

FEDERAL RELIEF BILL GAINING GROUND IN CONGRESS

FOES WARNED ELECTION WILL SEE RECKONING

La Follette's Eloquent Plea
Stirs Hope for Success
of Measure.

SUBSTITUTE IS SOUGHT

Democrats Abandon Move
to Smother Plan for
U. S. Aid.

BY RUTH FINNEY
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WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—The fight for federal hunger relief, which seemed a hopeless cause two days ago, had become a real battle today, with the result in doubt and a vote not yet in sight.

During the two days in which Senator La Follette (Rep., Wis.) piled up his mountain of evidence that starvation confronts millions in this country, from which there is no escape without federal help, his Democratic opponents grew more and more reluctant to vote against the La Follette-Costigan \$375,000,000 relief measure.

When he warned, in closing, that "if you fail to meet this issue now, you'll meet it later; you'll meet it in the campaign of 1932," his words carried a real threat to those who heretofore have been unwilling to support a federal relief bill.

Seek to Draft Substitute

Conservative Democrats have abandoned their plan of moving that the bill be sent back to committee. Instead, they worked Tuesday trying to draft a substitute measure that would promise human relief, but less directly. They are continuing their efforts along this line today with no agreement so far, even among themselves.

Expenditure of federal funds for immediate road building, instead of or direct aid to the needy, has been suggested. A second proposal would increase the government's expenditure to \$750,000,000, and provide for spending half of this on roads and half in "loans" to governors for relief.

Meanwhile, Senator Costigan of Colorado, in a speech which is expected to last through today's session, was explaining to the Senate that all alternative suggestions for relief of distress have been considered thoroughly by the Senate manufacture committee and eliminated for various reasons.

Vote to Be Delayed

The committee made a careful study of constitutional limitations which would make loans out of the question for a large number of states. Members also have studied the length of time required to get relief to sufferers by means of "made work," and the proportion of sufferers that could be relieved under the requirement that they first do heavy manual labor.

After Costigan has finished, a number of other senators intend to speak for the bill. This will make a vote improbable before the end of the week.

As the debate has proceeded, Pennsylvania and West Virginia coal miners have described conditions of shocking destitution to the house labor committee, which is at work on a companion relief measure.

Demand Eviction Halt

Newspapers have carried the story of rioting in the Bronx over attempted eviction of penniless families. Demonstrations in twenty large cities and a number of smaller ones, planned weeks ago by the unemployed councils organized throughout the country, are to take place Thursday.

They will demand of city officials that all evictions of unemployed families be stopped, that "wages" be paid to those involuntarily out of work, or that free food, clothing, gas, coal and electricity be furnished the unemployed.

La Follette, after a six-hour presentation of evidence, the accuracy of which was not questioned, demanded that the Senate consider the effect of failure to act at this time on a hunger relief bill.

"Failing to act on this bill," he said, "would mean that the congress of the United States, in meeting the problem of unemployment, has extended government credit amounting to \$2,160,000,000 to banks, railroads and other corporations, but has turned its back on millions of upstanding wage-earners, who have found themselves overwhelmed by the situation."

**FOG ACID CRUMBLES
OBELISK IN LONDON**

Cleopatra's Needle, Scarred in War,
Eroding, Say Experts.

By United Press

LONDON, Feb. 3.—Cleopatra's Needle, famous obelisk on the Thames embankment, is crumbling slowly due to action of sulphuric acid in London's smoky fog.

Government experts who examined the obelisk made their report public.

The Needle bears marks and scars from bombs dropped by German air raiders during the World War, who picked the obelisk as a direction finder for the nearby Cecil hotel, where officers of the royal air force were quartered.

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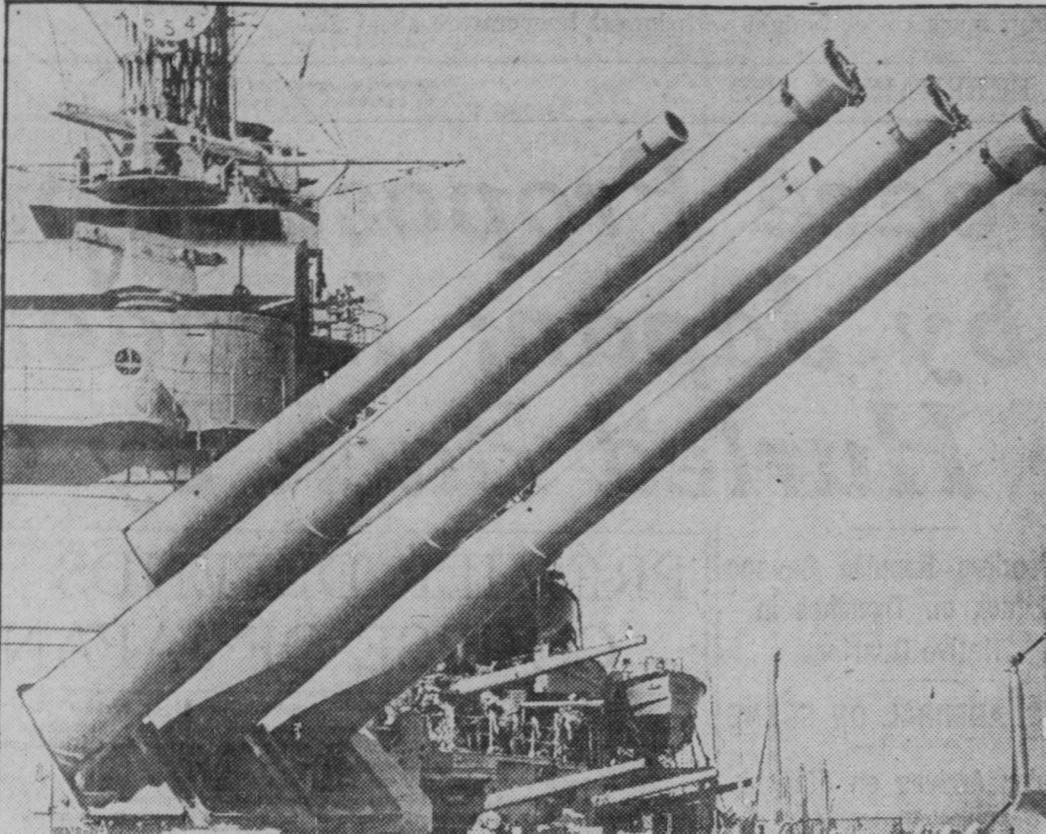
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ANDERSON CITY AFFAIRS SEETHE

Controller Refuses to Head Ouster by Mayor.

By Times Special

ANDERSON, Ind., Feb. 3.—Controversy said to have its basis in an attempt to oust Mayor Jesse H. Mellett from office has resulted in dismissal of Ira Davis, city controller, by the mayor and the appointment of Harry Baldwin, a newspaper reporter, as his successor.

Davis refuses to turn over keys to the controller's office, although Baldwin has a superior court order restraining Davis from interfering with performance of duties of the office. Davis also has an order restraining the mayor from dismissing him. A portion of the city council has refused to accept an \$80,000 official bond offered by Davis, alleging it is not legal.

Earlier this week appointment of a guardian for Mayor Mellett was asked in a petition filed by Walter Dryer. The mayor has been in ill health since he suffered a stroke of paralysis in Indianapolis a few months ago.

The mayor is a patient today in an Indianapolis hospital to which he was removed Tuesday. Attendants say he is suffering from high blood pressure.

**TAX SYSTEM FORCING
EVICTIONS, TAYLOR SAYS**

Indiana Farms Assessed at Double
Value, Bureau Head Asserts.

Indiana's taxing system is forcing evictions, Lewis Taylor, director of the tax and legislative department of the Indiana Farm Bureau, charged today.

The charges appear in a statement urging drastic reductions in assessed valuations of all farm lands, although this will raise rates, it will curb bond issues, because of the debt liquidation provision of the Constitution, Taylor pointed out.

Farms now are assessed at double their "true cash value" and, thus, tax levies, causing delinquencies and sales, really are illegal, he declared.

**POLICE RAID 'BURIAL':
GET 5-GALLON CORPSE**

Youths Caught "Planting" Keg of
Whisky, Say Squad Cops.

Uninvited "pallbearers" ended suddenly a "burial" on Eagle Creek banks near Minnesota street today.

The "pallbearers" were Sergeant Arthur Hueber and members of his squad, who said they apprehended Kenneth Lane, 17, R. R. 3, Box 80, and Raleigh Case, 16, of 816 Manhattan avenue, burying a five-gallon keg of whisky.

Lane is the cousin of Frank Lane, 23, of the Manhattan street address, who was arrested earlier in the day by Lieutenant Leo Troutman. The officers said they confiscated twenty-one gallons of whisky, but believed they had overlooked the five-gallon "corpse." The cases were turned over to federal authorities.

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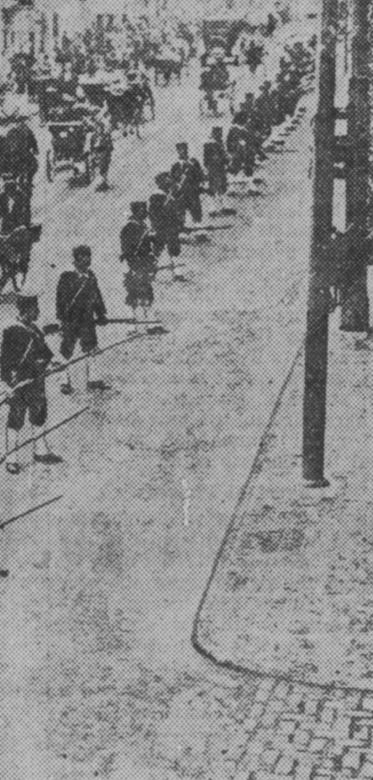
By United Press

EDMONTON, Alberta, Feb. 3.—An airplane load of bombs, ammunition and supplies was rushed northward today to aid the greatest manhunt in the history of the royal northwest mounted police.

Albert Johnson, mad trapper of Rat river, who has slain one constable, and defied three expeditions sent to capture him in the desolate bush country north of Aklavik, is the object of the epic

Two of the north country's most famed pilots have been called to fly the war equipment 1,700 miles where in an ice and rock bawn

Flagship Ready, If Call Comes



Top Photo—Prepared for any contingency, the U. S. S. California, 32,600-ton flagship of the Pacific fleet, is on her way to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, where she will participate in the "war" games scheduled there for March. The California, one of the most modern fighting vessels afloat, is a super-dreadnaught. One of its main batteries is shown above. Naval authorities point out that concentration of the battle fleet at Pearl Harbor has no bearing on the Sino-Japanese situation, although Pearl Harbor naturally would be the base of operations if the fleet engaged in the Orient.

Center—Armed cars of the Shanghai volunteers, manned by soldiers of all nationalities, are shown here in a recent demonstration as preparations were made to defend the city against the Japanese invasion. Note the machine guns in the turrets of the cars.

Lower Photo—Japanese sailors are well trained. This picture shows them during maneuvers held recently to develop their skill in landing and holding ports after successful bombardments from their ships.

HOLD RITES TODAY FOR LEAP VICTIM

Services Are Scheduled at Mortuary for Morristown Publisher.

Funeral services are scheduled this afternoon at 3:30 for Sylvester W. Sammons, 58, Morristown (Ind.) publisher, who leaped to his death Tuesday morning from the top of the Soldiers' and Sailors' monument.

The rites will be held at the funeral establishment of Coroner Fred W. Vehling, 702 Virginia avenue, to which the body was taken today from the city morgue. Burial will be in Floral Park cemetery.

Mr. Sammons, dependent over financial difficulties and in health, went to the top of the monument shortly before noon Tuesday and a few minutes later climbed over the balcony to drop 200 feet to his death.

A native of Michigan, Mr. Sammons went to Morristown from Ohio in 1928. In addition to the widow, he is survived by five brothers and two sisters, residing in Michigan.

PRIZE BEAUTY CHOSEN

By United Press
NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—Mabel Ellis, a former Birmingham orphan, today was acclaimed the perfect 1932 model American beauty.

Miss Ellis was selected in the final elimination from an original 500 contestants at the American beauty congress here. She is a natural blonde, with brown eyes and is a perfect 34.

She came here from Birmingham, Ala., her birthplace, three years ago.

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