

WAGNER RELIEF MEASURE PASSED IN SENATE, SENT TO HOUSE FOR APPROVAL

Hoover to Get Bill in Short Time if Democratic Leadership Gives Indorsement; La Follette Plan Loses.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Enactment of relief legislation depended today upon the house. The senate and President Herbert Hoover are both on record for it.

The Wagner relief bill, approved by the senate, 53 to 16, late Monday, will be referred to the house banking and currency committee for study.

If the Democratic leadership favors it, it can be passed quickly and sent to President Herbert Hoover for signature well in advance of the last minute rush of business on March 4.

Speaker John N. Garner has not expressed his attitude toward the bill nor said whether he will attempt to have it modified along the lines he advocated last summer. However, the strength of the Democratic support given the measure in the senate indicates enactment will be expedited.

Reject Direct Aid Plan

The senate rejected the La Follette-Costigan plan for direct relief, administered by a board appointed solely for that purpose, by a vote of 44 to 28 Monday.

Senators Edward P. Costigan (Dem., Colo.) and Robert La Follette (Rep., Wis.), both argued that continuation of the present loan plan administered by the R. F. C. "from the point of view of bankers rather than humanity," means continuation of relief on a starvation standard.

Few senators listened to their appeals, and the questions of those who remained were wide of the point under discussion.

After adoption of the Wagner substitute, under which another \$310,000,000 may be loaned to states and construction loan provisions are liberalized, the senate approved it 33 to 16.

Discuss Transient Problem

The Wagner bill provides \$15,000 to be given states for assistance to transients, either individually or in camps. A proposal by Senator L. J. Dickinson (Rep., Iowa), to eliminate this portion of the bill was defeated as was a proposal by Senator Henry F. Ashurst (Dem., Ariz.), to limit aid to American citizens.

Debates on these amendments disclosed that those senators who voted into the army bill \$22,000,000 for enrolling homeless youths in the C. M. T. C. expect that action to stand even though this substitute plan for transients becomes law.

Senator James Couzens (Rep., Mich.), who fathered the military camp project, indorsed the \$15,000 appropriation for transients as a supplemental measure to his.

Glass Assails "Raids"

During discussion of the loan provision of the Wagner bill Senator Huey Long (Dem., La.) announced that Louisiana does not intend to repay amounts the state has borrowed from the R. F. C.

Senator Carter Glass (Dem., Va.) denounced all federal relief measures, including loans for construction, and demanded that "raids on the federal treasury" stop.

Glass recently has declined to become secretary of the treasury in the Roosevelt cabinet.

STATE'S HIGHEST COURT SUSTAINS DEATH RULING

Life Imprisonment Verdict in Another Case Is Reversed.

Two murder verdicts, one sustained and the other reversed, were acted upon by the Indiana supreme court Monday afternoon.

The death penalty for Walter Carlin, sentenced in Jefferson circuit court for the murder of a Madison policeman, was sustained. He will be executed May 19, unless executive clemency is extended. The high court suggested a mental test.

Verdict of the Decatur circuit court in sentencing Michael Powers, Greensburg, to life imprisonment for killing a neighbor, William Fulks, in 1928 was reversed. Powers alleged he shot in self defense, following a fight with croquet mallets which started over parking of a car.

THIEF MAKES GETAWAY

Flees on Foot When Car Crashes in Flight From Police.

Leaping from a stolen auto after the rear glass and windshield had been shattered by police bullets and it crashed into a utility pole at Bright and Kinney streets early today, a Negro thief escaped capture.

Cruising in vicinity of Walnut and Locke streets, Sergeant Kent Yoh and squad sighted the stolen auto. As the police car approached, driver of the stolen car sped away.

Two revolver shots were fired, the bullets passing directly above the steering wheel and piercing the windshield.

The auto then veered to the side of the street, hopped a curb and crashed into the pole. The driver fled.

The car is the property of H. Hill, 30 North California street.

NAB BURGLAR SUSPECTS

Confessions Are Claimed by Police in Four Robberies.

After admitting looting of three stores and a filling station within last few weeks, according to police, three Negroes are held today on burglary charges.

They are Otto Haymer, 17, of 2309 Indianapolis avenue; James Bennett, 19, of 728 West Twenty-sixth street, and Thomas Whitlock, 18, of 438 West Fifteenth street.

SALSBURY RITES SET

Labor Union Secretary to Be Buried Here on Tuesday.

Funeral services for Emil Salsbury, 64, secretary of the Central Labor Union, who was found dead in bed Saturday morning, were to be held at 2 today in the Assumption Catholic church.

Only survivor is the widow, Mrs. Nellie Salsbury. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Indianapolis Saengerbund.

Amendment Is Proposed to Slash Working Hours

SHAPELIEST IN ITALY



Present 30-Hour Bill Is Likely Unconstitutional, Is Fear.

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance
WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Determined efforts to write into the Constitution an amendment giving congress the power to reduce the number of working hours for labor will be made in the next session by a group which for two years has been advocating this reform.

Support of President-Elect Franklin D. Roosevelt will be sought for the measure which, its backers contend, would correct much of the unemployment and over-production resulting from the introduction of high-speed machinery into industry. The amendment is advocated by Representative Robert Crosser (Dem., O.), who has devoted himself to labor legislation for eighteen years and who, with Senator Key Pittman (Dem., Nev.), is author of a bill providing for a six-hour day and thirty-hour week for railroads.

The house labor committee has reported a bill establishing the six-hour day and five-day week for all industries whose products enter interstate commerce. Advocates of the constitutional amendment contend such legislation would be unconstitutional under the 5-to-4 decision of the supreme court which held invalid the child labor act forbidding interstate shipment of goods made by children.

MOVIE BANDITS FLEE WITH \$266 IN LOOT

Carefully Planned Robbery Is Executed by Pair.

Sunny Italy offers this proof of beauty (and who would argue with the judges?) in Signorina Lea Rivel, who has been judged the shapeliest revue girl in the nation. Her legs are insured against injury.

After tracing thirty-five autos in a search for the hit-and-run driver who struck and injured a 15-year-old girl Feb. 4 at Chester and Washington streets, Sergeant Timothy McMahon Monday night arrested Edward W. Miller, 27, of 1410 South New Jersey street. Miller faces charges of failure to stop after an accident and assault and battery with an auto.

Miller, according to a purported confession given McMahon, admitted he struck Jane Anderson, daughter of Dr. R. J. Anderson, 4816 Pleasant Run parkway, carrying the child into a filling station and leaving the scene.

He said he intended to remain with the girl, but became frightened when police were summoned.

The injured girl still is in St. Francis hospital. She will recover, it was reported.

A fractured nose and face lacerations were incurred by Mrs. Betty Frame, 50, of 2158 Broadway, Monday night when an auto driven by her husband collided with another driven by Charles Smith, 59, of 815 South Warman avenue, at Warman and Washington street. She was treated at city hospital.

When his push cart was struck by an auto and hurled upon him Monday night at Massachusetts and Somon street, Gus Fleming, Negro, 44, of 2149 Massacusetts avenue, received minor injuries.

John Sweatman, 32, of 2714 School street, driver of the auto, was held blameless by police.

Mid West Publishers Meet

By United Press
CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—Publishers of newspapers in the middle west assembled here today for the annual Inland Daily Press Association convention. The radio as a competitor to newspapers was one of the major issues up for discussion.

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CITY WOMAN HANGS HERSELF WITH BELT

Succeeds in Second Suicide Attempt of Day.

Making a second attempt to take her life, Mrs. Willa Woodfin, 52, of 2811 North Illinois street, hanged herself with a belt attached to a light fixture at her home Monday night.

Using a belt, Oliver Haines, 52, of 33 North Traub avenue, committed suicide early today in the city hospital psychopathic ward by hanging himself on a barred window. He had been under observation of physicians for a week.

Police investigated but found no trace of the bandits. Telephone wires in the office had been cut.

After police had left, Markun said he opened a closet in the office and was confronted by two men, one of whom carried a revolver. The men warned Markun against making an outcry and fled.

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GOES ON TRIAL AFTER 9 YEARS

Confession' of Stepfather in Murder to Be Feature of Case.

By Times Special
GREENFIELD, Ind., Feb. 21.—Defense witnesses were to testify today at the trial of Charles J. Schmitt, charged with a murder committed nine years ago, who is

attempting to prove that his stepfather, who since has died, was the slayer.

Attorneys will plead that Schmitt was insane at time of the slaying of August Spilker at the latter's secluded farm near Gem in 1924.

They also will present a purported confession of the murder by Albert Schmitt, the stepfather, shortly before he died in 1925.

Charles Schmitt was arrested shortly after Spilker was killed and was committed to the state prison insane colony. He may face trial now that physicians have pronounced him cured of the mental ailment. He has served almost nine years in prison.

Indianapolis relatives of Schmitt will testify in his behalf.

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