

HOUSE SLICES
\$212,000 FROM
STATE BUDGET

Governor Emergency Fund
Is Cut in Half for
Biennial Period.

FURTHER SLASH DUE
\$500,000 More Expected to
Be Lopped Off Before
Final Passage.

Lopping \$212,000 off the \$76,000, 000 biennial appropriation bill for state departments at its morning session as a committee of the whole, the house of representatives prepared to cut off at least \$500,000 more this afternoon.

With but slight skirmishing the house adopted an amendment submitted by Representative Earl Crawford (Union and Wayne), Democratic candidate, to cut to \$5,000 the \$6,000 a year allotted the supreme court for equipment by the state budget committee.

First setback in the pruning plans was received when the house rejected an amendment reducing annual appropriation of \$13,000 allotted the attorney-general for anti-trust law enforcement to \$5,000 a year.

In that instance, an amendment of Crawford's was lost after Representative Sam J. Farrell (Blackford and Grant), Republican member of the state budget committee and spokesman for Governor Harry G. Leslie, set out that the attorney-general, through the exercise of this fund, brought revenues of more than \$40,000 last year.

Emergency Fund Halved

Following plans outlined at a caucus before today's session, the Republican minority of twenty-five members, voted as a unit.

The big battle came when Farrell attempted to halt slashing of the Governor's \$200,000 annual emergency contingent fund appropriation to \$100,000.

He described as a necessity such a fund for emergencies. Quoting from The Times, Representative Fred Galloway (Dem., Marion) told how money from this fund had been used to purchase expensive brace and furnishings for the Governor's mansion, and Crawford pointed out that \$100,000 would be enough to take care of emergencies for two years.

"Records reveal that a lot of things were paid for out of the emergency fund which could not at any time be construed to be emergencies," Crawford said.

"Emergencies in the past have been construed rather loosely," declared Representative John M. Cantley (Dem., Cass). "Thus, acres of land for an insane asylum were purchased out of this fund at large prices, when there was no emergency."

Mansion Money Debated

The \$100,000 a year cut was accepted and then Galloway moved to amend the bill by cutting the mansion maintenance annual fund of \$10,000 to \$5,000.

In debate it was pointed out that previous executives had received but \$2,400 a year, and there is no check as to how this fund may be spent.

"If the Governor takes enough money from the emergency fund to furnish and keep up the mansion, then isn't it true the annual \$10,000 mansion maintenance fund is really an increase in salary?" asked Representative E. C. White (Dem., Marion).

Farrell did not answer this question, but contented himself with declaring that the mansion was state property and should be kept in good condition.

Committee Recedes

"When Marshall was Governor he refused to accept \$80 for house rent appropriation by the 1929 legislature," pointed out Representative Sam Benz (Dem., Crawford and Harrison), and the present Governor should set an example in economy.

The committee recessed until 2:30 p. m.

To meet various emergencies, increases totaling \$62,495 will be recommended for various units by the committee.

Reductions which were agreed upon and will be asked on the floor, include auto theft department capital outlay from \$20,000 to \$15,000; automobile license fee appropriation from \$20,000 to \$10,000; state tax board salaries from \$57,000 to \$50,000; board of health personal service \$170,000 to \$160,000; and operating fund \$70,000 to \$60,000; oil inspection department \$40,400 to \$45,000; industrial board personal service, \$80,500 to \$60,000; employment commission, \$18,000 to \$10,000; mines and mining salaries, \$16,800 to \$10,000; department of conservation administration and general, \$234,000 to \$220,000 and capital outlay, \$150,000 to \$135,000; public service commission salary fund from \$50,000 to \$25,000; adjutant-general personal service, \$39,000 to \$40,000; and \$20,000 annual appropriation for Indians naval mine, abolished.

FINDS LARGE METEORITE

Discoverer Stakes Mining Claim to Obtain Legal Title.

LONDON, March 2.—The world's largest meteorite is reported found by a Johannesburg land surveyor in the Tanganyika region of Africa.

It consists of a mass of iron and nickel weighing seventy to eighty tons and measuring nearly fourteen feet long. Its discoverer, W. H. Nott, staked a mining claim in order to obtain legal title to his discovery.

The meteorite was found in open country about half way between Lake Nyasa and Lake Tanganyika.

SISTER OF ARLENE
ON WITNESS STAND
IN GIN DEATH CASE

Testimony Against Gary
Youth Is Expected to
End Today.

BY CARLOS LANE
Times Staff Correspondent
VALPARAISO, Ind., March 2.—

Her voice choked with emotion, Miss Elsie Draves, Highland school teacher, today took the witness stand to identify clothing worn by her sister, Arlene, the night of her death, following a gin party at Gary, Nov. 29.

Miss Draves, a surprise witness, appeared as one of the final witnesses before the state rests its case today against Virgil Kirkland, whom the prosecution seeks to send to the electric chair for the alleged murder of Arlene.

The defense, with eight or nine witnesses to present, including Kirkland, may close late Wednesday or Thursday.

Courtroom Is Packed

Before a packed courtroom, Miss Draves identified stockings, dress, brassiere and slippers worn by her sister the night of her death and showed where they were torn.

Her voice was choked with sobs as she described bruises on Arlene's head, throat, arms and hands as she viewed the body next day in a morgue.

In describing wounds on her sister's body, Miss Draves said:

"I noticed her hands. They were all scratched—like some one had clawed her."

Nick Christoff, owner of a hot dog stand who stood on the street light in front of the stand burns all night. This line of questioning, it was believed, was to show that Arlene was not attacked in front of the hot dog stand, as the state charges, because of the light from the street lamp.

Near the close of the morning session, Judge Grant Crumpacker ruled that the alleged confessions of Kirkland's four companions, also charged with murder, could not be used against the defendant.

"I Think She's Dead"

William Davidson, who said he knew Kirkland "by sight" and was called to the youth's car by Kirkland after the latter had left the restaurant where he and his companions went for sandwiches, testified.

"I saw him in the back seat of the 'auto,' Davidson told the jury. 'He had the girl in his arms. Virgil called me over and said 'My God, feel her pulse. I think she's dead.'"

"I didn't think she was dead, so I didn't feel her pulse. I figured she had just passed out. I did feel her hands and face and they were cold. I told Kirkland to get her a cup of coffee. Virgil seemed scared and said she couldn't drink anything."

The defense will attempt to show that the romantic yearnings of youth, the laxness of society today, the bootleg emporiums of Gary, Ind., were responsible for the crime, and not Kirkland's character.

Although the defense, surprised the state with the announcement that Kirkland would take the stand in his own behalf, the prosecution in cross-examining him is expected to bolster its case by querying him regarding his dismissal from the Gary high school for alleged sex delinquency.

In Strange Love Mixup



Here are the principal characters in one of the most dramatic stories of tangled lives and loves you ever read. Gypsy McBride (above) was heart-broken because Alan Crosby (lower left) the man she loved, had cast her aside. So Gypsy married James Wallace (upper right) an utter stranger, the day after she met him.

You'll hear more about these three in "Mad Marriage," a gripping new serial novel, which starts Wednesday in The Times.

PROBERS SLAM
JOHN J. BROWN
AS NEGLIGENT

Branded Ignorant of Details
in Methods to Get
U. S. Road Aid.

REPORT GIVEN SENATE
Highway Chief Called as
Witness; Quiz Board
Lists 'Faults.'

Drastic denunciation of Director John J. Brown and alleged unbusinesslike conduct of the present state highway commission marked the senate highway investigation committee's report introduced in the senate today.

The senate by a vote of 26 to 18 suspended the rules to permit introduction of the minority report, upon urging of Senator Anderson Ketchum (Dem., Bartholomew, Decatur, Franklin, Union).

The report bore the signature of Ketchum, who prepared it, and Senator Charles L. Strey (Rep., Wabash), probe committee chairman. The two are authors of the senate bill to abolish the existing highway commission setup.

Three Fail to Sign

The three members of the senate highway investigating commission who did not sign the report, but who expect to submit a majority report of their own, are Senators C. Oliver Holmes (Rep., Lake), Glenn R. Slenker (Rep., Carroll, Clinton, White) and William F. Dennigan (Dem., Daviess, Knox).

The senate recessed before the minority report could be read. Findings of the committee were as follows:

1. That Director John J. Brown has no knowledge of the details of how federal aid is handled.

2. That ill will between the Indiana state highway department and the federal bureau of roads was brought about by the state extending construction contracts without proper advertisement and letting of bids.

3. That, despite pleas to the contrary, no allocation of federal aid has been made for the Evansville bridge.

Work Done Illegally

That the state in debt by exceeding its budget, borrowing money, issuing certificates of indebtedness, and letting contracts with promise of future payments, despite the fact that it has more money to spend than all other departments of state government combined.

5. That construction work contracted in 1930, under the term "betterments" by the maintenance division, contrary to an opinion of the attorney-general declaring it illegal.

6. That the maintenance division construction program failed to collect \$250,000 in federal aid that could have been obtained in 1930.

7. That \$2,247,000 was spent for bridges in 1930 with no attempt made to collect federal aid.

8. That the purpose of the state highway department's creation was the collection of federal aid and limitations of federal aid and revenues than any year in the department's history, less federal aid was collected than any time since 1923.

9. That the department made no effort in 1930 to co-operate with congress in securing additional federal aid for drought and unemployment relief and failed to collect \$3,354,000 in normal and special federal aid allotments.

10. That the setup of the department whereby it claims that all federal aid balances will be exhausted in 1931 are largely paper plans and that actual contracts to absorb this aid amount to but \$1,462,000 at this time.

In commenting upon the latter point the report set out:

"Any reference made to amounts on which they testify they intend to obligate and place under contract in the future, can not at this time be construed as binding upon the commission, especially during the early part of 1931, a similar condition prevailed and was immediately abandoned."

Road Patronage Is Issue

"From their own statements the state highway commission has either blindly entered into a program for the year 1931, which is impossible of completion, and which will bring financial difficulty of much greater magnitude and far-reaching effect than the difficulty of 1930, or that they have deliberately and systematically set about to deceive the public, the legislature, and if possible, the members of the investigating committee, as to what their actual program will be."

Following this charge the report warns members of the senate not to be surprised if the department fails to deliver "roads and improvements" which have from time to time been suggested to them as included in this year's program.

Senator Strey, chairman of the committee, has charged openly that road patronage is being used as a commission defense.

Motorists and members of the general assembly should be resentful of the mismanagement of funds in 1930, the report declares.

"Our conclusion is that the highway commission is guilty of one of three things: either lack of ability and comprehension of the job which confronts them, gross negligence, or that they had unconsciously proceeded into a financial difficulty from which they were unable to intelligently construct an avenue of escape."

Gordon Death Witness
Believed to Be Found

Vivian Gordon

Cuban Girl, Said to Have
Vital Information, Gives
Up to Police.

NEW YORK, March 2.—A girl, said to be a Cuban maid and masseuse, with information perhaps vital to solution of the Vivian Gordon slaying, surrendered today to police at Mt. Vernon, according to the Mt. Vernon Daily Argus. Mt. Vernon, adjoins New York and is not far from the Gordon killing scene.

She was said to have given the Gordon woman massage treatments daily, and to have ridden with two men in an auto the night Miss Gordon was strangled, apparently in a taxicab after which the body was thrown out into Van Cortlandt park on the edge of New York.

The Cuban girl, according to the Argus, entered the car at Fortieth street in New York and rode to Mt. Vernon.

Surrender Follows Tip

The paper said that its reporters had discovered that two taxicab drivers and a patrolman, who chased a speeding taxicab containing a screaming woman Wednesday night, no longer were to be found in their customary haunts.

Surrender of the Cuban girl followed a tip to police by a man friend, who said he noticed that the masseuse was highly nervous after the night on which Miss Gordon was killed.

John E. C. Bischoff, divorcee husband of the murdered woman, and Andrew J. McCleughlin, vice squad patrolman, were questioned here Sunday and denied they had conspired to "frame" Miss Gordon on the vice charge for which she was sent to Bedford reformatory eight years ago.

Each Claims Innocence

Each insisted he knew nothing about why she was strangled to death last week.

Cassie Clayton, believed to have received the last letter ever written by Miss Gordon, arrived this morning from Erie, Pa., under escort of a process server for Referee Seabury.

She was taken at once to Seabury's office and it was indicated that she will be kept out of the hands of police investigators in view of the fact that her story may be damaging to police against whom Miss Gordon was to have given evidence.

NORRIS MAY RESIGN IF
SHOALS BILL IS SIGNED

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Because he says, President Hoover and the Republican national committee have been so anxious to get rid of him, Senator George W. Norris has suggested to the President his willingness to resign from the senate after March 4.

The proposal is contingent upon the President's approval of the Norris bill for operation of Muscle Shoals, which now is at the White House awaiting approval or disapproval.

The offer was made through a mutual friend of the President and the senator.

It stipulated that if the President would sign the bill and then appoint Norris and two men whom he would recommend as directors of the Muscle Shoals Corporation, which will operate the properties, Norris would resign from the senate.

The Nebraska will begin his fourth term in the senate Wednesday. A senator's salary is \$10,000 a year.

Directors of the Muscle Shoals Corporation will receive a maximum of \$7,500 the first year and a maximum of \$5,000 the second year and thereafter.

The bill contemplates the appointment of three directors, all of whom shall be in sympathy with the objects of the law.

BONUS SEEKERS
JAM OFFICESRush Increases, With Total
of 8,000 at Noon.

Rush of former service men applying for loans in adjusted compensation certificates increased today with more than 2,000 veterans applying the first three hours after the United States Veterans' bureau opened.

A line of men two blocks long waited at the office entrance at the stream of applicants, which started Friday, following passage of the bonus law over President Hoover's veto, passed through.

Total application at noon were estimated at more than 8,000 by John H. Ale, regional manager of the bureau. Clerks had paid about 700 loans and prepared to work overtime tonight on thousands of applications already filed.

The office in the Test building is open from 8:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. to receive applications, Ale announced.

'Postpone Real Job'

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Treasury officials explained today the March 15 financing was held to \$1,400,000 instead of the \$1,600,000 originally contemplated, because it is postponing the real job of financing the bonus in order not to burden the bond market too heavily at this time.

Brigadier-General Frank T. Hines, administrator of veterans' affairs, asked the treasury for \$400,000,000 in March, but the treasury said it will give him now only \$200,000,000 in connection with the March financing. It will borrow the other \$200,000,000 that spring through an issue of short term bills.

In June, the treasury revealed, it expects to borrow another \$300,000,000 for the bonus, thus giving the veterans bureau a total of \$700,000,000.

Taxi Ordinance May Be Presented

Ordinance providing a \$25 license fee for taxicabs, licenses to be issued only after obtaining a certificate of convenience and necessity from the safety board, may be introduced before city council tonight.

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"The abdominal contents were reduced to a conglomerate mass, half-charred, decayed and infested," he continued.

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"When the right lung was lifted from the chest during the autopsy, a quantity of free blood, approximately three and one-half ounces, ran down to the base of the body cavity."

"Search was made for a wound," Dr. Lewis continued, "and a definite wound of the right lung was found, near the level of the sixth rib, ranging toward the back and downward," Lewis testified.

VICTIM IN TORCH CAR WAS
STABBED, FORMER DEPUTY
CORONER SAYS ON STAND

Instrument Was Plunged Into His Heart
Before Death in Fire, Testimony
of Dr. Lawrence A. Lewis.

SCHROEDER SHOWS WEAR OF ORDEAL

Defendant Pale as He Comes to Court
for Fifth Day of Trial; Women
Spectators Voice Sympathy.

BY EDWARD C. FULKE

Testimony that a death-dealing instrument was plunged into the chest of an unknown man before the charred body was found in Harold Herbert Schroeder's flaming sedan on High School road, May 31, was unfolded before a criminal court jury today.

Prosecutors played their high card against the Mobile garage man this morning when Dr. Lawrence A. Lewis, former deputy coroner, told the jury that Schroeder's alleged victim died of stabbing.

It was a breathless mob of spectators that listened eagerly to Dr. Lewis flash a gruesome picture of the legless, armless, flame-blackened torso before the jury.

Beginning the fifth day of his fight to escape the electric chair, Schroeder was pale and wan as he came into court this morning.

Ordeal of a psychopathic examination over the week-end at city hospital apparently taxed the strength of the Alabamian, for he faltered as he walked to the prisoners' chair.

Smiling feebly, he greeted relatives and hugged his sons, Harold Herbert Jr., 11, and Ernest, 9, while a chorus of sympathetic "ahs" went up from women spectators.

Alienist Test Important

On the scientific findings of two alienists who made the examination may hang the fate of Schroeder, who claims to have inherited insanity.

Dr. Lewis, a Negro, graduate of the Indiana university medical school and a physician more than eighteen years, spent the entire morning session relating results of an autopsy performed on the body two days after it was removed from the sedan near the intersection of the High School and Rockville roads.

Preceding Dr. Lewis on the stand were Charles Bell, former deputy sheriff, and Earl Miller, 1902 North Meridian street, an embalmer. They were questioned on circumstances of the finding of the body.

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THOMPSON'S GUESTS
UNWELCOME IN HOTEL

Owner Fears Politicians, So 'Big Bill' Moves to New Quarters.

By United Press
MT. CLEMENS, Mich., March 2.—Mayor William H. Thompson of Chicago is taking his customary pre-election mineral baths here at the Park hotel instead of the Colonial hotel, his previous headquarters, because the proprietor of the latter house refused admission to Thompson's proposed guests.

Dr. Gustav Perssons, proprietor of the Colonial, indicated the mayor and his present entourage of five Chicago political allies "might" have been welcome but for the fact that he feared that the hundreds of political workers who will visit Thompson before the week-end might not reach the standard of the hotel's discriminating clientele.

Bandit Pays for Kisses

SAN FRANCISCO, March 2.—The latest value placed on stolen kisses is three for \$1, police reported today.

The "kissing market" quotation was given by an amorously inclined bandit who held up and robbed Al Brown of \$2.50 while he was seated in an automobile with Miss Nina Wolfe, 23.

"The bandit said to me, 'Pretty sweet kid you got here; got any money to take her out with?'" Brown told police. "I told him he had taken all my money and then he kissed Miss Wolfe three times. Then he gave me back a dollar."

Hourly Temperatures			
6 a. m.	24	10 a. m.	31
7 a. m.	25	11 a. m.	32
8 a. m.	27	12 (noon)	34
9 a. m.	29	1 p. m.	37