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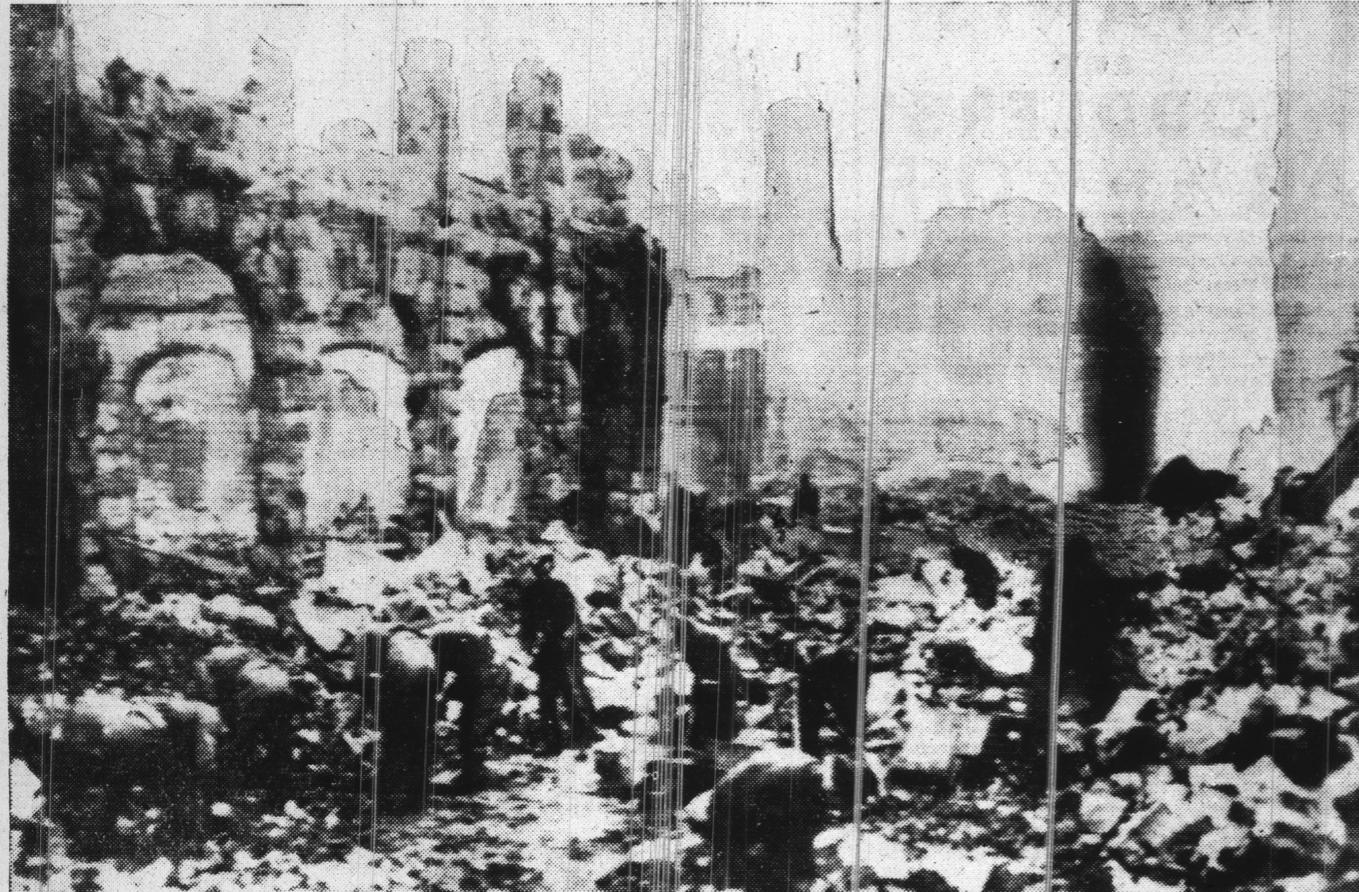
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U. S. to Sell Planes to Greece; Speed Air Force, Navy Pleads ITALIANS FLEE AIR BASE AT TOBRUK

First Radiophotos of Destruction in London's Worst Raid, Dec. 29



The first views of the destruction in London during the German air raid a week ago Sunday night arrived today when facilities for the transmission of radiophotos were restored. Above is a general view of a ruined street after the worst incendiary and bomb attack of the war on the capital.



Here is damage in the vicinity of St. Paul's. Ernie Pyle stood on a balcony at the height of the fire and described the scene as "most hateful, the most beautiful I have ever known."

ASSEMBLY NEAR, G. O. P. IS SPLIT

How to Strip Schricker of Power Remains Biggest Policy Question.

The vanguard of the 82d Indiana General Assembly began arriving in Indianapolis today for the opening Thursday of a 61-day session of law making.

Along with the 150 legislators—95 Republicans and 55 democrats—came scores of professional and amateur lobbyists to join in what promises to be the hottest legislative session in many years.

On the eve of the opening gong, Republican majority leaders still wavers split several ways on details of their State Government reorganization bill, which would strip Democratic Governor-elect Henry F. Schricker of most of his patronage powers.

Republican leaders appeared to be divided into three groups—regular organization leaders who are demanding that the party make a "clean sweep" of the State House, the conservative members of the rank and file who are advising a "soft pedal" on any wholesale grab for power and a third group that wants Republican rule but under a setup that differs from that of the majority leaders.

Democrat Work Silently

Party leaders hope to unscramble the tangle and consolidate the forces under a solid Republican vote in both houses at a special caucus session tomorrow afternoon.

But some observers predict that a solid Republican majority vote on the reorganization bill will be "impossible." Rumblings of an insurrection movement already have clouded the G. O. P. picture and rival bills proposing varied executive control, are popping up within the party.

Meanwhile, Democratic minority

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Stephenson Plea Tomorrow May Bring Parole by Monday

Indications Point to Action by Townsend Before He Leaves Office, Observers Point Out.

The man who once boasted that he was "the law in Indiana" today was believed near the end of his 15-year legal fight for freedom from the Indiana State Prison.

D. C. Stephenson, former grand dragon of the Ku-Klux Klan in Indiana, will get his first formal hearing for a parole from his life sentence for murder before the State Clemency Commission at 10 a. m. tomorrow

Indications point strongly to a parole for Stephenson from Governor Townsend before the latter goes out of office at noon Monday.

If the Governor does not intend to parole Stephenson, it is pointed out he could easily have his Clemency Commission pass over the case, leaving it to his successor, Governor-elect Henry F. Schricker.

The new Clemency Commission appointed by Mr. Schricker would have to review the case again and it would probably be several weeks before that group took action on the matter.

The Clemency Commission merely serves in an advisory capacity to the Governor.

Stephenson, who is recovering at the Family Hospital at La Porte from a gall bladder operation, will not appear personally at the hearing but will be represented by his attorney, Alvan Smith of La Porte.

And Mrs. Martha Salb, commis-

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BLAST IN BOWLING ALLEY INJURES 12

2 Victims at Dezelan's Are Still in Hospital.

Twelve persons were injured, none seriously, when fumes from lacquer exploded early today in the Dezelan Bowling Alleys, 959 N. Holmes Ave. The explosion set off when some workmen were refinishing the approaches to two alleys, made a flash of flame which burned some of the 35 persons in the alleys, but there was no subsequent fire.

Only two of those injured still are in the hospital. They are John Roberts, 22, of 30 N. Johnson Ave., and Herbert Schmidt, Lafayette.

Others treated but not admitted to City Hospital were Gerald Davis, 27, of 1521 E. Michigan St.; Young Moore, 20, of 366 Downey Ave.; Earl Williams, 20, of 1140 N. Warman Ave.; Leon Wright, 24, of 1117 N. Belleview Place; Arthur Smith, 17, of 729 N. Arnold Ave.; Mrs. Buchanan, 1408 N. Holmes Ave.; Mike Handak, 19, of 1116 N. Holmes Ave.; Milo Condon, 20, of 2714 W. St. Clair St.; Donald Trester, 29, of 1818 Central Ave. and Charles Gipps, 18, of 4962 W. 11th St.

Police said that patrons made a rush for the front door following the explosion. The workmen applying the lacquer, however, were uninjured. They were Forest Woods, 24, of 232 Smith St., and David Webb.

After the first excitement was over, some of the patrons remained to set the alleys in order for a bowling tournament scheduled for 10 a. m. today.

MINTON SEES FDR; JOB RUMOR SPREADS

Times Special

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Former Senator Sherman Minton may get a Federal appointment as a result of a scheduled call on President Roosevelt this afternoon. He long has been talked of for various positions.

Two other Hoosiers were on the White House calling list this afternoon. Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard was the sole luncheon guest and Rep. William H. Larrabee called later.

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PILOT OF 'BATHTUB' DIES AS 'CHUTE FAILS

Hundreds See Experimental
Plane Crash.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Jan. 7 (U. P.)—A small experimental plane known as a "flying bathtub" caught fire over the Municipal Airport today and its pilot, Sam D. Hughey, 21, was killed when he bailed out and his parachute failed to open.

Pilot Hughey, an aviation instructor who had frequently taken short hops in the plane for stunt purposes, had just taken off and about 300 feet up when the "bathtub" went into a spin and crashed.

The exact date of their departure was not specified.

CALL DAVIS AND AID IN CAMPAIGN PROBE

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NEW YORK, Jan. 7 (U. P.)—Maurice J. Mulligan, assistant U. S. Attorney General, today obtained subpoenas requiring William Rhodes Evans, international oil operator reported to have carried a German "peace agenda" from Berlin to Washington, and Henry W. Wilson, his business associate, to testify before a Federal Grand Jury investigating campaign expenditures.

Mr. Wilson is vice president of W. R. Davis & Co. Mr. Davis is said to have contributed heavily in the past to Democratic presidential campaign funds.

TRADING LIGHT, STOCKS DIP

NEW YORK, Jan. 7 (U. P.)—Stocks declined slightly today in light trading. The recession was called a technical one as the market has advanced 11 times in the last 13 days.

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