

## HUNGER RELIEF VOTE IS UP IN SENATE TODAY

Labor Makes Ringing Plea  
for Millions in Need  
of Food.

BY RUTH FINNEY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—The senate expects to begin voting today on the question of federal hunger relief.

A warning that "there will be no end to federal relief," if unemployed aid is voted now was given the senate by Senator Simeon D. Fess (Rep., O.).

Fess, Republican national chairman, made the first administration speech against the La Follette-Costigan \$375,000,000 bill as the project and several substitute proposals.

Senator J. Hamilton Lewis (Dem., Ill.) introduced a new substitute plan, to provide a \$500,000 fund for merchants and manufacturers to permit sales of produce on long-term credits.

Fess said federal relief was not proper "at best until it is quite obvious that there is no other way."

"I do not think the stage has been reached where starvation will set in unless the government takes a hand," he said.

It will do so with an impressive memorial from organized labor before it, asking that it take steps at once to cure "this uncivilized, inhuman condition, reflected in the fact that millions of children are suffering from hunger and cold, men and women are hungry, cold, and undernourished."

One hundred six international presidents of the American Federation of Labor presented the memorial late Tuesday to President Hoover, to Vice-President Curtis, and to Speaker Garner. Curtis and Garner expressed their sympathy with the purpose of the federation, and promised to present it to their legislative bodies.

### Indorse Relief Bill

The labor chiefs not only asked for federal relief, but specifically indorsed the La Follette-Costigan bill which both Democratic and Republican members of the senate are seeking to displace with substitute measures.

"Adequate relief can not be and is not being supplied," said labor's memorial.

"The entire resources of the nation must be brought into action and must be utilized to feed and deal adequately with this emergency. Those who are hungry can not draw the fine line of distinction between relief supplied by local and state agencies and relief supplied by the federal government."

"They know that every community is a part of our national life and as such all are a part of the nation's family. This fact was recognized during the great war emergency... it is upon this basis that we appeal to the congress of the United States for an immediate appropriation to meet the demands of the existing economic situation."

### Appeal for Hungry Millions

"We make this appeal in behalf of the hungry, suffering men, women and children whose plight is directly traceable to unemployment... the billions of dollars which congress has provided to aid banks, corporations and business institutions will stand out in sharp, depressing contrast if congress fails promptly to help the needy and hungry."

"The huge sums thus appropriated to aid capital can not and will not feed and clothe hungry people. Human values and human needs should be given first, rather than secondary consideration."

The memorial also asked legislation to increase work opportunities, establish the five-day week, and adopt the anti-injunction bill pending in the senate.

### UTILITY RATE CUT IS REPORTED PREPARED

Cuthbertson Believed Ready to Announce Findings Friday.

Commissioner Harry K. Cuthbertson's solution of the high rate problem of water and electric utilities in Indianapolis is expected to be laid before members of the public service commission this week, it was learned at the statehouse today.

Cuthbertson is said to be writing orders cutting the rates, as petitioned by the city administration and South Side clubs. But just how great the reductions will be could not be learned.

Orders will be directed to the Indianapolis Water Company and the Indianapolis Power and Light Company.

Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan and his special utility rate reduction committees were to confer this afternoon.

The committees have held several conferences with utility representatives without satisfactory results thus far.

### COLE TO DISTRIBUTE AWARDS IN CONTEST

Union City Pupil, First in State, Will Be Given \$15 Prize.

George O. Cole, state superintendent of public instruction, today was to distribute checks to fourteen pupils in state schools competing in the annual national safety essay contest. A total of \$6,500 is awarded to pupils in the nation.

First prize of \$15 and a gold medal will be awarded to Miss Ruth G. Gint, Union City, and second prize of \$10 and a silver medal will go to Lawrence Carden, Gary pupil.

Eleven third prizes, consisting of \$5 and a bronze medal, also will be distributed.

Teachers receiving honorable mention in the national "Lesson in Safety" contest are Miss Opal D. French of Gary and Miss Maimie Mack of Elwood.

### Financial Status Good

FRANKLIN, Ind., Feb. 10.—Surplus and undivided profits of the Mutual Building and Loan Association total approximately \$20,000, it was revealed by a report presented at the annual meeting. H. A. Payne was re-elected president and A. A. Blizard, secretary.

## 'STEM' RACKETEERS INVADE CITY

New Sob Act Good for Many Dollars in Day's Time

(This is the first of a series about "stemmers"—blee stemmers—in Indianapolis, and efforts of authorities to smash their racket.)

"THE stemmers" have arrived in Indianapolis. They are young and old, men and women, both poorly and well dressed and with a song and dance act that would put most salesmen to shame.

They appeal to your sympathy, and then sell you on the idea they must have from \$1 to \$50. Your money is gone and they are, too.



after another sucker, or two contribute their railroad or bus fare or pay their auto expenses.

"Stemmers," or stem-artists, are not nickel and dime professional beggars.

THEY are the racketeers who have a definite, well-outlined plan to part their victim and his money. One dollar is small fry to them. From \$5 up is their demand.



They prey on residents of every city in the country in these days

of depression. They reap a harvest by driving a wedge into the sympathies of those who try to realize the plight of the poor.

Indianapolis police continually are on the lookout for the stemmer. Charity agencies have banded their forces to break his game. But sometimes both police and charity agencies are victims.

A prominent Indianapolis business man is the latest victim of a stemmer who is known throughout the nation as a faint artist. His racket is to faint and he does it perfectly.

HE spots his victim on Washington street or another busy downtown thoroughfare. He picks the man who looks "money."

He'll spend an hour or two tracking the victim to his office. And then the game starts.

The Indianapolis man, whom we'll call Randolph to save him further embarrassment, stepped to the front of his office one day to be accosted by a young man, whose drawn face and unkempt clothes, portrayed misery.

Randolph asked him to relate his plight.

And here's the story as related by the victim:

"The fellow leaned on the counter and tears came to his eyes. He said he hadn't eaten for days and he wasn't a regular bum, but he wanted 'just enough' help to keep him from dying from starvation and cold."

"I CALLED a relief agency. They offered to send me one over, and I said I'd call them back. As I turned to the young fellow he collapsed on the floor. He had fainted."

"I rushed to the phone again. The agency again offered to send some one over, but when the young man recovered I decided to take care of him myself. I felt it was no job for a relief agency."

On recommendation of the agency, however, Randolph sent the young man to the Travelers Aid Society the following day.

The fainter no longer was poorly dressed. He had a new suit and plenty of money—Randolph's sympathy money—in his pocket.

At the aid agency desk he paused, smiled, showed the roll of bills and walked out.

HALF an hour later, the agency received a telegram from an eastern police chief to be on the



lookout for a young stemmer, who fit the description of the faint artist who departed thirty minutes before.

He traveled to the next stem on Randolph's money, wore the suit Randolph gave him, his ap-

petite appeared by meals the victim bought him.

This winter in Indianapolis has been anything but profitable to the stemmers. The weather has been so warm they have not had the "cold weather" foundation to their pleas.

## HERMAN LOHMANN FUNERAL ON FRIDAY

Old Residents of City and County Succumb to Illness.

Funeral services for Herman Lohmann, 74, president and treasurer of the Central States Canning Company, will be held at his home, 4382 Madison avenue, at 1 Friday, and at the Immanuel Reformed church, Prospect and New Jersey streets, at 2. Burial will be in Crown Hill cemetery.

Mr. Lohmann, a resident of this city for fifty-six years, died Tuesday at his home.

He came to Indianapolis from Germany when he was 18. For many years he operated greenhouses near his home and owned a stand on the city market. He retired from gardening and marketing activities to devote his time to the canning business.

Mr. Lohmann was married forty-eight years ago to Miss Margaret Kronmeyer, who died in September, 1931.

He was a member of the German Gardeners' Society and the Growers' Association.

Herman Kubitz, 77, also a native of Germany, will be buried in Crown Hill cemetery Thursday following services at 2:30 in St. Peter's Evangelical church, Eleventh and Tecumseh streets.

Mr. Kubitz, a local resident forty-eight years, died Tuesday. He had been employed at the Atlas Engine works here.

"Devices demonstrating many of the current innovations in motor cars are being forwarded here from the Chicago show which closed last Saturday," he said today.

"With no other major exhibits conflicting in dates with the Indianapolis show, visitors are due to see a rare assortment of improvements set up to give a cross section of their operation. Every salesman on duty at the show will be a public instructor in mechanical engineering."

As well as automobiles with innumerable new devices designed to add to the comfort and convenience of the motorist, a great many accessories will be on exhibit. Insurance and finance companies also have taken space.

The manufacturers' building will be ready for the arrangement of exhibits Friday, Henry announced. Practically all the floor space has been contracted for, he said.

## MISSIONARIES SAFE

Relatives of City Residents Removed From Nanking.

Fears of Indianapolis residents for the safety of relatives in Chinese missions at Nanking were allayed today when the state department at Washington, announced removal of the missionaries to Peiping.

Missionaries, relatives of local residents, taken from the danger zone are: Miss A. Bucher, former Irvington resident; Mr. C. H. Plopper, brother of Clayton W. Plopper, United Christian Missionary Society treasurer; Mrs. Plopper and Mr. J. H. McCallum and three children, formerly of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. C. Smythe and one child of Gary and Miss C. Carl of Peru also were removed from Nanking.

No word has been received from Mrs. Wilmet D. Boone, sister of W. H. Burgess, 133 Downey avenue. Mrs. Boone is stationed in the Presbyterian mission at Shanghai.

## WORKS BOARD MOVES TO WIDEN SIXTEENTH

Adopts Resolutions for Project from Illinois to Northwestern.

Two resolutions for paving and widening Sixteenth street from Illinois street to Capitol avenue, and from Capitol to Northwestern avenues, were adopted by the works board today.

Estimated cost of the first section is \$19,123, and that of the second, \$54,448.

The last obstacle to widening the street was the project last year when the section of Sixteenth street between Delaware and Illinois streets was widened and paved.

## CLOUDS OF WAR GROW BLACKER OVER SHANGHAI

Chinese Forces Are Massed for Desperate Effort to Hurl Back Japanese.

BY WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Fighting beside which all that has taken place thus far will seem child's play, now threatens the Shanghai front if peace parleys fail, according to a diplomatic source here today.

Chinese reinforcements, the writer authoritatively was given to understand, are being held in readiness to join battle as soon as the new Japanese expeditionary forces show their hand.

The announced intention of Admiral Shirogane, before being replaced by General Nomura, was to clear the vicinity of Shanghai of Chinese troops within a radius of twenty miles.

This program, I am informed, will meet with the utmost resistance on the part of General Chiang Kai-Shek, leader of the famous "Trossides" division and ranking field officer at Shanghai.

President Chiang Kai-Shek, at Loyang, his temporary capital, and minister of war Ho Ying-Ching, who remains at Nanking, are understood to have promised the Shanghai defenders whatever reinforcements they may require.

The Japanese, therefore, may find themselves confronted, or even flanked, by vast new army units the moment they advance westward from Shanghai and the mouth of the Yangtze.

Military results to date, therefore, have netted the Japanese exactly nothing, despite five months of campaigning.

Manchuria has been cleared of

## Nickel Trap

By United Press

HAMMOND, Ind., Feb. 10.—A new "phoney" racket has been discovered here. Its perpetrators plug the nickel return slots of pay telephones with paper or cotton. When persons use the phone and fail to get numbers, the wadding stops return of coins.

Every few days the racketeers extract the wadding, remove the money and reset the trap.

## HOOVER'S GOING TO KEEP HANDS IN HIS POCKETS

First Lady Will Receive Future Delegations at White House.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—President Hoover has placed a ban on the time-honored custom of White House handshaking because it detracts time and energy from "consideration of matters of the gravest moment to the nation."

Hereafter Mrs. Hoover will receive the delegations which daily besiege the executive mansion for the privilege of shaking the President's hand and posing for photographs with him.

The White House in a formal statement said that 160 national organizations would hold conventions in Washington during the next few months. Scores of them already have requested Hoover to receive their members.

"The President can not grant these requests because of the extraordinary demands upon his time," the statement said, but "he will be glad to receive committees representing these organizations during office hours so they may present their conclusions or lay before him such recommendations as their organizations may have adopted."

To show how busy the President is these days, Secretary Theodore Joslin pointed out that he has been holding an average of twenty conferences daily.

Joslin also issued these figures on executive office telephone calls:

Year	Outgoing	Incoming
1929	65,301	261,204
1930	77,055	308,220
1931	99,294	317,128

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