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Fair tonight and Tuesday; cold wave tonight, with lowest temperature about 10 degrees; warmer Tuesday night.

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BATTLE REDS AS CONGRESS OPENS SESSION

Cops Quell Communists
Outside Capitol With
Tear Gas, Clubs.

POLICE STRIKE WOMEN

Back-Slapping Legislators
Called to Order for
Seventy-First Term.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Tear gas and clubs were used by police today to disperse 500 Communist demonstrators who gathered at the Capitol just as congress convened.

There was fighting all the way from the Capitol grounds to the Peace monument, a quarter of a mile away, before the demonstration was quelled.

Police said they were forced to strike several women in the melee. One woman was arrested. Captain S. J. Gnash said he did not know of any serious injuries, but that several persons went away with bleeding noses.

The police carried small revolvers loaded with tear gas shells loaned them by the Army chemical warfare service. As nearly as could be learned, all the shots fired were from these weapons.

Convene in Gay Mood

Congress convened in a mood of gaiety. The immediate business was to pronounce the senate and house of the seventy-first congress in session and then to appoint committees to inform President Hoover of that fact.

After that adjournment was in order until Tuesday when President Hoover's message will be received.

Five hundred or more average Americans—young to old, thin to fat, homely to handsome—milled in the two chambers preliminarily to Speaker Longworth's and Vice-President Curtis' summons to order.

They exchanged anecdotes or retorts over the Nov. 4 polling-snapped fingers at page boys; slapped each other on the back; poked each other in the ribs; or they bowed decorous bows—depending on the political amenities to which they are accustomed and the degree of their friendship.

Longworth Brandishes Gavel

Bald, boutiniered Speaker Longworth brandished his gavel smartly and rapped a sharp tattoo. At the far end of the corridor linking the two Capitol wings, Vice-President Curtis, handsome, well tailored, too, stood and rapped.

Talk, here, there and in the galleries faded. The press gallery scribbled the first paragraph of a story which will not end until those gavels sound again at noon March 4.

Half way down the long corridor the supreme court began reading its regular Monday opinions. At the far end of Pennsylvania avenue Mr. Hoover sat at his square rigged desk. The three branches of government were at work.

The senate convened promptly at 12 noon. Speaker Longworth called the house to order at 12:01 p.m.

Representative Oscar De Priest of Chicago, the only Negro member, sat in the front row on the Republican side of the house.

Representative Garner Is Radiant

Orchids seemed to be in style among the women members. Mrs. Ruth Pratt of New York wore a corsage. She was attractively dressed in gray ensemble.

Democratic Floor Leader John N. Garner of Texas, radiant with the flush of Democratic victories in the recent election, was the center of a continual stream of handshakers. Democrats appeared particularly jubilant.

Young Paul Kvale of Minnesota, only Farmer-Labor member, whose vote may become particularly important with the narrow margin in the next house, received many congratulations for his victory in winning the seat formerly held by his father.

The reading clerk, at Vice-President Curtis' order, read election certificates of the following short-term senators-elect:

Hastings (Rep., Del.), Bulkley (Dem., O.), McGill (Dem., Kan.), Brock (Dem., Tenn.), Corey (Rep., Wyo.), Williamson (Dem., Ky.).

Davis Is Not on Hand

The certificate of James J. Davis (Rep., Penn.) was not presented and he did not appear in the chamber.

Curtis invited the senators to the front of the chamber where they were sworn. The new senators, several with trembling fingers, signed the senate roll and received the congratulations of their colleagues.

Legislative fight which may be the paramount issue in the next presidential campaign began with the introduction of bills to modify the Volstead law to permit the brewing of legal beer.

Senator Hiram Bingham (Rep., Conn.) presented a measure to authorize 4 per cent beer, while in the house Representative L. C. Dyer (Rep., Mo.) introduced a bill for 2.75 per cent beer.

The efforts to amend the Volstead law came simultaneously with the receipt by congress of President Hoover's annual budget message which carries a recommendation of an increase of \$3,000,000 for direct enforcement of prohibition and increased estimates for indirect enforcement.

Hourly Temperatures

6 a. m.... 33 10 a. m.... 24
7 a. m.... 34 11 a. m.... 23
8 a. m.... 30 12 (noon).... 22
9 a. m.... 27

An Editorial Insull Points the Way

THANK Insull for pointing the way to a real transportation system for this city. He throws out the bait that finally there will be public ownership of street car lines.

If eventually, why not now?

The proposal which he submits can be classified only as the boldest bit of brigandage sought to be perpetrated on any community in a generation.

Sifted down to essentials, he proposes to take out the only asset which has a chance of increased value, the Trac-tion Terminal building, capitalize rusted rails and decrepit cars at millions, and then mortgage the future generations of this city to pay interest on values that do not exist.

He tipped his mitt when he offered public ownership in the future. That is an admission that the people can run their own transportation system quite as well as he can. He admits that public ownership is feasible.

Were the not enough, his publicity agencies declare that under his proposed franchise the city will name a transportation manager, who, in effect, shall be the general manager.

In other words, any claim to superior intelligence in the operation of street car lines is nullified by the concession, probably insincere, that the city shall name the man who will supervise all finances and all operation of the system.

If the city is capable of naming such a man, why not have him operate for the citizens of Indianapolis instead of for Insull?

Make no mistake. The proposal of Insull has behind it the most complete organization of public influence of any scheme yet thrust upon any public.

Most of the big banks, all the brokers, a large portion of the great law firms have been "fixed."

The tragedy of it is that the security holders of the now bankrupt system will get nothing or little.

Behind the bulwarks of widows and orphans, slinks Insull and his holding company, through which millions will be taken away from the people of this city, if his scheme goes through.

In brief, Insull takes out the valuable Traction Terminal building for a separate company.

He puts a valuation of more than eleven millions on a system which his propagandists call decrepit.

Out of 161 miles of rails, all but 31 must be rebuilt. Out of 356 cars, only 30 are in good condition.

To put value into these valueless things, he offers nine millions of new money—through his holding company.

He offers the lure of final ownership of these lines by the city, and when he throws out this bait, he admits the righteousness of public ownership.

If we are to have public ownership, have it now. If we are to pay for the lines, buy them at their real value now, not later, and, if necessary, junk them.

It is unfortunate that purchasers of bonds and preferred stock have permitted themselves to be placed in an unfortunate position by mismanagement of this company.

It would be more unfortunate if the people of this city permitted themselves to give consideration to these security holders when the future of the city is at stake.

Transportation is the life blood of the community.

The Insull proposal suggests that the city is quite capable of doing the job for itself.

If that is true, the time to buy is now, under a fair appraisal, not after the Insull holding company has looted from the inside.

Force the legislature to give this city the right to be free.

JOBLESS, HOLDS UP BANK; CAPTURED

"If that wagon hadn't been in the way I'd have got away to give the money to my wife and four kids. I've been out of work three months, and there's nothing to eat . . ."

That was the lament of Ordia Bruce, 31, of 1705 Craft street, captured a few minutes after he robbed the Cumberland State bank of \$225 and staged warfare with two citizens on the town's main street about 11 a.m.

Bruce was caught one and one-half miles south of Cumberland by Deputy Sheriff John Newhouse of Cumberland, and County Commissioner John Shearer, who caught up with his auto when its progress was blocked by a farmer's wagon.

For two hours after the robbery Bruce refused to reveal his identity, insisting upon an alias of John Fair, despite discovery of personal papers identifying him as Bruce. The auto's identification tag also bore Bruce's name. He said he stole the car and found a pocketbook with the papers inside.

The bandit strolled into the bank lobby and leveled a sawed-off shotgun at Miss Carrie Mae Huntington behind the cage. Scooping up the currency in \$5 and \$10 bills he ordered Miss Huntington and George Wiese, assistant cashier, into the vault.

Turning toward the vault, Miss Huntington stepped on an electric alarm connected with the Cumberland telephone exchange. The telephone operator notified Indianapolis

Police, and the bank's siren was turned on.

William Hilkene, Cumberland, also dashed from a store adjacent to the bank and gave chase.

The fugitive spun around and fired one barrel of the shotgun point-blank at Hilkene, but the shot scattered wide of its mark from the short barrel of the bandit's weapon.

Those on the edge of the crowd

DEMOCRATS IN SCRAMBLE FOR HOUSE GAVEL

Speakership Race Enters
Last Lap at Meeting
of Representatives.

SIX IN FIELD FOR POST

Myers Is Conceded Lead;
Measures Pledged in
Platform Talked.

Race for speakership of the 1931 Indiana house of representatives entered the last lap today when the seventy-five Democratic representatives met at the Claypool to hear discussion of bills pledged in the party platform.

Six candidates for the gavel were pressing their claims, while in a corner, friends of George L. Saunders, Bluffton publisher and minority leader for several sessions, were attempting to start a boom for him.

Possibly icons of a combination of four of the candidates for a fifth, who would be the strongest possible, were attempting to start a boom for him.

Other seekers of the gavel are Earl Crawford of Milton, Ralph McKesson of Plymouth, Fabius Gwin of Shoals, David Byers of Vincennes and William McClain of Evansville.

William P. Wilson of Greenfield this morning proposed a caucus here Dec. 18. It was not pointed out that such a caucus is contrary to the rules of the Indiana Federation of Labor.

"The loss sustained can not be

measured and the services she rendered will never be surpassed or excelled.

III for Last Year

Mother Jones will be buried in a lavender dress, in a steel-gray coffin.

Her body will be taken Tuesday or the next day to Mt. Olivet, Ill., for burial, after a brief church service in Washington. Arrangements were being made today for a special train.

While Mother Jones has been ill for a year she has rallied from time to time.

The last time she spoke was at 2 a. m. Sunday. She called three times for Mrs. Burgess.

Celebrate 100th Birthday

Mother Jones will be buried in a lavender dress, in a steel-gray coffin.

Then she sank into a coma, her heart beating irregularly.

Throughout Sunday she had difficulty in breathing. During the afternoon it was apparent death was near, but she struggled on.

Just before midnight Mrs. Burgess went into the front bedroom on the second floor and noticed the breathing was becoming more labored. She called her husband and Mrs. Maude Fowler, her sister.

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Income Tax Proposed

Copies of measures drafted in accordance with platform promises will be mailed to Democratic legislative members.

R. Earl Peters, state chairman, explained the bills to be considered are those abolishing the fee system for public officials, another calling for registration of voters, and a third providing for a state income tax modeled upon the federal law.

Backers of Earl Spradley, Boonville chief of police, today declared that they were urging Frank May Jr., secretary of state, to name Spradley as superintendent of the bureau of criminal investigation and identification to succeed Edward Osborne.

Appointees Announced

The latter is a Governor Leslie appointee and it has been rumored that May will make no change, but Spradley's friends, led by Philip Lutz, First district chairman, are clamoring that Spradley be appointed.

James W. Carpenter, Connersville, auto license department head, announced appointment of E. A. Schleuder, South Bend, as manager of the license branch in that city. Schleuder is to operate the branch for the benefit of the American Legion. Frank Lenhard, Mishawaka, will have the distribution point from company stations.

Second pre-winter cold wave is on its way to Indianapolis, scheduled to arrive tonight with temperatures of about 10 degrees.

On a twenty-four-mile an hour wind it was sweeping from Wisconsin and lower Manitoba, where the mercury this morning registered 15 and 20 degrees below zero.

Forecast of the United States weather bureau here for fair skies promised no snow accompanying the ice blasts, and indicated higher temperatures would banish the wave Tuesday night or Wednesday.

Warnings to shippers this morning threatened zero to 10 degrees west and north, and 8 to 15 degrees south and east of Indianapolis.

First actual intimation of the wave came this morning as the mercury, standing at 33 degrees at 6 a. m., slid to 27 degrees at 9.

Temperatures began to fall in northern Indiana late Sunday night, after heavy rains had washed virtually all snow off the ground and highways.

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Directors of Transcontinental Line to Discuss Use of City Field.

Decision on regular use of the new municipal airport by the Transcontinental and Western Air, Inc., is expected to be received here Thursday.

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135 Air Held in Lisbon Plot

By United Press

MADRID, Dec. 1.—One hundred thirty-five men were under arrest today in Lisbon, charged with implication in an abortive plot against the government.

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Would you like to fly to Hollywood? The Indianapolis Times and Loew's Palace theater are giving you this opportunity. Here's how!

"Hell's Angels," the thrilling air spectacle which took three years to produce, will be shown in Loew's Palace theater next week, starting Saturday, exactly as it was shown in New York for \$2 a seat at the Gaiety and Criterion theaters, where, by the way, it still is running.

The writer of the best review on the picture, fifty words or less, will be awarded a round-trip to Hollywood, via the new Transcontinental & Western Air, Inc., lines.

More than three million feet of film were exposed in making "Hell's Angels." Eighty-seven planes operated by 137 aviators were used, and

227,000 air-miles flown before the last camera ceased grinding.

The million dollars was spent on the air scenes alone. Some of the startling scenes show a Zeppelin raid on London, a thrilling infantry battle with 3,000 men engaged, the bombing of a German air base, and Baron von Richthofen's famous "Fighting Circus."

This contest is opened to men, women and children, regardless of age.