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the United Press Association**BOTH PARTIES
VOTE 'NO' ON
TAX SESSION**Secret Poll of Delegates to
1930 Convention Shows
Opposition.**PUBLIC VIEWS OPPOSITE**Home-Owners and Farmers
Would Convene Legislature
for Levy Changes.

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Everybody is against a special
session of the general assembly ex-
cept the common people.That the politicians are in op-
position is clearly indicated today
in the tabulation of The Times
secret poll on this question by 1930
delegates to the state conventions.Of the 958 delegates who ex-
pressed themselves, 547 voted
against issuance of the call, while
411 favored such a move.Party domination was evident,
especially among the Republican
delegates, who voted 272 against 157
for a session.The cleavage was much narrower
among the Democrats with an op-
position of 275 to 254 for the call.Seventy-nine ballots were laid
aside because no preference was in-
dicated.Many of the ballots carried nota-
tions to the effect that if tax relief
matters only would be considered
they favored a special session, while
others asked: What can we expect
from the type of legislators we
have?"

Marion County Vote Close

Proponents of a special session
carried Marion county by narrow
margins of four votes in each in-
stance. Democrats voted 60 for and
56 against, and the Republicans 38
for and 34 against.That the delegates in the indus-
trial centers sense the public re-
action is shown in the Marion and
Lake county polls where the pro-
ponents in each party carried the
vote.The heavy vote in favor of a
session which was expected from
the rural counties failed to ma-
terialize in the most instances.Division among the Democratic
delegates was not as sharp as
among the Republicans, yet there
can be no doubt that the politi-
cians in both parties are fearful
of the results of an extraordinary
meeting.There is also no question that
if a program for a session had
been announced the "ayes" would
have won in the balloting.But as many delegates declared
in notes and letters, there is a
distinct fear of the results of a
session, and that, to a major de-
gree, influenced the voting.**Partisanship a Factor**Then, it must also be remembered,
that convention delegates are usu-
ally selected because of their firm
partisanship and because they obey
orders.And so far no commands to
favor a session have been trans-
mitted.Rather than vote for a session
many of the delegates, as was said
before, left the spaces blank and
so escaped, what they felt to be,
a responsibility.On the other hand if a poll was
taken of the men on the streets, or
on the farms, the small home owner
or farm owner, the results would be
far different.Root of this contention is seen in
the statement of Indiana Farm
Bureau leaders that 50,000 farmers
are clamoring for a special session,
and also in the score of letters re-
ceived, seeking information as to
the cause of the delay of the call.The result of the poll speaks
for itself—it says emphatically the
politicians are against a special
session."Therefore, and logically—after
studying the records of the
politicians—such a session must be
good for the people.**SOCIAL INSURANCE IS
DEFINED BY EPSTEIN**Industrial Democracy League Hears
Old Age Security Expert."Social insurance is the use of
the organization of society to take
care of inevitable accidents and old
age by each person paying a small
sum for protection," said Abraham
Epstein, executive director of the
American Association for Old Age
Security, Wednesday night.Epstein told more than 200 per-
sons at a lecture, sponsored by the
League for Industrial Democracy in
Robert's Park Methodist Episcopal
church, that approximately 3,000,-
000 workers are injured in industrial
accidents each year, and that three-
fourths of a million are disabled for
four weeks or more.Powers Haggard of the Columbian
Conservancy Company of Indianapolis,
will speak on "True and False In-
dustrial Democracy" at the lecture
meeting Feb. 3.**JUST A NECKTIE PARTY**Chief Loots Ohio Man's Car of Forty
Dozen.Enough neckties to last him sev-
eral years were stolen Wednesday
night by a thief who looted the au-
tomobile of Sol Schlutts of Dayton,
O., while it was parked near Indiana
and Capitol avenues.Schlutt told police forty dozen
neckties were taken from the car of
H. H. Skabo, 3520 East Fall Creek boulevard,
thieves stole luggage and clothing
valued at \$100, he informed police
that crates of eggs valued at
\$13.50, were taken from the car of
William Bouille, 143 North Highland
avenue, he reported today.**'1,000 TO 1 CHANCE'
OPERATION LAUDED
BY CITY MOTHERS****'Death Would Be Better
Than Living Misery,'
Say Women Here.**A young mother in New York to-
day received the plaudits and en-
couragement of Indianapolis women
as she appeared to gamble the life
of her 13-months-old daughter with
death in an attempt to save the
child from the fate of lifelong
idiocy.Local women and mothers believe
they, too, would take the 1,000 to
1 chance of the child's surviving
the operation rather than see the
baby blighted for life."If the doctors are correct," the
mother has everything to gain and
nothing to lose," Mrs. C. A. James,
local clubwoman, said. "Even in
the contribution to science, she is
justified."Mrs. Paul T. Hurt, chairman of
the American home department of
the Woman's Department Club, de-
clared the "child will be happier
asleep.""I would feel I would see her
again in the next world," Mrs. Hurt
said. "The baby would not be gone
forever. I would give the child
every chance."Doubting the success of the oper-
ation, Mrs. Henry R. Alburger said
she believed heartache would be the
mother's fate in both instances."I, too, would prefer to take the
chance," Mrs. Chester Ridge, for-
mer president of the Indianapolis
Parent-Teacher Association, stated."That would be better than having
the child live in misery."Both Mrs. Delbert O. Wilmett,
director of the Indianapolis Council
of Women, and Mrs. Bloomfield
Moore, president of the Et Cetera
Club, believed the operation should
be considered from the humanita-
rian standpoint.**Times Special
Session Poll**

Counties	DEM.		REP.	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
Adams	2	10	1	1
Bartholomew	1	1	1	1
Blackford	1	1	1	1
Boone	1	1	1	1
Carroll	1	1	1	1
Cass	1	1	1	1
Clay	1	1	1	1
Crawford	1	1	1	1
Davies	1	1	1	1
Decatur	1	1	1	1
Delaware	1	1	1	1
Dubois	1	1	1	1
Franklin	1	1	1	1
Gibson	1	1	1	1
Grant	1	1	1	1
Hamilton	1	1	1	1
Hendricks	1	1	1	1
Henry	1	1	1	1
Huntington	1	1	1	1
Jackson	1	1	1	1
Jefferson	1	1	1	1
Jones	1	1	1	1
Kosciusko	1	1	1	1
Lancaster	1	1	1	1
Lake	17	6	12	10
Lafayette	1	1	1	1
Madison	6	35	38	24
Mallard	1	1	1	1
Martin	1	1	1	1
Maryland	1	1	1	1
Montgomery	1	1	1	1
Newton	1	1	1	1
Noble	1	1	1	1
Owen	1	1	1	1
Perry	1	1	1	1
Pike	1	1	1	1
Posey	1	1	1	1
Pulaski	1	1	1	1
Randolph	1	1	1	1
Riley	1	1	1	1
St. Joseph	2	1	1	1
Shelby	1	1	1	1
Spencer	1	1	1	1
Steuben	1	1	1	1
Warrick	1	1	1	1
Wells	1	1	1	1
Wabash	1	1	1	1
Washington	1	1	1	1
Wayne	1	1	1	1
White	1	1	1	1
Whitley	1	1	1	1
Total	254	275	157	272

Total number of Republican Democratic delegates for a special session—111.
Total number opposed—347.

INDIANAPOLIS, THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 1932

Entered as Second-Class Matter
at Postoffice Indianapolis, Ind.**RICH S. BEND
MAN IS FREED
BY KIDNAPERS**Howard Woolverton Home,
Unharmed: Payment of
Ransom Denied.**AGREEMENT INTIMATED**Police Think 'Seven Gang'
Given Money: Secrecy
Shrouds Return.By United Press
SOUTH BEND, Ind., Jan. 28.—Howard A. Woolverton, 52, wealthy industrialist and latest victim of a million-dollar midwest kidnap ring, was safe at his home here today, after being held nearly twenty-four hours for \$50,000 ransom.

His release came while authorities hunted through Illinois and Indiana underworld gathering places for trace of the infamous "Seven gang," believed to have conducted the abduction.

Representatives of the prominent Woolverton family issued denials that any ransom had been paid or promised. Police asserted, however, that circumstances of the industrialist's release indicated an agreement had been made.

An aura of mystery veiled the facts of Woolverton's sudden reappearance, unharmed and well fed during his detention.

Blind Folded by Captors

A prepared statement was given to newspaper men by state police, who thronged the home. One reporter, who asked one pertinent question, was ejected without ceremony.

It apparently was known to those gathered at the Woolverton home when he would return, and he was met at the station when he left the interurban train.

Woolverton said he was blindfolded from the time the kidnapers seized him in his automobile in the heart of a rich residential section Tuesday night until Wednesday night. At no time, he said, did he know where he was.

Wednesday night, he said, the kidnapers placed him in an automobile and drove for several hours. Then the car was stopped, he was led out, and his bandages removed. He was told to wait a few moments to enable the abduction automobile to drive away.

Denies Ransom Paid

Woolverton said he did not know what city he was in. He said he walked a few blocks and questioned a passerby, who told him he was in Michigan City. He then went to the railroad station and boarded an electric train, which brought him to South Bend at 11:20 p. m. According to the prepared statement, he went by taxi to his home and entered while police guards and state troopers sent to protect his family were waiting.

The only hint of his impending release made public was a statement by attorneys for the Woolverton family during the evening that they expected a "break" around midnight.

Captain Rex Risher of the state police declared Woolverton refused to converse with authorities or give details of the abduction.

The victim is a member of one of the wealthiest of South Bend industrial families. He was seized Tuesday night as he was driving home with his wife after attending the theater with George M. Studebaker and his wife, of the well-known automobile interests.

Mrs. Woolverton was in collapse today from shock of the kidnaping, and under the care of physicians.

Denver Case Solved

DENVER, Jan. 28.—A murder, a robbery, and a suicide, linked in strange sequence, were declared today to solve the mysterious kidnaping of Benjamin P. Bowers, bakery official, held five days last week and released after he promised to pay \$50,000.

Bowers was abducted, police declared, by Joseph Clinton, Riley, an escaped convict, who killed himself Wednesday to escape arrest. He faced charges of killing Murrell Rothfuss, Denver collector, two weeks ago, to keep Rothfuss from telling of the Bowers kidnaping plans.

Aged Man Kills Self

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Jan. 28.—Illness was blamed for the suicide of Jacob L. Jones, 63.

Life on Submarine Pictured

Top photo shows what life is like in a British submarine, under operating conditions. This is the control room from which all movements of the craft are directed. Officers and men are at their diving stations; in the left center is an officer at the periscope and in the left foreground is the radio operator.

The map shows the approximate location of the sunken British submarine M-2 in the English channel off Weymouth.

**WITT HEARS HIS
DOOM SENTENCE**Jackson Killer Will Die in
Chair Aug. 1.

By Times Special

LEBANON, Ind., Jan. 28.—Sneering at court officials and spectators, Charles