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## NO BILLS ARE READY; SOLONS SOON ADJOURN

Three or Four Important Bills To Be Passed at Special Session; Minor Ones To Be Coldly Treated.

### HURL MONKEY WRENCH

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., July 13.—Stalled because of lack of committee consideration of bills which have been introduced, both houses of the Indiana general assembly held short meetings this morning and adjourned until this afternoon.

During the recess, committees worked hard to complete their reports so that the general assembly may make progress in consideration of the emergency measures recommended by Governor Goodrich.

There were indications that bills of minor importance would get scant consideration, and that the assembly would confine its work to passage of three or four of the bills outlined by the governor yesterday.

#### Introduce Many Measures

Bills continued to flow in on the morning roll call, 19 being introduced in the senate and 17 in the house. Out of this number only one was an administration measure. This was introduced by Senator T. L. Dobyns, Republican, of Greensburg, and provided for restoring sections of the highway law which were left out by an enrolling clerk.

The "lost sections" provide for the jurisdiction of the township trustees over highways not included in county and state road laws.

Consideration was given in the bill appropriating funds for state institutions until Sept. 30, the close of the present fiscal year. This was one of the bills recommended by the governor and the necessity of which was primarily the cause of the call for the special session.

It is probable that this bill will be the first to be called up.

#### Raise Racket About Printing

Printed copies of the administration bills found on the desk of the senators and representatives brought objections from Senators Joseph M. Cravens, Democrat, of Madison, and E. T. Elsner, Democrat, of Seymour.

They inquired if the use of state money in printing these bills before their introduction was justified. Lieutenant Governor Bush explained that the bills were printed merely for the purpose of information and to expedite the work.

Sentiment for a short session was expressed at caucuses held last night by the Republicans and Democrats. There were indications, however, that all the legislation recommended by the governor would not be passed without opposition.

Democrats declared in favor of the war memorial bill advocated by the American Legion, in favor of the appropriation for the maintenance of state institutions and for amendments to the election law to provide for the franchise amendment is finally ratified.

#### Democrats Oppose Tax Legality.

They expressed opposition, however, to the bill legalizing the horizontal tax increases, which were declared invalid by the supreme court and also to the governor's plan for a state road and operated coal mine to furnish fuel for state institutions.

The Republicans of the house and senate caucused separately early in the evening. Later at a joint meeting they declared in favor of a short session, but took no definite action toward outlining a program for consideration of the various administration measures.

All of the bills advocated by Governor Goodrich in his message, will probably be introduced today, and consideration will be given to some of those introduced yesterday.

## WAY IS CLEARED BY COURT FOR SUFFRAGE

WASHINGTON, July 13.—Justice Bailey, in the district supreme court, dismissed today injunction proceedings brought by Charles F. Fairchild, New York, president of the American Constitutionalist party to prevent a promulgation of the ratification of the suffrage amendment and to test the validity of the equal suffrage law.

The court held that it was without authority to inquire into the action of the state legislature in ratifying the amendment, and that it had no authority to pass upon the validity of such an amendment.

Mr. Fairchild made an appeal to the supreme court of the United States.

## BILLY SUNDAY WILL SPEAK AT CHAUTAUQUA

Billy Sunday, famous evangelist, will appear on the platform of the Richmond Chautauqua, Sunday, Aug. 22, according to definite assurance from Mr. Sunday, received by Fillmore Riggs, chairman of the program committee.

The noted ex-ball player preacher will arrive in Richmond Sunday morning, and will speak only at the afternoon session.

#### Definite assurance was also received

from ex-Governor Martin J. Brumbaugh, of Pennsylvania, with appeal here on the evening of Sept. 1.

Many applications for programs are beginning to come in, according to Mr. Riggs, and the interest promises to exceed that of former years.

## BESCHER WILL TAKE PLACE OF MAYOR WHILE LATTER TAKES A NINETY DAYS' VACATION

Mayor W. W. Zimmerman will leave Richmond the latter part of this week or the first of next week on a 90-day leave of absence, granted to him Monday evening by city council.

The mayor's destination has not been revealed, but he intends to go where he can enjoy a complete rest and receive treatments for a nervous breakdown greatly aggravated Saturday night when he received a severe blow on the back of the head, received, he says, from a club wielded by a colored robber.

During the absence of Dr. Zimmerman, Baltz A. Bescher, city controller, will be the acting mayor of the city.

## CHARGES RAILROADS MAKE HUGE PROFITS FROM SALE OF COAL

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., July 13.—Charges that the railroads of the country were obtaining control of all bituminous coal possible and reselling it to dealers because of the opportunity to make big profits due to present high prices, were made in a statement by Ellis Searles, editor of the Mine Workers Journal, from the headquarters of the United Mine workers.

He declared that trustworthy information received by the union officials indicated that the railroads assign practically all available coal cars to mines with which they have contracts, and that these mines work steadily while other mines work only two or three days a week.

"According to reports received here," said Mr. Searles, "the railroads take all of this coal. They do not burn it nor are they storing it, but are reselling it at huge profits.

#### Says He Can't Sleep at Night.

Of late, he said, he had only averaged one fairly good night's rest in seven. He expressed wonder that he had not been killed by the blow he received Saturday night and he explained to the councilmen the details of the attack which he said was made upon him.

The mayor declared that two women had seen the prowler who struck him.

One of them was Mrs. Ed. Hollen, he said. He said his assailant was frightened away by a woman who tried to get into the house.

## MILTON BANK MUSS IS NOT YET CLEARED; NO FORGERIES FOUND

"We have found no reason as yet to believe that forged checks were included among the assets of the bank."

The above statement was made Tuesday by Charles Ferguson, Cambridge City, president of the Farmers Banking company of Milton, which institution was closed and a receiver for it named July 6, following the suicide of Oscar M. Kirlin of Milton, the cashier, July 1.

It had been reported that Kirlin had been guilty of forging a considerable number or notes to make it appear the bank was in a satisfactory financial condition.

#### Books Not Clear Yet.

Although the receiver for the Farmers Banking company, Claude Kitterman, of Cambridge City, and several assistants have been working on the books of the defunct Milton bank for over a week, it is stated that Mr. Kitterman has not yet been able to definitely establish the amount of the shortage.

Last week Mr. Kitterman estimated the shortage would be between \$75,000 and \$100,000, while the bank examiner placed the shortage at approximately \$106,000.

Also the question of how Kirlin disposed of the bank's funds remains to be answered.

An officer of the Milton bank denied Tuesday any knowledge of a statement attributed to one of the patrons of the bank that at the time of Kirlin's death a note for approximately \$9,000 which the man in question had taken out several months ago but which he had recently paid in full, was being carried as a part of the bank's assets.

The man referred to said that he had paid off his note with a check, but he neglected to ask for the canceled note, but had taken the precaution of writing on his check the purpose of its issuance. Eventually the canceled check was returned to him, and it is his only evidence that he paid off the note, according to the depositor's statement.

## MAYORITY LIGHTNING ROD UP FOR STRAYER

There was a fourth bat in the Republican mayoralty contest held Tuesday. It was tossed in by Frank T. Strayer, formerly prosecuting attorney of Wayne county. The bats that preceded Strayer's were those of Dr. W. W. Zimmerman, C. M. Davis, a garage owner, and Ora G. Mitchell, West Side grocer.

Strayer states that he intends to make the race for the Republican nomination for mayor on the record he made as a public officer during the two terms he served as prosecutor. He says he has been informed that his record as prosecutor was one of the best in the history of the county. He promises if elected, to give Pittsburgh real business administration.

Strayer states that recently a representative of the American Magazine sought an interview with him as an example of a typically self-made American. He declined to accept this publicity, however.

Mr. Strayer was serving as prosecutor at the outbreak of the late war but resigned his position to enlist in the war aviation service. He was stationed in France. Mr. Strayer says he has been assured cordial support by business men, by former service men and by working men.

#### WIDOW, 87, IS TRAMPLED TO DEATH BY A COW

LAFAYETTE, Ind., July 13.—Nancy Russell, a widow, 87, was trampled to death by a cow this morning at the home of her son Frank Russell in Stockwell. Her son had driven a cow with a new calf into the barn lot, and had gone away to get a veterinarian.

## AMALGAMATE AFTER STORM OF DISCUSSION

as provided by law. An attorney will be appointed to act as judge of the city court and council will select one of its members to preside at council meetings.

#### Bescher Very Well Fitted.

Mr. Bescher is regarded as particularly well fitted to serve as the city's chief executive during the mayor's vacation. Bescher served two terms as city clerk, retiring from that office to become city comptroller.

Because of his long service in the city building he has a thorough knowledge of city affairs and he is regarded by his associates as one of the most competent officials ever employed by the city.

#### Third Parties Throw Strength Into Single Effort—Radicals in All Try to Break Away.

## MARCH INTO MEETING

(By Associated Press)

CHICAGO, Ill., July 13.—Amalgamation of the principal groups was affected here today. The committee of 48 voted to join the national labor party.

After discussion council decided to send a committee to wait on the mayor with instructions for the committee to get back on the job just as soon as possible.

#### Mayor Asks for Vacation.

The committee was composed of Councilman Thatcher, Wahrleman and Stegman. At the conference Mayor Zimmerman urged that he be granted a 90 days' leave of absence with pay. He agreed to pay the salary of a special police judge. This arrangement was agreed to by the committee, and later approved by council, with only one negative vote, cast by Councilman Ford.

Mayor Zimmerman declared that his present physical condition had its origin during the late war. He said so many local physicians were in service and there was so much illness that he averaged 100 professional calls per day. This overwork, he said, had undermined him health.

#### Radical Minister Prays.

The Rev. George C. Richmond of St. Louis opened the Forty-lighters convention with a prayer that was received with cheers.

"We are not concerned about heaven and hell," he said. "It is this world in which we are interested. As Jesus failed, so do we."

#### The experts on both sides are spending the day re-examining the situation.

The allies originally demanded a monthly delivery of 2,200,000 tons of coal by the Germans. The Germans offered 1,100,000 tons and the allied demand was reduced to 2,000,000 tons.

The ultimatum informed the Germans that they must agree by 3:00 o'clock this afternoon to this monthly delivery, or the allies would take measures to enforce the terms of the treaty of Versailles.

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At midnight, the conference sent back into session by their opponents, reopened their discussion in a final effort to reach an agreement satisfactory to both groups and avert an open breach. The conference committee resumed their work, prepared and willing to go to the limit in concessions which would not impair the basic principles to which their respective conventions were committed.

The prayer charged that Republican candidates "take orders not from Jesus, but from Wall street"; that the Democratic party "has sold out to those forces which face moral ruin and spiritual desolation". In Illinois, he said, "the governor and his party are curse by plutocratic selfishness." To add:

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The message was sent by wireless to the soviet authorities through the British government because of the relations existing between the premiers of Great Britain and the soviet government.

Polish military authorities have informed the allies that they can put the field an army of 1,000,000 but that they need 400,000 rifles, 5,000 machine guns, 1,000 field guns and armored cars and tanks, together with a great variety of munitions.

The Poles count upon the allies supplying this material, the deliveries beginning in about 15 days, unless the soviet government immediately accepts an armistice.

The work of installing such a large unit is a particularly delicate job, it was explained to council, and if the work was not done exactly right, considerable damage might result.

If the work was done by the company supplying the unit, the company would be held responsible for any resulting damage from inferior installation, council was told.

#### Want to Hold Up Ordinance.

Members of the council apparently came to the meeting determined to appropriate all funds for plant improvements until the board of public works had called for bids on the turbine unit, and had ascertained to the cent what the actual cost of the improvement would be.

Council was told, however, by a representative of one of the prospective bidding companies that it was improbable that any company could submit a bona fide bid in the absence of an appropriation for the improvement.

Council then decided to appropriate \$100,000 as a guarantee of good faith that the improvement would be provided after a contract had been awarded.

#### Sees Doubt of Bids.

Council having taken this action the representative of the turbine manufacturing concern expressed doubt as to whether any bids for the turbine unit would be submitted because the appropriation provided was not equal to the approximate cost of the improvement.

In the event bids were forthcoming under the appropriation, the predicted that higher prices would be quoted.

It was explained to council that electrical supply companies would hesitate to submit their best bids on an improvement for which only a partial appropriation had been made, for fear that after the bids had been opened, council might not provide the additional funds, leaving the companies in the position of having exposed their bids without any contract being awarded.

#### Don't Care If They Do.

Representatives of the city administration complained that by failing to authorize a bond issue which would more than cover the costs of the proposed plant, improvements, council was placing itself on record as having no confidence in the administration.

Councilmen made no particular effort to dispel this opinion, shared by the board members, the city attorney and the plant superintendent.

Councilman Thatcher declared that the coal handling system installed at the plant recently at a cost of \$45,000 was not satisfactory.

Superintendent Dillon, trembling with rage, jumped to his feet and declared that any one who said the plant had not received full value for all it had contracted for was a "damned liar."

#### But War is Averted.

Thatcher advanced upon Dillon demanding to know if Dillon referred to

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## Gov. Cox's Father, Step-Mother, at Camden, O.



Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Cox.

## COUNCIL PUTS A BRAKE UPON LIGHT CO. FUND

Trouble Between Branches of City Government Cripples Proposed Plan to Reinforce Light Plant Equipment.

## STORMY WINDS BLOW

A dispute between the city council, on the one hand