

\$1,600,000 for State Office Building Gets Approval of Senate

New Appropriation Voted Into Recovery Bill, 24-23, As Hospital and Gadget Repealer Are Passed; Boost Spending to Seven Millions.

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bill as now drafted would require the Budget Committee to proceed with the entire program once it was started. He said his proposal was designed to prevent an unbalanced budget by 1941.

Senator William D. Hardy (D, Evansville) attacked the proposed amendment on the grounds that "the special session was called to provide recovery and relief."

Senator Vermillion said he would resign from the Budget Committee if the Legislature placed on that committee the responsibility of determining whether the State can afford the program.

"That is your responsibility," he shouted.

A proposed amendment to the bill providing for an addition to the St. Joseph County Tuberculosis Hospital also was defeated.

Study Tourist Attractions

The Senate passed a concurrent resolution creating a seven-man commission to study methods used by other states to attract tourists. The commission would serve without expense to the State and would report to the Governor before Jan. 1, 1939.

The resolution was introduced by Senators Alfred H. Randall (D, Ft. Wayne) and Harvey J. Post (D, Hammond).

A motion seeking to secure adjournment of the Senate "to prevent it from plunging the State into debt which our grandchildren can't pay" was introduced by Senator Perry Johnson (R, Atlanta).

Republicans demanded a roll call vote on the motion but Democrats claimed the motion was out of order on the grounds that it must be presented to both houses.

The chair ruled this was the case and the roll call vote was not held.

Refers Budget Measures

A resolution to memorialize Congress to balance the budget was introduced by Senator Albert Ferris (R, Milton) and was referred to the committee on Banks and Trust Companies.

Senator Ferris said he was not introducing this measure to embarrass the majority but was concerned that the national budget had been out of balance for nine years.

The House convened at 10:30 a. m., half an hour later, passed two resolutions and received three new non-administration bills.

A bill introduced by Rep. Theodore J. Spurgeon (D, Ligonier), to appropriate \$275,000 to match PWA funds for construction of Unit C of the Indiana War Memorial here, was referred to Judiciary B Committee.

Asks Marijuana Ban

A bill introduced by Rep. William J. Black, an Administration supporter, making it illegal to smoke or sell cigarettes, cigars or tobacco containing the marijuana drug, was referred to the Committee on Swamps and Dikes.

A bill introduced by Reps. Ira J. Anderson (D, Cannelton) and Charles H. Bartley (D, Jasper) to create an Indiana State Toll Bridge Commission, would empower it to acquire existing bridges and right-of-way, build new bridges and issue bonds to finance them. It was referred to the Committee on Roads.

Labor Wants Projects

On protests from labor leaders and representatives of individual counties, the Administration has decided to leave in the institutions bill the Indiana and Purdue projects and possibly the teachers' colleges improvements, it was learned. The reduction in the appropriations will be less than \$500,000, if any, leaders said.

At a caucus of Senate Democrats yesterday an amendment was drafted to be written into the welfare bill at second reading today. It was doubtful, however, if the revision would prove satisfactory to the House, Senate leaders said.

Under the new basis decided upon at the caucus the State would return to counties a flat 40 per cent of their welfare costs, excepting those costs paid for by the first 10 cents in the local property tax levies.

Limited to 1939

The proposed amendment would make the bill operative only during 1939. Since the proposal bases the distribution on the 1939 county welfare budgets every unit would receive some reimbursement from the State, State Welfare Director Thurman Gottschalk said.

As an example of the new reimbursement system, Senators explained that a county having a 25-cent tax rate to pay welfare costs would receive from the State 40 per cent of the amount raised by a 15-cent rate.

The Administration's original "sliding scale" proposal which would have based State payments to counties on the ability of these counties to carry this load unaided was killed by the House, which also substituted a flat percentage basis of return.

Four Resolutions Offered

Resolutions introduced in the Senate yesterday were to:

1. Oppose attempts to secure a third term for President Roosevelt.

2. Investigate the passage and administration of the gadget law.

3. Study the Alcoholic Beverages Act with a view to securing a "model" liquor bill to present to the 1939 session.

4. Explain reasons for the introduction of the bill to prohibit Sunday movies and professional baseball and football games. This measure has been killed in committee.

The Senate voted down the resolution dealing with President Roosevelt's future and referred the others to committee.

Resolutions urging the investigation of passage and administration

Jackson Lays Decline in Claims for Jobless Aid to Gains in Business

Compensation Claims Drop

The decline in applications for unemployment compensation in Indiana and Marion County in the past five weeks is shown by the following figures:

Week Ended	State Claimants	County Claimants
June 18	7753	633
" 25	7638	607
July 2	6889	560
" 9	5889	567
" 16	5356	530
" 23	4399	499

Continuing a six weeks downward trend, unemployment compensation claims filed in Indiana dropped to a new low of 4399 last week, State Unemployment Compensation Division statistics showed today.

Clarence A. Jackson, Division director, attributed the decline to "better business conditions."

Division statisticians said the decline, which began June 18 when 7753 filed claims for compensation, has continued steadily.

While the drop in claims followed the statewide trend, benefits paid out in State and Marion County reached peaks last week.

Record Payment Made

For the week ending July 23, Hoosier unemployed and partially employed received \$708,885.11. The previous weekly high throughout the state was \$632,735.96, paid during the week ended July 16.

The Indianapolis district, which is virtually Marion County, may go higher than the record \$652,326.82 in benefits paid last week, officials said. Previous high for the district was \$57,338.27, paid the week ended July 16.

Last week's peak in State and Marion County benefit payments will continue as a plateau for several weeks, Mr. Jackson predicted.

It will be followed, he said, with a general decline in payments reflecting both the decline in claims that began June 18 and a gradual increase in the number of beneficiaries who will have exhausted their benefit rights.

Officials explained that the State and county-wide highs resulted from an "abnormal load" of beneficiaries who were thrown out of work in widespread industrial shutdowns in May and the early part of June.

Two Factors Responsible

Statisticians pointed to two factors effecting the drop in claimants. They were:

1. July re-employment in State and county.

2. The increase in working hours of part-time workers, whose previous week's benefit amount and had thus entailed them to compensation.

Re-employment indications were further substantiated by a drop of 1685 beneficiaries from the compensation rolls during last week. Of these, 382 had exhausted their benefit rights. The remainder either were re-employed or received increased hours of work.

The State Employment Service reported a gain of 267 jobs filed last week in Marion County over the previous nine weeks' average of 205. In the State, the gain was 1119 last week over a nine-week average of 1086.

Increased benefit payments in the State caused a drop of about \$500,000 in the unemployment compensation fund balance, it was reported.

The balance was 26 millions when compensation benefit payments began in April, rose to \$7,152,944 in the first half of July, and has decreased to \$26,500,000. Mr. Jackson indicated that the fund would pick up again in August when benefit payments are expected to show a decrease.

HEAT WAVE BLAMED IN MT. VERNON THEFT

MOUNT VERNON, Ind., July 27 (U. P.).—Weatherman Guy Green said his official Government thermometer back again today after it was stolen yesterday as a heat wave struck this area.

The thief evidently became hot under the collar when the mercury in the official meter rose to a new season's high and traded it for a cool, soft drink at a filling station. The station operator returned it to Mr. Green.

SEARCH COAST FOR 2-MISSING IN BOAT

NORFOLK, Va., July 27 (U. P.).—The U. S. Coast Guard today patrolled the Atlantic Coast near here in a search for Bob Peterson and Buddy Tepper of Plainfield, N. J., who have been unreported since Saturday.

They left Mantoloking, N. J., Saturday in a 26-foot motor sailer for Virginia Beach. Friends became worried when they did not arrive and notified the Coast Guard.

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BLAME JUMP OF PSYCHOPATH ON LOVE PROBLEM

Tied Up 5th Ave. for 11 Hours Before 17-Story Leap to Street.

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me alone; I must think this thing out by myself."

If his problem had to do with his hopeless love affair, he said nothing about it. Nor did his mother, simply her statement: "Let's forget it."

Repeatedly, as though speaking from the depths of an overwhelming feeling of inferiority, Ward mumbled something about hating to be "embarrassed by all those people."

But nothing any one could say appeared to solace him in the slightest.

Three hundred policemen, 100 firemen, four physicians, his sister, his mother, a number of his friends and a priest had worked desperately to prevent his killing himself.

Friends said today that all their efforts, all their pleadings, all the prayers of the approximately 100 persons who, during the 11 hours yesterday, had looked up from the street at the dizzy height where he was perched, all the ingenuity of the technicians who devised half a dozen schemes to save him, had been doomed to failure from the beginning.

Made Up Mind Weeks Ago

He had made up his mind weeks ago that he was not fit to live. He had tried twice before to kill himself. If he had been frustrated and had failed, he would have succeeded another time.

But he did not fail. As police hanged a shirt cargo net over the 16th floor in which they hoped to entice him, as peddlers moving through the crowds below crying, "Hyah ya are! Get your binoculars hyah," he said to the policeman leaning out the window pleading with him:

"I have made up my mind. I wish you could convince me that life is worth living."

He stood on tip-toe and catapulted himself out into space like a diver.

"There he comes," someone screamed from the crowd.

Fainting Women Are Trampled

The explosive flashes of photographers' bulbs outlined the slender figure, no longer in a dive, but plunging like a dead, inanimate weight. It struck the marquee of the hotel, breaking the glass and denting the steel, and bounced off into the gutter.

Shriek screams and moans came from the crowd. Women fainted and were trampled. A hundred policemen had been holding it back, but they were swept aside like straws. The crowd gathered in a thick circle, men, women, fainting and, at last, the police fought the crowd back.

For 11 hours Ward tied up traffic,

paralyzed the business of the fashionable shops below, engaged the attention of hundreds of policemen, disrupted the routine of the old-ultra-conservative Hotel Gotham. His death cost the merchants \$100,000, the city of New York \$30,000, the hotel several thousand.

Ward, the son of the American Express agent at Southampton, N. Y., was intelligent, well-mannered, but his depressive mania made him seem "strange" and a year ago he lost his job as teller in the Southampton bank.

Neighbors of the family, the Patrick A. Valentines, gave him a job tutoring their children. The changed environment did not improve his outlook, and after his two attempts at suicide, he was placed in the Central Islip Hospital for the Insane. He was released last month and has been "arrested" twice to complete the cure. Mr. Valentine and his wife took him and his sister, Mrs. Catherine Bull, on an outing to Chicago.

Twists Remark Into Indictment

Monday night they returned and spent the night at the Hotel Gotham, where the Valentines maintain a town apartment. Yesterday morning, the four of them were chatting in the Valentine living room. A remark was passed by Mrs. Bull that was so trivial that no one remembered it. But it was not trivial to Ward. He twisted it into an indictment, and without a word, rushed to the window and stepped out.

Mrs. Bull thought he had jumped into the street and hysterically telephoned the hotel clerk. But he had merely stepped out onto the ornamental ledge, 18 inches wide in front of the windows, 12 inches wide between them.

Mrs. Bull leaned out the window, assured him of her love, told him that he had character, that he had more character than anyone she knew, told him that he was wonderful and she wanted him to live. He looked at her with tear-moistened eyes and said he wanted to work it out for himself.

Street Packed in Two Hours

Ward had left his coat in the room and his white shirt and dark trousers against the dull limestone of the building made a vivid silhouette. Someone saw him and stopped, staring up. Another person, then another and another joined the first. Within five minutes there were several hundred. Within two hours the street was packed from curb to curb and the crowd spread out for several blocks to the north and traffic had to be detoured.

An inspector arrived with an emergency detachment—men trained to cope with such emergencies as this one. Soon another police inspector, several fire battalion chiefs, and 100 policemen to control the crowd, came on the quick. Ward was standing carefully between the two windows where he couldn't be reached, leaning against the side of the building.

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calmly surveyed his growing audience, smoking, cigars and flipping the butts into the crowd.

Mrs. Bull's emotions at length exhausted her. She swooned, was revived, and put to bed. The Valentines used every device they could think of. Mr. Valentine even leaned out the window and said:

"Oh, come on, then. Let's forget it. I'll take you to the ball game."

Ward, a baseball fan, brightened a little, said:

"Who's playing?"

"The Cubs (Chicago) and the Dodgers (Brooklyn)."

"I'd rather jump than see the Dodgers."

At last they sent for Patrolman Glasco, a young man with a reputation for eloquence and charm. He took off his coat, his cap, his badge, his gun—everything that marked him as a policeman—leaned out the window, and cried:

"Look at me, man! Have I ever done anything to you? Then why do you want to ruin me. I'm the clerk of this hotel. I have a wife and three children. If you jump, people will say its my fault and I'll lose my job. Then what'll happen to my children? Come on in, man, and let's talk it over."

Ward seemed touched. He explained sadly that he had no wish to harm anyone, that he couldn't make up his mind.

"Look at all those people down there," he said. "I can't disappoint them."

Glasco talked on and on and though he did not overpower Ward with his eloquence, he did those who were in the room behind him. Deputy Mayor Henry Curran, tears in his eyes, exclaimed that he had never seen such excellent police work.

The technicians at last devised a scheme. On the sidewalk below they stretched out a cargo net borrowed from a steamship and attached its side to ropes that had been surreptitiously lowered from the floor below Ward's ledge. They worked slowly afraid that Ward would see and be impelled to jump.

Policemen went among the scores of photographers, urging them not to take flashlight pictures lest they illuminate the net rising slowly up the side of the hotel. But the flashes went off anyway and Ward surely saw.

At the 16th floor one side of the net was made fast to the side of the building. The other side were attached ropes lowered from the 18th floor, one floor above Ward. The plan was to pull up the net and trap Ward between it and the building.

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