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REVOLT FLAMES IN LEGISLATURE ON SALES TAX

Assemblymen Declare They Are Not Bound by Any Platform Plank to Follow McNutt's Lead.

GOVERNOR IS FIRM IN HIS STAND Executive Unmoved by Retail Merchants' Onslaught on Measure; Constitutional Issue Is Raised.

Spirit of revolt spread among legislators today, as they were deluged with protests against passage of the administration sales tax measure.

Impetus was added by Governor Paul V. McNutt's adamant stand for the bill when called on Thursday afternoon by a committee of Indiana retail merchants.

Legislators opposing passage pointed out that they are under no obligation to follow the Governor, as no sales tax pledge was written into the Democratic platforms, state or national.

They cite the fact that President-Elect Roosevelt has declared against it as a matter of public policy and McNutt has condemned it in principle.

Objections Are Raised Chief proponent of such measures of taxation has been President Hoover, who was thwarted with the charge that a sales tax means "soak the poor," they asserted.

They also declare that a sales tax, such as the one proposed by the administration, raises the same constitutional questions as an income tax would, and will be subject to the same delay by litigation.

McNutt admits possibility of the sales tax being challenged on constitutional grounds, but still demands its passage as the only way to balance the budget.

That McNutt may be able to "crack the whip" to put the sales tax over is an admitted possibility. His hand has been strengthened by the proposal that the state take over all minimum teacher costs of the public schools.

Jobs Have Big Influence But more than this is the strength derived from several thousand jobs that will become his patrons, if plans to increase his powers meet with legislative approval.

A job for a henchman often counts more with a legislator than the question of whether bills like the sales tax are wrong in principle, it was pointed out.

As introduced, the sales tax bill is modeled after the Mississippi law. Opponents point out that Mississippi never has been noted as a leader among states in progressive legislation, but a case might be made for the contention that it has been what might be termed reactionary.

The conference with McNutt followed a protest meeting at the Lincoln, attended by more than 300 retail merchants.

Ruin Is Visioned Speakers at the meeting charged the sales tax would result in increased unemployment, reducing purchasing power of the public, fail to reduce governmental expenses, paralyze business in cities where the state border, take business from local merchants and give it to mail order houses, whose interstate business is untaxable, and otherwise react unfavorably.

They pointed out that retail stores employ more persons than any other single class, merchants already pay their proportionate share of taxes, and are spending heavily to maintain business, in an effort to keep their employees from becoming jobless.

The sales tax, they said, would have to be borne by the stores, it could not be added to modernized, burdened would force even more merchants into bankruptcy.

Steps were taken at the meeting to form a state-wide retail merchants' organization.

LOAD OF MEAT STOLEN 60 Pounds of Ham and Bacon Taken From Armour Truck.

The meat diet of some one in Indianapolis was enriched in calories and pounds today when sixty pounds of ham and bacon was stolen from a truck of Armour & Co. packers, driven by Joseph Riley, at the Riley hospital for children. The theft was committed while Riley was delivering an order at the hospital. The meat was valued at \$7.50.

51 OPPORTUNITY DAY BARGAINS

In conjunction with The Times Opportunity Day, Saturday, Jan. 28, Indianapolis merchants are offering unusual values. Turn now to the Want Ad pages and see for yourself the splendid values identified by the "Opportunity Day Triangle."

Want Ad Page

Ford Blames Banker Plot to Gain Control of Firm for Strike Closing Plants

Shutdown Order Affects Branches All Over Nation When Employees of Briggs Company, Furnishing Auto Bodies Walk Off Jobs.

LONDON, Jan. 27.—The Evening Standard, in a purported trans-Atlantic telephone interview with Henry Ford, quoted the manufacturer today as saying the stoppage in his Detroit plant was due to the efforts of certain bankers to gain control of the Ford concern.

The newspaper quoted Ford as follows: "Certain of my competitors are operating against me, supported by these bankers, with the object of preventing another Ford car from leaving the factory. 'They have succeeded for a few hours, but I will fight them and prove that production can not be stopped. I am going straight out to clean up the whole affair.'"

Ford Confirms Charge DEARBORN, Mich., Jan. 27.—Henry Ford's trans-Atlantic telephone interview with the London Evening Standard was confirmed by his offices here today. Ford refused to amplify his statements.

Ford Plants Closed UNITED PRESS Staff Correspondent DETROIT, Jan. 27.—Motor Company plants throughout the United States today were closed for an indefinite period while Ford officials and employees alike chafed at the delay and losses amounting to well over \$1,000,000 daily.

The shutdown order was put through late Thursday, Ford officials explained, when the company no longer was able to secure bodies from two companies that supply the bulk of the Ford auto bodies.

A strike at the Briggs Manufacturing Company and subsequent laying off of 2,000 employees of the Ford division of the Murray Body Corporation of America, stopped the necessary flow of bodies for new Ford models.

The breakdown came just as Ford was getting into full production on his new 1933 models. Inability to get bodies from Briggs, which was being ended by Monday and production placed back on full time.

The new wage policy, it was explained, fixes a minimum payment whether the worker performs enough work on a piece rate basis to be entitled to the amount of pay.

"With the establishment of a higher base wage, we feel that the present controversy will soon be settled, and will be forgotten," said Henry E. Hund, vice-president.

The new productive rates are from 10 to 20 per cent higher than the previous scale, he said.

4,000 Men on Strike Once, during the war, Ford was forced to curtail operations to conform to wartime fuel regulations, and often during the period necessary fuel was difficult to obtain.

Approximately 4,000 men are striking at the Briggs plant, where their demands for higher wages were met with refusal by officials, who maintained that it was impossible for them to pay higher wages and compete in the present low price market.

Company officials insisted that 90 per cent of the strikers are ready to return.

Strike leaders maintained that they still had the backing of the majority of the former workers, and would hold out indefinitely.

New Models Were Due Soon Little hope was seen for resumption of work in the Ford plants until the Briggs and Murray companies can resume their operations.

The Briggs plant last week worked part time with a few employees, but eventually closed down until full time operations can be resumed.

Effect on the motor industry at large was difficult to ascertain. In the past buying often has held off in anticipation of new Ford models.

The new cars were to have made their appearance before the public within a few days.

'JIG-SAW PRO' MAKES BOW TO CITY CROWDS Downtown Store Elocates One of Sales Girls to Position.

The very latest—the jig-saw pro. You have heard of the golf pro, the tennis pro, the baseball pro, and many number of others.

But Indianapolis' first jig-saw pro appeared Thursday when a downtown store elevated one of its sales girls to the position of jig-saw pro.

Whose Tatoo?

Well-Pictured Man Is Trying to Find Out Own Identity.

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—A man about 35 years of age walked into South State State police station, and asked if some one wouldn't please tell him who he was.

Searching him, officers found 13 cents, an address book, and a woman's bracelet.

They found also that he was tattooed with a snake, the Statue of Liberty, an eagle, a butterfly, and the American flag.

"I recall that I used to think I'd be recognized anywhere because of the tattoo marks," the man said sadly, "but now I can't even remember who I am myself."

Officers hoped to identify the man, apparently a victim of amnesia, through the names in the address book.

CAVE-IN SNUFFS OUT LIVES OF 3

City Workers Are Crushed to Death by Tons of Frozen Gravel.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 27.—Three men were crushed to death today when three tons of earth caved in upon them at South St. Paul while they were cleaning a ravine.

Thirty-five fellow workers stood by helplessly when the frozen gravel buried the victims. All the men were unemployed who had been given jobs by the city.

The dead were John Yost, 20, single, and John S. Kirchner, 39, married, and an unidentified man. The three were trapped while hauling gravel. The work was being under way to make the ravine a thoroughfare.

TWO BURGLARS KIDNAP PAIR, THEN ESCAPE

Make Getaway Amid Hail of Bullets from State Warehouse.

WASHINGTON, Ind., Jan. 27.—Two burglars who entered the Vollmer wholesale house Thursday night apparently to steal cigars, escaped in a volley of shots after kidnapping Carl Vollmer and a policeman.

Vollmer suffered a wound in his right arm in the exchange of shots. Vollmer and his brother, Henry, owners of the building, accompanied policeman Henry Burkhardt and Dan Jones to investigate lights in the warehouse.

Carl Vollmer and Burkhardt were captured as they entered the building and forced to accompany the intruders out a rear door.

After escorting them several yards away the bandits ran to safety while the policeman and Vollmer fired at them. Vollmer was wounded when one of the men returned the fire.

DR. W. N. KELLOGG TO TEACH CLASS HERE

Psychology of Children and Animals Course to Be Conducted.

Dr. W. N. Kellogg of the Indiana university psychology faculty will teach a class in psychology of children and animals in the I. U. extension division during the second semester, which begins Feb. 6, it was announced today.

Dr. Kellogg attracted nation-wide attention last year with his experiment in bringing up a monkey with his own baby for several months while working in the Yale experimental laboratory in Florida.

Four other courses in psychology and sociology also were announced today.

Dr. Chauncey M. Louttit will teach clinical psychology Saturday mornings at Riley hospital. Dr. J. R. Kantor will teach social psychology and the psychology of personality development Thursday nights.

Frank H. Streightoff will hold classes in the sociology of the city Monday nights, and Professor W. S. Bittner will teach principles of sociology Wednesday nights.

Opportunity Batters at Your Door

Hear that noise? That's Opportunity knocking at your door.

Today's Times is packed with thirty-six pages of information on Opportunity Day, which will be Saturday, when leading merchants will offer merchandise at unprecedented prices.

On page after page in today's Times appear the most attractive offers made for months in Indianapolis.

The opportunity is presented Saturday for you to buy the things you want and need at special prices, arranged through co-operation of the merchants whose messages appear in the pages of this paper.

For weeks preparations have been going forward to get ready

'I'M NO GANG HOODLUM,' SAYS ENEMY NO. 1

'Just a Good Business Man,' Declares Successor to Capone's Throne.

'JEALOUSY TO BLAME' 'I'm Victim of Persecution by Business Rivals,' Claims Humphries.

The Times presents herewith the first and only interview to date with Murray Humphries, Chicago's new Public Enemy No. 1.

BY ROBERT T. LOUGHRAN (Copyright, 1933, by United Press)

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—The man who stepped into Al Capone's shoes as gang chief of Chicago broke his silence today with the claim that he is a master business man persecuted by trade and civic organizations.

"I'm no gang chief, no hoodlum," he protested. "I'm a business man and a good one."

"Why, I'm the man who brought 9-cent milk to Chicago. I save the housewives \$50,000 a week. Then there was a court fight, and I didn't have the money to keep up the battle."

Murray Humphries, 32, punctuated his points with blows of his fist on a table in an ante room of the municipal court, during a half hour in his trial on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon.

Humphries explained the basis for his claim for giving Chicago housewives 9-cent milk. He said he was instrumental in organizing an independent milk concern which bought milk in Wisconsin and retailed it in Chicago at the 9-cent price.

Competition of this concern, he said, forced the organized milk industry to meet his cut price.

He spoke in excellent language. There was no gang patois, no slang. Jealousy Is Blamed

Before beginning, he tucked a purple-bordered silk handkerchief into the breast pocket of his expensive purple suit, a needed touch of handkerchief to shield his face while running the gamut of news photographers.

A rich purple necktie matched the suit and handkerchief. He wore a white shirt, gray spats. His only jewelry was a costly wrist watch.

"Come out to my office—the Drapel Rugs and Carpet Cleaners on Cottage Grove avenue—and I'll prove to you that all this persecution is based on the jealousy of business rivals," he said.

Chief Shoemaker has it in for me because he is influenced by these civic groups. That's why he named me Public Enemy No. 1.

"I knew Al Capone, to speak to you. But I never belonged to his syndicate or any other gang. That's all vicious nonsense."

"Capable Business Man" As he warmed to his theme, Humphries' brown eyes gleamed. He passed a quick hand over his coal black, curly hair, shrugged powerful shoulders that tell of 180-pound pounds of vigorous manhood. His upper lip which protrudes a little in the Chevalier manner, wrinkles as he speaks.

"But what is the use of me telling you the truth? The papers never print it about me. When I tell the facts, people laugh. That's a queer kind of justice."

"But my only crime is being a capable business man. My plan is always open to every one. When the police want to talk to me, they don't have to arrest me. They know my number. I'll be glad to come down any time."

Income Tax "All Paid" "I'm accused of everything to stealing bottles of milk from babies. I never shot any one. I've never mixed in union rackets. I have no record."

"What about your income tax?" he was asked. "All paid," he said. "I have no trouble with Uncle Sam, nor with any one else who plays fair. I'm a business man, that's all."

Humphries' court appearance follows his arrest three weeks ago in a corridor of a La Salle street office building. Standing nearby was Charles Fischetti, cousin of Al Capone. Inside a room were other known gangsters. Police said the office was headquarters for labor racketeers.

CITY SEES FIRST SNOW OF '33; MERCURY DROPS Melts Rapidly And No Trace Is Left on Downtown Streets.

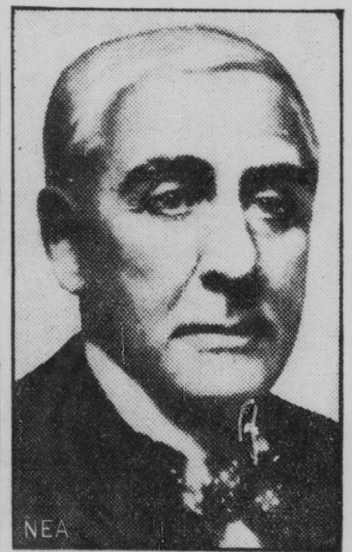
Indianapolis today had its first snowfall of 1933.

As the temperature dropped ten degrees during the forenoon, the rain which had continued since early today, changed to a wet snow. The snow melted as rapidly as it fell, leaving no trace on downtown streets.

The weather bureau predicted temperature near 30 tonight, with colder by fair weather Saturday. The last snow was Dec. 31.

GREAT POWER IS VESTED IN M'NUTT UNDER PLAN DISCUSSED BY ASSEMBLY

Arrest of M. J. Insull Is Ordered



Martin J. Insull

Warrant Issued by Toronto Officials: Three Charges Are Listed.

TORONTO, Ontario, Jan. 27.—Martin J. Insull, younger brother of Samuel Insull, former Chicago utilities magnate, was ordered arrested on a warrant charging grand larceny, embezzlement and theft by bail.

The third charge is now in the Ontario court records in the Insull case. The first two charges were named in a warrant served on Insull last October when attempts began to extradite him to Chicago for trial.

INDICT HOOSIER ON TAX CHARGE

Evasion Is Hard to Wealthy New Albany Man.

Federal indictment of F. Henry Prinz, prominent New Albany business man, on charges of income tax evasion was revealed here today.

Prinz, who surrendered and was released on \$10,000 bond, is charged with filing a false income tax return for the year 1929 and evading \$24,879 in tax.

The government charges his income for 1929 was \$303,000, and he represented it as only \$164,591, paying only \$19,000 tax. Prinz formerly operated the Model Baking Company, New Albany, profit on its sale being a large part of the income charged by the government.

He will be arraigned in court here Feb. 3.

MOTHER, HURRYING TO WORK, IS KILLED

Three Orphaned as Woman Dies Under Train.

GARY, Ind., Jan. 27.—Mrs. Rose Michalski, 43, mother of three children, was hurrying to her work as a house maid today where she was killed by a train in Hammond.

She stepped from the path of one train into that of another on the B. & O. tracks.

She had been supporting the family since her husband lost his job.

RICH MUNCIE DOCTOR DIES BY OWN HAND

Body Found in Office by Son: 'My Work Is Done,' Says Note.

MUNCIE, Ind., Jan. 27.—Dr. Alva C. Surber, 62, wealthy Muncie physician, was found dead on a couch in his office today by his son, Fredrick.

On a table beside the bed was a bottle of lethal liquid and a note, which said:

"I am unbearably worried. My work is done. I have made a good fight. May God guide and direct my loved ones."

In addition to Frederick, a senior at the Indiana university law school, survivors include two other sons, Dr. A. C. Surber Jr., Washington, and John, Indiana university medical student.

House and Senate Democrats Called Into Caucus, Given Program Calling for Revolutionary Shakeup.

PRESENT SETUP IS TORN APART

Authority Centered in Governor, With Officials' Tenure of Office Subject to His Judgment.

After a two and a half hour caucus, thirty-three Indiana senators had approved the new state department ripper measure sponsored by the administration.

Announcement was made by Senator Anderson Ket-chum (Dem., Greensburg), after the senate caucus.

Sixty-four members of the house had signed the measure early this afternoon. Only fifty-one votes were necessary for passage.

Democratic members of the Indiana house and senate today were embattled in secret caucuses over provisions of the administration's new ripper bill which places unusually great power in the hands of Governor Paul V. McNutt.

Indication that legislators who are not strictly administration men were finding the proposed measure an indigestible morsel was seen in the length of the caucuses.

The senate went into secret session in Lieutenant Governor M. Clifford Townsend's office at 10:30 and the house Democrats recessed to the Indianapolis Athletic Club. Both caucuses still were in progress early this afternoon.

The caucus plans, on which determined effort was made to the utmost secrecy, called for administrative advisors to present memoranda of the ripper bill.

Makes Drastic Shakeup The memoranda, as originally drawn, provided for the repeal of the present executive and administrative setup and creation of eight new departments.

Eight Departments Provided These departments are: Executive, department of state, department of treasury, department of audit and control, department of law, department of education, department of public works, and department of commerce and industries.

A revised memorandum of the bill is reported to call for creation of two additional boards. The bill provided further that the only elective administrative officers be those provided for in the constitution—Governor, lieutenant-governor, secretary, auditor, treasurer, and superintendent of public instruction.

Other reported provisions are: That the attorney-general and office of attorney-general be appointed.

Blow at Mayr The measure, if the assembly accedes to the administration "suggestions," will strike a crushing blow at Secretary of State Frank Mayr Jr., whose political ambitions have earned him no warm words from Governor McNutt and R. Earl Peters, Democratic state chairman.

Mayr will be stripped of his patronage by the provision that the Governor be eligible for reappointment and empowered to appoint and commission any and all necessary officers, employees, and servants of the several administrative departments, and the same shall continue in service at the pleasure of the Governor, and eligible for reappointment, but not in any case shall the tenure of appointment exceed four years.

The department of state would be in charge of a board of the secretary, as chief administrative officer, Governor, and lieutenant-governor.

Department's Lined Up Proposed lineup for other department boards is: Treasury Department—Treasurer, Auditor, and Controller; Auditor, Governor, and one other person.

Law—Attorney general, Governor, and auditor.

Education—Superintendent of public instruction, Governor and one other person.

Public Works—Three persons or more, the Governor and attorney-general with the administrative officer a member of the board, designated by the Governor.

Commerce and Industries—Three or more persons and the Governor, the administrative officer member to be designated by the Governor.

Tenure Is Affected One of the most important features of the bill, as drawn tentatively, affects the tenure of persons now employed in the present administrative departments. Every person, with exception of the constitutional officers and the attorney-general, for the remainder of his elected term, would be ousted at the governor's pleasure by June 30, 1933, but could be reappointed, as provided in the bill.

Rumblings against the centralization of all administrative powers in the Governor's office already have been heard from several Democrats and sharp resent at autocracy aspects of the bill was expected to flare at the caucus.

A close observer predicted many amendments would be suggested to replace provisions of the tentative memoranda.

\$1,002,890,779 BILL UP Appropriation Measure Reported to House: Hike Veteran Expenses.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—A \$1,002,890,779 appropriation bill for independent offices providing \$966,838,634 for veterans, but effecting drastic cuts in other activities, was reported today to the house.

The appropriations committee submitted the bill to meet the needs of a dozen bureaus and commissions for the fiscal year 1934. It includes an \$18,039,634 increase for veterans' bureau expenditures as recommended in the budget.

Read today's Times from front to back, so you'll be sure not to overlook anything.

Then plan Saturday's shopping tour, store by store, so you'll be able to get the most out of Opportunity Day.

And, remember, Opportunity knocks only once. Hear it?