Truman Program Is Facing Tough Battle in Congress

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Administration leaders in congress today saw signs of troubled days ahead in their effort to win approval of President Truman's legislative and budgetary programs.

At least three items in the big legislative package which Mr. Truman sent to congress in his 30,000-word message yesterday were meeting stubborn opposition from members both inside and outside his party.

An Unbearable Burden?

"The most discouraging feature of the report," Senator Robert A. Taft (R. O.) said, "is the President's statement that expenditures will never be reduced below $25,000,000,000 a year, without including payments on the public debt. This would mean an unbearable burden of taxation.

"I believe we should try to reduce this estimate to $20,000,000,000 a year plus $1,000,000,00 for debt reduction."

Senator Taft said Mr. Truman's estimate of a $4,300,000,000 deficit was "somewhat misleading" because it did not include the proposed British loan, complete export-import bank loans, Bretton Woods payments, and all probable expenditures of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.

While the President was pretty sure of getting some tentative victories in the administration-controlled committees of congress, a good portion of his legislative program will have tough sledding on the floors of the senate and house.

For instance, the house labor committee approved by 13 to 3 vote a measure to keep the U. S. Employment Service under federal control until June 30, 1947. But when it comes to the floor Friday, its supporters aren't too certain of the outcome.

Rep. Everett M. Dirksen (R. Ill.) already has announced his intention to offer a substitute to return the USES to the states within 30 days.

Bill Faces Amendment

The administration bill to raise the minimum hourly wage from 40 to 65 cents is facing the prospect of amendment before it gets out of the senate education and labor committee.

This was conceded by Chairman James E. Murray (D. Mont.). Senator Allen J. Ellender (D. La.) wants the bill re-written to provide for a 55 cents minimum.

Meanwhile, the house labor committee today approved a watered-down version of the bill to authorize President Truman to set up fact-finding boards in serious labor disputes.

On the tax front, some members of the house ways and means committee are in favor of cutting individual income taxes again and dropping the heavy war-time increases in excise taxes. Rep. Harold Knutson (Minn.), ranking Republican member of the committee, has introduced a bill to repeal the war-time excises.

Interest in Budget

Most congressional interest centered on the budget portion of the President's message. Reaction was generally divided on party lines. Democrats thought it was fine. Republicans, however, eyed with suspicion the President's efforts to move toward a balanced budget.

Mr. Truman forecast government spending in the 1947 fiscal year at $35,860,000,000 and income at $31,513,000,000, leaving a deficit of $4,347,000,000. He said the deficit, lowest in years, could be covered by drawing on the treasury's fund of available cash.

Senator Harry F. Byrd (D. Va.), one of the most vocal advocates of government economy, characterized the President's fiscal program as "good." But he said it was "imperative that the budget be balanced" in the fiscal year 1947 which begins next July 1.

Wants Spending Watched

"Congress," he said, "must carefully scrutinize all expenditures and save every possible dollar towards balancing the budget and beginning an annual retirement on the public debt."

Senator Byrd said he would introduce a bill to reduce the legal limit of the public debt from $300,000,000,000 to $275,000,000,000.

Senator Kenneth S. Wherry (R. Neb.) contended that Mr. Truman didn't reveal the whole, unvarnished financial picture. He called on congress to reject the President's budgetary proposals and to do its own job of balancing.

HOEFGEN ELECTED SHRINE POTENTATE

William A. Hoefgen, an Indianapolis businessman who has been active in local Shrine affairs for many years, was named illustrious potentate of the Murat temple last night.

Mr. Hoefgen

Chief rabban of the temple for a year, Mr. Hoefgen succeeds Raymond J. Sever.

The following officers also were elected: Dr. William E. Bodenhamer, chief rabban; Calvin A. Richey, assistant rabban; Max A. Blackburn, high priest; A. M. Springer, oriental guide; Glen Campbell, first ceremonial master; Paul E. Rathert, second ceremonial master; and Harry C. Geisel, marshal. Dr. C. E. Cox and Karl L. Friedrichs were re-elected treasurer and recorder, respectively.

A member of Ancient Landmarks lodge, F. & A. M., the Scottish rite and the York rite, he became a member of Egypt Shrine temple in Tampa, Fla., in 1925, and transferred his membership to the Murat several years later.

Also a member of Sahara Grotto, he is a director of Indianapolis court 15, the Royal Order of Jesters. He is a member of the Co-Operative club, Columbia club and the Athenaeum and is past president of the Junto club.

Mr. Hoefgen has been a member of the Shrine Imperial council membership committee for six years and also belongs to the Indianapolis and Indiana chambers of commerce and Gatling Gun club. He is manager of Washington Park cemetery and is president of W. P. C. Investors, a private financing organization.

TRANSIT PROFIT RECORDS LISTED

PSC Given Data on Trolley Finances Since 1919.

By ROBERT BLOEM

Indianapolis Railways, Inc., will introduce evidence before the Public Service commission today to show that the rate of return on its securities has been less since the 1932 reorganization than during the previous 11-year period which ultimately led to receivership.

L. T. Hixson, secretary-treasurer of the company, will testify that Indianapolis Street Railway Co., predecessor to Indianapolis Railways, paid a net return from 1919 to 1930 of 3.17 per cent. The old street railway company went into receivership on April 18, 1930.

Exhibits to be introduced during Mr. Hixon's testimony will show that in the reorganization of 1932 the property of the old company was taken over with the issuance of $8,209,000 new bonds and stocks and that since that time the company has paid an average annual return and dividends of only 3.06 per cent on these securities, company attorneys said.

Traction History

Attorneys for the company had Mr. Hixson outline traction history in Indianapolis since the turn of the century, leading up to the establishment of what should constitute a fair rate of return for a traction utility.

Mr. Hixson recalled the interurban cycle which began in 1902 and ended five years ago when interurbans succumbed to the low-cost competition offered by trucks and busses using hard-surfaced roads.

Earlier the company treasurer testified that a part of the investment on which the company should be entitled to return should include not less than $300,000 invested in materials and supplies and a $200,000 cash working capital.

Fair Return

Added to figures brought out yesterday these amounts brought to $13,707,723 the cost value of properties and other useful elements on which the company might expect "fair return."

At the opening hearings yesterday, company attorneys told the commission that a higher schedule of fares was necessary if the public is to be assured adequate transportation service because of inflation.

Indianapolis Railways is no longer seeking return to any specific schedule. Evidence of increased costs of operation and inflated property values will be presented in order that the commission could determine a "fair return on the fair cash value of the company's property" and set rates accordingly, attorneys said.

New Rate in Effect

As the hearings began, riders of streetcars, trolleys and busses began buying tokens at the four-for-a-quarter emergency rate ordered by the commission pending the outcome of the case. The new emergency rate went into effect at 12:01 a. m. yesterday and affected only the price of tokens.

Cash fares remain at 10 cents a ride and transfers at two cents.

First witness for the company was Earl L. Carter, local consulting engineer. He appraised the value of the company's physical properties, after depreciation had been deducted, at $12,580,188.

BLAST KILLS 20

ROME, Jan. 22 (U. P.).—More than 20 persons were killed and 250 injured when an ammunition train exploded last night at the Torre Annunziata station near Naples.

STATE PARK HEADS TO MEET AT INN

Indiana state park and memorial superintendents will meet tomorrow at Spring Mill State Park Inn.

Speakers at the session will include Robert F. Wirsching, parks director for Indiana Department of Conservation; Kenneth R. Cougill, assistant parks director; Harry Bamesberger, superintendent of Dunes state park; Glenn Black, Indiana Historical society archaeologist; Hansel Mead, Brown county state park superintendent, and Frank Wallace, state entomologist.

A two-day forestry school will open Thursday at the inn. Among the speakers will be William Stahl, regional United States forest service officer; A. J. Quinkert of Bedford; Ed Lee, also of the U. S. forest service, and Joe DeYoung, fire control co-ordinator for the forestry division.

Other speakers will be Milton Matter, Conservation department director; Ralph F. Wilcox, state forester; T. E. Shaw and J. L. Van Camp, Purdue extension foresters; William Finley, representing the American Walnut Manufacturers' association; Rudolph Grabow, National Forest Service representative, and H. A. Beadell, asistant state forester.

ORDER OF AMARANTH PLANS INSTALLATION

Public installation of officers of Golden Link court 7, Order of Amaranth will be held in their hall, 322 E. New York st., at 8:30 p. m. tomorrow.

New officers will be seated by John O. Henry, present royal patron, assisted by Lillian Johns, marshal; Curtin Johns, aid to marshal; Mrs. Florence Herrmann, prelate; Mrs. Kathryn Bortsfield, secretary, and Mrs. Ethel Gaudel, musician.

Those to be installed are:

Mrs. Millie Gilmore, royal matron; William R. Wigal, royal patron; Mrs. Charlotte Halter, associate matron; Rufus Glover, associate patron; Mrs. Frances Hamilton, three-year trustee; Mrs. Velma Henry, secretary; Mrs. Bessie Hart, treasurer; Mrs. Ora Mae Simmonds, conductress; Mrs. Runa Douglass, associate conductress; Miss Cleona Dixon, marshal in the East; Mrs. Mary Faulkner, marshal in the West; Mrs. Ruth Sutherland, standard bearer; Mrs. Stella Ballard, prelate; Mrs. Sylvia Gill, historian; Mrs. Esther Mae Cook, musician; Miss Kathleen Taylor, truth; Mrs. Jane Grimes, faith; Mrs. Mae McCandless, wisdom; Mrs. Zola Mae Jackson, charity; Mrs. Leona Wolf, warden, and John Simmonds, sentinel.

The O. E. S. choir, Naomi Melody girls, will sing.

'ATOM-PROOF' SHIPS SOUGHT BY NAVY

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 22 (U. P.).—An attempt to "atom-proof" the navy's peacetime fleet of 1050 combat vessels will be made after atom-bomb tests are conducted on obsolete ships next spring, Rear Adm. Russell F. Berkey, chief of the civil liaison section, said today.

Adm. Berkley said that the site of the tests had not yet been decided. He said the first requirement is shallow water to enable navy divers to examine the wreckage of the sunken ships and determine points of major stress.

All types of American, captured German and Japanese naval vessels will be subjected to atomic explosions. The "guinea pig" vessels will include the giant Japanese battleship Nagato, now lying off Yokosuka naval base near Tokyo.

After scientists, engineers, military and naval obesrvers have studied the results of the tests and determined the effect of the atomic weapon in naval warfare, the navy will reinforce its own ships, Adm. Berkey said.

IN INDIANAPOLIS

EVENTS TODAY

Indiana Grain and Feed Dealers association, luncheon, noon, Columbia club.
American Legion auxiliary, convention, 9 a. m., Antlers.
Parent Teachers association, Indiana congress, luncheon, 12:15 p. m., Claypool.
Marion County Democratic Women's club, meeting, 8 p. m., Claypool.

EVENTS TOMORROW

Indianapolis Speakers club, meeting, 6:45 p. m., Washington.
Indiana Bankers association, conference, 9 a. m., Lincoln.
Indianapolis Apartment Owners, meeting, 12:15 p. m., Washington.
Chamber of Commerce, meeting, 6:30 p. m., Lincoln.
Indiana Farm Bureau, meeting, 9:30 a. m., Severin.
Lions club of Indianapolis, luncheon, 12:10 Claypool.
Indiana Railroad Co., dinner, 6:30 p. m., Claypool.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Noel J. Kelly, 121 Wilson, Glendale, Cal.; Bernice Marie Wilson, 2447 College.
Robert Henry Eldridge, 55 N. Jefferson; Patricia Coleen Rosenbaum, 341 N. Jefferson.
Charles Edwin Burrows, 3037 Graceland; Anna Elizabeth Wollonweber, 404 N. State.
Floyd Hugh Williams, 2409 Highland pl.; Mayetta LaVern Minters, 2412 Highland pl.
Francis L. Albertson, 1847 W. Morris; Kathern I. Devasher, 806½ S. East.
Carl Richard Pratt, Ben Davis, Ind., Alberta May Pratt, Maywood, Ind.
Harry Elvis Stark, 504 S. Luett; Carlena E. Brown, 621½ E. 24th.
William Curtis Detro, 1515 College; Joella Frances Anderson, 1328 W. 30th.
Ollie L. James, 3028 W. 16th; Alma L. James, Clayton, Ind.
Marion William Duncan, 1354 S. Harding; Mildred D. Jackson, 1354 S. Harding.
Richard Beverly Beard, Colonial hotel; Nellie Lois Goodin, 138 W. 26th.
Louis Ellsworth Gamble, 318½ N. Alabama; Jessel Norma Swindle, 318½ N. Alabama.
Donald Lewis Jackson, 4205 E. Washington; Shirley Mae Hubert, 11 S. Rural.
James V. Palmer, 615 N. Pennsylvania; Mary L. McAllister, 816 N. Pennsylvania.
Glenn Russell Logan, 107 Bellefontaine, Beech Grove; Ivis Fern Moore, 138 S. 8th, Beech Grove.
Jesse Sherman Morgan, 2346 N. Alabama; Madalyn Cornett, 1718 N. Meridian.
Eugene Anthony Byard, 446 S. Alabama; Helen Louise Richmond, 1916 Lexington.
William Darting, 2033 Laurel; Eva Christina Richards, 1230 Calhoun.
Ray R. Rhodes, P. O. box 448, Bloomington, Ind.; Gladia Marjorie Mundy, 3901 Carrollton.
Trenham LeRoy Miller, 5255 E. 21st; Vonda Iona Harris, 1807 E. Michigan.
Vincent Henry Werner, 2116 N. New Jersey; Mickey M. Wagner, 1814 Broadway.
Harry Koeniger, 3521 Station; Margaret Wilson Boehm, 535 N. Beville.
Kenneth Emerson Stump, 2144 N. New Jersey; Gladys Golden Meadows, 2144 N. New Jersey.
Stanley M. Bozell, 6146 Crittenden; Wilma M. Aldred, Carmel, Ind.
Orville Eugene Dorbecker, 3115 Nowland; Doris Lorene Phipps, 221 E. Michigan, Apt. 112.
Nelson H. Hartley, U. S. navy; Imogene Cox, 2329 N. Parker.
Glenn Eugene Dowell, Brazil, Ind.; Lavon Dickerson, 228 E. 13th.
Robert Lincoln Bain, Mooresville, Ind.; Betty Jean Allender, West Newton, Ind.
Charles Edwin Roberts, 1323 Bradbury; Frances G. Ogden, 2383 N. Illinois.
Robert Mason Storm, 2833 Moore; Patricia Lou Singer, 437 N. State.
Rodger Leon Stafford, 1052 Woodlawn; Marcella Elaine Lawrence, 657 S. New Jersey.
Frederick Allen Hampding, 1424 S. Tibbs; Mildred P. Tobias, 74 N. Addison.
Ivory Louis Mack, Cleveland, O.; Joyce Mildred Johnson, 1963 Cornell.
Paul S. Esch, 1460 S. Waldemere; Charlene D. Reed, 1460 S. Waldemere.
Gene Ciaotto, 2261 N. Illinois; Nema Poling, 2261 N. Illinois.
James Edwin Harrell, 558 N. Dearborn; Betty Lee Probus, 2344½ N. Capitol.
Wesley Aubrey, 444 E. Market; Viola Hilton, 444 E. Market.
Turner H. Carmichael, R. R. 2, Box 429; Evelyn Virginia Adkins, 19 N. Oriental.
George D. Faulkner, 1312 W. 33d; Norma Grace Terrell, R. R. 1., Bridgeport.
Donald Freeman Veach, 5016 Guilford; Helen D. Becker, 4164 Park.
Richard W. Wilkerson Jr., Ft. Bragg, North Carolina; Patricia E. Shoobridge, 425 N. Arsenal.
Robert Elmer Brown, 620 N. Bancroft; Ruth Ann Robison, 314 Kenyon.
Billy J. W. Adams, Lorraine hotel; Lois Evelyn Kelley, Billings General hospital, Ft. Harrison.
Frederick Leo Mowrey, Anderson; Ruby Mae Moore, Daneville.
Howard Raymond Porter, 31 N. Addison; Norma Jean Whisenan, 48 S. Tremont.
James Kenneth Moore, Camby; Margie LaVone Mueller, 2063 Park.
Thomas George Kelley, U. S. army; Dorothy Jean Coughlan, 1313 Linden.
Charles G. Campbell, 1540 N. Meridian; Ruth L. Endsley, 1512 N. Meridian, Apt. 25.
James Cordia Armstrong, 522 N. New Jersey, Apt. 35; Doris Evelyn Fannin, 522 N. New Jersey, Apt. 39.
Jorge Oller, New York, N. Y.; Dorothy A. Borem, 2106 E. 12th.

BIRTHS

Girls

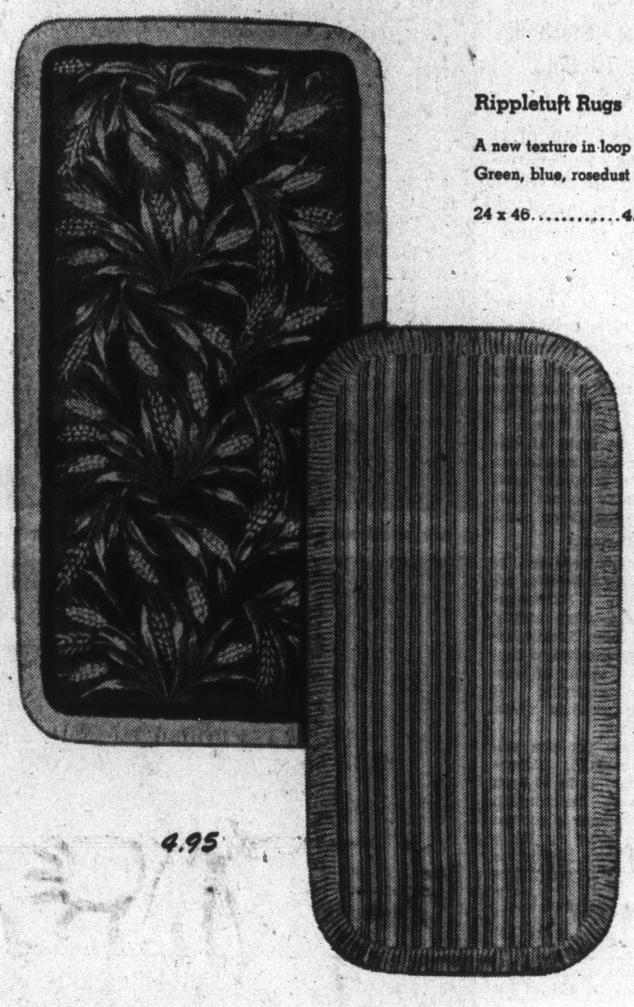
At St. Francis—Marvin, Helen Coates; Harrold, Blanche Stevenson.
At City—William, Gertrude Cole; Coy, Edith Smith.
At Coleman—Thomas, Madeline Percoco.
At Methodist—Jene, Kathryn Beatty; Louis, Catherine Garishwiler; Howard, Gail Gibbs; Louis, Margaret Hitzelberger; Howard, Dorothy Kouns; Conrad, Edna Munn; Albert, Adele Lowe.
At St. Vincent's—George, Frances Jean Lewis.

Boys

At City—Handy, Mae Spells.
At Coleman—Galen, Norma Hix; Donald, Julia Lewis; Burton, Pearl Spear.
At Methodist—Bernard, Pauline Baker; Marvin, Myra Gray; Edwin, Marion Hisley; Edwin, Leona Loomis; Jack, Alice Parsons; Earl, Ivamae Penry; Arthur, Rosemary Roberts; Richard, Margaret Shamel; Frederick, Pearl West.
At St. Vincent's—Charles, Maxine, Britton; Robert, Evelyn Oshold.

DEATHS

Sacet Ilyas Meton, 19, at Long, tuberculosis meningitis.
Frances E. Anderson, 70, at Methodist, coronary occlusion.
Marie Dorn, 77, at Methodist, strangulated hernia.
Nellie C. Miner, 52, at 1429 Lawton, carcinoma.
Levi Wise, 75, at 1828 N. Illinois, acute myocarditis.
Margaret R. Gueutal, 54, at 2200 N. Meridian, carcinoma.
Bertha K. Miller, 44, at 732 N. Riley, carcinoma.
James Spencer, 22, at 1154 Olive, carcinoma.
John M. Gillespie, 66, at St. Vincent's, carcinoma.
Matilda Tormohlen, 74, at 905 E. Palmer, acute myocarditis.
Lilly Lyons, 72, at City, diabetes.
George Gibson, 59, at City, carcinoma.
Anna Neerman, 88, at 308 N. Temple, myocarditis.
Mary Alice Carter, 74, at 822 N. Beville, chronic myocarditis.
Genevieve Machett, 78, at 2918 Broadway, carcinoma.
Henry M. Krabbe, 76, at 617 E. 34th, carcinoma.
Lelia E. Taylor, 82, at 1806 N. Pennsylvania, cerebral apoplexy.
Pansy T. Roberts, 54, at 1360 N. Keating, carcinoma.
Lula M. Esterline, 69, at 5105 N. Meridian, carcinoma.
James Allen Quiggens, 5 mo., at Riley, diarrhea.
Evelyn Jean Carpenter, 8 mo., at City, bronchopneumonia.
Norman Herder, 44, at City, bronchopneumonia.
Harry Allison, 76, at City, cerebral thrombosis.



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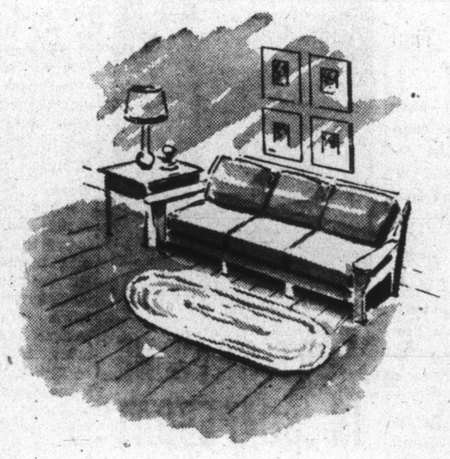

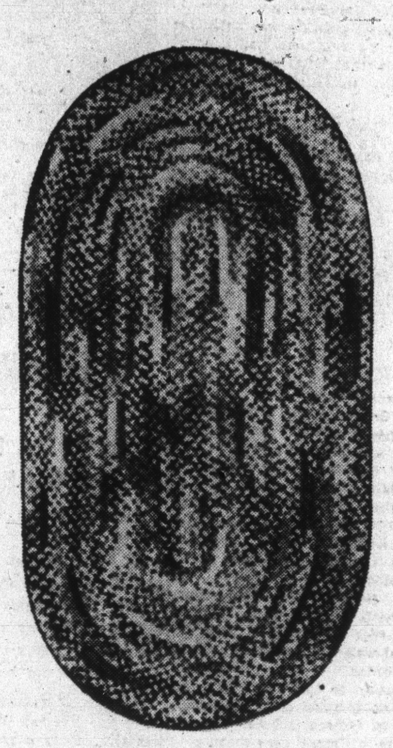

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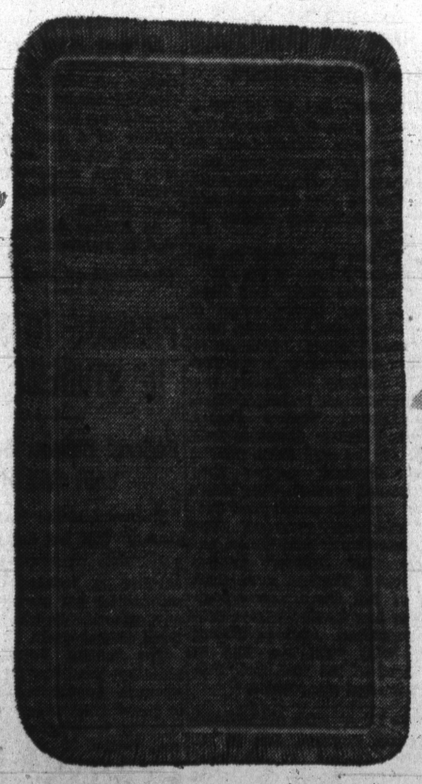

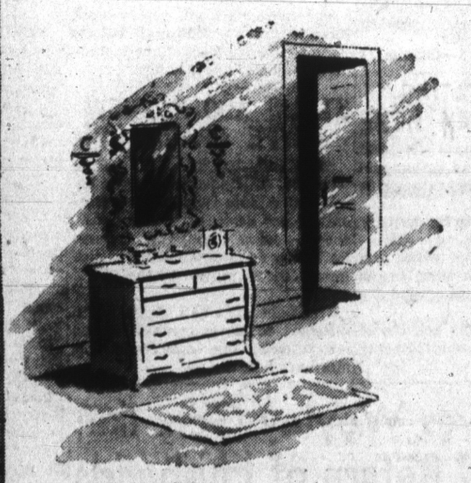

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