

JAM MAY MEAN 'OVERTIME' FOR LEGISLATURE

Work May Be Unfinished When March 6 Deadline Time Arrives.

With only twenty-one days of the legislative session remaining, administration leaders today are showing signs of worry over an eleventh-hour jam, which would result in holding the assembly together past the deadline of March 6.

One plan being discussed is to take a three-day recess from March 3 to 6. This would serve the purpose of permitting enrolling clerks to catch up on the flood of bills passed last week.

It also would allow Governor Paul V. McNutt and other leading Democrats to attend the inauguration of President-Elect Franklin D. Roosevelt, March 4.

Budget Bill Leads List

Of paramount importance among measures awaiting action is the budget bill providing appropriations for all state activities for the next two years. Conference between McNutt and members of the joint budget committee have been held frequently during the last week, with the result that items appearing in the bill probably will be adopted without change.

Administration members of both houses are determined to hold steady on the appropriations as they now are set forth. To permit amendments from one quarter, they argue, would mean that a flood of amendments would pour in and serve to delay the entire measure.

Also included among important measures still pending are repeal of the Wright "bone dry" law, the beer control and tax bill, the control of public utilities and revamping of the public service commission, and the administration's tax program, including the highly controversial sales tax.

Other Important Measures

Permanent registration of voters, modification or repeal of the primary election laws, old age pensions, reduction of petty loan interest rates and relief for property owners who are delinquent in taxes also are among the measures yet to be decided. Several of these are Democratic platform measures.

Sweeping changes in the state's banking laws would be made in a bill still pending.

Minimum wages for teachers, to be paid from the state general fund, and repeal or modification of the teacher tenure law are sure to hold the limelight during the closing weeks of the session.

It was learned today that administration leaders are contemplating cuts in salaries of city, town and state office holders as companion bills to the one passed last week affecting salaries of county officials.

Salary Cut May Continue

In the meantime, the salary cut applying to state officers, put into effect last summer, will be continued for an additional two years if new legislation on this subject fails to pass.

Troublesome legislation affecting regulation and taxation of trucks also is on the calendar for the closing weeks. Storms aroused by both sides always rage around the heads of legislators when truck legislation is being discussed.

Increases in fees to be paid by chain stores are to be the subject of a public hearing tonight at 7 before the state finance committee. Bill increasing the fees already has passed the house and will be discussed at the hearing.

WARN OF CITY HOAX

Cheer Broadcasters Seeking No Donations, Says President.

Warning was issued today by Mrs. Walter Geisel, president of the Cheer Broadcasting Club, against making donations to solicitors using the name of the club.

Members of the organization have been informed that homes are being canvassed by the solicitors. Mrs. Geisel said. No authority has been issued to any one to use the club's name, and no donations are being sought, asserted Mrs. Geisel.

JUDGE BILL ATTACKED

South Side Civic Clubs Send Protest to House Chairman.

Joining with other civic organizations in protesting against a pending bill providing for change in the method of selecting Marion county judges, the central committee of South Side Civic Clubs has written a letter of protest to Miss Bess Robbins (Dem., Indianapolis), chairman of the house committee handling the measure.

Recommendation is made for the substitution of a bill providing for special, non-partisan elections for naming judges by the public.

CHILD IS FOUND DEAD

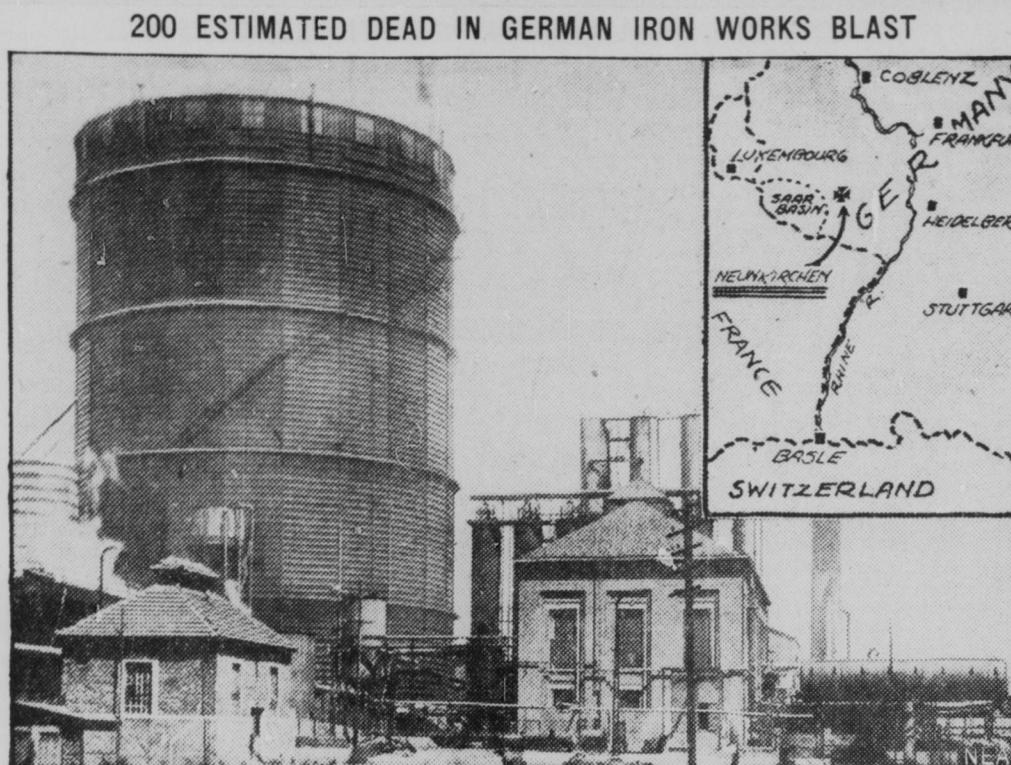
4-Year-Old Boy's Death Is Investigated by Coroner.

Melvin Moore, 4-year-old son of George P. Moore, 911 Bates street, was found dead in bed early today. The child had not been ill, police were told. Investigation was being made by Coroner William E. Armbuckle.

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200 ESTIMATED DEAD IN GERMAN IRON WORKS BLAST

A death toll of 200 or more is estimated in a terrific gas tank explosion that shattered the industrial section of Neunkirchen, Germany. The picture shows a gas storage tank on the property of the Neunkirchen iron works, where the blast let go. The works was leveled. Bits of machinery were found miles away. Neunkirchen's location in the rich German industrial area is shown on the map. The explosion was heard 200 miles away. Many in distant towns reported earthquakes before they learned of the disastrous blast.

PLEADS GUILTY IN RUM MURDER

Indianapolis Man Sentenced to Life Imprisonment for Slaying.

By United Press

NOBLESVILLE, Ind., Feb. 13.—John Smith, 38, Indianapolis, was permitted to enter a plea of guilty on charges of second degree murder today when his case was called for trial in Hamilton circuit court.

He was indicted on Marion county grand jury on charges of first degree murder growing out of the death of Thornton Lamont, who was killed in an argument over liquor.

Conviction would have carried a penalty of death in the electric chair.

State and defense counsel agreed to the plea of guilty on the lesser charge when Smith expressed fear of the electric chair. He was sentenced to life imprisonment at Michigan City.

CALL MASS MEETING OF STATE FARMERS

10,000 Expected to Attend Session Here to Discuss Tax Strike.

Home owners must "strike while the iron is not" and "demand fair treatment," said letters received today by presidents of county farm bureaus branches throughout the state.

The letters, written by William H. Settle, president of the Indiana farm bureau, calls a meeting of farmers and property owners in the Claypool Thursday afternoon at 1.

At the meeting, the advisability of calling a "holiday tax strike" pending favorable legislation by the general assembly, and broadening the tax base, will be determined, bureau members said. Ten thousand persons are expected to attend.

The farm bureau legislative program calls for tapping new sources of revenues, to replace property taxes, including levies on sales, incomes and intangibles.

MERCURY TO STAY AT NORMAL, IS FORECAST

Cooler Weather Predicted for Tuesday: No Drastic Drops Expected.

Indianapolis is scheduled for a period of normal winter weather tonight and Tuesday, with probably rain or snow, according to a weather bureau forecast.

Temperatures today were from 12 to 18 degrees higher than Sunday over the entire state as sunshiny replaced last week's wintry and frigid weather. Thermometer readings were in vicinity of the freezing mark Sunday night.

Tuesday will be slightly colder, but no drastic mercury drop is expected, J. H. Armitage, meteorologist, said.

Temperature readings in western states today still were near the zero level, but severe winter appeared to have loosened its grip in northern Canada, where last week's storm originated, Armitage said.

FOUR WIN TOP HONORS

Indianapolis Students Rank Highest in Franklin Classes.

By Times Special

FRANKLIN, Ind., Feb. 13.—Four Indianapolis students at Franklin college here ranked among the highest in their classes, according to anouncement of mid-year grades.

Miss Mary Owen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Percival Owen of 402 North Meridian street, is the highest ranking freshman.

Other ranking students are Vance Waggoner, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Waggoner, R. F. D. 1; Miss Beatrice Roehm, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Roehm, 203 North Arsenal avenue, and Miss Katherine Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shelly C. Lee, 1010 Ashland avenue.

Disastrous Floods Peril Two Chinese Provinces

By United Press

PEIPING, Feb. 13.—Disastrous floods were reported today to be threatening two provinces of China, one of which still was crushed by the effects of an earthquake which, according to some estimates took 70,000 lives.

Wholesale destruction of life by flood was feared in the distant inland province of Kansu, where the earthquake occurred last December.

Shantung province, on the Yellow Sea, also was threatened, ice floes from high mountain gorges sending the Yellow river level rapidly upward. Dykes already were reported crumbing in Shantung and

Job Grabber

New Knitting Machine Does Work of More Than 3,000 Persons.

By United Press

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—An exhibit of interest to technocrats was shown to the public today in the Grand Central Palace when the knitwear industrial exposition opens.

It is a knitting machine which enables one operator to do the work of more than 3,000 persons knitting by hand. It has twenty-four yarn feeds, an increase of sixteen over earlier models. This makes possible the production of fifty square yards of fabric an hour.

One person can operate four such machines.

DOZEN STORES AND HOMES ARE LOOTED

Loot Valued at Over \$200, Police Report.

Thieves ransacked a dozen homes and stores during the week-end, obtaining cash and valuables worth more than \$200, police said.

After fire damaged roof of his home at 430 South West street Sunday morning, William Reed reported theft from the house of goods worth about \$50.

Burglars wrecked counters and display cases and obtained unestimated amount of loot in a pharmacy at 602 South Illinois street Sunday night.

Other thefts: Thomas H. Cox, 508 Laurel street \$10; Mrs. Fred Brown, 4011 East New York street, \$40; Albert Sterne, 306 North Meridian street, unestimated; Stoke pharmacy, 228 North Meridian street, \$30; Edward W. Miller, 1208 East Tabor street, \$1,650 in bonds; Orville C. Brown, 920 North Alabama street, \$100; Gerald McDowell, 3156 Manchester Avenue, \$45; Alton Fluor, 542 Holley street, \$28; A. & P. store, 2668 Northwestern avenue, unestimated, and Standard grocery, 2604 North Capitol avenue, unestimated.

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HOOSIER BANK BANDITS SLAIN

Killed by Police in Gun Battle After Arrest at St. Louis.

By United Press

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 13.—Authorities here today dug into the past of Jack Butler, slain by police, in an effort to identify his slain companion, while Indiana authorities, who identified them as Washington, Ind., bank robbers, sought to connect them with other recent bank holdups.

The two men were shot dead by Deputy Constable Charles Bradley Jr., in a gun battle in a police car, when they were arrested on a speeding charge, late Saturday.

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More than 3,000 persons attended the ceremonies. High state officials in the audience included Governor Paul V. McNutt, Attorney General Philip Lutz Jr., and Rose Kiper, chairman of the state industrial board.

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