

## BILL TO REDUCE LOCAL BUDGETS LOST IN SENATE

Home Rule Victory Won by Rejection of Policy to Force Cuts.

Home rule scored a victory in the Indiana senate today when, by a vote of 28 to 12, that body adopted a policy of encouraging reduction of local budgets and of tax levies rather than compelling them by legislative enactment.

Under debate, on second reading, was the Beckett-Huff measure limiting all governmental budgets made in the state in 1931 and 1932 to 90 per cent of the aggregate of the budget made in 1930 for 1931 requirements.

Senator J. Clyde Hoffman (Rep., Marion) chairman of the Governor's tax survey committee, was author of the amendment which brought support from home rule champions from both parties.

### Debated for an Hour

His amendment, adopted after more than an hour's debate, allows taxing units to use their own discretion whether any reduction in levies will be made below the minimum required by budget laws and permitting suspension of local mandatory levies until 1933.

Those favoring the mandatory 20 per cent reduction argued such a stern measure was necessary to compel local budget reduction. Declared Senator Earl Rowley (Rep., La Porte and Starke): "I'm not much concerned if we stop the wheels of government if we get this tax levy down where it ought to be."

Senator C. Oliver Holmes (Rep., Lake) asked adoption of Hoffman's amendment, contending that "we'll break faith with bondholders."

### Effect on Schools Feared

"If you and I have to run a wet nursery here for the folks back home," he continued, "then we're not functioning properly as legislators."

Said Senator Chester A. Perkins (Dem., St. Joseph): "The folks at home had good judgment, we believe, in sending us here. Then, it follows, they must have the good judgment to know what's best at home."

Several senators argued the 20 per cent compulsory reduction in budgets would work special hardships on schools. To the prediction of Senator Jesse E. Wade (Dem., Posey, Vanderburg and Warrick) that schools in his section of the state would be forced to a seven-months' term, Rowley retorted:

### Protest Is Answered

"Well, Abraham Lincoln seems to have gotten along better than a lot of folks who had eight or ten months a year and college afterward."

Senator Lee J. Hartzell (Rep., Allen), Republican floor leader, argued the budget reduction should be compulsory. To a protest he said he received from the Ft. Wayne school superintendent, Hartzell said he replied: "If you'll clean out the parasites in your school system, you'll be able to make up more than the 20 per cent."

### Nab Alleged Rum Ship

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—One of two boats suspected of landing liquor at Rockaway beach was captured by a police launch today after fifty shots had been fired in an hour's chase off Long Island. The boat, a converted yacht named Semiramus, had no liquor on board.

### Town Bans Bathing in Tubs

JACKSONVILLE, Ill., Feb. 3.—Citizens of Jacksonville were instructed today to take sponge baths, rather than splash around in overflowing tubs, as an emergency measure due to a water shortage caused by the drought.

### Ask to Trade Numerals for Dinner

BURLINGTON, Vt., Feb. 3.—Members of the senior class basketball team at Vermont university, through their captain, Ernest M. Coddington, asked for a corned beef and cabbage dinner instead of numerals, but were refused by Coach Archie F. Post.

## Head Gibbons Reception



Welcoming Floyd Gibbons, radio "headline hunter," when he appears in Indianapolis Monday to speak at Cadle tabernacle on the opening program of American Legion week, will be legion officials shown above.

Left to right they are: Wilfred Bradshaw, district adjutant; C. Morris, commander; Hayward-Barcus post, No. 55; John W. Hano, commander Memorial post, No. 3, and chairman of the Gibbons committee; J. E. Mendenhall, district membership chairman, and O. Verne Sholly, commander McVain post, No. 153.

Finey welcome to Gibbons will be by a flight of planes of the One hundred thirteenth observa-

tion squadron, Indiana national guard, led by Major Richard F. Taylor, commanding officer, from Stout field, Mars Hill, to Knightstown. Here the fliers will pick up and circle the train bearing Gibbons to Indianapolis.

During the parade the planes will circle above the city, Hano said. In the parade will be the Eleventh infantry band, Ft. Benjamin Harrison; police and firemen's band, Seventh district drum corps of the American Legion, and state, county and city and American Legion officials.

Members of the American Legion Auxiliary will sell tickets to the meeting, in downtown stores, beginning Friday. Regular ticket sale opened today.

## INCOME TAX ACTION BEGUN BY ASSEMBLY

Move to Free Property of Levy Starts After Passage of Weiss Measure.

One emergency tax relief measure lay on Governor Harry G. Leslie's desk today, awaiting his signature, as tax leaders of both houses of the general assembly moved toward perfecting measures for a tax on personal and corporate income.

Action toward the income taxes came at a time when senators and representatives were beginning to predict the seventy-seventh general assembly would expire without enactment of any important tax measures to relieve the burdensome property levy.

Before the Governor today was the Weiss house bill, passed by the senate Monday, providing that at scheduled tax sales next Monday, property shall be sold for delinquent taxes only and shall not include taxes for 1930, payable in 1931, as required under the present law.

The bill also provides that the property owner whose property is sold for delinquent taxes may, during 1931, redeem his property without payment of the penalties which accrue to a tax price.

The bill carries an emergency clause making it effective immediately upon signing.

While this measure is looked upon as a poultice to the painful tax problem, bills intended to cure the ills of the property levy for state purposes were the object of discussion by the house ways and means committee; Senator J. Clyde Hoffman, chairman of the Governor's tax survey committee; economists and Democratic leaders at the statehouse Monday night.

With the approval of R. Earl Peters, Democratic state chairman, who attended the conference, the

## Liquor Bill Up

Public hearings on four important bills pending in the general assembly will be held this afternoon and tonight in the house of representatives.

Discussion on two bills amending the Wright bone dry act will be held at 4 by the public morals committee. One bill permits the sale of medicinal whisky and the other would reduce prosecutor fees for wet convictions from \$25 to \$10.

A measure to limit injunctions in labor disputes to five days unless hearings are held, will be aired at 7 by house judiciary A.

The same committee will discuss publicly proposed licensing of real estate dealers.

tax survey committee's personal income and corporate income tax bills were selected as the basis for bi-partisan tax reform efforts.

These bills and their provisions: H. B. 271—Levying a personal income tax of 1 per cent on less than \$2,000 annual income; 2 per cent on from \$2,000 to \$3,000; 3 per cent on from \$3,000 to \$10,000, and 4 per cent over \$10,000; while permitting individual tax exemption of \$10, with \$20 for married persons and \$2 for each child under 18.

H. B. 223—Levying a flat 3 per cent tax on the income of corporations while exempting fraternal, benevolent, labor and charitable organizations, building and loan associations, banks without capital stock and hospital.

Because an income tax is a Democratic platform pledge, it was thought in some quarters the house ways and means committee, heavily Democratic, would be reluctant to accept the income tax plans suggested by the tax survey committee as the basis for such legislation.

Paul V. McNutt, well out in front for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination in 1932, attended the ways and means committee meeting with Peters Monday night, prepared to expound the Georgia income tax plan, which closely resembles the Linke-McKesson income tax bill, introduced as the Democratic platform measure.

## FLOOD OF BILLS IS RENEWED IN SENATE, HOUSE

Many Measures Introduced Have Been Studied in Previous Sessions.

Flood gates for introduction of bills were opened in the senate at noon today for the first time since last Thursday. The result was a deluge of twenty-six new measures. Simultaneously the house members introduced twenty-eight.

New senate bills deal with almost every conceivable subject, most of them being things that have been thrashed over before in the upper branch of the Indiana legislature.

One would confer permanent misdemeanor jurisdiction on the appellate court. It carries an emergency clause making it a law upon passage.

### Upheld by High Court

The 1929 session enacted such a law for a two-year period expiring Jan. 1, 1931. Constitutionality of the old measure recently was upheld by the Indiana supreme court.

Senator Alonzo H. Lindley (Rep., Fountain, Vermillion and Warren) introduced the state aid committee bill calling for state financing of minimum school costs. He was a member of the committee and introduced a similar bill in the closing days of the last session. The bill is opposed by the state administration.

Hardy biennial bills introduced today include one calling for moving picture and theater censorship and another forbidding producing utilities from selling appliances.

Both stand small chance of passage, having a long record of defeat.

### Censorship Bill

The censorship bill, introduced by Senator George W. Sims (Rep., Vigo) would create a censorship board composed of the attorney-general, superintendent of public instruction,

## Seeks Vote



Norma Shearer

### By United Press

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 3.—An application by Norma Shearer, the film star, to become a citizen of the United States, was on file today with Olive A. Pixley, district examiner. Miss Shearer, a native of Canada, may become a citizen within three months because she married an American citizen, Irving Thalberg, motion picture executive, Pixley said.

a Protestant minister, Catholic priest and Jewish rabbi. The latter three would be appointed by the Governor. An identical bill has been entered in the house.

County assessors would issue automobile license plates and charge a 5-cent oath fee under a measure introduced by Senator Le J. Hartzell, president pro tem, and G. O. P. floor leader. It also calls for showing a tax receipt for payment of poll taxes before license is issued.

A civil service bill was introduced setting out the manner of providing civil service in cities and forbidding its abolition after institution except by a vote of the people.

## BISHOP CANNON QUIZ BEGUN BY CHURCH BOARD

Twelve Elders Sit as Jury to Hear Charges of Stocks Activities.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Bishop James Cannon Jr., supported on crutches and walking with difficulty, hobbled up the steps of the Mt. Vernon Place M. E. church, South today to face an investigation of charges concerning his stock market and political activities.

Three bishops of the church, the four elders who filed the secret charges which resulted in the present inquiry, and twelve elders who are sitting as a jury, convened at the church at 10 a. m. to consider the accusations. Cannon was accorded the privilege of listening and answering when called upon for explanations.

Bishop W. N. Ainsworth of Macon, Ga., head of the denomination's college of bishops, was the presiding officer at the ecclesiastical hearing.

Before calling the investigation into session, Bishop Ainsworth, who had secluded himself since his arrival Monday, called newspaper men together to read a statement he had written out on a letterhead.

"This is an ecclesiastical procedure," read the statement, "and it will be conducted as the law of the church prescribes. Nothing will be given to the public by me or any one connected with the hearing during its progress. It will last several days."

"When a conclusion is reached, I will call the representatives of the press and give you the results and the names of those ministers who conducted the hearing."

A special entrance to the church was arranged for Bishop Cannon so that he was able to escape photographers.

## GUNMAN HOLDS UP CITY STREET CAR

Gets \$16 in Robbery From Motorman and Lone Passenger.

Boarding a Garfield park street car at Leonard street early today, a gunman held up Lewis Unversaw, 40, of 617 North Sherman drive, motorman, and a passenger, taking \$16. He obtained \$15 from Unversaw and \$1 from Harry Sheehan, 37 West Twenty-first street, the passenger.

As Mrs. Frank McCarthy, 1021 Bosart avenue, stopped her automobile at the railway tracks near Sherman drive and Twenty-first street Monday night a man opened the door and stepped in the car. He forced her to drive to Sherman drive and Sixteenth street, where he made her get out of the auto, in which he drove away.

Dresses and feminine underclothing valued at more than \$500 were stolen from the Women's Smart Shop, 2804 Central avenue, early today by thieves who smashed a plate glass window. Several months ago the shop was robbed of merchandise worth \$1,500.

M. F. Tamer, 3720 North Pennsylvania street, reported women's clothing valued at \$500 stolen from sample cases in his auto while it was parked near city hospital Monday night.

Three young women attending a sorority dinner in the Lumley tea room, 1540 North Meridian street, Monday night, lost their purses, they told police.

A safe stolen recently from R. P. Williams, 2455 Martindale avenue, was found Monday by Henry Stoops on a farm north of Ft. Benjamin Harrison. It had been cracked open.

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