

BOTH SIDES STAND PAT ON RELIEF PROGRAM

Hoover Reported to Have Treated Compromise Plans Coldly

\$15,000,000 FUND IS LATEST OFFER

Norris Says Newly Elected Congressmen Would Pass Bill

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 (AP)—Efforts to compromise the congressional deadlock over relief funds were in an uncertain stage today, while both houses worked away at other legislative problems.

Senator Watson of Indiana and Senator McNary of Oregon, leader and assistant leader of the Republicans, returned from the White House and reported compromise suggestions had been greeted coldly by the president.

Sensors who are attempting to bring about conciliation sought the chief executive's views on the appropriation of a \$15,000,000 relief fund specifically limited to use only in case charitable institutions and local agencies fail to meet the needs of the sufferers.

Suggestions along this line were advanced after Mr. Hoover had declared himself again against appropriations for relief but with the pledge he would see every government resource employed if private effort failed to give adequate aid.

While the senators seized upon this word of the president for encouragement, the house administration leaders remained steadfast in their determination that no relief funds would get by Representative Tilson of Connecticut, the Republican floor chief, said he saw no opening for compromise in Mr. Hoover's statement. An extra session could be called, he argued, but any emergency grave situation to warrant federal appropriations to avert suffering should develop. His expression came after a conference with Walter Newton, one of Mr. Hoover's secretaries.

Senator Norris, Independent Republican, Nebraska, lashed out at the outgoing representatives in the House with a speech asserting the federal relief fund approved by the Senate would have been passed by the House, if the membership elected last fall were in office.

Meanwhile, the House passed several minor measures including a bill to authorize \$100,000 for codification of Indian laws and asked for a conference with the Senate on the \$128,000,000 appropriation bill for the state, justice, commerce and labor departments.

The Senate found itself in agreement on a bill by Davis of Pennsylvania to require that government contractors pay their labor at the prevailing local wage scale. The measure was passed and sent to the House.

Rome C. Stephenson, president of the American Bankers' Association told the House ways and means committee he thought a billion dollar bond issue to redeem the soldier's bonus could be floated over a period of months, without serious injury to business.

The Senate agricultural committee reported favorably the Steiwer resolution for a Senate investigation of the causes of fluctuations in commodity and security prices.

A \$10,000,000 program to provide for future veterans hospital needs was recommended to a House veterans subcommittee by Veterans Administrator Hines for immediate consideration.

The Senate foreign relations committee deferred action on a motion by Senator Walsh, Democrat, Montana, that it reconsider its decision to postpone consideration of the world court protocols until next December.

JUDICIAL COUNCIL PLAN ADVOCATED

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 4. (A. P.)—The Senate Judiciary committee today reported to the Senate with a bill sponsored by the State Bar Association for creation of a judicial council in Missouri.

Former Supreme Judge Fred L. Williams, of St. Louis, and E. J. White, vice-president of the Missouri Pacific railroad, appeared before the judiciary committee yesterday to explain the bill and urge its passage.

THE WEATHER

MISSOURI: Fair tonight; Thursday increasing cloudiness and slightly warmer.
Weather and Roads. (Compiled for the Associated Press by the Automobile Club of Missouri.)
All Points: Weather clear, roads good.

\$10,000,000 Hospital Program for Vets Is Recommended

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4. (AP)—Veterans Administrator Hines recommended a \$10,000,000 hospital program today to a house veterans subcommittee for immediate consideration. He said future needs of non-service connected cases were the basis of his recommendation.

Figures estimating approximately 129,859 world war veterans would need hospitalization in 1930 were submitted.

By 1935, he added, 6,000 additional beds will be needed to care for veterans, and he recommended immediate consideration of a \$10,000,000 program which would provide 2,797 beds.

He also suggested a special fund of \$655,000 for use on other projects without limitation to individual establishments.

OVER THE TOP FOR RED CROSS

County's Quota of \$700 Is Exceeded by \$70.21 as Do- nations Come in Today

BENEFIT BRIDGE NETTED \$111

Randolph County has oversubscribed its quota of \$700 assigned by the American Red Cross to the Moberly Chapter for relief in the drought stricken area. The total amount received up to noon today was \$770.21.

The benefit bridge party given last night at the Masonic Temple by the women on the board of the Moberly Chapter resulted in raising \$111. Other contributions received since yesterday amounted to \$47.50.

C. C. Hon, chairman of the relief fund drive, said today: "The people of Moberly and Randolph County have again shown their spirit of generosity and helpfulness toward humanity by subscribing more than the quota assigned to them by the American Red Cross. The people of Huntsville, especially, have heartily cooperated with Moberly in this great movement for the relief of their fellow citizens. A complete condensed report will be made shortly."

180 Attend Party
The benefit bridge party was attended by 180 persons. There were six rows of players and prizes were given for high and low scores for both women and men for each row.

All proceeds of the benefit party last night will go into the drought relief fund. Prizes were donated by members of the chapter board and their friends and there were no other expenses.

Prize Winners
Women who won high scores prizes were: Mrs. George Dawson, Mrs. John E. Tedford, Mrs. Ernest Lottor, Mrs. Terry Eversman, Mrs. W. E. Lankford, Jr., and Mrs. Stephens. Men high scorers were W. P. O'Keefe, Dr. J. C. Lellan, C. B. Davidson, R. E. Ruchmkorf, Will Sandison and Harry L. Thomas.

Women low scorers were Mrs. W. E. Jennings, Mrs. J. A. Williams, Jr., Mrs. Sue Burton, Mrs. E. Richardson, and Mrs. A. W. Kincaid. Men low scorers were Morris Bierman, V. C. Terrill, H. M. Dickson, Mike Morrissey, Herbert Martin.

Contributors
The other contributors since yesterday were: \$10—George W. Sparks estate, \$5—Mr. and Mrs. Otto Moeller, Berean Sunday School class, Baptist Church, Huntsville, a friend, and J. H. F. Lee.

\$2—Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Hulien, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Guffey, Huntsville.

\$1—The Rev. O. W. Goodin, William Browning, H. G. Clark, Mrs. Hattie Marshall, Milo Darr, Huntsville, Mrs. Annie Pattinson, Huntsville, F. L. Alexander, Huntsville, Melville D. Evans, Huntsville, Superintendent of Schools J. V. Minor, Huntsville, E. D. Lea, Clifton Hill.

50 cents—Mrs. E. Sippel, Huntsville.

Increasing Popularity of
Forest Park Shown in Annual
Report of Superintendent

An average of 700 persons swam daily in Forest Park Lake during the 1930 park season, picnicking parties were attracted to the park from points as far away as Iowa and Illinois, and with each passing year the park is becoming more extensively enjoyed both by Moberly people and visitors from many other localities, John Grober, park superintendent, has advised the board in his annual report.

Mr. Grober believes the park ultimately is destined to be the recreational center of this part of the state.

The report tells of the starting of a zoo at the park, "a four-acre deer enclosure now containing four deer, two donated by the state and two donated by Louis Klein, president of the park board. We now have one alligator, a large owl, one opossum and four deer," Mr. Grober points out.

Last Year's Activities carried on at the park last year and those now under way. Mr. Grober's report states that picnic equipment was put in place early in the 1930 season. All work on the building and the bathing beach equipment was placed in the lake and ready for use when the season began.

The Theodore Bazar Post of the American Legion replanted the large flower bed, first provided in 1929, and also planted a new bed of flowers near the bath house; the Post donated and set up approximately \$1,000 worth of playground equipment and the members of the organization built and painted a number of very serviceable benches for park use.

A new tennis court was made near the Concomino street entrance to the park which will be settled by special guests.

5 HURT IN CRASH NEAR HUNTSMVILLE

Occupants of Two Cars Have Miraculous Escape From More Serious Injury

WRECK OCCURS AT ROAD INTERSECTION

Ford Sedan Entering High- way 24 Is Demolished and Hupmobile Badly Damaged

Five persons miraculously escaped death or possible serious injury in a car crash on Highway 24 about a mile west of the end of the brick paving at Huntsville at about 9 o'clock this morning.

L. G. Schmaltz of Hume, Mo., sustained a wrenched back and left shoulder, a cut on his left hand and other cuts and bruises. Mrs. Wm. R. Thomas, his mother-in-law, also of Hume, was severely bruised about the chest and left side and received a minor cut on her hand. Her husband received several minor cuts. Glenn Holley living south of Huntsville, received a bad cut on his right hand. Mrs. Schmaltz escaped any injury other than shock.

Huntsville Visitors
Mr. and Mrs. Schmaltz and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, the latter couple about 70 years old, had been visiting at Huntsville with Mrs. Thomas' sisters, Mrs. J. Q. Martin and Mrs. Lee Dorsett Dumm, and had left this morning to return to their home. They were driving a new Hupmobile Eight sedan.

They had left the Dumm home and proceeded to the highway by way of Main street at Huntsville and then had turned west on the shaded portion of the highway. As they reached a point about a mile west of the brick paving, Glenn Holley, driving a Model T Ford sedan, drove onto the highway from a side road.

Schmaltz, who was driving the Hupmobile, stated that he did not have time to stop and attempted to miss the Ford by swerving to the left. Another car coming from the west, avoided hitting either of the two cars by swerving to the north side of the road.

Nearly Over Embankment
The Schmaltz Hupmobile missed, by not more than six inches, going down a twenty-foot embankment at the side of the highway. It struck the Ford on the side, turned it over and demolished it.

The right front and rear fenders of the Hupmobile were smashed, the right front tire burst, the front spring broken and glass in the two right doors shattered inside. The car was cut in two from the source. Mrs. Schmaltz stated after the crash that she believed her felt hat had saved her some serious cuts, because she could feel the glass striking it.

Despite the fact that he was considered to be the most seriously injured of the five, Mr. Schmaltz drove to Moberly following the Sheriff W. E. Bagby following the car to secure the Hupmobile. He was almost electrocuted by a live wire, and recently had had an operation performed on his left hand. This wound was torn open in the crash.

DO-X NOT LIKELY
TO RESUME FLIGHT

LAS PALMAS, Canary Islands, Feb. 4 (AP)—Damaged by giant waves in Bahia Gaudo, several miles from here, the DO-X, German twelve motored seaplane, appeared today to have been repaired in its transit to a light project for two weeks at least.

Some doubt existed here as to the extent of injuries sustained by the plane yesterday morning as it attempted to take off for Porto Praia, Cape Verde Islands, enroute to Rio De Janeiro, but it was understood that both motors and superstructure were damaged.

Students Give
Program for
Kiwanis Club

Members of the Kiwanis Club were entertained at their luncheon today at the Masonic Temple by representatives from the high school orchestra and the debating club.

Following a talk on "The Effect of Chain Stores on the American Public" by Howard Stampler, a string quartet composed of Berneice Carter, Mary Margaret Higgins, and Herman Boucher, violins, Virginia Eversman, cello, and Margaret Turley, accompanist, played "In a Gypsy Camp" by Behr; "The Flatterer" by Chamblaine; and "Soldiers Chorus from Faust" by Gounod.

A violin and flute duet, which was one of the favorite numbers presented at the musical at the high school auditorium yesterday afternoon, was played by Berneice Carter, violin, and Howard Stampler, flute, entitled "Love in Idleness" by Allen Macbeth.

Next week's meeting will be played Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock at West Park Methodist Church. Sons of members will be special guests.

Two Confirmed, One Rejected for Power Board

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4. (AP)—The senate today confirmed two and rejected one of the nominations to the power commission over which it has engaged in a dispute with President Hoover.

First, the senate rejected Chairman Smith by 40 to 33. Then it confirmed Commissioners Garsaud, 39 to 35, and Draper, 39 to 36.

Senator Walsh, Democrat, Montana, after the three nominations had been disposed of, offered a substitute for his resolution for a court of the commissioners' right to office so it would apply only to Smith.

When Walsh sought consideration of his resolution requesting that legal proceedings be instituted against Smith, Senator Snodgrass, Republican, California, objected.

JAMES BIVINS TO TRIAL TODAY

Verdict on Liquor Charge in Grand Jury Indictment Expected Late Today

The case against James Bivins, charged by a grand jury indictment with having had in his possession last September a gallon of intoxicating liquor, was tried in circuit court today before a jury. It was the first jury trial of the February term of the court. A verdict is expected late this afternoon.

The state was represented by Prosecuting Attorney Holman, and Bivins by Redick O'Bryan. The time of the court throughout most of the day was devoted to hearing testimony and arguments of attorneys.

O'Bryan's first move was an attempt to have Judge Walker quash the indictment against Bivins on the ground that it was defective in that it referred to a former conviction of the defendant on a liquor law violation offense. Judge Walker ruled against his contentions. The state then used four witnesses to make its case and at 11:45 announced it concluded.

The defense attorney then quickly announced that he rested his case on the evidence submitted by the state, to which he filed a demurrer based on the grounds that no evidence had been developed to show that Bivins was in business at 208 North Clark street at the time of his alleged offense. The court resumed sessions at 1:30 o'clock. Prosecuting Attorney Holman obtained permission of the court to reopen the case and produced witnesses to prove that the place at 208 North Clark was in the possession of Bivins at the time alleged in the indictment.

No witnesses were used by the defense and when the case was closed, a demurrer was filed to the insufficiency of the state's evidence. The demurrer was overruled.

The maximum penalty, if a verdict of guilty is returned by the jury to that effect, is a year's imprisonment in the county jail and a fine of \$1,000. A penalty of \$0 and a fine of \$200, however, could be returned in event of a conviction.

Yesterday afternoon arguments were made before Judge Walker for a new trial in the case of Cecil W. Dawes against John W. Starrett et al. Judge Walker stated at conclusion of the arguments that he would give a decision next week on the points raised for granting a new trial. This case was tried in Randolph County on a change of venue from Pettis County. A verdict for \$40,000 was given the plaintiff, the award said to be the largest ever given by a jury in this county.

Other proceedings in circuit court today were: Maggie Dandy against James W. Bandy, final decree of divorce. Grace Williams against John Fullington, demurrer to defendant's counter claim filed.

3000 Sign Petition
Urging Regulation
of Busses, Trucks

Petitions requesting such regulations on busses and trucks as to make them fair competitors to railways will be mailed to A. R. Hammett, state representative, and James H. Whitecotton, state senator, by the Washburn Booster Club here tonight or tomorrow, officers of the organization announced.

The petitions being sent to the members of the state legislative body carry the names of over 3,000 Moberly business men, residents, and railway employees. It is reported. Committees reporting at the Washburn Booster Club and Clerks' meeting last night lent cooperation from local business men and residents, and that they believed the result would be beneficial to railway employees and Moberly business.

Officials of the club said that no attempt had been made to set out details of the sought for regulations, but it was hoped the bills would be such as to control weight, size, rates to be charged, and provide some sort of fair tax on busses and trucks. Another meeting of the Booster Club will be held next Tuesday night and invitations are being given to members of all Moberly railway employees' organizations from all crafts.

AMERICAN FIRMS
WANT TO BUY DO-X

NEW YORK, Feb. 4. (AP)—Negotiations for the purchase of the Donier Do-X by the Curtiss Cuban Company have been going on for more than a year but have not been completed, it was said at the Donier offices here today. Several other companies also are seeking to buy the plane, a company official said.

Supreme Court Official Dies
JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 4. (AP)—Henry Lewis Creel, assistant clerk of the Missouri Supreme Court the last 33 years, died here today. He was 62 years old. For several years the veteran clerk had been in ill health. He was born at Richmond, Mo., in 1859.

YOUNG NOT TO RUN FOR PRESIDENT

General Electric Head Tells Reporters He is Not a Candidate

DEMOCRAT TESTIFIES AT SENATE HEARING

Financier Tells Reporters They're Doing All They Can to Keep Him Out of Race

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4. (AP)—Owen D. Young said today "I am not a candidate for the presidency."

Young is a Democrat and has been mentioned frequently as a possible candidate for the nomination in 1932.

His declaration came today after testimony before the senate banking investigating committee and also before the House Ways and Means committee on veterans' legislation.

He is chairman of the General Electric Company.

The industrialist made his statement to newspaper reporters as he left the house committee hearing. Earlier he had talked with reporters in the senate. He was quoted as saying to them "you are doing all you can to keep me out of the race. Keep it up. You are doing me a favor."

Demurring at making any statement before the large group of reporters, Young was informed that his earlier statement had been made public.

"Then you say the same," he returned. "I am not a candidate for the presidency."

His reference to efforts to prevent his candidacy was to printed assertions of his connection with power interests.

Testifies on Banking
WASHINGTON, Feb. 4. (AP)—Amendment of the constitution to protect the American people from a recurrence of present unstable banking conditions was held today by Owen D. Young, New York financier, to be the only recourse if it is found the federal government "has no authority" to apply corrective measures.

Testifying before the senate banking investigating committee Young said: "We have seen thousands of bank failures and it is a great reflection on the American people if they can't get protection against this condition. And this is a period of prosperity, of disturbed economic conditions, true, but of prosperity."

"If it finally is decided that the federal government hasn't authority to correct this I see no way out except through amendment to the constitution."

"We should try the first step, and if it is found not effective, the second. The country can't go on this way."

It's Farrar Street
Here, Not "Farror"

The plat of the Original Town of Moberly had to be resorted to as a means to settle the much mooted question as to the proper spelling of Farrar street, and City Attorney W. B. Stone states the recording on the plat gives the name of the street as "Farrar" and not "Farror" as many have contended in heated arguments.

The street in the first ward of the city is the second street north of Coates, running from Moulton street east to the city limits.

The city directory carries the name correctly spelled. In the telephone directory the name of the street is spelled "Farror," but on a map of the city used by the telephone company the name is spelled "Farrar." It was disclosed at the city office. On a map of the city, in use at the city clerk's office the name of the street is given as "Farror."

The recorded plat of Moberly lots, streets and alleys, is official and thus those wishing to be correct in their spelling of the street's name, or who do not care to be turned down at some spelling bee, will spell and write it "Farrar."

FORMER MOBERLY
GIRL WRITES POEM

Wanda Staggs, 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Staggs, and a former Moberly girl, is author of a poem, "Our Sunday Ride," which appeared recently in the Los Angeles Herald. Wanda is a niece of Mr. and Mrs. W. Anderson, Huntsville, route three, and a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Lettridge, of the same address. She attends Irvington Junior High School in Los Angeles, where she is also known for her skill in sketching.

DIVIDEND POSTPONED
NEW YORK, Feb. 4. (AP)—Dividends of the St. Louis, San Francisco railroad today postponed until the March meeting action on the common stock dividend.

Community Chorus Started with 27 Men; G. J. Ginther Hopes Move Will Develop Theatre

At the opening meeting last night of the Moberly Men's Chorus, attended by 27 men who "love to sing," Roy E. Grubbs was chosen president, A. E. Ruby secretary and Hugh Hinton treasurer.

Plans for building the chorus into a 100-voice aggregation, for participation in community entertainments and especially in the National Music Week observance here in May, and for promoting fellowship and friendship among men of the city were suggested last night.

The good will of the Moberly Music Club toward a brother organization was expressed by Mrs. Albert K. Mahan, president of the women's club, and by Mrs. Leo Eisenstein, a past president and this year's chairman of the Music Week committee here.

The 27 men who attended the meeting last night were: Mr. Grubbs, Mr. Ruby, Mr. Hinton, J. H. Woodward, Victor Robertson, G. E. Englen, E. O. Boucher, Roy Hampton, Ernest Bartle, Charles Zellers, J. W. Foley, Ollie E. Ornburn, Rev. F. M. Baker, C. L. Sears, S. R. Tedford, Charles Selby, H. T. Havenor, Yewell Norfolk, M. S. Johnson, J. R. Robertson, M. S. Sandison, J. R. Valcely, Albert Mahan, V. L. Harlan, Dr. Crayton S. Brooks, Dr. J. Frank Baker and Prof. Johannes Goetze.

Next week's meeting is to be held at the Fourth Street Church. G. J. Ginther inspired. Inspired by the fact that a community chorus was being organized, Gus J. Ginther, well-known business man, today suggested to the Monitor-Index that artistic programs be developed here with a view to eventually organizing and maintaining a Municipal Theatre at Forest Park to the end that Moberly become the musical Mecca of Missouri.

"Nature has done her part in making Forest Park our playground and it is now up to us only to plant the flowers," he declares. (Continued On Page Two)

NAME COMMITTEE ON REDISTRICTING

Senate Group Picked of Equal Party Membership for Work on Problem

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 4. (AP)—A sub-committee of the Senate elections committee was named today by Senator E. J. Crouse of St. Joseph to have charge of redistricting proposals in the Missouri upper house. Four Democrats and two Republicans are on the committee.

Members of the committee are Senators Crouse, Haynes, Kinney, and Williams, Democrats; and Morgan and Rehkop, Republicans. The sub-committee in turn will be divided into two groups—one to study and work on congressional redistricting and the other to study the state senatorial proposals.

The Senate committee has six separate redistricting proposals now before it, all introduced by Senator A. J. Rehkop, Republican of Cass County. Three proposals are for the state senatorial and new congressional districts, and the fourth is for the state senatorial plan. Senator Rehkop said he wished to present several sets to the committee so that a committee measure could be worked out.

The sixth was introduced this morning, allocating three congressional districts to St. Louis, two to Kansas City and Jackson County, three north of the Missouri river, and five south.

A redistricting proposal has been introduced in the House by Representative Maxey of Bates County, Democrat.

Senate and House leaders expect to push along redistricting legislation following the recommendations of both party platforms for "fair and equitable" redistricting. Senator M. E. Casey, Democrat, Kansas City, introduced in the Senate a bill providing national tickets in general elections. It also would create a third ballot for judicial candidates. A similar proposal failed in the 1929 session.

Many Labor Groups
Strike in Cuba

HAVANA, Feb. 4. (AP)—Cuban labor groups fell short today of their goal of a general strike in protest against recent political developments, but a dozen or so of the larger organizations answered the call and their members remained away from work.

The strike began at 6 p. m. yesterday, linotype operators, carpenters, plasterers, cigar makers, stevedores, metal workers, builders, sponge fishermen and deep sea fishermen being included in the walkout.

It was uncertain how long the strike would last. Although called for 24 hours, it appeared that some elements wished to prolong it, particularly if the street car employees, who are fighting a reduction in pay of five cents per hour, can be persuaded to join. The issue has been further complicated by the arrest of several of the strike leaders.

Although the strike is not general, much of Cuba's commerce and industry is affected. The larger Havana papers did not publish today and other activities were curtailed. Some labor leaders predicted that with the end of this strike others would begin, affecting all lines of trade.

SEN. HAWES HITS
AT WIRE-TAPPING

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4. (AP)—An amendment to the Howell proposing bill to prohibit wire tapping by dry agents in the District of Columbia, was introduced today by Senator Hawes, Democrat, Missouri.

Hawes said the practice of wire tapping had been condemned by many leading citizens and officials and should be stopped.

Senator King, Democrat, Nevada, proposed an amendment to exclude all evidence gathered by wire tapping. The Howell measure is designed to bring about stricter enforcement in the district.

Tydings challenged any senator to maintain the manufacture of 30 per cent wine was not a violation of the 18th amendment.

When no one responded, he said "I take it for granted the 18th amendment is being violated with the knowledge and consent of the Senate."

NEW LAWS ON STATE PRINTING PROPOSED

Hammett and McKittrick Offer Bills to Have Courts Make Publication Awards

BECKER NOW DIRECTS ALL PUBLICATIONS

Measure Would Prevent Him Using Power for Po- litical, Selfish Purposes

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 4. (AP)—Charles U. Becker, secretary of state, would be divested of the power and patronage of awarding the state printing of constitutional amendments and proposals prior to elections to a newspaper in each county under bills introduced in the legislature today.

Senator Roy McKittrick, Democrat of Salisbury, introduced the measure in the upper house saying it was designed to prevent the secretary of state from using that power for political and selfish purposes. Rep. Aubrey R. Hammett, Democrat, of Moberly, introduced the bill in the house.

The proposal would provide that the state printing be awarded to a newspaper in each county selected by the county court and that the court in recent months determine the amount of payment. The secretary of state under the present law designates the papers and each is paid the state rate of \$1 per printer's square for the first publication. A square is about an inch.

It has been charged frequently that this gives the secretary of state influence and power to continue himself in office.

A Newspaper Tax Bill
The house today by Rep. L. G. Smith, Republican, of LaGrange, would provide that newspapers in St. Louis and Kansas City be assessed for taxation by the state tax commission. Legislative leaders recalled that Secretary of State Williams in recent months has been charging the metropolitan newspapers do not pay sufficient taxes. Becker has issued numerous statements condemning city newspapers. Particularly St. Louis papers, following criticism of him and the state "blue sky" commissioner, under Becker's jurisdiction, for the securities office handling of the defunct W. H. Young & Bros. Brokerage House of St. Louis. The investment firm crashed about a year ago with a loss of more than \$2,000,000.

The metropolitan newspapers are now assessed and taxed the same as other corporations and property by Jackson county, in the case of Kansas City papers, and by the city in St. Louis. Smith's measure would provide for their taxation by the tax commission the same as railroads and other utilities are assessed and taxed.

An Anti-Lynch Bill
Another anti-lynching bill was presented in the house today by Representatives Huber, Coe and Williams, all of St. Louis. It would define a mob as three or more persons who sought to molest any prisoner in custody of peace officers and would provide any officer guilty of dereliction of duty in not keeping a prisoner from a mob could be sent to prison for not more than 5 years or fine of \$5,000, or be both imprisoned and fined and that if any peace officer considered to have aided a mob he could be sentenced to prison for life or a term not less than 5 years. Another provision is that any county in which a prisoner was lynched would have to forfeit \$10,000 to the state to go to the family or dependents of the person lynched.

Rep. T. W. Harper, Democrat, of Vernon county, presented a measure to give farmers 15 months time in which to redeem property sold under foreclosure. The limit now is 30 days. Harper's bill is designed to aid farmers hit by depression and the drought of last year.