

## SECRETARY OF NAVY SWANSON IS DEAD AT 77

State Funeral to Be Held  
For Statesman Monday  
In Senate Chamber.

### F. D. R. LEADS TRIBUTES

Assistant Secretary Edison  
And Stark Mentioned  
For Vacancy.

WASHINGTON, July 7 (U. P.).—Secretary of the Navy Claude A. Swanson, under whose administration United States fighting fleets underwent the greatest expansion in peacetime history, died today in a mountain camp in his native Virginia.

A state funeral for the 77-year-old elder statesman of the Democratic party will be held in the Senate chamber Monday.

President Roosevelt, with "profound regret," announced the news of Mr. Swanson's death. The elderly cabinet member died at the fishing camp at Rapidan, Va., which was created by President Hoover. He suffered a stroke at 7 a. m. yesterday, and died shortly after 7 a. m. (Indianapolis Time) today.

Charles Edison, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, immediately became Acting Secretary and flashed news of his death to United States war vessels in all quarters of the world. It was the first major test of the Navy's new "flash radio system" inaugurated two weeks ago.

Mr. Swanson's death raises a difficult political problem in selection of his successor. Mr. Edison, who during Mr. Swanson's long illness has been virtual acting secretary, was prominently mentioned. Governor Stark of Missouri also was a possibility.

**Senate Session Brief**  
The news of Mr. Swanson's death brought universal expressions of regret. The Senate adjourned after a 15-minute session during which it adopted a resolution authorizing the state funeral.

The resolution was introduced by Senator Glass (D. Va.) Vice President Garner will appoint 16 Senators to make necessary arrangements.

Majority Leader Barkley (D. Ky.), eulogized Swanson as a public servant who "always rendered outstanding service."

"It is with profound sorrow," Mr. Roosevelt said, "that I have learned of the death today at the Rapidan Camp, Va., of the greatly loved Claude A. Swanson."

"I join with the entire country in mourning him as one whose many years of faithful service to the nation have endeared him to all. His wise counsel and his philosophic understanding of human problems will live after him in the hearts and minds of those of us who have had the privilege of being his associates."

**Praises His Loyalty**  
"He brought to the public service not only ability and integrity but a loyalty to principle and to duty from which no consideration could move him."

"By his example he has provided an inspiration for all public servants. I personally mourn the passing of a steadfast and intimate friend."

For some months Mr. Swanson had been Secretary in name only. His illness prevented more than a show of directing naval policies. There had been talk of shelving him and it reached even the White House. But the old Virginian was popular with his colleagues and with the Navy, ashore and afloat and he held on—a man with a lifetime of public service behind him but without

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## F. D. R. DIRECTS BYRD TO 'TAKE' ANTARCTIC

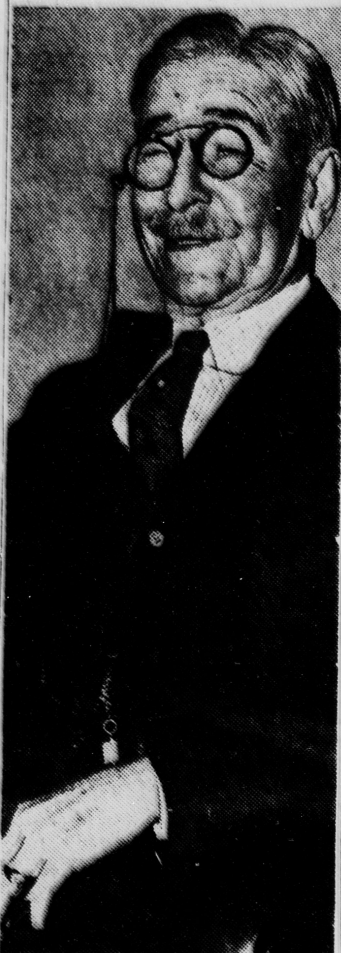
WASHINGTON, July 7 (U. P.).—President Roosevelt today directed Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd to proceed in early October to the Antarctic on an expedition designed to substantiate claims to American territory within the sphere of influence of the Monroe Doctrine.

Admiral Byrd and a group of Government experts spent a half hour with the Chief Executive studying charts and other data relative to the expedition. Mr. Byrd said he hoped to leave the U. S. between Oct. 1 and 15.

He said that he would take three ships, the veteran "Bear of Oakland," which he has used on previous occasions in Antarctic explorations; the big coast guard cutter "Northland," and the "North Star," a ship belonging to the Department of the Interior and now in Alaska.

Mr. Byrd said it was his intention to establish three bases with 22 men in each base.

## Career Ends



Claude A. Swanson

## KEEP ARMS BAN, BLOC TO INSIST

34 Senators Vow to Talk to  
Death Plan to Change  
Neutrality Measure.

WASHINGTON, July 7 (U. P.).—A bloc of 34 Senators announced today that they will talk to death any proposal to remove from the neutrality laws the present authorization for embargoes against shipments of arms to belligerents.

Headed by a veteran isolationist, Senator Hiram Johnson (R. Cal.), the bloc met today to plan strategy. It pledged unalterable opposition to the repeal or modification of the present neutrality law prohibiting the sale or exportation of arms, munitions or implements of war to nations engaged in war.

**Roosevelt Defeat Possible**  
If leaders of the bloc can maintain their lines intact in the face of determined opposition from the Administration, they almost certainly would be able to block attempts of President Roosevelt's followers to remove a modified arms embargo clause from the house-approved neutrality bill.

Both Mr. Roosevelt and Secretary of State Hull have declared their opposition to the embargo clause.

The ultimatum was issued on the eve of a meeting tomorrow of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to consider the House-approved neutrality bill.

**Borah Sees Foreign Plot**  
The group apparently threw its opposition against even the modified House version of the embargo in denouncing any "modification" of the existing strict embargo.

The fervor of the isolationist bloc which will be satisfied with nothing short of a strict embargo was indicated by Senator Borah (R. Ida.) in a speech on the Senate floor yesterday. He accused France and Great Britain of attempting to dictate American foreign policy, hoping to maneuver this country into fighting on their side.

Senators attending the meeting included: Nye (R. N. D.), Capper (R. Kas.), Borah (R. Ida.), Bennett (C. Ark.), (D. Mo.), Worth (D. Ark.), (D. Ida.), Bone (D. Wash.), Lodge Jr. (R. Mass.), White Jr. (R. Me.), Robert M. La Follette (P. Wis.), Holt (D. W. Va.), Reed (R. Kas.), Shipstead (F. L. Minn.) and Danaher (R. Conn.).

## CITY ASPHALT'S USE ORDERED BY BOARD

Bids for Senate Ave. Work  
Called 'Too High.'

The Works Board today ordered City Engineer M. G. Johnson to use asphalt from the City's plant in reconstructing Senate Ave. after asserting that private bids on asphalt were "too high."

The Board at the same time rescinded action on two other permanent street improvements because of property owners' objections. Construction of a North Side sanitary sewer was approved.

Two bids were received on the asphalt for Senate Ave., one from the Indiana Asphalt Paving Co. and the other from the Union Asphalt Construction Co., both of Indianapolis.

The bid of the Indiana Asphalt Paving Co., which was low was \$2075 for sheet asphalt and the asphalt binder, compared to the City's estimate of \$1937.50 based on previous work.

The street improvement orders were rescinded when property owners objected to the paying of the first alley north of Pleasant Run Parkway between Bolton and Campbell Aves. on the ground that it would constitute a safety hazard for children and a proposed permanent improvement of Tecoma Ave. from 38th to 57th Sts. was rejected by residents who wanted the improvement carried out to 35th

## M'NUTT HINTED FOR NATIONAL SECURITY POST

Capital Gossips Link Him  
To \$12,000 Vacancy on  
New Board.

### HE 'TURNS ON STEAM'

Bids Friends to Press Drive  
For Presidential  
Nomination.

By DANIEL M. KIDNEY  
Times Staff Writer  
WASHINGTON, July 7.—While Paul V. McNutt bustled from one Government office to another today, gossip spread that he had been offered the Social Security directorship, a new \$12,000-a-year position created under the Reorganization Act.

His full-fledged Presidential boom under way, Mr. McNutt conferred with Cabinet members but said his chats "concerned Philippine affairs rather than politics."

### Second Busy Day

It was a second busy day for the former Hoosier Governor. He arrived yesterday and started political speculation with a round of interviews that began with the President and included his old political enemy, Postmaster General James Farley. Main interest centered today on the possibility of Mr. McNutt's being named to the Social Security post. It is the only one of three newly created positions which remains vacant. Jesse Jones heads the lending agencies and John Carmody was named to direct the Works Administration.

Besides the Social Security Board the new division will include Education, Films, Radio, Public Health Service, Employment Service, National Youth Administration and Civilian Conservation Corps.

Wayne Coy, Mr. McNutt's administrative assistant, has been talked of for a \$3000 job as assistant administrator in this setup.

**Confers With Hull**  
After a conference with Secretary of State Hull, Mr. McNutt had luncheon with Francis B. Sayre, assistant Secretary of State, who reportedly is scheduled to succeed him as High Commissioner.

Mr. Coy has moved his office back from the Budget Bureau into the Interior Department, the Philippines office having been shifted there from the War Department.

Today, Mr. Coy accompanied Mr. McNutt in calling on Interior Secretary Ickes. Mr. McNutt said he "absolutely no politics" were involved in his conversation with Mr. Ickes.

Earlier, the Commissioner called on Attorney General Murphy, a former Philippines High Commissioner. Mr. McNutt said it was a "friendly visit."

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## SIDENER TAKES JOB IN UTILITY DISTRICT

Declares He'll Start Work  
With 'Open Mind.'

Merle L. Sidener, former School Board member, today accepted appointment by Mayor Sullivan as a trustee of the City Utility District.

Mr. Sidener, a former newspaperman now in the advertising business, said he would enter his duties as a trustee with an "open mind."

He said he was unfamiliar with the operation of the City's gas utility but would attempt to inform himself as to its various phases as quickly as possible.

Mr. Sidener was named to fill the vacancy created by the death of William J. Mooney Sr., who died several months ago. The appointment was made upon nomination by the present trustees, A. D. Hitz, Thomas D. Shoen, Charles S. Rauh and Edward W. Harris.

Mr. Sidener is chairman of the board of Sidener & Van Riper, Inc., advertising agency. He also is the founder and leader of the Christian Men Builders' Class at the Third Christian Church.

LINDERBERG AT HOME TOWN  
LITTLE FALLS, Minn., July 7 (U. P.).—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, making a nation-wide survey of U. S. Army strength, made a surprise visit to his old family homestead here last night. He left today for an unannounced eastern destination.

On their way to visit her father in Stanton, Ky., until the plane was forced down out of gas near Wyatt yesterday afternoon.

She said she had known the pilot about two weeks, but that when they left Monday she thought they were going up for a few minutes only.

They returned to her mother's home yesterday, she said, but flew on when they saw a large crowd collected around it.

Sheriff Beck said the plane landed at Wyatt yesterday afternoon. Today Pelch was taking up passengers. When the sheriff arrived, the pilot landed his passengers in another field, let them out and flew west, abandoning Goldie.

Highway patrol officers to the west were warned to be on the lookout for Pelch and the plane.

## Bean-O

Young Salesman Loses  
\$39 in Change to  
'Buyer.'

A BRISK and bewildering flurry in the green bean market today left Charles Rosebrook, 17, R. R. 4, Box 518, a poorer but a wiser young man.

A well-dressed man approached his stand at the South Side Market and contracted to buy two bushels of beans, offering Charles a dime extra to deliver a bushel of them to his mother's home, which he said was at 439 S. Alabama St.

CHARLES agreed. The man asked for change for a \$20 bill and Charles gave him \$10 without getting the \$20 bill. The man talked some more and then asked for change for another \$20 bill, which Charles gave him, again without getting the \$20.

Then the man decided he had to call his father and departed. Charles found a vacant house at 439 S. Alabama St. He still had the two bushels of beans.

## TALK ON WATER IS DEADLOCKED

City Flatly Refuses to Pay  
\$5,000,000 Asked for  
Common Stock.

A flat refusal by the City to pay \$5,000,000 for the Indianapolis Water Co. common stock today apparently had deadlocked negotiations with the C. H. Geist Estate.

The break in negotiations came during a conference between City officials and C. W. McNear, investment broker representing the estate, late yesterday.

**City Rejects Price**  
At that time, Mr. McNear brought word that the executors of the estate would not accept less than their original asking price, \$5,000,000, for the stock. He repeated his earlier statement that the estate had received an offer for the stock from a private investor but had declined to consider it until after conclusion of the negotiations with the City.

After a conference between the City officials and the Mayor's Citizens Advisory Committee, during which Mr. McNear and his attorney, Fred Bates Johnson left the room, Mr. McNear was informed by Mayor Sullivan that the City was "not interested in the stock at that price."

**No Compromise Hinted**  
Judson Dickerman, Federal Trade Commission utilities expert who recommended a report on the company's value for the City, advised in his report that the City would be justified in paying \$3,500,000 for the stock, in view of the fact the City would acquire \$1,500,000 in stock assets, largely cash and Government notes, in taking over the utility.

Neither the Mayor nor Mr. McNear (Continued on Page Three)

**'TINIEST PATIENT' IN  
CRITICAL CONDITION**  
City Hospital's tiniest patient, a baby that weighed one pound 11 ounces when born prematurely June 29, was described as in a "critical condition and very weak" today by physicians.

The girl has been fed by a medical dropper, oxygen has been administered periodically, and the girl's weight now is about the same as at birth. She is the smallest infant ever cared for at the hospital.

## STOCKS SLIP BACK AFTER MILD RALLY

NEW YORK, July 7 (U. P.).—Following yesterday's rally failed to develop in the stock market today after a mild rally from early lows and the list slid near the previous closing level.

Trading was dull.

## HOG TOP STEADY

Heavier hogs brought 5 to 30-cent lower prices at Indianapolis today, while weights under 250 pounds held steady. The top price remained at \$7.30. Vealers and spring hogs were steady.

**'Lochinvar' Flies Away,  
Leaves Girl With Sheriff**  
WYATT, Mo., July 7 (U. P.).—Goldie Gehrkken, 17-year-old Vernon, Ill., girl, was taken into custody today by Mississippi County Sheriff Walter Beck, but Ernest Pelch, pilot who brought her here in a plane said to be stolen, flew away ahead of the Sheriff.

Pelch had been conducting passenger flights here.

Police of two states have been seeking the two since they flew away from the John Gehrkken farm near Vernon Monday. Pelch had invited her to fly to Ramsey, Ill., and she told her mother they were back in a few hours.

When they did not return, relatives notified county authorities.

Sheriff Beck said the girl was unwilling to talk, but did say they were

# POLICE TRAFFIC RECORDS UNDER SWEEPING ATTACK

Streetcar and Automobile Crash at Corner



This crash occurred late yesterday afternoon at Alabama and Washington Sts. The street car was going west on Washington St., the automobile, driven by Carl Simmons, 42, of 842 N. East St., was going north on Alabama. He was arrested on charges of being drunk and driving while drunk.

Innocent Are Labeled

Guilty, Declare 3  
Officials.

FINES 99 CENTS

Average Goes Up;  
779 Stickers Still  
Unpaid.

Indianapolis' handling of traffic cases again occupied the attention of official circles today with developments on three fronts:

1. The Police Department's practice of officially listing "judgment withheld" rulings as convictions was attacked by Municipal Judge Charles J. Karabell. County Clerk Ettinger and Clarence Merrill, president of the Indianapolis Bar Association.

2. An Indianapolis Times survey of traffic fines in the Municipal Courts disclosed an average fine of 99 cents a conviction during the first six months of 1939.

3. A study of traffic sticker collections showed that of 1779 stickers issued by the Police Department from June 8 to July 1, there are 779 yet unpaid.

**Debate Court Procedure**  
The debate over the Police Department's records was described as involving the technical guilt or innocence of thousands of Indianapolis motorists, who have been charged with traffic misdemeanors from time to time.

Judge Karabell and Clerk Ettinger held today that a "judgment withheld" ruling was neither a finding of guilt nor innocence, but merely a postponement of decision.

On the other hand, the Police Department considers these rulings convictions and sends its reports to the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington for filing. While traffic misdemeanors are not sent to the F. B. I., other misdemeanor cases are, even though the courts have not ruled the persons guilty.

Mr. Merrill said "there is no basis for a conviction and it certainly seems a matter which our association judiciary committee might well look into." He said he would call the matter to the attention of Arthur Gilliom, committee chairman.

**\$8025 on 8029 Convictions**  
The Times' six-months' study of traffic cases revealed that a total of \$8025 was paid into the office of Clerk Ettinger on 8029 convictions.

In Municipal Court 4, of which Charles J. Karabell is judge, there were 4713 motorists convicted on traffic charges and fined a total of \$5846, an average fine of \$1.24.

In Municipal Court 3, of which John L. McNeils is judge, there were 3317 persons convicted in traffic cases and fined a total of \$2182, an average fine of 66 cents.

Judge Karabell said today that he had discussed with traffic experts the situation revealed after a previous Times' survey had shown an average fine of 84 cents for the first three months of the year and that all the persons he conferred with agreed that an average \$3-to-\$5 traffic fine resulted in better enforcement and a decrease in accidents.

**Seeks Average of \$3**  
"I am trying for an average of \$3 and up which we need to decrease our accident rate," he said today.

Judge McNeils said that figures cannot always explain court situations. He declared that the fines are levied it is often a case of taking.

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## CANADA'S FOES DUPE DIONNE, SAYS DAFOE

NORTH BAY, Ont., July 7 (U. P.).—Dr. Allan Roy Dafoe, physician to the Dionne quintuplets, charged through counsel today that Olivia Dionne, the babies' father, instigated litigation against him venting personal "venom" and as the tool of "subversive interests who do not have the welfare of Canada at heart."

The charge was made by Arthur Slaght of Toronto, Dr. Dafoe's attorney, at a hearing in Nipissing District Court to determine whether the physician must submit his personal business records for examination.

Mr. Dionne has charged that Dr. Dafoe capitalized on his connection with the quintuplets by signing contracts with 45 firms exploiting the babies' fame in advertising or manufacturing.

Elisba Walker, 61, WPA worker of 1141 River Ave., died at City Hospital today of internal injuries received in a fall from a porch swing at his home last Friday. Dr. Hugh K. Thatcher, deputy coroner, said a chain broke under his weight.

Mr. Walker is survived by his wife, Isabella; a son, Ezra, and a stepson, Wayne Ashby. Funeral services will be held at 7:30 p. m. tomorrow at the Beaublossom funeral home. Burial will be at Barlow, Ky.

## HEAT TO LINGER IN CITY TONIGHT

Warmer Weather Forecast  
By Bureau, With Rain  
Scheduled Soon.

**LOCAL TEMPERATURES**  
6 a. m. ... 73 11 a. m. ... 80  
7 a. m. ... 76 12 noon ... 82  
8 a. m. ... 83 1 p. m. ... 92  
9 a. m. ... 86 2 p. m. ... 93  
10 a. m. ... 88

Slightly warmer weather will prevail in Indianapolis tonight, the Weather Bureau said. Thunderstorms were predicted for either tonight or tomorrow during considerable cloudiness.

The peak temperature recorded yesterday was 87 at 5 p. m. The average yesterday was 80 degrees, five above normal, the Bureau said.

Severe electrical and windstorms struck southwestern Indiana yesterday, blowing out windows and damaging corn crops.

**Pike County  
Swept by Storm**  
PETERSBURG, Ind., July 7 (U. P.).—A severe electrical and windstorm swept Pike County yesterday after a heavy rain of more than an inch, blowing out many windows and causing considerable damage to corn crops.

**Lightning Razes  
Shoals Building**  
SHOALS, Ind., July 7 (U. P.).—An office building of the Mid-Continental Petroleum Co. here was destroyed yesterday when lightning struck it, but three gasoline storage tanks less than 20 feet away, were saved.

**Death Laid to Heat  
In Sullivan County**  
SULLIVAN, Ind., July 7 (U. P.).—Sullivan County marked up its first death attributed to the heat wave today when Palmer Thorne, 44, a World War veteran, died of a heart attack after he left a theater here last night. The heat was believed to have induced his sudden illness.

## WOMAN DONATES \$125 FOR CONCERTS

Mrs. Anna S. Elliott Backs  
Garfield Park Project.

The Park Department today accepted a \$125 donation from Mrs. Anna S. Elliott of the Spink-Arms Hotel to sponsor a public concert at Garfield Park this summer.

In a letter to the Board which accompanied her check, Mrs. Elliott said that she had read in the newspapers that there would be few concerts this summer because of lack of funds.

A. C. Sallee, City Parks superintendent, accepted the money on behalf of the Park Board and sent a letter to Mrs. Elliott thanking her for the gift.

Meanwhile, the Park Board decided to seek further donations for concerts.

Funds are available for only three outdoor public concerts this summer after the budget was cut last year, Mr. Sallee said. The concerts to be sponsored by Mrs. Elliott will raise the number to four. There were 10 concerts last year, all of which had a high attendance.

## 84 in Boston And Mailmen Can't Take It

BOSTON, July 7 (U. P.).—Because of an 84-degree temperature, Postmaster Peter F. Tague canceled noon mail deliveries in Boston today.

**KANSAS CITY, July 7 (U. P.).**—Mail carriers here took off their coats today after the mercury touched 103.

## REPORTS TORSO KILLING SOLVED

Cleveland Sheriff Declares  
Suspect Confessed Slay-  
ing Victim No. 4.

CLEVELAND, July 7 (U. P.).—Sheriff Martin L. O'Donnell announced today that Frank Dolz, 32-year-old Bohemian bricklayer, questioned for two days as suspect in Cleveland's 13 torso murders, had confessed to killing Mrs. Florence Sawdy Polillo, victim No. 4, and cutting up her body.

The sheriff said that Dolz admitted killing Mrs. Polillo after quarreling with her in her room on Cleveland's East Side the day before her body was found in a nearby alley in January, 1936.

The sheriff hoped that the confession would lead to a solution of the 12 decapitations which have puzzled police here for nearly five years.

Sheriff O'Donnell said Dolz told him he cut up Mrs. Polillo's body in the bathtub "where we found the bloodstains."

He made several trips carrying the pieces of her body in a basket to the alley where they later were found.

"He said he took the head to the foot of East 46th St. and threw it in the lake," the sheriff said.

Mrs. Polillo's head has been one of six never recovered. Seven of the 13 torso victims have been men, six women.

The sheriff said an offshore wind was blowing at the time and he assumed the head was carried far out into Lake Erie.

## MRS. DU PONT IS MOTHER PHILADELPHIA, July 7 (U. P.).

Mrs. Richard C. du Pont of Grenou, Del., holder of the American women's glider endurance record and wife of the president of All-American Aviation, Inc., was reported "doing very well" today at Lying-in hospital after giving birth to a daughter.

**Threats of New Floods  
Spur Search for Bodies**  
MOREHEAD, Ky., July 7 (U. P.).—Threats of additional floods spurred rescue workers today in their search for dead in the flood-devastated northeastern Kentucky hill section. They already had recovered 84 bodies and reported 117 missing.

Rain hampered the search last night and sent swollen rivers and creeks edging steadily higher. The U. S. Weather Bureau predicted thundershowers for the area today.

Dr. P. E. Blackerby, assistant state health commissioner, quarantined flood areas in Breathitt County, one of the hardest hit sections. His assistants chlorinated drinking

## TWO LOCAL MEN DIE IN ACCIDENT

Trucks Collide Four Miles  
North of Lebanon;  
Six Hurt Here.

A 60-year-old Indianapolis man and his 20-year-old grandson were killed early today when their small tank truck collided with another truck and Road 54 four miles north of Lebanon.

The victims were Harry P. Wolfe, the driver, and his grandson, Morris Buerger, both of 943 Udell St. Mr. Wolfe was killed instantly and the youth died from burns a few minutes later.

Richard Padgett, Paoli, driver of the other truck, was uninjured. Both carriers turned over in a ditch and were demolished by fire.

Boone County authorities said they believed Mr. Wolfe was dozing at the wheel, that his car left the road and swerved back on striking the truck on the side.