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## HOUSE FAILS TO PASS TAX LIMIT REPEAL

First Attempt to Kill \$1.50 Measure Is Stopped Short.

WHITE HITS ASSEMBLY Legislature Does Not Know Where It Stands, He Says on Floor.

Charges that the \$1.50 tax limit bill is a "legislative monstrosity" were hurled on the floor of the house of representatives today as the majority failed in an attempt to lift the senate from a political "hole" by repealing the measure. By a vote of 47 to 45 the house halted passage of the amended senate bill which virtually would have nullified the tax limit law, but avenues were opened for later reconsideration of the repealer measure. At the same time efforts were being made in the senate to capitalize on the panic which marks the closing days of the legislature, by passing a retail sales tax law which would touch the purse of every taxpayer in the state.

White Assails Assembly Representative E. Curtis White (Dem.), Indianapolis, took the floor with a vicious condemnation of accomplishments of the legislature. "In the closing days of this session we have ourselves in a mess, and not one of us knows where we are. One day we pass a law and then the next day we pass another law to repeal the first," he said.

White charged the assembly with failing to follow the seven-point program of the citizens tax committee, agreed on before the session began. "I don't know where we are and I'm sure no other member of this house does," he declared.

Branded as Conspiracy During the debate, Representative Herbert Evans (Rep.), of Newcastle, charged that the \$1.50 tax limit law was passed as result of a "legislative conspiracy."

Representative William Babcock (Rep.), Auburn, charged the Democrats with "unfair tactics" in attempting to "rush through" the repealer measure without permitting members to study amendments to the repealer bill.

"There's something behind all this," Grimm declared.

Burden on Poor A special senate committee was said to look with favor on the Hoffman retail tax bill, which previously failed to pass. It levies one-half of 1 per cent tax on gross retail sales by transforming the chain store tax into a sales tax measure.

Critics of the proposed tax bill, fostered by Senator J. Clyde Hoffmann (Rep.), Indianapolis, charged that it entirely ignores a fundamental principle of taxation—ability to pay.

"Retention of the \$1.50 property tax law and passage of a retail sales tax merely means that the poor and propertyless will pay the \$5,000,000 state deficit, created for benefit of the landowners," they declared.

That the senate will try to pull across the Hoffman bill was indicated when the author of the bill was made a member of the special committee.

Labor Opposes Bill Other members of the committee are Senators Alonzo H. Lindley, Republican, and J. Francis Lechard and Anderson Ketchum, Democrats. Retail merchants have deluged the senators with pleas against its passage, on the ground that business is bad enough without saddling additional taxes on it.

Labor is unanimous in opposition to the measure. Unless Governor Harry G. Leslie vetoes the state highway fund diversion bill, it appears that this is at least one major accomplishment of the session.

As revamped to meet his objections, Attorney-General James M. Ogden has approved of the bills and they await the Governor's signature.

SNEAK THIEF GETS \$45 Steals Into Filling Station While Attendant Serves Customer. A sneak thief at a filling station, 3206 West Washington street, Tuesday stole \$45 from the cash drawer while the attendant, Ralph Chapman, served a customer.

Sam Lynn, 426 East Ninth street, attendant at a filling station at Thirtieth street and Martindale avenue, reported theft of fifteen tires.

## Details of Shooting Related by Flier, on Stand



Captain William Lancaster

MIAMI, Fla., Aug. 10.—Capt. William M. Lancaster, British flier, recounted today his dramatic story of how Haden Clarke, young writer and rival for the affections of Jessie M. Keith-Miller, was killed in the bungalow where the three lived, and denied that he fired the fatal shot.

Lancaster said Clarke shot himself, and that he typed the suicide notes found later. "I scribbled 'Haden' on one note and 'H' on another," Lancaster said, "something I shouldn't have done."

The two men had gone to sleep on the second-floor porch the night of April 21, Lancaster testified.

"I was awakened by a report, sounding like the closing of a window," Lancaster said. "I sat up and said, 'Haden, what is that?'"

"I then heard a gurgling sound from Haden's bed. I reached for the light and turned it on. I looked toward Haden's bed, then took him by the shoulder and spoke to him. I said, 'Haden, what have you done?'"

"Just before retiring," Lancaster said, "Haden's last words to him were: 'Bill, you are the whitest man I have ever known.'"

"When I found Haden had been shot, I noticed blood on the right side of his head. I touched him on the shoulder.

"What have you done?" I asked. "Haden moved his head from side to side. His toes and legs were moving a little."

"I sat down at the typewriter and typed notes in two or three minutes. (These were the forged suicide notes.) 'I went over to the bed with a pencil and asked him to speak. He still was moaning but didn't speak. 'I shouted 'Chubbie!' There was no reply."

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"I banged on Chubbie's door. The door opened and the room was in darkness."

"She was standing there and said, 'What's the matter?'"

"I said, 'Haden shot himself!'"

"She said, 'Don't talk nonsense. There's no gun.'"

"I said, 'Yes, there is; I have got one.'"

"She went into the sun-porch and took Haden's head, while I phoned for a doctor."

"When I rushed up, Chubbie was wiping blood from Haden's face."

"The ambulance and Ernest Huston (attorney for Latin-American airways), arrived about the same time. By this time Haden was still bleeding, his head moving slightly."

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## HITLER TROOPS STAND READY IN BID FOR POWER

Dynamic Head of Fascists Demands He Be Named as Chancellor, Second Highest Office in Nation.

CLAIM OPPOSED BY VON PAPEN

Nazi's Brown Shirt Militia Massed, Awaiting Commands of Chief; Death Penalty for Terrorism in Effect.

BERLIN, Aug. 10.—Dynamic little Adolf Hitler bid today for the second highest office in the nation, backed by most of his Fascist brown shirt militia, mobilized in Berlin and Brandenburg province.

Hitler awaited impatiently for today's scheduled conference between Chancellor Franz von Papen and President Paul von Hindenburg, at which Von Papen is expected to oppose the Nazi chieftain's demands for the chancellorship.

The present government doubts that Hindenburg will be able to talk Hitler into accepting the vice-chancellorship.

If such an effort fails, it is considered likely that the president will accept the resignation of Chancellor Von Papen and his ministers, and designate Hitler to form a new cabinet.

Meanwhile both Von Papen and War Minister Kurt von Schleicher are reported to have suspended temporarily negotiations with Hitler because of the massing of the brown-shirted storm troops.

The Fascist militia has been ordered to remain in a "state of alarm."

Von Papen and Von Schleicher, according to reports, hold this to be an improper method of bringing pressure against the government in order to insure Hitler's chancellorship.

Von Schleicher let it be known today that he is prepared to use the national army against possible excesses by the stormy Hitlerite element.

Von Papen, who until this week opposed Hitler's ambition to head the government, appeared to have tempered his opposition slightly. Much will depend, it was understood, on the chancellor's meeting with Von Hindenburg when the president returns today from East Prussia to take part in the celebration of the anniversary of the Weimar constitution.

Hitler Remains Adherent The Fascists' official news agency demanded today that Von Hindenburg entrust Hitler with the task of forming a cabinet.

It warned that any attempt to reorganize the government on a different basis will be considered "sabotage of the will of the people."

Hitler is adamant in his declaration that his national Socialist party—largest in the Reichstag—will not support the government unless he is named chancellor.

This determination, it is felt, will lead to a crisis this week.

In accordance with the new anti-terrorism decree, special courts to expedite prosecution of political criminals have been established at Königsberg, Elbing, Kitz, Breslau and Düsseldorf.

These courts will expedite all prosecutions. Sentences will be carried out immediately, there will be no appeal.

Shatter German Tradition The new decrees constitute a rupture of German legal tradition, which, heretofore, limited the death penalty to cases of premeditated murder.

Under the new measure, any person who kills a political enemy while under the influence of political hatred and passion, or any person who kills a policeman or member of the army, summarily will be sentenced to death.

The decree also threatens the death penalty for those causing death by bomb outrages or incendiarism.

Rumanian Cabinet Resigns By United Press. BUCHAREST, Rumania, Aug. 10.—The cabinet resigned today.

Hourly Temperatures 6 a. m. .... 70 10 a. m. .... 77 7 a. m. .... 71 12 (noon) .... 80 8 a. m. .... 73 11 a. m. .... 82 9 a. m. .... 77 1 p. m. .... 80

## RAIL MEN FACE NEW WAGE CUT

5 Per Cent Slash Looms for Million Workers.

NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—Another wage reduction for a million or more union railway employees was reported planned today as railway executives met to discuss the loan of \$300,000,000 for equipment and repairs urged on them by the administration.

The new reduction is reported to be 5 per cent more. Wages were cut 10 per cent last February, by agreement of the railways and the unions, on the railway promise to spread employment "as far as possible."

The new move, it was understood today, is planned to make effective a wage scale next Feb. 1 that will be at least 15 per cent under the scale in effect when the first cut was approved.

The reason for the second reduction is the same as advanced for the first—steadily declining revenues, which in some cases failed to meet interest charges carried by some roads.

The loan proposal, however, has been termed by some railway executives as "uneconomic." They see no economic reason for buying equipment they do not need, or making repairs they will not need for a year or two.

MRS. CARAWAY WINS Far Ahead in Race for Senate Nomination.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Aug. 10.—The re-election of Arkansas "little woman senator," Mrs. Wyatt Caraway, was forecast today on the basis of returns from half the state's precincts in Monday's Democratic primary.

Mrs. Caraway, who was elected to the unexpired term of her husband, the late Senator Thaddeus H. Caraway, early today had piled up almost as many votes as all of her six men opponents combined.

Judge J. Marion Futrell took the lead in the Governor's race over his six opponents. He led the nearest by nearly 2 to 1.

BETTY GOW IN ENGLAND Lindbergh Nursemaid Met at Pier by Mother; Weeps.

PLYMOUTH, England, Aug. 10.—Betty Gow, nurse in the Lindbergh home when their child was kidnapped, landed here today on the way to her home in Scotland to visit relatives.

She wept as she was met at the pier by her mother and other kin and friends from Glasgow.

She refused to talk about the Lindbergh kidnapping. She said that she intends to return to her home in October, to resume her work.

## OPEN REVOLT FOR RETURN OF KING TO SPAIN

Royalists Hope for Alfonso's Regaining of Throne; Seville Captured.

BY WILLIAM H. LANDER United Press Staff Correspondent MADRID, Aug. 10.—Royalists today began their long-awaited revolt, intended to overthrow the republic and restore the Bourbons to the throne of Spain.

Spanish army units marched on Seville to put down a monarchist rebellion, after suppressing an uprising in Madrid with eight dead and about thirty wounded.

An official announcement gave the death toll as six rebel soldiers and two rebel officers.

Seville, fourth city of Spain, with a population of 220,000, was in the hands of General Jose Sanjurjo, leader of the rebellion, who controlled the army units and civil guard. A battle was in prospect.

Manuel Azana, premier and war minister, in announcing the march on Seville, said he did not know exactly when the troops would arrive. Other towns in the Andalusian region, embracing Seville, were calm, he said.

The monarchist revolt, the most serious effort to restore King Alfonso since the republic was established, apparently was well planned. Alfonso left the throne April 14, 1931.

The government, however, had advance information and put the movement down in Madrid with vigor. By early afternoon, eighty-two arrests had been made, including important rebel leaders.

Cadiz advised said an outbreak of Jerez, center of the sherry wine district and not far from Cadiz, had been suppressed quickly.

The colonel of the Jerez civil guards and various important monarchists were arrested. Loyal civic guard reinforcements were sent to Jerez from Cadiz.

Several minor revolutionary movements had succeeded today, known possibly by a manifesto issued last spring by Alfonso XIII in which he called for establishment of a constitutional monarchy.

\$3,600 IN GEMS ARE TAKEN DURING MOVING City Man Is Robbed of Two Diamond Bracelets and Pins.

Two diamond bracelets and a diamond pin, valued at \$3,600, were stolen from William Wilson, 3176 North Pennsylvania street, during removal of his household goods from a former address, he reported to police today.

The jewels, set in platinum, were last seen in a dresser drawer in Wilson's former home at 3741 North Meridian street, he said. The move was made over the week-end and the loss was discovered today.

ROBINSON VISITS ISLAND United States Senator From Indiana Arrives in Puerto Rico.

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Aug. 10.—Senator Arthur R. Robinson of Indiana arrived by navy plane today from Haiti and Santo Domingo. He will visit the Virgin Islands before returning to the United States.

## VETERAN STATE LAWMAKER DIES

AT TICA, Ind., Aug. 10.—Three months' illness brought death today to Joseph C. Claypool, 81, twice a member of the Indiana house of representatives, with the distinction of having been both its youngest and oldest member. He died at his home in Shawnee township, Fountain county.

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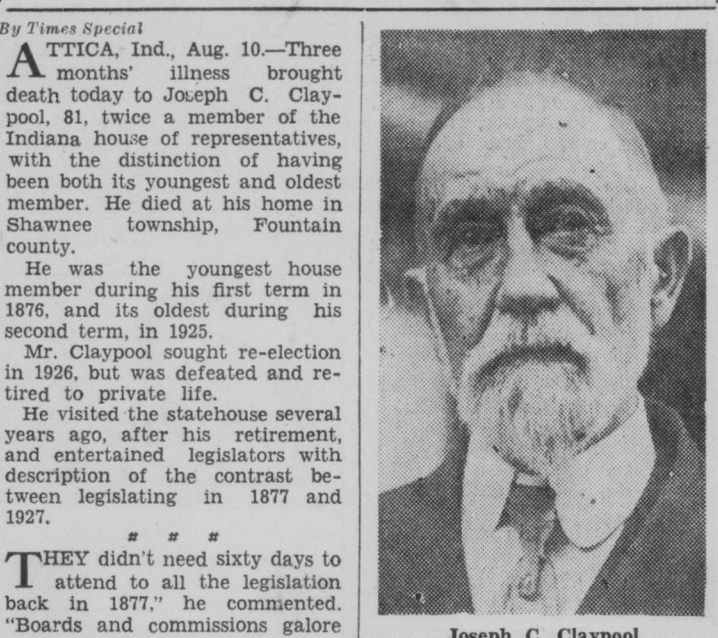
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