

OPPOSITION TO STATE PENSION PLANS COLLAPSE; SHORT SESSION IS LIKELY

Black Changes Mind, Not to Fight Proposal for 1938 Payment.

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employers with less than eight employees. that would affect employers of even less than four persons," said William H. Book, vice president and managing director of the Chamber.

When it was pointed out that the C. of C. view on the employers to be affected is in accord with the stand of labor, Mr. Book said: "We've always favored the application of the law to those employers hiring less than eight persons."

Mr. Book and Virgil Sheppard, director of the Chamber's governmental research bureau, are to appear at today's hearing on the welfare-old-age pension bill before the committee which is headed by Rep. Hardin S. Linke (D., Columbus).

Smith Fights for Home Rule

The Indiana League of Women Voters has been allotted 30 minutes to present its views favoring the merit system.

Mrs. Richard Edwards, Peru chairman of the league's department of government, and Mrs. Virginia M. Marion, the league's legislative director, said the organization will urge that the welfare bill provide that local state executives and county welfare boards be chosen on a strictly non-partisan basis and solely for their ability.

Senator Leo X. Smith will leave his State seat to lead the fight of the Indiana County and Township Officials' Association for home rule for counties and townships in the administration of the welfare measure.

Eagles Approve Measure

State centralization in a board of control of all public welfare measures will be opposed, Senator Smith said.

The Fraternal Order of Eagles today approved the old-age pension measure as introduced in the lower house yesterday.

Leaders of the organization conferred with Gov. McNutt on the pension measure and said that although they favored payment of pensions to those under 70 they would "go along with the administration's proposal to wait until 1936 before reducing the age limit from 70 to 65."

Both Senate and House are expected to hold half-day sessions tomorrow before week-end adjournment.

Frank B. Cliffe, assistant controller of the General Electric Co., Schenectady, and B. M. Squires, administrator of the unemployment compensation system of the clothing industries of Chicago, are to appear before the Senate Monday afternoon to explain the proposed unemployment bill, it was announced.

Eight Bills in Hopper

Eight bills, seven facing almost certain death because subject matter does not deal with social security, were thrown into the House hopper today.

They provided for:

Repeal of the Nicholson Act of the 1935 General Assembly which banned alienation of affection suits, and repeal of the labor disputes act, which limits the jurisdiction of courts in issuing restraining orders in labor battles, both introduced by Rep. Guy W. Dausman (R., Goshen).

According to workers' compensation bill giving the right of trial by jury in appeals taken from State Industrial Board decisions, Rep. Herbert H. Evans (R., New-castle).

Making it unlawful for elective officers of state and municipalities to be interested in the sale of intoxicating liquors and declaring violation to be a misdemeanor, Rep. Richard James (E., Portland).

Ban of butter substitutes in public institutions, Rep. J. Blair Mills (R., Lynn).

Appropriation Bill Up

Payment of \$6 a day to 24 legislators who served on the joint legislative committee to consider the social security bills. The pay is to be for 12 days. Rep. Benjamin F. Harris (R., Richmond).

Amending the Indiana motor vehicle law placing all license fees for passenger cars at \$450 yearly, Rep. Frank T. Mills (R., Campbellburg).

Removal of the emergency clause in the \$1.50 tax law but permitting rural sections to levy more than \$1 and corporate towns more than \$1.50 on bonded debts prior to Aug. 8, 1932, Reps. Mills and Elam Y. Guernsey (R.).

The special appropriations measure introduced by Rep. Harris is the only bill that may not face the House graveyard.

Favors Security Laws

Times Special

BRAZIL, Ind., March 6.—Insistence that social security legislation covering old-age pensions be drawn for the benefit of persons 65 immediately by the General Assembly was voiced here last night by Pleas E. Greenlee, ousted executive secretary to Gov. McNutt, and Democratic candidate for Governor.

Mr. Greenlee said he believes the administration proposal that the age limit of 70 until 1938 is too high and said he believed that old-age pension benefits should accrue sooner to persons 60 and over because of the difficulty they have in obtaining employment.

He will favor a program to lower the age limit to 60, if nominated and elected Governor, Mr. Greenlee said.

STATE TRAFFIC GROUP FIRST IN SAFETY POLL

Indiana Trucking Association Discusses Way to Keep Record.

The Indiana Motor Traffic Association holds first place in the state safety poll among trucking associations, it was announced today.

Discussion of steps to maintain high a safety record was a feature of the group luncheon yesterday at the Antlers. The American Red Cross program of accident prevention was outlined by Myron R. Green, executive secretary of the safety committee of the local unit.

CHANGES HIS MIND



Rep. William J. Black

Leaders Admit All Others Are Merely Political Gestures.

BY JAMES DOSS

Bills introduced in the special session of the seventy-ninth Indiana General Assembly are of no importance if they do not deal with social security, it was admitted today by administration leaders.

It was suggested that introduction of two miscellaneous bills yesterday in the House was a futile gesture, inasmuch as the Democratic majority in the Senate has bound itself in caucus to consider only social security legislation.

The two measures introduced yesterday, classified as "meaningless," dealt with prohibition of Eastern Standard Time in Indiana and a two-year moratorium on realty foreclosures.

Introduced for Effect

"Certainly it's silly to introduce these bills," one administration leader admitted. "They're merely for the newspapers to print for public consumption back home."

Speaking last night in Baltimore, Secretary of State Cordell Hull reiterated in emphatic terms this government's belief that a permanent ratio of worth between various moneys must be established to clear the way for trade. He was the third Administration spokesman to express this view.

Although the secretary spoke in cautious, measured terms, his words were a signal to other financial powers that the United States stands ready to negotiate a stabilization agreement.

HULL BIDS FOR STABLE MONEY

Indicates U. S. Is Ready to Enter World Agreement.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, March 6.—New impetus toward a world stabilization of currencies was given today by the United States.

"Anybody who introduces one of these miscellaneous bills can go back home after the special session is over and say:

"Well, I tried to do what I could about this or that, but I never had a chance. There were too many against me."

"Those miscellaneous bills are just sops to public opinion at home."

Senate to Block Bill

The spokesman pointed out that even if the House passes a few of the so-called miscellaneous bills, they have no chance of passage because they would die in committee if they reached the Senate.

Senate members also may introduce a few pet measures, it was said, but there is a sort of gentleman's agreement that the sponsors will not press for passage.

"If the Senate does receive a few bills," said one Senator, "there may be some speeches made in their behalf, but it is understood the sponsors are just going through the motions in order to keep himself in the clear regarding some issue of local concern other than social security."

See Campaign Maneuvers

In this connection, politicians and observers are wondering just how far, as the special session progresses, it will be used as a vehicle for announced and unannounced candidates.

The presiding officers of both houses fall in one of the other category. Lieut. Gov. M. Clifford Townsend, Senate president, is conducting an active campaign for Governor. The Senate has a potential candidate for the Republican nomination in Senator Floyd Garrett, Battleground, minority floor leader. He has announced.

In the House, Speaker Edward H. Stein, Bloomfield, is regarded as a likely candidate for the Democratic nomination for Lieutenant Governor. Rep. Herbert H. Evans, Newcastle, and Rep. James M. Knapp, Hagerstown, respectively minority caucus chairman and floor leader, are candidates for the G. O. P. nomination for Governor.

Rep. Andrew is "Dark Horse"

Rep. Joseph A. Andrews, Lafayette, is regarded as a good dark horse prospect for the Republican nomination. He is one of the more progressive and aggressive members of the minority and was active in the joint legislative committee which drafted the social security bills.

It was reported today that Rep. Evans is contemplating introduction of a bill calling for a sharp reduction in automobile license fees and fixing the maximum fee at \$5 or even \$3. Such a measure, although having practically no chance of passage, would afford the Newcastle Representative excellent stump ammunition in his campaign, it was pointed out.

Schedule Calls for 4500 Cut

"Neither the government nor this office has any intention of causing suffering among our unemployed."

The Indiana reduction schedule calls for a cut of 4500 persons in the next 30 days, with smaller numbers to be dropped in the weeks that follow until June is stabilized with 67,500.

Simultaneously with Mr. Coy's announcement, City Engineer H. B. Steeg notified the Works Board that 10 jobs in Indianapolis, centering on flood prevention and bridge construction, are under way. He said that the warmer weather had permitted work to begin. The board also was informed that 10 more projects are expected to be started by April 1.

Work on Creek Project Begins

Today the vanguard of a WPA army began work on the \$450,000 levee, parkway and boulevard which is to run along the north bank of Fall Creek from Kessler-blvd, near Millersville, to Baker's bridge, at the edge of Fort Harrison.

Ground was broken first in Woolen's Gardens, where a wide loop in the creek channel is to be straightened. The construction peak is expected to be reached within a few weeks. A large number of workers from other projects are to be transferred to this job, WPA officers said.

The roadway is to be 40 feet wide, and the parkway on either side is to range in width from 30 to 400 feet.

This project will be an extension of similar construction from Keystone-av to Millersville. It will bring almost to completion the construction of boulevards along Fall Creek from its confluence with White River.

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EUROPE QUAKING WITH FRIGHT, IS SIMMS' REPORT

Moscow Is Said to Expect Explosion Not Later Than in 1938.

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the end of 1938 or whereabouts. This coincides fairly closely with Moscow's estimate of when Germany will be ready to march.

Technical and financial experts at London are working with the War Office, Admiralty and other interested departments on estimates. Britain's idea is to build up the national defense as rapidly as industry can handle the work and the money therefore is perfecting two armies instead of one, each composed of approximately a million men, not counting reserves. These run into additional millions.

Alliances Are Tightened

In the event of a simultaneous German attack in the West and a Japanese attack in the Orient, Russia aims to wage each war as though it were entirely separate.

The Little Entente—Czechoslovakia, Rumania and Yugoslavia—are tightening up their alliances with each other and with western Europe.

Poland, fearing to become the battleground of Russia and Germany, and seeing herself the loser which ever won, is arming to preserve her neutrality.

Holland claims evidence that Germany plans, in certain contingencies, to use her territory and ports as military, air and submarine bases for attacking Britain and France.

She attended Technical High School and was transferred to Broad Ripple High School. She was in the senior class but due to technical credit deficiencies was not graduated.

Miss Huggins left Indiana Nov. 15 for a California visit with her aunts, Misses Virge and Betty McCoy.

She Is Homesick, Though

She has won scholarships to dancing schools and was captain of a dance team at Broad Ripple.

Mr. and Mrs. Bixler say they have had letters within the last month in which Miss Huggins says she is homesick and intends to come back to Indianapolis for a visit this summer.

FURNITURE IS STOLEN FROM FORTUNE HOME

Burglars Use Moving Van to Carry Away Loot, Police Told.

Burglars Saturday afternoon backed a large moving van into the rear yard of the unoccupied home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Fortune, 1408 N. New Jersey-st, and took every article of furniture from it, Mr. Fortune reported to police to day.

Mr. Fortune said neighbors told him yesterday of seeing the van and that when he investigated he found the home bare. They even took doors off hinges, he said. Among the articles stolen were a sideboard, dressers and other large items.

The Fortunes, who recently moved to the country and had been renting the home furnished, could not estimate the loss.

STREET ANNEXATION IS URGED BY CIVIC CLUB

Extension of Meridian-st Trolley Line Is Urged.

Annexation of S. Meridian-st, from Southern-av to Summer-st, is provided in proposed ordinance being drafted under auspices of the South Side Civic Club, Inc. Edward L. Eckstein, president, announced today.

The measure does not include property bordering the street, but is limited to the thoroughfare. Its purpose, Mr. Eckstein said, is to permit extension of the Meridian-st trackless trolley line.

The truth today is sinking deeper and deeper into the consciousness of old world statesmen. Far more of them that would appear on the surface regret the collapse of the Hora-Laval project to settle the Italo-Ethiopian war. It may bob up again in another form.

Europe—which means the League of Nations—does not want to smash Italy. Some would like to crush Mussolini and Fascism, but even these are realizing more and more that to crush him means to crush Italy, so vital to the present European set-up. Hence the hesitations of Geneva.

Tomorrow—Behind Europe's fear.

Times Special

CONNELLSVILLE, Ind., March 6.—James Whitcomb Riley Hospital, Indianapolis, and Indiana University to receive bequests of \$3000 each from the estate of Mrs. Emma Gertrude Boo, pioneer resident who died here recently. Admitted to probate in Fayette Circuit Court, the will provides for division of property valued at \$30,000.

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