

ROOSEVELT TO KEEP IRON BANK RULE FOR LONG TIME

VETERANS' LOBBY IS RANGED AGAINST PATRONAGE WHIP IN ROOSEVELT ECONOMY SMASH

Soldiers May Find Plum-Seeking Congressmen Hard Nuts to Crack; Hard-Hitting President Is Holding Edge.

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WASHINGTON, March 11.—Two mighty political forces—patronage and the veterans' lobby—are ranged against each other today in the fight for federal economy.

Veterans and their friends in congress do not like the plan to give President Roosevelt power to cut compensation, allowances and pensions. But President Roosevelt is not dispensing jobs until the legislation for which he has asked has passed.

Two opposing groups of constituents thus are bringing pressure to bear on members of congress. And the party whip, as well as patronage plums, is being used on the side of economy.

Caucuses today will decide the fate of the bill in the house with every prospect of victory for the administration and economy. However, it is possible that either in house or senate, compromise provisions may be forced into the bill.

As it stands now, the President's measure will save something like \$25,000,000. Some \$400,000,000 is to be taken from veterans, the rest from government employees.

It is to be taken at once, without waiting for the end of the fiscal year, so that approximately one-fourth of this sum, or \$131,000,000, would be applied to reduction of the 1933 deficit, now estimated at more than a billion dollars.

Presented by Douglas

Veteran organizations would prefer to have congress vote a flat percentage decrease in their benefits rather than give the President wide discretionary powers in making cuts.

The President's plan, carried to congress by Budget Director Lewis Douglas, would give the chief executive power to determine, regardless of existing legislation, what degrees of disability shall be pensionable, when wars since the Civil war actually began and ended for the purposes of disability claims, how many days' service shall be requisite for a pension and what presumptions shall be included.

It would limit domiciliary care of veterans with non-service disabilities to those permanently disabled; would eliminate all non-service connected allowances to emergency retired officers, and would reduce pensions of veterans and widows on account of the Civil war and earlier wars by 10 per cent.

No Time Limit Fixed

The flat percentage cut favored by veterans would leave existing law as it is, and open the way for resumption of the present annual billion dollar payment on account of veterans.

The administration bill fixes no time limit for the reductions it proposes for veterans.

Federal pay cuts would be limited to one year. They would amount apparently to a 12 per cent cut with no exemption for low salary classes.

Indexes of the cost of living prepared by the national industrial conference board and the bureau of labor statistics indicates a drop of 17 per cent in the cost of clothing, food, fuel, light, housing and sundries between the first half of 1928 and the first half of 1932, but while the bill sets up this comparison as the basis of the wage cut it limits it to 15 per cent.

Congressional estimates that about \$126,000,000 will be saved indicate the cut will be no greater than 12 per cent.

Interest Rate Hiked

Administration leaders hope that issuance of new currency and the passage of drastic economy legislation will enable flotation of securities at the March 15 refinancing, at lower interest rates than those prevailing. This would make possible a considerable additional rate acceptable to purchasers.

President Roosevelt in his Friday message to congress urged "the necessity of meeting great refunding operations this spring" as a reason for immediate passage of the measure giving him power to cut expenses.

The government has been forced recently to borrow at 3½ per cent, contrasting with rates of a fraction of 1 per cent not long ago.

When this saving is added to the \$25,000,000 saving estimated from the economic bill the limit of administration retrenchments, at the present time, almost will have been reached.

FIRED WITHOUT NOTICE

Rank and File Statehouse Employees Denied Grace.

Customary courtesy of a two-week notice before being discharged is not being given rank and file employees at the statehouse, who, having served under former Republican regimes, now are being replaced by Democrats.

How the system works was demonstrated at the tax board office Friday. A young woman entered and announced to the information desk that she had been sent to "take Miss Murphy's job."

She was addressing Miss Ted Murphy, who has charge of the information desk and files all tax board cases. She has been at the statehouse fourteen years and that was the notice of her dismissal. Today is her last day.

ABANDON CAR SERVICE

Feeder Bus To Displace Trolley on West Michigan Line.

Acting on authority already granted to Indianapolis Street Railways Inc., by the work board, the public service commission has granted permission to discontinue car service on the West Michigan street line, west of Holmes avenue. A feeder bus will be placed in operation on the line which will extend the present service from Holmes to Exeter avenue.

Fractures Leg in Street Fall
Edith Raymond, 54, of 118 East Vermont street, was the first victim of the city's March snow today when she suffered a fractured left leg in a fall on slippery pavement at New York and Pennsylvania streets. She was taken to the city hospital.

Expects to Add to Saloon Relics After Dry Repeal



The Rev. Herbert E. Eberhardt, superintendent of Wheeler Rescue Mission, and souvenirs of pre-prohibition days, including back-door of Old Elm saloon.

WHEELER MISSION HEAD TO EXHIBIT COLLECTION AT OPEN HOUSE.

Repeal of the eighteenth amendment is looked upon by one collector of oddities as an ample opportunity to add to his collection of souvenirs from the saloon days.

The collector is the Rev. Herbert E. Eberhardt, superintendent of the Wheeler City Rescue Mission, 245 North Delaware street.

He will show his collection of souvenirs to the public when "open house" is held at the mission during the fortieth anniversary week of its founding, April 24.

The mission formerly was the site of the Old Elm saloon which gained its name from the huge elm tree that shaded its front door.

Services are held at the mission monthly.

FORSEES GAIN IN DRUNKS

Eberhardt foresees that repeal of the eighteenth amendment will increase the number of drunks applying to the mission for aid, in addition to augmenting his collection of bottles and saloon accessories.

Officers of the mission are Harry W. Krause, president; W. C. Borchering, vice-president; Royce H. Brown, treasurer; Eugene C. Foster, secretary; Isaac E. Woodard, Charles A. Reeve, J. M. Miller, Ed Jackson, Wallace O. Lee, Fred M. Dickerman, Harper J. Ransburg, Edward D. Dill, Robert Nipper, William E. Osborn and Henry Ostrom, directors.

VISITORS TO BE WELCOME

At the time of the shooting, Mrs. Mae Sexton, Monroe's mother, lay in another room critically ill. Mrs. Bessie Gregory, 2103 North Rurai street, who has been acting as nurse in the home; Charles Sexton, 11, and Harry Monroe were witnesses of the shooting.

The witnesses told police that Charles and Harry had been scuffling in the house and were reprimanded by the father. Harry was sent to bed by his step-father, but returned from the bedroom. Sexton is said to have slapped the boy several times.

III FEELING FOR SOME TIME

Monroe interfered and the blows were struck. During the encounter Charles is said to have seized a poker and gone to aid his father.

Mrs. Gregory said that there had been ill feeling between Sexton and Monroe for some time, and that several weeks ago the younger man left home. He visited relatives in Kentucky, who persuaded him to return because of the critical illness of his mother, she said.

SCOUTS PLAN GARDEN

Girls to Take Active Part in Annual Home Show Exposition.

Girl Scouts will raise a vegetable garden of all varieties of tubers and plants in the pit of the Fairground Manufacturers' building for the twelfth annual Home Complete Exposition April 22 to 29.

Mrs. C. K. Calvert will be in charge of the Girl Scouts in the work.

The garden will flank the bay window of the 1933 model house. It will be one of the main features of the show and a part of the 20,000 square feet of gardens at the show.

CITY POLICE SQUADS GET QUAKE REPORTS

Magnitude of the California earthquake was graphically related during the night to many Indianapolis police squads whose cars are equipped with short-wave radio receiving sets.

One of the first air messages received here shortly after the catastrophe struck was heard by patrolmen Howard Sanders and Emanuel GeBauer. From a California station, the terse message was:

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