

# TO MEASURES THREATENED AS SESSION WAVES

Reapportionment and Primary Repeal Involved in Trading Offer.

Pressure from many sources including personnel of the Republican state committee is bearing down on Democratic leaders with the threat they must pass the primary repeal bill or no congressional reapportionment will be enacted, it was learned authoritatively today.

"You've got to trade," is the edict. "We want the primary repeal bill—if you don't pass that measure in the house, no reapportionment will be agreed to," has been the ultimatum.

R. Earl Peters, Democratic state chairman, today declared that the repeal of the primary is repugnant to all groups—labor, business, the farmers and the various women's organizations.

"The Democratic party should not and ought not to repeal the primary," he said.

Watson's Influence Hinted

Back of the repeal measure is said to be Senator James H. Watson, whose term expires in 1932.

By eliminating the primary for the election of delegates to the state convention, Watson feels that he would experience no difficulty in being renominated.

In event no reapportionment plan is worked out in this session and a special enabling act is passed in its closing days setting up the machinery for the nominating of the United States representatives in state convention, they would be elected at large.

It is recognized there is serious questions as to the legality of this form of electing the representatives. But it would react favorably to Watson, who would have twelve men stumping the state in his behalf.

Arthur Greenwood, second district representative and Democrat, who was a visitor in the legislature Friday when the senate passed the Core reapportionment act after striking out all of its provisions and inserting the Adams Republican plan, expressed himself as being unalterably opposed to any trading. He declared the repeal bill should not be passed.

The repeal bill, introduced by Senator Joe Rand Beckett (Rep., Marion) and thirteen others has had a stormy career. It was ripped to pieces at Republican state headquarters and after its introduction failed once of passage. Pressure was exerted, and upon its second trip it was passed.

Bill Goes to Speaker

For a while it remained in house judiciary B committee, but was reported out Friday morning without recommendation and is now on the desk of Speaker Walter Myers.

If party leaders have their way it will die there. The measure would have counties of 50,000 or more nominate all officials and delegates in convention, and make the provision optional in smaller counties.

Official mandate from the United States congress to reapportion the state was received by Governor Harry G. Leslie Friday and transmitted to the general assembly.

If any action on this subject is to be taken it must be done by conference committees from both houses by Monday midnight when the seventy-seventh general assembly comes to a close.

There is a possibility in event an attempt is made to elect representatives at large that the federal statutes will not permit those elected to be seated and Indiana will be without congressional representation until a reapportionment act is passed.

Possibility that Democratic representatives might attempt to force a special session through refusing to concur in senate amendments to the reapportionment bill unless a reapportionment act is passed was nipped in the bud at the Democratic house caucus late Friday.

Filibuster Plan Dropped

Although Representative John D. T. Bold (Dem., Vanderburgh) asserted the house could force a special session through refusing to concur on various measures, other house leaders declared that such action would be a two-edged sword.

It was finally decided to have Earl Crawford, caucus chairman, appoint three members to aid the house conference committee in working out a realignment of districts.

According to Washington dispatches today William Tyler Page, veteran clerk of the house of representatives and authority on constitutional and legislative matters, has announced that Indiana, if it chooses, may elect all of its national representatives at large.

"There is nothing about geographical subdivision in the Constitution," Page said. "Subdivisions or districts are usually made by state law and the congressmen represent the state."

Husband Gets Divorce

ANDERSON, Ind., March 7.—A three-day divorce trial ended with a compromise in Madison superior court. Judge Bartlett H. Campbell confirmed the settlement, granting Elmer E. Merlau, Hancock county farmer, a divorce from Mrs. Edna Merlau and custody of their three children. Merlau was ordered to pay \$775 alimony and \$400 for the defendant's attorneys. The defendant's former name of Edna Redner was restored. Evidence was heard in a court room crowded with neighbors of the couple. The case was brought here on a change of venue from Greenfield.

Motorist and Car in Creek

ANDERSON, Ind., March 7.—Frank Plummer, 55, farmer, lay two hours in his automobile after it plunged down a thirty-foot embankment into Killbuck creek. He was found by a neighbor and carried to an ambulance by a son, Charles Plummer. Snow obstructed Plummer's vision. The car turned over several times in its plunge down the embankment. Plummer was taken to St. John's hospital suffering injuries to his chest and stomach and a possible fracture of the spine.

# MASS MEETING CALLED FREE SPEECH CLASH

Foster, Leader of Reds, Holds Meeting at Gary



William Z. Foster

GARY, Ind., March 7.—William Z. Foster, internationally known radical leader, and alleged to be the representative in America of Soviet Russia, has returned to Gary, where he led a strike of steel workers in 1919, to spread the economic doctrines of the red nation.

First effort of Foster was a meeting said to have been attended by about 100 persons. In an address, he flayed capitalism and the American Federation of Labor and declared the five-year plan being worked out in Russia is bringing great benefits to the people.

An admission fee of 10 cents was charged to the meeting, and money was collected twice during the session. The first was for \$1 bills and later a hat was passed.

Police were scattered in the crowd. They carried tear gas bombs. Chief Stanley Buckland led the officers. He said there was no evidence of disorder.

W. C. T. U. HEAD RAPS RASKOB

Indiana Woman Denies All Democrats Wet.

LIBERTY, Ind., March 7.—The proposal of John J. Raskob for state control of liquor was assailed by Mrs. Elizabeth Stanley of Liberty, president of the Indiana W. C. T. U. Raskob and "the eastern wets," Mrs. Stanley said, "had better go and discover America before they attempt to speak for the Democratic party."

She said she is leading the Democratic party have lived so long in New York that they think it is the United States. America is dry and it is going to stay dry. The sooner they find it out, the better."

Action by Governor

Bills SIGNED.—Placing a loan limit of 20 per cent on all state and private banks. (State)

B. 122 (Brewster)—Restricting use of public buildings for private parties. (State)

B. 123 (Hartwell)—Authorizing the state to issue bonds to pay for the purchase of land for the state.

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Minister Will Be Heard at Richmond in Attack on Communism.

By Times Special

RICHMOND, Ind., March 7.—The latest effort in Indiana to give meaning to free speech, is engaging the attention of the Indiana Quakers, a controversy having started a few weeks ago when Norman Thomas, Socialist leader, addressed Earlman college students. A mass meeting will be held Sunday in the high school auditorium at which the speaker will be the Rev. Homer Sola, who is conducting a series of revival meetings here. His subject will be "Communism, a Menace to America."

Display of a red flag in a parade held before the meeting addressed by Thomas aroused the ire of the American Legion and Junior Order of United American Mechanics and both organizations adopted resolutions condemning Socialism and Communism.

The charge that the Socialists are affiliated with the Communist movement has been vigorously denied in statements by local Socialists and by several other Richmond citizens, among them Walter Woodward, editor of the American Friend; C. M. Woodman, pastor of a Friends church and the Rev. C. Franklin Koch, pastor of a Lutheran church.

The latest contribution to the growing list of public statements comes from the resolutions committee, local Socialist organization, headed by William Marshall, Ed Henry and Joe W. Thomas. Most of it is in reply to statements, but includes the following:

"Capitalism is dead! Let us not linger too long over a corpse, whose effluvia is so noxious that it smells to heaven. Let us rather hail its successor, a greater, grander movement, one that presages the brotherhood of man through co-operation and the development of unity and harmony and embraces the cause of humanity, and it is our pleasure to offer as such, Socialism."

Lowell Thomas scored a best seller with his book entitled "The Sea Devil," which tells of the amazing career of Von Luckner. From the time he ran away from home at the age of 13 to sail before the mast, his life has been one of adventure. His greatest feat was to run the Allied blockade during the world war with an old sailing vessel disguised as a Norwegian fishing ship, then to roam the seas and prey upon merchant ships. He is credited with having sunk more than 500,000 tons of shipping.

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# CONTRAST SALARY MEASURE TO BE LOST IN SENATE

Only Highly Improbable Suspension of Rules Can Save Bill.

Reposing on the desk of Lieutenant Governor Edgar D. Bush today is a bill, passed by the house Friday, which according to all indications, is doomed to die a "mute and inglorious" death, "unwept, unhonored" but due to be sung.

Yet its importance has been paramount to thousands of county office holders in Indiana, and has been the subject of three house caucuses, more than 100 amendments and a split in the Democratic house majority.

This bill of "oil men" is the Democratic platform pledge uniform salaries for county officials.

Introduced Feb. 13 it lingered in the house with spasmodic resuscitations until late Friday afternoon, when with but two days to go until the end of the session, it was passed 61-27 with five Democrats voting against it together with all of the Republican minority present.

Only by suspension of the rules can the senate pass the measure, and that is one of the most unlikely things on the legislative calendar.

Effort to Stop Fees

The bill was supposed to be the answer to the cries of the critics everywhere that the measure was doomed to death by party leaders as a result of pressure being brought to bear on them by newly elected Democratic county officials.

Democrats voting against the bill were James Crawford and Harrison, Martin T. Krueger (La Porte), J. Henry Monnig (Vanderburgh) and John V. Ryan (Vigo). Herman W. Modisett (Vigo) voted against the measure, although the clerk has him with the eyes on the roll call.

Race Levy Defeated

The house made short work of two measures designed to tax the annual 500-mile Memorial day auto races at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

The Crumm bill providing for 5 and 10 per cent levies on total admission to all auto races and carrying a \$2,000 appropriation practically met its death when it failed 45-37 to gain a constitutional majority. The Wilson bill fixing a 10 per cent tax on various athletic contests and admissions was postponed indefinitely.

A total of eleven house and seven senate bills, including one requiring state institutions to use coal mined in Indiana, were passed by the house Friday afternoon.

Senate bills passed included the Lochard-Niblack highway bill, giving the state highway commission authority to compel railroads to pay 50 per cent of the elevation costs over highway routes in cities and towns as well as outside them.

MOTORISTS LOSE LIVES

Two Dead as Result of Accidents on Snow Covered Roads.

Snow and slippery roads have resulted in two deaths in Indiana. Sanford Corryea, 47, Worthington, died of a fractured skull at Linton Friday night after he had been injured in an automobile accident.

George A. Williams, 40, Indianapolis, was found dead in his auto which skidded from the road and plunged into a creek near Zionsville. Death was due to drowning.

\$1 SET AS DAMAGES

Plaintiff Asked \$2,000 in Suit at Crawfordsville.

By Times Special

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., March 7.—A jury in Montgomery circuit court deliberated four and one half hours in reaching a verdict awarding judgment for \$1 to Albert Huxhold, who sought \$2,000 damages from E. B. Love on an allegation of malicious prosecution.

Huxhold was arrested Sept. 3 last on a warrant obtained by Love, who alleged vagrancy. In city court here, he was found not guilty.

Sixteen Face Suit

By Times Special

EVANSVILLE, Ind., March 7.—Sixteen persons were named defendants in a suit on file here asking the probate court of Vanderburgh county to assume control of the \$600,000 estate of Francis Joseph Reitz, a Catholic priest and philanthropist, as a result of the refusal of some relatives who received legacies to abide by the terms of a trust fund.

Lincoln Guard Dies

By Times Special

PERRY, Ind., March 7.—Nathan Finley, 67, Civil war veteran who stood guard over the body of Abraham Lincoln at Indianapolis when it was en route to Springfield, Ill., for burial, died at the home of his daughter here. Finley served two years in Company C, 15th Indiana infantry. He came to Perry from Huntington about five years ago.

Business Judgment Rapped

By Times Special

GREENCASTLE, Ind., March 7.—Mrs. Stella Moore alleges in divorce suit against F. Crin Moore that his judgment was bad in business matters, but nevertheless he insisted that his way be followed. She also charges that he did not perform enough work on a farm to raise crops to provide support for herself and children. The couple was married twenty-three years ago.

Fraternity Accepts Fifteen

By Times Special

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., March 7.—The Wabash college chapter of Phi Gamma Delta initiated fifteen new members at annual ceremonies, including E. Paul Tischer, Robert W. Rhodema and William S. Ramey, Indianapolis.

# WOMAN RELEASED AFTER DEATH QUIZ

Chassis Linked With Physiology During Debate

None Now Held at Result of Fatal Shooting at Anderson.

By Times Special

ANDERSON, Ind., March 7.—With Mrs. Della Knorr, last of three women held for questioning in connection with the death by shooting of Lee Skinner, at liberty, the case, so far as Madison county authorities are concerned, is listed as a mystery, but with Anderson police recording the death due to suicide.

In addition to Mrs. Knorr, those in custody had included Miss Glenna Shetterly and Joseph Thomas. Mrs. Knorr, it has been alleged, lived with Skinner at the barbecue stand where the tragedy occurred, and where Miss Shetterly was employed. Thomas, it is said, was the sweetheart of the Shetterly girl.

Convinced they are right in the suicide theory, the police dropped the case a few weeks ago. County authorities, however, had continued the probe, calling in state police to assist them. They have now indicated whether any further inquiry will be made.

Brings "House Down"

Then he brought in the chassis remark, which also "brought down the house."

Even Representative James M. Knapp (Rep., Wayne) was drawn into the debate. The minority floor leader, whose glistening cranium bears somewhat of a resemblance to a billiard ball, said he was approached some time ago by a group of women interested in the bill.

He said they had asked him to speak in favor of the measure, but after he had considered his lack of hirsute adornment he realized how inconsistent his support would appear.

"I'm in favor of the bill, anyway," asserted Knapp. "Maybe I'll do me some good eventually."

Representatives Earl Crawford (Dem., Union and Wayne) and Miles J. Furnas (Rep., Randolph) joined in this view, pointing to their own scanty locks.

"Silly and Useless"

Entirely different was the attitude taken by Representatives John F. White (Dem., Marion), and Sam Benz (Dem., Crawford and Harrison). "Let's get off for the opposition by reiterating the opposition he has manifested to the bill since its introduction."

"This is silly and useless legislation," asserted White, "and should not take up the time of the house. In fact, it's about the silliest piece of legislation that has come before us, and I think it ought to be defeated."