

MAY INVESTIGATE CLOSING OF MILL

Mayor of Lawrence Suggests Special Legislature Session.

LAWRENCE, Mass., July 23.—Gov. Lodge may be asked by the Lawrence city council to call a special session of the legislature to investigate the closing of the American Woolen Company mills here, which has resulted in the unemployment of 15,000 operatives.

In a letter to President William M. Wood of the company today Mayor William F. White, commenting on the refusal of Mr. Wood to meet him to further explain the closing, said:

"I shall present your letter to the city council and suggest that if you will not willingly, freely and openly discuss the situation with the duly elected representatives of the people of Lawrence, that the governor of the commonwealth be requested to call the matter to the attention of the legislature with the purpose of having an investigation at a special session."

The legislature would have the power we do not possess of compelling your attendance.

MAKES PLEA FOR STATE COAL LAW

Hartford City Legislator Sounds Warning to State.

"Will this legislature adjourn without first having placed upon our statute books a law authorizing some one to make an investigation into the coal situation to see if there exists any collusion in any way having for its purpose the curtailing of production in order to advance the price of one of the great necessities of life?" asked Representative J. M. Bonham of Hartford City in a public statement today.

"If it does, then allow me to make this prediction, that the party or the individuals who are responsible for the defeat of the coal bill which was passed by the house last Saturday by a vote of 68 to 8 should it fall, will be responsible for the defeat of the coal bill which was passed by the house before we adjourn, which will solve the questions sought to be solved by the coal bill, you will receive a just condemnation from the hands of an indignant and ignored citizenship of our state," warned Mr. Bonham.

"It is amusing and at the same time provoking to read some of the articles concerning this bill."

"Pass this bill; place it upon the statute books of our state and I assure you our supreme court will find time to pass on the legality of the law should it be attacked."

"We have appropriated upward of a million dollars to meet the needs of the state institutions emergency matters and we were all glad to."

"Now, there are thousands of families in our state on account of their pride are making sacrifices in order to keep their children at home and not allow them to become wards of state institutions."

"Many of them are widows who have been supporting a family of children by washing for other people."

"I know persons of cases where these women will have to give up their washings for the reason they can not afford to buy coal at the prices they are asking for it."

"It is in this class of people to keep warm this winter if they have to pay these extortionate prices for fuel?"

"We are not asking an appropriation for these people, we only ask that you pass some bill which seeks to give relief contemplated in this bill."

"It has been suggested that the coal bill is socialistic. Do they mean to say that the state must keep its hands off when it sees one of the greatest necessities of life being raised to prohibitive prices to the discomfort and injury of a great many of our citizens?" asked Mr. Bonham.

"This thing is what causes socialism and we should prove to the good people of our state that we are willing and ready to lend our assistance in protecting those who are unable to protect themselves against such outrages as are heaped upon them by some one who is interested in the coal business."

"Pass some bill that will bring the answer and then we will have served our people," said Bonham.

Hoosier Zouaves to Hold Reunion Sunday

The second annual meeting of the William E. English Zouave Reunion association will be held Sunday.

A preliminary meeting will be held in the lobby of the Hotel Lincoln at 10 o'clock in the morning, followed by a trip over the northern half of the Dandy trail.

A chicken dinner at Page's country home is on the program.

The association is composed of a group of Indianapolis men who toured the country in vaudeville fifteen years ago and who were once considered one of the strongest attractions on the vaudeville stage.

At the first meeting of the organization held last October it was decided that a reunion would be held every year.

Germany Sends Word Troops May Not Cross

BERLIN, July 23.—Dr. Walter von Simons, the foreign secretary, today notified the foreign relations committee of the national assembly that Germany would not permit allied troops to cross German soil to assist Poland.

The government is reported to be sending a note to Paris notifying the contents that Germany had rejected her citizens on the eastern frontier.

Reichswehr have occupied the zones of east and west Prussia, where a plebiscite recently resulted in a victory for the Germans over the Poles.

Beta Theta Pi Will Entertain at Club

Beta Theta Pi men of Indianapolis will entertain tonight with an informal dance at the Country club.

Local members number about 250, including both the alumni association and active members, who are home during vacation.

Robert Clark, Tom Luckett and Maurice Thornton composed the social committee in charge of arrangements.

A special car has been chartered for the party, which will leave the station tonight at 8:15.

2 Marion Girls Cited for Carnegie Medals

Special to The Times.—Applications for Carnegie medals to be awarded to Marguerite Burton and Mary Nell are to be made by Dr. O. W. McQuinn, deputy county coroner, for their heroism in attempting to save the life of Cecil Haines, who was drowned Monday in the Mississippi river.

These girls, though neither could swim, made heroic efforts to get their drowning comrade to shore.

FRENCH AND HUNS IN CLASH. BERLIN, July 23.—French soldiers fired with German civilians in front of the Kaiserhaus hotel last night. Shots were exchanged, but no one was injured.

Mrs. May Wright Sewall Dies at Hospital Here

Founded Girls' Classical School and Was International Woman Leader.

May Wright Sewall, for more than thirty years the most prominent woman in Indianapolis and of international reputation for her ceaseless work in manifold fields of women's activities, died late last night at St. Vincent's hospital after an illness of several months.

Mrs. Sewall, who, with her husband, founded the Girls' Classical school, the oldest school in Indianapolis, was born in Milwaukee May 27, 1844.

She was a graduate of Northwestern university in the class of 1866, and received her degree of master of arts in 1868.

In 1869 she married Theodore Lovett Sewall, who died in 1893.

FROM THE DEAD. The publication of "Neither Dead Nor Sleeping," about six months ago, by Mrs. Sewall, caused a sensation that echoed around the world.

Mrs. Sewall in her book declared her implicit belief in communication with the dead, basing her arguments upon her messages from her husband.

Many prominent society women in Indiana and other states attended Mrs. Sewall's school, over which she presided for twenty-five years.

All her former pupils hold memories of their principal's kindness and wonderful personality.

This remarkable personality distinguished her when she began teaching in the old Indianapolis High school.

DISTINGUISHED HONOR RECEIVED. In 1915 she received the greatest honor and responsibility she ever had conferred upon her.

The board of the Panama exposition requested her to invite international bodies to assemble in San Francisco on July 15 of that year in connection with the International Conference of Women Workers for Permanent Peace.

Mrs. Sewall also received a great tribute in Prague in 1916, after she had presided at the International Conference for Women in Berlin.

She expected to be asked to organize a council at the Prague, but instead was taken to the Rathaus to make an address in the council chamber where many famous men had spoken.

The chamber was so crowded that the city governor could not enter the building.

Among the organizations of national and international scope in which Mrs. Sewall was active are: Woman's club of Indianapolis; the Contemporary club of Indianapolis; was president of both; General Federation of Women's clubs; Art association of Indianapolis; Prophylium association; Local Council of



Mrs. May Wright Sewall.

Women and of the local branch of the Alliance Francaise.

From 1881 to 1888 she was chairman of the executive committee of the National Woman's Suffrage association; she organized the National Council of Women in the United States and the International Council of Women.

She was president of the World's Congress of Representative Women in the "World's fair year."

She was honorary president of the International Council of Women and of the National Council of Women in the United States; honorary vice-president of the International New Thought Alliance; director of the National League for the Conservation of Childhood; American commissioner in the International Women's League for Permanent Peace; a member of Secretaries of the Professional Women's club of Boston; of the National Civic Reform association; of the Lyceum club of London; of LaSociete Psychologique and L'Union Internationale des Sciences et des Arts de Paris.

Sturdy Self-Defense of 'Poison Ivy' Chief Reason to Admire

Scientific Sharps Say to Know Three-Leaved Creeping Plant Is to Avoid It.

WASHINGTON, July 23.—"Look out for that poison ivy," is an oft-repeated cry these picnic days.

According to scientific sharps of the National Geographic society, "to know the poison ivy is to avoid it, yet to admire it for its sturdy self-defense."

They point out that poison ivy is a member of the sumac family, having as relatives the vinygar tree, the smooth sumac, and the smokebush.

Its range reaches as far north as Nova Scotia, as far south as Florida and Texas, and as far west as Utah and British Columbia.

"Many people confuse the Virginia Creeper with the usually poison ivy, a confusion which nothing but carelessness in remembering the characteristics of plants could bring about; for the Virginia creeper is careful always to put forth five leaves where the poison ivy has only three," says a bulletin of the Geographic society.

VIRGINIA CREEPER MISTAKEN FOR IVY. "The Virginia creeper is condemned as being poison ivy often when poison ivy is accredited with being a Virginia creeper."

"Many a Virginia creeper has reached the untimely end of mactock execution by the error, and not a few people have received a painful reminder of their mistake when they have failed to observe that three leaves spell 'poison' in the ivy vine and five leaves 'friend'."

"The poison ivy, or poison oak, as some call it, is a prodigious climber, inclined to run over everything in sight."

"Even the oak sometimes is almost smothered when the poison ivy reaches its topmost branches and spreads its dense foliage over them."

"It begins to blossom in May and June, its flowers being small, fragrant, yellowish green, and arranged in dense, clustered spikes."

"Toward fall these develop into smooth, white, wax-like berries that often hold fast the winter through."

"The three leaves are shining green, short-stemmed and oval-pointed."

"The poison of this ivy is a powerful, non-volatile oil which penetrates the pores of the human skin and develops hosts of tiny itching blisters, followed by a burning swelling of the affected parts."

VALUE IN POISON DEVELOPING PLANTS. "While we very naturally dislike a plant that poisons us when we touch it, yet if we investigate the reason for its poison we discover that a vast number of plants develop poisons and near-poisons, and when we look over the list we find that we would be rather badly off without them."

"It is true that most of them are poisonous only when eaten, and that few are poisonous to the touch, but they have all developed these qualities in self-defense."

"Some of them store their poison in their seeds, others in their root-stocks and others in their roots to protect their progeny from harm."

"They do not go about looking for trouble, or seeking, like the devil, whom they must destroy, but they are prepared to resist invasion of the rights of their children."

"Nux vomica and aconite are two of many such illustrations that might be cited."

GIFTS OF PLANT WORLD TO MAN. "Others develop alkaloids, like the nicotine of tobacco, the quinine of the cinchona tree, and the theine of tea, to protect themselves."

"Strychnine, digitalis and a hundred and one indispensable drugs that are poisonous in overdoses are the gift of the plant world to man as a by-product of plant preparations for self-defense."

"And so, when the poison ivy learned to give off its poison by contact rather than through its own destruction, it simply went a step further than its neighbors."

"It has arranged its plans of defense so that it can wage war without first being eaten."

"In that respect it meets the problem, in the same way as the tuliste and the thorn, although it fights by subtle stealth rather than open warfare."

TURKS LEAVE FOR PARIS. CONSTANTINOPLE, July 23.—(United Press)—The Turkish delegation, which will sign the peace treaty, left here for Paris today.

Noblesville Gets Its First Load New Wheat

Special to The Times. NOBLESVILLE, Ind., July 23.—The first load of new wheat was brought to Noblesville Thursday afternoon by Frank Campbell.

It tested fifty-seven pounds and brought \$2.50 a bushel.

The yield was thirteen bushels to the acre and it is thought this will be about the average this year for this part of Indiana.

Last Week---Better Hurry

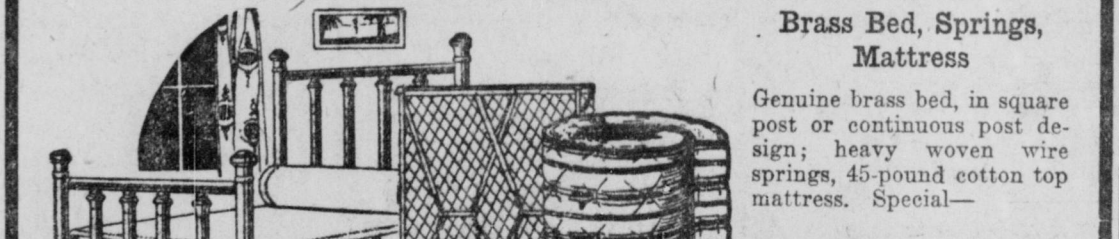
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Pays for Sympathy

DETROIT, July 23.—Henry Fisher's kind heart cost him \$10.

He sold his horse, but when he heard the animal was being mistreated he went to the pasture and turned it loose.

Judge Cotter fined him.

McCoy Funeral to Be Tomorrow Afternoon

Funeral services for John B. McCoy, formerly president of the McCoy-Hove Company, of Indianapolis, who died yesterday afternoon at his home, 974 West drive, Woodruff Place, will be held at the home at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Mr. McCoy was born at Clear Springs, Ind., in 1851, and came to Indianapolis in 1887, when he founded the McCoy-Hove Company, dealing in chemical and pharmaceutical supplies.

He retired from active business in 1915.

Mr. McCoy is survived by his widow, three daughters, Mrs. John A. Mackinnon of Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. G. Rudolph Miller, Indianapolis, and Miss Glenora McCoy, and three sisters, Mrs. Frank Davis, Indianapolis; Mrs. Richard Van Meter, Bloomfield, Ind., and Mrs. L. C. Gallion, New Albany, Ind.

Census Count Brings Shelbyville Protest

Special to The Times. SHELBYVILLE, Ind., July 23.—Census reports for Shelbyville, as announced yesterday from Washington, have created much dissatisfaction here.

Officers of the Shelbyville Chamber of Commerce assert that many persons in the city were not included in the count as the figures only show an increase of 201 persons in ten years, giving the present population as 9,701.

Shelby county, with a total population of 25,082, shows a loss, and farmers declare that the rural population has decreased considerably during the last decade, a condition which is proved by the fact that many women are working in the harvest field.

Railway Engineer Commits Suicide

Special to The Times. HENRYVILLE, Ind., July 23.—Leslie Plank, 36, of Louisville, employed as an engineer on the Louisville, Henderson & St. Louis railroad, committed suicide here Thursday.

Plank and his wife, who is living here with her aunt, Mrs. Ben Mantz, have been separated for several weeks.

Plank came to the Mantz home to effect a reconciliation with his wife, but she refused to go with him.

He obtained a revolver, drove a half mile from the house and fired two shots, one bullet penetrating his breast and the other the right temple.

Besides the widow, he is survived by two children.

Woman Dies of Burns

Special to The Times. LAFAYETTE, Ind., July 23.—Mrs. Garrett Kitchener died at her home near here, Thursday, as a result of burns received when her clothing caught fire from a gasoline stove.

She became pale, stricken and ran from the house to the yard, her clothing aflame.

A rug was thrown about her but not until she had been terribly burned.

Seeks Contract With Local Manufacturer

The bureau of industry of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce today received an inquiry from a New York manufacturer of automobile axles asking if there is a company in Indianapolis desiring to take a contract for the manufacture of the company's products on either a royalty or any other satisfactory basis.

The New York company has been planning to establish a \$5,000,000 plant for the manufacture of its products, but because of present conditions the company now expects to have its products manu-

Go to It, Spokes

HARTFORD, Conn., July 23.—An autoist passing through here first lost the tire from one of the wheels.

The rim then left the wheel, but he said he would continue his journey while the spokes held out.

factured on a contract basis.

To fill the contract a manufacturer would have to have a large plant employing from 500 to 1,000 persons.

Manufacturers who might be interested in obtaining the contract are being requested to apply to the bureau of industry for further information.

38th Assembly Opens at Bethany Park

Special to The Times. BETHANY PARK, Ind., July 23.—The thirty-eighth annual meeting of Bethany assembly opened here today and will continue through to Aug. 15.

The Epworth league of the Indiana conference of the M. E. church will hold its second annual institute here July 26 to Aug. 1.

The board of directors, of which Rev. George M. Smith of Indianapolis is president, has added a long list of well-known instructors to the staff of institute workers.

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