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## BOWERS MAY SEEK GOVERNOR'S SEAT; HOOVER DUE HERE

Ambassador to Spain Hint-  
ed Compromise Candidate  
in Indiana Race.

DEAL DENIED BY THREE

Seek Top Place Only, Chorus  
Greenlee, Townsend and  
Kirk McKinney.

BY DANIEL M. KIDNEY  
Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Ambassador Claude G. Bowers was reported today to be considering a return from Spain in order to become the Democratic nominee for Governor of Indiana.

Previously it had been predicted that he would be given a Cabinet post in time to become one of the big oratorical guns in the Roosevelt campaign. But the Hoosier Democracy is in a plight because of a three-way pre-convention split over the gubernatorial nomination, and Mr. Bowers has been suggested as a "natural" dark horse. It is contended that all factions could agree on his nomination and that his ability on the stump would make Indiana, now listed as doubtful, safe for the Democrats.

According to the report here the plan has been cabled to Mr. Bowers and is under consideration by him. Mr. Bowers is as famed for his partisan speechmaking as for his part on Jeffersonian Democracy. He keynoted the Houston convention in 1928.

Ineligible, Is Hint  
Indiana political leaders today saw a possibility that a state law, requiring five years residence for Governor candidates, might prevent Claude Bowers, ambassador to Spain, from being seriously considered for the post.

It was not immediately ascertainable here whether Ambassador Bowers retained his legal residence in Indiana. One Democratic political leader placed the possibility of Mr. Bowers' selection as a compromise candidate in the same category with reported rumors that Everett Sanders, former secretary of President Coolidge, sought the Republican nomination.

"Both men have been out of the state too long to be able to become candidates that would appeal to the voters," the political leader said.

Three Deny Deal  
Three Democratic gubernatorial candidates, E. Kirk McKinney, Pleas Greenlee and Lieut. Gov. M. Clifford Townsend, today answered rumors of political mergers with flat declarations that each seeks one office, the Governorship.

The rumors, current in gossip in the three gubernatorial camps, regarding "deals" are as follows: That Mr. McKinney will throw his delegate support in the convention to Mr. Townsend in order to become his running-mate for the post of lieutenant-governor.

That an alliance, with promise of delegate support, is to be perfected (Turn to Page Three)

222 WPA MEN FIRED;  
INEFFICIENT, IS CLAIM

Dismissals Ordered by District Director at South Bend.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., April 3.—Charged with "inefficiency and insubordination," 222 WPA workers here were without jobs today. Their blanket dismissal was ordered last night by District Director Charles W. Legeman, who said the action was in line with the new WPA policy of discharging inefficient workers.

He described the group as "men who not only refused to work themselves, but attempted to keep others from working."

AUTO PRODUCTION AT  
NEW PEAK FOR YEAR

106,324 Cars Assembled Last Week, Report Says.

DETROIT, April 3.—A new high mark for production of automobiles this year was set this week when 106,324 cars were assembled, Wards automotive reports stated today. The production figure was the best since the week ending Dec. 21, 1935, and compared with 101,965 units produced last week.

Sight German Dirigible  
RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, April 3.—The German dirigible Hindenburg, on its maiden voyage from Friedrichshafen, passed over Recife (Pernambuco) early today.

Former President to Confer  
With G. O. P. Leaders  
at Dinner.

Speaks at Fort Wayne

Borah 'Not Surprised' by  
Defeat in New York  
Primary Test.

Herbert Hoover, the only living former President of the United States, is expected to arrive here late today to attend an informal dinner given in his honor by Warren C. Fairbanks, Indianapolis News publisher.

Mr. Hoover is scheduled to arrive here about 5 p. m. He is reported to be coming by automobile from Chicago. Forty Republican leaders and friends of Mr. Hoover have been invited to attend the dinner at the Columbia Club.

Mr. Hoover's stopover here on his way to a Republican rally in Fort Wayne tomorrow night, will be his first visit to Indianapolis since the 1932 campaign when he spoke at the Butler fieldhouse.

Mr. Hoover is expected to renew his attacks on the New Deal at the Fort Wayne rally tomorrow.

Borah Beaten in N. Y.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Backers of Senator William E. Borah took the position today that defeat of all Borah-pledged national convention candidates in the New York state primary was of small consequence in the Senator's campaign for Republican presidential nomination.

"Yes, I read about it in the papers," Mr. Borah said today when told of the final returns of yesterday's New York polling. "It was no surprise to me. I didn't know anything about the situation there and I didn't expect to win."

The New York primary gave the state's Democratic National Convention delegation to President Roosevelt although Alfred E. Smith easily won a convention seat. Smith has promised to "take a walk" if the convention indorses the Roosevelt Administration.

Borah said he did not consider the New York poll a real test of his strength but would so construe results of the Wisconsin primary, April 7, and that in Illinois one week later. All 17 Borah-pledged delegates in New York were defeated yesterday. Uninstructed delegates were uniformly successful.

Maine Favors Knox

BANGOR, Me., April 3.—Maine's 13 votes at the Republican national convention, though nominally unpledged, today were tacitly behind the presidential aspirations of Frank Knox, Chicago publisher.

At the G. O. P. state convention yesterday, seven delegates-at-large and six district delegates were elected.

Other officers elected are Mrs. W. C. Hartinger, first vice president; Mrs. George A. Van Dyke, second vice president; Mrs. C. H. Brackett, third vice president; Mrs. Henry Ostrom, recording secretary; Mrs. John Towns, corresponding secretary; Mrs. F. L. Warner, treasurer; Mrs. W. A. Shullenger, historian; Mrs. R. J. Hudson, auditor; and Mrs. S. M. Roes, parliamentarian.

Board members to serve for a three-year term are Mrs. Asa Hoy, Mrs. C. O. Nease, Mrs. Lionel Artis, Mrs. Frank Hirschman, Mrs. F. R. Daries, Mrs. Roy Sahm, Mrs. Carl Brooking, Mrs. W. C. Boerding, Mrs. Donald W. Conrad, Mrs. E. O. Coffman and Mrs. Robert Ball.

GET BIDS ON MATERIAL  
FOR STREET REPAIRS

Board Says Work Will Be in Full  
Swing by May 1.

The city's street repair program is to be in full swing by May 1, with four crews working on main thoroughfares and on streets leading to the Speedway. Ernest Plick, Works Board secretary, announced today.

Bids on \$50,000 worth of material to be used in this work were received by the board today. These are to be tabulated and a request for the purchase is to be made to City Council Monday night. It was said. The patching substance is to be placed at the city asphalt plant.

MAY ENTER RACE



Claude Bowers

## DRY FORCES TO OPEN CAMPAIGN

Stronger Local Option to Be  
Goal of League, York  
Says.

BY ARCH STEINEL

The Anti-Saloon League today entered the 1936 campaign with stronger local option laws as its goal, and will not work for either state or national prohibition, L. E. York, Indiana superintendent, said. "We favor a law, to be passed by the Indiana Legislature, which would require signatures of a majority of resident voters to legalize the sale of liquor in a community," he said.

The existing law requires that a petition for a license to sell liquor must have only 30 signatures attached.

In both the primary and the general elections campaigns, he said, the league will poll candidates for seats in national and state legislative bodies on their reactions to stronger local option laws and more rigid Federal supervision.

States of candidates favorable to the league's legislative ambitions will be printed and distributed to members and the voters in general, he said.

"We will not seek to have the Representatives or Senators pledged to a return of state prohibition. State as well as national prohibition is being left alone by our organization," Mr. York said.

Congressional candidates, he said, also are to be queried on their views toward strengthening the Federal liquor laws.

"Just as soon as the filing of declarations ends tomorrow night and we receive a list of the candidates of both parties we will get in touch with county organizations and the individual candidates to determine their stand on a local option law," Mr. York said.

HOPE MAN TO HEAD  
FARM CONTROL BODY

L. Marshall Vogler Named  
State Group's Chief.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Personnel of the powerful state Agricultural Commission for Indiana was announced today by AAA.

L. Marshall Vogler, Hope, was named chairman and members are Frank Kirkpatrick, Frankfort; Addison Drake, Fairbanks; Leon L. Bailey, Lowell; and Leroy Hoffman of the Purdue University Extension Service.

This committee is charged with handling the new AAA program in the state, supervising organization and administration and determining the county bases for "conservation," which amounts to crop control.

They were selected by G. B. Thorne, director for the North Central region. Their pay is \$10.50 a day. All but Hoffman are farmers.

WINTRY BLASTS TO  
CONTINUE, IS REPORT

Cold Tonight, but Warmer  
Tomorrow, Predicted.

Wintry blasts which sent early-risers shivering to work this morning are scheduled to continue in Indianapolis tonight, but tomorrow may be warmer, the Weather Bureau said today. Lowest reading tonight is expected to be about 25 degrees.

Since yesterday morning the high pressure area which has caused heavy snow and zero weather in the Northwest now has moved to Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas, the bureau said.

## TORNADO TOLL IN SOUTHLAND IS SET AT 40

Relief Forces Mobilized to  
Clear Debris at Greensboro, N. C.

STATE MILITIA ON DUTY

56 Buildings Demolished as  
Storm Hits Town;  
65 Injured.

By United Press  
GREENSBORO, N. C., April 3.—Quickly mobilized relief forces today cleared the debris from a residential and industrial area struck last night by a tornado, which took 12 lives here and raised to 40 the toll of storm deaths over the South. The storm struck Cordele, Ga., killing 18 persons before hitting here.

Business men estimated property damage at \$1,000,000. The storm crushed buildings in a four-block swath across the entire southern edge of Greensboro.

With 12 dead here, 65 others were receiving treatment in hospitals. The dead and injured were taken from the 1000 dwellings damaged. There were 56 buildings demolished, including 15 stores and mercantile establishments, 32 dwellings and nine factory and industrial plants. The Blue Bell overall plant was so badly damaged that its 1400 employees did not report to work today.

Only an unused warehouse of the El Moro Cigar Co. was destroyed and the plant operated as usual today.

National Guardsmen were on duty about the stricken area, as 300 WPA and CCC employees labored to clear away the debris.

Seven persons were killed by other twisters, two at Washington, Ga.; one at Sasser, Ga.; one at Dawson, Ga.; one at Dalton, Ga.; one at Hampton, S. C.; and one at Apalachicola, Fla.

Two Schools Wrecked  
Damage at Cordele passed \$1,000,000, principally because the town's two schools were wrecked.

Only a few residents of small frame houses on the city's western outskirts saw the tornado approach. It struck the southwestern corner of the city first, smashed a block of small homes, skidded into the air for half a block, and then roared across the entire city.

Most residences of the district were of inexpensive types, many of them occupied by Negroes. Their flimsy frames collapsed like cardboard.

Mrs. John W. Sparrow and her 10-year-old daughter Edna were pinned in one dwelling under a collapsed roof beam. A gas main beneath the house broke and the leaking gas caught fire. It ignited the debris despite the rain. Mrs. Sparrow's screams of agony from a crushed pelvis attracted the attention of neighbors. A dozen men removed the plighted woman but she was critically injured before being pulled free. Her daughter was bruised.

One Man Electrocuted  
Electric power was turned off all over the city immediately after the storm, but one unidentified man was killed before that by a broken live wire. Darkness impeded rescue work and increased panic.

Gov. J. C. B. Ehringhaus ordered 166 men and 17 officers of the Greenback National Guard unit mobilized as soon as he learned of the disaster. Negro students of A. and T. College organized rescue squads and worked all night to guide injured persons to emergency field hospitals.

YOUTHS BEGIN TERMS

Two Hoosier Boys Given Prison  
Sentences in Michigan.

MASON, Mich., April 3.—Two Frankfort (Ind.) youths today began sentences of from 12 to 20 years in State Prison of Southern Michigan for robbery of a Lansing beer garden.

William Felthy, 22, and Robert Harris, 19, confessed readily to the robbery as well as a series of other burglaries and holdups in Indiana.

Emma the Goat Lands in Hoosgow;  
Serves Her Right, Too, Police Think

This is a story of a goat named Emma. Some one, greatly excited, called the police at 6 this morning and said that a goat was window shopping in front of stores on Washington-st between Illinois and Meridian-sts, and would the police make some adjustments.

Patrolmen Calvin Simmons and Herman Winnings were sent to the scene and for 20 minutes tried with no success to capture the goat. In one desperate lunge, Patrolman Winnings nearly got the creature, but Emma escaped and ran into the street.

## PRISON CHIEF PREPARED TO SEND BRUNO TO DEATH CHAIR TONIGHT; HOFFMAN ACTION HIS SOLE HOPE



Bruno Hauptmann



Gov. Hoffman

## Lutz May Aid Pension Quiz, Halted Temporarily

Bell Reports Promise of  
Help From Indiana  
Public Official.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Chairman Jasper C. Bell (D., Mo.) of the House committee investigating the Townsend plan announced today that he has been pledged support of Atty. Gen. Philip Lutz Jr. in the committee's investigation in Indiana.

Mr. Lutz, here for two weeks, returned to Indianapolis Wednesday night.

"Mr. Lutz and I had a conference in which the Indiana angles of the investigation were disclosed," Mr. Bell said. "And he promised the full facilities of the attorney general's office in carrying out any investigation in the state."

Mr. Bell already is armed with data supplied by an Indiana Congressman concerning alleged irregularities in the Townsend plan set up there.

He indicated that when the scene is shifted from the national and California setup to the states, generally, Indiana will be one of the first to get the spotlight because the Townsend Weekly is published there.

Atty. Gen. Philip Lutz Jr. returned from Washington, said today he had no comment to make on Washington reports that his office will be used in a Townsend plan investigation here.

MILLER, RINEHART  
GET VENUE CHANGES

Embezzlement Trials to Be  
Held Elsewhere.

Criminal Judge Frank P. Baker today granted change of venue motions to Dick Miller, former president of the defunct City Trust Co., and Mark V. Rinehart, former director of the defunct Washington Bank and Trust Co., charged with bankers' embezzlement.

Mr. Miller's case was venue to Shelby County and Mr. Rinehart's to Johnson County. In ruling, Judge Baker said he believed there existed a prejudice in this county against the two former bankers.

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Kimberling Announces Decision After Fore-  
man of Grand Jury Reveals It Has No  
Reason to Ask New Delay.

AWAITS FINAL WORD FROM WILENTZ

Fisher, Meanwhile, Demands Trenchard Halt  
Execution Pending New Inquiry  
Into Wendel Case.

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TRENTON, N. J., April 3.—The electric chair was made ready for Bruno Richard Hauptmann again today.

Col. Mark O. Kimberling, head keeper of the New Jersey State Prison, announced that as far as he was concerned the Lindbergh baby killer would be put to death tonight.

Hauptmann's reserve of good luck began running low at midnight when the Mercer County Grand Jury recessed without taking any action in the case of Paul H. Wendel whose

repudiated confession caused Col. Kimberling to postpone Hauptmann's execution last Tuesday night.

Alyne Freeman, foreman of the jury, told Mr. Kimberling this morning that the jury had no reason for asking further delay.

Confers With Marshall

Col. Kimberling then went to Br-  
win Marshall, prosecutor of Mercer  
County. After talking with Mr.  
Marshall for an hour the head  
keeper announced he would go  
ahead with plans for the execution  
tonight, but would check also with  
Atty. Gen. David T. Wilentz.

Although Mr. Wilentz is this  
state's highest legal authority his  
word alone may not be enough to  
bring Hauptmann to the chair. Mr.  
Wilentz and Gov. Harold C. Hoff-  
man are bitter political enemies.  
Gov. Hoffman wants to save Haupt-  
mann and Mr. Wilentz wants him  
killed. The Governor may again  
inject himself into the case at the  
last minute. Observers believe that  
in event of a disagreement Mr. Kim-  
berling would follow Gov. Hoffman's  
instructions as against Mr. Wilentz's.

"I asked Prosecutor Marshall for  
an opinion on the present status of  
the Wendel case," Mr. Kimberling  
said. "I will go further now and  
ask the attorney general for advice."

Proceeds With Preparations

"I am going ahead with prepara-  
tions for the execution. I could  
not delay beyond tomorrow night  
because I have no authority to do  
so."

Kimberling said that since  
the grand jury's request of Tuesday  
night he had received no further  
request for a delay.

Reporters talked to Mr. Wilentz  
before Col. Kimberling had seen  
him. Mr. Wilentz told them he  
did not care to discuss what clari-  
fication would give to the head  
keeper. He said that the swift  
uncertain maneuvers involved in  
the "discontinuity" of the Wendel  
case, iniquity by the grand jury  
shortly before midnight had left  
his "as confused as any one else."

Fisher Demands New Probe

A few minutes after Mr. Wilentz  
had expressed his confusion, C.  
Lloyd Fisher, Hauptmann's lawyer,  
added still another contribution to  
the puzzling developments which  
have marked the case by demanding  
that the Hunterdon County grand  
jury be convened to investigate  
Wendel's possible connection with  
the kidnap-murder of baby Lind-  
bergh.

Mr. Fisher's demand was in a tele-  
gram which he sent to Supreme  
Court Justice Thomas W. Trenchard,  
the jurist before whom Haupt-  
mann was tried and condemned  
more than a year ago. The tele-  
gram demanded the removal of  
Prosecutor Anthony M. Hawk Jr.,  
the appointment of a special prose-  
cutor, and a stay for Hauptmann.

While these developments swirled  
about the heads of prominent fig-  
ures in the case outside Hauptmann  
awoke in death cell No. 9 to learn  
that his chief source of hope—the  
Mercer County grand jury—had re-  
cessed overnight without taking any  
action which would delay his death.

Chair Is Tested Again

Thirty paces from where Haupt-  
mann sat, electricians again were  
testing the chair in which he is to  
be put to death at 7 p. m. (In-  
dianapolis time). Extra guards  
were at the door of his cell. He  
was deprived of all utensils which  
might be used in an attempt at sui-  
cide.

After Mr. Kimberling left Mr.  
Marshall's office, the prosecution  
said that the investigation of Wen-  
del still was "unfinished business,"  
because no vote was taken on the  
murder indictment.

"I told Kimberling the same  
thing I told the press last night,"  
the prosecutor said. "I am not  
asking why the jury did not reach  
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FREIGHT LOADINGS UP

March 28 Total Tops Preceding  
Weeks; Lower Than 1935.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—The As-  
sociation of American Railroads an-  
nounced today that loadings of re-  
venue freight for the week ended  
March 28 totaled 600,487 cars, an  
increase of 33,679 above the pre-  
ceding week but a decrease of 16,033 be-  
low the corresponding week in 1935.