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'Defense Comes First,' Townsend Tells New Legislature

4000 CHICAGO CITY WORKERS STRIKE

Nazis' Use of Machine Guns to Quell Paris Riots Revealed

VEIL LIFTED ON DEFIANT STAND ARMISTICE DAY

Thousands Attempt Parade
While British Write Out
'Courage' in Sky.

ZURICH, Switzerland, Jan. 9. (U. P.)—A belated but apparently reliable account of disorders in Paris last Armistice Day revealed today that German troops employed sub-machine guns to quell demonstrators. British sky-writing airplanes flew over the city and German authorities withdrew Paris meat rations for two days.

A detailed account of the Paris demonstrations and information on other manifestations of tension between the French and the Germans has been received by the United Press.

According to the report, the disorders in Paris were far more widespread and serious than previously admitted in reports either from Vichy or Berlin.

At the height of the demonstrations, it was said, two Royal Air Force planes appeared over the city and wrote in huge smoke letters the words: "Courage . . . Confidence." The letters hung for half an hour in the clear blue sky, it was said, and no German planes rose to attack the British planes.

Attempt to Parade

The trouble started, it was said, when a crowd that numbered "many thousands" tried to parade down the Champs Elysees. German occupation troops, armed with sub-machine guns, fired a volley of warning shots into the pavement. The bullets glanced off the pavement and several demonstrators were wounded slightly.

The crowd tried to parade from the Arc de Triomphe to the Place de la Concorde, it was said, singing French patriotic songs and chanting: "Vive de Gaulle."

Another group of demonstrators, it was reported, gathered in front of the U. S. Embassy building in the Place de la Concorde. They assembled outside the high iron-gated fence shouting "Vive Roosvelt!" "Vive L'Amérique!" and "Vive L'Angleterre!"

German troops, aided by the Paris police, it was said, finally dispersed them.

Demonstrations Spread

Meantime, according to this account, anti-Nazi and pro-British or pro-De Gaulle demonstrations spread to the Latin quarters, especially to the student cafes in the boulevard St. Michel.

Three German officers, it was said, were thrown through plate glass windows by the angry students.

German occupation authorities, it was said, ordered the Paris meat supply cut off for two days as punishment for the outbreak.

An increasing number of stories have been reported of events in the occupied zone showing ill-feeling between the Germans and French. In Lorient, a Brittany port, it was said that a woman was placed in jail for one day after she said:

"Serve the German officer first."

"He is going to England and he is in a hurry."

She made the remark when a German officer entered a shop filled with women waiting to be served.

**FAIR, COLDER DUE
TONIGHT, TOMORROW**

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

6 a. m. . . . 34 10 a. m. . . . 34
7 m. . . . 34 11 a. m. . . . 34
8 m. . . . 34 12 (noon) 33
9 m. . . . 34 1 p. m. . . . 33

Indianapolis weather will become fair and colder tonight and tomorrow, the Weather Bureau predicted today. The lowest temperature tonight will be 15 to 20 degrees, the Bureau said.

TOEPODED, SHIP SAYS

NEW YORK, Jan. 9 (U. P.)—Mackay Radio today intercepted a message from the British steamer Bassano reporting that she had been torpedoed in the North Atlantic.

TIMES FEATURES ON INSIDE PAGES



A Job to Do

ARMY ORDERS OPERATION OF LOOP BRIDGES

Police Prevent Raising of
Spans; Vital Service
Tieup Starts.

CHICAGO, Jan. 9 (U. P.)—A strike of more than 4000 City employees paralyzed some City services today and brought the U. S. War Department into the conflict.

Army engineers stepped in when tenders of the city's 57 bridges began striking at 10 a. m. in sympathy with fellow electricians who are demonstrating against a proposed economy cut in municipal salaries.

Michael (Umbrella Mike) Boyle, head of the electricians' union, ordered the tenders of 37 to raise their bridges. Because the major part of the city's Loop business district is cut off by the curving Chicago River this would have caused incalculable confusion.

R. A. F. ATTACKS ON ALL FRONTS

Crushing Blows Dealt Duce
In Libya and at Naples;
Nazi Bases Bombed.

By UNITED PRESS
Great Britain took the offensive on all fronts today.

In the African blitzkrieg against Italy the Army of the Nile swept ahead with Royal Air Force attacks upon western Libya, and mechanized land thrusts along Fascist lines beyond Tobruk. Other forces, aided by Ethiopian rebels, drove Italian troops from strongholds on two East African fronts.

In London military observers predicted the Italian naval base of Tobruk in the Libyan coast 60 miles west of Bardia would fall within a few days.

The R. A. F. also was on the offensive against both Germany and Italy and evidence appeared of an intensified Nazi campaign to bring pressure upon Marshal Henri Petain's Vichy regime in France.

Progressive strikes in vital services began shortly after 8 a. m. Elevators stopped in City Hall. (White-

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CLAIM 620 M.P.H. IN PLANE POWER DIV.

Buffalo Airport Aids Reveal
Fighter Performance.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 9 (U. P.)—A fighter plane built for the U. S. Army attained a speed of 620 miles an hour as it hurtled groundward in a power dive test by a civilian pilot, according to information received at Municipal Airport here.

The plane, technically known as the Bell Standard P-39 Airacobra, was flown by Andrew C. McDonough, an Eastern Airlines pilot on loan to the Bell company for test flight purposes. Mr. McDonough, 48, who flies on the airlines Chicago-Atlanta run, test Buffalo immediately after the test yesterday.

Mr. McDonough's instruments, it was said, showed an "air speed" of 623 miles an hour for the 21,000-foot power dive.

Fight experts said this figure, corrected for flight conditions such as air resistance, equaled an actual speed of 620 miles an hour.

Hopson, Who Ran \$300,000 Loan to Billion And Stole \$20,000,000, Gets 5-Year Term

NEW YORK, Jan. 9 (U. P.)—Howard C. Hopson, who ran \$300,000 of borrowed money into a \$1,000,000 utilities empire, was sentenced to five years' imprisonment today for looting the Associated Gas & Electric system of nearly \$20,000,000.

The short, fat, bald, 58-year-old master of bootstrap financing was sentenced by Federal Judge Alfred A. Coxe in the same court where, just a week ago, he heard a jury pronounce him guilty on 17 mail fraud counts.

The indictment, on all but two counts of which he was convicted, charged that the former Ft. Atkinson Wis. high school honor student began looting the far-flung Associated Gas & Electric System with its 200 subsidiaries almost from the day in 1922 when he and a partner founded it, mostly with borrowed money.

The maximum penalty which Judge Coxe could have assessed would have been 85 years in prison and \$17,000 in fines. The Government asked no fine because all

Repartee at the Speaker's Table



Governor-elect Schriener and Lieut. Gov. Charles M. Dawson exchange a bit of repartee as the 1941 session of the Legislature gets under way. At the speaker's table (left to right) are Senator William E. Jenner (R. Shoals), the Senate majority floor leader; the Rev. William H. Eifert, pastor of Mr. Schriener's church, who gave the invocation; Mr. Schriener and Mr. Dawson.

REMY REFUSES PAROLE OPINION

No Doubt of Stephenson's
Guilt, Commission Told
By Prosecutor.

The guilt of D. C. Stephenson, former Klan dragon serving a life sentence for murder, "can never be successfully challenged," William Remy, prosecutor at the murder trial 15 years ago, declared before the State Clemency Commission today.

Mr. Remy was the first witness of the second day of the hearing on Stephenson's petition for parole.

Miss Matilda Oberholzer, mother of Madge Oberholzer, the murder victim, testified that she didn't think it "is safe for a man like that to be released."

Remy Reviews Evidence

"My daughter's death and Stephenson's imprisonment have saved many other girls from the same fate," she said.

Mr. Remy reviewed all the evidence of the murder trial and while he said there is no question about Stephenson's guilt, he declined to make any recommendations regarding a parole.

"I am not here to prevent a parole, nor am I here to recommend one," he said. "That is entirely up to the Commission."

Mr. Remy said that all the State Courts and one Federal court have reviewed the case several times and that Stephenson has had ample opportunity in the courts to correct any mistakes that might have been made.

Jackson Offers' Records

Attorney General Samuel D. Jackson offered to turn over to the Commission all the records of evidence against Mr. Stephenson in the Attorney General's office.

Asked if he would make any recommendation to the Commission, Mr. Jackson said "I certainly am not recommending a parole."

"I will have to tell the Commission that the records I have will be very adverse to Stephenson's petition for a parole," Mr. Jackson said.

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SEEKS RECOUNT FOR GOVERNOR

Hammond Attorney to Ask
Action on Charges of
Alien Voting.

By EARL RICHERT

The Legislature will be asked to order a recount of all votes cast in the Governor's race in the Nov. 5, 1940, general election and declare Glen R. Hills, the Republican nominee, the duly elected Governor.

This was announced today by Virgil E. Whitaker, Hammond attorney, who said in an interview that he would file petitions asking the recount with leaders of both houses this week or early next.

Mr. Whitaker said he is asking the recount on the basis of a privately-conducted investigation in Lake County which showed that between 2000 and 2500 aliens had voted in the general election.

He said he had unofficial information that aliens had voted in several other large cities and counties.

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6 MORE HARVESTER STRIKES THREATENED

CHICAGO, Jan. 9 (U. P.)—Farm equipment workers threatened today to call a strike Saturday at six International Harvester Co. plants employing approximately 25,000 persons and possibly a seventh which is producing trucks for the Marine Corps.

The union claims the NLRB has failed to give a decision in a case charging Harvester with fostering company unions.

The company's truck plant at Ft. Wayne, Ind., which employs 3200 and is engaged in production for the defense program, has been idle eight days because of a strike of 2300 members of the United Automobile Workers over a contract dispute.

Hope of settling this strike today was expressed by U. S. Conciliator David G. Readley.

WALLACE MAY VISIT ALL OF HEMISPHERE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (U. P.)—Vice President-Elect Henry A. Wallace said today that he hopes to visit each of the Latin American countries in an endeavor to promote mutual prosperity and peace in the Western Hemisphere.

Mr. Wallace told reporters of his plans at a press conference in the Senate office building, where he went to discuss plans for his Jan. 20 inauguration with retiring Vice President John Nance Garner. He said he was "deeply interested in the whole question of the relationship of Latin American countries with the United States, their mutual prosperity and peace in this hemisphere."

Hopson exhibited no emotion except to moan "Oh, oh, oh" as he faced the judge. He was remanded to the custody of the U. S. Marshal and was taken to the Federal prison at Lewisburg, Pa., later today.

In asking sentence Mr. Fulton said Hopson was guilty of "many other frauds" in addition to those for which he was tried and asserted the utilities man had forced his companies to buy stocks, rigged the market and otherwise cheated stockholders.

Hopson's attorney, Fred A. Ironside, pleaded for leniency on the ground that his client was the "victim of the standards of a different era" from the present.

PLANE STRIKE THREATENS
WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (U. P.)—Rear Admiral John H. Towers, chief of naval aeronautics, told Congress today that employees of the Ranger Engineering Corp., Farmingdale, L. I., which has contracts for 1900 Army and Navy aircraft engines, have threatened to strike this afternoon.

Mr. Ironside said he was basing his petition on the vote in the 13th precinct of the 12th Ward where he received 244 votes while all other Democrats received 363 votes. He said that since the recent count, which gave Mr. Beveridge a 500-odd vote majority, he has obtained affidavits from 331 persons in that precinct that they voted for him which would give him a 36-vote margin.

GOVERNOR ASKS SAFEGUARD FOR LABOR'S GAINS

GOP ANXIOUS TO BEGIN FLOW OF PET BILLS

Reports Party Harmony Is
Achieved on Reorganiza-
tion Measures.

Says State Finances
Healthy, No New
Taxes Needed.

(Additional Stories and Photos,
Pages 4 and 13)

Adequate machinery for defense operations in Indiana was listed as "must" legislation by Governor M. Clifford Townsend today in opening the 82d session of the General Assembly.

It was his farewell address, made before a Republican-controlled legislature, in which he asked for "courage and vision, and a unity of thought and purpose." He retires next Monday.

Reviewing other possible legisla-

tion, he asked:

1. Retention and advancement of the social and labor legislation begun eight years ago.

2. Expansion of the merit system for employees in more branches of

the service.

3. New taxes. He said the balance in the treasury on June 30, 1941, would be about \$7,000,000.

4. Special attention to recommendations of the Hospital Insurance Committee, the City Manager Commission and the Aviation Facil-

ity Finding Committee.

Pointing out that "this state is rapidly becoming one of the greatest production centers in America," the Governor recommended defense legislation for:

"Protection of vital properties—factories, utilities, transportation facilities—from possible damage by saboteurs."

2. "Procurement of labor for defense industry, the training of labor for skilled work and protection of the worker."

3. "Protection of the health and welfare of communities adjacent to defense concentrations."

"We in Indiana are very close to the national defense program," he said. "To date, the Federal Government has allocated approximately \$600,000,000 for defense work in Indiana. This has not happened by accident. The factors are that Indiana has worked out a formula for peaceful relations between labor and industry, and that we are