

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 Schweikert (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 is depending on me for support and a home to care for, and will you please extend this work a little longer as I am eligible back to direct relief, 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 reference 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 when one defended the WPA against the unjust attacks of traders."

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. L. and C. I. O. today to submit their views on proposed amendments to the Wagner Labor Law.

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

Opposing views of the A. F. L. and 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. 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 \$300 or more, and permission for agricultural and other seasonal industries to work employees up to 12 hours a day and 56 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 Van Nuys, 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 Van Nuys, fighting the State House machine for renomination last year, had a direct-by-mail advertising expert help him plan his attack.

From Van Nuys 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 renominated on the first ballot.

Any way 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."

"Anyone likes to receive a letter," he said, "even if he knows it is a campaign one. If these 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 ball with the number 8 on it on his coat lapel. It seems to represent his position in trying to put Pleas Greener 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 FVM 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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Church Built By Minister And Family

A church, built by its pastor and congregation after more than a year's work, will be dedicated tomorrow on the birthday anniversaries of the pastor and his wife.

Working every day except Sunday with the help of his family and church members, the Rev. Walter Speck dug the basement, laid the foundation and bricks and finally installed the wooden roof.

Today the Pilgrim Church at 1735 E. 46th St. has been completed.

The basement was dug with the aid of his 17-year-old son, Glenn Robert, a student at Broad Ripple High School, who drove the family car which pulled the large shovel guided by his father. Another son, Dale, also helped.

Funds were donated by church members and friends. The church formerly was located in the 4500 block Sangster Ave., a remodeled residence.

The Rev. Speck, who has been pastored here seven years, will be 45 tomorrow. It also is his wife's birthday. The church dedication ceremonies will be at 2 p. m.

LISTING OF DEALERS IS BEGUN BY STATE

Registration of dealers in foods, drugs and cosmetics with the State Health Board as required under a new law, was started today by Dr. Verne K. Harvey, State Health Director.

The law provides that dealers must apply for registrations by April 6.

"Registration of these dealers will be of great assistance to our Bureau of Dairy Products and Bureau of Foods and Drugs in arranging for the periodic inspections of such establishments," Dr. Harvey said.

"The registrations also will enable the bureau to conduct prompt sanitary inspections before the establishments open for business. The plan has met with widespread approval of the industries involved."

Meanwhile, the State Health Board is studying the new pneumonia serum law to determine if the \$75,000 annual appropriation can be used to buy sulfa-pyridine, a new drug used in treating pneumonia.

The State Board may ask the Attorney General for an opinion on the matter," Dr. Harvey said. "Whether the Legislature intended the money to be used for drugs as well as serum is the question to be determined."

HOLD BROTHERS IN CCC CAMP MURDER

MT. CARROLL, Ill., April 1 (U. P.).—Two teen-age brothers were held to the Grand Jury today on a charge of murder in the slaying of Lieut. Paul A. Master, 36, commander of a CCC camp, who was shot to death at the camp office yesterday during a \$1300 payroll holdup.

The prisoners are John Collins, 17, and his brother, Clarence, 15, Chicagoans. John had been an enrollee at the camp but was discharged three months ago. A posse of 125 CCC enrollees and deputy sheriffs seized the youths last night after they had twice escaped from Mt. Carroll. They maintained their innocence.

SLATE FALL KILLS MINER, INJURES KIN

ST. MEINRAD, April 1 (U. P.).—Falling slate in a coal mine near here today had cost the life of one miner and seriously injured another.

Carl Fisher, 20, was killed, and his cousin, Victor Fisher, injured. They were buried in the mine for nearly six hours before rescuers were able to dig them out.



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, Landis, Larrabee, Harness (behind Larrabee) and Mr. Farley.

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Jim saw the storm clouds gathering. He adjourned the meeting and shooed everyone out the door.

Safe bets can be made now on one of three cities being the site of the Democratic national convention in 1940. They are Chicago, St. Louis or Boston.

THE REV. JAMES SHERA MONTGOMERY, who is serving his 19th year as chaplain of the House of Representatives, was born at Mount Carmel, Ind., and first entered the ministry in the Hoosier state.

His first wedding ceremony was performed for a gentleman from Kentucky, who came across the Ohio River to claim an Indiana bride. After the wedding, the

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

Somewhat taken back by such a 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."

Now it became the Kentuckian's turn to hesitate.

"Wait until I go get a check cashed," he said and departed with his bride.

Dr. Montgomery hasn't seen him since.

The resolution was introduced in the House of Representatives early in the session and was passed a month later by that chamber and sent to the Senate.

It provided for a seven-member commission to decide on the best method for Indiana cities to obtain the city manager form of government. One member was to be appointed by the Governor, one by the Speaker of the House, one by the Lieutenant-Governor and two by the president of Indiana University and the president of Purdue University.

Amended by Senate

The resolution passed the House and was amended by the Senate to include the reporting date of the commission from October 1 to Dec. 1. The House then concurred in the Senate's amendment.

At this point the resolution was to have been certified by showing the clerk of the House that such action had been taken, but he said the measure was never given him by the Speaker. As a result, the measure never was enrolled or signed by the Speaker of Lieut. Gov. Schricker.

Legislative and State officials appeared generally agreed that the enrollment and signing could be dispensed with in this type of resolution, but that the Clerk's certification of the concurrence would be necessary to make the measure operative.

POWER & LIGHT CO. WILL OPEN BRANCH

The Indianapolis Power & Light Co. announced plans today for opening a branch office about May 1 at 5608-10 E. Washington St. for the convenience of customers in the Irvington district.

Facilities will be provided for transacting practically all business for which electric customers ordinarily visit the Electric Building on Monument Circle, including payment of bills, service changes and information.

It was explained that the Irvington branch will be an experiment to determine the advisability of maintaining several separate branches in various parts of the City.

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ACT TO REMEDY ERROR BLOCKING MANAGER PLAN

Failure to Certify Resolution Makes It Inoperative, Schricker Says.

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current resolutions provide that final certification must be made before adjournment to be official.

"If certifications were permitted any time after the session, there is no assurance what might happen after adjournment," Mr. Schricker said.

Herbert Kenney, Legislative Bureau director, said he believed the House Clerk or Speaker could be "mandated in court to certify the resolution."

House Clerk's register of proceedings shows the House concurred in the Senate's amendments to the resolution on March 1.

Senator Jacob Weiss (D. Indianapolis), who sponsored some amendments to the resolution, had contended that certification by the House clerk "can be done any time up to midnight of the election in 1940."

"That resolution is valid and if any of the parties decline to act under it they can be mandated to act in any court," Senator Weiss said.

The General Assembly is still alive and business can be transacted until it dies on election."

Jr. C. C. to Investigate

The city manager committee of the Indianapolis Junior Chamber of Commerce, one of the civic organizations which sponsored the resolution, held a meeting yesterday afternoon and decided to investigate the situation.

Another meeting of the committee has been scheduled for next week. Members indicated they felt that the error was accidental and that the persons designated to make the appointments to the Commission could make the appointments without the certification.

Rep. Howard Butman (D. Terre Haute), who led the fight for the resolution on the floor of the House, said he would confer with Governor Townsend and Attorney General Omer Stokes Jackson next week to determine what action could be taken to guarantee the measure's operation.

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Mr. Garner Can Keep His Picture

WASHINGTON, April 1 (U. P.).—Vice President Garner's picture will not be printed in the Congressional Record.

Senator Reynolds (D. N. C.) obtained unanimous consent yesterday for reproduction of a news picture in that document. Only two other Senators were on the floor and neither objected.

Later, however, the parliamentarian called attention to a law of 1895 which prohibits reproduction of news pictures in the Congressional Record without the consent of the Joint Committee on Printing.

The picture was one of G. Man J. Edgar Hoover fingerprinting Mr. Garner. Mr. Garner laughed heartily at Senator Reynolds' vocal efforts on his behalf.

U. S. CHAMBER URGES CHANGES IN WAGNER ACT

Charges Government Is Made Biased Participant In Labor Disputes.

WASHINGTON, April 1 (U. P.).—The U. S. Chamber of Commerce charged today that the Wagner Act had disrupted relations between employers and workers. It urged six major amendments to make the law "operate fairly."

The Chamber's amendments, drafted by its Department of Manufacture Committee and approved by the board of directors, were described as "essential to the correction of manifest unfairness and injustices resulting from the language of the act or from its administration and as promotive of sound Federal policy with respect to labor relations."

The committee said the present act "has promoted public disorder and disregard for personal property rights, in defiance of constitutional and statutory safeguards. It has injected the Federal Government as an active and biased participant into the field of labor disputes, not only as between employers and employees but also as between rival organizations of labor."

What Chamber Seeks

Specific amendments urged by the Chamber would:

1. Give employers the express right to petition for determination of fact by the National Labor Relations Board to take action on employers' petitions.

2. Guarantee employers the right of free speech in discussing unionism with their workers.

3. Prohibit coercion of workmen in their right to organize by employers, employees or labor unions.

4. Limit the right of unions to bargain collectively to their own membership instead of giving them exclusive bargaining rights if they represent a majority of all employees.

5. Outlaw closed shop contracts.

Hearings Begin April 11

6. Separate the NLRB's judicial and administrative functions by giving the judicial functions to Federal Courts or other appropriate agencies such as special labor courts.

The Senate Labor Committee will begin hearings on amendment proposals April 11. Chamber officials said that their representatives would testify. The National Association of Manufacturers is backing a bill sponsored by Senator Burke (D. Neb.), and the Chamber agrees with most of its provisions except those setting up a code of "unfair labor practices" by labor and to require the NLRB to consist of one representative each of employer, employee and the public.

SEEK 'BOMB' IN OKAZAKI

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark., April 1 (U. P.).—John Thornburg, a U. P. man, was charged today with having a bomb in his car and held up in a Kansas Bank, was believed hiding in the Ozark hill country near here today.

Injuries Fatal to Shelbyville Mother

SHELBYVILLE, April 1 (U. P.).—Mrs. Myrtle Kennedy, 49, of near Pointintown, was dead today from injuries suffered in an accident in which two other persons were injured.

The injured were Carl Kendall, 29, her son, and Wanda Lou Kendall, 5, her niece. Neither was in serious condition. The car in which they were riding left the highway and overturned four times.

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