

MR. INDIANAPOLIS TAKES HIS TIME IN BUYING COAL

Dealers Report Householders
Are Slow in Stocking
Up for Winter.

Mr. Indianapolis—The fellow who swings a coal shovel before hungry furnaces on cold December mornings is taking his time this summer about laying in his next winter's supply of fuel, according to retail coal merchants.

Various reasons are assigned by the dealers. About the only thing they agree on is "business is not up to standard." Most of them, however, think the scarcity of money has something to do with the public's refusal to buy.

"People bought freely in June and July, but business has slackened up in August," commented John C. Muesing of the Muesing-Merrick Coal Company, which operates a yard on both the north and south sides.

Remembered Last Year

"Not up to average," said Frank S. Pittman of the Pittman-Rice Coal Company, Inc. "People haven't forgotten their experience of last year."

Many citizens filled their cellar with coal in the summer of 1923, and then coal prices took a high dive when winter came, Pittman explained. Hence the wariness to avoid similar accident to the family pocket-book. Shea Brothers, 1425 Van Buren St., agreed with Pittman.

Officials of the Polar Ice and Fuel Company declared the slowness in buying coal to store is marked, despite the lower prices.

Price Is Lower

"Good West Virginia coal is selling for \$3 a ton less than last summer this time, but not nearly so much is being bought," said one. "Rumors of freight rate reductions and other possibilities that might reduce prices still more cause the public to hold off. Just let the price advance a little, though, and there will be a panic of buying to avoid having to meet further increases. Along about the first early frost, too, a lot of fellows will coal up for the winter."

CONFERENCE TO CUT ARMAMENTS SEEN BY SIMMS

Will Follow Acceptance of
Davies Reparations
Scheme.

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS
Times Foreign Editor

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—An international conference on reduction of armaments will inevitably follow close upon the heels of the acceptance and beginning of execution of the Dawes-Young European reparations scheme.

That the world situation will be ripe for such action is everywhere considered certain, even President Coolidge having committed himself in favor of it whenever the signs seem favorable.

The initiative will probably be taken by the League of Nations. The Fifth Assembly of the League will meet at Geneva, Switzerland, Monday, Sept. 1, and foremost among the agenda is the proposal of a general plan for a world-wide arms reduction on land, sea, and air, through international agreement.

Question Discussed

The Fourth Assembly, meeting last September, discussed the armaments question, but owing to the high tension in Europe, let the matter go over until this year. Nevertheless a resolution was passed urging member nations—and all the great powers except the United States are members—to keep within their military budgets for 1923 while the league council prepared an armament reductions plan for presentation in 1924.

This will be taken up and acted upon by the Assembly next month. Recommendations for international action are expected in view of the progress Europe has made toward getting back on her feet as the result of American participation in reparations.

The League of Nations is merely carrying out its obligations under its original charter—the League Covenant adopted in 1919—in thus taking steps to lighten the burden of arms.

British War Conference

"The maintenance of peace," says Article 8, part of the very backbone of the league, "requires the reduction of national armaments to the lowest point consistent with national safety," and the council, taking into account the general world situation, "shall formulate plans for such reduction for consideration and action of the several governments."

Premier Ramsey MacDonald of Great Britain wants an international arms conference. So do the Socialists of France, headed by Premier Herriot. And since President Coolidge has gone on record as favoring such a conference, it is difficult to see how the United States, when invited to name delegates, could very well refuse to do so.

An attempt will undoubtedly be made by the anti-league faction of the administration, however, to smother any league plans for disarmament and substitute similar, though disguised, plans of their own, if past performances may be relied upon as an indication.

Harding Memorial in Wheat Field



A YEAR AGO, WHILE ON HIS WAY TO SAN FRANCISCO, WHERE HE DIED, PRESIDENT WARREN G. HARDING TURNED "DIRT FARMER" AT HUTCHINSON, KAN., AND STOCKED WHEAT. ON THE SPOT WHERE THE LATE PRESIDENT HANDLED HIS LAST BUNDLE OF WHEAT HAS BEEN ERECTED A MONUMENT (UPPER), PAID FOR BY CONTRIBUTIONS FROM SCHOOL CHILDREN. ELIZABETH HUMPHRIES (LOWER RIGHT) THEN 11, RECIPIENT OF A KISS FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE, UNVEILED THE MONUMENT. IN THE LOWER LEFT HARDING IS SHOWN AS A "DIRT FARMER" ON THE SPOT.

G. O. P. QUARTERS BUZZES BUSILY

Foremr 'Old Man' of Klan
'Drops In.'

State Republican headquarters in the Severin are humming with an air of business these days. Colored men, politicians from the out-counties wearing large sombreros shading one eye, and women workers are much in evidence.

Among the visitors received by Dailey McCoy, secretary of the State central committee today was D. C. Stephenson, ex-grand dragon of the Klan in Indiana, formerly known as the "Old Man." The subject of the conference was not revealed. Stephenson said he had "just dropped in" to see how the boys were getting along.

"I'm not putting out a thing these days except a few cigars and a line of talk—and very little of that," said Stephenson.

MINERS ATTACKED; FIVE SHOT DOWN

Trouble Feared in Oklahoma
Coal Fields.

By United Press
WILBURTON, Okla., Aug. 12.—Five non-union miners were shot from ambush in the coal fields near here early today. None of the workers were injured seriously.

The shooting occurred shortly after the night shift of workmen left the Bull Hill mine. The five men were walking home when a blaze of buckshot felled them.

Feeling in the mining community is tense, and extra guards were stationed at the Latimer County courthouse, where thirty-six miners are to be tried for rioting in connection with a clash between union and non-union forces near here a month ago. At that time 100 armed strikers drove 200 non-union workers out of the county.

FIRE CAPTAIN IS SENT TO RANKS

Safety Board Also Promotes
Several Men.

A shake-up in the fire department was made by the safety board today on recommendation of Fire Chief John J. O'Brien.

Changes were made "for the good of the service," it was explained. Captain Halleck Pruitt of Pumper Company 24 was reduced to the rank with Charles Gregory of No. 5 going to captain.

John E. Doyle of Truck Company 30 was elevated to lieutenant. William Adam of Pumper Company 5 and Albert Barnes of Pumper Company 24 were promoted from the ranks to chauffeur.

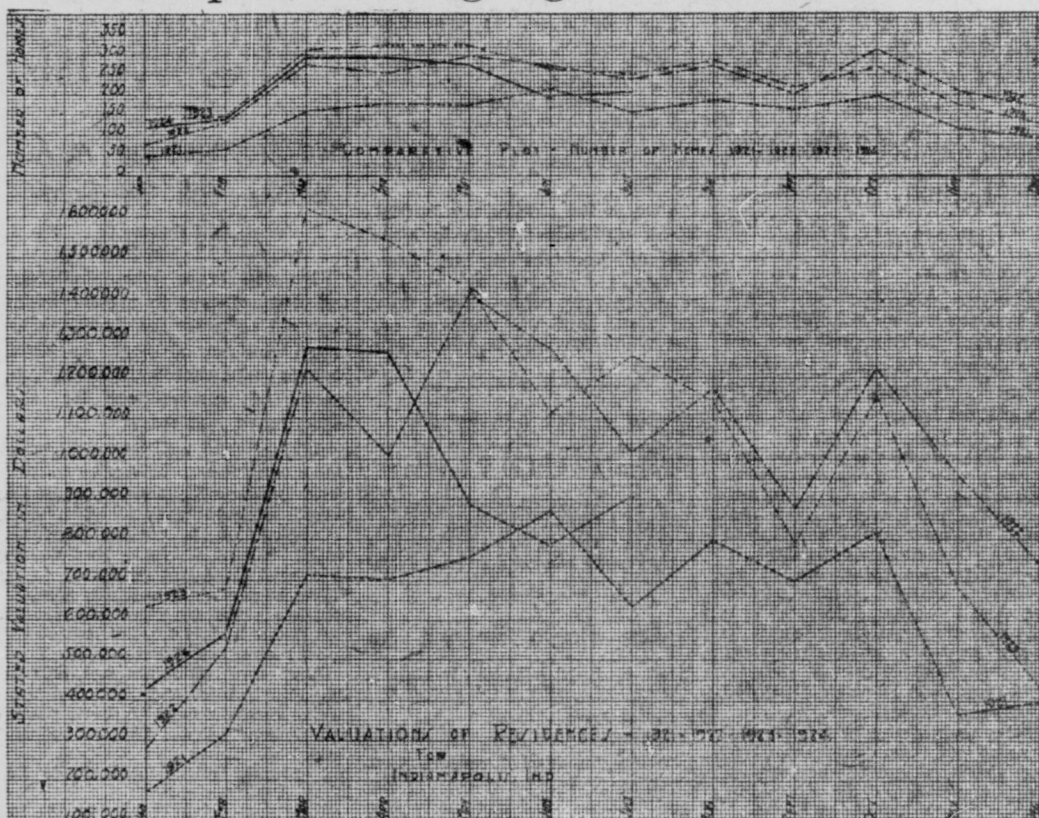
Hugh F. White was reappointed fireman. On recommendation of O'Brien, William Gooden, colored, of the fire prevention bureau was re-tired to the pension fund. Gooden was injured last winter.

The board granted Virgil Furgason, chief of fire prevention, a fifteen-day leave of absence. He will attend the fire chiefs' convention at Buffalo next week.

Purchase of 1,400 feet of hose was ordered.

Patrolman Francis O. Reilly was promoted to sergeant.

Indianapolis Building Figures Shown in Chart



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ACCIDENTS COST TWO MOTORISTS FINES FOR SPEED

Driver Is Freed as Suspect
In Fatal Injury of Boy
July 26.

Two motorists were fined on speeding charges by City Judge Fro Tem. John Robbins today, and a third driver was dismissed, in cases growing out of accidents.

On recommendation of Coroner Paul F. Robinson, a vagrancy charge against Lewis Kindel, 539 N. Keystone Ave., was dismissed. Robinson said he did not believe Kindel was the driver of a car that struck and fatally injured Dale Hill, 4, of 446 N. Rural St., July 26, at Massachusetts Ave. and Walnut St. A license number taken by witnesses was traced to Kindel.

Edgar Euel, 917 Ashland Ave., was fined \$25 and costs on a speeding charge, and Ivor Barber, 721 N. Capitol Ave., was discharged on an assault and battery charge. Police testified Euel was driving twenty-five miles an hour when Barber severed his machine to avoid him, July 24, at Sixteenth St. and Park Ave.

Barber's car struck a telephone pole. Four men in the machine were slightly injured.

Ruben Hardey, 21, colored, giving his address as 2050 N. Delaware St., was fined \$25 and costs on a speeding charge, and \$1 and costs on an assault and battery charge, and dismissed on a charge of violating a traffic ordinance. An automobile driven by him struck a car driven by Mrs. W. H. Babb, 5440 Ashland Ave., July 22 at Sixteenth and Bellefontaine Sts. Lois Babb, 3, daughter of Mrs. Babb, was cut about the head.

SUICIDE TAKES CAREFUL STEPS

Ties Gas Line Around Neck,
Puts End in Mouth.

Elaborate preparations for death were made by Edward De Burger, 50, of Apt. 8, at 310 N. Capitol Ave., Dr. W. A. Doeppers, deputy coroner, said. De Burger was found dead in his kitchen early today by Glendean Kmetzer, custodian, who called Motor Police Chitwood and Maas.

De Burger, according to officers, carefully plugged up all cracks in doors and windows. He fastened a hose to the gas stove, tied the hose around his neck and placed the end in his mouth. Then he turned on the gas.

He had been dead several hours when the custodian found him. Police said they were told Mrs. De Burger left early Monday evening. Mrs. Mae Hallam, Apt. 201, the Shiel, 220 N. Illinois St., said her father had spoken of taking his life several times, but she did not regard the threat seriously.

Body was taken to city morgue. De Burger evidently had planned writing a note to his wife, Jennie. A sheet of paper bearing the salutation "Dear John" was found on a table.

BURGLARS' UNION BUSY

Cash and Tires Included in Loot for
One Night.

Burglars were active during the night Monday, reports to police showed today.

George Eugelman, 24 S. Illinois St., reported \$5 stolen from a hiding place in a pool table pocket. William Phillips, Flackville, said fourteen tires and five tubes, valued at \$150, were stolen from his garage. At the Dawson & Darchus tire and battery service station, 9 N. State St., \$6.50 was taken from the cash drawer, an unknown amount from a pay phone and four tires valued at \$40.50.

Week's Building Lower

Building permits in Indianapolis for the week ending Aug. 9 totaled 296 representing construction valued at \$250,232. Francis F. Hamilton reported today, compared to 371 permits for building valued at \$1,343,410 for the week ending Aug. 2.

A Story Without Words



MORE GASOLINE THAN EVER, BUT PRICE STAYS UP

Barrels of Oil in Storage
Greater Than Last
Year.

Times Washington Bureau.
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WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—Despite an ever increasing demand for gasoline and crude oil, the reserve supply of crude petroleum in the United States shows substantial increases.

On June 30 this year there were 61,000,000 more barrels of oil in storage than on the same day last year, according to a survey made by the bureau of mines. At the end of the first six months of 1924 the total domestic net pipe line and tank farm stocks were 351,218,000 barrels. A year ago this storage supply totaled but 290,232,000 barrels. This was in spite of the fact that the summer season increased the demand approximately 5,000,000 barrels.

Crude Oil Reduced

A reaction of the increased supply was a slight tumbling in the price paid for crude oil at refineries. However, the price of gasoline to the motorist has decreased but a cent on the average throughout the country.

Another reaction was a restraint on production by operators who are holding back for higher prices. In June the daily average production of crude petroleum in the United States was 1,981,300 barrels, which was 7,506 barrels less than in May. For the same month imports—mostly from Mexico—averaged 220,000 barrels daily or 16,434 barrels less than during May.

California Leads Production

For the first six months of 1924 American oil wells produced approximately 352,163,000 barrels of petroleum and bureau experts estimate the total production for the year will be around 700,000,000 barrels of forty-two gallons per barrel.

California continues to lead the States in quantity of production. The June production was 18,808,000 barrels and a total of 118,109,000 barrels for the first six months of 1924.

Oklahoma is second with 14,179,000 barrels for June and 79,065,000 barrels for the six months' period. Texas is third with 21,583,000 barrels in June and 66,865,000 barrels for the six months.

BOARD COMMITTEES TWO SENTENCES

Many Petitions for Pardons
Refused.

Governor Emmett F. Branch today approved report of the State pardon board, with the exception of one case in which a parole was refused. Only two parole cases were included.

Two sentences were commuted and three prisoners were given permission to play unreserved fines and costs in installments. Among the latter was John Martin, sentenced in Marion Criminal Court Dec. 12, 1923, to six months on the Indiana State Farm and fined \$500 and costs for liquor law violation.

Two Marion County murder pardons were refused. They were applications by Harry Riggins, sentenced to life imprisonment April 22, 1909, and John DeMar, sentenced to life Oct. 18, 1911. Other Marion County clemency petitions refused were those of Charles Ketterman, April 12, 1922, ten to twenty-one years, robbery; Ray Wilson, March 29, 1923, one to fourteen years, assault and battery, and Cecil Johnson, March 17, 1923, two to four years, conspiracy to commit felony.

Fifty-four cases, most of them refused, were disposed of. Twenty-seven cases were continued.

BRANCH DEMANDS 'COURTESY' FROM OHIO'S GOVERNOR

Wholesale Arrests of Indiana
Truck Drivers Brings
Protest.

Governor Emmett F. Branch today wired the Governor of Ohio demanding a return of courtesy granted Ohio trucks passing through Indiana as a result of wholesale arrests over the week-end of Indiana truck drivers in Ohio. Ohio has a public utility law which would require licenses for these trucks before entering the State, it is understood.

Operators of long distance trucking companies presented the situation. C. E. Armstrong, general manager of the P. & A. Dispatch, said eighteen drivers of his company's trucks had been arrested and the company had furnished \$36,000 in bonds. A number of drivers is held in jail at Akron, Ohio, it is reported.

Armstrong said West Virginia also demanded a return of courtesy from Ohio, but that it was flatly refused. He said West Virginia then retaliated by arresting more than 500 Ohio truck drivers.

Armstrong said his company had attempted to apply for the required licenses, but that its application was refused.

Warehouses and intra-State truckers were aiding Ohio police in making arrests, Armstrong said. Whenever an out-of-State truck arrives at a warehouse, the warehouse attaches call police, he said. Competition with private trucks to haul coal charges \$75 to \$100 less per haul than the Ohio warehouses and truck companies is the basis of this opposition, Armstrong said.

Red Ball Transit Company was represented at the Governor's office by W. B. Hiner, who reported the same conditions.

RECEIVER ASKED FOR COMMERCIAL

Printing Company Files Suit
Against Newspaper.

Petition for a receiver for the Indianapolis Commercial, Incorporated, was filed in Superior Court, room Two, today by the Enquirer Printing and Publishing Company, 311 E. Ohio St. Defendant was named as publisher of the Indianapolis Commercial and Daily American.

Judgment of \$15,000 and a receiver to continue publication are asked. Suit alleges the paper is being published at a monthly loss of more than \$1,000.

Suit further charges that notes totaling \$30,067.39 in debts due and unpaid are held against the paper. Of this amount \$9,335.79 is for current printing work and \$7,000, which is due and unpaid. More than \$11,000 is owed to other parties, the complaint charges.

Klan Calls Meeting

By Times Special
NOBLESVILLE, Ind., Aug. 12.—Members of the Ku-Klux Klan of the Ninth and Tenth Congressional Districts will meet here Sept. 14. It was announced today. Twenty thousand are expected.

Dog Owners Warned

Letters are being prepared by the county prosecutor to be sent to dog owners who are delinquent in paying their city dog license and tax, warning that if they do not meet their obligations prosecution will follow.

A total of 2,000 cases of appeals of violations have been taken from Justice of the peace court of T. R. Rainey and will be settled in Criminal Court.

BRANCH LEAVES WITHOUT SEEING BENJAMIN BURRIS

Scheduled Conference on
Resignation as School
Head Prevented.

Governor Emmett F. Branch left for Washington, D. C., today without conferring with Benjamin J. Burris, State superintendent of public instruction, who was scheduled to settle the matter of his resignation with the Governor today.

Burris is to become head of the State Normal School at Muncie Sept. 1. College presidents and school superintendents generally have protested against the naming of H. Noble Sherwood, Franklin, Republican nominee for State superintendent to succeed Burris in case the latter resigns before election.

Burris wants to resign immediately, it is understood, but may be prevailed upon to remain at least until November to avoid embarrassment to Governor Branch and the Republican central committee. Opposition to Sherwood is based on alleged irregularities by him in certifying Franklin College students to the State board in the matter of teacher training.

No Explanation

No explanation was given for the fact that the scheduled conference did not occur. Branch will be present Thursday when President Coolidge is notified of his nomination for President by the Republican party.

Frederick E. Schortemeier, Governor Branch's secretary, said he supposed Burris would confer with the Governor when he returns. Burris expected to meet trustees of the Muncie school here late today.

Sherwood was at Republican State headquarters all morning. The headquarters kept in close touch with the Statehouse in connection with the possible appointment. That pressure is being brought on Governor Branch to make the appointment was indicated by a pile of forty telegrams received by Dailey McCoy, State secretary, advocating Sherwood's appointment.

Friends Have Explanation

Sherwood's case is the result of a feud between him and Oscar Williams, head of the department of teacher's training. It was said by those advocating his appointment. The difference dates from the time when Williams and Sherwood published an educational journal, and disagreed on a matter of policy, Sherwood's friends say.

Sherwood refused to discuss the situation, beyond stating "everything will turn out all right," and that Frederick Schortemeier, Governor Branch's secretary, would have something to give out to the public in the near future.

When asked what Sherwood might have meant, Schortemeier said certain letters and telegrams favorable to Sherwood's side of the case might have been meant.

'DOUBLE PLATOON' INTERESTS MAYOR

Orders City Attorney to
Make Survey in Other Cities.

Mayor Shank today announced he had directed William Bosson, city attorney, to make surveys of the "double-platoon" school system of teaching in other cities.

Under this plan, half the children attend school in the mornings and the other half in the afternoons, relieving crowded building conditions and at the same time giving the parents a second day of work.

"There are too many teachers who work only four or five hours a day," said Shank. "They can work at least eight hours, like every one else, and teach two separate groups."

Detroit is said to be using this system.

Bosson is still probing the school book situation, the mayor asserting that it was an "outrage" constantly to demand pupils buy new texts.

DAVIS' SPEECH PLEASES RALSTON

Will Insure Militant Support,
Says Senator.

Declaring John W. Davis, Democratic nominee for President a finely visioned statesman, Senator Samuel M. Ralston, in commenting on Davis' speech of acceptance, said:

"The speech of acceptance of John W. Davis covers with admirable effect so many subjects that it can not be properly characterized in a brief comment. It is a speech of a broad-minded and finely visioned statesman. It is a plea unexcelled in clearness and power, and made for the highest and best things in government."

"For ten years I have tried to phrase, but never could, what he accurately and eloquently says in his definition of 'progressive' and 'reactionary.' Jefferson practiced progressivism and condemned reactionism, as conceived by Davis, and he could not have better defined these two opposing elements in our politics."

"The speech will insure for him the militant support of Democrats and win to the cause he represents thousands of voters who have not hitherto affiliated with his party. The New York convention could not have nominated a finer exponent of Democratic principles."