

LEGION CHIEF URGES BOOM IN ARMY AVIATION

Reduction Ideas Assailed by L. A. Johnson as Air Roundup Ends.

Plea for expansion of military aviation, instead of further reductions, was sounded by Louis A. Johnson, American Legion national commander, Sunday night at a dinner climaxing the national legion aerial membership roundup.

Guests at the dinner included pilots and passengers of the more than fifty airplanes participating in the roundup at municipal airport before a crowd estimated at 30,000.

Every branch of the military and naval establishments of the United States is in such a state of unpreparedness as to imperil national welfare, asserted Captain E. M. Chelieu, state secretary of the Reserve Officers Association, today, commenting on the statements of the legion chief on inadequacy of their forces, in numbers of planes and pilots.

Fourth in Defense

Johnson cited figures to show the United States, although first in commercial aviation, stands fourth among the world powers in aviation for national defense, "although we have a longer coast line to protect than any nation in the world."

"Our regular army, national guard and organized reserves have only 1,814 airplanes, compared to 4,684 for France, 2,065 for Great Britain and 1,834 for Italy," he said.

While admitting that economies in government are necessary, he pointed out that continued sapping of national defense will leave the nation even less prepared to meet the next crisis than we were in the World War.

Planes in Maneuvers

More than a score of military planes performed at municipal airport, while planes from various states bringing membership cards were arriving.

Four Indiana national guard planes collected cards from thirty Indiana cities during the day.

James L. Haizlip, holder of the west-east coast speed record, and his wife, Mrs. Mae Haizlip, brought Roland Cocheram, Louisiana department adjutant, from St. Louis.

Capt. Chelieu, in his discussion today, said that it was the studied opinion of military and naval experts that the defensive arms of the country not only were far below the limits fixed by international understanding, but were inadequately trained and equipped. In such turbulent times as these, domestic and world-wide, it would be fatal to reduce the strength of these forces further, he asserted.

Forces Weak, Scattered

"The combatant arms of the United States army, for instance, are less than three times the strength of the New York City police force," Chelieu explained. "These skeleton forces are scattered throughout the country, provisional details keeping forts in condition or personnel assigned to instruction duty with the reserves, national guard and with educational institutions."

"Decrease the size of this force, and you imperil national security. Where would the trained leaders come from if several thousand commissioned officers were dropped from the rolls and a war were to come? Would America again waste months in training men, only to find many times that this unpreparedness was to cost thousands of lives?"

"It is an old statement, but nevertheless a sound one, that a strong army and navy—a force strong enough to defend this country against any invader—is merely the maintenance of adequate national insurance."

"We certainly would not abolish or vitiate the police department, the fire department, or any similar agency. Then why cut our national defensive organization to a further point of effectiveness?"

Cost Is Low

"It is not true, as opponents of national defense have charged so vociferously, that expenditures for national defense today take more than an equitable portion of national expenditures. Considering American population and American national wealth, our forces really are operating at a remarkably low cost."

The policy of economy had weakened the army and the navy to a point that it concerns military experts who are charged with defending this country from attack, Chelieu asserted.

"Our forces, including even the reserves, ranks below those of Italy, France, the Soviet, Japan, England and Germany, in soldiers per billion dollars of national wealth. In soldiers per thousand of population, it falls behind those of France, Italy, Japan, the Soviet and England, excluding their dependencies and ours. In numerical strength—reserve and regular troops—it is far down the line."

Deep Concern Caused

"In other words, it already is so emasculated as to cause concern of the deepest sort. Further cuts would invite, perhaps, another world war. Our navy is similarly weak, and so are our air forces. With our present forces, we are inviting international catastrophe. With further cuts, we literally are saying 'Here is a weak, defenseless nation. No holds are barred.'

"Should congress, in a shortsighted desire to economize of the moment, appropriate sums of the army and the navy in such way as to affect the personnel strength or equipment of these branches, it would, in my opinion, be performing a distinctly unpatriotic and shortsighted act."

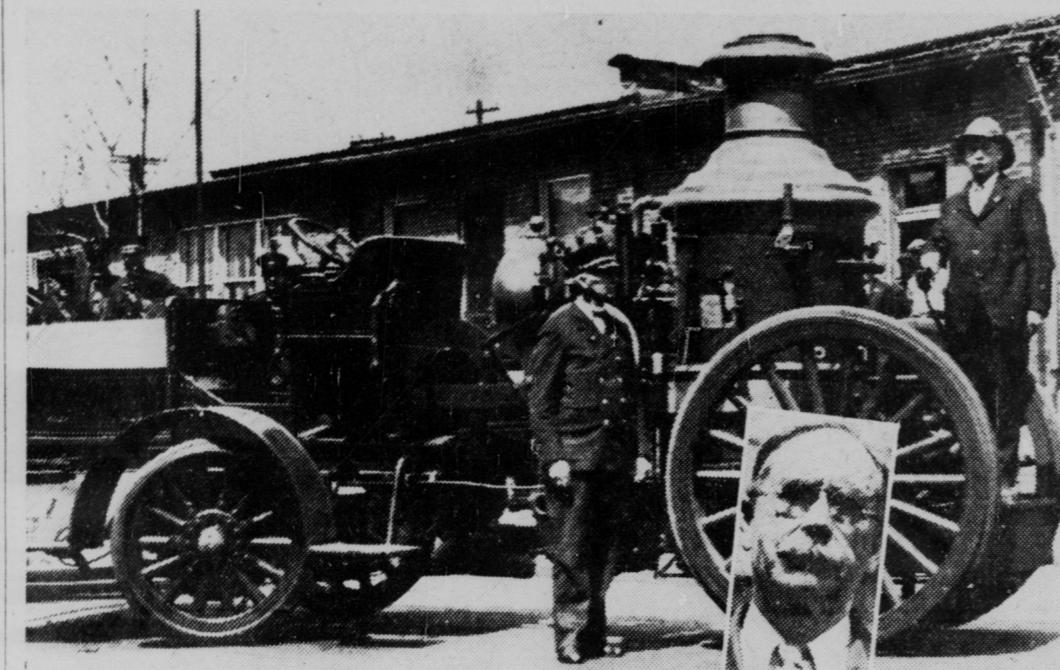
TWO GUNMEN GET LOOT

Steel Rings From Motorist; Rob Drug Store of Cash and Pistols.

Virgil Adams, 21, of 1541 Carrollton avenue, was robbed of rings valued at \$75 Saturday night by two bandits as he placed his car in his garage.

The same two gunmen are believed to be the ones who later held up the Don Demaree drug store, 1656 Roosevelt avenue, taking \$150 and two pistols.

Veteran Engineer Bids Farewell to Fire Force's 'Old Faithful'



CANNON LINKS RUM TO MISERY

Repeal Will Bring Poverty to U. S., Bishop Tells Drys.

Bishop James Cannon Jr. of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, told 800 workers for the maintenance of prohibition in the Roberts Park M. E. church Sunday that poverty, misery and demoralization will follow repeal of the eighteenth amendment.

"The politicians have no substitute for the saloon," he declared.

When the Democrats say their party platform insures 'federal protection of dry states and prevention of the saloon,' they talk nonsense. This plank in their platform is a sop for suckers."

Bishop Cannon characterized Al Smith as the "leading figure of the rebellion."

The Democratic convention in Chicago last summer was called "the most appalling display of hoodlumism in our history."

"Alcohol will do what it always has done," said the bishop. "It will bring broken homes and hungry children, and the politicians know it."

Bishop Cannon will address a series of state dry meetings in preparation for the battle at the polls June 6.

85,000 PERSONS SEE HOME SHOW EXHIBITS

Sales Totaling \$250,000 Made in 9-Day Exposition.

Attendance and sale figures of the twelfth annual Indianapolis Home Show were written in the black column of the ledges today when 85,000 persons were reported to have passed through the gates during the show.

Sales totaling \$250,000 were made by exhibitors during the nine days' engagement of the show.

Both attendance and sales neared the 1929 high mark for the show, when 100,000 persons viewed the exhibits.

The record for the show," said Frank Cantwell, director, "is sufficient to prove to those who predict a flop during the depression years that things can be done successfully."

NEED OF RECREATION FOR JOBLESS IS TOLD

Morale of Unemployed Must Be Maintained, Says Philip L. Seman.

Need of recreation and education to maintain the morale of the unemployed was placed on a parity with the necessity for food and shelter by Philip L. Seman, director of the Jewish People's Institute of Chicago, in a talk Sunday night.

He spoke at the annual meeting of Jewish Community Center Association at Kirshbaum Center.

Center Association directors named at the meeting are: Leonard A. Strauss, Mrs. I. G. Kahn, Abe H. Goldstein, G. A. Efronvian, Isidor Feibleman, Leo Kaminsky, Miss Frances Mazur, Dr. Louis Segar and Milton Sternberg. Mrs. J. A. Goodman, Jacob L. Mueller and Mrs. Louis Wolf.

FIDAC CHIEF TO CITY

President of International World War Veterans Will Speak to Legion.

General Roman Gorecki of Warsaw, Poland, president of the Fidac, international organization of World War veterans, will be in Indianapolis Thursday and Friday, and will speak at the meeting of the national executive committee of the American Legion at national headquarters, 777 North Meridian street.

CAMP GRIDLEY TO OPEN

Summer Camp for Boys on Bass Lake to Start on June 18.

Camp Gridley, summer camp for boys, on Bass lake, in northern Indiana, is preparing to open June 18. Cedric L. White, commander, announced today.

Gridley, midshipmen and the staff senior officers will visit the world's fair at Chicago this summer, White said.

STUDENTS GIVE PLAY

Cathedral's "Nut Farm" to Be Presented for First Time Tonight.

Students of Cathedral high school will present "The Nut Farm," under sponsorship of the school mothers' club Monday and Tuesday nights in the school auditorium. Proceeds will be used for student aid.

A COPY of The Times May 1 Rental Guide is waiting for you at Want Ad Headquarters, 214 West Maryland street, or at any Haag Drug Store.

GROSS INCOME AND SALES TAX LAW IN EFFECT

Every Man Throughout State Today Becomes Own Collector.

Throughout Indiana today every man becomes his own state tax collector.

For the new gross income and sales tax becomes effective today, with first collections due in July.

"The responsibility is directly upon the taxpayer," Clarence A. Jackson, director of the income and sales tax division, declared.

"He must keep records which will reflect his gross receipts. He must obtain a blank on which to make his report. He must mail this blank and his payment to the department of treasury. Heavy penalties, including fines and imprisonment, are provided for violations."

Under the law, the McNutt administration expects to collect between \$12,000,000 and \$14,000,000 for state purposes. This, however, will include the new state tax of financing \$600 of all teacher salaries in all public schools.

The tax levies a 1 per cent rate on gross receipts from retail sales and income. One-half of 1 per cent is levied on manufacturing, mining, agriculture, wholesaling and jobbing.

The gross sales and income tax law was passed under orders from Governor Paul V. McNutt, despite opposition from chambers of commerce and business groups from throughout the state.

The law's career was one of the most stormy of any piece of legislation which faced the 1933 legislative session.

The taking over of school costs was used as a club for passage. It became a part of the administration tax program, based on broadening the tax base. An intangibles tax also was passed.

BUSINESS HOUSES BURN

Nearly Half Block at Birdseye, Ind., in Ruins After Blaze.

By United Press

BIRDSEYE, Ind., May 1.—Nearly half a block of the Birdseye business section lay in ruins today after being swept by fire.

Starting in the combined barber shop and residence of Corliss Leonard, the blaze, fanned by a stiff wind, spread to the restaurant owned by Henry Schnell and to the office of Dr. J. M. Garland.

The pumper went to the junk heap. Next year "Old Jim"—James A. Cassady, appointed to the fire department in 1890 when Thomas Sullivan, father of Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan, was the city's chief executive, will be retired.

Cassady has his plans made for the days when his career as a fireman ends.

He will raise a garden.

"Martha (his wife, and I are going to move out to a little half-acre where we will raise a garden," the veteran said.

Accompanying the pumper to the junk heap was a little truck, first fireman equipment of the department.

Fitting farewell was given "Old Faithful." With modern equipment as an escort, Fire Chief Harry Voshell headed a group, including Cassady, which saw the pumper go out of service.

Others bidding the machine farewell were Frank Brown, department master mechanic who motorized the pumper in 1922; Albert Losche, city purchasing agent; his assistant, Wallace Jutt, and safety board members headed by Charles Myers, president.

Sold for Only \$60

"Old Faithful," a piece of horse drawn equipment, cost \$5,800 and \$6,750 was spent in motorizing it. As junk, the pumper was sold for \$60.

The pumper has been replaced by a new, modern machine, for Company No. 10, headed by Captain Orville Marshall, whose squad is composed of Guy Darland, chauffeur; Chelsie Wuerzburger, William Bomer and Earl Vantrager.

LUTZ IS I. U. SPEAKER

Attorney-General to Give Talk at Foundation Day Banquet.

By Times Special

BLOOMINGTON, May 1.—Attorney-General Philip Lutz Jr. will be the principal speaker at a banquet to be given Wednesday evening, Foundation day, at Indiana university for students who made all A's during the first semester, according to Dr. W. T. Morgan of the I. U. history department. The banquet will be given for the honor students and their parents by the Indiana chapter of the American Association of University Professors. Dr. Morgan is chairman of the committee in charge.

The dinner is scheduled for 6 o'clock in Room D of the Union building. In addition to the address by Attorney-General Lutz, who is a graduate of the University, there will be brief responses by members of the association and by representatives of the straight A class. Dr. Morgan said.

RAZOR ATTACK CHARGED

Man Accused of Attempting to Slash His Mother With Weapon.

Accused of attempting to attack his mother, Mrs. Laura Gose, with a razor Sunday at their home, 554 Vinton street, Archie Gose, 33, is under arrest today charged with drawing a weapon, assault and battery and vagrancy.

Gridley, midshipmen and the staff senior officers will visit the world's fair at Chicago this summer, White said.

CAMP GRIDLEY TO OPEN

Summer Camp for Boys on Bass Lake to Start on June 18.

Camp Gridley, summer camp for boys, on Bass lake, in northern Indiana, is preparing to open June 18. Cedric L. White, commander, announced today.

Gridley, midshipmen and the staff senior officers will visit the world's fair at Chicago this summer, White said.

STUDENTS GIVE PLAY

Cathedral's "Nut Farm" to Be Presented for First Time Tonight.

Students of Cathedral high school will present "The Nut Farm," under sponsorship of the school mothers' club Monday and Tuesday nights in the school auditorium. Proceeds will be used for student aid.

A COPY of The Times May 1 Rental Guide is waiting for you at Want Ad Headquarters, 214 West Maryland street, or at any Haag Drug Store.

Radio Dial Twisters

—MONDAY—

5:30 P. M.—WBPM (770)—Penrod and Sam—Elvira Allman to WEAF (720)—Kemp's orchestra.

NBC—Elvira Allman to WEAF (720)—Kemp's orchestra.

NBC—Gordon and Chicago Marx to WZN (720)—Kemp's orchestra.

NBC—Boake Carter to WEAF (720)—Kemp's orchestra.

NBC—The Goldbergs to WEAF (720)—Kemp's orchestra.

NBC—WMBM (670)—East and Dunnke to WEAF (720)—Kemp's orchestra.

—TUESDAY—

6:30 P. M.—WBPM (770)—Talk; orches.

KYW (1020)—The Hour Glass to WEAF (720)—Kemp's orchestra.

WBPM (770)—Romance theater to WEAF (720)—Kemp's orchestra.

WBPM (770)—Piano solo to WEAF (720)—Kemp's orchestra.

WBPM (770)—Concert orchestra to WEAF (720)—Kemp's orchestra.

WBPM (770)—Canton orchestra to WEAF (720)—Kemp's orchestra.

WBPM (770)—Canton orchestra to WEAF (720)—Kemp's orchestra.

WBPM (770)—Canton orchestra to WEAF (720)—K