

DANGER OF VIOLENCE AMONG DESTITUTE GAINS, AS RELIEF BURDEN GROWS, SENATE TOLD

Nation's Social Workers Warn of Peril; Picture of Misery in Report More Arresting Than Any So Far Presented.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The danger of violence among destitute Americans increases daily as families are forced to live on 50 cents a person a week or meager rations from a central commissary, are herded together in congregate shelters, or are left entirely to their own resources by relief agencies that can not meet the burden placed upon them, the senate manufactures committee has been warned by the American Association of Social Workers.

This organization, with 6,000 members, made a survey of conditions in forty-three cities, during November and December.

A report presented to the committee by H. L. Lurie, bureau of Jewish social research of New York City, paints a picture of misery and danger more arresting than any so far presented to the senate.

It warns that serious riots have taken place recently in Detroit, Chicago, Cleveland, Toledo, Dallas, Seattle, St. Louis and Salt Lake City, some of them reported in the press and some of them, it says, not reported.

Resentment Is Growing

"There is an undercurrent of resentment," says the report. "Disaffection and threats are becoming more prevalent, and it is believed that lack of a program and leadership among the unemployed has prevented more serious outbreaks."

"A part of the general dissatisfaction has been diverted into mutual aid and self-help projects among the unemployed."

"Fears are expressed that a mounting unrest may begin to assume violent forms of expression more frequently, if constructive and adequate measures for relieving distress arising from unemployment do not materialize in the near future."

The association summarized the situation in the following general terms. One-third of the unemployed are now receiving relief, and many more should be helped who are not.

No Money for Rents

The relief given is meager, usually food rations, which often do not attempt to provide all necessary nutritive elements, and a little coal. In some cities families are given a fourth of a ton of coal for a month.

There is no money for rents, clothing, light and other necessities.

Relief has reverted to primitive methods and lacks competent administration.

Work relief is being abandoned rapidly.

Ninety per cent of the money now being spent comes from public sources, but the credit facilities of cities are impaired, and state governments have failed to find new sources of revenue.

Reconstruction Finance Corporation funds, at best, have maintained emergency relief rations, on a month to month basis. Local relief administration has broken down partly as a result of the uncertainty.

Conflict on Starvation

Conflicting evidence is offered as to the extent of starvation and malnutrition, and finally the growing irritation among the unemployed is listed as serious.

The association found one city with a 3 per cent increase in the number of families needing help, and a 20 per cent increase funds.

In Florida, only \$5 and \$6 a month is being given each family.

In the forty-three cities studied the average relief per family was from \$15 to \$20 a month.

Detroit is sending unemployed men to the county almshouse, and Buffalo is considering the same course. Dallas is giving no relief to Negroes and Mexicans, and Richmond is doing almost nothing for Negroes.

One city, not named in the report, recorded deaths of fourteen infants in a month due to malnutrition of the mothers.

Rural Areas Overburdened

In the mining counties of West Virginia large numbers of families are uncared for and "sore spots" in New Hampshire and Pennsylvania are reported.

The Scripps Foundation for Research in Population Problems, Miami University, is quoted as finding that 400,000 persons have deserted cities for the country in 1932, causing a serious situation in already overburdened rural areas. These people are living in abandoned farm houses, and makeshift shelters or are crowded in with other families.

MOCK FUNERAL HELD.
"VICTIM" FOUND DEAD

"Pallbearers" Take Intoxicated Man Home, Unaware of Tragedy.

ESSEX, Mass., Jan. 4.—When William A. Bagwell, 58, got drunk at a belated New Year's celebration, fellow merrymakers painted his face and hands red, pronounced him "dead" and held mock funeral services.

Later, "pallbearers" took him home.

Mrs. Bagwell found her husband, hours afterward, lying on the floor of their unheated kitchen. A doctor said Bagwell was dead—"by alcoholism and exposure."

PRISONERS TILL FARM

GROW VEGETABLES ON ARIZONA STATE LAND, RUN TANNERY.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 4.—Convicts in the Arizona penitentiary will not grow fat with idleness. They have been set to tilling several hundred acres on which are grown vegetables for the penitentiary and to help the poor.

A tannery also has been established to supply work. Tannic acid is obtained from the canagie plant, which grows wild in Arizona, and which is excellent for tanning high-grade leathers.

LESLIE REMITS FORFEITED BOND

Attorney Is Accused of 'Going Over Heads' of County Officers.

As one of his last official acts, Governor Harry G. Leslie remitted a liquor law violator's \$1,000 appeal bond, despite objections from prosecuting officials. Prosecutor Herbert E. Wilson said today.

The bond in the case of Zelma Lamberton, found guilty in municipal court, March 11, 1927, of violating the liquor laws, had been ordered forfeited.

Giving the bond to appeal her case to criminal court, records show, Mrs. Lamberton failed to appear for trial Sept. 15, 1927.

The state sued to collect the forfeited bond from Lamberton and Rebecka Olarin, surety on the bond, Nov. 23, 1931.

County officials charged today that Thomas McNulty, attorney, faced default for his clients, Lamberton and Olarin, in the superior court suit, "went over their heads" to the Governor.

The state dismissed the case after Governor Leslie remitted the bond, Tuesday.

BANK CALL IS ISSUED

Condition as of Dec. 31 Is Asked by Federal State Divisions.

BY UNITED PRESS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The comptroller of the currency today issued a call for national banks to report their condition as of Dec. 31.

A call for the condition of state banks as of Dec. 31 was issued by the state banking department today.

DEMOCRATS' SPLIT DURING EXILE SHOWN IN RECORDS

Ambition to Swing Gavel Only Thing Five Candidates for Speaker Have in Common.

BY SCHIFFS-HOWARD NEWSPAPER ALLIANCE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—A study of the records of the five Democratic candidates for Speaker of the next house shows how divided that party has been on important problems during its period of exile from power. About the only thing they have in common is an ambition to swing a gavel gracefully.

The five leading contestants present strange contrasts in appearance, personality and background. All are lawyers and college graduates. All but one hail from Main street; the fifth is from Broadway and Times square. Their political and legislative methods and men's vary greatly.

Tall, thin Joseph W. Byrns of Tennessee has been in public life since 1900. A quiet but critical legislator, he speaks only when his subject interests him, and usually has something to say. He is a fine committeeeman, chairman of the powerful appropriations committee and almost as homely as Abraham Lincoln.

Blond John J. O'Connor of New York is a typical Tammany man, burly in build, aggressive on the floor and extremely vocal. He is a brother of Basil O'Connor, President-Elect Roosevelt's erstwhile insurance partner, and some think this may help him. If Governor Roosevelt and John F. Curry, Tammany chieftain, decide to support him, he will be a formidable candidate. He at least will split the dominant northern vote with the other entry from above the Mason and Dixon line—Representative Henry T. Rainey of Illinois.

CASEY JONES TEACHER

FAMED PIONEER PILOT OPENS FLYING INSTRUCTION SCHOOL.

BY UNITED PRESS

NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 4.—Casey Jones, famed pioneer pilot of the United States, and until recently an official of the Curtiss-Wright company, has opened a flying school here.

He has as his assistants Lieutenant-Colonel George A. Vaughn Jr., second ranking American ace to date.

Majority Leader Rainey is an old-fashioned legislator. He has a window the size of a door and with his single shock of white hair it makes him an immediate object of curiosity to gallery gods and goddesses. He has been in the house since 1902, except for the period 1920-22. He is a graduate of Amherst, Calvin Coolidge's college, but he does not like his fellow-collegian's politics or political philosophy.

Boys' John W. McDuffie of Alabama is quiet and conservative—too conservative for some. He now is the party whip and is supposed to have Speaker Garner's backing. He served at New York national headquarters through the campaign and his friendship with the party big-wigs may gain him some votes.

"Honest John" Rankin is a fiery, bushy-haired, dark-eyed Mississippian, who has often engaged in rowdy battles. But he is trying to live down his controversial career now, and recently gave out a newspaper release which began as follows:

"The expense, the association said, includes railroad fare and entire expenditures for the week."

It was estimated that 60 per cent of the nation's population could attend the exposition for that amount.

The \$80 estimate includes all persons within an area bounded by Syracuse, Baltimore and Norfolk on the east; Columbia, S. C., Montgomery, Ala., and Jackson, Miss., on the south; Oklahoma City, Wichita, Kan., and Bismarck, N. D., on the west, and Winnipeg, Man., and Ottawa, Ont., on the north, the stiff bill.

All five voted for government operation of Muscle Shoals and to override the veto of the Democratic stiff bill.

All but Rankin, who was absent, supported the Garner-Rainey relief measure.

Rainey and Rankin opposed the Hoover moratorium, while McDuffie voted against the R. F. C.

Byrnes and Rankin split away

THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

FORTVILLE MAN IS QUESTIONED IN ROAD DEATH MYSTERY



Above—The Baldwin home at Fortville. Below (at left)—Baldwin and Mrs. Margaret Baldwin, his first wife. At Right—Mrs. Lula Baldwin, the second wife.

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