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HITLER GRANTED FULL POWER TO RULE BY DECREE

Given Edict by President Von Hindenburg to Dissolve Parliament at Will; New Election May Be Set for March 5.

COMMUNISTS, NAZIS IN CLASHES
Fascist Chancellor Believed Likely to Order Communist Party Suppressed; Bid for Complete Dictatorship Refused.

BY FREDERICK KUH
United Press Staff Correspondent

BERLIN, Feb. 1.—The government of Adolf Hitler was authorized by President Paul von Hindenburg today to dissolve the reichstag whenever it may deem such a move necessary, and consequently to rule Germany without parliament.

The president signed a dissolution decree which Hitler may use at his discretion.

It was expected that the decree would be sent to Herman Goering, speaker of the reichstag, without giving the reichstag an opportunity to reassemble. The cabinet met today.

Meanwhile, increasing clashes between Communists and Nazis made it likely that the government would take measures immediately against political extremists, including possible suppression of the Communist party.

Hitler and his vice-chancellor, Franz von Papen, were understood to have discussed dissolution with the president at noon.

Negotiations With Catholics
Hitler negotiated with the Catholics for a semester recess of the reichstag to allow the government six months' activity without interference from parliament.

March 5 was mentioned as the date of new reichstag elections, in case of dissolution.

A serious street battle between Nazis and Communists occurred at Werginrode today.

Police called for reinforcements after one of their number had been taken to the hospital dying. Fourteen, mostly Nazis, were injured seriously. Communist lumber workers, armed with axes and spades, were prominent in the battle.

Further trouble was feared.

Dictatorship Bid Denied
The imminence of dissolution of the Reichstag, and the Prussian diet as well, was interpreted as a bid by Hitler and Alfred Hugenberg, Nationalist leader, for complete power.

Their aim in a general election would be to get over 50 per cent of the seats in the reichstag for the Nazis and Nationalists, thus making Catholic support of the government superfluous.

The Tagesspiegel said the cabinet discussed asking the president to proclaim a national emergency under which the government would be given tremendous dictatorial powers, but the majority of the ministers vetoed the suggestion.

Police of Homburg, in the Rhineland, announced three Nazis and one policeman had been shot and killed and four police wounded in an affray there. Nazis fired on police from headquarters of the Fascist "storm troops."

SHORT-LIFE PREDICTED FOR FRENCH CABINET

Daladier Will Be Overthrown Soon by Socialists, Is Forecast.

PARIS, Feb. 1.—The cabinet of Edouard Daladier, officially installed today, was given a maximum life ranging from a few days to a few weeks by politicians and the Paris press.

Daladier was given less chance to survive than Joseph Paul-Boncour, his predecessor as Premier, now foreign minister. Politicians of all parties agreed that Daladier could not get his budget through the chamber of deputies, since the Socialists, current overthrowers of governments, refused to participate in his cabinet.

Hourly Temperatures

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'If I Were 20, I Wouldn't Try to Live Life Over Again,' Decides Darrow



Clarence Darrow

BY RAY BLACK
United Press Staff Correspondent

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—If Clarence Darrow was 20 again, and had his busy life to live over, he wouldn't attempt it with the world's odds against the individual as they are.

The grand old man of the American bar, militant philosopher, atheist, trumpeter of the lost cause forever because he is made that way, shed 55 of his wisdom-crowded years today in an interview, and scowled at the world through the eyes of a 20-year-old.

"It's a pretty sick world, from wherever you look at it," Darrow said.

"If I were a young man, with

life ahead of me, I think I'd chuck it all, the way things are now. The odds are too great.

The golden age of Greece was the golden age of civilization. Never since that time have men risen above their surroundings, their greed, their pettinesses, in such glorious fashion."

"Man is no different, by and large, than he used to be when he cracked down on a saber-toothed tiger with a tomahawk," Darrow said.

"Instead of tiger teeth, now he wants money."

"I certainly have no encouragement for the young bloods that are just starting out looking for jobs."

Depression Is Over, and Recovery On, Says Ford

Five Years More of Boom Period Would Have Wrecked Nation; Asserts Auto Magnate.

BY LESLIE D. HARROP
United Press Staff Correspondent

DEARBORN, Mich., Feb. 1.—The depression is over—we are in a period of recovery, Henry Ford told the United Press in an exclusive interview today. The period from 1923 to 1929 was the real depression, Ford stated.

"It was then that quality and designed in manufactured things came to a standstill, prices went up and values dropped," he said.

Five years more of the so-called "boom period" would have ruined this country, he asserted.

Technocracy, he dismissed as a whim of the times; a "moving picture label for an old story; dictatorship by college professors. Machinery never will go until man is ready to resume old methods and give up the ease and leisure it has produced for him."

"Everybody I talk to these days wants to discuss technocracy," said Ford, "or prophesy the return of the bad old times. It simply shows how little thinking is being done these days."

"If people would stop to think they would see that nothing could be worse than a return of what we had previous to 1929. We are just recovering from that period."

JAPAN SET TO QUIT LEAGUE

Action Appears Inevitable as Geneva Prepares to Condemn Nippon.

BY UNITED PRESS

TOKIO, Feb. 1.—Japan's withdrawal from the League of Nations appeared inevitable today, after a conference between Foreign Minister Yasuya Uchida and Prince Kimmochi Saionji, adviser to the emperor and last of Japan's elder statesmen.

Tokio newspapers said that the prince agreed with the foreign minister that Japan must withdraw if the league approves a scheduled report condemning Japanese activities in Manchuria.

A government spokesman gave his personal opinion that withdrawal was inevitable. Minister of War Araki, one of the most powerful men in Japanese politics, said Japan's withdrawal would constitute a victory for justice.

"There is nothing the matter with Japan," Araki said. "It is the others who are wrong."

Araki said Japan could promote peace outside the league, just as the United States and Russia have done, and that Japan might return to the league when the "true spirit" of the organization is revived.

The cabinet held an extraordinary session today to approve the foreign minister's program after his visit with the elder statesman at the prince's secluded villa at Okitsu. The foreign minister then visited the emperor.

New instructions were sent to Yuzo Matsuoka, Japanese chief delegate at Geneva.

CHANGCHUN, Manchuria, Feb. 1.—Early outbreak of fighting between Japanese and Chinese troops massed in Jehol province is "inevitable," Japanese military headquarters predicted today.

SEUL, Korea, Feb. 1.—Five Japanese troops trains, all loaded to capacity, passed through Seoul today en route to Manchuria to augment Japanese forces already stationed there.

The reinforcements arrived Tuesday at Fusan aboard five steamers and entrained a short time later.

FALLS DOWN 50-FOOT SHAFT; NEAR DEATH

Ice Company Engineer Slips, Skull Is Fractured.

Falling down a fifty-foot shaft to a cement floor today, David Morgan, 25, 602 Beecher street, suffered a fractured skull and is near death at Methodist hospital.

Morgan, an assistant engineer at the Polar Ice and Fuel Company plant at 1902 South East street, had climbed to the top of a shaft to make measurements of cooling pipes.

Vester Potter, 24, of 2164 Webb street, another employee, was working on a ladder about twenty feet from the shaft bottom. He told police first warning he had of Morgan's accident was when he heard the crack of a board.

Morgan's body hurtled through the air past Potter and struck the floor at the base of the ladder. A short length of plank was found beside the body, and police expressed the belief that Morgan had crawled out on the plank while working, and the board had broken beneath his weight.

Gusher Spouts Salt

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 1.—At Bucklaw, in Victoria county, Cape Breton island, Nova Scotia, there is a salt gusher that spurts salt to the height of ten feet or more, according to the tourist department of the Canadian National railways.

PERU ACTS TO AVERT BATTLE

Offers to Turn Disputed Town Over to Brazil in Row With Colombia.

BY UNITED PRESS

LIMA, Peru, Feb. 1.—Peru offered today to turn over the Amazonian port of Leticia to Brazil until Peru and Colombia settle their dispute over the town, which threatens to cause war between the two nations.

The Peruvian offer was made in notes to Brazil, the United States and the League of Nations.

The Peruvian government asked that Colombia make the same offer to turn over the port of Brazil.

With Brazil in charge at Leticia, which is near the Brazilian frontier, Peru and Colombia would start negotiations for the peaceful settlement of the dispute.

The Peruvian suggestion was made as a Colombian fleet moved Leticia to restore Colombian jurisdiction, in spite of Peruvian forces concentrated in the area.

Replying to a League of Nations note warning against invasion of Colombian territory, Peru pointed out that Colombia was sending a fleet and soldiers to Leticia, while "Peruvian forces are not marching to look for some one to fight against."

Leticia was ceded to Colombia some years ago, and is recognized as Colombian under a treaty registered with the League of Nations.

LINDSAY SAILS HOME

British Ambassador Leaves for London to Discuss Debts.

BY UNITED PRESS

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—Sir Ronald Lindsay, British ambassador to the United States, sailed for home early today to confer with his government on the makeup of the British delegation to the forthcoming Washington debt conference and the subjects it will be willing to discuss.

La Follette to Demand Jobless Relief, Repeal and Beer by March 4.

BY UNITED PRESS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Senator Robert M. La Follette Jr. (Rep. Wis.) today said he would ask the senate to limit debate and impose long daily sessions in order to deal with unemployment relief, prohibition repeal and beer legalization before March 4.

A third suspect in the alleged plot,

Former Auto License Employee Convicted of Plot to Rob Statehouse Office

John F. Johnson, 42, Negro, 2120 Boulevard place, former employee of the state auto license department, was convicted today in criminal court of a charge of conspiracy to rob the secretary of state's office.

He was sentenced to two to four years in the Indiana state prison.

Ernest Martin, 25, Negro, of 2006 Highland place, alleged co-conspirator, was found guilty of a suspended charge, but was given a suspended two-to-fourteen-year term because he testified as a state's witness.

A third suspect in the alleged plot,

SEARCHING PROBE INTO CLOSED BANKS' AFFAIRS PRESSED BY JUDGE COX

RIDICULE LASH HITS M'NUTT IN ROLE OF CZAR

Senator Perkins, Attacking New State Setup, Arouses Ire With Burlesque.

Charge that the state administration reorganization bill is based on "Caesarism," rather than on democracy, was hurled in the senate today with the warning: "Beware the Ides of March."

Senator Chester A. Perkins (Dem., South Bend) made the charge and announced that he was willing to assume the role of prophet and predict that the administration of Governor Paul V. McNutt will come to grief by passage of the measure.

The bill gives the Governor complete control over appointments in the administrative as well as executive offices. It was amended slightly on second reading in both senate and house today, mostly to correct misplaced commas.

Perkins Offers Amendments
Only vital change made would require that the six persons named to the board of education, outside those in full governmental capacity, would be selected from the educational field.

This further was changed in the senate to place the restriction on but four of the six places. The bill now is ready for passage.

When the administration amendments had been adopted, Perkins presented eleven of his own.

He was designed to hold the bill up to ridicule and stirred Senator John Bright Webb (Dem., Indianapolis) to profanity. He was rebuffed for this and Perkins pointed out that "whom the gods would destroy they first make mad."

Ridicules New Setup
The Perkins proposals included amendments for the Governor to take complete charge of the legislative and judicial branches of the government, as well as administrative and executive departments, and make his office hereditary.

Perkins pointed out that only "yes-men" be appointed to all boards and commissions and that they not be emasculated under the feeble-minded law during their term of office. Perkins ridiculed also called for an ornamental, adjustable crown for the Governor.

All these promptly were rejected, and when Perkins talked, after introducing them, many Democratic senators left the chamber.

Perkins pointed out that danger to democracy lies in the bill from the fact that it immediately was backed by special interest groups.

He named the Indiana Manufacturers' Association, State Chamber of Commerce, State Federation of Labor and the Indiana Farm Bureau Federation.

Vote Down Salary Curb
Amendments offered by Senator Floyd Garrett (Rep., Battle Ground) limiting salaries of officials appointed by the Governor and fixing \$5,000 as a maximum, promptly were voted down by the majority senators.

Climaxing the forenoon's session, the seven Republican members of the senate fixed a written protest, and demanding the constitutional privilege of having the protest entered in the senate journal.

This protest asserted the "people of Indiana, if they knew what was being attempted, never would permit such a dangerous concentration of power as is proposed in the administration measure."

In demanding the right to file the protest, Senator L. L. Smith (Rep., Sharpsville), speaking for his Republican colleague, said "the time is not yet ripe for a dictator in Indiana."

Ruin Is Predicted
Warning that "passage of this bill in its present form will mean the ruin of your party," Representative H. H. Evans (Rep., Newcastle), minority floor leader, led an abortive effort to preserve prerogatives of the auditor, treasurer, secretary and superintendent of public instruction.

"I'm in favor of giving the Governor all the power we can," said (Turn to Page Two)



Judge Earl R. Cox

RALLY AGAINST SALES TAX BILL

Steps in Fight Will Be Planned at C. of C. Survey Session.

State-wide protest meeting to study probable effects of the proposed state sales tax was to be held at 2:30 today at the Columbia Club under direction of the Indiana State Chamber of Commerce.

Representatives of more than fifty local chambers were expected to attend, together with representatives of many of the state's leading industries.

The proposed measure is the most drastic before the legislature in many years, according to John E. Fredrick, Kokomo, state chamber president.

"It presents problems which have a bearing on welfare of every person in the state," he said.

Various organizations, including the new state retail merchants organization, have adopted resolutions protesting the bill as a "menace to business."

Among cities to be represented at the meeting by chamber delegations are Hammond, East Chicago, Gary, Elkhart, South Bend, Ft. Wayne, Marion, Muncie, Kokomo, Lafayette, Logansport, Terre Haute, Crawfordsville, Newcastle, Anderson, Richmond, Connersville, Seymour, Vincennes and Evansville.

INSURANCE TROPHY IS AWARDED CITY MAN

Chandler Prize Goes to C. O. Bray; Named Association Chief.

The Chandler trophy, annual award to the Indiana insurance man who has contributed the most outstanding service, has been awarded C. O. Bray of Indianapolis.

Announcement of the award was made at the mid-year sales congress of the Indiana Association of Insurance Agents Tuesday at the Claypool. Bray is the recently elected president of the Insurance Federation of Indiana.

Other officers elected are R. C. Griswold, general chairman of the 1934 Indiana Insurance day program; H. A. Luckey, Homer L. Rogers, Stuart Bishop and John C. Johnson, all of Indianapolis, and Alexis Couillard of South Bend, vice-presidents; A. L. Riggsbee, Indianapolis, treasurer, and Joseph G. Wood, Indianapolis, secretary and counsel.

AIRPLANE PRINCIPLE DISCOVERER IS DEAD

Gustav Lilienthal, 84, Is Stricken With Heart Attack.

BERLIN, Feb. 1.—Gustav Lilienthal, 84, who with his brother Otto, is credited with discovering the arched wing surface principle of aerodynamics, died of a heart attack today.

He was stricken while overhauling his airplane at the Adlershof aerodrome.

Otto was killed on Aug. 9, 1896, when his glider, which had made 2,000 flights in safety, was upset by a sudden gust of wind near Rhinow.

State Savings Accepted \$600 Deposit After Crash, Suit Charges.

HELD SHAKY FOR YEARS

Indiana National President Tells of Turndown at Midnight Session.

Investigation of local bank closings and receiverships was pressed today by Circuit Judge Earl R. Cox as, with pointed questioning of witnesses, he sought to determine condition of the State Savings and Trust Company prior to its closing, April 2, 1930.

Within the last three days Cox has heard testimony regarding affairs of the Washington Bank and Trust Company and the State company, both of which are closed and are alleged to be unable to pay depositors' claims in full.

Today's hearing was based on the trial of a suit brought by Arthur Lynn and Charles Hasse to recover a \$600 deposit which they allege was made at the bank after 4 on the day the institution's doors were closed.

Long Source of Worry
Cox' questioning revealed that condition of State Savings was an object of concern in banking circles at least three years before the closing date.

Fred C. Dickson, president of the Indiana National bank, told Cox that he "had not liked published statements of the bank" for several years prior to the closing.

The statements revealed an "unbalanced" condition for "three or four years," Dickson said.

Dickson also told of being called from his bed to attend a meeting at 11:30 on the night before the bank closed. Officers and directors of the bank were present, as were representatives of the local clearing house and leading banks.

Banks Refused Aid
Discussion of the bank's affairs took place at the meeting, at which, according to Dickson, it was said the bank would have to close unless its deposits were guaranteed by other institutions.

Dickson said he was refused the aid by the representatives, who shared his opinion that its condition was unsafe.

First witness in the suit was Lynn, who related a purported conversation with Joseph Brady, a teller in the bank late on the afternoon of the final day the bank functioned.

Lynn said he explained to Brady that he wished to withdraw the \$600 the next morning. When he returned the next morning, the closing notice was posted on the door and the police were restraining a crowd, he said.

He also testified that he had a savings account with the bank in which was \$6,100, representing the accumulation of twenty-two years.

Cox asked Lynn at what time he made the \$600 deposit.

"I opened my account at six minutes after 4," Lynn replied. "The bank was closed for the day and I had to leave by a side door."

Lynn charged from the witness stand that Scott E. Brewer, former president of the bank, had ordered him from the office several months after the closing, when Lynn sought information regarding possibility of recovering his money.

Seven days after the bank closed, Lynn met Brewer on the street, and was assured that he would get his money, Lynn said.

Tells of Talk With Brewer
Other conversations with Brewer in person and by phone were related by Lynn, who said that on each occasion he was assured that his money would be recovered.

"You get out of my office and stay out," Brewer ordered on one occasion, Lynn said. About two years later Lynn testified, he encountered Brewer on the street and Brewer said he had nothing more to do with the bank and was "not responsible."

Other witnesses were Brady, who substantiated Lynn's story of the deposit, and Eben H. Wolcott, appointed receiver of the bank, May 15, 1930.

Receiver on Stand
Wolcott testified that at the time of taking over the receivership he was given custody of approximately \$50,000 in liquid assets, in addition to notes and other paper included among the bank's assets.

Paul Roadarmar, attorney for Hasse and Lynn, told the court that efforts to locate Brewer as a witness had failed.

"We were told he's out of the city," Roadarmar said.

Cox has taken under advisement a case involving the defunct Washington company. Brandt C. Downey, receiver of the Washington bank, admitted from the witness stand Tuesday that he diverted the bank's insurance business to his own and other companies.

Cox announced he would rule Friday in the suit for \$10,000 damages against Downey, filed by the J. S. Cruise Realty Company. Downey admitted he had renewed (Turn to Page Two)

War Blame Laid to England by Kaiser on Eve of Conflict

Former Kaiser Wilhelm's intimate reactions to events just before the outbreak of the World war in 1914 are revealed in the following dispatch, based on records made available to the United Press at Doorn, Holland, where the former Kaiser lives in exile.

BY H. C. BURMAN
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DOORN, Holland, Feb. 1.—Charges by former Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany, made on the eve of the outbreak of the World war, that responsibility for the conflict rested with England, and that the czar of Russia started military activity three days before he asked Wilhelm to act as mediator, are contained in private documents of the ex-kaiser's personal archives, never be-

fore made public, which the United Press now is privileged to publish. Three historically important documents are to be included in a book called "Germany Acquitted—the Drama of Thirteen Days in History," by Dr. Kurt Jagow, Wilhelm's master of the rolls.

On July 30, 1914, Wilhelm wrote the Grand Duchess Luise von Baden, his aunt, expressing alarm at European events, and declaring that England held the answer to peace or war.

"By remaining silent, or neutral, she encourages France to break loose with Russia against us; through a clear, honorable, manly deed, she will save Europe from a world conflagration," the ex-kaiser wrote. "Will she have the moral strength to utter this word?"

The ex-kaiser personally is interested in publication of the documents, and has devoted much time to aiding Jagow in preparing them for publication.

In the letter, Wilhelm revealed "complete surprise" at learning that the czar had ordered mobilization. He wrote: "The situation is very serious. Following the czar's appeal to my friendship, and at his request to assist him as mediator to save the European peace, I have at once agreed, accepting the role, and started work."

"At the same time, his government informed us that mobilization against Austria had started."

"This, without my knowledge, behind my back, and without even waiting for the result of my work as mediator, I have pointed out to his majesty (the czar) that military measures, which will be understood by Austria as a threat, naturally weaken my action as mediator and imperil my work. The czar, however, expressed hope that, notwithstanding his measures, I would succeed."

"I hardly can see any hope for a peaceful solution. Anyway, the less honorable action by Russia has made this impossible for me. The maintenance of the peace no longer rests with Berlin, but only and solely with London."

"If England, as it says, really seriously and honorably wishes to prevent war, and will see that peace is maintained, she must state now quite clearly in Paris that France, in such an unjust war, can not rely on England's help and must remain quiet. The same thing said in St. Petersburg, and both states will not cry for war, even notwithstanding the mobilization."

"The full responsibility for a possible European conflagration rests only and solely with England. By remaining silent or neutral she encourages France to break loose with Russia against us."

The documents show how Wilhelm received the first telegrams telling of the murder of the grand duke and grand duchess of Austria at Sarajevo, while Wilhelm was attending the regatta at Kiel, June 28, 1914.