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## ELECTRIC TAX RATE DRAWS SENATE FIRE

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VOTE DELAY FORESEEN

Nebraskan Raises Point of Order That Possibly Will Hold Up Action.

BY MARSHALL McNEIL

Times Staff Writer

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## House Is Destroyed by Blaze After Occupants' Narrow Escape.

Two Children of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Saved from Possible Death or Serious Injury, as Were Three Small Children of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jenkins, also occupants of the house.

Battle Blaze Two Hours

Firemen battled the blaze for nearly two hours after the alarm was sounded at 5 a. m., but failed to save the structure.

Jenkins, first to discover the house in flames, told police that a flaming torch had been tossed through an open window adjoining the bedroom in which he and his wife were sleeping. As he was awakened, the flames were spreading rapidly, he said.

He awoke Mr. and Mrs. Martin, sleeping on the second floor of the seven-room house, and they roused their two children, Ella and Chester. Jenkins and his wife, Yvonne, 19, carried their three children into the street.

Pet Dog Burns to Death

Only a few scattered pieces of furniture were saved by the two men before flames enveloped the house.

Intense heat of the fire scorched dozens of chickens in a pen adjoining the house.

A Boston Bull terrier, pet of the family, was burned to death.

Jenkins and Martin told firemen the family had no enemies and they could account for no motive on part of the fiend.

The home was located in the center of a large field with no other residences near.

SIX KILLED IN SUDDEN FLOOD

Seven Others Are Missing in Oklahoma City Tragedy.

By United Press

OKLAHOMA CITY, June 4.—At least six persons were dead today, drowned in the flood that swirled over central Oklahoma Friday and gave its victims no chance to escape.

Seven others were reported missing, and rescue workers feared they had died. Three thousand were homeless. Property damage was expected to run to hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The flood struck without warning, and caught its victims as they slept.

Six inches of rain fell within six hours.

Mrs. James Webster, 38, and her daughter, Ellen, 11, were drowned at a tourist park, where they had stopped on a trip across the country from their home in Massachusetts.

Ella Christina Morgan, 13, and her mother, Mrs. Morgan, 35, were drowned at the porch of their home while their agonized father tried vainly to swim to them through the rushing waters.

Their brother lay in a hospital today, injured. The mother was missing, and almost certainly had perished.

The other known victim was Mrs. Nora Norris, 50.

James Robinson, Negro mail carrier, was drowned at Seneca.

The waters of the North Canadian river, which flooded a large portion of Oklahoma City, rapidly went down today.

WHEN BEES MOVED IN, FAMILY MOVED OUT

200 Pounds of Honey Found in Walls of Living Room.

By United Press

SIMI, Cal., June 4.—When the bees moved in, the J. H. Harrington family moved out.

For days, Harrington heard a buzzing in his living room. He investigated, found 200 pounds of honey in the walls, and thousands of bees.

Disturbed in the wall hives, the bees moved to the living room, and Harrington moved to the yard.

Foreign Exchange

(By James T. Hamill & Co.)

June 4

Sterling, England ..... 3.25 1/2  
Franc, France ..... 1.00  
Lire, Italy ..... 20.00  
Mark, Germany ..... 2.48 1/2  
Pound, Great Britain ..... 4.85  
Peseta, Spain ..... 16.67  
Krone, Norway ..... 4.76  
Yen, Japan ..... 2.25

## STATE G. O. P. HOLDING BACK ON DRY ISSUE

No Action Will Be Taken by Chiefs Until National Plank Draft Arrives.

REFERENDUM FAVORED

90 Per Cent of Chairmen Are Willing to Let People Vote on Question.

BY BEN STERN

Although 90 per cent of the Republican district chairmen and vice-chairmen desire a platform plank recommending a referendum on prohibition, no action will be taken by party leaders until a copy of the national convention is received here.

This plank, now in the process of being written in Washington under direction of James R. Garfield, slated to be chairman of the national platform committee, is expected to be received Tuesday, declared Ivan C. Morgan, state chairman.

Morgan's announcement followed the meeting late Friday of the state committee with the interrelations group of the G. O. P. State Editorial Association.

Majority of the Indiana leaders present, although expressing a willingness to include a referendum plank, begged it does not bear the earmarks of being "wet."

Resubmission Is Urged

Despite this "walk carefully" attitude, John W. Scott of Gary, First district chairman, is determined to have the platform declare for resubmission of the eighteenth amendment to the states and repeal of the Wright "bone dry" law.

"Unless we have such a plank in the platform the Republican party will be on the spot in Lake county this fall," Scott told the committee.

"And, in order to do what we can to help the situation in my district, if the platform committee's recommendations do not include such a plank we will carry the fight to the floor of the convention."

No Specific Tax Plans

Although Mrs. Frank Donner of Greencastle, director of the women's clubs for the state committee, said she was in favor of such a plank, she said this statement was refuted by Mrs. Alice Drake Jones of Gary, First district vice-chairman, who said that "many of the best women in my district are opposed to prohibition."

Morgan later said he thought the state platform would adhere to the proposed national plank.

No plans were offered for a specific tax plank to be included in the platform.

Instead of declaring for income, sales or other forms of taxes, it was the consensus that this question be straddled with a declaration favoring "reduction of expenditures and a more equitable distribution of the tax load."

Nominees to Confer

Governor Harry G. Leslie explained that he called the legislature to convene in special session July 7, because the majority of the members of the house and senate considered of tax reform and economy measures.

State representative and state senate nominees will confer Tuesday at the Claypool to discuss the platform provisions, Morgan said.

The state committee took no action on the subject of a permanent chairman, leaving that up to Morgan.

It was indicated the two leading choices are John Moorman of Knox and Eliza O. Rogers, former state chairman. Information is that the latter may be named.

In the Air

Weather conditions at 9 a. m.: Southwest wind, 6 miles an hour; temperature, 78; barometric pressure, 30.10 at sea level; ceiling, scattered clouds, unlimited; visibility, 8 miles; field, good.

SLAIN GAS BANDIT ONE OF MAIL ROBBERY GANG

William R. Miller, Columbus, O., filling station bandit who was slain by a Peru policeman Friday, has been identified as William Boven, an alleged participant in a \$120,000 Canadian mail robbery, it was announced today by the state bureau of identification.

Charles Bolte of the bureau went to Peru and fingerprinted the dead bandit.

Through the bureau it was learned that a \$2,000 reward for Boven was offered by the Toronto police following the holdup and robbery of a mail train at the union station there on June 19, 1928.

Looted was \$120,000 in cash and an unlimited number of bonds.

After being slain at Peru, Miller was identified under that name by a passport in his pocket upon which he had taken a trip to Europe in 1928, following the Canadian robbery.

He was killed while robbing a Peru filling station and after a gunfight with police. An accomplice escaped.

Miller's car was found by Peru police and contained a complete layout of burglar tools.

In the "Man Wanted" notice from Canada, Boven was listed as a professional burglar and holdup man, who spent his money freely on dice and women.

## CALL FOR OHIO TROOPS AS 'BONUS ARMY' TIES UP CLEVELAND RAIL YARDS

1,000 World War Veterans Halt Pennsy Service From City.

FREE RIDE IS SOUGHT

300 Police Reserves Sent to Vicinity in Effort to Keep Order.

By United Press

CLEVELAND, June 4.—Police clashed in a brief hand-to-hand battle today with a small group of more than 1,000 World War veterans, who have taken possession of the Pennsylvania railroad yards seeking transportation to Washington. One man was knocked unconscious and several heads were battered.

The entire "army" was driven from the yards by 500 police reserves directed by Safety Director Frank J. Merriek and Police Chief George J. Matowitz. There was no violence when the soldiers first retreated from the yards.

By United Press

CLEVELAND, June 4.—Officials of the Pennsylvania railroad today appealed for state militia to drive out more than 1,000 bedraggled but determined "bonus marchers," who took possession of the railroad's yard here, temporarily tying up all traffic.

Three hundred police reserves, every available policeman in the city, were ordered to the yards by Safety Director Merriek early today after Police Lieutenant Harry Weiss had been sent aside by a mob that stormed the roundhouse.

Governor George White and Adjutant-General Frank D. Henderson, at Columbus, had assigned Col. William L. Marlin, commander of the One hundred forty-fifth infantry, Ohio national guard of Cleveland, to remain on the scene as an observer.

Hold Control of Yards

The invaders, most of whom were from Detroit and Toledo, had proposed to keep control of the yards and roundhouse until the railroad acceded to their demand for freight transportation, en route to Washington, D. C., to present their demands for payment of the bonus.

John T. Pace, Detroit, was in command of the veterans.

The request for national guard assistance was made after the veterans had demanded free transportation "or no train will move out of the yards."

They succeeded in delaying a passenger train while a conference was held with railroad officials.

Order was restored temporarily when leaders of the marchers were persuaded to make no attempt to stop trains, and Deputy Police Inspector Stephen Murphy told James C. Poffenberger, division superintendent of the Pennsylvania railroad that he would not order police to clear the yards unless there was violence.

400 Join in Cleveland.

The ex-soldiers gathered here Friday from Detroit and Toledo, and were augmented by approximately 400 Clevelanders.

They obtained free rides on ten freight cars furnished by the New York Central on the trip from Toledo.

Their aim now, they said, is to obtain a ride to Pittsburgh on the next lap on their journey to Washington to support bonus legislation.

The "Army of Occupation" was tattered and hungry, but moved with military precision and discipline as it took over the rail yards and roundhouse Friday night.

A bugler sounded "assembly" and the men fell into line while Field Marshal Pace made a short talk, assigning various groups to their posts.

About 150 men employed in the roundhouse and machine shops were

Not Principle, but for Life

That is what Japan, China and Russia are striving for in the Far East today.

One needs food and coal, another farms for crowded millions, and the third railroads and seaports.

Read the story of their necessities viewed impartially as a scientific problem to be solved