

# CONGRESS 'AT BAY' ON BOOZE, BONUS, TAXES

Politicians Fear Wrath of Voters If They Guess Wrong on Issues.

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WASHINGTON, March 12.—Be-  
wildered in the face of three grave  
decisions which aim straight at the  
stomachs and pocketbooks of prac-  
tically every one, congress is listen-  
ing almost frantically just now for  
the voice of the people.

As luck would have it, these criti-  
cal votes come just about the time  
the voters are beginning to think  
seriously whether they want to  
make a change in their congressmen.  
The house will take a test vote  
Monday involving the question of  
submitting federal prohibition to the  
country for judgment.

A few days later the house will  
vote on the biggest peace-time tax  
increase in history, including the  
revolutionary sales tax, which would  
place, at least the smallest manu-  
facturers under federal license and  
levy 24 per cent on most manu-  
factured articles.

**Bonus Again to Fore**  
Following that, the soldier bonus  
issue will come up again in a pro-  
posal to pay off in full the veterans'  
adjusted compensation certificates  
at a cost of \$2,000,000,000.

All these questions drill down to  
the most sensitive nerves of the  
voters. The congressman who  
guesses wrong may find himself in  
the army of unemployed next No-  
vember.

It is one of those great political  
emergencies when, as they say  
around here, statesmen must rise  
above principle. Now is the time  
for those who think they know  
what this country needs to speak  
up.

Professional politicians have many  
ways of running public affairs to  
suit themselves, regardless of popu-  
lar wishes, but in this situation, if  
congress can find out what the  
country wants, it will be only too  
glad to provide it.

## Tribute Paid Crisp

There is nothing cynical about  
this picture. It is accepted so com-  
monly as to cause little comment  
here, where congress is regarded as  
a body of men which enacts laws  
and hopes to be re-elected.

When the tax bill came before  
the house this week, the Republican  
and Democratic members rose and  
applauded in an unusual tribute to  
a hard working, conscientious, plain  
looking man of medium build—  
Representative Crisp (Dem., Ga.).  
The reason for this exceptional  
honor was the exceptional willing-  
ness of Crisp to champion a drastic  
tax bill, some parts of which he  
recognized would be unpopular.

He was obliged, through the ill-  
ness of a colleague, to assume the  
role in somewhat the same spirit  
that a dentist undertakes to chisel  
out a wisdom tooth in a way that  
will make his writhing patient  
come back again. The house in-  
stantly recognized such exceptional  
courage and paid its tribute of re-  
spect.

## Listen for Voters' Reaction

Every member of the house recog-  
nizes the country is falling far  
behind in operating funds. The  
money—more than \$1,000,000,000—  
has to come out of somebody's  
pocket. The fight is over whose  
pocket.

The sales tax would go on every  
manufactured article except certain  
foodstuffs and a few other exempted  
articles. It would compel every  
manufacturer to devote more than  
\$20,000 worth of business a year  
to take out a federal license.

Opponents say it would dispropor-  
tionately tax the little fellow—  
down to the baby's shoes. Many  
who seek defects in the plan are  
unable to find a satisfactory al-  
ternative. Outcome of the fight  
probably will depend on reaction  
from the country in the next few  
days.

On the prohibition vote, many  
members are trying to fathom the  
feeling of their constituents, par-  
ticularly in hitherto dry districts  
which are showing strong repugnance  
to the Liquor Digest poll.

The grip of the organized dry  
forces has been so strong that only  
now some members are beginning to  
wonder whether a shift has set in  
which they would do well to antici-  
pate.

## Veterans Demand Bonus

In spite of economic issues, pro-  
hibition has pushed its way down  
front in the 1932 political picture,  
and Monday's roll call will provide  
the text for many a political stump  
speech before November.

In the background, but advanc-  
ing grimly, is the full soldier bonus  
payment bill by Representative Pat-  
man (Dem., Tex.). The house ways  
and means committee will hold  
hearings on it as soon as the tax  
bill is passed.

The American Legion has refused  
to endorse it, but unless indi-  
vidual legion posts have, as have  
the Veterans of Foreign Wars and  
several other service groups. Pro-  
ponents estimated at 10,000,000  
voters are affected through veterans  
and their relatives.

## MORTGAGE EXEMPTION ERRORS BRING WARNING

Fifth of Applications Filed are Faulty, Auditor Asserts.

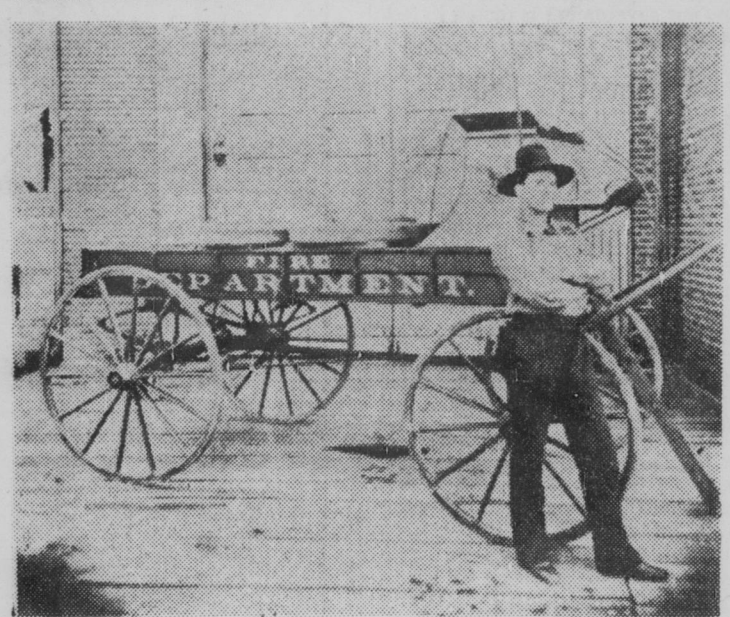
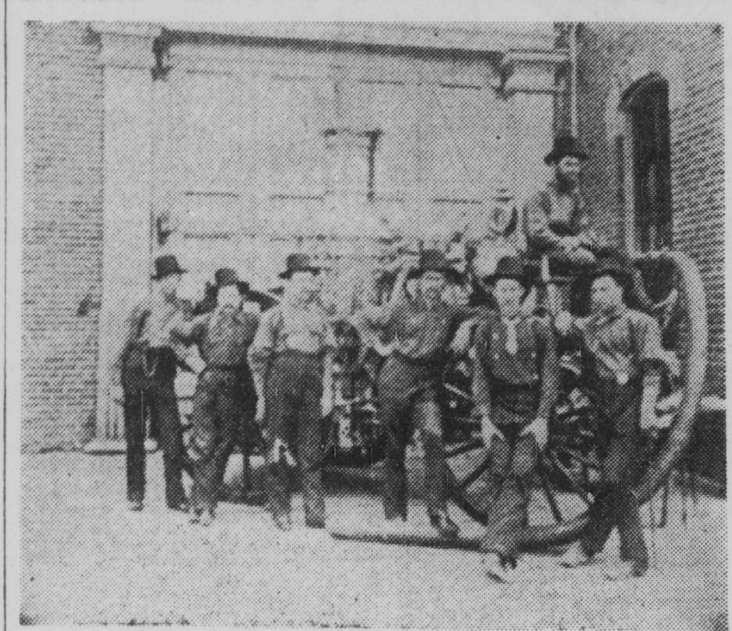
Frequency of mistakes in applica-  
tions for mortgage exemptions  
today caused County Auditor  
Charles A. Grossart to point out the  
correct form for preparing papers.  
He said that about 20 per cent  
of 5,000 exemptions requested were  
faulty because of mistakes in filing.  
Property owners will have until May 2  
to file exemptions.

A reasonable description of the  
real estate must be given in the  
application. Grossart warned on  
necessity of giving book and page  
number of the mortgage, as listed  
in the county recorder's office.

An exemption not to exceed \$1,000  
is allowed each property owner  
paying taxes on property under  
mortgage.

The United Kingdom produces  
about two-fifths of the world out-  
put of marine engines.

# City's Oldest Fire Stations Are Doomed; 60-Year-Old Structures May Be Replaced



Upper Left—Engine house No. 1 and firemen, and right, one of the first fire companies at No. 6. Lower Left—Fire company at old No. 10, and right, No. 1's first supply wagon.

## DEATH CLAIMS MRS. ROSE GEE

Lifelong City Resident Had Been Ill Ten Days.

Ten days' illness resulted in the  
death of Mrs. Rose Gee Friday at  
her home, 1058 West Fifty-ninth  
street. She had lived in Indianapo-  
lis all her life. She was a member  
of Rebekah lodge No. 702.

Funeral services will be held at  
2 Monday at St. Paul M. E. church.  
The Rebekahs will be in charge.  
Burial will be in Crown Hill.

Funeral services for Carl Freder-  
ick Pohlman, outside plant engineer  
for the Indiana Bell Telephone  
Company, who died Friday at his  
home, 5514 North Delaware street,  
will be held at 2 Monday in the  
Planner & Buchanan mortuary, 25  
West Fall Creek boulevard. Burial  
will be in Crown Hill.

Mrs. Mary A. Whitehead died  
Friday at the home of her sister,  
Mrs. C. J. Helm, 3030 East Washing-  
ton street. She had lived in Indian-  
apolis thirty years. Funeral services  
will be held at the Helm residence  
at 2 Monday. Burial will be in  
Crown Hill.

Mrs. Emma Waterman, 32, died  
Friday in her home in New Bethel.  
She had lived there all her life. She  
was a member of the St. John's  
Evangelical church of Five Points.

## FIRE FIGHTERS WILL CARRY RADIO OUTFITS

Sets Will Be Carried on Backs by Federal Rangers.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Fire  
fighters in national forests will go  
into the field this summer to try  
out, for the first time, radio sets  
they can carry on their backs. Each  
set, consisting of transmitting and  
receiving units, weighs but ten  
pounds, officials of the United  
States forest service here have re-  
vealed, and will enable the forest  
personnel to keep in constant touch  
by signal code.

The approaching fire season also  
will see the introduction of the im-  
proved radio outfit which permits  
transmission not only of code, but  
of voice as well. These sets, greatly  
simplified and extremely reliable,  
weigh but twenty-five pounds and  
can be transported on horseback.  
If funds are available, several hun-  
dred of them will be purchased and  
put into use.

The twenty-five-pound set is a  
refinement of the seventy-eight-  
pound outfit experimented with in  
Columbia national forest during the  
summer of 1930. Strenuous tests,  
forest service officials said, have  
shown the lighter set to be "almost  
too good to be true." It permits  
the broadcast of the voice up to a  
distance of 100 miles.

## ASPIRANT FOR SHERIFF NOMINATION ARRESTED

Carl J. Parham Is Charged With Impersonating an Officer.

Charged with impersonating an  
officer, Carl J. Parham, 30, of 846  
Fletcher avenue, candidate for nom-  
ination as sheriff, on the Democra-  
tic ticket, and Ted H. Lefever, 25,  
322 North Oriental street, are held  
by police today.

They were identified, police say,  
by Mrs. Mary Traylor, 2434 West  
Walnut street, as two men who  
came to her home seeking her  
daughter, Mrs. Minnie Rogers.  
She said they tried to force their  
way into the house and replied "de-  
tectives" when asked who they were.  
Mrs. Traylor said she believed the  
men were trying to collect an ac-  
count from her daughter.

Parham, a former policeman, and  
Lefever were driving an old auto-  
mobile formerly in police service  
and still bearing the letters, "I. P.  
D." They told police they are in  
the employ of a collection agency.

SIXTY years ago Indianapolis  
firemen looked with pride on  
four new fire stations, the latest  
word in fire houses.  
They were built to endure, and  
they did endure, for all four still  
are standing today, two of them  
in use as fire stations, and a third  
having been abandoned only a few  
weeks ago.

But the march of time can not  
be halted, and the remaining two  
soon may make way for more  
modern structures.

Members of the safety board are  
considering recommendation of  
Fire Chief Harry E. Voshell, that  
station No. 1, on Indiana avenue,  
be replaced by a new station on  
another site.

STATION No. 1, oldest firehouse  
in use here, was placed in use  
Dec. 28, 1871.

Five days later three more sta-  
tions were completed. They were  
numbered 2, 3 and 4. No. 2, at  
748 Massachusetts avenue, later  
known as No. 8, just has been  
abandoned with completion of  
new No. 8 station on Eleventh  
street, at Broadway.

Station No. 4, still in use and  
now known as No. 10, is located  
at Russell avenue and Merrill  
street.

No. 3 station, on Virginia ave-  
nue, south of Fletcher place, was  
abandoned a few years ago and  
now is occupied by a laundry.

The fifth oldest station still in  
use, No. 6, at 533 West Washing-  
ton street, also is doomed to be  
abandoned and razed, if recom-  
mendations of Voshell are  
adopted.

VOSHELL plans to replace old  
Nos. 1 and 6 stations, built  
to house horse-drawn apparatus  
before modern automotive fire ap-  
paratus was dreamed of, with one  
modern bungalow-type station.  
This would leave an extra com-  
pany which could be located in  
the vicinity of East Tenth street  
and Emerson avenue, he said.

The first organized fire depart-  
ment here was formed in June,  
1821, shortly after the city's birth.  
The volunteer firemen operated  
with leather buckets and ladders,  
until 1835, when a hand engine  
was purchased and the Marion  
Engine, Hose and Protection Com-  
pany was formed. Boys and young  
men took over the bucket com-  
pany.

The first paid fire department  
was organized in 1859, the city's  
first steam engine being purchased  
a few months later.

# UTILITIES GOUGING PUBLIC, ORR SAYS

Rates Out of Proportion to Commodity Prices, State Official Declares.

By Times Special  
VALPARAISO, Ind., March 12.—

Charge that utility rates are out of  
proportion to other current com-  
modity prices and are being kept  
high through governmental con-  
nivance, was made by Lawrence F.  
Orr, chief examiner of the state  
board of accounts, in addressing the  
Chamber of Commerce here Friday  
night.

"Some corporations today appear  
to have a strange idea upon their  
citizens in furnishing them, at high  
rates, certain necessities of living,"  
Orr declared.

"The rates of utility corporations  
generally have not been reduced, al-  
though all other commodities have  
come down in price. The people are  
paying excessive rates for these con-  
veniences of daily life.

"Just a few years ago each utility  
sought to fix consumers' rates so the  
income of the plant would be suf-  
ficient to pay 7 per cent upon the  
mythical cost of producing a plant.  
Then, such utilities purchased ma-  
terial at high prices in effect then  
and paid for labor when men could  
be hired only at the peak prices of  
prosperous times.

"We all know present economic  
conditions greatly have reduced the  
price of material and labor, yet utility  
rates have not been lowered,  
commensurate with lower cost of  
production. It is time the mercen-

ary interests of a few should bow to  
the fair interests of the public.  
"Our government, whether na-  
tional, state or local, must be es-  
tablished firmly and safely for those  
governed. It must be relieved from  
those who prey upon it for their  
own selfish gains."

## RASKOB IS PAID OFF FOR 1928 CAMPAIGN

Democrats Raise \$400,000 Debt and Now Seek "Victory Fund."

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance  
WASHINGTON, March 12.—The  
Democrats have raised enough  
money to pay off the \$400,000 debt  
owed to National Chairman John J.  
Raskob for the 1928 campaign, it  
was learned today.

Future collections will be to pay  
the Raskob loan for past main-  
tenance of headquarters here and  
creation of a \$500,000 fund to start  
the 1932 presidential fight.

"It is understood this glad news  
for the Democrats will be an-  
nounced at the Jefferson day din-  
ner here April 13, when almost all  
potential candidates for the presi-  
dential nomination will rub elbows  
and ideas at the same table. All  
have worked in close co-operation  
to raise the "victory fund," fixed at  
\$1,500,000.

Raskob still is financing party  
headquarters for about \$10,000 a  
month. He is owed about \$375,000  
on this score.

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# CASES OF VAST IMPORTANCE TO FACE CARDOZO

New Justice of Supreme Court Will Assume Duties Monday.

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance  
WASHINGTON, March 12.—Judge Benjamin N. Cardozo of New York on Monday noon will become associate justice of the nation's highest court.

Work for the new justice already awaits. After his appointment, the supreme court reassigned some nine cases for argument, five of which already had been argued before the court. Among those assigned, but not argued, is the packers' case, involving the famous consent decree, under attack by the "Big Five" packers.

Since 1920, when the packers began their long fight to modify the decree, so they could engage in other industries, the legal battle has raged. The District of Columbia supreme court has permitted certain modifications of the decree but the government argues that no equity court has power to modify a decree over the objection of one of the parties, and under a special provision the supreme court is hearing argument on this point.

## May Cast Deciding Vote

Since Chief Justice Hughes argued the packers' case in 1927 and Justice Stone was attorney-general under the same proceedings, it is probable that both of these members will ask to be excused.

Justice Cardozo may cast the deciding vote in this important and long-drawn-out controversy.

Among the reassigned, but once argued, cases are those of:  
Fox Film Corporation vs. Tax Commissioners of Georgia, involving constitutionality of the Georgia gross receipts tax.

California, involving that state's right to tax the income from other-wise tax-exempt securities in collecting corporation franchise tax.

## Governor Murray Involved

Oklahoma, involving the right of Governor Murray to use troops in enforcing the state oil conservation law.

Iowa, involving stockholders' re-  
troactive liability in state bank case.

Texas, involving the right of a Negro to recover damages from the state for having been deprived of the right to vote in a primary election.

There are twenty-five cases awaiting decision following arguments, the most important of which is a test of the constitutionality of the estate tax provision of the 1926 revenue act relating to transfers made in contemplation of death.

## O. K. RAIL ABANDONMENT

Insult Shows Loss at Kokomo; Street Cars, Buses Doomed

Public service commission approval has been given to the North-  
Indiana Power Company (In-  
sult) to abandon street car and bus  
service in Kokomo, April 16.

An operating deficit of \$135,581 was shown, Commissioner Howell Ellis, who heard the case, said.  
Emergency freight rate increases for electric lines, similar to those effective on the steam roads, was ordered by the commission until March 31, 1933.

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## Yearbook Head



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**Lester McCuen**  
Lester McCuen of Nappanee, has been elected editor of next year's oracle, yearbook published annually by the junior class of Indiana Central College.

McCuen is a sophomore and is active in the affairs on the campus. He is a member of the basketball and baseball teams. He has not chosen his staff to assist him.

## FORD RIOT IS TOPIC

International Labor Defense Official to Speak Here Sunday Afternoon.

William Browder of Chicago, district secretary of the International Labor Defense, will be the speaker at a Workers' Center forum at 2:30 Sunday afternoon at 932½ South Meridian street.

His subject will be "Who Is Responsible for the Killing of Ford Unemployed Workers at the Ford Plant in Detroit?"

# APPEALS VOICED FOR HINDENBURG ON BALLOT EVE

German Election Will Be Sunday; Hitler Is Fascist Candidate.

BY ERIC KEYSER

UNITED PRESS STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
BERLIN, March 12.—The big  
guns in Germany's exciting presi-  
dential campaign roared their final  
challenges today, insisting on a  
vote for Von Hindenburg so Ger-  
many may "live," as 44,000,000 pre-  
pared to go to the polls Sunday.

Chancellor Heinrich Brüning brought the support of President Von Hindenburg to a climax in an address at Berlin's huge sports palace, packed by a crowd of 15,000 persons, while thousands stood around loud speakers in the cold outside the hall and millions heard the chancellor's appeal in a nation-wide radio broadcast.

The chancellor was tired and hoarse from his campaign tour. But he spoke sharply in an attack on the Fascists (Nazis) supporting Adolf Hitler for the presidency.

"If the Nazis live up to all their promises, Germany will be in the throes of inflation forty-eight hours after they ascend to power," Brüning said.

The chancellor demanded that the Nazis reveal their program, especially as to whether they stand for stable currency or inflation. He accused the Nazis of demagoguery by "promising everything to everybody" to get control of the government.

Meanwhile, Hitler and the best of the Nazi orators addressed large meetings throughout the country.

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Minor outbreaks of violence occurred during the closing stages of the campaign.

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