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BILL WOULD AFFECT HUNDREDS IN LAKE COUNTY

WOULD HIT GERMANS IN LAKE COUNTY

Indiana Deeply Interested in Fate of Flood Bill Prohibiting Alien Enemies From Voting at Any and All Elections.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., March 13.—Indiana is one of the states deeply interested in the fate of the bill introduced in the House of Representatives at Washington, yesterday, by Representative Flood to prohibit alien enemies from voting at any and all elections.

If the bill becomes a law it will mean that fully 25,000 aliens who have been voting in this state will no longer be allowed to vote, unless they take out their naturalization papers and become full citizens of the United States.

This is the estimate made by Mark Storen, United States marshal, who has had charge of the registration of all German alien enemies in the state. Only those who were born in Germany were registered. This includes all who have not yet taken out any naturalization papers, also those who have taken out their first papers but who have not yet become full citizens of the United States.

LIBERTY LOAN ORGANIZERS TOMORROW

County Workers for Third Drive Summoned to Meet at Gary; Dinner Will Be Served in the Evening.

Lake county's Liberty loan organization, which did such great work in the first and second drives, has been summoned to arms again and tomorrow at Gary the forces for the third drive will hold an organization meeting at 4 o'clock at the Commercial club and a dinner at the Y. M. C. A. at 6:30 o'clock.

Chairman H. G. Hay Jr., head of the county committee, said that community chairmen and their cabinets were to be present and only the lack of room prevented general invitation to the dinner.

Three notable speakers are promised as speakers. There's coming Maj. Massey, direct from the front in France; William Forkell of Chicago, and Mrs. Fred H. McCullough, state chairman for the women, who will be here from Fort Wayne. Incidentally Mrs. McCullough will be tendered a luncheon at 1:30 at Gary hotel by women workers.

It is hoped to make known the quotas each community must raise. Plans include making the loan drive more far-reaching.

EX-PRESIDENT'S WIFE DEAD PASADENA, CAL., March 13.—Mrs. Lucretia Garfield, wife of the martyred ex-President James A. Garfield, died at her home here today at the age of 86.

CAPT. ROOSEVELT IS WOUNDED WASHINGTON, March 13.—Captain Archibald Roosevelt was listed today in casualty bulletin as "wounded slightly." The list showed six killed in action, two died of wounds, seven of disease, two wounded severely and 11 slightly.

BAKER IN WINE CELLAR DURING PARIS AIR RAID

PARIS, March 13.—Secretary of War Baker was in conference with Gen. Tasker H. Bliss in the Hotel Crillon Monday night when the air raid alarm was sounded.

Secretary Baker was not perturbed by the shrieking of the firemen's sirens or the barrage of the anti-aircraft guns, but the hotel management persuaded the secretary and his party to descend to a place of shelter in the wine cellar.

Mr. Baker and Gen. Bliss continued their conference in the wine cellar. Later they were joined by Maj. Gen. William M. Black.

FRANCHISE TO BE ASKED OF COUNCIL

News of South Shore Seeking Entrance into Hammond Is No Idle Dream and Public Sentiment Favors the Extension.

It appeared certain today that at the next session of the Hammond city council application would be made by the South Shore electric interurban for a city service line.

Mayor Brown will favor the granting of a fair franchise providing it stipulates that the line be put into operation within a limited time. Unless it is built at once the aid to war work in the region would be nominal.

City Attorney W. W. McMahon approves of granting the South Shore a "fair franchise." He would oppose a blanket franchise such as the H. W. & E. C. Street Railway has. He has filed suit in the superior court to have that franchise forfeited.

That the South Shore can expect a square deal this time seems certain. Years ago when it sought to secure a line through the center of Hammond from its main road from Chicago to South Bend there developed a deadlock in the council and an unpleasant scandal. The public gained the impression that the South Shore was held up by the council for a franchise. At any rate the very important interurban line laid its tracks on the north side of the city and Hammond has been the loser.

What the South Shore has done for East Chicago and Gary is history. Opportunity knocks again at Hammond's door.

It was indicated today that the South Shore would ask for franchise from its present line on the north side over Columbia avenue to Indiana avenue and west on Indiana avenue to Hohman street and another line from Columbia and Indiana avenues south of Columbia avenue to the west gates of the Standard Steel Car plant.

This would give direct service to East Chicago and Indiana Harbor from both the downtown district and East Hammond. It might after the war form the basis for a loop of the city.

Between Hohman street and Indiana avenue, the downtown terminal, the line would have but one railroad crossing into East Chicago. The South Shore has never complained of railroad crossing blockades. Its service has always been satisfactory. The cars are modern and the operation up to date. Is there any reason why it should be refused franchise over Columbia and Indiana avenues?

Popular sentiment is strong in favor of granting a franchise to the South Shore. While it refused to be held up the line has always wanted an entry into Hammond.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION The U. S. Civil Service Commission announces that on April 9th, 1918, a Civil Service examination will be held at East Chicago, Ind., for clerk and carrier. This office is in need of a clerk and carrier at once, and here's an opportunity for a good steady position, competitors will be examined in the following subjects: Spelling, arithmetic, letter writing, penmanship, copying from plain copy and reading addresses. Don't say I wonder if I could pass, but march down to the postoffice and get an application. A common school education is all that is necessary to pass. Any question pertaining to the examination will be gladly given by the local secretary. GEO. C. ANDERSON, Local Secretary.

WETS AND DRIES WATCHFULLY WAIT

In Three Weeks the State-wide Prohibition Is Said to Take Effect.

Will the saloons of Hammond go out of business in three weeks, April 2, when the state-wide prohibition law becomes effective? That is the main topic of conversation in the city at present, barring the war. To more than a hundred saloonkeepers who have advertised for license it is a paramount question. Will the county commissioners grant the licenses? Will a Lake county court grant the petition soon to be filed by the wets and issue an order restraining the prosecutor from enforcing the dry law on the basis that it is unconstitutional and so held by a court at Evansville?

Lawyers and those engaged in the liquor business hold various opinions. The saloonkeeper in Hammond who is said to be more ready than any of his brothers declined to apply for a license saying, "I know when I'm licked." Others are confident that they will win. They are preparing to do business after April 2nd.

HEGEWISCH COP HAS A KEEN EYE

Hegewisch police are pretty proud these days and you can't blame them. Hans Otten, 45 years old, an interned German officer who escaped from a detention camp at Honolulu six months ago and came to the United States, has been taken into custody and yesterday turned over to the department of justice for investigation. He will be interned for the duration of the war.

He said he was a petty officer on the German cruiser Karlsruhe and later was transferred to the submarine scout boat Geier of the coast of Honolulu. It was while partly intoxicated and making boastful remarks about the German navy that he was taken into custody near the Hegewisch police station by Detective Sergeant Joseph Roach. The latter recognized Otten as a sailor he had met at Kiel, Germany, in 1902 while he was a sailor on the United States cruiser Kearsage. Otten remembered Roach.

"I don't like Americans because they do not treat me good," said Otten through an interpreter. "I had no registration card and had a hard time to find work. I was called 'German dog' and other names." After being interned at Honolulu, Otten escaped and worked his way to San Francisco on a Danish tramp steamer. Speaking Swedish, he was able to pass as of that nationality. He worked his way across the continent as a railroad laborer, but was unable to find employment in New York. He had been in Chicago a week when taken into custody.

THIS IS AN EXAMPLE FOR HAMMOND GIRLS

Patriotism knows no handicaps too hard to overcome. Alice Block, the 15-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Block of Towle street, lost the lower leg and the right arm a few years ago following a street car accident. Despite the difficulties she has knitted a scarf for the Red Cross with her remaining hand and is now engaged in making squares for a Belding quilt.

It will warm the hearts of the Hammond soldier boys in France when they hear that this good American girl is doing for them.

TO GET WAGE INCREASE. (By United Press.) WASHINGTON, March 13.—An increase of \$120 a year for all government employees except postal workers, who receive less than two thousand dollars was recommended by the house appropriations committee today. An effort will be made to have the plan included, as an amendment to the legislative and executive and judicial appropriations bill.

LOOK FOR OFFENSIVE. (United Press Cablegram.) LONDON, March 13.—Gen. Maurice, British director of operations, declared in an interview today, there are indications on the west front that a German offensive is imminent. "The enemy air activity which is the natural preliminary to an offensive may be accidental," Maurice said, "but together other indications, the signs point to an enemy offensive."

RABE FUNERAL AT 2 P. M. FRIDAY Impressive funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Otto Rabe will be held at the residence at 191 Detroit street in Hammond Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment will be made in Oak Hill cemetery.

MORAN IS CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE

D. J. Moran Announces His Candidacy for Judicial Office. Has Been a Leading Lawyer of Hammond for 17 Years.

Daniel J. Moran, one of Hammond's best known and most respected lawyers, today announces that he is a candidate for the republican nomination for the superior court judgeship in Room 2, and the announcement will be favorably received by a host of his friends who declare that they stand ready to take off their coats and work for Moran until the last tap of the gong.

It is twenty years ago that Attorney Moran left Indiana University where he was one of the sturdiest fighting football players that institution ever had and he has been a two-fisted honest fighter for the other fellow ever since. He has practiced law in Hammond for eighteen years and never had any side-lines but law. He was a member for several years of the firm of Crumpacker & Moran and then decided to go it alone. His law practice has, through his energy and personality, been highly successful and his supporters feel that it would be eminently proper for him to round out his career with service on the bench.

Like all good lawyers, Mr. Moran has a profound respect for the law and his friends feel that if he was elevated to the bench his court would be one of dignity and credit to the profession. Mr. Moran is married and has six fine children. He is ultra-democratic in his tastes and has one hobby and only one—the law.

"ZEPS" RAID LONDON

(United Press Cablegram.) LONDON, March 13.—Three Zeppelins participated in last night's air raid on England, Lord French announced today. Of these only one ventured to approach the defended district. Four bombs were dropped at Hull.

The other airships wandered for hours dropping bombs in the open country.

This is the first time Zeppelins have participated in an English raid since last fall.

JAPAN IS WORRIED

By RALPH TURNER (United Press Staff Correspondent.) TOKIO, March 13.—Political students here predict intervention in Siberia within a month. Newspapers are more cautious in their forecasts although the tension is high. One conservative paper prints a story to the effect that the Germans have sent five submarines in parts across Siberia to Vladivostok. There is considerable worry over the fact that thousands of Siberian war prisoners have been released.

France is unconditionally in favor of Japanese intervention, according to authoritative information. From the same source comes the information that Great Britain's attitude is contingent upon America's.

For the last several weeks Japanese war ships have been on guard at Vladivostok. Stricter rules in regard to passports for aliens are in effect as a result of chaotic conditions on the mainland.

TWO GRIFFITH MEN HAVE CLOSE CALL

(Special to the Times) GRIFFITH, Ind., March 13.—What is considered a lucky accident occurred yesterday when the motorcycle which Vern Koenepasek and Frank Miller were riding "turned turtle" throwing Mr. Miller several feet away, landing him upon a cement walk and pinning Mr. Koenepasek under the machine. Neither was hurt seriously but both are considerably bruised. The machine belonged to Mr. Koenepasek who was driving it with Mr. Miller in the side car, in trying to negotiate the turn out of the Miller yard onto Junction avenue, Koenepasek, to whom the driving of the motorcycle is a no wonder taking, having bought it only recently, turned on the speed instead of slowing down as he intended. The result was they shot directly toward an electric light pole across the street.

Mr. Miller in the side car seeing the danger grabbed the handlebar and undertook to steer away from the pole.

New Aspirant for Judicial Honors Named



DANIEL J. MORAN.

DEDICATE NEW TEMPLE OF RELIGION

First Presbyterian Church Hammond's Newest Religious Edifice Is to Be Appropriately Dedicated Next Sunday.

An event of great importance to Hammond is the opening of the new Presbyterian church, corner of Hohman and Highland streets, to be dedicated next Sunday, the 17th. Few people realize the magnitude of the fine structure and the elaborate scale upon which it is planned to conduct the activities of the church. In addition to the church auditorium, with a seating capacity of 700, there are three large departmental Sunday school rooms, the study and church parlors, in the main building. In the rear of this portion of the edifice, and so arranged as to be completely separated from it, is the gymnasium, 60x40 feet, with a 20-foot ceiling, making it the largest in this part of Indiana. Adjoining the gymnasium are the reading room and Boy Scout room; underneath the recreation room and custodian's quarters. This part of the building comes nearest to filling the place of a Young Men's Christian Association of anything in North township. The plan is to admit everyone to membership in the gymnasium, regardless of such membership or affiliation, the only condition being the payment of a small fee and observance of the regulations. Already, it is said, tentative applications for membership threaten to tax the capacity of the plant.

Hammond is to be congratulated upon acquiring this modern and complete church, with the much needed institutional features which will do much to keep down the homesick feeling which might otherwise get the best of the multitudes of young men who are now so rapidly coming to our city.

It is said that elaborate plans are being made for the dedication day services which will be in charge of Dr. Robinson of Chicago. Special music is being rehearsed, accompanied by the beautiful new pipe organ. Rev. John C. Parrett, the pastor, will be ready to announce the full program for the day in Saturday's Times.

19 ALLIED MACHINES DOWN (United Press Cablegram.) BERLIN, via London, March 13.—Nineteen enemy aeroplanes and two captive balloons were downed on the west front yesterday, the German war office declared today.

"There were reconnoitering actions on various western points," the statement said. "In the Champagne region our storm troops took ninety French prisoners. German and Austrian forces are before Odessa," the war office said.

Latest Bulletins

(United Press Cablegram.) PARIS, March 13.—Mutual artillery along the right bank of the Meuse and in the Bailloan, Angerville and Lorraine regions, was reported by the French war office last night. A German airplane was shot down north of Soissons. Its three occupants, including two officers, were taken prisoners. Three other Gothas, each containing four men and an enemy biplane, were shot down within the French lines.

(United Press Cablegram.) LONDON, March 13.—A strong enemy party raided a British post south of Arrmentiers last night, following heavy bombardment. Field Marshal Haig reported today. A few British soldiers are missing.

Near Lavacqueris, an approaching party of the enemy was driven off. A British raid north of Lens was successful; several prisoners were brought back. Southwest of Cambrai and opposite Loos the enemy's artillery was active yesterday evening and in the Messines sector and at Passchendaele last night.

(United Press Cablegram.) WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, March 13.—Captain Archie Roosevelt, son of Theodore Roosevelt, was decorated with the Croix de Guerre by a French general for gallantry in action. The presentation was dramatic. No details of how Roosevelt won the decoration are permissible.

(United Press Cablegram.) PARIS, March 13.—During Monday night's air raid on Paris French aviators made a counter raid on Gotha hangars in the rear of German lines. It was officially announced today. Six tons of bombs were dropped and several fires were observed. The German raiders, comprising sixty Gothas, sustained serious losses. Four machines have been reported shot down. The crew of one was taken prisoner.

WASHINGTON, March 13.—America's working men have sent a message to the people of Russia urging once more a strong resistance against German domination. President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation announced he had spoken by cable to Russia for American labor.

PARIS, March 13.—American troops in the Chemin des Dames sector captured the crew of a German airplane which had fallen near Clemency, it was announced here today. Five groups of German gas projectors which were ready to be used were obliterated by shell fire from American artillery.

(United Press Cablegram.) LONDON, March 13.—The Manchester Guardian praising President Wilson's message to the all-Russian conference said today: "Once more President Wilson has intervened to correct diplomatic errors of America's allies, seizing the occasion to send a most cordial message to the Russian soviets. Why, when any new issues arise, should all that is generous and statesman-like come from the other side of the ocean."

LONDON, March 13.—Numerous reports have been received of an army of German and other Siberian prisoners. Lord Cecil told the house of commons today.

OFFICIALS MAKE NEW DECISION

Cabinet Member Says New Bill Will Be Introduced Before Congress Soon.

HOUSING CONFERENCE AT GARY TONIGHT

City officials and representatives of various interests will meet at Commercial club, Gary, tonight to make plans for a regional housing organization.

That the government has finally come to a realization that production of war munitions in the Calumet region will be hampered unless there are enough houses for workmen has caused a reversal of decision at Washington and as a result the sum of \$2,500,000 may be shortly available for housing relief in Gary, Hammond, Whiting and East Chicago-Indiana Harbor.

A bill now before congress is to be favorably reported, it is said. This bill will be like the ship housing bill. Only it relates to relief for war centers.

Secretary Wilson of the department of labor, it is stated, indicated to Ex-Mayor T. E. Knotts of Gary and W. J. Whinery of Hammond that Lake county is to be taken care of and with the sum mentioned as the probable allowance.

GOVERNMENT REALIZES. The cabinet member indicated that the government was aware of the need of housing facilities. Hopes of Lake county people fell when it was learned that the \$50,000,000 appropriated last week should apply only to shipbuilding housing. The bill Senator New and Wilson are pushing now is to aid munition centers.

CAN COMMANDER LAND. Mr. Wilson indicated that the government will first make a through survey and it will commandeer what land it wants if that is necessary. As for the steel trust and other owners they will have to meet the government's price, which will be equitable.

That the government prefers to deal with the region as a unit was also indicated.

While there is no information as to how the money will be loaned a long-term loan is expected.

HAMMOND MAN RETURNS YESTERDAY

Attorney W. J. Whinery of Hammond returned late yesterday from Washington, D. C., where he conferred with Secretary of Labor Wilson regarding the necessity of government aid in providing houses for munition makers in the Calumet region of Indiana.

A. F. Knotts of Gary and Congressman Will R. Wood were at the conference. Mr. Whinery stated today that the conference was very satisfactory to Congressman Wood, Mr. Knotts and himself.

"If there is any place in the United States where help is needed in the housing problem it is here," said Mr. Whinery, "and if there is any place that will get it the cities of Hammond, Gary, East Chicago and Whiting will."

Secretary of Labor Wilson will present the case to President Wilson and the cabinet. "We want to get the men of these cities together on this proposition," said Mr. Whinery. Secretary Wilson is favorable to giving the region aid if it is demonstrated that it is necessary. If the government builds houses it will hold them until after the war to prevent re-exploiting.

WORKLESS DAYS TO HELP FARMERS

(By United Press.) WASHINGTON, March 13.—Fifteen workless days in all non-essential industries to relieve men for farm planting was advocated today by Assistant Agricultural Secretary Ousley before the senate agricultural committee. The fifteen days could be distributed over a period of several weeks, thus relieving labor shortage, Ousley said. He told the committee the government might take over the farm work before we win the war as England is practically doing. Salvation of the season's crops depends largely on the enlistment of labor from the cities, he said. Business men who have had farming experience should close their desks certain days of the week and get out and help increase production. He said there would be no increased wheat crop this year and prospects were good except in some southwest districts which had been drought-stricken.

FOOD FOR FIGHTERS FIRST.