

SOLDIER BALLOT IS LAW TONIGHT

FDR Permits Measure to Become Effective Without Signing.

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allow votes only for President, vice president, senator and representative.

Effective Tonight

The bill will become law at midnight tonight. To permit this, congress had to defer its Easter vacation, which had been scheduled to start yesterday. Both houses will hold perfunctory sessions tomorrow. If they had begun their recess before midnight tonight, the bill would have died under the "pocket veto" provisions of the constitution.

It was considered most unlikely that congress would take any further action on soldier vote legislation as urged by the President.

The President charged in his message that the bill could "fairly" be called nothing more than "a standing invitation to the several states to make it practicable for their citizens to vote."

Congress in passing the bill placed a certain responsibility on each state for action. Mr. Roosevelt said, and those in the armed forces "who want to vote but cannot" would understand that "the congress itself shares the responsibility through the complexities of this bill."

"This bill, in my judgment," he said, "wholly inadequate to insure to servicemen and women as far as is practically feasible the same opportunity which they would have to vote if they were at home."

"Because of the confusing provisions of the bill and because of the difficulty of knowing just what will be the practical effect of the bill in operation, it is impossible for me to determine whether in fact more servicemen and women will be able to vote under the new measure than under existing law."

'States Must Help'

"That determination will largely depend upon the extent to which the states co-operate to make the measure as effective as its provisions permit. In view of this situation, I have resolved the doubt in favor of the action taken by the congress and am permitting the bill to become law without my approval."

"No state or federal red tape should take from our young folk in the service their right to vote," Mr. Roosevelt said in appealing further for individual state action to authorize the use of federal ballots.

He asked congress to enact an amendment to the bill to authorize members of the armed forces who have not received their state ballots by a certain time, whether or not they have formally applied for them, to use the federal ballot without prior express authorization by the states.

"If the states do not accept the federal ballot, that will be their responsibility," he said. "Under

Russ Advance Units Enter Passes in Sight of Hungary

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years which reported the fall of Cernauti, the Russian crossing of the upper Prut and "fluctuating fighting" in Bessarabia.)

(The Nazi party organ Voelkischer Beobachter said

DAWSON ENTRY SEEN IN GOVERNOR'S RACE

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who himself has aspirations, since both come from Marion county.

Mr. Dawson reportedly decided to enter the race after he became convinced that he could get at least 50 per cent of the Marion county delegation to the state convention, regardless of whether the mayor actually enters.

More Entries Expected

The Bradford-Daniels-Ostrom organization is supporting Mr. Gates. Mayor Harry Beals of Ft. Wayne and Mayor Ross Castle of Connersville also are in the gubernatorial picture, but neither has announced.

Many political observers believed that the entrance of Mr. Dawson into the gubernatorial race would cause a shifting of political groups, resulting in a final lineup of Jim Tucker and Ralph Gates vs. Homer Capenhart and Charles Dawson.

Mr. Gates owes his election as state chairman in 1941 to Mr. Tucker who with his cohorts had sufficient power through the auto license bureau to bring about the ouster of Chairman Arch N. Robbitt.

this bill, that responsibility is shared by the congress.

"Our boys on the battlefronts must not be denied an opportunity to vote simply because they are away from home. They are at the front fighting with their lives to defend our rights and our freedoms. We must assure them their rights and freedoms at home so that they will have a fair share in determining the kind of life to which they will return."

Governors Canvassed

Prior to deciding what to do with the bill, Mr. Roosevelt canvassed governors of all the states about whether their state laws permit use of the federal ballot and if not, whether they planned to seek legislation to validate the ballots. He said in his message today that replies indicated many states have not taken action to legalize the federal ballots, and many states plan no such action.

Out of the 48 replies only seven states said definitely that they would accept the federal ballot; 18 said they would not accept it; five said they probably would not; one accepted conditionally; 14 promised to make an effort to legalize the federal ballot, and three were undecided.

POLES BATTLE NAZIS

LONDON, March 31 (U. P.)—The Polish government said today that Polish guerrillas and 4000 German troops supported by tanks and planes fought an all-day battle recently near Kielce in central Poland.

AIRCRAFT LABOR CHIEF INDICTED

U. S. Jury Charges False Information Given in WLB Application.

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labor leader admitted to a house naval affairs sub-committee in November that he had once said "our policy is not to win the war at any cost. It is to win without sacrificing too many of labor's gains."

The indictment charged that De

Lorenzo stated in the affidavit filed with the civil service commission that he had never been arrested or indicted except on traffic violations, whereas he had a record of three arrests and one indictment for other causes in New York City and New Jersey.

It charged further that his allegation that he was employed by the Seversky aircraft plant at Farmingdale, N. Y., between January, 1935, and July, 1939, was completely false.

Based on Testimony

The arrests listed in the indictment included those on charges of disorderly conduct, homicide by automobile, inciting a riot and malicious mischief.

Thomas F. Murphy, assistant

chief of the criminal division, said the investigation leading to the indictment was started after De Lorenzo testified before a house naval affairs subcommittee last November.

At that time, De Lorenzo was quoted as telling the committee he had used half a dozen different names during his life, had lied on various applications, including that made the basis of the present indictment, his 1940 income tax return, his application for a job at Brewster, and his draft board record.

He was re-elected president of the Brewster local, No. 365, in February, and this week was cleared by members of the union's international board of charges of election irregularities.

WILLIS TO HEAD FARM PLANK QUERY

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Senator Raymond E. Willis (R. Ind.) will go to Chicago this week-end to conduct farm hearings for the Republican national committee, he announced today.

A member of the senate agriculture committee, Senator Willis was appointed to the Republican committee by National Chairman Harrison Spangler for the purpose of drafting a farm plank for the G. O. P. 1944 platform.

Secretary of Agriculture Wickard is a farmer from Carroll county.

Crying Triplets, Quads in Tune

NEW YORK, March 31 (U. P.)—The Bachant triplets kept squalling company with the Zariet quadruplets today in an isolated corner of the nursery at the Sloane hospital for women.

The triplets were born late yesterday to Mrs. Muriel Bachant, 21, wife of Cpl. Herbert Bachant, now stationed in England, and arrived just a day after Mrs. Harry Zariet, wife of a radio violinist, gave birth to New York's first quadruplets—in the same delivery room.

The triplets were all girls, while the foursome was three girls and a boy. All were reported doing well.

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A. First-love of a dress in pretty spun rayon. Choice of smart, becoming styles with self material or colored embroidery trimming. Sizes 7 to 14. \$3.98

B. Smooth Glen plaid suit with a fitted, man-tailored jacket that is fully lined. Skirt has Molyneux pleats in front and back. Perfect to dress up or down. Sizes 7 to 14. \$12.98

BLouses with a pretty eye-appeal, a quick suitability. Fluffy and feminine styles in dotted swiss and sheer fabrics. White with colored trimming. Sizes 10 to 16. \$2.25

C. Breezy tweed suit with a fully lined fitted jacket. Classic kick pleat skirt. Wear it for "Sunday best" or school. Sturdy quality. Natural and lovely pastel shades. Sizes 10 to 16. \$13.98

D. Classic Chesterfield styled with distinction. Expertly tailored in shetland. Velvet collar, single breasted styles. Choice of pretty pastels and natural. Sizes 10-16. \$15



E. Ship Ahoy! Navy sailor coat for nautical minded landlubbers! All-wool. Well tailored. Navy collar and white braid trimming. Sizes 3 to 6x. \$10.98 Matching Hat, \$1.59

F. Little boys will go overboard for these all wool navy "strictly regulation" coats. Nicely tailored. Belted back. Brass buttons. Navy sleeve emblem! Sizes 2-6. \$6.98 Matching Hat, 79c

G. Cotton queens will love these pert new dresses. Crisp, and dainty and pretty enough for Easter. Pastel prints and solid colors in a variety of smart, becoming styles. Sizes 3 to 6x. \$2 and \$3

Tots' Rayon Panties, 59c
The prettiest, daintiest rayon panties ever designed for a very little girl! Lovely lace trimming, french leg, elastic top waist. Tealrose. 2 to 6 years.

Tots' Easter Hats. \$2, \$3
She'll look so sweet in her Easter Bonnet from our Youth Center! Straws and felts in smart, flattering styles. Matching and contrasting colors.

BOYS' SPORTS COATS \$5.98
Leisure coats, corduroy sports coats and flannel sports coats in the group. Perfectly tailored, well fitting styles. A very fine value for now and Spring. Tans, browns, blues in the group. Small, medium and large sizes.

Boys' Slacks \$5.00
Finely tailored in casimere weave all-wool. Sturdy, well-wearing slacks for school or dress. Tans, browns, grays, blue-grays. Sizes 12 to 22.

Boys' Easter Hats, \$1.00
Snap rayon, Tyrolean and pork pie styles. 96% wool. 4% rayon content. Heather, teal, blue, tan, green. Leather sweat band. Sizes 6 1/2 to 7 1/2.



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\$17.95

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"BLACK HAWK" Children's Shoes \$3.00

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—Children's Shoe Department Downstairs at AYRES

Boys' Sturdy Oxfords \$3.45

For Dress or School

Good looking shoes for growing feet! They'll take a lot of wear and tear, too! Brown elk uppers with leather or cord soles. Moccasin or tipped styles. Sizes 1 to 6, A to D widths.

