

G. O. P. IMPATIENT AS SESSION OPENS

Anxious to Start Flow of Reorganization Bills; Unity Achieved.

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Swan, Fowler, principal secretary; Sam Lesh, Indianapolis, assistant secretary; Perry Johnson, Atlanta, principal doorkeeper, and Mrs. Bertha Lundberg, Muncie, postmaster.

Factional Split Ends

Factional differences were eliminated, at least temporarily, as the G. O. P. caucus unanimously approved nine major party bills yesterday.

Heading the program will be the "decentralization bill," reorganizing the State Government to give the four elected Republican officials control over most of the Government.

The bill, details of which were withheld temporarily, is reported to give Lieutenant Governor-elect Dawson more patronage and executive powers than any other State official, including Mr. Schriker.

36 Democrats on Guard

The measure is reported to place under Mr. Dawson's division the Highway Department, Conservation Department and the Public Service Commission, biggest patronage prizes of the government.

In addition, other bills propose giving Mr. Dawson equal powers with Mr. Schriker in the appointment of more than a score of bipartisan boards.

Meanwhile, the 36 Democrats of the House minority said after a caucus that they would "fight any G. O. P. legislation to make an office boy out of the Governor." They said they would not oppose any legislation to give elected officials the appointive power over the deputies in their own department.

The full G. O. P. Assembly membership after three hours of discussion, also approved two bills to amend the Gross Income Tax Law to lighten the burden on retailers.

One proposes an exemption of \$20,000 annually for all retail establishments. The exemption for retailers, under the present law, is only \$300.

Under the bill, retailers whose gross receipts were less than \$20,000 would not pay any tax.

The other bill proposed would reduce from 1 per cent to one-half of 1 per cent the tax paid by retailers, leaving the exemption at \$500.

Arch N. Bobbitt, Republican State Chairman, said party leaders agreed to present both bills and permit the committees in the House to decide which measure to report out to the floor.

Other Bills Approved

Democratic minority members of the House, after a caucus, said they would sponsor a proposal to raise retailers' exemptions to \$10,000, leaving the rate at 1 per cent.

Other bills approved by the Republican caucus would provide for:

1. Appointment of bi-partisan boards for each state institution and placing the employees under the merit system.
2. Making the Attorney General's office elective instead of appointive and providing for appointment of an Attorney General by a Republican-controlled committee to serve until the 1942 election.
3. Extension of the auto license purchase deadline from Jan. 1 to March 1.
4. Appointment of a bi-partisan State Welfare Board of four members instead of the present five-member board. Two of the board members would be appointed by Mr. Dawson and the other two by Mr. Schriker.

Police Board Favored

5. Appointment of a bi-partisan board to run the State Police Department under the same procedure as the Welfare Board.

6. Repeal of the 1933 Reorganization Act which centralized most of the executive powers in the Governor's office.

The reorganization measure, which, if passed, would set up four major executive divisions, each composed of two Republican officials and Mr. Schriker.

They would be the Industry and

Commerce Department, headed by Mr. Dawson; the State Department, headed by Secretary of State James M. Tucker; the Audit and Control Department, headed by State Auditor Richard T. James; and the Treasury Department, headed by State Treasurer James Givens, all Republicans.

Mr. Tucker's department would control the Motor License Bureau and 20 other units. Mr. James' division would have the Board of Accounts, Gross Income Tax Division and state budget activities. Mr. Givens' department would control the State Tax Board and the Department of Financial Institutions.

This division of departmental allocations was reported to be tentative and subject to change before the bill is introduced within the next few days.

Committee Shifted

Disagreements flared over some of the provisions at the party caucus last night but G. O. P. leaders said the differences "were minor ones" and that changes probably will be made in the bill by amendments as it goes through the committees.

Evidence of a major move on the part of majority leaders to quell intra-party strife was seen in a reported last-minute shift in the House committee memberships.

Rep. H. E. Evans of New Castle reported earlier as leader of the opposition to the organization's "decentralization" bill, was reported giving ranking membership on the Judiciary "A" committee, which will handle the bill after it is introduced.

He also was given another important committee assignment, it was reported, several important bills to introduce.

Subsequently, Rep. Evans issued a statement in which he denied he ever was an "insurgent."

"I am a Republican and believe in the party's platform," he said. "I have preached for repeal of the 1933 Reorganization Act of Paul V. McNutt."

"I am not now in favor of setting up a law that will be just as bad. If the proposed bills are to decentralize government instead of centralize it, I will support them. When we all get together I am sure that the proper solution will be worked out. There has been too much stuff printed in the newspapers that had no foundation."

Bobbitt Asks Unity

Mr. Bobbitt, in his message to the G. O. P. caucus, urged unity in carrying out the "mandate of the voters."

"That mandate to the Republican party was for a better form of government and to end one-man rule," he said.

"You must carry out the pledge that there will be no new taxes. Government costs must be reduced."

The Democratic minority House members also decided at last night's caucus that they would support:

1. Action to make illegal the "Two Per Cent Club," Democratic campaign fund-raising organization which ceased operation two months ago at the request of Mr. Schriker.
2. A wage-hour law to supplement the Federal Statute.
3. A free text-book law.
4. Placing the Alcoholic Beverage Commission under a bi-partisan board.
5. Amendment of the State law to make the maximum benefit \$40 a month for pensioners to correspond with the Federal Security Act.
6. Amendment of the Workmen's Compensation Law to liberalize the benefits.
7. Limit campaign expenditures to \$1000 by the State Central Committees and \$100 per 1000 population by the county committees.
8. Opposition to a sales tax.

BULLET FOUND ON CAFE FLOOR STUDIED

A 32-caliber bullet, found on the floor at the Old Vienna Cafe, 111 E. Court St., was examined today in the police crime laboratory. It is believed to be the bullet that wounded John Bridges, 29, of 1235 N. Alabama St., late Monday night.

Mr. Bridges remained in a critical condition as police continued a search for the mysterious gunman who wounded him as he vaulted over the bar to stop what he thought was a fight in the cafe.

Mr. Bridges is a bartender there.

Rest for Weary Feet



Joan Holt, Esther Legel and Lorraine Ceski (left to right) rest their feet after walking to the sixth floor of the Chicago City Hall. Elevator service was stopped when city employees went on strike against a proposed pay cut.

4000 Chicago City Workers Strike in Pay Cut Protest

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wings" left their brushes and cans on the streets. Several loaded garbage trucks were abandoned by their drivers in the "gold coast" district. Fifty downtown traffic lights blinked out.

But the most dramatic blow—the simultaneous raising of 30 bridges—fizzled. One bridge on a branch of the river went up. Policeman Peter DiJulio ran to the tower. After 30 minutes the bridge went down.

"We came to a gentle agreement," announced Tender Pat Conway. "We just sat down and talked it over. God gave us tongues and we used 'em."

A Different Life

Another policeman took a different line. "If he touches that button," he announced with hearing of the tender, "I'll touch his button."

So ended the threat to Chicago's lines of communication.

Some of the blocked bridges continued to approach the South Side grain elevators and mammoth steel mills engaged in defense production. However, no ore is moving through these channels at this season.

Statement for Mayor

Barnet Hodges, Corporation counsel, issued this statement in behalf of the Mayor:

"No city can condone action by its employees who, on acceptance of public employment, use their positions to put in peril the health, safety and the general welfare of the people who they were employed to serve. Such conduct is contrary to the spirit and letter of the civil service law and subjects any employee engaging in such conduct to disciplinary action by the Civil Service Board, which means either suspension or dismissal from the city or other services in municipal buildings."

The unions involved were those of the electricians, the operating engineers, the elevator operators, steam fitters, plumbers, janitors, street laborers, bricklayers, painters, machinists, window washers and refuse collectors.

The proposed pay cut would affect approximately 1800 workers who make \$3000 or more annually. Their

RAF ATTACKS ENEMY BASES ON WIDE FRONT

Crushing Blows Dealt in Libya; Naples and Nazi Cities Also Bombed.

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Industrial plant, London said the British raiders caused big fires and touched off heavy explosions.

Five Die in Naples Raid

The Rome High Command admitted that five persons were killed and 30 wounded in the Naples raids but reported little damage at Palermo. The Palermo raid appeared significant in view of repeated reports that German air reinforcements sent to Italy are establishing themselves in Sicilian bases, preparatory to attacking British sea power in the Mediterranean and aiding Italy in North Africa.

Other developments included: In Albania the Italian air force was reported more active but the Greeks continued to make small gains. Prisoners were taken in the Kilsura area and small advances scored on the coast north of Chirama. The Italians again attacked Salonika by air after a considerable respite.

Rome Says British Sub Sunk

A Rome communique claimed an Italian gunboat rammed a British submarine and sank it in the Mediterranean and that a Fascist submarine sank a British auxiliary cruiser and a 3600-ton ship in the Atlantic.

Berlin charged that British representation in the United States had reached the proportions of a "Fifth Column" elements.

At Belfast the new northern Ireland Prime Minister, John Millar Andrews, strongly voiced northern Ireland's opposition to any proposal that would incorporate that territory with Eire.

The Eire Government yesterday issued an emergency decree, effective Feb. 1, banning signposts throughout Ireland in a move similar to the British precautions against invasion.

London's anti-aircraft guns opened fire tonight when the first night raiders since Sunday appeared over the metropolis.

Battle of Tobruk

The R. A. F. claimed to have dealt crushing blows to Marshal Rodolfo Graziani's dwindling military power in Libya. It blasted four Italian airmen in western Libya and attacked ships in the harbor of Benghazi, Libyan capital, and desert convoys northwest of Giarabub, desert oasis southeast of Tobruk.

Reports reaching London said that a formidable force of British and Empire forces is being assembled on the Sudan and Kenya frontiers, north and south of Italian East Africa, preparatory to an offensive when the rainy season ends.

The R. A. F. reported that direct hits were scored on four or five ships in the harbor at Benghazi which lies 230 miles due west of Tobruk across the desolate Libyan Plateau.

An attack of great severity was made on Benina, the airport for Benghazi, 12 miles east of the Libyan capital and probably the largest Fascist air base in North Africa.

Find 100 Planes on Ground

There the R. A. F. found an estimated 100 Italian planes on the ground. In the heavy bombing several were destroyed and others badly damaged, a communique reported.

Other airmen were attacked at El Gazala, 40 miles west of Tobruk, Martuba and Tmimi, all deep in Libya.

Heavy hits were reported on warehouses at Benghazi where large fires broke out.

Another R. A. F. attack was directed at Massawa in Italian East Africa. Massawa was bombed successively on Monday and Tuesday nights with British airmen centering their attacks upon the power station and submarine base. Fires were claimed to have been started.

Nazi Pressure on Vichy

The French press was backed up in its attack on Vichy by the important Berlin newspaper, the Boersen Zeitung, which charged that the Vichy regime "needs a new program" and "a government which possesses a firm political plan and acts according to it."

Dispatches from Vichy revealed that possibly the major cause of the Paris food shortage has been huge withdrawals of French food stocks by German authorities. It was explained that German Army quartermasters have been using a large part of the 400,000,000 franc daily occupation costs paid by Vichy to buy up French foodstuffs.

This food has been bought at the source from farmers and also in the wholesale and retail markets in Paris before the French have a chance to supply their own needs.

There appeared to be at least strong grounds for suspicion that the Germans were encouraging the Paris-Vichy controversy over food as a means of bringing fresh pressure on the Petain regime and to encourage the widening split between the occupied and unoccupied zones of France.

The blood of about 12 Kingan & Co. employees was being tested today for use if another transfusion is necessary for David Allerdice Sr., vice president of the company.

Mr. Allerdice is in Methodist Hospital with severe burns received yesterday when he was given a "fighting chance to pull through" after receiving the "mammoth" transfusion from his classmate at the University of Michigan, Herman W. Kothe, at-jorney, and Mr. Kothe's 18-year-old son, Herman Jr.

David Allerdice Jr., injured when he tried to rescue his family from the blaze, continues to show improvement, the hospital said.

Meanwhile, Bernard A. Lynch, director of the Fire Prevention Bureau, said he expected to make a report on the fire next week. City detectives and the coroner's office, also investigating the fatal blaze, were inactive today.

Mrs. Cornelia Allerdice and her 8-year-old son, Anthony, who died in the fire, were buried yesterday after services at St. Joan of Arc Church.

Whitaker Will File Plea For Governor Race Recount

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that if all the legal votes cast for Mr. Hillis had been counted, the latter would have been elected.

Mr. Whitaker said he was filing the petition as an elector in the interests of good government. He said he was filing the petition for Mr. Hillis because the latter was a member of his political faith.

He added that the election of Charles Dawson (R. Indianapolis) as lieutenant governor could be contested on the same grounds as he was contesting the election of Mr. Schriker. The petition will list Mr. Whitaker as contestor and Mr. Schriker as contestee.

Knapp Gets Drafts

Mr. Whitaker sent two copies of the tentative draft of his petition to James M. Knapp (R. Hagerstown), Speaker of the House.

The Hammond attorney said that in case the legislative election committee should decide against a recount of all the votes in the state, it could investigate the Lake County situation and if it found fraud of sufficient quantity it could declare the Governor's office vacant.

This action would elevate Lieutenant Governor Charles Dawson to the Governor's chair which will be taken over Monday by Henry F. Schriker, Democrat, who defeated Mr. Hillis by 3478 votes. William Jenner (R. Shoals), president pro tem of the Senate, would then become lieutenant governor.

Mr. Hillis and Arch N. Bobbitt, Republican State Chairman, issued a joint statement today declaring that they had been informed of the Lake County investigation but that neither was acquainted with the "so-called" investigation nor its results.

"If there were illegal votes cast in the last election the public has a full right to have the facts and circumstances," they said.

"Whatever information we may receive will be placed in the hands of the Legislature."

ARMS LOAN BILL BEING DEBATED

Leaders in Congress Called To White House for Full Discussion.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (U.P.).—President Roosevelt this afternoon summoned Congressional leaders to the White House for a conference to push along the development of legislation to provide billions of dollars worth of arms for Great Britain.

The delegation was headed by Senate Majority Leader Alben W. Barkley and Speaker Sam Rayburn. White House Secretary Stephen T. Early indicated that it will be a full-dress review of legislative problems involved in Mr. Roosevelt's pledge to make this country the great arsenal for democracies everywhere.

He said that there was no indication as to when Mr. Roosevelt might send Congress a special message outlining the fiscal and legislative moves necessary for extending "all-out" aid to Britain, Greece and other democracies.

The draft of the British aid measure may be offered to Congress tomorrow and reliable sources indicated that as of now it likely would take the form of a few simple alterations in the Bloom resolution, passed last year, which permits sale of munitions to Latin-American countries.

Such a measure would merely authorize an authorization to spend money for munitions, planes and ships for Britain. Actual cash appropriations would have to come later.

There were rumors that the first request for cash might be anywhere from \$2,000,000,000 to \$5,000,000,000. The budget already stands at \$17,485,528,049 and the British aid costs would come in addition to that.

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Here Is the Traffic Record

County City Total	1940	1941
Injured	3	0
Dead	0	0

WEDNESDAY TRAFFIC COURT

Violations	Cases Convicted	Fines
Speeding	28	\$180
Reckless driving	2	\$22
Failure to stop at through street	3	1
Disobeying traffic signals	10	9
Drunk driving	1	0
All others	49	32
Totals	98	\$255

MEETINGS TODAY

Indianapolis Real Estate Board, luncheon, Hotel Washington, noon.
Advertising Club of Indianapolis, luncheon, Indianapolis Athletic Club, noon.
Caravan Club, luncheon, Mural Temple, noon.
Oil Club, luncheon, Hotel Severn, noon.
Construction League of Indianapolis, luncheon, Spink-Arms Hotel, noon.
Indianapolis Camera Club, meeting, 110 E. Ninth St., 8 p. m.
Beta Theta Pi, luncheon, Canary Cottage, noon.
Lambda Chi Alpha Alumni Association, luncheon, Russel Catering, noon.
Indianapolis Motor Transportation Club, luncheon, Fox's Steak House, noon.
Sigma Nu, luncheon, Bamboo Inn, noon.
El Lili & Co., Union Hospital, Terre Haute, dinner, Hotel Severn, 8 p. m.
Mantecore-Ward, meetings and luncheon, Hotel Severn, 8 a. m., 12:30 p. m. and 1:30 p. m.
Bookbinders Union 53, meeting, Hotel Severn, 7:30 p. m.
Farm Security Administration, meeting, Hotel Severn, 8 a. m.
Solid Birdmen, 8 a. m., Hotel Washington, 7 p. m.
Lumber and Builders Supply, convention, Claypool Hotel, noon.
Metropolitan Life Insurance, all-day meeting, Claypool Hotel.

MEETINGS TOMORROW

Exchange Club, luncheon, Hotel Severn, noon.
Optimist Club, luncheon, Columbia Club, noon.
Conditioning Council, meeting, Spink-Arms Hotel, 8 a. m.
Delta Theta, luncheon, Canary Cottage, noon.
Delta Tau Delta, luncheon, Columbia Club, noon.
Kappa Sigma, luncheon, Canary Cottage, noon.
Sigma Chi, luncheon, Canary Cottage, noon.
Tasmania Club, No. 1, meeting, Y. M. C. A., 9:30 p. m.

R. & R. Sales Training School, meeting, Hotel Washington, 7:30 p. m.
American Communications Association, meeting, Hotel Washington, 8 p. m.
Indianapolis Pressmen's Union, meeting, Hotel Washington, 8 p. m.
Liberalists' Union, meeting, Hotel Severn, 8 a. m.
Farm Security Administration, meeting, Hotel Severn, 8 a. m.
Arcady Mills, Inc., meeting, Hotel Metropolitan Life Insurance, all-day meeting, Claypool Hotel.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

(These lists are from official records in the County Court House. The Times therefore is not responsible for errors in names and addresses.)

Paul E. Herr, 22, of 914 N. Delaware; Ida M. Owen, 21, of 1115 N. Berwyn.
George L. Spearing, 48, of 1638 Berwyn; Roseanna C. Spearing, 48, of 1638 Berwyn.
Thomas O. Lenz, 21, of 1337 E. Market; Dorothy L. Wildman, 19, of 221 Eastern.

BIRTHS

Girls
Anell, Louise Hartman, at St. Francis.
John, Ruth Lavie, at St. Francis.
Oscar, Maida Lee Ebel, at St. Francis.
Norman, Mary Margaret, at St. Francis.
Arthur, Eileen Smoot, at St. Vincent's.
Glenn, Frances Barrett, at Methodist.
John, Geneva McCoy, at Methodist.
William, Mary Smith, at Methodist.
Robert, Gertrude Davidson, at Methodist.
Robert, Wyda White, at St. Francis.
Odell, Rosemary Hilliard, at St. Francis.
Nathaniel, Edna Finkbeiner, at St. Francis.
Sherman, Gladys Warner, at St. Francis.

DEATHS

Ida May Bates, 69, at 1029 N. Temple; pulmonary tuberculosis.
Josephine Botcher, 56, at St. Vincent's; chronic nephritis.
Thomas Sink, 16, at Riley, appendicitis.
Alice Dakin Buzinga, 55, at 330 Bethel; chronic myocarditis.
Carroll, at 3617 Bethel, acute cardiac dilatation.
Edward Martin, 69, at City, pneumonia.

Elmer M. Winkler, 54, at City, coronary atherosclerosis.
Loretta H. Hurd, 59, at 2152 Winthrop; carcinoma.
William A. Hibbs, 65, at City, pulmonary tuberculosis.
Mary Hayes, 2, at Riley, pneumonia.
George E. Avels, 61, at City, carcinoma.
Walter R. Mayer, 54, at Methodist, carcinoma.
John Lohman, 66, at Methodist, carcinoma.
Michael A. O'Brien, 60, at 142 E. Ohio, influenza.
Julia M. Boardman, 77, at 1828 N. Illinois, broncho-pneumonia.

OFFICIAL WEATHER

U. S. Weather Bureau
INDIANAPOLIS FORECAST — Cloudy this afternoon, becoming fair and colder tonight and tomorrow; lowest temperature tonight 15 to 20.
Sunrise... 7:07 | Sunset... 4:38
TEMPERATURE
— Jan. 9, 1940 —
6 a. m. ... 10 | 1 p. ... 27
6:30 a. m. ... 30.5
BARIOMETRIC TODAY
Barometer ... 30.4
Precipitation 24 hrs. ending 6 a. m.
Total precipitation since Jan. 130
Deficiency since Jan. 160

MIDWEST WEATHER

Indiana — Cloudy, fair and colder tonight and tomorrow.
Illinois — Generally fair tonight and tomorrow; colder tonight and tomorrow.
Ohio — Fair tonight and tomorrow, except snow flurries in northern portion tonight; colder tonight.
Kentucky — Fair tonight and tomorrow, colder tonight, much colder in northern portion.
Weather in other cities, 6:30 A. M.
St. Louis ... Clear ... 30.5
Chicago ... Clear ... 30.4
Cincinnati ... Clear ... 30.3
Cleveland ... Clear ... 30.2
Denver ... Clear ... 30.1
Kansas City ... Clear ... 30.0
Little Rock, Ark. ... Clear ... 29.9
Miami ... Clear ... 29.8
New Orleans ... Clear ... 29.7
Oklahoma City ... Clear ... 29.6
Omaha, Neb. ... Clear ... 29.5
Portland, Ore. ... Clear ... 29.4
San Antonio, Tex. ... Clear ... 29.3
St. Paul, Minn. ... Clear ... 29.2
Tampa, Fla. ... Clear ... 29.1
Washington, D. C. ... Clear ... 29.0

STRIKE AT SHIP PLANT

MEDIA, Pa., Jan. 9 (U. P.).—More than 100 night shift workers at the Sun Shipbuilding and Drydocks Co., Chester, started a sit-down strike early today, holding up construction on national defense contracts totaling millions of dollars.

BRITISH JOBLESS FEWER

LONDON, Jan. 9 (U. P.).—Great Britain's total of registered unemployed has dropped to 705,279, the lowest figure since recording of 1921, as the result of the acceleration of war industry, the Labor Ministry announced today.

12 Kingan Employees Offer Blood for 'Boss,' Allerdice