

## HOOVER VETOES PENSION GRANTS TO UNDESERVING

Sends Bill Back to House, Citing Typical Cases of 'Bogus' Claims.

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, April 27.—President Hoover today vetoed and returned to the house of representatives a bill granting pensions or increased pensions to 367 soldiers and navy, and to certain veterans and widows of veterans of past wars.

The President explained that "many meritorious cases" were included in the legislation, but that there were many others which he did not "deem worthy of public bounty."

"Many of these undeserving cases previously have been rejected by the pension bureau as having no sound basis upon which to construe any obligation in equity for the granting of special benefits," Mr. Hoover said in a message accompanying the veto.

**Outline Conditions**

Explaining he did not wish to reflect on any individual, Mr. Hoover declined to name what he considered the unworthy cases. He did, however, outline the conditions affecting some of these cases.

A few were as follows: "A proposed pension for a man who was court-martialed for drunkenness and conduct prejudicial to good order, sentenced to six months' confinement, and whose conduct during confinement was so bad that he finally was discharged without honor for the good of the service.

"A proposed pension to a man who was discharged without honor because of chronic alcoholism.

### Never Legal Wife

"A proposed pension to a widow whose claim was filed five years after the death of the veteran, and upon call having been made for evidence of legal widowhood, the claimant abandoned her claim for a period of twenty-five years.

"A recent investigation indicates the claimant never was the legal wife of the soldier."

After citing a number of other instances of this kind, Mr. Hoover concluded:

"I could add other instances, but it seems to me that even this number which appears to have neither law nor equity to justify them, warrants a revision of the bill, and that a larger dependence should be placed upon reports which are easily obtainable from the pension service."

## SIX CANDIDATES ARE SLATED BY LEAGUE

Municipal Rights Group Sends Out Queries on Utility Stand.

Six candidates for the Governor nomination in both parties and the legislative aspirants, subscribing to the need that there must be reforms in utility legislation, are slated to day by the Municipal Rights League of Indiana.

This organization, recently formed at Martinsville and composed of mayors and other officials of approximately 100 cities sent questionnaires to all primary and convention candidates, many of whom refused to answer. Those slated are candidates who had answered the letters up to April 25.

The recommended list included:

Governor—Republican, M. Bert Bush and James M. Knapp; Democratic, Wood Posey and John Fredrick.

Senate—State Senator—Republican, Don R. French; Robert E. Mullin, Markun, Robert E. Mullin, Louis B. Mullin, B. Harrison, Glen D. Farish and Oscar F. Smith; Democrats, E. Curtis White, Jacob C. Eickman, James H. Storm, Salem Clark and Arthur J. Probst.

Senate—Democrat, Edward C. Hitzelberger, Clarence A. Pope, Robert F. Sheppard, Walter C. Rothamel, Hazel B. Drury, Edward J. Heckler, Sr., Walter L. Shirley, Benjamin C. Miller, Henry Kotlikoff, Benjamine C. Miller, Henry Kotlikoff, Walter H. Gwynn, William J. Heim, Frank E. Wright, Wm. C. Wetzel, David G. Ward, Jesse L. Monroe, Charles M. Clark, James H. Monical, Robert E. Mullin, Frank E. Mullin, Democrat, Edward C. Hitzelberger, Clavbourne, Blue Alan K. Major, Rex B. Smith, Orrin G. Brown, Wm. C. Cook, Robert M. Ogleton, Douglas D. Brown, Charles L. Bain, James F. Miller, Fred C. Johnson, Wm. C. Cook, George O. Lehman, H. Edward Locher, Edward L. Wiggins, John W. LaFerriere, Stephen C. Clark, John W. LaFerriere, E. Perry, John Shelly, William A. Hussey, Thomas Smith, Earl Daily, Henry J. Hickerson, John W. Howard, Howard J. Robison and Lewis Q. Clark.

## RETIRED PAINTER DIES

John Shafer, 82, Had Resided in Indianapolis 29 Years.

John Shafer, 82, native of Akron, O., who had lived twenty-nine years at 2614 Burton avenue, died at his home Tuesday. He was a member of Local 47, Painters' and Decorators' Union. He leaves his widow, Mrs. Mary Shafer; two sons, John, Philadelphia, and William, living in California.

Funeral services will be held at 10 Thursday morning at Shirley Brothers central chapel, 946 North Illinois street. Burial will be in Memorial Park cemetery.

## Mr. Fixit

Write your troubles to Mr. Fixit. He is The Times' representative at the city hall and will be glad to present your case to the appropriate officials. Write him in care of The Times, signing your full name and address. Name will not be published.

Mr. Fixit—West Nineteenth street, between Sugar Grove avenue and Harding street, is in terrible condition. There are holes eight and ten inches deep. We would like this street scraped and oiled.

E. L. P.

The holes will be filled at once. Street Commissioner W. H. Winship said.

As soon as the weather permits the street will be graded, and oil will be placed on it when hot weather arrives.

Mr. Fixit—I live at 1918 Adams street. There is a public alley beside our property. About three months ago the city dumped crushed stone in this alley. Since this stone has become pulverized and dust is very annoying. Could this alley be filled?

MRS. I. M. C.

Street Commissioner W. H. Winship advises that the department is unable to oil alleys.

Mr. Fixit—Some time ago I wrote you about the alley in the rear of 511 South Delaware street, and the street department did a good job of cleaning it. But now it is even worse, being piled high with trash from a junk yard.

Mr. Fixit—The street department, said he would consult with the police department in an effort to halt the practice of dumping trash in this alley.

## Read These Rules, Marble Shooters, Then Get Busy on Practice

YOUTHFUL gladiators of the marble arena, many of them veterans of last year's tilts in the big rings, are knuckling down on numerous Indianapolis playgrounds, in daily practice sessions, determined to improve their marksmanship with taws and agges for the important jousts in The Times annual city-wide marble tournament.

Marble knuckles are being scraped in the dirt and favorite shots are being rehearsed with care, as a mighty army of young stalwarts starts limbering up thumbs in anticipation of the

sport and glory which this annual event affords.

The old-fashioned game of ringer, the same that is played in many lands, is the official game of the national marble tournament of the nation.

THE rules have undergone a slight change this year. Previously a player continued to shoot every time he knocked a marble from the ring. This has been changed. The new rule says he continues to shoot, "provided his shooter remains inside the ring."

This means that only when a

player's shooter stays in the ring after he has scored is the player

permitted to take another shot. Here are the rules:

1—Draw a ring ten feet across.

2—Mark a cross in the center. On this cross place thirteen mbs, one in the center, three on each arm of the cross. Mbs should be laid three inches apart.

3—Playing marbles (mbs) must

not be over five-eighths inch in diameter. Shooters must be from one-half to six-eighths inch in diameter. Steelies and ironies are barred.

4—First player knuckles down at

right side and shoots to knock out a marble. He wins what he

knocks out. He continues shooting until he fails to score, provided his shooter does not leave the ring.

5—If in his failure to score, his

shooter stays in the ring, the other players may shoot at it. If

a shooter is hit, but not knocked out, the player picks up any marble he wishes. If a shooter is

knocked out of the ring, the player collects all the marbles the

owner of the shooter has won.

The shooter knocked out of the

ring is killed, out of the game.

6—On all shots except the lag,

players must knuckle down. At least one knuckle must be on

the ground. Penalty for lifting the hand (hitting) or moving it

forward (hunching) is that the

player loses any gains he may

have made on one shot.

7—The game is over when the

last marble is won. The player

with the largest number of marbles is declared winner. All

games are for fair. At the end of each game, winners must give

all marbles back to the players

they won them from.

8—Conduct at the marble ring is

important! No coaching is allowed. To coach a player may

mean that he will be disqualified. Walking through the ring, instead of around it, is forbidden. To do so may mean a penalty of one marble.

The referee's decision on all points is final. He has wide powers, and will not permit any arguments.

9—If a shooter slips from a player's hand and does not travel

more than ten inches he may call "slip." Then the referee, if

he is convinced it was a slip, may permit the player to take the shot over.

10—Players must not smooth

the surface of the ring or place mbs on other shooters.

They may ask for "picks" and

then the referee will clear the ground for the shot.

## HITLER LIKELY TO SHARE IN PRUSSIAN RULE

Socialist Head, Always Fierce Foe of Fascists, Switches Stand.

BY FREDERICK KUH  
United Press Correspondent

BERLIN, April 27.—Karl Sevring, Prussian minister of the interior and "strong man" of the government, announced today the Socialist party was willing to allow Adolf Hitler's Nazis to share in Prussian governmental power.

The Socialists have been the strongest supporters of the Nazis, and Sevring is one of Hitler's most determined adversaries.

The minister of the interior, directing the powerful Prussian police, was responsible for the recent raids on Nazi headquarters, and the subsequent charges that documents had been seized on which Hitler possibly might be tried for treason.

Sevring admitted the Nazis had a good chance to enter the Prussian government and perhaps the government of the reich.

Hitler's party became the strongest in the Prussian diet as the result of Sunday's election, and the coalition government decided to resign soon after the new diet convened.

"The Socialist party as well as the Catholics, strongly are inclined to see Hitler's party share governmental responsibility," Sevring said. "Heretofore only the Socialists and Catholics have shared that responsibility."

"However, participation by the Hitlerites in the government of Prussia or the reich would be possible only if a coalition in which they shared power would guarantee that the principles of the Constitution would not be violated and that the reich's foreign policy would be continued and supported," Sevring added.

The minister of the interior gained the name of Prussia's strong man through his administration of the police force of some 80,000 men, the most powerful unit in Germany.

## Bank Gang Suspects Nabbed



## ADAMS MAPPING NAVY ECONOMY

### Virtual Closing of Three Stations Proposed.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, April 27.—Secretary of Navy Charles T. Adams today appeared before the house naval affairs committee to recommend extensive economies in the naval shore establishments, including virtual closure of the Boston, New Orleans, and Portsmouth (N. H.) stations.

The navy secretary, saying he was making his recommendations "pursuant to a request for economy," told the committee that it was believed many yard facilities at Brooklyn, Philadelphia and Hampton Roads, Va., were ample to take care of the fleet at present. He said that the Pacific coast stations must be retained intact.

## MARLENE SUSPENDED

### Paramount Drops Dietrich in Dispute Over Story.

By United Press

HOLLYWOOD, April 27.—The dispute of Marlene Dietrich, actress, and Joseph von Sternberg, director, with Paramount studios over production of "The Blonde Venus" today brought indefinite suspension to Miss Dietrich.

Miss Dietrich failed to appear on the set when ordered to start work on the film after Von Sternberg had left for the east, declaring the story as revised by studio writers would not make a successful picture.

Detroit U. Press Dies  
JOHN P. McNICHOLS, S. J., president of the University of Detroit for eleven years, died suddenly Tuesday night at St. Joseph's hospital.

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