, harmful to the dignity and honor of the senate, dangerous to the perpetuity of a free government, and together with charges of corruption and fraud makes Vare unfit for his seat."

## The Tip-Off

Basketball has started and today's Times brings to you the first episode of Vern Boxell's

### Off the Backboard

Norman Isaacs, former member of The Times sports department and founder of the column, takes the tip-off for Boxell and drops in the first field goal from the center of the floor. Keep up with basketball by reading Boxell's daily column.

## HOTEL EMPLOYES PICTURE ROTHSTEIN JUST BEFORE END

Gambler Walked to Hotel Desk, Saying, 'I'm Shot'; State Pillories Pretty Widow With Attack on Character.

By United Press  
CRIMINAL COURT, NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—The story of how Arnold Rothstein wandered up to the watchman's desk on the lobby floor of the Park Central hotel here the night of Nov. 4, 1928, and announced he had been shot, was related today by three witnesses in the trial of George A. McManus, accused of Rothstein's murder.

They were Vincent Kelly, operator of the hotel's service elevator; Thomas Calhoun, the watchman, and Thomas McGibney, timekeeper. None could say where Rothstein came from and the defense tossed into the mystery more and more its contention that Rothstein was shot somewhere else than in George McManus' room on the third floor of the hotel, as the state contends.

## LAKE STEAMER FOUNDERS; 6 DIE

Efforts of Coast Guard  
Save 18 Others.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich., Dec. 2.—The battered hulk of the grain steamer Kiowa, pounding on the rocks of Sable Point in Lake Superior today, told graphically of a winter tragedy of the inland seas in which six sailors perished Saturday night in one of the most furious blizzards ever known on the Great Lakes.

Herds of coast guardmen, who battled mountainous waves and treacherous rocks to get a line across the Kiowa's bow, saved the other eighteen aboard.

The survivors, almost dead from exposure and exhaustion, were transferred from the wave-tossed wreck to the bobbing boats of the rescuers by breeches buoy.

The cargo of flax seed in the steel ship shifted as the storm tossed the craft about like a bit of driftwood and made her unmanageable, survivors said.

## SEARCH FOR STEAMER

Fate of Ship, Crew of 34 Is  
Uncertain.

By United Press  
HONOLULU, T. H., Dec. 2.—The fate of the Reardon Smith line freighter Norwich City, with its crew of thirty-four, grounded on the treacherous reefs off Gardner Island, 800 miles from Heren, was uncertain today, more than forty-eight hours since word had been received from the stricken ship.

The freighter Trongate was plowing at forced draft through stormy seas from Apia, 600 miles away, to answer SOS calls from the Norwich City.

## I. U. CLERK TRY'S SUICIDE

'Strange Voices' Prompt Attempt  
by Slashing Throat.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Dec. 2.—"Strange voices" prompted Miss William Goehner, 33, clerk at the Indiana university library, to attempt suicide by slashing her throat and both wrists with a butcher knife, she told police.

Miss Goehner said she was spurred by a fit of melancholia and "strange voices" which she could neither explain nor resist. She is expected to recover.

## IDENTITY OF SUICIDE UNKNOWN

Identity of a man who died Saturday night after swallowing poison in a hotel room at 343½ West Washington street was unknown today. A letter found in his effects was addressed to Sheldon Porter, R. R. 18, Box 44.

## SEVEN MINERS DIE IN GAS EXPLOSION

By United Press

WEST FRANKFORT, Ill., Dec. 2.—Black crepe hung from the doors of seven miners' home today as state mine inspectors prodded in the deep snow about the tipple of mine No. 8 of the Old Ben Coal Company in whose depths a gas explosion Sunday claimed the lives of the seven and trapped fifteen others.

A blizzard raged above ground when the explosion occurred on the 300-foot level beneath the surface a mile and a quarter from the shaft. A screen of shale dust was dropped automatically by a safety device shutting off the poisonous fumes from other sections of the mine. In those protected areas, rescue workers found the fifteen survivors and brought them to the surface.

The women folk of the mining town, stoical in the face of tragedy, clustered about the mine entrance despite the snow-laden wind. For hours they stood there while rescue crews from Benton arrived and began clearing away debris.

Relief manifested here by a sob, there by a handclap, spread among the women as the fifteen who escaped were brought to the surface. Despair remained for others as it was determined who the victims were.

The identified dead were: Thomas McDermott, mine examiner, 60;

## MERCURY DUE TO HIT ZERO BY NIGHTFALL

Brief Respite From Cold  
Ends With Sinking of  
Thermometers.

## 5 ABOVE MAXIMUM

Northern Indiana Suffers  
Third Blizzard of  
This Week.

Hourly Temperatures  
6 a. m. 13 10 a. m. 11  
7 a. m. 11 11 a. m. 12  
8 a. m. 9 12 (noon) 13  
9 a. m. 9 1 p. m. 15

A brief respite from a cold wave that gripped Indianapolis and all mid-west states Thanksgiving day was broken early today, and thermometers began to sink. It was predicted the mercury would be near zero by tonight.

Temperatures Sunday at 4 p. m. reached 29 after hovering near the zero mark or three days. At 6 a. m. today the mercury had gone down to 10 degrees above zero, and at 9 a. m. stood at 9 degrees. Lowest temperatures tonight will be zero to 5 degrees above, said J. H. Armstrong, meteorologist.

Indianapolis' first heavy snow arrived Sunday as the thermometers crept upward slowly. Although the fall here was not heavy, northern Indiana suffered its third blizzard in a week when heavy snow fell and drifted to block highways and endanger all transportation and shipping.

Tuesday will be fair generally, said Armstrong, bringing a gradual rise in temperature.

## CONGRESSMAN HURT

Hill Injured Severely When  
Artery Is Severed.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Representative Sam B. Hill (Dem., Wash.), was injured severely today when he slipped on any icy pavement and jammed the stem of a pipe that he was smoking through the roof of his mouth, severing an artery.

Hill was en route to the capitol from his home when he slipped. He was taken to a hospital, where physicians said he was very weak from the loss of blood.

## EDGE IS GIVEN OATH

Former New Jersey Solon Sworn in  
as Envoy to France.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Walter E. Edge, who recently resigned as United States senator from New Jersey, was sworn today as ambassador to France. He said he would sail for Paris, Dec. 6.

Governor Larson, who named David Laird Jr. to succeed Edge, has announced Ambassador Dwight Morrow, now serving in Mexico City, would replace Baird when Morrow returns next February from the naval conference in London. Baird has announced his willingness to resign in favor of Morrow.

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## FISHERMEN ARE SAFE

Five Return After Battle  
With Lake Ice Floes.

By United Press

SANDUSKY, O., Dec. 2.—Five fishermen, exhausted by a night's battle with Lake Erie ice floes and driving snow, returned to Sandusky harbor today, while coast guards and volunteer rescue parties searched the lake for them.

The men, all suffering from hunger and cold, are: Captain Fred Volk of the fishing tug Steve V., and his four-man crew, Charles Volk, his brother; Joe Lake, Ed Voss and N. Climax.

The crew started out early Sunday to lift their fishing nets, and both wrists with a butcher knife, she told police.

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## ONE KILLED, NINE HURT, AUTO TOLL

Snowstorms and icy pavements today were held by police as chiefly responsible for traffic accidents that killed one and injured as least nine others in and near Indianapolis over the week-end.

Miss Fleeta Bell Simpson, 26, of 1610 Central avenue, was injured fatally by a truck when she stepped from behind a parked car to signal a street car Saturday night at Sixteenth street and Central avenue.

She died in Methodist hospital of a crushed chest and punctured rib a few minutes after the accident.

Coroner C. H. Keever ordered the arrest of William Burton, 2320 North Delaware street, truck driver, on manslaughter charges.

Miss Simpson is survived by her mother, Mrs. Ida Simpson, with whom she lived, and a brother, Frank Simpson, Chicago.

Ed Porter Jr., 42, of 631 East Fifty-seventh street, suffered a skull fracture when his car skidded at

## They're Sure That Winter Is Here



Here's a group who believes only in one sign—SNOW—the sign of winter!

For with the one inch of frozen fleece deposited in Indianapolis streets, parks, lakes and creeks in the last thirty-six hours, tobogganing, ice "shinny" and skating usurped the place occupied by football, nut gatherings and pre-Christmas classes.

In the top photo Miss Betty Elbwanger, 18, of Kessler boulevard, is saying good-by to fall as she kicks up her feet and says, "Let's go sledding."

In the left center inset, a group of youths are

playing ice shinny on Fall creek near Delaware street bridge.

The right inset is Richard Lewis Scales, 1 year old, who celebrated his natal day in the arms of his sister, Mildred Lorene Scales, 11, of 2530 North Alabama street, watching the Delaware bridge "shinny" game.

The lower photo shows Miss Elbwanger and Mrs. Peggy Fettner, 464 North Gray street, preparing for a long coaster ride.

Photos of the "shinny" game and the Lewis children were snapped by W. C. Walls.

High Bid Is \$11,876

Eldridge & Co., New York, was

high bid on the \$875,000 city hospital bond issue which will be sold today. The premium was \$11,876.

High St. Louis Official Slain

State Senator Is Shot to

Death From Ambush.

By United Press

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 2.—State Senator Joseph Mogler was shot to death today as he entered a neighborhood moving picture theater he owns here. Edward Phinney, custodian of the theater, told police two men participated in the shooting, one guarding him while the other lay in wait at the door for Mogler.

When police arrived they found the body guarded by a large black cat.

Mogler was president of the Mogler Amusement Company and a vice-president of the Motion Picture Theater Owners of America.

The fact that Saturday and Sunday receipts of the theater were not taken convinced police revenge rather than robbery was the motive.

Must Show Revenues

One is the opinion of the attorney-general regarding legality.

The other is the requirement that "president revenues" must be shown to be sufficient to meet all securities demands.

Attorney-General James M. O'Gallagher sent George W. Hufsmith, author of the opinion on legality given to McIntosh, to the hearing. He is prepared to rule on legal questions involved.

In order to meet the legal requirements to merge, it must be shown that utilities involved are giving the same service in the same locality, and in the case of traction lines, must parallel.

McIntosh appeared armed with the opinion and ready to question any expert testimony in regard to the location and service involved.

Harvey Hanson, former commissioner who before retiring from the commission had the original petition in charge, entered an appearance in the case as attorney in opposition to the merger.

Under Insull Control

Under the Insull petition, the

Central Indiana Power Company

and the Tern Haute, Indianapolis & Eastern Traction Company and their subsidiaries