

PENSION ISSUE COMES TO VOTE IN TWO STATES

200,000 in 432 Hoosier Towns Are Expected At Polls Today.

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and clerk-treasurers, mostly without any political significance. Leaders of both the Democratic and Republican parties in Indiana, however, were expected to watch results of the election in a few towns for an indication of the trend of popular opinion.

In most towns the elections will hinge on local issues with political affiliations unimportant. Non-partisan tickets have been filed in many towns.

The local option question will appear in a few localities where the Anti-Saloon League has concentrated opposition to liquor sales. Otherwise, few local referendums will be offered.

The state alcoholic beverages commission warned residents of voting towns that today is a legal holiday and that no liquor sales will be permitted from 6 a. m. to 6 p. m. when the polls close.

Of the town elections scheduled, 11 will be conducted in Marion County communities.

Marion County towns that will elect new trustees and clerk-treasurers include Southport, Lawrence, Speedway City, Castleton, Clermont, Lyndhurst, Spring Mills, Woodruff Place, Crown's Nest, Williams Creek and Ravenswood.

The winning candidates will take office Jan. 1 for a four-year term.

Near-Record Vote in California Forecast

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 7 (U. P.).—A plan to provide a lifetime "dole" for all unemployed citizens over 50 years old was expected to attract voters for the second time today. A near-record vote was forecast.

The proposition was the "Ham and Eggs" plan which had been branded "fantastic" by President Roosevelt and "unconstitutional" by Governor Culbert Olson. Theoretically it would pay 30 one-dollar warrants each Thursday for life to all citizens over 50 who are neither employees nor employers.

It was in the form of a Constitutional amendment. Betting odds were about 5 to 1 that it would lose.

Pension of \$50 Monthly To Old Folks Ohio Issue

COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 7 (U. P.).—Ohio voters today on whether to pay the old folks \$50 a month.

An off-year record number of voters—2,500,000—go to the polls to show how they feel about the plan to increase the present old-age pension, which averages \$23 a month to persons over 65, to \$50 a month to single persons over 60 and \$80 for married couples over that age.

The plan is that of the Rev. Herbert S. Bigelow, 69, former Cincinnati Congressman, who said it would cost Ohio about \$80,000,000 a year. To finance it the Rev. Mr. Bigelow suggested a special 2 per cent levy on land valued at more than \$20,000 an acre and a state income tax one-fourth of the Federal levy. State officials said this plan would yield only \$14,000,000 a year, while pension costs would cost \$310,000,000 a year.

Kentucky G. O. P. Hopes For Blow at New Deal

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 7 (U. P.).—Kentucky voters select state, county and municipal officials today in an election in which Republicans, outnumbered in a Democratic stronghold, hoped to show a weakening in New Deal strength.

An estimated 1,000,000 ballots were expected. Interest centered on the gubernatorial contest between Governor Keen Johnson, seeking to succeed himself with New Deal support, and Circuit Judge Fling Swope, Lexington, who backed the campaign on attacks against the New Deal and the state administration.

Two Monarchs Plead for Peace



King of the Belgians and Queen of the Netherlands . . . hold out olive branch.

Leopold and Wilhelmina Write Three Telegrams

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lands Foreign Minister E. N. Van Kleffens, pacing the floor and waving his arms emotionally.

A German foreign office spokesman, commenting on the monarchs' urgent talks at The Hague, said "it is up to the small powers to do something more than make mere paper complaints regarding the British blockade."

The German spokesman asserted that the neutrals have "let Britain hold their ships for weeks on end without doing anything about it" and that "such an attitude is scarcely consistent with true neutrality."

Back of the German contention, observers presumed, was the belief that if the neutrals around Germany insisted on getting their shipping through without delay, more supplies would become available to Germany.

Anti-Aircraft Guns Heard

Belgian pursuit planes made extensive flights all over the country last night. Belgian anti-aircraft guns were fired around Liege and Malines, with what results was not known.

Worried crowds in the rain outside the palace also saw Prince Bernard, husband of the Crown Princess, get into his car and drive hurriedly away, and return a few minutes later at the same high speed, as if he had taken an important message somewhere. This seemed to have been the peace telegram.

Hurries Back Home

Then King Leopold left for Brussels by auto just two hours before an extraordinary session of the Belgian Cabinet was to meet.

The Belgian Cabinet was "Long Live King Leopold," as he bid farewell to Queen Wilhelmina and kissed her hand.

Simultaneously, as Fuehrer Adolf Hitler conferred with Field Marshal Hermann Wilhelm Goerring, Gen. Walther von Brauchitsch, Army commander in chief and Gen. Wilhelm Keitel, Army High Command chief, German newspapers made strong attacks on the small neutrals, charging them with failure to defend their neutrality in the face of the British blockade. A test case should have been forced long ago, the papers said.

Other Neutrals Worried

While Belgium and Holland held most attention, other neutrals also had their worries. Norway once more defied German contentions in the case of the American freighter City of Flint.

The German prize crew, taken off the ship at Haugesund, Norway, was ordered taken to a 300-year-old castle near the Swedish border for internment in a concentration camp, presumably for the duration of the war. The ship, in charge of her American crew, remained at Bergen pending a final decision on whether she will leave her cargo.

HULL PROTESTS ALIEN REGISTRY FOR U. S. SHIPS

Van Nuys and Ludlow Also Balk on Change to Allow Shipments of Arms.

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If necessary, the law amended to prevent such things," Senator Van Nuys declared.

"I don't like it. If it is not a violation of the letter of the cash-and-carry provisions of the neutrality law, it certainly is a violation of the spirit of the act."

"If our ship-owners don't understand that they should be made to do so. Certainly we who supported changes in the law intended to prevent such things."

Ludlow Agrees With Him

"One of the underlying causes of radicalism in this country is such evidence of resorting to fraud for the sake of greed."

Rep. Louis Ludlow (D. Ind.), author of the Ludlow war referendum amendment, backed Senator Van Nuys' proposal for amending the law to prevent such transfers in the future. He voted against lifting the arms embargo.

"This ship transfer looks very much like a questionable procedure to evade the law keeping U. S. ships out of the war zone," Rep. Ludlow said.

"As soon as the war is over they will undoubtedly transfer back under the American flag where they belong. It certainly is a hazardous step which might lead the United States into dire consequences."

Operators Defend Move

By transferring the ships to Panamanian registry the vessels could, by employing foreign crews, engage in trade with the belligerent ports, carrying arms and munitions as well as other commodities. United States Line operators argued that such a move was legitimate and was economically necessary to maintain a profitable level of operation. Otherwise, the ships would be without cargo.

The United States Lines asked to transfer nine of its vessels but the Commission consented to consider the application of only eight. These were the American Shipper, American Banker, American Trader, American Traveler, American Farmer, American Importer, American Merchant, and either the President Roosevelt or the President Harding.

The United States Lines has received approval for the transfer of 19 in operating subsidiaries from the Maritime Commission but the Commission said the company had full and complete title to the vessels.

Senators Gerald P. Nye (R. N. D.) and Bennett C. Clark (D. Mo.) charged that the proposed transfer was "certainly a violation of the neutrality act, in spirit at least."

A Presidential proclamation issued Saturday forbids American ships from sailing to any belligerent port and from passing through a wide "combat" zone around Europe belligerent countries.

Maritime Union Protests Employment of Aliens

NEW YORK, Nov. 7 (U. P.).—The United States Lines, seeking to transfer eight ships to Panamanian registry for trade in war zones, would hire only alien officers and crew if the change was made, it was announced today.

The announcement drew a vigorous protest from the National Maritime Union.

NEUMANN, DOCTOR TO ROYALTY, DIES

NEW YORK, Nov. 7 (U. P.).—Dr. Heinrich Neumann, famed authority on diseases of the ear who numbered kings among his patients, died in his apartment here last night of a gastric ailment. He was 66.

Dr. Neumann's patients included former Kings Edward VIII of England and Alfonso XIII of Spain. He was an ardent anti-Nazi.

He reportedly once refused to treat Adolf Hitler, fearing that if he failed fellow-Jews would suffer. He was arrested in March, 1936, suspected of giving funds to the Schuschnigg plot.

Soviet Party Gets Snubbed, But Not by All

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For St. Louis, said: "But I feel that people would be rather absurd not to go if invited. We should at all make the least of things while relations are strained."

Two Hoosiers were among the 1000 invited and both said they had declined.

Senator Frederick Van Nuys, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said, "Under the present circumstances, I prefer not to take part in such a celebration as that of the anniversary of the Russian Revolution. I am not going."

The Chief Justice and Mrs. Hughes, who had been invited, declined to attend. The Chief Justice said he was not attending afternoon receptions they would not be present for caviar and champagne when the Embassy doors open at 5 p. m.

I slipped when I asked at the State Department, where I was reminded that "Soviet has no relations with the Soviet." I forebore asking about the Polish Embassy or Rep. Martin Dies.

F. D. R. IN LINE FOR PEACE PRIZE, IF ANY

OSLO, Norway, Nov. 7 (U. P.).—Discussing Nobel prize awards, the newspaper Tidens Tegn said today that if the peace prize is awarded at all this year it would go to President Roosevelt.

"From the various unimpeachable sources it is learned that there is no reason to doubt that President Roosevelt will be awarded the Nobel peace prize, if it is awarded at all," the newspaper said. "Certain members of the Nobel Committee already have started endeavors in behalf of President Roosevelt as a candidate."

GANDHI MAKES NEW DEMAND ON BRITAIN

BOMBAY, India, Nov. 7 (U. P.).—Mahatma G. Gandhi demanded today that India be allowed to frame its own constitution.

His demand came as a breakdown was reported in Gandhi's discussions with the Viceroy, the Marquis of Linlithgow, regarding India's demands for dominion status in return for support of Great Britain's prosecution of the war.

French Hold Salient in 5-Day Shelling; U. S. Planes Win Against 3 to 1 Odds

Paris Says Germans Lost Nine Planes, Berlin Says Foo Lost Two.

BULLETIN

LONDON, Nov. 7 (U. P.).—German airplanes flew over the Shetland Islands, north of Scotland today. One of them was reported to have been hit by anti-aircraft fire. It disappeared in the haze.

PARIS, Nov. 7 (U. P.).—The War Office announced today that French troops were still holding the Forbach-Spicheren salient, dominating the industrialized Saar Valley, which the Germans have been shelling for five days.

The German artillery action on the salient was reduced yesterday, it was announced, and there still had been no advance there by German tanks or infantrymen, although the Germans were entrenched north, east and west of the salient and will have to occupy it before they can resume any of the iron, coal and steel operations in the Saar. The salient is on a piece of French territory jutting into Germany.

Flank Poorly Guarded

The French left the salient's left flank exposed when they withdrew Oct. 16 from the Warndt Forest. Today's communique announced, however, that the French still held two villages and two commanding hills at the outskirts of the forest, thus assuring the Forbach salient some flank protection.

It was announced that the French had repulsed two raiding parties east of Saarbrücken which had constituted the only notable land action yesterday, and that details of the big French air victory yesterday would be announced tonight.

U. S. Planes Victorious

It had been announced that nine French pursuit planes—Curtiss fighters bought in the United States—had attacked a squadron of 27 German bombers yesterday and had brought down nine of the German planes and driven the rest away without the loss of a single French plane.

The battle was described in an enthusiastic communique last night as the greatest of its kind since the American Traveler, American Farmer, American Importer, American Merchant, and either the President Roosevelt or the President Harding.

Seven German planes fell in French territory and two behind the German lines, it was said, and the French pilots gave high praise to their American craft which had out-fought and out-maneuvered the faster German Messerschmitts.

Two French Planes Downed, Nazis Claim

BERLIN, Nov. 7 (U. P.).—The German Army High Command communique said today that except for minor activity by reconnaissance patrols and "slight artillery fire by both sides there were no important happenings" on the front.

The High Command claimed that one British plane was shot down near Mainz and two French planes were shot down in an air battle near Saarbrücken.

Report Air Fight On Danish Coast

COPENHAGEN, Nov. 7 (U. P.).—A fight between war planes was reported today off Ringkøbing, on the west coast of Jutland.

Two bombers which came from the north were pursued by 12 planes in a 15-minute combat. Later, observers said, the bombers dived and escaped to the south.

The 12 pursuing planes were believed to be British. It was believed that they were pursuing two German Junkers bombers which had attempted to bomb the North Scottish coast.

SCANS TAX RETURNS IN RELIEF INQUIRY

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State, County and Municipal Workers and the United Office and Professional Workers, is making a study of relief practices here in terms of the adequacy of relief grants.

The union's attack on relief allowances stated there is "every indication that rickets, malnutrition and low resistance to disease surely will result from expecting families to live on such low amounts."

Pointing out that the trustee allows a family of five a \$3 weekly grocery order, the statement said a governmental study indicates a family of five on relief should have \$6.49 a week for the maintenance of health and growth.

BAGS TWO-LEGGED GAME

REDDING, Cal., Nov. 7 (U. P.).—Robert H. Taylor says he will do no more crawling when he goes hunting for bear. The last time his hunting partner, Ernest Lintrow, mistook Taylor for a shot when he saw him crawling along a hillside, and fired. The wound was not serious.

Norwegians to Imprison City of Flint's Nazi Crew

BERGEN, Norway, Nov. 7 (U. P.).—The Government announced at Oslo today that the German prize crew taken from the American freighter City of Flint would be moved tomorrow to the 300-year-old Kongsvinger Castle near the Swedish border and there interned, presumably for the duration of the war.

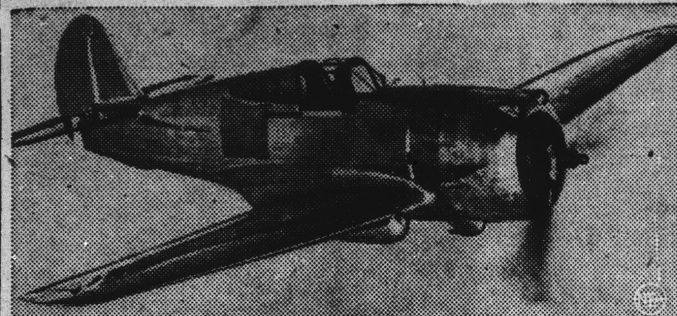
This was Norway's answer to German demands that the prize crew be released, that the City of Flint be held at Bergen until Germany and Norway decided her disposition, and that Norway compensate Germany for the loss of the cargo.

The 19-year-old American ship, approaching the end of its usefulness, rode at anchor here, free to leave anywhere her skipper wished so far as Norway was concerned. There was considerable excitement on the waterfront in the belief that she might dispose of her cargo here and return directly to the United States, and brokers were trying to get in bids.

The cargo included steel, oil and apples and brokers kept their telephones and runners busy hunting anybody pretending to have any information as to the disposition of the cargo. Some brokers from abroad were cabling to inquire if there would be a public auction.

Mrs. J. Borden Harriman, United States Minister to Norway, was here in charge of American interests. She went aboard the ship and inspected the crew and then returned to her hotel with only the comment that the crew was in "good condition."

The seamen were not permitted ashore and they were seen lining the rails gazing eagerly toward land. They have been on the boat since she left New York Oct. 3.



This is a Curtiss P-36, built in America and sold to France . . . Yesterday, according to French communique, nine of these planes attacked 27 German Messerschmitt fighters over the Rhineland Front and each American plane downed one Nazi craft. The French said all the Curtiss planes escaped unscathed.

SAFETY FOR BUS PUPILS SOUGHT

Police Asked to 'Crack Down' on Cars That Pass Standing Vehicles.

By TIM TIPPETT

Parents and school officials in several Marion County townships today asked County and State Police to "crack down" on motorists who pass school buses loading and unloading children.

At the same time they declared that school buses are so crowded that proper rear visibility for the bus driver is impossible.

Parents of pupils of Lowell school in Warren Township have signed a petition to Don Stiver, State Safety director and superintendent of the Indiana State Police.

Cite Road 67 Danger

The petition asks for adequate safety signs and road patrols to protect children at the bus stops on Emerson and Troy Aves. A stream of Beech Grove workers' cars have created a "hazardous condition," according to E. C. Eash, Warren Central High School principal.

In Decatur Township buses travel for more than three miles on Road 67, one of the main arteries leading into the City.

As in Warren Township, the Decatur Central buses are crowded and rear visibility is at a minimum, parents claim.

75 on Some Busses

About 600 of the 885 pupils in Decatur Township ride the eight township buses each day, according to James N. Jay, Decatur Central principal.

Despite the fact that Decatur Township has all new buses which comply with the State Safety statutes loads range from 55 to 75, Don Seerley, a township bus driver, said.

Mr. Seerley confirmed reports that speeding motorists on Road 67 sometimes passed the buses while they were stopped on the highway.

"We haven't had an accident for the last eight years," Mr. Seerley said, but it might happen tonight. A state police car stationed at 44th right place would certainly do a lot to protect our children."

Mars Hill Zone Worst

Mr. Seerley said that most violations of the passing law were committed on Road 67 between Holt Road and 4th Ave., in Mars Hill.

"We have planned the bus routes so that children do not have to cross the highway to reach their bus but often the children want to ride another bus and run across the road. The presence of a State Policeman might put a stop to this hazard," Mr. Seerley said.

Mrs. Seerley, who is president of the grade school P. T. A., and Mr. Jay said they would welcome police protection.

Enforcement Difficult

As for the legal side of the overloading an Indiana Statute states that the "health, safety and comfort" of pupils riding the buses must be provided.

Mr. Stiver in "Rules of Safety—To Be Observed by School Bus Drivers and Pupil Passengers," states that "No school bus shall be started until all children are seated and the doors are closed."

He also states in the Rules that "No pupils shall stand or move while the bus is in motion."

"Not Enough Money"

Mr. Eash, when requested to place an additional bus in service in Warren Township confirmed Capt. Seerley's stand by saying that "overloading is a matter of not having enough money."

Meanwhile Marion County Sheriff Al Feeney pledged his support in escorting school buses whenever complaints are received of violations by motorists.

"We have arrested about 10 drivers for passing loading or unloading buses in the last few weeks and we will try to investigate every complaint we get, and if necessary follow the buses until the safety violators are arrested," he said.

Flint's Captain 'Tacts' in Port

BERGEN, Norway, Nov. 7 (U. P.).—Capt. Joseph A. Gainard, captain of the City of Flint, chatted for two hours today and didn't say anything that the fussiest diplomat would have disappeared.

For instance: "Werent there some 'incidents,' Captain?"

"It was some change in climate when we got in the ice fields. 'An iceberg is a funny thing. It has personality. You know it can send you to the bottom, but it fascinates you.'"

"But wasn't there even one squabble with the Germans?"

"As I was saying, icebergs are funny things." Even if he is a New Englander, Capt. Gainard's eyes are capable of twinkling at times.

LECHE ARRANGED TODAY

NEW ORLEANS, La., Nov. 7 (U. P.).—Former Governor Richard W. Leche and 17 others will be arraigned today on Federal indictments ranging from mail fraud to conspiracy to evade payment of income taxes. Absent will be DuBois lived there and that she had not seen him for a week.

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