

# 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, 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. McKesson (Marshall), Democratic floor leader, that "the Republican minority needs plenty of time to arrange for a pigs' feet and tripe dinner it is holding at noon."

**Audit Move Defeated**  
Re-aring of the Stephenson-accounts board case dated back to 1925, when a settlement was effected between the state and Otto F. Schlensker, Indianapolis, for the sale of war material to the state for \$30,000. 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 V. Foster (Rep., Hamilton) asserted the accounts board went to Schlensker and informed him he owed the state \$30,000. Schlensker, Foster said, deposited \$50,000 and signed a quitclaim. Schlensker 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 quitclaim."

**Refer to Branch**  
Representative Earl Crawford (Milan) 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 "Crawford 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 repudiated so overwhelmingly at the last election," asserted Representative John D. T. Bold (Dem., Vanderburgh) 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 \$500,000 away from the 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 state 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 fault of the legislature, is too dumb to clear snow from the choked highways of northern Indiana and needs the money to buy such antiquated equipment as has been rejected by other states which have had considerable experience in highway maintenance."

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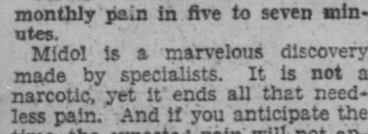
Value of the realtors' home complete exposition in advising students of the latest developments and innovations in home planning, furnishing and decoration was stressed by Walter M. Evans, committee chairman, at a meeting of the home show committee at noon today at the Board of Trade.

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 13 in the manufacturers' building at the state fairground, Evans stated.



Man Held for Operating Still

Walter T. Mobley, 23, 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 whiskey were said to have been found in his home. The still was operating when the raid was made, deputies said.



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



Judge Samuel Seabury

## 150 KILLED IN BALKAN QUAKE

Towns, Villages Wrecked in Macedonia.

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

The full extent of the disaster still is uncertain today, although official advices from more than a score of towns in the three countries revealed vast damage and heavy loss of life.

The official death toll was placed at around fifty, but unofficial advices 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-Caplia were damaged, went to the scene of the quakes, to take personal charge of relief work.

## Japan Feels Shocks

**TOKIO, March 9.**—Japan was rocked early today by an earthquake which damaged 324 houses at Hachioji, Amori prefecture, on the northern tip of the island of Honshu.

Fissures were opened in the earth. Strong shocks were felt at Kujukushima, some 150 miles north of Tokio, where many houses collapsed.

## SIDEWALK CLEANING URGED FOR JOBLESS

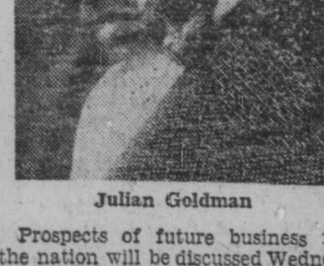
New Yorker Starts Move to Aid City's Unemployed.

**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 sidewalk conscious is the idea of Edward C. Rybicki, director of the city's free employment bureau. He believes that if residents of every block will chip in toward \$15 a week for a clean-up man, New York's unemployment figures will soon show a sizable 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.

## Head of Chain Stores to Talk to Kiwanians



Julian Goldman

Prospects of future business for the nation will be discussed Wednesday in the Riley room of the Claypool when Julian Goldman, head of a chain store organization, speaks before the Kiwanis Club of Indianapolis.

## Seabury Will Conduct Probe Into Crain's Affairs as Prosecutor.

By United Press

**NEW YORK, March 9.**—The way was opened today for a sweeping inquiry into the New York City administration by Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt's appointment of Judge Samuel Seabury to investigate charges of neglect of duty preferred by the City Club against Thomas C. Crain, district attorney of New York county.

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, 53, 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.

He was found wandering through the corridors of his hotel, sobbing and mumbling incoherently. Physicians believed it was the result of brooding over the death of his sister and the subsequent suicide of her 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 Mulrooney.

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.

## Thomas Predicts Ouster

Norman Thomas, addressing a Socialist meeting, predicted that District Attorney Crain would be ousted as a result of the impending investigation. He attacked the Tammany political machine as the "real enemy of law enforcement."

Magistrate H. Stanley Renaud, before whom Vivian Gordon was arraigned in 1923 on the vice charge which she alleged was "framed," was to be called before the Seabury inquiry today.

With 4,000 extra police on emergency duty over the week-end in an effort to reduce the number of crimes, three killings and four major holdups were reported besides several minor crimes.

One of the killings was that of a hoodlum shot by police. The other two were thought to be gangsters slain by enemies. Both were unidentified.

Meanwhile, however, the appointment of Seabury to investigate the charges against Crain appeared to be the solution to the various proposals for a thorough investigation of the city.

## Crain Denies Charges

Judge Seabury, with a long record of distinguished service on the bench was appointed referee of the appellate division inquiry into the magistrates' courts last fall, the results of which led indirectly to some of the charges against District Attorney Crain.

Members of the City Club filed formal charges against the latter Saturday, specifying disfigurement in office "in failing to prosecute persons whom a diligent public officer would have prosecuted."

Crain denied the charges, asked an immediate investigation and said he would continue in office until it was finished.

## MAN COMMITS SUICIDE

Unemployment Thought Cause of Claude Holstein's Death.

# SEE ANSWER TO REASSASSINATING PUZZLE TODAY

Conference Plan May Not Be Accepted by Both Houses.

Solution of the Chinese puzzle of reappointing 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 then have their legality challenged.

Realignment plans when completed, committee members said, would in all probability 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 Republican and two Democratic 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 composing one district; Perry and Decatur townships joined to the district to the south; and the remaining townships of the 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 heard, the day-long 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 include in the counties of his new district, another containing the home of an incumbent 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 leadership of 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.

## VOTE IS KILLED ON POLICE BILL

Measure Now in Senate for Compromise.

Indevitably, the Republican state senate today approved Democratic house amendments to a senate bill and discovered the "real enemy of law enforcement."

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 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. Meyer, to name them all from one party if he chose.

The senate, asleep at the switch, gave perfunctory approval to current 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 in the house attempts to kill the bill failed when Representatives Virgil Simmons (Dem., Wells) explained that the secretary of state does not intend to increase the force, but "needs funds to retain several present officers."

# INCOME LEVIES IN DEADLOCK OF LAST DAY RUSH

Failure to Pass Tax Bills May Cause Special Session.

Personal and corporate income tax bills gazed 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 throes 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 resuscitatory 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.

Senate 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 1/2 per cent rate.

## 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 or corporations.

Among fifteen house bills awaiting third reading in the senate are the voters' registration bill, a Democratic platform measure, and measures extending for four more years the 6-mill levy for the Indiana World War Memorial; prescribing the salaries for prosecutors throughout the state; placing operators of motor trucks under public service commission jurisdiction; requiring applicants for automobile and drivers' licenses to exhibit poll tax receipts before the licenses are issued; authorizing injunctions to prevent unlicensed dentists from practicing, and continuing the 45 per cent ratio for state school aid while placing supervision of state aid funds with the state board of accounts.

## STIMSON PLANS STUDY OF SOVIET GOVERNMENT

Hint Move Is Toward Possible Recognition of Russia.

**WASHINGTON, March 9.**—Speculation on possible steps toward recognition of the Soviet Russian government was heard 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.

## SENATE OVERRIDES VETO

Clark County Deficits Measure Action Fails to Get House Favor.

Only Governor's veto overridden this session by the Indiana senate this session the Indiana senate failed today in the house, which upheld the veto, 49 to 41.

The veto was on a bill to legalize payment of deficits incurred in construction of bridges and gravel roads in Clark county. Governor 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. 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.

# 'Sign Please,' Pages Beg



Snapped at the favorite indoor sport of the Indiana house of representatives pages are Miss Margaret Thacker, 16, a junior in French Lick high school, and Richard Weiss, 7, son of Representative Jacob Weiss (Dem., Marion).

Richard, with his souvenir album of autographed photos of members of the lower house, is telling Miss Thacker "Mine's better'n yours is," while she smilingly agrees, although she really doesn't think so. Practically every page to serve in the present session of the general assembly has taken home with him an album similar to those being so proudly exhibited above.

# GIRLS SWING INTO NEW GOLF LESSONS

Deadline Time Approaches Third Contest for Times Readers.

Stirred by the progress they have made in three lessons, ten young women who wrote winning essays in The Times contest on "Why I Would Like to Play Golf," will begin the second half of their course tonight at the Smith-Nelson Golf academy.

As this group of ten, the second to win six free lessons, begins the final week of instruction, it is a signal to hurry to others who believe they would like to play golf. Take a few minutes off and write an essay of not more than 150 words. The third group will begin its course next Monday night, March 16. This contest will close Wednesday, March 11, at midnight.

All essays that have been received up to that time, including first and second judgments, have been saved and will be submitted to the judges for the third perusal Thursday.

# CHILD'S COLD WAS GONE IN JUST A FEW HOURS

Relief Began Instantly When Doctor Advised Home Use of Pleasant Hospital Method

A safe, sure method of treating colds at home—so pleasant children love it—is now being recommended by physicians as a result of its splendid record in extreme hospital cases and in home use among so many people in Indianapolis and throughout the State.

Mrs. A. H. Webster, for example, called her doctor when her son, Albert, Jr., awakened her by his harsh coughing. When the doctor arrived the child was breathing with difficulty and the thermometer showed fever. Relief began almost immediately then when he gave double strength doses of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral—a hospital certified compound of ingredients approved by the leading clinics. In a few hours congestion had cleared up surprisingly and he ate heartily for the first time in three days. Next day he was out playing and in another day or so the cold was completely gone.

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Note: See other cases—all certified by the attending physician.

# STATE CALLS LAST WITNESS IN TORCH CASE

Verdict of Allenists Will Be Important in Trial of Schroeder.

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fellows (detectives) took turns about going in and out of the room while Schroeder stood there, inhaling formaldehyde fumes until his throat and lungs were seared?" Holmes asked.

## Stump Goes on Stand

Matinee objected to the question and was sustained. Golder was questioned further on the periods when Schroeder was being grilled at the county jail June 26 to 28 and June 30.

Stump, member of the Indianapolis party that went to Mobile to return Schroeder, took the stand shortly before the noon adjournment and on direct examination, told of circumstances in the grilling of Schroeder from the time of his capture.

Holmes today gave no information as to what the Alabama's defense will be. He declined to state whether Schroeder will take the witness stand.

Holmes said the defense case will require about three days, but that a large number of witnesses will not be called. He indicated he will consume as much time attempting to have evidence read into the court record as in presenting it to the jury.

A large part of state's evidence has been of damaging character. Proving the venue of the alleged murder, believed to be the hardest task of the prosecution, apparently was accomplished last week, when George L. Winkler, former sheriff, testified that Schroeder admitted the unknown man grained just before the oil-soaked interior of the car was fired.

## FOUR ROAD PROJECTS WILL COST \$627,000

Four state road paving contracts, totaling \$627,684, have been awarded by the state highway department, it was announced today.

Projects and contracts are as follows: State road No. 1, from one-fourth mile south of the Perry county line to Connersville, 3.1 miles in Franklin and Perry counties. Hinton & Smalley, Celina, O., \$177,925.88.

State road No. 46, from seven-tenths mile north of the Gretna state fair to Ellettsville, 6.8 miles in Owen and Monroe counties. H. W. Ward, \$100,000. State road No. 144, 14.4 miles from Frankfort to the Marion county line. Frankfort Concrete & Construction Co., \$125,750.00.

## MAGAZINE WRITER DIES

**WASHINGTON, March 9.**—Paul V. Collins, nationally known magazine writer and Progressive nominee for Governor of Minnesota in 1912, died Sunday in Naval hospital after an illness of several months.

# SOUR STOMACH IS DANGEROUS

Get Rid of Acid Before It Does You Harm

Don't let indigestion spoil your enjoyment of good food, sap your vitality and shorten your life. Get rid of the sour, burning acids that are constantly irritating your stomach, forming gas and causing pain. No matter how severe or chronic your acid stomach conditions may be, you can speedily remove the cause by taking a little "Bisurated" Magnesia after meals or whenever pain is felt. Instantly excess acid is neutralized, fermentation stops, gas vanishes, and pain disappears. "Bisurated" Magnesia, which is always safe and harmless, is used daily by thousands, recommended by physicians, and is obtainable in either powder or tablet form from Hook Drug Co. and reliable drug stores everywhere. Get a package today, use as directed, and get rid of your acid digestive troubles before they cause you serious harm. Advertisement.

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