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JUDGE DEARTH TO KNOW FATE SOON

Strike Of Coal Miners Scheduled To Open Tonight

NEARLY 150,000 MINERS PLAN TO LAY DOWN TOOLS

Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Iowa
And Pennsylvania Fields
Are Affected

BOTH SIDES FIRM IN WAGE DISPUTE

Indianapolis, Mar. 31.—(United Press)—With practically all coal mines in the central competitive fields ready to suspend work tonight, leaders of the United Mine Workers today were relying on economic pressure for victory in the coming struggle with operators.

It was estimated that nearly 150,000 union miners will drop their tools tonight in Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Iowa when their wage contract expires.

Coal mining will continue in many of the outlying bituminous districts and in some of the mines within the central competitive fields.

The output of these mines, added to that of mines in non-union territory, will bring strong economic pressure to bear on the operators for early settlement of the wage controversy, it was predicted here.

Union leaders believe that if the operators of the central competitive fields keep their mines closed for a considerable period their markets will be taken over by coal from territory unaffected by the shutdown.

The wage agreement which expires tonight was signed at Jacksonville, Fla., in 1924 and set \$7.50 a day as the basic pay of the bituminous industry for a period of three years.

Union miners are fighting for a retention of this scale, while the operators demand a downward revision to meet non-union competition.

Financially, the miners' union is in a strong position for the shutdown. The union treasury has assets of

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Miss Ruth Meyers Is Safe In China

Rev. and Mrs. G. H. Meyers, of Muncie, formerly of this city, have received a cablegram from their daughter, Miss Ruth who is a Missionary in Shanghai, China, stating that she is safe. Miss Meyers with another lady missionary were the last to leave Kiangsi. She is well known in this city and her many friends are glad to learn she is safe.

WARM WEATHER IS RETURNING

Flowers Begin To Bloom And Farmers Prepare For Spring Planting

With flowers peaking out all over the county and patches of green grass noticeable in this community, even the most conservative weather prophets say that spring is on the door step, ready to chase old man winter out of the picture.

The weather the last two days has become much more seasonable and the cold of last week has almost entirely disappeared. Roads have become passable again after several days of high water and fields are dry enough for the spring work.

Many persons of Decatur and this community have been taking advantage of the last several days and are making their spring gardens. Farmers are busy in preparation for their spring planting.

While predictions today are for cloudy weather, it is the general opinion of forecasters that the cold wave of last week has completely disappeared and, in all probability, spring weather and a more seasonable temperature will be enjoyed in this community the rest of this week.

United Brethren To Build New Church In Fort Wayne

The congregation of the Calvary United Brethren church in Fort Wayne will lay the cornerstone for a new church building next Sunday afternoon. This church, when completed, will be the best and largest United Brethren church in Indiana. The pastor is the Rev. F. P. Overmyer. This will be the second new church building erected by the United Brethren in Fort Wayne within the last two years. The Fort Wayne churches have increased their membership considerably during the last few years. Several Decatur persons, including the Rev. Cecil R. Smith, will attend the cornerstone laying ceremonies Sunday afternoon.

STATE TAX MAN HERE WEDNESDAY

James Shaughness Confers With Jay Cline, Adams County Assessor

James Shaughness, special representative of the state tax board, was in this city yesterday, assisting County Assessor Jay Cline. Mr. Shaughness commended the county assessor for the great headway made so far in the work of assessing the county for the tax list.

Mr. Cline stated today that the work was almost half completed and he felt sure that most townships would be completed some time before the deadline set by the state department.

Mr. Shaughness left last night, after examining the records of the county assessor and the reports filed so far by the various township assessors.

Spanish-American War Veterans To Meet Sunday

A special meeting of the Spanish-American War veterans will be held Sunday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, at the Charles Kilton barber shop. Several new members will be taken in, and a vote will be taken on the anti-tobacco bill, proposing to increase the tax on tobacco. Members of the post are invited to attend. Frank Peterson is commander of the local post.

ONLY FOUR DIE IN MINE ACCIDENT

All But Four Of More Than 300 Miners Escape Alive After Explosion

Johnstown, Pa., March 31.—(United Press)—All but four of more than 300 miners trapped in the Pennsylvania coal and coke corporation's mine at Ehrenfeld, Pa., by an explosion escaped alive, a final checkup on survivors indicated today.

Four bodies were taken from the mine late yesterday. Two men knocked unconscious by the blast, were saved by rescue crews. The others were able to escape unaided.

Three explosions rocked No. 3 drift of the mine shortly after noon yesterday when gas deep in the mine became ignited. The shocks were felt for miles around. Flames spurted from the shaft of the mine and the little office of the main shaft crumpled. Members of the office staff were cut by flying glass.

All through the afternoon the workers struggled to the surface in little groups, and were afraid to venture out at first for fear of more explosions, and it was not until after dusk that the last of the survivors reached the surface.

Worker Killed At Warsaw

Warsaw Ind., March 31.—(United Press)—Oscar Holbrook, 45, an employee of a local sewer contractor was killed today when tons of earth caved in on him near the Westminster house Winona lake. His head was crushed between two boards

STATE TO TAKE OVER EAST-WEST HIGHWAY SOON

Route From State Line West To Decatur To Be Located In Short Time

TO LET CONTRACT FOR MONROE ROAD APRIL 5

"I am sure that within a very short time the east and west road through Decatur will be definitely located and taken over by the commission," said Mr. A. H. Hinkle, superintendent of state highways, while in the Daily Democrat office today. Members of the commission are now on a locating tour in the northwest section of the state and, according to Mr. Hinkle, will continue their trip until all matters pertaining to the taking over of some 800 miles of road, are complete.

Mr. Hinkle, accompanied by Mr. Hank, newly appointed engineer for thirteen counties in northeastern Indiana; Cliff Iniff, superintendent, for this district, and Mr. Lee, the retiring engineer, were here on an inspection trip preliminary to beginning the season's work. Mr. Hinkle came here two or three weeks ago and changed the route of road 27, just south of this city, so that it now enters over Winchester street. He said today that he was pleased with the change and that notice has been served on the Pennsylvania railway to take care of the crossing south of the city by some means to guard against accident.

To Let Contract April 5

The contract for paving the road between Decatur and Monroe will be let April 5, and at the same time a contract will be let to resurface the road north of here. From this city east to the state line, there are two routes under consideration, the old Van Wert road or north route as it

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CONVENTION TO BE HELD SUNDAY

Sunday Schools Of St. Marys Township To Meet At Calvary Church

The Sunday schools of St. Marys township will hold a convention at the Calvary Evangelical church Sunday afternoon and evening. The afternoon session will begin at 2 o'clock, and the evening session at 7:30 o'clock.

Addresses during the afternoon session will be given by the Rev. R. W. Loose and the Rev. Somerville Light, both of Decatur. In the evening, the principal address will be given by the Rev. E. P. White, of Bobo. Following is the complete program for the convention:

Afternoon Session
Song.....Audience
Devotions.....Mrs. E. P. White
Piano Solo.....Lucille Mauller
Male Quartet.....Calvary
Address—"How to Make Our Sunday Schools More Efficient"
Rev. Ralph W. Loose
Song.....Audience
Ladies Quartet.....Audience
Pleasant Mills M. E. Church
Duet.....Mr. and Mrs. E. P. White
Address—"Lopsided Sunday Schools"
Rev. Dr. Somerville Light
Song.....Pleasant Mills Baptist S. S.
Business.....Audience
Benediction.....Audience

Evening Session
Song.....Audience
Devotions.....Geo. Anspaugh
Song.....U. B. S. S.
Talk.....Ben Colter
Ladies Quartet.....Bobo M. E. Church
Piano Solo.....Rev. Chas. Wyer
Talk.....Nellie Helm
Prof. R. J. Mann
Song.....Audience
Address—"Our Duty to Our School"
Rev. E. P. White
Piano Duet.....Audience
Mrs. E. P. White and Daughter
Male Quartet.....Calvary
Awarding Banner.....Audience
Benediction.....Audience

Decatur Dogs Win Prizes At Fort Wayne Dog Show

Decatur dogs carried away several prizes in the Fifth annual dog show of the Fort Wayne Kennel Club, which was held this week in the Shrine auditorium, Fort Wayne. The show closes tonight.

John Joseph had three Boston bull dogs entered in the show. His dogs won five prizes, one second prize and several special prizes. Albert Miller had one dog entered and carried away one first and second and several special prizes.

TO CONDUCT SCOUT DRIVE WEDNESDAY

Effort To Be Made To Raise \$900 In Adams County For Area Council

Plans are almost complete for the campaign to be conducted in Adams county next week in behalf of the proposed Boy Scout area council, it was announced today. The drive for funds to insure participation of Adams county in the council will be conducted next Wednesday. The goal for the drive is \$900, that being the quota assigned to this county.

Two committees, one consisting of J. L. Kocher and Cal Peterson and the other consisting of Herman Myers and Fat Hyland, have been appointed to complete the organization for the solicitation.

Five hundred letters and circulars, explaining the Boy Scout organization and the plans for the area council will be mailed out Monday. The counties included in the proposed area council, which will be known as the Lumberland council, are Adams, Allen, Wells and Whitley.

President Coudige has said: "Since 1910, 3,000,000 boys in the United States have been Scouts—one out of every seven eligible. Who can estimate physical, mental and spiritual force that would have been added to the national life during this period if the other six also had been Scouts?"

Decatur has approximately 400 boys between the ages of 12 and 17 years eligible to be Scouts. Less than 40 are registered Scouts. Who can estimate the value to Decatur's future if the other 360 were Scouts?

TO MAKE DEMANDS ON NATIONALISTS

Americans, British And Japanese To Submit Joint Demands

Washington, March 31.—(United Press)—American Minister MacMurray, acting with the British and Japanese ministers at Peking, is drawing up joint demands on the nationalist government relating to the Nanking riots and the anti-foreign situation in nationalist territory, the United Press learned today.

Secretary Kellogg declined to confirm this information or comment upon it.

The United Press understands that separate proposals were submitted by MacMurray and the other two ministers and that a tentative joint draft has been worked out and submitted to the respective home governments.

London, Mar. 31.—(United Press)—A dispatch from Shanghai to the Exchange Telegraph Company today said Chinese mobs were frequently breaking through unguarded sections of the French concession to rush weakly-held barriers despite the firing of Annamite soldiers in the French service.

Such invasions, the dispatch said, necessitated frequent coralling of the invaders in the international settlement. Many armed Chinese were arrested.

ARKANSAS FACES NEW MENACE AS LEVEES WEAKEN

Area Of 12,000 Acres Already Inundated; 2,000 Refugees Endangered

BREAK THREATENED IN CIRCLE LEVEE

Snow Lake, Ark., Mar. 31.—(United Press)—Threat of a break in the Laconia Circle levee today brought a new menace to this agricultural community. Twelve thousand acres of land already are under several feet of water.

A stage of 12 feet over the inundated area was expected by tonight. The Circle levee is located 18 miles back from the crumbled main levee. A break in this second wall would endanger still further the safety of some 2,000 refugees, many of whom have pitched tents atop the levees or taken up residences in box cars.

Workers are doing all they can to save the second wall. A break would add another foot of water to the flood and expand the overflow to Elain, a town of 1,200 population located 25 miles from here.

Mrs. Braden To Open Fashion Parlors Here

Mrs. Louise Braden, of this city, who has been connected with the Allen Ready-to-Wear stores of New York, has been appointed assistant manager of the Fort Wayne store. She is also opening the Fashion Parlors in this city, at her home on North Second street and will display merchandise every Tuesday and Friday. The formal opening will be held tomorrow and a choice selection of stock will be shown.

NORTH WARD TO STAGE OPERETTA

Grade Pupils To Present "Spring Glow" In D.H.S. Auditorium Friday Night

"Spring Glow", an operetta in three acts written especially for children, will be presented in the Decatur high school auditorium Friday evening by the pupils of the North Ward school. More than one hundred pupils of the first four grades will take part in the production, which is directed by the teachers in the school.

The operetta was written by Lena M. Harry and Oils M. Carrington. The story of the operetta is as follows: Blue bird comes in to awaken the sleeping Pussy Willows, telling them that Spring is coming. They protest shivering, but finally wake up and sing and talk. Suddenly, Jack Frost and his Elves come in to plan a party in the fields scattering the Pussy Willows and deciding to freeze them as part of the fun. This is interrupted by Bluebird, but they will not believe her when she announces the coming of Spring, declaring they will not permit Spring to come.

"They defy her; and when Spring's maidens appear with her crown, these are captured by Jack Frost and hidden in his ice cave. Various groups of Spring's people come to demand the maiden's release and warn Jack Frost of punishment, but he is still defiant till the Sunshine Fairies appear to check him.

"Then the Brownies capture him and take him to Spring, who banished him to the Northland, after which Spring is crowned by her people and all are happy."

Following are the names of the pupils who will take part in the operetta:
Jack Frost.....James Harkless
Spring.....Agnes Nelson

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Young Bank Bandit Captured In Ohio

A young man arrested yesterday afternoon near Warren, Ohio, in connection with a daring bank robbery at Corland, Ohio, Tuesday told the officers that his name was C. M. Steinmetz, formerly of Van Wert, Ohio. Investigation in Van Wert failed to reveal anyone there who knew a man by that name.

The young man was arrested after a thrilling chase during which he swam a creek under a volley of bullets. He had successfully evaded 500 pursuers for many hours. Approximately \$1,500 was obtained in the bank hold-up.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEAGUE MEETS

Young People From Decatur Presbyterian Church Go To Fort Wayne

Several Decatur young people are planning to attend the second annual meeting of the Young People's league of the Fort Wayne Presbyterian church, to be held at the Third Presbyterian church in Fort Wayne, tonight and Saturday. Miss Mary Kathryn Schug, of Decatur, is treasurer of the league.

The conference will open with a banquet meeting tonight at 6 o'clock. The meeting will close Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Addresses will be made tonight by Miss Helen M. Palmer, of Osaka, Japan; Rev. Harry Harcourt, D.D., pastor of the Grace Memorial Presbyterian church, of Evansville. The song and devotional services will be in charge of Virginia Burkhardt, of Elkhart.

Rev. James T. Chesnut, pastor of Fort Wayne will deliver the opening address at the banquet meeting tonight. Miss Zena Thompson, vice-president of the league, will give the response.

O. M. Brunson, religious secretary of the Fort Wayne Y. M. C. A. will give charge of the entertainment program tonight.

Wallace Bowman, of Warsaw, is president of the league. Other officers of the society are: Vice-president, Zena Thompson; secretary Virginia Bourns, of Fort Wayne.

Addresses will be made Saturday by Miss Lily B. Bearber, of Tabriz, Persia; Mrs. Agnes B. Snively, board secretary of missions for colored people; Wallace Bowman, president of the league, and Rev. T. A. Allston, of South Bend.

DECATUR GIRL EXPIRES TODAY

Miss Inola Major, 17, Dies Today Following A Year's Illness

Miss Inola Major, 17, died at the home of her father Frank Major, 1516 West Madison street, shortly after midnight this morning, following a year's illness. Her death was said to be due to hemorrhage of the bowels.

Inola Major was born December 14, 1908, at Willshire, Ohio, where she lived until about four years ago when she moved to this city with her father, brother and sister. Her mother preceded her in death several years ago, and her sister died February 21.

Miss Major is survived by her father and one brother, Fred Major, of this city. Miss Major united with the Willshire Methodist church several years ago, but since residing in this city she had been attending the Baptist church.

Funeral services will be held at the home in Madison street at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, and burial will take place in the Willshire cemetery. The Rev. O. E. Miller, pastor of the Baptist church of this city, will have charge of the services.

SENATE TO VOTE ON IMPEACHMENT CASE LATE TODAY

To Vote Separately on Seven Articles; Two-Thirds Vote To Convict

HOUSE CLAIMS FORTY VOTES FOR CONVICTION

Indianapolis, Mar. 31.—(U.P.)—A final vigorous appeal for a senate vote to convict Judge Clarence Dearth of misuse of his office was made today by house managers conducting impeachment charges against the Muncie jurist.

"The evidence shows that the scales of justice have been unbalanced in Judge Dearth's court by malice and oppression," declared Rep. Milton Sallwasser, of Laporte.

Sallwasser opened the argument for the prosecution with galleries in the senate chamber packed with interested spectators.

He upheld the right of the legislature to impeach a judge and reviewed the testimony the prosecution had introduced to support the seven articles of impeachment which the house of representatives returned against Judge Dearth.

Near End Of Arguments

Sallwasser was followed by Moses B. Lairy, former supreme court justice and an attorney for Judge Dearth, who started the closing argument for the defense.

The arguments will end late this afternoon and the senate will then vote separately on the seven impeachment articles, a two-thirds majority vote on any one of the articles being sufficient to convict.

Lairy confined his arguments to points of law involved in the disputed right of the legislature to try a circuit court judge.

He admitted that the legislature might impeach and remove a judge if that official previously had been convicted of corruption or high crime in some court in Indiana.

The act of 1897 under which Judge Dearth was impeached is unconstitutional, Lairy argued.

The arguments will be continued this afternoon with Frederick Van Nuy, Indianapolis attorney, making the final plea for acquittal of Judge Dearth.

Friends of Judge Dearth today

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HIGHWAYS ARE IN GOOD SHAPE

Maintenance Men Are Hard At Work On Roads Throughout Adams Co.

Following the annual freezing and thawing of roads in Adams county, all township road superintendents are busy grading the roads and, according to reports, Adams county roads are in good shape in most instances.

Hundreds of men throughout the county have been working the last week or two on the roads, and most of the winter kinks have been ironed out and in many instances the roads are in mid-summer shape.

Charles Magley, road superintendent for Adams county, stated that the roads all over the county soon would be in good shape and he urged truck drivers and tourists not to abuse the roads, especially following a hard rain.

New surfaces are being placed on many of the roads and crushed stone is being used to fill the chuck holes made during the several months of winter weather. Roads, this winter, did not deteriorate as much as has been evidenced in other years, according to reports and all the county highways will be in mid-summer shape before long, it is thought.

In general, the state roads throughout Indiana are in fairly good condition, and many motorists are taking advantage of the spring weather and are using the roads daily.