

## HOUSE ORATORS LEVEL BARRAGE AT ROAD BOARD

Resolution for Audit of War  
Material Case Is  
Defeated.

After indulging in high-powered oratory and acrimonious debate over a state board of accounts scandal during the D. C. Stephenson regime in Indiana, indicting the state highway commission in scathing terms for "inefficiency" and refusing to override the Governor's veto on a minor bill, the Indiana house recessed until this afternoon with little important business on its schedule.

The recess until 2 p. m. came after a short session on motion of Representative Delph L. McKeever (Marshall), Democratic floor leader, that "the Republican minority needs plenty of time to arrange for a pig's feet and tripe dinner it is holding at noon."

**Audit Move Defeated**

Re-earing of the Stephenson-accounts board case dated back to 1925, when a settlement was effected between the state and Otto F. Schlesinger, Indianapolis, for the sale of war material to the state for \$53,000. The debate was precipitated on the Foster-Cantley resolution demanding an audit of the transaction, which was defeated in a voice vote.

In defense of the resolution, Representative Charles Y. Foster (Rep., Hamilton) asserted the accounts board went to Schlesinger and informed him he owed the state \$53,000. Schlesinger, Foster said, deposited \$50,000 and signed a quitus. Schlesinger since has petitioned the courts, according to Foster, but has been told he has a "fine case for recovery except for his signing of the quitus."

"D. C. Stephenson and the state board of accounts got the money," Foster charged.

**Refer to Branch**

Representative Earl Crawford, Milton banker and Democratic caucus chairman, supported Foster with the assertion, "This case happened when the legislature took orders from one man who had his K. K. K. headquarters in the state board of accounts office" and referred to the incident when "Governor Emmett F. Branch called Lawrence Orr (chief examiner of the accounts board) a liar in court."

"This legislature consistently has refused to 'wash the dirty linen' of the party reputations so overwhelmingly at this election," asserted Representative John D. T. Bold (Dem., Vandenburg), in opposing adoption of the resolution. Representative Miles J. Furnas, Republican caucus chairman, demanded: "Why has this been brought up on the last day? There's a 'nigger in the woodpile some place!'"

McKesson, the Democratic floor leader, injected the highway commission angle when in sarcastic terms he pleaded:

**Cites Road Conditions**

"Please, whatever you do, don't take this \$50,000 away from the poor state highway commission, which has the spending of a mere \$20,000,000 and can't even keep the roads of northern Indiana clear of snow."

Referring to the recent statement of John Brown, director of the highway commission, that "the legislators are too dumb to know anything about taxation," he continued:

"Please don't take the money away from this commission, that, whatever the faults of the legislature, is too dumb to clear snow from the choked highways of northern Indiana and not the money to buy such anticipated equipment as has been rejected by other states which have had considerable experience in highway maintenance."

**SHOW VALUE STRESSED**

High School College Classes to Visit Home Complete Exposition

Value of the realtors' home complete exposition in advising students of the latest developments and innovations in home planning, furnishing and decoration was stressed by Walter M. Evans, committed chairman, at a meeting of the home show committee at noon today at the Board of Trade.

Arrangements will be worked out so home economics' classes from high schools and colleges may visit the show in groups when it is held April 11 to 18 in the manufacturers' building at the state fairground, Evans stated.

**Man Held for Operating Still**

Walter T. Mobley, 28, R. R. 5, Box 358, was arrested Sunday on charges of illegal operation of a still by deputy sheriffs and the Beech Grove marshal, when a thirty-gallon still and five gallons of corn whisky were said to have been found in his home. The still was operating when the raid was made, deputies said.

**Head of Chain  
Stores to Talk  
to Kiwanians**

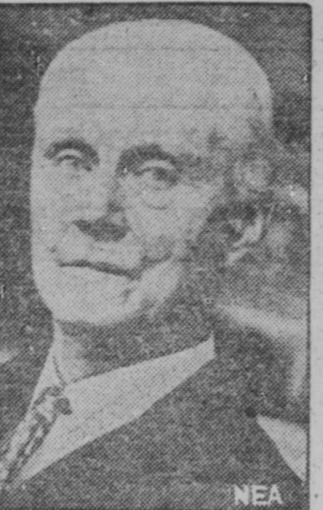
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## Roosevelt Clears Way for Sweeping Vice Probe in N. Y.



Thomas C. T. Crain  
Judge Samuel Seabury

### 150 KILLED IN BALKAN QUAKE

Towns, Villages Wrecked  
in Macedonia.

By United Press

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, March 9.—The rough mountain country of Macedonia which overlaps the frontiers of Yugoslavia, Greece and Bulgaria has been devastated widely by three days of the most severe earthquakes which have occurred in many years in the Balkans.

Judge Seabury already is conducting the appellate division inquiry into the magistrates' courts on Manhattan and the Bronx.

Ramifications of the general situation of crime and criminal investigations in New York grew considerably over the week-end.

Pierre Franklin, 59, of Montreal, brother of Vivian Gordon, murdered witness for the Seabury investigation and alleged racketeer, was in the psychopathic ward at Bellevue hospital today, suffering from a nervous collapse.

The official death toll was placed at around fifty, but unofficial advances placed the number at more than 150 and various reports indicated it is considerably higher.

Towns and villages were wrecked or greatly damaged. There was a shortage of water in some districts and an immediate danger of greater suffering through lack of food, clothing, shelter and medical attention throughout the stricken region.

King Alexander, whose royal estates at Demir-Capija were damaged, went to the scene of the quakes, to take personal charge of his daughter.

**Gordon Probe at Standstill**

Several "calls to arms" to the citizens of the city were delivered from New York pulpits Sunday, urging them to develop a "social anger" that would "clean out our cesspool of civic corruption." Two bishops of the Protestant Episcopal church—the Rt. Rev. Charles K. Gilbert and the Rt. Rev. Charles Fiske—both urged public action and a thorough house-cleaning for the city.

The investigation of the murder of Vivian Gordon still was without any announced results, despite the aid of Pinkerton detectives, who were called in by Charles B. McLaughlin, district attorney, of the Bronx, in charge of the case. McLaughlin denied reports of a split between him and Police Commissioner Mulroney.

Governor Roosevelt, addressing a meeting of several hundred at the Broadway temple Sunday night, expressed confidence in the majority of the members of the police department.

**Japan Feels Shocks**

By United Press

TOKIO, March 9.—Japan was early today by a major earthquake which damaged 884 houses at Hachioji, Amori prefecture, on the northern tip of the island of Honshu.

Fixtures were opened in the earth.

Strong shocks were felt at Kukushima, some 150 miles north of Tokyo, where many houses collapsed.

**SIDEWALK CLEANING  
URGED FOR JOBLESS**

New Yorker Starts Move to Aid  
City's Unemployed.

By United Press

NEW YORK, March 9.—A hitherto unemployed father of eight children went to work today making a certain block in Manhattan the cleanest in the city. His business-like job of sweeping and cleaning, it was hoped, might make neighbors sufficiently envious to give similar work to 10,000 others.

The movement to make New York's sidewalk conscious is the idea of Edward C. Rydzik, director of the city's free employment bureau. He believes that if a resident of every block will chip in toward \$15 a week for a clean-up man, New York's unemployment figures will soon show a similar decrease.

**Butler Student Writes Play**

A three-act play, "Her Ladyship Goes Abroad," by Miss Martha Pittenger, Butler university student, was staged Saturday night at Odeon hall.

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## SEE ANSWER TO REDISTRICTING PUZZLE TODAY

Conference Plan May Not  
Be Accepted by Both  
Houses.

Solution of the Chinese puzzle of reappportioning the present thirteen congressional districts into twelve was expected to be reached by the joint house and senate conference committee late this afternoon, it was learned.

But whether the new alignments will be satisfactory to members of both houses is the problem now, members declared. Some plan must be reached by the close of this legislative day or Indiana may have to elect its congressmen at large and have their legality challenged.

Realignment plans when completed, committee members said, would, in all probabilities provide for five G. O. P. districts, four Democratic and three doubtful.

**Have Worked Three Days**

Today was the third consecutive day devoted to an attempt to reach a solution. The conference broke up Saturday and Sunday night without agreement, but each member presented his idea today and an attempt is being made to obtain a plan from these which will be satisfactory to the majority of the two Republicans and two Democrats who constitute the committee.

Practical agreement has been reached on what has amounted to two bones of contention: One, that Lake county shall constitute a district by itself; and the other, that Marion county with its 422,000 population, must be divided.

The last step will be taken over the protests of Marion county representatives who may be strong enough to block adoption of the conference report.

**Three-Way Split Proposed**

Latest suggestion is that Marion county be split three ways with Center township comprising one district; Perry and Decatur townships joined to the district to the south, and the remaining townships to be divided with Hancock county to form another district.

This is meeting much opposition among friends of Representative Louis Ludlow, who feels that his strength would be curtailed greatly by such a partition.

Although Ludlow has not been here during the reapportionment deliberations three Democratic representatives have been on the spot watching what occurs. They are Arthur Greenwood, Second district; John W. Boehne, First, and Glenn Griswold, Eleventh.

**Guards Colleague's Interests**

Greenwood is fighting any attempt to have in the counties of his new district another committee of the house of an independent representative, while Boehne, who is sure to fare rather well under any division, is safeguarding the interests of those members who can not be present.

It is pointed out by some leaders that unless an agreement is reached by the close of the session some time in the wee hours of Tuesday morning, the entire fabric of the state party organization might crumble, as the state leaders are elected by the district chairmen and vice-chairmen.

Members of the conference committee are Senators Ralph Adams (Rep.), chairman; Representative Clarence O. Schlegel (Dem.), vice-chairman; Representative Roy Street (Rep.) and Senator James B. Brewster (Dem.), secretaries.

**STIMSON PLANS STUDY  
OF SOVIET GOVERNMENT**

**Hint Move Is Toward Possible  
Recognition of Russia.**

By United Press

WASHINGTON, March 9.—Speculation on possible steps toward recognition of the Soviet Russian government was held today following the decision of Secretary of State Stimson to make a new and comprehensive study of Russian affairs.

It was announced that Stimson felt the administration of foreign affairs could be better served by such an investigation, and it was understood the study would be entrusted to an assistant secretary, possibly James Grafton Rogers of Denver, Stimson's newest assistant.

Trying to clear off his desk speedily, Lieutenant-Governor Edgar D. Bush handed down for senate concurrence in house amendments the bill placing in a separate police fund all receipts from the transfer of motor vehicle ownership.

As passed by the senate, the measure required the secretary of state to divide equally between the two political parties all appointees to the state police force. But the house had amended the bill, to permit the secretary of State, Frank J. Mayr, to name them all from one party if he chose.

The senate, asleep at the switch, gave perfunctory approval to concurrents in the amendment before Republican senators awoke to what they had done.

Then on motion of Senator C. Oliver Holmes (Rep., Lake), the concurring vote was reconsidered and concurrence refused on a strict party division, 26 to 19.

The bill now goes to a conference committee for compromise.

Saturday in the house attempts to kill the bill failed when Representatives Virgil Simmons (Dem., Franklin) and Leslie explaining he has been informed it is unconstitutional. The senate vote overriding the veto was 33-13.

**AGED PHYSICIAN DIES**

Found unconscious in his office Saturday night, Dr. Fred Rust, 64, Brownsburg, died early today in Methodist hospital from a brain hemorrhage.

Early theories that he may have been attacked by a foe who slugged him, were discarded by Brownsburg physicians who said Dr. Rust probably suffered a paralytic stroke.

The physician had been ill for some time.

**Arraigned on Liquor Charge**

Ernest Patton was under \$1,500 bond today following arraignment before Howard S. Young, United States commissioner, Saturday, on charges of violating the prohibition law.

Unemployment difficulties are believed to have led to the suicide.

Survivors are the widow, Mrs. Claude Holstein, and three daughters, Mrs. Geynell Craig, Mrs. Ruth Huls and Mrs. Margaret Ragedale, all of Indianapolis.

**MAN COMMITS SUICIDE**

Unemployment Thought Cause of  
Claude Holstein's Death.

**HELD FOR ROBBERIES**

Suspect Identified by Dozen Hold-up  
Victims, Police Say.

Goldman spoke here last October under the auspices of the Advertising Club of Indianapolis. He has been popular as a broadcaster over radio chains by varied discussions of business conditions.

The organization Goldman heads operates the Julian Goldman Union store of this city.

## INCOME LEVIES IN DEADLOCK OF LAST DAY RUSH

Failure to Pass Tax Bills  
May Cause Special  
Session.

Personal and corporate income tax bills gasped for breath today as they were caught in the legislative deadlock between Indiana's Republican senate and Democratic house.

They were accorded only the faintest hope of enactment and because of Democratic and farm-bloc insistence upon their enactment, they became factors in the threats of a special session.

Crowded galleries were expected for this afternoon's crucial debates and for the finish tonight when delays occasioned by the enrolling, final typing of last minute bills, gives opportunity for the traditional round of farewell speeches, gift presentations and "horse-play."

The clocks will be stopped at midnight, to give added time for clearing up last minute action.

The pulse of the personal income tax bill engaged chief attention today of the average Hoosier citizen. While its death seemed only a matter of hours, a coalition of farm leaders of both parties and of Democrats planned resuscitative measures.

**Corporate Tax Fails**

The personal income tax bill has passed both houses but awaits conference agreement on senate amendments which lowered the maximum rate of 6 per cent on incomes more than \$10,000 to 4 per cent, and lowered exemptions so as to lay a heavier burden on the small salary man and wage earner.

Representatives Virgil Simmons (Dem., Adams and Wells) and H. H. Evans (Rep., Henry) are the house conferees. Senate conferees were to be named by Lieutenant-Governor Edgar D. Bush this afternoon.

The corporate income tax bill which passed the house with a 3 per cent rate, failed, 23 ayes, 25 noes, to receive a constitutional majority in the senate Saturday, after being amended to contain a 1 1/4 per cent rate.

Senate income tax foes declare they will deliberately walk out and break a quorum if further attempt at passage is attempted in the upper house.

**Fifteen Bills Wait in Senate**

This threat brought from Speaker Walter Myers the announcement that it is mandatory upon the conference committee on the personal income tax bill to write into it a tax on corporations.</p