

Hoosiers in Washington—

WHAT ABOUT COY? NELSON TO DECIDE

War Production Head Studies Status of OEM of Which
Hoosier Is Titular Chief; Candidate

Seeks Votes by Mail.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—When Donald M. Nelson held his first press conference as the new defense production head here this week one of the questions asked was "What becomes of OEM?"

Since OEM is the alphabetical designation of the Office for Emergency Management of which Wayne Coy, the young Hoosier New Dealer, is the liaison officer and titular head, Big Chief Nelson's answer was awaited with eagerness by the Indiana reporters.

But all he said was that he was going to give the matter some thought.

There had been rumors that OEM would be wiped out, as was OPM and SPAB, and that Mr. Coy would become Mr. Nelson's chief deputy. When asked about all of this, Mr. Coy directed attention to President Roosevelt's executive order establishing Mr. Nelson's new job.

Section 1 of that order says:

"There is established, within the Office for Emergency Management of the Executive Office of the President a War Production Board, hereinafter referred to as the Board."

The Board shall consist of a chairman to be appointed by the President, the Secretary of War, Secretary of Navy, Federal Loan Administrator, the Director General and the Associate Director General of the Office of Production Management, the Administrator of the Office of Price Administration, the Chairman of the Board of Economic Welfare and the Special Assistant to the President supervising the defense aid program."

The order then goes on to define the chairman's power, which is said to be absolute within the war production field. But so far as any abolition of OEM is concerned, that just isn't within Mr. Nelson's province.

As Mr. Coy points out, the President's order reads that the new Board is "established within" the OEM.

If he should abolish OEM he would be out of business himself," Mr. Coy said.

So the new Board has the same relationship to OEM as did OPM and SPAB.

Mail Order Campaign

Indiana now has perhaps the only congressional candidate who is conducting a campaign by air mail from one of the U. S. Naval air stations.

He is Roy Huckleberry, resident officer-in-charge of the station in British Guiana. He has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination in the primaries in letters and newspaper advertisements, explaining that he intended to return to the Sixth District but hasn't been able to get away because of the war.

An A. E. F. captain in World War I, Mr. Huckleberry was secretary to former Rep. Eugene B. Crowe during the latter's 10 years in Congress. Rep. Crowe was defeated in the last election by his Republican opponent, Rep. Earl Wilson.

Writing to friends here, Mr. Huckleberry said:

"Had a letter from Mr. Crowe in which he said he had decided not to run this time. His letter came in a few days after my application for leave had been canceled, and as I remembered Sears & Roebuck made a success of the mail-order business, decided I would try it."

He's His Own Censor

"Judging from the tone of the letters I have been getting, I may get more votes than if I was back working the district in person. It will probably turn out that any one running hard for an office now will be asked if that is all he has to do toward winning the war."

Mr. Huckleberry's war contribution is a long-standing one, since he has been superintending the whacking out of an air base in the jungle with native labor and the job now is nearly done.

An odd angle on his letters is that all are stamped "Passed by Censor."

Another Salem Success

Mr. Huckleberry's home is Salem, which saw one of its natives continue to make good here this week in the war production effort.

He is William L. Batt, who has been head of the Materials Division of OPM and continues in that position under the new Nelson setup. Born at Salem, he was graduated from Purdue's engineering school in 1907.

Having made his mark in the industrial world before coming to OPM, he now is on leave as President of SKF Industries, Inc., Philadelphia, a position he has held since 1922.

He was a member of the President's Special Mission to Soviet Russia and is chairman of the Joint Canadian-U. S. Materials Advisory Committee.

Like most Hoosiers, he is able to handle himself in a very politic manner. No man in the defense setup has made a greater hit with the politicos on Capitol Hill.

Roger Mayhill, son of State Rep. Bert Mayhill, has been in Washington gathering data about the late Speaker Joe Cannon (R. Ill.) for a thesis he is writing to obtain a Master's degree from the University of Illinois.

Mr. Mayhill teaches economics at

Purdue.

MEETINGS TOMORROW

Secretary's Conference of Indiana State Bar Association, 8th and Illinois, Indianapolis, annual exhibit.

Indiana State Clubs, annual exhibit.

Indiana Casting Association, state open.

Indiana Hatters' and Cosmetic Association, annual exhibit.

Indiana Linen Association, state open.

American Legion Conference on Boys' State, national headquarters building, all day.

'Murder and Suicide,' Is Verdict



Scene of the shooting in which Harold Vess killed his estranged wife, Geraldine, and fatally wounded himself. The coatless youth at left is William Buher, who joined Galen Parks in battling with Vess. Mrs. Vess is shown at right.



68 on Attacked Liner Kneel At Sight of Statue of Liberty

NEW YORK, Jan. 24 (U. P.)—When the Grace liner Santa Paula came within sight of the Statue of Liberty, the 68 passengers aboard were discovered heading toward her. Again alert maneuvering saved the ship.

Two days out of Lagos, Nigeria, the ship was attacked by submarines twice within six hours. The first time passengers saw a submarine off the port, it disappeared, but soon the wake of a torpedo headed straight for the ship, was seen.

The torpedo missed, only because the quartermaster at the wheel threw the helm hard over.

Six hours later, another torpedo was discovered heading toward her.

Again alert maneuvering saved the ship.

Two days ago, off the coast of the United States, the Santa Paula almost crashed into two blacked-out vessels.

She turned back for three hours, and approached New York by a circuitous route, arriving yesterday far behind schedule.

Rep. Wilson bases his case on the fact that the interurban, now without rolling stock, runs for 18 miles along the new Army camp in Bartholomew County. It would be used to transport soldiers from the camp to Columbus, Seymour, Indianapolis and other cities, he points out.

"One of the points raised against the project by Colonel Gilmore was that electric power might be needed for other war purposes in that area," Rep. Wilson explained.

"But I cited figures to show that there is ample power and that during the drought last fall Southern Indiana plants even were supplying power to TVA."

Others elected were C. H. Domhoff, manager of the Guarantee Tire & Rubber Co., vice president; H. W. Claffey, vice president of the Sanborn Electric Co., secretary; C. F. Fitchey, manager of the General Electric Supply Corp., assistant secretary; Ben Olsen, manager of the General Electric Co. treasurer, and William J. Morgan, manager of the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Co., assistant treasurer. Walter O. Zervas is managing director.

Meet Once a Month

H. Foster Clippinger, vice president of the Fletcher Trust Co., Indianapolis; Otto Frenzel, president of the Union Trust Co., Indianapolis; Charles H. Buesching of Ft. Wayne; Ralph M. Mayerstein, Lafayette; Thomas D. Sheerin, president of Thomas D. Sheerin & Co., Indianapolis; John W. Jordan, resident partner; Thomson & McKinnon, Indianapolis; J. Floyd King, vice president of the Union Trust Co., Indianapolis.

PRIZE COMPROMISE
FACES OBSTACLES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (U. P.)—Serious obstacles barred the way to final enactment of price control legislation today, but most Congressional leaders were confident that both Senate and House would accept the compromise bill. Speaker Sam Rayburn predicted House approved Monday.

Some House members were doubtful of the outcome because the compromise was not entirely satisfactory to the Farm Bloc—which had originally introduced the bill with amendments—nor to the Administration, which was forced to make several important concessions on farm price ceilings.

Some Farm Bloc Senators conceded that House approval would assure Senate adoption of the compromise.

Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney of Rep. D. Wyo., author of a formula to link farm prices with wages and to ban control of farm prices until they reached 120 per cent of parity—a feature eliminated in conference—said he had not decided whether he would vote for the compromise bill.

BOY HELD IN THREAT
TO LINDA DARNELL

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 24 (U. P.)—A 17-year-old high school freshman was held by Federal authorities today, charged with mailing an extortion note to film actress Linda Darnell.

The FBI said the youth, Oren William Haws, allegedly had threatened the 20-year-old actress and members of her family with "bodily harm" unless he received \$2000. The note was mailed from Logan, Utah, Dec. 11.

Jay C. Newman, FBI agent, said Haws would be "treated as a juvenile" in court proceedings.

WELLES TO TELL OF
TANKS FROM SCREEN

CIVILIAN RAIL TRAVEL
STILL UNRESTRICTED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (U. P.)—No restrictions in civilian rail travel are contemplated at present.

Joseph B. Eastman, Director of the Office of Defense Transportation, said today.

His comment followed disclosure that surveys were being made which would have a bearing on determining whether restrictions might be necessary later.

"Carriers should give and are giving first attention to military requirements and will continue to do so," he said. "It is possible that conditions in the future may arise requiring some restriction in civilian travel beyond that which is voluntarily taking place, but in my judgment and that of my staff, that time has not yet arrived."

MRS. ROOSEVELT ASKS
END TO ENLISTMENTS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (U. P.)—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt has joined Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey in urging that enlistments be stopped and that all Navy and Army manpower be furnished through the draft.

Speaking before the National Defense Forum of the General Federation of Women's Clubs last night, Mrs. Roosevelt said that the elimination of enlistments would result in each man being placed where he can make the maximum contribution to the war effort.

She said she understood the Navy does not agree with Gen. Hershey "because it has never taken men from the selective service." The First Lady indicated also that she opposed curtailment of National Youth Administration aid to university students.

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U. S. TO STUDY TRACTION NEED

Wilson's Request Brings Survey of Service to Downstate Camp.

Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—An immediate Government investigation of the need for resuming operation of the interurban between Indianapolis and Seymour, as essential to the war effort, was assured Rep. Earl Wilson (R. Ind.) today.

This assurance came from Colonel Maurice E. Gilmore, director of the Division of Defense Public Works, who was called before the House buildings and grounds sub-committee of which Rep. Wilson is a member.

Chairman Frank Boykin (D. Ala.) of the sub-committee which is charged with handling defense housing and facilities, accompanied Rep. Wilson to Indiana last week and agreed that this service should be re-established.

Heads League



Dan C. Hess

Dan C. Hess, Power & Light Co. Official, Named By Electric Group.

Dan C. Hess, vice president of the Indianapolis Power & Light Co., yesterday was elected president of the Electric League of Indianapolis, Inc.

Council members include:

Edwin J. Wunsch, vice president of the Indianapolis Bond & Share Corp.; Thomas D. Sheerin, president of Thomas D. Sheerin & Co., Indianapolis; John W. Jordan, resident partner; Thomson & McKinnon, Indianapolis; J. Floyd King, vice president of the Union Trust Co., Indianapolis.

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Says Funds Available

"I have no particular plan of operation, but if necessary the Government could buy and operate the line from the \$150,000,000 our committee recommended and the House approved for defense area facilities."

Ownership of the line still remains in the hands of Will Irwin, Columbus capitalist and former Republican National Committee man, he said, but it long had been operated by the Public Service Co., a one-time Insull interest now in the hands of Bowman Elder and Frank McHale.

Mr. Elder, as receiver, and Mr. McHale, as attorney, obtained permission from the Indiana Public Service Commission to discontinue service and the \$2,500,000 price to Mr. Irwin now is being adjudicated, Rep. Wilson explained.

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Eventual effect of the industry's \$2,000,000 war orders, officials said, will be to place all large radio manufacturers entirely on war production.

The WPB authorized March production of medium and heavy trucks 34 per cent greater than that for the same month last year, but refused to equip them with tires, casings and tubes. Acting Priorities Director J. S. Knowlson agreed to permit use of tires and tubes in delivery of the vehicles to dealers, but they then must be removed and returned to the producer.

Two Men Wrestle on Floor

The office supervisor ran up to him, grabbed both of Vess' arms.

Vess wriggled his right hand free, started to shoot. After three shots, the two men were wrestling on the floor.

William Buher, 19, of 961 West Drive, Woodruff Place, a clerk in the office, jumped on top of them, trying to help Mr. Parks.

All three were piled on the body of the dead woman when Vess fired the fourth shot which entered his own head.

Threats Recalled

Police said that Mrs. Vess had sworn out a warrant for the arrest of Vess on assault and battery charges last November but that they had not been able to arrest