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at Postoffice, Indianapolis, Ind.**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 Legisla-  
ture for Levy Changes.By BEN STERN  
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Everybody is against a special session of the general assembly except the common people.

That the politicians are in opposition 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 expressed 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 opposition of 275 to 254 for the call.

Seventy-nine ballots were laid aside because no preference was indicated.

Many of the ballots carried notations 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 instance. Democrats voted 60 for and 56 against, and the Republicans 38 for and 34 against.

That the delegates in the industrial centers sense the public reaction is shown in the Marion and Lake counties poll where the proponents in each party carried the vote.

The heavy vote in favor of a session which was expected from the rural counties failed to materialize 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 politicians 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 degree, influenced the voting.

**Partisanship a Factor**

Then, it must also be remembered, that convention delegates are usually selected because of their firm partisanship and because they obey orders.

And so far no commands to favor a session have been transmitted.

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.

Proof of this contention is seen in the statement of Indiana Farm Bureau leaders that 50,000 farmers are clamoring for a special session, also in the score of letters received seeking information to 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 persons 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 Hapgood of the Columbia Conserve Company of Indianapolis, will speak on "True and False Industrial Democracy" at the lecture meeting Feb. 3.

**JUST A NECKTIE PARTY****Thief Loots Ohio Man's Car of Forty  
Dozen.**

Enough neckties to last him several years were stolen Wednesday night by a thief who looted the automobile of Sol Schlutz of Dayton, O., while it was parked near Indiana and Capitol avenues.

Schlutz told police forty dozen neckties were taken.

Looting the car of H. H. Skabo, 3520 East Fall Creek boulevard, thieves stole luggage and clothing valued at \$100, he informed police.

Three crates of eggs, valued at \$13.50, were taken from the car of William Boullie, 143 North Highland avenue, he reported today.

**'1,000 TO 1 CHANCE'  
OPERATION LAUDED  
BY CITY MOTHERS**

Mrs. Lillian Moore and baby Diana . . . in a drama of science and mother love.

**'Death Would Be Better  
Than Living Misery,'  
Say Women Here.**

A young mother in New York today received the plaudits and encouragement 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, declared 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 operation, 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, former president of the Indianapolis Parent-Teacher Association stated. "That would be better than having the child live in misery."

Both Mrs. Delbert O. Wilmet, director of the Indianapolis Council of Women, and Mrs. Bloomfield Moore, president of the El Cetera Club, believed the operation should be considered from the humanitarian standpoint.

**Times Special  
Session Poll**

Counties	DEM.		REP.	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
Adams	1	0	1	0
Bartholomew	1	0	1	0
Benton	1	0	1	0
Blackford	1	0	1	0
Boone	1	0	1	0
Carroll	1	0	1	0
Cass	1	0	1	0
Clark	1	0	1	0
Clayton	1	0	1	0
Crawford	1	0	1	0
Daviess	1	0	1	0
Decatur	1	0	1	0
Delaware	1	0	1	0
Dubois	1	0	1	0
Franklin	1	0	1	0
Fayette	1	0	1	0
Findlay	1	0	1	0
Fountain	1	0	1	0
Franklin	1	0	1	0
Fulton	1	0	1	0
Grant	1	0	1	0
Hamilton	1	0	1	0
Harrison	1	0	1	0
Hendricks	1	0	1	0
Henry	1	0	1	0
Howard	1	0	1	0
Huntington	1	0	1	0
Jackson	1	0	1	0
Jasper	1	0	1	0
Jefferson	1	0	1	0
Johnson	1	0	1	0
Kosciusko	1	0	1	0
Lafayette	1	0	1	0
Lake	1	0	1	0
Lamar	1	0	1	0
Lawrence	1	0	1	0
Madison	1	0	1	0
Marietta	1	0	1	0
Marshall	1	0	1	0
Martin	1	0	1	0
Montgomery	1	0	1	0
Morgan	1	0	1	0
Munich	1	0	1	0
Noble	1	0	1	0
Parke	1	0	1	0
Perry	1	0	1	0
Porter	1	0	1	0
Pulaski	1	0	1	0
Putnam	1	0	1	0
Randolph	1	0	1	0
Riley	1	0	1	0
Robb	1	0	1	0
St. Joseph	1	0	1	0
Shelby	1	0	1	0
Stark	1	0	1	0
Sullivan	1	0	1	0
Switzerland	1	0	1	0
Tipton	1	0	1	0
Union	1	0	1	0
Vanderburgh	1	0	1	0
Vermillion	1	0	1	0
Wabash	1	0	1	0
Washington	1	0	1	0
Wayne	1	0	1	0
Wells	1	0	1	0
White	1	0	1	0
Whitley	1	0	1	0
Total	254	225	157	272

Total number of Republican Democratic  
delegates for a special session—411.

Total number opposed—541.

**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. Risher said he believed the kidnapers had threatened him with death if he gave any aid to police.

Attorney G. A. Farabaugh, representing the victim's family, denied flatly any ransom was paid.

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. She is a well-known automobile interest.

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.

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

**'GERMANY CAN'T PAY'****Faces Ruin If Forced to Continue  
Reparations, Says Diplomat.**

By United Press  
NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—Germany can not fulfill her reparations obligations, and demand that she continue to pay would destroy the whole basis of German private credit abroad, and thus "completely bar all possibility of future German solvency for political or private purposes," Dr. O. C. Kiep, German consul-general here, today told the New York State Savings Bank Association.

**Aged Man Kills Self**

By United Press  
TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Jan. 28.—Illness was blamed for the suicide by shooting of Jacob L. Jones, 63.

**LOTTERY 'MESS' IS  
GIVEN GRAND JURY**

Asserting "this case has the earmarks of fraud and threats," Municipal Judge Clifton R. Cameron today abruptly halted the trial of three men on gaming charges, and turned over information on the alleged Butchers' and Packers' lottery to the county grand jury for investigation.

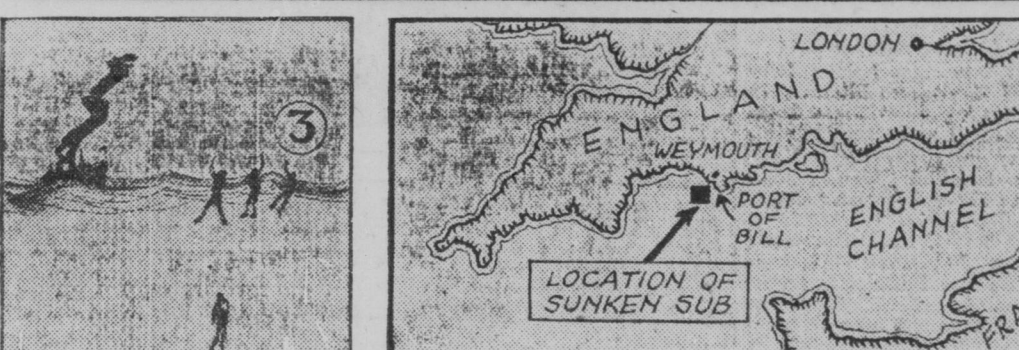
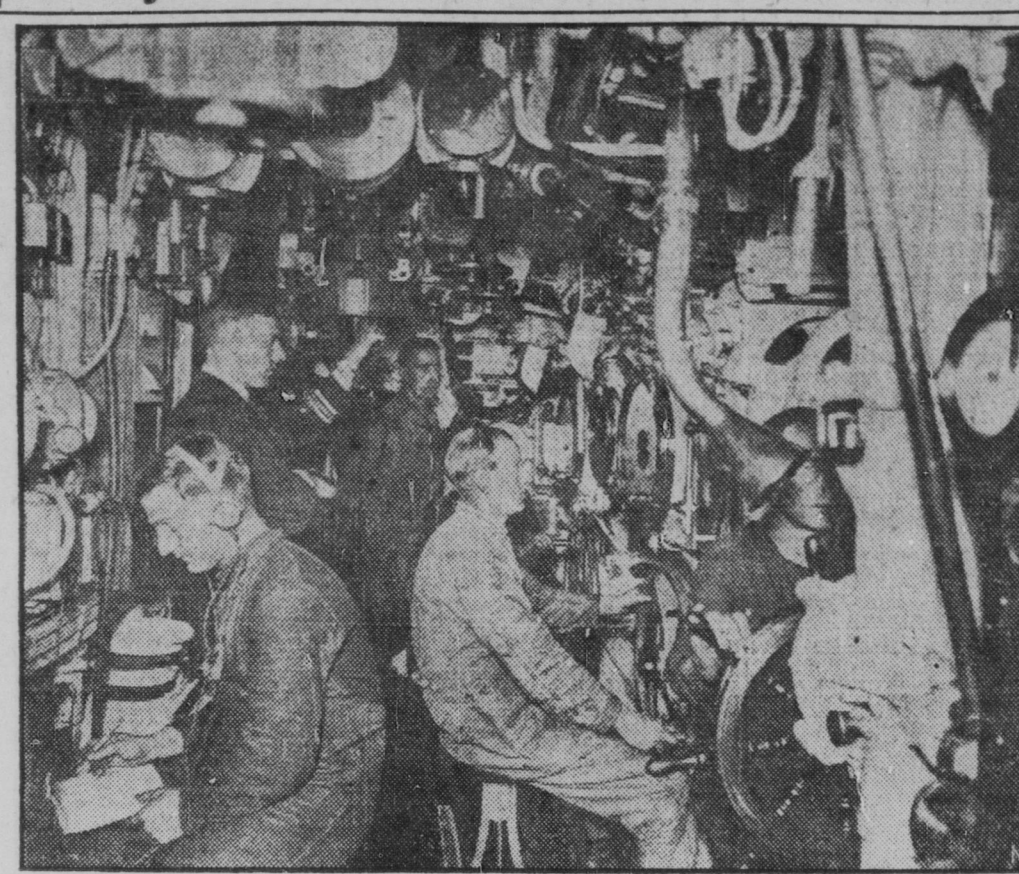
Scoring the defense, Cameron made his assertions after Herman Wiltsie, 2748 Napoleon street, state's witness, testified Fred Hildridge, 2360 North Illinois street, and Don Cutshaw, 602 North Sherman drive, alleged operators, paid him only \$650 on a \$1,300 ticket.

Wiltsie is charged with gaming, while the others are being tried on counts of operating a lottery and gaming enterprise.

"There's not a clean thing about it," said Cameron. "It's so rotten it smells like it came from a sewer. In turning the whole mess over to the grand jury."

Cameron continued hearing further evidence in his court until Feb. 18, permitting prosecutors to place it before grand jurors in the meantime.

Wiltsie, in his testimony, said his demands for full payment of winnings on the ticket brought the response from Cutshaw that "the ticket's a phony." Wiltsie said Cutshaw told him he was paying him the half price of the ticket to prevent him from turning the case over to police.

**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 Vernon Witt was sentenced today to die in the electric chair at the Indiana state prison before dawn Aug. 1, for the murder of L. A. Jackson, Indianapolis chain store chief.

The convicted killer retained his composure throughout the proceedings, and he spent half an hour with his parents, after he was sentenced.

Witt became abusive to Sheriff Wilbur Small when the latter refused to remove the handcuffs as the criminal stood before Judge John W. Hornaday.

When Hornaday reached the section of his statement, condemning Witt to his death in August, the convicted gunman turned to Chester Jackson, son of the slain grocer, who was seated at the state's table. For a full minute Witt stared at Jackson, and his lips moved.

Defense attorneys lost a motion for retrial in the Boone county court after presenting arguments before Hornaday. The attorneys said they will take immediate steps to appeal the conviction to the state supreme court.

The court ordered Witt and Louis E. Hamon, alleged "trigger man" in the slaying, returned to the Marion county jail. Witt will be held in Indianapolis two weeks before being sent to the state prison. Hamon will remain in Indianapolis until his trial, which may be held here next month.

An attempt will be made to use some of the \$60,000 now held by the Flows. Mission to erect a structure in which advance cases can be housed.

Mission members recently offered the funds to the city for erection of a building, but lack of health board finances has prevented materialization of the project.

**VEHLING RULING WILL  
BE GIVEN SATURDAY**

Judge Gause Will Announce Fate of Motion to Quash Bribe Charge.

Ruling on a defense motion to quash the affidavit charging Coroner Fred W. Vehlning with bribery solicitation will be made Saturday by Judge Gause, special criminal court judge.

Defense attorneys are expected to file a motion with Gause for change of venue if the quash petition is overruled. The trial tentatively has been set for Feb. 9, but transfer from the county would delay it several weeks.

Judge Harry O. Chamberlin today directed Vehlning's attorneys to file a new abatement plea to the impeachment proceedings pending against Vehlning. Chamberlin said the plea was not in proper form.

It was learned the flier's plane has not been taken from its hangar in several weeks.

**HUEY IN 'ABOUT FACE'****New Senator Unexpectedly Leaves  
Capital for Louisiana.**

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Senator Huey Long (Dem., La.), who this week relinquished the governorship of his state to take the oath as a senator, left Washington at 2 a. m. today for New Orleans. The United Press was informed at Long's office that the journey was unexpected. His office force did not know of the senator's departure until this morning. It was understood his return to Louisiana had to do with the dispute over the governorship.

Grief Blamed in Suicide  
CORDON, Ind., Jan. 28.—Grief over the death of her husband is believed to have been the motive for the suicide by hanging of Mrs. Rebecca J. Albin, 59, in a barn on her farm near here.

**JAPAN'S GUILT  
IN MANCHURIA  
IS LAID BARE**Inside Story of Conquest Is  
Revealed by Release of  
Secret Exchanges.**NIPPON IN BAD LIGHT**Tokio Shown in Position of  
Riding Roughshod Over  
Peace Treaties.By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS  
Scripps-Howard Foreign Editor  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The Sino-Japanese conflict today entered a new and more dangerous phase, the end of which anxious officials here did not dare predict.

Simultaneously, the whole inside story was made public through a release of hitherto secret exchanges between the nations involved—America, Japan, China and the League of Nations—as demanded by the senate.

From beginning to end—from the capture of Mukden to beleaguered Shanghai—Japan is revealed as riding roughshod over the peace treaties and even over her more recent pledges to attain her objectives.

In none of the documents—save the Chinese—is she formally signed out as a violator of the covenant of the league, the nine-power treaty or the Kellogg pact outlawing war. But at times some of them come close to it.

"Watched Her Step"

Nevertheless, what Japan has done, she did by stages, halting after each major move as if to weigh what the effect of it would be on the United States and Europe. Then, as nothing more than another written protest came her way, she proceeded with the next adventure.

First she captured Mukden and the strategic points close by. Then she broadened the net, took the Nomi river, to Tsitsihar, to Chinchow, and finally to Shanghai.

There are sixty-three documents. The first is from China to the league of nations, dated Sept. 21, 1931. In it she informs the league that Japan and taken Mukden by force of arms and invokes Article 11 of the league covenant, authorizing the league to take immediate steps to prevent further development of a situation endangering the peace of nations.

Pact Is Invoked

Simultaneously, China sent a note to Washington, invoking the Kellogg pact, accusing Japan of "unprovoked and unwarranted attack," and deliberate violation of the pact.

Secretary Stimson complied immediately on Sept. 22, by sending a memorandum to Japanese Ambassador Deluchi, expressing surprise and concern.

Here a point is made clear upon which the American public has been in a trifle hazy, namely, why the United States did not act on its own and invoke either the nine-power treaty or the Kellogg pact.

The reason was that China had appealed to the league and the league happened to be in session, and it was decided to have the United States and the league co-operate.

The league sent identic notes to both China and Japan, urging them to try to "withdraw their troops forthwith" and to refrain from any act which might aggravate the situation.

China's reply to the league pledged complete compliance, but Japan's indicated she would "much rather the league would stay out of it and let her settle with the Chinese alone. Nevertheless she stated her troops had been withdrawn, save for a few, and these would be called in as soon as the situation improved.

Disagrees With Japan

Then came the bombardment of Chinchow by twelve Japanese war planes. Stimson asked Tokio for an explanation. Tokio replied the incident was of no great importance.

"The secretary of state can not understand how the bombing of Chinchow can be minimized or how it can be said to be of no importance," Ambassador Forbes was instructed to tell the Japanese.

"Bombing of an unfortified and unarmed town," he said, "is one of the most extreme of military actions, deprecated in time of war."

Followed another series of notes of no very startling content. But ways, instead of diminishing their troops, the Japanese sent in more, and ordered them to advance.

Now came the promise to the league and to Washington not to take Chinchow, then its capture, regardless of the promise.

BRAND FATHER KILLER

Colorado Rancher Alleged to Have  
Slain Three Children.

By United Press  
DELTA, Colo., Jan. 28.—A charge of murdering his three motherless children for \$3,000 insurance and of burning his home faced Michael Stefan, rancher, today. Stefan, in a critical condition from burns, was held under guard without bail in a hospital. The children, Michael Jr., 9; Marjorie, 5, and Donald, 3, perished a week ago today.

Runaway Girl Returns

By Times Special  
GAS CITY, Ind., Jan. 28.—Mary Walls, 15, has returned to her home here after traveling several hundred miles on a freight train with three men, one of them an ex-convict. She was taken into custody at Charleston, Ill., while attired in male clothing. She said she left home to escape doing housework.

**Wood's 16-Cent Egg Talk  
Proves Real Boomerang**

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The humble hen had a relatively important part in quieting Representative Will R. Wood's demand for a 10 per cent cut in federal salaries, it has been learned. Thanks may be due to this barnyard creature, who neither toils nor spins, if the proposal is permanently shelved.

Ever since his demand, with the statement that eggs could be purchased for "16 cents a dozen," his telephone has been ringing with requests for the market or farmer who sells them at that price. Several colleagues joshed him so frequently that he hung up in their ears.

Hundreds of protests have reached him by mail, and almost every writer has informed the Hoosier representative of the price eggs were bringing in their section of the country. Wood now knows the status of the retail and wholesale market on this commodity from Maine to California.

"He escaped questioning and a checkup when he discussed problems involving millions of dollars," said a Democratic wit, "but when eggs, people knew what he was talking about."



Will R. Wood