

## 4970 REDUCTION IN INDIANA WPA ROLLS ORDERED

Harrington Calls for Slash  
After House Approves  
100 Million Sum.

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Gene B. Crowe, William H. Larrabee and Mr. Ludlow, Rep. John W. Boehne Jr. was absent when his name was called.

That the 150 million dollars may be restored by the Senate was the hope expressed today by Senator Minton (D. Ind.), who will aid other New Dealers in the effort to obtain that amount.

While the House was in a turmoil voting down all other amounts either greater or less than the 100 million dollars Senators Minton, Pepper (D. Fla.) and Schwellenbach (D. Wash.) began a preliminary skirmish for WPA on the Senate floor.

Lecture 'Cotton Ed'

All lectured Senator Cotton Ed Smith (D. S. C.) for talking about persons on WPA as being "no good," as he did in a speech on Thursday, and for charging that WPA is a bribe by the Government.

Senator Minton began by reading a letter he received from Mrs. Ethel Vaughn, 713 W. 13th St., Indianapolis, which stated:

"I am an employee of the WPA and this work has helped me wonderfully, and I certainly have appreciated what has been done for me, as I am a widow and the mother of one child that depends on me for support and a home to care for, and will you please extend this work a little longer as I hate to go back to direct relief, as I am eligible and want to work, as I have no one to help me in any respect."

Asserting that he did not so much mind the slur on the Senate, as contained in the suggestion that they would vote a bribe, as he did the slighting references to WPA workers, Senator Minton said:

"I want to stand up here and speak for the Ethel Vaughns who are scattered throughout this country and are wholly dependent upon WPA for jobs."

Shows Willingness to Work

"Certainly her letter shows that she is willing to work and far prefers to earn her way than to depend upon charity, a handout or a dole. These are the people who cannot come here and speak for themselves. It is high time some one defended them against the unjust attacks of traducers."

Senator Smith will soon be here again asking for many millions to help solve the cotton problem, a performance he has put on so many times it has given him a title—Cotton Ed.

"We don't have any cotton in Indiana, but I realize that the cotton surplus problem is greater than South Carolina or the entire South. It is a national problem and we must try and solve it by national action."

But so is unemployment. Only the national Government can cope with it. This we are trying to do, in small measure, through the WPA."

### Local WPA Officials Prepare to Trim Rolls

Mr. Jennings today said that although he had not received the wire from Col. Harrington, he had anticipated cutting about 4000 persons from the rolls if the House approved only the 100 million dollar figure.

Next week WPA officials are expected to scan their relief rolls to determine who shall be dropped. Mr. Jennings has said that a reduction in the rolls will result in many families being returned to their counties for direct relief.

### A. F. L. and C. I. O. Asked For Wagner Act Views

WASHINGTON, April 1 (U. P.)—Chairman Mary T. Norton (D. N. J.) of the House Labor Committee asked the A. F. of L. and C. I. O. today to submit their views on proposed amendments to the Wagner-Hour Law.

Their answers were expected soon since the Committee hopes to report the amendments without extended hearings.

Opposing views of the A. F. of L. C. I. O. on administrative procedure of the act complicated enactment of the law by Congress a year ago. The two groups now differ over proposed changes in the Wagner-Labor Relations Act, the A. F. of L. sponsoring a set of amendments, the C. I. O. opposing any change.

Major changes under Mrs. Norton's measure would exempt white collar workers from the hours and overtime provisions of the law, if they are guaranteed a monthly salary of \$200 or more, and provide for agricultural and perishable goods industries to work employees up to 12 hours a day and 36 hours a week.

Admiral Ghormley  
Named Stark's Assistant

WASHINGTON, April 1 (U. P.)—Secretary of the Navy Swanson today selected Rear Admiral Robert L. Ghormley, now chief of the Navy's War Plans Division, to be assistant to the newly appointed Chief of Naval Operations, Rear Admiral Harold R. Stark.

Admiral Stark will become a full Admiral when he takes over the office now held by Admiral William D. Leahy. Admiral Leahy will retire shortly after adjournment of Congress.

Secretary Swanson made public 25 other transfers among flag officers of the Navy, including three who will become Admiral Stark's immediate advisers.

Rear Admiral Walter S. Anderson, now commanding Cruiser Division Four of the Scouting Force, will be director of Naval Intelligence; Rear Admiral Herbert F. Leary, now Chief of Staff of the Commander in Chief of the United States Fleet, to be Director of Fleet Training, and Capt. Leigh Noyes, now Chief of Staff to the Commander of Aircraft in the Battle Force, to be director of naval communications.

Rear Admiral Hayne Ellis of Kansas City, now commandant of the Ninth Naval District at Chicago, will take command of the recently reconstituted Atlantic Squadron. He will succeed Rear Admiral Alfred W. Johnson, who will become a member of the Navy's general board.

## HOOSIERS IN WASHINGTON

—By DANIEL M. KIDNEY

WASHINGTON, April 1.—Although Paul McNutt's supporters have been none too friendly at times toward Senator VanNus, the Philippine High Commissioner's backers did not hesitate to pick up bodily one of the Senator's campaign ideas in their drive to boost the former Governor into the Presidency.

That idea is the "direct-by-mail" campaign. Senator VanNus, fighting the State House machine for renomination last year, had a direct-by-mail advertising expert help him plan his attack.

From VanNus' headquarters poured 100,000 letters to both Democrats and Republicans in Indiana. Each letter contained a return postcard. Ben Stern, the Senator's secretary, claimed a great return. He contended it played a part in getting the Senator renomination on the first ballot.

Anyway the McNutt forces now are using the same type of attack. Democratic Senators and Congressmen here all have received personal letters from Frank McHale, Indiana's Democratic National Committeeman, and Mrs. Samuel Ralston, national committeewoman.

Though Washington is a sophisticated city, it is not adverse to clever tactics and one political observer expressed his approval.

"He said it was very smart."

"Any one likes to receive a letter," he said, "even if he knows it is a circular one. If those McNutt letters are scattered around throughout the country, there will be plenty of persons flashing them with great effect. I don't believe, however, they'll be much of a factor with the Senators and Congressmen."

Senator Minton is sporting a small black block with the number 8 on it on his coat lapel. It seems to represent his position in trying to put Pleas Greenlee in Will Smith's job as Internal Revenue Collector at Indianapolis.

But the Senator denies that it accurately describes his status at the White House at the present time. He still is 100 per cent pro-Roosevelt and vice versa. That eight ball, however, may mean something if F. D. R. seeks a third term, with PVM already in the race.

There is a suspicion that Jim Farley got a laugh out of the jealousy between Rep. William H. Larrabee and Rep. Louis Ludlow regarding who will get the biggest

part of the credit for the new James Whitcomb Riley commemorative stamp.

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Rep. William H. Larrabee (D. Ind.) took the Indiana congressional delegation into Postmaster General Farley's office to present a petition of Hancock County school children urging issuance of a James Whitcomb Riley stamp. Mr. Farley assured them steps already are being taken and Senator Minton is shown reading a letter to President Roosevelt in which the Riley stamp is recommended. Left to right are Reps. Ludlow and Johnson, Senator Minton, Reps. Springer, Gillie, Larrabee, Harness (behind Larrabee) and Mr. Farley.

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Kentuckian said: "Well, Mr. Preacher, how much do I owe you?"

Somewhat taken aback by such as snappy settlement, Dr. Montgomery explained that weddings are not a matter of fees although donations are accepted.

"No sir," said the Kentuckian, "I am a man who always pays his bills and you tell me how much and I'll pay you."

After such repartee had continued for some time, Dr. Montgomery finally said, somewhat exasperatedly, "All right. I'll charge you \$10."

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