

WEATHER
Mostly cloudy to-
night and Friday.
Probably rain south
portion. Not much
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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 to night 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 Munce, 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 Kinkiang. 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 wee khas 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 Shaughnessy Confers With Jay Cline, Adams County Assessor

James Shaughnessy, special representative of the state tax board, was in this city yesterday, assisting County Assessor Jay Cline. Mr. Shaughnessy 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. Shaughnessy 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 Kitson barber shop. Several new members will be taken in, and a vote will be taken on the anti-tobacco bill, promising to increase the tax on tobacco. Members of the post are invited to attend. Frank Peterson is commander of the local post.

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. Hauk, newly appointed engineer for thirteen counties in northeastern Indiana; Cliff Inhoff, 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 Lucile Mauller
Male Quartet Calvary

Address—"How to Make Our Sunday Schools More Efficient"
Rev. Ralph W. Loose

Song Audience
Ladies Quartet 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
Song Audience

Benediction Pleasant Mills M. E. Church

Evening Session

Song Audience
Devotions Geo. Anspaugh
Song U. B. S. S.
Talk Ben Colter

Ladies Quartet Bobo M. E. Church
Talk Rev. Chas. Wyer
Piano Solo Nellie Helm
Song Prof. R. J. Mann

Address—"Our Duty to Our School"
Rev. E. P. White

Piano Duet Mrs. E. P. White and Daughter

Male Quartet Calvary

Awarding Banner Audience

Song Audience

Benediction Audience

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 Ehrenfield, 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 hours Winona lake.

His head was crushed between two boards.

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 Far 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 Limberlost council, are Adams, Allen, Wells and Whitley.

President Coolidge 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 our 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?

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TO MAKE DEMANDS ON NATIONALISTS

Americans, British And Jap- anese 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 Nanjing 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 Al- ready 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.

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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 Olis 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 opera:

Jack Frost James Harkless
Spring Agnes Nelson

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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.—(UPI)—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.