

HOAX STARTLES HOUSE, KENNEY WANTED PROBE

Many Thought He Referred to Small Loan Bill Hearings.

Representative Herbert J. Kenney (Dem., Floyd), furnished the house of representatives with a short-lived sensation today when, in what eventually proved a hoax, he made an indirect reference to freely circulated rumors that peculiar circumstances surround inaction on three pending small loan bills.

Kenney's hints that "something is going on the people ought to know about and there should be an investigation," had house members breathless with suspense for a few minutes.

Close observers professed to see several relieved faces when his amusement boded him and he sat down shaking with laughter.

Personal Privilege
Immediately after roll call Kenney rose in an unusual manner and striding from behind his seat, demanded and received a "point of personal privilege."

"Mr. Speaker, members of the house," he said, maintaining his ominous manner. "There's something there ought to be an investigation and I think the people of Indiana are entitled to know about it."

Several members hitched forward in their seats.
"Why, things have gotten to the point of suspicion," continued Kenney, "that even such an old stager as the genial minority caucus chairman (Representative Miles J. Furnas) 'can't understand it,' and things there ought to be an investigation. It's Friday the 13th and I think we ought to do something about it."

Bills Transferred
Here Kenney gave the joke away and sat down. He had been referring to a motion by Representative Gerritt M. Bates (Dem., Marion) that the reading of the house journal be dispensed with, a routine procedure observed daily to save time.

Public hearings on the three small loan bills will be held next Wednesday night before house judiciary B committee.

Speculation over committee inaction on the bills reached a climax in the house Wednesday when their authors, Representatives Clyde Karer (Dem., Marion) and William E. Wilson (Dem., Hancock and Madison) demanded their transfer from judiciary A to judiciary B.

MELLON AID RESIGNS
By United Press
WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Resignation of Walter E. Hope, assistant treasury secretary, to resume his private law practice in New York was announced today by Secretary Mellon.

University President Dies
By United Press
OMAHA, Feb. 13.—The Rev. William H. Agnew, S. J., 49, president of Creighton university, died at St. Mary's hospital, Rochester, Minn., today after a two years illness of intestinal cancer.

Names Easy for Him



From "Adams! Ale!" through the names of 100 state representatives to "White of Marion! Wilson!" without once looking at the printed roll call draws admiration from Miss Nancy Ward Biddle, 10, daughter of Representative Ward G. Biddle (Dem., Monroe) of Bloomington.

Nancy confesses she has trouble memorizing the names of the forty-eight states, so it's no wonder she was a bit skeptical when William F. Averitt, Greenwood, roll call clerk in the house of representatives, essayed to call the roll by memory.

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LABOR LEADER SAYS WAGE CUT IS THREATENED

Warns Against Placing of American Workman on European Level.

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance
WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—In spite of President Hoover's admonition to industrial leaders to keep up wage levels, a second offensive against "high paid labor is about to begin," in the opinion of Edward F. McGrady, chairman of the southern organizing campaign committee and A. F. of L. legislative representative.

The first offensive was against the unorganized groups, McGrady said. These have watched their pay envelopes become thinner and thinner.

The second offensive against the best paid workers in the United States is about to begin," he said. "This is designed to slash the wages and living conditions of the organized workers who, in spite of every sort of pressure, have up to now maintained their standards."

The leaders of this second offensive wage-slashing campaign are composed of bankers and financiers.

Some of these, says McGrady, are advocating competition with European and Asiatic manufacture on equal terms, reduction of American living standards to approximate those of other countries. He says that eventually this would mean the

following competition in manufacturing:

China and Japan with manufacturing industries' wages at 10 cents a day to \$20 a month for ten to thirteen hours a day.

France, where workers in manufacturing plants get 11 1/2 cents to 22 cents an hour;

Germany, where the corresponding wage is 17 cents to 39 cents per hour;

Austria, where it is \$3.50 to \$13 a week;

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HOOVER TO GET REPORT ON CHILD HEALTH

Medical Section to Submit Data Gathered By It.

By Science Service
WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—What medical experts think should be done for the health of American

children will be reported to President Herbert Hoover, Feb. 19 to 21 when the medical service section of the White House conference on child health and protection meets here for its final session.

All the other sections of this conference made their reports and recommendations last November. However, the material gathered on

the vital subject of child health was so vast that the physicians required extra time to consider it and to prepare their recommendations.

Chairman of the medical section is Dr. Samuel McC. Hamill of Philadelphia. Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, secretary of the interior, is chairman of the conference and will open this session.

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