

### REDS' PROPAGANDA IS ORDERED PROBED

WASHINGTON, May 23. — (AP)—A searching investigation into activities and propaganda of communists in this country was ordered today by the house.

An inquiry is to be made by a special house committee of five members to be named by Speaker Longworth. Senate action on the measure is unnecessary.

The resolution, sponsored by Chairman Snell of the rules committee, and Representatives Fish of New York and Underhill of Massachusetts, republicans, was adopted after a short debate by a vote of 210 to 18. The committee probably will be appointed next week.

Drafted to give the committee power to subpoena witnesses and records, the resolution directs the inquiry into the membership of the communist party of the United States and affiliated organizations and among trading corporations of New York, the soviet government's official commercial representative in this country, and the daily worker, reputed to be a communist organ.

In addition, a study would be made of communist propaganda in schools and of all groups and individuals who are alleged to advise, teach or advocate the overthrow by force or violence the United States government.

### PRICE OF FICTION WILL BE REDUCED

NEW YORK, May 23. — (AP) Four New York publishers, including Doubleday, Doran and company, one of the largest general publishing houses in the United States, today announced price cuts that will reduce by one half or more the cost of their popular fiction this summer and autumn.

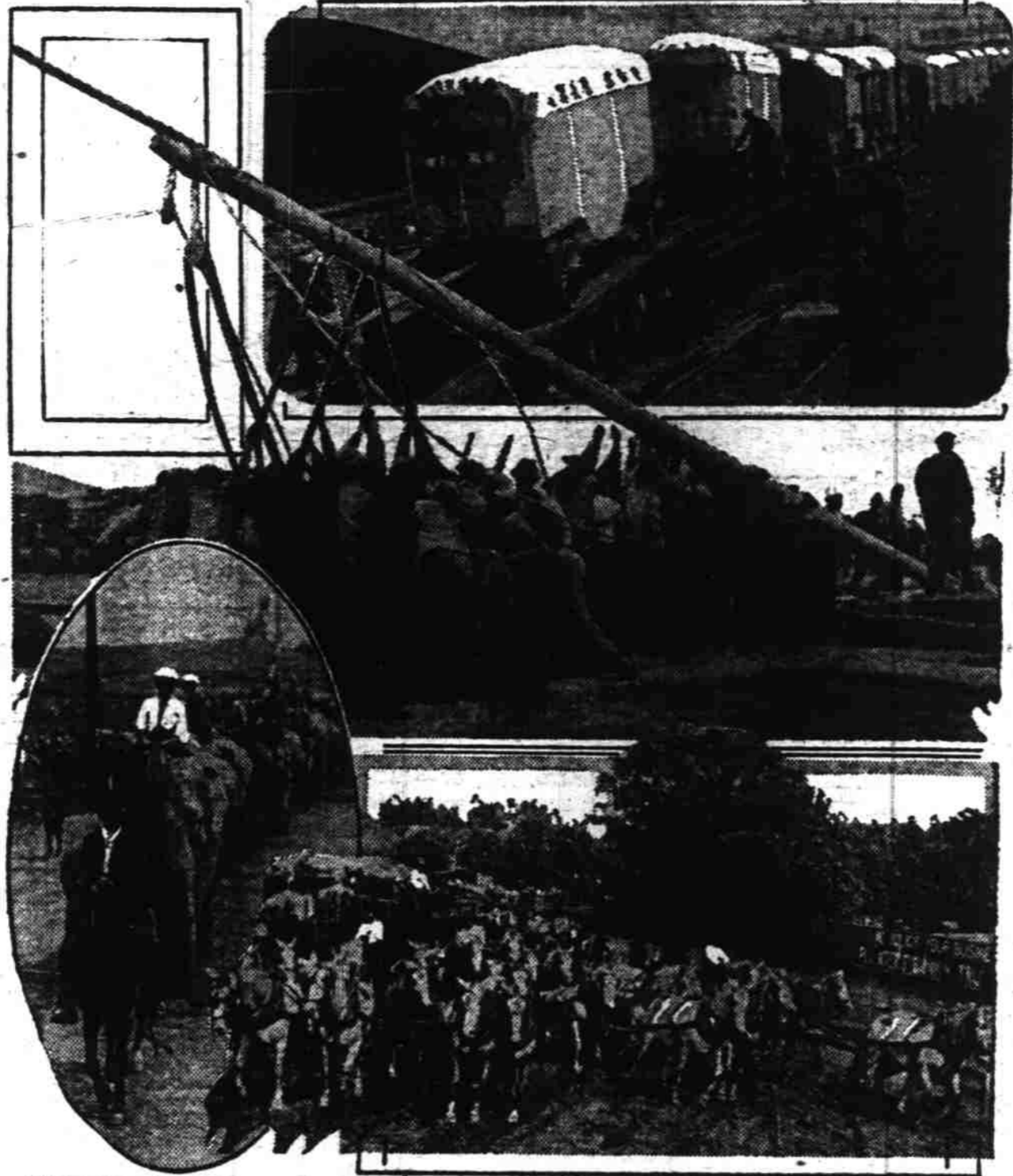
Simon and Schuster, Farrar and Rinehart and Doubleday, Doran and company will issue novels and detective stories at \$1 a volume instead of \$2 and \$2.50. The latter two will also reduce prices of their more expensive books. The fourth, the firm of Coward-McCann, will issue only first novels and works by less popular authors at \$1.50.

Simon and Schuster will publish \$1 books in paper covers but the others will bring theirs out in cloth bindings the same type of books, they said, as they issue at the higher price.

All announced the price cuts simultaneously as the American Booksellers' association closed its annual convention with a formal protest against the sale of current books in drugstores and cigar stores at cut rate prices.

**WANTS RECOGNITION**  
John Woodfin of Woodburn, scoutmaster there, objects to the fact that Woodburn scouts were not given due recognition in report on the court of honor held here Tuesday night. Scouts from that city were designated simply as coming from troop 22, instead of from Woodburn.

### CIRCUS ARRIVES IN SALEM TODAY



Circus Day, Al. G. Barnes Circus Day, is once again in our midst. This big event which has been looked forward to by young and old alike for the past several weeks is today a reality. Early this morning the lengthy steel trains arrived in the city, via the S. F. railroad and within an hour the exhibition grounds at Olinger Field were a scene of bustling activity.

The combined power of man, horse and elephant was necessary to erect the big canvas city. Frequently it was necessary to use from 20 to 30 horses to move one of the heavy wagons, while half-a-hundred stalwart workmen pulled and tugged to get the high center poles into their positions. By noon-time everything will be in readiness for the afternoon and night performances, which will take place at 2 p. m., and 8 o'clock.

Al. G. Barnes Circus comes with an entirely new and different program. Known as the world's largest trained wild animal show, the steel arenas will be the scene of many thrilling and sensational displays, offered by such noted subjugators as John Hellott, Johnny Meyers, Mabel Stark and Joseph Metcalf. The pick of American and European artists will also have prominent positions on the long program. Two gorgeous spectacles will be offered, "Persia" and "The Pagans of Pekin."

The Great Gretons high wire act direct from Europe is making its first appearance in America and have thrilled thousands of people under the Barnes white tops.

### CONFAB ORDERED IN H. CURTIS SCANDAL

CHICAGO, May 23 — (AP)—The state's attorney's office today summoned 13 contractors to a conference tomorrow concerning their dealings with Harry K. Curtis, Chicago attorney and son of Vice President Charles Curtis.

The prosecutor's office announced that the contractors would be asked the nature of the work Curtis undertook for them and that Curtis would probably would

be asked to submit his records of the work and the fees charged. The investigation is the result of unofficial charges that Curtis accepted fees for promises to aid contractors in securing government contracts. The son of the vice president acknowledged he had been approached by Mike Malloy, alleged representative of some of the contractors, with such a proposition, but said he emphatically refused to consider it.

Later, Curtis said, he did agree to serve as legal counsel for a group of contractors. He said he later learned that his name was being used in connection with the securing of contracts and forthwith withdrew as

counsel, returning such fees as he deemed he had not earned.

### Dallas Queen Contest Is Close

DALLAS, May 23—Margaret Staats continues to hold the lead in the May Queen race here. The candidates have been eliminated until only three remain. One of these will be queen and the other two will be her maids of honor. The final count of the vote will be taken at 7:30 Saturday night. The count now stands—  
Margaret Staats ..... 163  
Catherine Smith ..... 136  
Betty Finn ..... 107

### CONGRESSMEN HIT DIAL TELEPHONES

WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP)—The local telephone company was speechless tonight in the face of a congressional outburst against the machine age as typified by the dial telephone.

A senatorial ukase demanding that 450 of the dial telephones be replaced by the old fashioned kind in the senate side of the capitol was regarded so favorably by some members of the house that Representative Abernethy, North Carolina, introduced a resolution to instruct the house sergeant-at-arms to have the recently installed dial instruments removed from the house offices.

Officials of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone company tonight declined to comment.

Senator Glass of Virginia, led the revolt in the senate, complaining against being made "an employee of the telephone company without compensation."

The senate adopted his resolution directing the sergeant-at-arms to order the telephone company to remove the dials "whereas dial telephones are more difficult to operate and require senators to perform the duties of telephone operators in order to enjoy the benefits of telephone service."

In the house Abernethy added to the Virginian's plaint the assertion that "telephone companies" are putting the dials in for the purpose of doing away with operators, tending thereby to increase unemployment."

Telephone company officials expressed hope while the revolt was confined to the senate that things could be arranged. But when the excitement spread to the house, and when it was recalled that President Hoover refused to have dials installed at the White House they announced they had "nothing to say."

Senator Glass faced smiling colleagues on both sides of the aisle as his resolution was adopted.

Senator Ashurst of Arizona complimented Glass on the "moderation" of his language, adding that the congressional record might not go through the mails if it contained "what senators think about the dial telephone."

### Huge Railroad Merger Is Blocked Until March 4th

WASHINGTON, May 23—(AP)—The senate today adopted by 46 to 27 the Couzens resolution to restrict railroad consolidation until March 4 and to make illegal the exercise of joint control through holding companies or otherwise without approval of the interstate commerce commission.

The vote followed lengthy debate in which Couzens, republican, Michigan, assailed the operations of holding companies and demanded a curb for unifications in general "until congress can legislate further."

Opposition to the resolution was voted by Senator Hawes, democrat, Missouri, and Senator Fess, republican, Ohio, who asserted it would suspend execution of a consolidation plan congress has commanded the interstate commerce commission to make and was an "affront" to the house which is investigating holding companies. The resolution specifically would suspend authority of the interstate commerce commission to approve any unification or consolidation which, except for the commissions approval, would be in violation of anti-trust laws.

Amendments by Senators Swanson, democrat, Virginia, and Glenn, republican, Illinois, accepted by Couzens before the vote

was taken, provided that the resolution should not prevent acquisition or control of steam or electric railroad properties commonly classified as short line railroads, required as a condition to any other acquisition of control previously or in the future authorized by the commission.

Couzens also accepted an amendment by Senator Connolly, democrat, Texas, providing that no unification, merger or consolidation should be authorized which did not require continued operation of general offices and shops were previously located or adequate and continuous compensation for removal.

The resolution would prevent unification of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railroads under the commissions general plan for consolidation.

The northwestern unification was assailed in the senate by those opposing as well as supporting the measure. Hawes asserted it should be dealt with in some other manner.

Turner Has 11 Finish Grade 8

TURNER, May 23—The graduating exercises of Turner's eighth grade class will be held Tuesday evening, May 27, in the high school auditorium at 8 o'clock.

County Superintendent Mary L. Fulkerson will give the class address and present the diplomas. The class of eleven all passed the recent examination. Mrs. Cleora Parks has been their teacher for 2 years.

**INSTALL LIGHTS**  
Installation of four lighting standards on the south side of State street in the east half of the block between Liberty and High, has been started. Lights have been installed on the South Church street bridge.

### PINCHOT WINS IN PRIMARY CONTEST

PHILADELPHIA, May 23. — (AP)—Gifford Pinchot, on the basis of unofficial returns, tonight stands as the regular republican nominee for governor of Pennsylvania. But in the November election he may face, besides his democratic opponent, a third candidate, supported by the wet and possibly liberal forces of the state.

On the fact of early complete unofficial returns from the republican primary of Tuesday, Pinchot had a lead of more than 12,600 over Francis Shunk Brown of Philadelphia. Success in the republican primary has been equivalent to election to this office for years.

The unofficial totals with only 21 districts of 8,701 missing, gave Pinchot 631,030 and Brown 518,235. Thomas W. Phillips, who ran on a slate advocating repeal of the 18th amendment and of the state enforcement act, polled 264,462. Some districts did not report the complete report the complete vote for Phillips as he was far behind the leaders.

Additional returns in the senatorial contest increased the huge plurality of Secretary of Labor James J. Davis over Senator Joseph R. Grundy to 234,504. A total of 8,405 districts gave Davis 720,608, Grundy 486,104 and Francis J. Bohlen, wet, 238,549.

In addition to the democratic candidate for governor, John M. Hemphill of Westchester, who was nominated Tuesday without opposition, Pinchot may face a candidate supported by the wets.

Randolph W. Childs, who managed the Phillips-Bohlen campaign, announced that a party name would be preempted and placed in the field in November.

Childs made this statement after a conference in the office of Robert K. Cassatt, chairman of the Pennsylvania branch of the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment.

**ROAD NOT FOR SALE**  
SALT LAKE CITY, May 23—(AP)—Arthur Curtis James, chairman of the board of Western Pacific Railroad Co., declared here today, the Western Pacific Railroad is not for sale.

### PATRIOTS OF INDIA HOLD BIG MEETING

BOMBAY, May 23. — (AP) — One hundred thousand Indian nationalists this evening attended a meeting addressed by J. V. Patel, Mahatma Gandhi's successor as field leader of the nationalist campaign, who appealed to liberals to use their influence with the government for a settlement.

Patel, resigned speaker of the legislative assembly, revealed that he had restrained for the being a raid by 100,000 volunteers on the salt deposits at Wadala. He said the Bombay provincial committee had sought his advice about this but he had told them the time was not yet ripe.

As the spirit of non-violence had not gained complete mastery, he appealed to move with caution. The Satyagrahi, he insisted, had been completely peaceful at Dharasana and elsewhere. He objected to the use of lathis by police.

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