

POLITICS BLUNTS EDGE OF CONGRESS' ECONOMY AX

WELDERS FEAR CRITICISM FROM HOME DISTRICTS

Lawmakers for Slashes "in General," but Opposed "in Particular."

BILLIONS ARE NEEDED

Pat Harrison Gives Figures Showing Huge Increase in Cost of Government.

With the nation heading its back under a rapidly growing burden of government and private debt running into billions, congress turns to the problem of deciding how much money the federal government should spend next year. President Hoover has warned that the federal government faces a total deficit of \$4,442,000,000 for the three years ending June 30, 1933, unless drastic economy and tax increase measures are resorted to. He believes the financial integrity of the government is at stake. It is a situation that reaches into the pocketbook of every citizen directly or indirectly. In the following dispatch, some of the more amazing features of the situation are described.

BY RAYMOND CLAPPER
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WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Congress is about to be put to the test in the drastic job of putting a ruthless ax to the wild growth of government expenses.

It is beginning the work of passing the annual appropriation bills for operation of the government. The first one, the agricultural bill, was ready for consideration by the house today.

Congress turns to this work faced by the most serious peace-time condition of federal finances. At the same time election year politics threatens to weaken the good resolutions with which members are digging into their thankless task.

Drastic Economy Needed

Two figures show the size of the job. In the coming year the government may have to raise nearly \$10,000,000,000 to cover running expenses, deficits, the finance corporation, farm loan bonds, the home building banks and other measures. It can count on only about \$2,500,000,000 of this from taxes. The remainder must be borrowed.

With some government bonds now selling for about 83 cents on the dollar, the necessity of congress pulling in its belt and slashing expenses, even at the cost of hurting some feelings, is recognized generally.

The difficulty is that everybody is for economy in general—and nearly everybody is against it in various particulars. Senators and congressmen, despite the demand for economy, still want postoffices and roads for their constituents and jobs for their political helpers. It is hard for them to begin economy at home—in an election year especially.

Expenses Mount Sharply

Moral support from the country is what they want—and less petitions from their constituents for imposing postoffices, river dredging and similar costly projects.

Beginning on the most obvious items—the government departments, a scanning of the figures shows that costs have leaped up two and sometimes four times in the last few years.

These costs creep in insidiously—a few more employees for this bureau, a few new buildings for that.

Congressmen showed their willingness to begin cutting on themselves a few days ago when they struck out of the first deficiency appropriation bill \$700,000 for enlarging their individual offices at the capitol.

Senator Pat Harrison (Dem., Miss.), has shown where the ax swingers might look for something to do. He has taken the appropriations for 1924 and compared them with the amounts asked for this year by President Hoover. Some of the larger jumps are as follows:

Department	1924	1932
Agriculture	\$1,011,830	\$1,362,000
Market News Service	\$401,000	\$1,740,000
Plant Industry Bureau	\$2,426,000	\$5,404,000
Commerce	\$1,000,000	\$4,430,000
Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce	\$1,000,000	\$4,430,000
Light House	\$85,000	\$10,943,888
Fisheries	\$1,100,000	\$1,337,000
Interior	\$1,000,000	\$4,300,000
Indian Schools	\$4,300,000	\$10,649,000
Justice	\$1,000,000	\$4,300,000
Salaries, Fees and Expenses, Marshals	\$2,300,000	\$4,430,000
Salaries and Expenses, Clerks	\$1,450,000	\$2,217,000
Salaries and Expenses, Attorneys	\$2,440,000	\$5,513,000
Labor	\$1,000,000	\$4,300,000
Immigration Bureau	\$3,002,775	\$10,707,000
Employment Service	\$220,000	\$820,000
Navy	\$1,000,000	\$4,300,000
Yards and Docks	\$5,075,000	\$12,860,000
Engineering	\$110,130,000	\$18,373,000
Postoffice Department	\$1,000,000	\$4,430,000
Clerks and Employees First and Second Class Postoffices	\$117,000,000	\$183,000,000
Rural Delivery Service	\$86,000,000	\$18,000,000
State Department	\$1,000,000	\$4,300,000
Total	\$4,000,000	\$18,811,000
Treasury Department	\$1,000,000	\$4,430,000
Expenditures of Customs Collection	\$11,000,000	\$23,000,000
Operation and Maintenance of Public Buildings	\$23,000,000	\$16,707,000
War Department	\$1,000,000	\$4,300,000
Pay, Retired Officers List	\$7,000,000	\$20,447,000
Enlisted Men	\$7,000,000	\$12,262,000
Barracks and Quarters	\$3,116,000	\$14,736,000
River and Harbor Maintenance and Improvement	\$27,000,000	\$46,000,000

SPARK PREVENTS THEFT

Two Boys Held, Charged With Attempting to Steal Gas.

A spark that ignited gasoline they are accused of attempting to steal, today resulted in the arrest on arson charges of two youths who, police say, confessed.

Thomas Ballinger, 17, of 2417 East Washington street, is said to have admitted that while he siphoned gasoline from a car parked in a garage in the rear of his home, Paul Melton, 17, of the same address, acted as lookout.

Man Chosen 35 Times
By Times Special
GOSHEN, Ind., Jan. 18.—For the thirty-fifth consecutive year, Martin V. Starr has been elected senior warden of the vestry of St. James Episcopal parish.

'Spring's Here!' Is Cry of Co-Eds



The first sign of spring was captured today by The Times' camera on the campus of Indiana Central college. Co-eds were aiding in a tree-planting spree.

In the photo, Miss Frances Beiden, Danville, Ill., and Marietta Leland, Plymouth, Ind., are shown, left to right, planting a tree.

POET'S SON DIES

DEATH OF HERO

Killed Rescuing Daughter From Flaming Car.

By United Press
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SCHOLARSHIPS RENEWED

Baltimore & Ohio Offers \$100

Schooling to 4-H Clubs.

An opportunity for a Hoosier farm girl and a boy to win \$100 scholarships again is given this year by the Baltimore & Ohio railroad.

Members of 4-H Clubs living in the thirty-three Indiana counties traversed by the railroad are eligible.

The boy and girl must efficiently complete any type of club work, recognized and supervised by the Purdue university agricultural extension service, will be given scholarships which may be used in any recognized college or university in the United States.

PROBATION PROVING

VALUE, SAYS JUDGE

Most Young Offenders Go Straight If Given Chance, Court Records Show.

Heart-to-heart talks that point out the error of wrongdoing will do more to make juvenile offenders do right than punishment, said the annual report of Juvenile Judge John E. Geckler, issued today.

"I believe that 70 per cent of the so-called 'bad boys' never appear in this court a second time because we give them a chance," Judge Geckler commented upon the report.

The report shows that 661 boys appeared before Judge Geckler during 1931. Under the court's policy, 549 of these were placed on probation and judgment withheld during good behavior. Only fifteen were sentenced to the Indiana boys' school.

Although only 114 girls' cases were tried by the court, so many more were handled unofficially by court attaches, the judge revealed. Twelve of these girls were found not guilty, seven cases continued indefinitely, seven girls were sentenced to the Indiana girls' school, one sentenced to White's labor-institute and eighty-seven were placed on probation.

"There is a natural reason for more boys than girls being in court," Geckler thinks.

"Girls are controlled more easily

BURIAL TODAY FOR MRS. HARRIETT DAVIS

Born on Site of What Now Is Crown Hill; Lived in City 91 Years.

Mrs. Harriet A. Davis, resident of Indianapolis for ninety-one years, was buried in Crown Hill cemetery today, following services at the undertaking establishment of Royster & Askin.

Mrs. Davis was born on a farm on the site of Crown Hill cemetery. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William McWhorter. Her husband, Henry Davis, died forty-two years ago.

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SNAGS STRUCK IN PARLEY TO CUT RAIL PAY

Optimism Is Discounted by Officials' Attitude on Labor Requests.

BY JOHN B. MILLER
United Press Staff Correspondent

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—The stubborn task of breathing life into a twenty-billion dollar industry and bettering the condition of its workers, while cutting their pay, engaged railroad capital and labor today.

Negotiations of nine railroad presidents and twenty-one labor executives proceeded slowly, as point by point they considered the effect of a 10 per cent wage slash, suggested to relieve the distressed industry and provide stabilized work for 1,900,000 union employees.

Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore & Ohio, announced that, pending outcome of the conference, notice of a 15 per cent wage cut, due to take effect Jan. 21, would be suspended.

The railroads also gave assurance that no efforts to negotiate directly with the individual unions would be made until the general conference has been concluded.

Attitude Held Favorable

Careful examination of the railroad attitude toward the union requests for various improved employment conditions was expected today.

Willard, in general terms, outlined this attitude, characterized as "generally favorable," by David B. Robertson, chairman of the railway labor executives.

"In this connection, however, the Chicago Tribune said today that it had learned that while the reply of the presidents was tentative, it was considered generally unsatisfactory by the union leaders.

The newspaper said the reply: Refused the labor proposal for a commission to study feasibility of a six-hour day.

Clave no assurance of increasing employment.

Was indefinite regarding a guarantee of minimum employment. Refused to insure employment for any period for temporary workers.

Double Bond Issue Widened

Doubted wisdom of asking congress for a billion-dollar bond issue for grade crossing elimination. Was unable to agree on measures to protect workers in event of consolidations.

The presidents were in agreement with labor, according to the report, on regulation of competing transport services, employment of jobless railroad workers by bus, truck, and other services controlled by railroads, and establishment of placement bureaus.

Neither rail presidents nor union leaders would comment upon the reported reply.

Robertson asserted he believed the railroads were doing their best "in a practical way" to meet the union demands for a six-hour day, guarantee of minimum employment, protection of employees in proposed consolidations, and centralized placement bureaus.

All participants in the conference guarded closely the specific acts of the delegates, sitting about a long table in the grand ballroom of the Palmer house. Guards have been placed at all doors, to insure privacy.

INSURANCE AGENTS WILL GATHER HERE

One Thousand Expected to Attend Annual Session at Claypool.

One thousand Indiana life underwriters are expected to attend the ninth annual Insurance day Tuesday at the Claypool. It was announced today by Ralph L. Colby, general chairman.

Vash Young, known as "a million dollar producer" of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of New York, will be the leading speaker.

Pre-convention features tonight will include a meeting of presidents of the ten insurance associations, participating in the convention, and a regular tour of duty period. Before the convention, a pre-convention dance and party will be held.

The United States department of commerce reports that 58 per cent of the farms in the United States have automobiles.

Mothers... Watch Children's COLDS

COMMON head colds often "settle" in throat and chest where they may become dangerous. Don't take a chance—at the first sniffle rub on Children's Musterole once every hour for five hours.

Children's Musterole is just good old Musterole, you have known so long, in milder form.

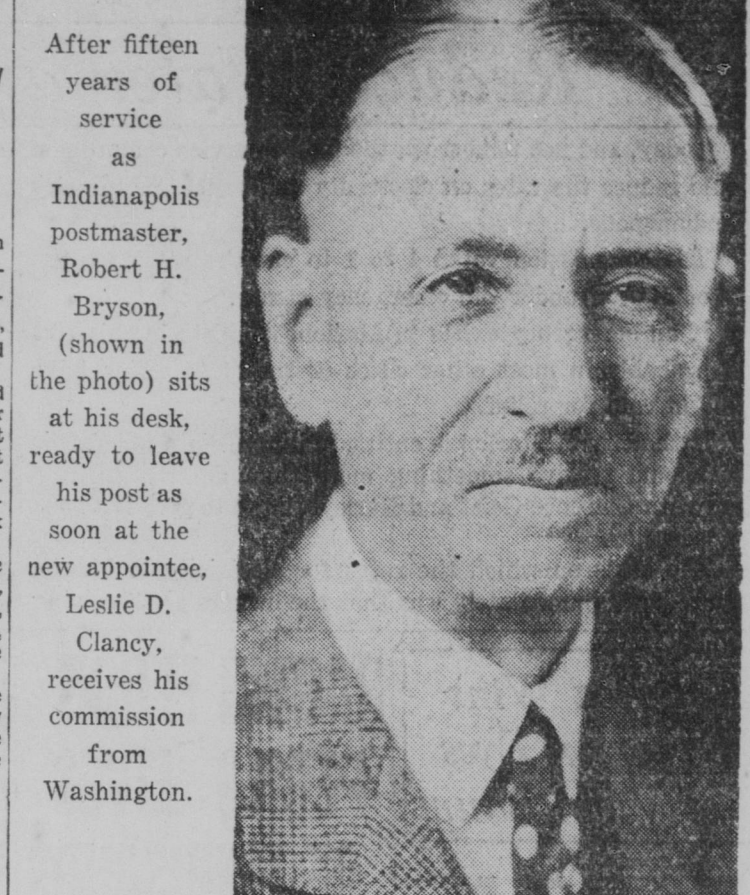
This famous blend of oil of mustard, camphor, menthol and other ingredients brings relief naturally. Musterole gets action because it is a scientific "counter-irritant"—not just a salve—it penetrates and stimulates blood circulation, helps to draw out infection and pain.

Keep full strength Musterole on hand, for adults and the milder—Children's Musterole for little tots. All druggists.

BETTER THAN A MUSTARD PLASTER

'GOOD HORSE HATES TO DROP HARNESS'

After fifteen years of service as Indianapolis postmaster, Robert H. Bryson, (shown in the photo) sits at his desk, ready to leave his post as soon as the new appointee, Leslie D. Clancy, receives his commission from Washington.



Bob Bryson Finds It Hard to Quit 'His' Postoffice After 15 Years.

Twenty-four years ago, almost to the day, Robert H. Bryson started his first term as Indianapolis postmaster.

Today Bob Bryson sits at his desk in the Federal building, almost ready to step out of harness in favor of Leslie D. Clancy.

"It certainly is hard to think of quitting the old job," said Bryson today. "You know I've come to be just as much interested in the post-office as if I owned the place."

"Every day, I know how much mail we handle and how it compares with the mail of the day before, and with the same day a year ago. I know of every cent coming in and every cent going out. It's just as if I owned the business."

Served for 15 Years

Bryson has served as postmaster for a total of fifteen years. He was appointed in 1908 and served until 1913. For three years after that he was chief deputy sheriff of Marion county, followed by a four-year term as city controller.

In 1922, he was reappointed to the postmastership and began his duties anew on Jan. 16, 1922, just ten years ago Saturday.

"It's been a long time," said Bryson, "a long time, and a happy time. I've made some friendships here that I wouldn't trade for all the money in the United States treasury. It sort of gets into a fellow."

"Why, just the other morning one of the carriers and I met out in the hall. We stopped to chat for a moment, and we got around to my leaving. We both pretty nearly were in tears."

"Bob" Bryson paused to motion at his desk. There, piled up were dozens of letters. They were Bob's "fan mail"—letters from almost every important figure in Indianapolis—commenting on his retirement from office.

Bob chewed on his cigar.

Years Flit Through Mind

One almost could see the years flitting through his mind.

"You know," he said, "I was born in Warren county, Ohio, back sixty-seven years ago. My father was an Ohio river steamboat man, and then we moved over on the Mississippi river at Davenport, Ia."

"My first job was as a steamboat man. I was clerk and agent. Then I went to work for the Fleischmann people and worked for them twenty-two years."

"I finally got to Indianapolis in 1887—and here's a coincidence—my first home was in the old California house, down at South and Illinois streets—the very spot where our postal station, our parcel post building, now stands."

"In 1903, I became the postmaster. In those days, we delivered special delivery letters by bicycle and on foot."

"I've seen the motor cars come in. I've seen parcel post come in. I've seen all our new classified stations built, and I've seen the air mail start. It's been a wonderful experience."

"I built that house of mine up at 2417 North Meridian street just thirty-seven years ago. My boy was born in it thirty years ago. He was saying the other night that he'd never lived in any other house."



Why you should be interested in your Blood Count

(Left) Microscopic view of healthy red-blood-cells. They carry nourishment and oxygen to every part of the body—they also remove impurities from the tissues.

(Right) Weak red-blood-cells—only 60 per cent of normal strength. Such a condition is often responsible for body weakness, paleness, sal-low complexion, pimples and boils.

Don't let the count you out!

HAIL PRESIDENT AS 'THEIR MAN' AT DRY PARLEY

Anti-Saloon League Hears Canada Rum-Control System Flayed.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—President Hoover was cheered wildly today at the Anti-Saloon League convention when he was referred to as "a sincere dry."

The Rev. John H. Phillips of Hartford, Conn., told the convention that with Mr. Hoover in the White House, the dries "can hold their fort until the Duponts and John J. Raskob get tired of throwing their money away."

The delegates arose and cheered enthusiastically.

The Rev. Henry H. Crane, Scranton, Pa., pleaded for an "awakening" to prohibition a more rather than an economical, industrial or political issue.

Described as Failure

The Canadian system of controlling liquor traffic, put forward by many anti-prohibitionists as a method which the United States should follow, was described as a failure by two Canadian temperance workers who addressed the convention.

Ira A. Pierce, secretary of the Quebec League Against Alcoholism, said that consumption of hard liquor in Quebec has increased 38 per cent in the past six years. The increase for wine and beer was 128 per cent, he said.

Pierce told the convention that there is an overwhelming opinion in favor of a change but that the press "suppresses this expression of discontent."

A. H. Jarvis of Ottawa, told the delegates that temperance advocates in his city were "sound asleep."

He cited government liquor board figures showing expenditures of \$52,000,000—a million dollars a week—for liquor in Ontario alone.

Confidence for Cannon

The league Sunday voted confidence in Cannon, who has become embroiled in political and church troubles during the past few years. He now faces trial on a charge of violating the federal corrupt practices act, growing out of his activities in connection with the 1928 presidential campaign.

The resolution pictured Cannon as an unselfish and disinterested dry crusader who "ought to go down in history as the champion of freedom of conscience and intellect—a protector of the independent franchise."

Speeches by Senator Robinson (Rep., Ind.), Representative White (Rep., Cal.), an appeal for funds by former Representative William D. Upshaw (Dem., Ga.), and a morality play entitled "The Harvest," marked Sunday's crowded meeting in the convention room on the Mayflower hotel.

TEN DIE IN RAIL WRECK

French Train Derailed; Thirty Are Reported Hurt in Crash.

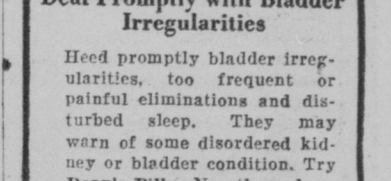
By United Press
PARIS, Jan. 18.—Ten bodies had been recovered today from the wreck of a Paris-Boulogne train derailed near Saint Justy. Thirty persons were injured.

It was not believed that any Americans, British, or other foreigners were involved in the wreck.

Is Your Rest Disturbed?

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Heed promptly bladder irregularities, too frequent or painful eliminations and disturbed sleep. They may warn of some disordered kidney or bladder condition. Try Doan's Pills. No other advertised diuretic is so widely used. None so well recommended. Get Doan's today.



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