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Mostly cloudy tonight and Saturday; probably snow flurries; slightly warmer tonight with lowest temperature about 15 degrees.

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HOOVER BACKS 'DICTATOR' CRY AT ROOSEVELT

Flatly Opposed to Plans of
Democrats, House G. O. P.
Leaders Report.

MORE POWER PROPOSED

Garner Seeks to Give New
President Even Heavier
Economy Club.

By WILLIAM F. KERBY
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WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—President Herbert Hoover was represented today by Republican congressional leaders as unalterably opposed to Democratic plans to invest President-Elect Franklin D. Roosevelt with powers which house Republicans denounce as "dictatorial."

Mr. Hoover conferred at length with House Republican Floor Leader Elmer H. Snell and Representative Will R. Wood (Rep., Ind.), ranking party members on the appropriations committee, on the drastic proposals to give Mr. Roosevelt a free hand to reduce government expenditures.

A wide-open split in the Democratic ranks over the "dictatorship proposal" so-called by the Republicans, appeared in the house when leaders sought to send the treasury-postoffice bill to conference.

Chairman John J. Cochran of the house expenditures committee and Chairman John E. Rankin of the house veterans committee both demanded the program of their party leaders in bitter terms.

Propose Greater Powers

The President on Wednesday expressed his support of the plan approved by the senate to invest the incoming administration with complete authority to reorganize the federal departments.

However, house Democrats, led by Speaker Garner, now propose even more drastic powers. They would give Mr. Roosevelt authority to reduce expenditures on a wide front without requiring congressional sanction.

This latter proposal was the one to which Mr. Hoover was represented as being definitely opposed.

"I stated my opposition to this plan," Representative Wood said after the White House conference, "and so did Snell. I think he (the President) is in agreement. He at no time approved abrogation of congressional powers."

Sweeping Power Provided

The senate plan gives the executive power to abolish bureaus as well as to consolidate and rearrange them.

It also provides that he may abolish functions of bureaus which virtually amounts to permitting him to set aside laws.

A group of house Democrats wants to go even farther in this respect, and make it possible for the President to set aside some of the provisions of law under which the annual bill for veterans amounts up to a billion dollars.

Hoover before this is done, a study will be made to determine just how far the law can go within the Constitution.

Can End Enforcement

The President probably could put an end to prohibition enforcement under the senate's reorganization plan as it stands, without further amendment.

It is the drastic clause permitting abolition of bureaus and functions which Democrats are counting on to make possible economies in connection with reorganization.

President Herbert Hoover's reorganization plan, which largely rearranged and consolidated bureaus was not accompanied by any estimate of possible economies. Unless a considerable number of bureaus and functions are abolished, the Democratic administration has little chance of redeeming its campaign promise of a 25 per cent reduction.

Congress relinquished its veto power over reorganization almost completely in the senate plan.

Granted for Two Years

One house was able to prevent President Hoover's proposal from becoming effective, but the only way President-Elect Roosevelt's plan can be set aside is by repeal of the entire economy act containing the reorganization provisions.

Since the President undoubtedly would veto such repeal, two-thirds of both houses would be required to undo whatever he does.

These extraordinary powers are granted for a period of two years.

Mr. Roosevelt's plan is being framed now by Senator James F. Byrnes (Dem., S. C.), Representative Lewis Douglas (Dem., Ariz.) and Senator Shirley, former representative and chairman of the house appropriations committee. It probably will be sent to congress on the first day of the special session, and will become effective sixty days thereafter.

Limitation Is Opposed

The only thing the new President can do not under the senate plan is to abolish any of the major departments.

House Democrats in favor of consolidating the war and navy departments will try to have this limitation removed.

However, even if they are not successful, the new President will be able to shift burdens from one department to another, leaving only a skeleton organization, some of them. He could, for instance, unite the army and navy air services.

Fire Damages Grocery

Fire believed to have been caused by an overheated furnace caused damage estimated at several hundred dollars in a Standard grocery in Beech Grove Thursday night.

Zero Wave Is Relaxing Hold Here

Temperatures Today Far
Above Low Marks of
Thursday.

Hourly Temperatures

12 midnight	4	7 a. m.	10
1 a. m.	5	8 a. m.	10
2 a. m.	5	9 a. m.	11
3 a. m.	6	10 a. m.	14
4 a. m.	7	11 a. m.	16
5 a. m.	7	12 (noon)	19
6 a. m.	7	1 p. m.	20

With its fury diminishing hourly, winter gave promise of moderating today as temperatures remained above zero.

Almost 21 degrees higher this morning than at the same hour Thursday, the mercury at 1 stood at 20 above zero. Severe grip of the cold wave has broken in the far southwest, although temperatures were far below zero in Nevada, Utah and adjoining states.

Rain was falling in Texas today in an area which this week experienced extreme cold, according to the weather bureau.

Higher temperatures today will be followed by snow flurries tonight, when a low temperature of about 15 is predicted.

Elkhart Was Colder

Temperatures generally over the state were from 12 to 15 degrees higher today than Thursday, giving much-needed relief to some areas paralyzed by extreme cold and deep snow.

Coldest in the state was recorded at Elkhart, where the temperature was 21 below, while in La Porte, Goshen, Rochester, Huntington, Kokomo, Marion and Crawfordsville the mercury ranged downward from 14 below.

Milk Shortage Faced

Blocked road conditions slowly were being alleviated by the state highway commission as snowplows battled drifts on upstate thoroughfares.

Elkhart faced a possible milk shortage today as county highway maintenance crews were finding it impossible to clear highways for

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LINDY TERROR PLOT CHARGED

Three Accused of Threat to
Kidnap Second Baby
of Flier.

By United Press

ROANOKE, Va., Feb. 10.—The stringent federal anti-kidnapping law passed at the height of the search for the kidnapped and murdered Charles A. Lindbergh Jr., was expected to be used today against two small town young men and a bewildered woman accused of a clumsy, amateurish effort to extort \$50,000 from Colonel Lindbergh by threatening the same tragic end for his second baby that overtook the first.

Representative H. H. Evans (Rep., Newcastle), minority floor leader, was demanding vainly the right to be heard on a point of "special privilege." However, Crawford recognized Representative William J. Black (Dem., Anderson), in a demand for the previous question.

Evans still was demanding the right to speak when Crawford hampered him down with lusty clouts of his gavel on the Speaker's rostrum.

Fifty-two votes defeated the special order motion and the bill was advanced to third reading.

BITTER COLD LEAVES 130 DEAD IN WAKE

Hope Dwindles for 11 More
Missing on Yacht.

By United Press

Known deaths totaling 130 with eleven persons on a missing schooner in doubt, was the tragic toll today of the reeling bitter cold that gripped the nation.

Wind-driven surf beat into the homes of fisher folk on a Newfound land sandspit, endangering lives of the 700 inhabitants.

A four-day reign of blizzards, icy gales, and record-breaking cold left death and suffering over virtually the entire country. People froze to death in the streets and in prairies, burned to death in fires, were asphyxiated, struck down by vehicles, or overcome by exhaustion.

Hopes dwindled for the ten men and one woman aboard the schooner Saugatuck, missing off Connecticut.

Legislators to Honor Lincoln

Indiana legislators will observe anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln at 10:30 Monday in the senate chamber when Dr. Louis A. Warren of Ft. Wayne, Lincoln historian and scholar, will be the speaker.

John H. Mills, accused of beating and choking Mrs. Lucinda Mills, 73, to death in a frenzy, after days of fasting and dancing in an isolated mountain cabin, will be arraigned Saturday, with the eight other prisoners.

For hours Thursday and Thursday night he raved in his cell, screaming gibberish which members of the cult he heads referred to as "the tongue." He was handcuffed and bound to the bars of his cell last night.

Seven relatives were held in jail with Mills, and an eighth, Mrs. Trixie Mills, 23, daughter-in-law of

the slain woman, was released on her own recognition because she is an expectant mother.

The eight now present, deputies said, at the rites which ended in the death of the elder Mrs. Mills.

From the backwoods region where the cult headed by Mills, held forth, a succession of stories came today of almost unbelievable orgies of religious ecstasy.

The Mills followers, it was said, believed their leader could turn water into wine and grapevines into snakes. Their religious observances frequently lasted for days.

One version was that members of the cult believed they must sacrifice one baby from each family so the child could be "born anew" and saved from sin.

It was reported by some neighbors that at the ceremonies which led to Mrs. Mills' death, the sacrifice of five virgins had been planned, but had been abandoned because Mills demanded that there be six.

BEER BILL IS ADVANCED, IN HOUSE STORM

"Castor Oil" Methods Laid to
Administration in Pushing
Over Program.

PROTESTS ARE QUELLED

Measure Rushed Through
to Engrossment by
Big Majority.

Charges that administration measures are being "stuffed down the throats of representatives like so many doses of castor oil" accompanied the passage to engrossment of the beer control bill, in a stormy session in the house of representatives.

Representatives Eugene Martin (Dem., Ft. Wayne), and Lenhardt Bauer (Dem., Terre Haute), the stormy petrels of the younger element of the house, started the firework when the bill was handed down unexpectedly by Speaker Earl Crawford.

The bill was not listed for action. Martin, charging the bill was laid on the members' desks only Thursday when the house spent most of the day in action on the administration county salaries bill, moved it be made a special order of business at 10 Tuesday morning.

Objects to "Castor Oil"

Martin's motion came when Representative John F. Ryan (Dem., Terre Haute), chairman of the public morals committee, moved the bill advanced to engrossment.

Bauer immediately seconded Martin and demanded the right to speak.

"I, for one, am tired of administration leaders stuffing bills down our throats like castor oil," shouted Bauer. "The foundation of our Democratic party is the right of the people's representatives to be heard and I think the people are getting tired of having bills jammed through."

Moving the special order motion by tabled, Representative Edward H. Stein (Dem., Bloomfield), majority floor leader, voiced the case for the defense, when he said the only intent of rushing the bill was to avoid a threatened legislative

vacation.

Stein's motion carried when Representative John F. Ryan (Dem., Terre Haute), chairman of the public morals committee, moved the bill advanced to engrossment.

Established for the purpose of determining, in advance, the ability of prospective public speakers, Professor C. W. Walters is utilizing the fundamentals of science and mechanics to determine vocal ability.

He plans to test the voices of more than 200 students in the university in the next few months. The tests will be given any college student whether he plans to engage in speaking or merely wants to know the power of his voice.

The pitch of the voice of the person undergoing the test is determined by the reaction of a manometric flame and variable rotator to exhalations. The recorded vibrations then are interpreted by Walters as part of his experiments. This test is shown in the upper photo.

According to authorities, pictures of Crouch had been identified partly by victims of the Peoples Motor Coach Company robbery, in which Sergeant Lester Jones was slain, and the Capitol Dairies pickup which was staged a few hours earlier.

In the detective office, however, patrolman Michael MacAllen, companion of Sergeant Jones on the death raid, was unable to name Crouch as one of the bandits. Other persons who were involved in the robbery also failed to identify Crouch as one of the gangsters.

The Governor plans to attend the inauguration of President-elect Roosevelt on March 4, and has been invited, with Governors of other states, to confer with Roosevelt March 6.

Rehabilitation of defunct industry and caring for the unemployed has been announced as the text of the conference.

Governor McNutt was hopeful today that adjournment would be possible to permit him to attend.

HARD ASSAULTS JAPAN

Invasion of Manchuria "Last Flicker of Expiring Era," He Says.

Japan has grasped only the ghost of Imperialism instead of a live and enduring policy, said William Hard, American newspaper man, often assigned to Europe and the Far East.

He declared that Japan's invasion of Manchuria is "the last flicker of an expiring era." Hard said that as China, with its millions, drifts more and more toward nationalism it "will shake the pygmy, Japan, off the back of the monster."

Jones Funeral Is Held

He is held for further questioning in default of a \$5,000 bond on a vagrancy charge.

While police were questioning Crouch, last rites for Sergeant Jones were held at Crown Hill cemetery.

Members of his family, members of lodges with which he was associated and police officers and city officials attended the services and burial.

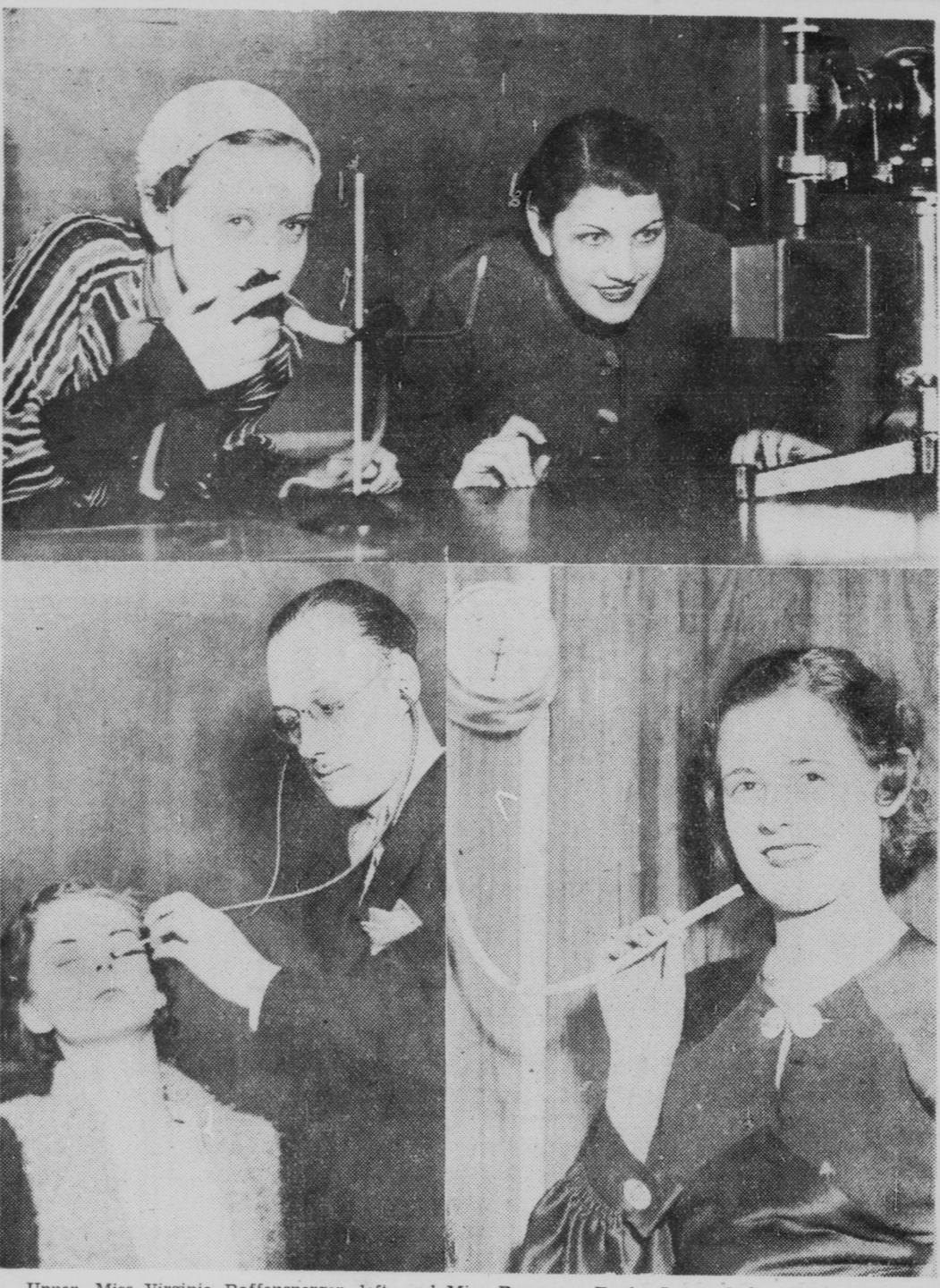
Full Masonic rites attended the ceremony.

JUDGE BILL IS OPPOSED

Bar Association Membership Against
Measure, McNutt Told.

Seventy-five per cent of the membership of the Indianapolis Bar Association oppose the plan to appropriate \$5,000 for the Marion county judges. Governor Paul V. McNutt was informed today by a committee of lawyers. They called on him to oppose passage of a bill incorporating the plan.

Science Is in Action at Butler U. to Test Ability of Public Speakers



Quiz Ex-Convict in Hunt for Gangster Murderers

Policeman Bandit Victims Fail to Identify Suspect as
One of Killers; Gunmen's Names Known, Is Report.

Police today were expected to complete their questioning of Hilton Crouch, 30, of 1730 North Illinois street, former convict, in connection with the machine gun slaying Tuesday of Sergeant Lester E. Jones.

Crouch was questioned by detectives for several hours late Thursday after he had surrendered when he heard police had been searching for him.

According to authorities, pictures of Crouch had been identified partly by victims of the Peoples Motor Coach Company robbery, in which Sergeant Lester Jones was slain, and the Capitol Dairies pickup which was staged a few hours earlier.

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