

## MIDDLE STATES PARE EXPENSES OF GOVERNMENT

### Appropriations and Taxes Reduced in Financial Struggles.

Thrift was second nature to the pioneers who swarmed over the Alleghenies to the Northwest Territory, or road in one hand and a rifle in the other. Life was hard and thrift was a necessity.

The black team they furrowed, the cities they built, the hinterland they created, now are the scene of a new struggle, against extravagance in government.

This story, second of a series, by the United Press, depicts the people's fight for economy in the corn and wheat belt states. Wednesday's installment will deal with Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, West Virginia and Kentucky.

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CHICAGO, Jan. 26.—The Midwest, galled by a growing tax burden, is heeding the pioneer precept: "A penny saved is a penny earned."

In the case of midland states, it is a billion-dollar penny. Government—national, state, city, county, township and school district—has been pocketing that penny and doing it out in salaries, appropriations, and whatever other way lengthy budgets provided.

Now the people are shaking their heads and tightening their purse strings. The wheat farmer in the Red river valley of the north, the corn grower from Iowa, the Wisconsin lumberman, the Illinois manufacturer, the Nebraska stockman—every one who pays taxes—is on the defensive.

Use Economy Ax

Banks have failed. Several cities have declared "business moratoriums" to give excited populaces a breathing spell and restore confidence. Chicago, metropolis of the region, virtually is bankrupt and can not pay its teachers, its firemen or its policemen.

Special sessions of the Illinois and Wisconsin legislatures have been tussling with the problems of relief and economy.

Their minds made up, the people are doing something about it. The economy ax is falling everywhere. Salaries have been slashed. Departments in municipalities have been abolished. Improvement programs have been abandoned. School terms have been shortened.

Perhaps the most significant action was that of the last Iowa legislature. It enacted a law which requires that all units of government below the state government proper must reduce the total amount of taxes collected during 1932 and 1933 by 5 per cent. Twenty-five counties have reduced salaries.

State by State Survey

The state by state survey by the United Press follows:

Illinois—Special legislative sessions is considering abolishing three hundred county judges, various commissions and merging of governmental departments. One bill eliminating county offices would save the state \$12,000,000 a year. Governor Emmerson allowed \$6,000,000 in appropriations to lapse.

Iowa—The average Iowan will pay 90 cents in taxes this year compared with \$1 last year. Citizens have banded together and halted bidding at delinquent tax sales, thereby allowing the taxpayer opportunity to rake together money to save their property. Assessed value of real estate and livestock have been reduced.

Minnesota—Tax adjustment leagues have been formed in many counties, demanding tax reductions. An estimated \$7,000,000 has been paid from 1932 budgets in county township and school district economy measures. Mrs. Jean Wittich, state budget commissioner, announced she had reduced the state highway budget approximately \$230,000.

Cuts Relief Fund

Nebraska—Governor Charles W. Bryan says he has saved taxpayers \$2,000,000 for the biennium by a low budget. He is campaigning for re-election on an economy platform. "The place to reduce is at home," is his slogan. Highway and bridge appropriations, and school teachers' salaries have been reduced.

Wisconsin—Governor Philip F. La Follette reduced his request for unemployment relief from \$17,000,000 to \$10,000,000 when legislators protested against a tax increase. A further reduction to \$7,000,000 seems likely. The Governor asked an "emergency measure" to empower him to reduce appropriations for any department or service 20 per cent, if necessary to prevent levying more taxes.

North and South Dakota—In North Dakota, economy measures have resulted in savings in many state departments. In South Dakota, the superintendent of schools and the state treasurer were limited to eight months for deputies' service, and the salary of the deputies was reduced 20 per cent. Salary of the state superintendent of highways was cut to \$140.

Township Pays All Taxes

GREENFIELD, Ind., Jan. 26.—Brandywine is the only township among the nine comprising Hancock county which has no delinquent tax list. The county lists 410 pieces of property on which taxes are overdue, and is the longest list in the county's history.

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## Job Insurance Bill Approved by Wisconsin Is First in U. S.



Governor La Follette

### Measure Forces Employer to Build Reserve for Each Worker; Allows 10 Weeks' Compensation.

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MADISON, Wis., Jan. 26.—Unemployment can be controlled by the state, Wisconsin lawmakers believe, and on this theory the state legislature has just passed the first unemployment insurance bill in the United States.

Advocated by Governor Philip F. La Follette, the bill, which becomes effective upon the Governor's signature, is an "unemployment reserve measure under state control, rather than straight unemployment insurance."

Its purpose is "to make certain that by July 1, 1933, at least a majority of the employees of Wisconsin will enjoy the protection of fair and adequate systems of unemployment reserves and compensation."

Burden on Employer

The measure is a strictly academic product, conceived by economics professors at the University of Wisconsin and the state industrial commission. It was introduced by Professor Harold M. Groves, a member both of the legislature and of the university faculty.

Unlike the unemployment insurance systems of Europe, the Wisconsin plan compels neither the state nor the workman to contribute to the reserves; the employers must shoulder the whole burden.

But each employer is responsible only for his own organization; there will be no pooling of the reserve funds among the state's industries. The workings of the statute be-

### THE WISCONSIN PLAN IN A NUTSHELL

1. Employers must contribute a portion of their payroll each week until an unemployment reserve of \$75 per worker has been set up. No employer will contribute to any fund but his own.

2. Employers may contribute to this fund to increase its benefits if they desire.

3. Benefits shall be paid to unemployed for periods of not more than ten weeks in any year, unless employees have contributed to fund.

4. Benefits shall not be more than half of the employee's regular wage, and shall not exceed \$10 a week.

5. Persons earning more than \$1,500 a year are not affected.

come compulsory on July 1, 1933, unless Wisconsin employers then employing in the aggregate of 715,000 employees have established voluntary unemployment reserves approved by the state industrial commission.

In the next eighteen months, employers are instructed to establish such reserves voluntarily. After that time they will be compulsory. Each employer will contribute 2 per cent of his entire payroll until the reserve for each eligible employee amounts to \$55; the employer then contributes 1 per cent of the payroll until the reserve for each worker is \$75.

That ends the compulsion upon the employer's part: If the workman desires, they may voluntarily pay any part of their wages into the fund to increase its benefits.

Worker Gets Half Pay

Each employer under the plan begins to share in it after two weeks on his job. His credits accumulate at the rate of one week's unemployment assistance for each four weeks he is at work.

If the employee loses his job he will be paid 50 per cent of his weekly wage, but will not receive more than \$10 a week for more than ten weeks.

After that period the employer's obligation is ended, and the workman collects further benefits only if the company's reserve has been increased by employee's voluntary contributions. A worker who attends school during unemployment receives \$1 a week extra.

The reserve of a company, after it is once set up, can not be changed for five years.

Aids Low Paid Men

Recognizing that the workers in the lower wage divisions are most affected by hard times, the legislators included in the plan only employees receiving less than \$1,500 a year.

Exempted from the law's scope are railroad men, farm laborers, domestic servants, persons working as substitutes, persons receiving annual salaries (whose incomes are thus fairly assured), teachers, part-time workers, persons engaged on unemployment relief projects, and logging employees whose jobs are seasonal.

The law provides for the liability of successive employers. An employee for whom a benefit credit has been reserved may lose his job and find another one.

In that event the credit accumulated on his previous job still remains for him, but, naturally, it is decreased with the first employer and is built up anew under the second employer. A worker who quits his job forfeits all benefit privileges.

The state industrial commission will supervise all workings of the new plan.

The commission's secretary, A. J. Altmeyer, says the Wisconsin plan is in no way a dole system and, technically speaking, is not unemployment insurance. An insurance plan, as Europe uses it, implies that the state and the employee contribute to the reserve; in Wisconsin, only the employer is forced to.

Now at the Lyric.

Maude Adams and Otis Skinner open tonight in a two-day engagement at English's in "The Merchant of Venice."

Other theaters today offer "Tonight or Never" at the Palace, "Three Wise Girls" at the Circle, "Dance Team" at the Apollo, "Union Depot" at the Indiana, and burlesque at the Musical.

Neighborhood theaters tonight offer "High Stakes" at the Mecca, "Traveling Husbands" at the Hamilton, "Cisco Kid" at the Orpheum, "Caught" at the Belmont, "Yellow Ticket" at the Irving, "Touchdown" at the Tuxedo, "The Guardsman" at the Talbott, "East of Borneo" at the Stratford, "Flying High" at the Hollywood, Rivoli and Fountain Square, "Beloved Bachelor" at the Daisy, and "Surrender" at the Granada.

THORNTON WILL FILED

Estate Valued at \$17,000 Left by Jurist-Writer.

W. W. Thornton, jurist and author of legal books, left an estate valued at \$17,000, his will, probated Monday, shows. Personal property is valued at \$12,000 and real estate at \$5,000.

Mrs. Irene D. Thornton, the widow, who was named administratrix, was given three-fourths of the estate. The remaining fourth was willed to Frances H. Norries, a niece.

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## LEGISLATURE IS SLOW TO AGREE ON TAX SCHEME

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House, Senate Fail to  
Come to Terms.

Agreement on a special legislative program appeared remote today. But the special committee appointed by John R. Kingman and William H. Settle will meet Thursday anyway.

And Governor Harry G. Leslie will stick to his demand that an agreement on tax reform be reached before the special session is called.

Meanwhile, Speaker Walter Myers' poll of house members show that they want something to say about tax reform, and will agree to taxation if a special session is called.

Of fifty-five replies, only twenty-six agreed to adhere to a program pledged in advance of the session. Nineteen refused flatly, three were noncommittal, and seven said they wanted to see the program first. Central labor union Monday night went on record as opposing the session on the grounds it would only mean taxing the worker and "little fellow."

The committee of nine meeting here Thursday hope to bring some semblance of order out of this chaos, Settle said.

### RULING LIMITS POWER OF LESLIE APPOINTEE

Only Governor Has Executive  
Option in Fee Cases, Ogden Says.

Edward Courtney, Danville, appointed by Governor Harry G. Leslie to collect fees from state institution inmates who are able to pay, has no executive powers, Attorney General James M. Ogden ruled Monday.

Ogden has been asked as to Courtney's power in making compromise settlements of claims. These must be made by the chief executive, with advice of the attorney-general, Ogden ruled. Courtney can investigate.

Courtney has been making investigations and effecting settlements for the last year. His wife, Mrs. Mabel Y. Courtney, is a trustee of the Ft. Wayne state school and the Muscatatuck colony.

HELD UP, NOT ROBBED

William Traynor Accosted by Gunman; Searched for Papers.

Halt the car of William Traynor, 1120 Ashland avenue, at Emerson and English avenue early today, a bandit searched Traynor, but did not rob him, according to reports to police.

Traynor told officers the bandit said he was "looking for some papers."

Traynor said he believed the bandit sought records of an estate of which he is administrator.

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