

# VOTE IN HOUSE TO OPEN WETS' ELECTION DRIVE

March 14 Is Set for Test Ballot on Repeal Measure.

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, March 2.—Anti-prohibitionists are looking hopefully and some prohibitionists anxiously toward the test vote in the house on Monday, March 14, a day that may prove "blue Monday" for some who are worrying about their political futures.

The house "wet bloc" is staging this test vote as a prelude to the elections this year.

They won their real victory when a congressman from the politically dry south, Representative Joseph J. Mansfield (Dem., Tex.), wheeled his invalid's chair up to Speaker Garner's desk and signed the one hundred forty-fifth name to the petition, thereby assuring a vote on a proposal to resubmit the eighteenth amendment.

## Assured of Record Vote

The anti-prohibitionists, privately, are not very hopeful of forcing the house actually to consider the Beck-Lathrop proposal to let the states settle the liquor problem for themselves.

But they are assured of a record vote, which they plan to use in an intensive drive to unseat dries and elect wets next November.

This vote will be on the technical question of whether the house should discharge the judiciary committee from further consideration of the proposed modified eighteenth amendment, but no one doubts the real meaning of the vote. A vote against it will be interpreted as a stand against resubmission of the eighteenth amendment.

## Wets Don't Expect Victory

Unless the "wet bloc" can marshal a majority of those present on that day, their show will be very short, but highly important. Only ten minutes debate is allowed on the motion to discharge, and then the house must vote automatically. It is possible that enough prohibitionists will "duck" the vote to give the anti-prohibitionists a majority. This, however, is regarded as highly unlikely.

## HOOSIERS ASSIST WETS

Two Sign Petition to Force Vote on Modification Plan.

Only two Indiana members of the house of representatives signed a petition for a vote on the Beck-Lathrop prohibition modification plan, according to Washington dispatches. The Hoosier signers were John W. Boehne Jr., Evansville, and Samuel B. Pettengill, South Bend, both Democrats.

# Confession Brings Death



In high pitched coolie dialect, the renegade citizen of Shanghai's Chinese city shown on right is making the confession that cost him his life. A few minutes after he had admitted setting fire to dwellings in the Chapel district to aid invading Japanese, he was executed on the spot by Chinese soldiers shown on left. Japanese notes were found on the coolie. Picture shows confession scene, with disdainful natives looking on.

# JAPAN FACES NEW MENACE IN MANCHURIA

Russia, China and Korea Present Hazard to Nipponese Rule.

BY WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS  
Scrivener-Howard Foreign Editor

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Dangerous developments in the vicinity of Manchuria are spurring Japan on to wind up her affair at Shanghai as quickly as possible—if it can be done without too much loss of face.

Koreans are increasingly restless, demanding their independence. And if the threatened Chinese drive develops in Manchuria, the Japanese may find their communications, through Korea, cut by revolution. The Koreans may join the Manchurians in a bid for liberty.

Russia, under such circumstances, hardly could remain indifferent. Every day reports from Moscow indicate increasing uneasiness there over the trend of events along the Siberian border.

## Would Down Railway

Annexation of Manchuria, or even a Japanese controlled Manchuria, would seal the doom of the Chinese Eastern railway, Russia's main artery to the sea, and eventually also of Vladivostok, Russia's vital port, nicknamed "The Ruler of the East," because of its importance.

Having lost Port Arthur, Dairen and the rest of south Manchuria to Japan in 1905, Nippon's conquest of the rest of Manchuria now threatens to bottle up Russia entirely, so far as the Pacific is concerned.

Vladivostok is Soviet Russia's remaining outlet to the Pacific. It is kept open in winter only by the use of powerful ice-breakers. Nevertheless, it already is surrounded completely by Japanese controlled areas, and should Japan decide to close in on that port, Siberia would be strangled for want of an outlet.

## Siberia Is Menaced

Even with Vladivostok still in Russian hands, Japan holds Siberia by the throat so long as she holds Manchuria. Two Russia railways feed that port. One, the Chinese Eastern, crosses Manchuria diagonally from near Chita to the sea.

The other, for more than one thousand miles, parallels Manchuria's boundary at no great distance from the border, and so could be cut easily at the will of the Japanese.

The position of Siberia, comprising more than half of Russia's territory, therefore, is more than precarious. The setting up of a Japanese-controlled "independent" state in Manchuria, under the former "boy emperor" of China, Henry

# Dr. David Hill, Historian and Diplomat, Dies



Dr. David Jayne Hill

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, March 2.—Dr. David Jayne Hill, 81, historian and diplomat, died today at his home here.

Dr. Hill was assistant secretary of state from 1898 to 1903. The next five years he held posts as minister to Switzerland and the Netherlands. From 1908 to 1911 he was ambassador to Germany. He was a delegate to the second Hague peace conference in 1907.

Before entering the diplomatic service he had been president of Bucknell and Rochester universities.

Pu Yi, constitutes a menace of the first order.

Vladivostok, key to Russia's future in the far east, is strongly fortified. The harbor, which opens on the Gulf of Peter the Great, Sea of Japan, is surrounded by hills, studded with forts. It would make an excellent naval base—if Russia had a navy. Population is about 100,000.

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# OLD GREY MARE IS BLAMED FOR \$750,000 BLAZE

Spark From Hoof Starts Fire That Sweeps Through New Jersey Town.

By United Press  
PENNS GROVE, N. J., March 2.—An "old gray mare" was blamed today for the worst fire in the history of this town of 5,000, a blaze that destroyed seventy-three dwellings, six business houses, and caused damage estimated by Mayor Robert W. Kidd at \$750,000.

Salem county fire marshal, David Johnson, said a horse in a water-front blacksmith shop apparently struck a spark that started the blaze.

Other reports, not confirmed, were that small boys set the building on fire by dropping a match into a pile of hay.

Engines from about fifty south Jersey communities, and some from Camden and Philadelphia, forty miles away, and Wilmington, across the river, helped fight the blaze.

The town water supply gave out. Firemen set down hose lines to the river and pumped water from there.

The "old gray mare" curiously enough, was the only victim.

Several persons were injured.

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# U. S. GUARANTY ON DEPOSITS IS URGED

That's Quickest Way to End Hoarding, Zoercher Writes Lawmakers.

"Let the federal government guarantee bank deposits and thus put some sense into the campaign against hoarding," Philip Zoercher, veteran member of the state tax board, declared Tuesday.

His appeal is contained in a letter to Senator Carter Glass of Virginia, copies of which also were sent to Congressman Louis Ludlow and Senator Arthur R. Robinson.

Zoercher addressed Glass as the father of the federal reserve act. He said that he didn't think Senator Robinson would take kindly to the idea, as it once was advocated by the late William Jennings Bryan. Zoercher is a Democrat, as is Glass and Ludlow.

Citing the frozen, or even useless, assets of some banks, where money has been invested in foreign government bonds, Zoercher's letter continues: "It does seem to me, after all, there ought to be an institution in every community where a man who

does not know very much about finances safely can place his money.

"We have cities in this state with not a single bank in existence. I am writing you because you had a great deal to do with the passage of the federal reserve act, and I know of no one who is better able to draft a measure along these lines."

Zoercher cited a recent assessment list of a bank, which he was asked to revise, and which showed holdings in bonds of Colombia, Cuba, Brisbane, Australia, Copenhagen, Rio de Janeiro, Denmark, Germany, Prussia, Hamburg, Norway, Bremen, Tokio and New South Wales.

"Enormous amounts of money have been withdrawn and placed in lock boxes. It seems to me that the quickest way to stop all this and bring back into the banks money that has been withdrawn is for the government to guarantee the deposits."

Einstein to Sail March 4  
PASADENA, Cal., March 2.—Dr. Albert Einstein, noted scientist, will sail March 4, on a Hamburg American line motorship to return to Germany, he said today.

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