

WARD RESIGNS AS U. S. DISTRICT ATTORNEY

LACK OF MONEY MAY HALT WORK OF REED PROBE

Head of Senate Audit Committee Withholds Funds From Investigators.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, March 10.—Members of the Reed campaign fund investigating committee were examining Senate precedents today to find a way, if possible, to pay expenses of officials who may have ordered to impound ballots in four Pennsylvania counties for the Ware-Wilson senatorial contest. The money has been denied, and letters went forth today to Senator Reed (Dem.), Missouri, chairman, who is in Detroit, asking his advice.

The committee was blocked by Senator Keyes (Rep.), New Hampshire, chairman of the audits and control committee, which approves expenses. Keyes notified Sergeant-at-Arms David S. Barry of the Senate he would refuse to sign a voucher for \$1,000 needed for Barry's trip to Delaware, Lackawanna, Luzerne and Schuylkill counties to seize ballots there. These counties are Ware strongholds.

If the Reed committee is unable to hurdle this obstacle, it is blocked at the outset in the recount. Legal objections were expected later because of failure of the resolution extending the committee's authority, but the financial hindrance may render this unnecessary.

Keyes' stand may prevent any further action by the Reed committee until the next session. Beyond the Pennsylvania recount, Senator Reed was contemplating an investigation of expenditures in the Colorado campaign last fall.

FIREMEN HURT IN COKE PLANT FIRE

Ladderman Gets Nose Broken—Chief Burned.

A gas explosion in the cupola of experimental building of the Char Products Company, St. Clair St. and Milley Ave., caused a second alarm fire at 7 a. m. today.

Loss was estimated at \$3,000.

Fireman Leo Bodkins, Squad 1, first headquarters company, received a fractured nose when a chemical tank being carried up a ladder to the cupola, struck him. Bodkins was treated by other firemen and remained on the scene. Fire Chief Jesse Hutsell was painfully burned on the neck when a hot piece of coke lodged in his coat collar.

The plant, occupying the former home of the Republic Creeting Company, is owned by that concern. A. L. Lauth, secretary and treasurer, said reconstruction was to start at once.

Hutsell said the blaze probably originated from gas fumes thrown off by coke being ground. The building of brick and wood construction, is covered with sheet tin. The blaze was confined inside the cupola until it collapsed.

How much loss was inflicted on the machinery was not known. A long chain of buckets, which carries coke to the top, where it is ground and sent into the furnace, probably was damaged. Firemen say the pulverized product is used for making phonograph records and other such articles.

Buckshot Narrowly Misses Man in Bed

A charge accidentally fired from a shotgun, police said, went through the floor of an apartment and narrowly missed a man asleep in the apartment below early today, at 134 W. Twenty-First St.

H. D. Redman, asleep in apartment 3, suddenly was awakened at 1:40 a. m. and found the ceiling and a rug near his bed pierced with shot.

Lieut. Leonard Forsythe and squad found Edward Siersdorfer, in apartment 17, who said he started to unload the shotgun when it exploded.

AMERICANS ATTACKED

By United Press
WARSAW, March 10.—Buildings occupied by an American contractor's firm were destroyed and employees of the company were attacked by rioting strikers in Czenstochowa, Poland, today, dispatches to Warsaw said.

Police wounded several strikers and arrested others in dispersing the mob.

More than 200,000 textile workers in the Lodz district were striking for a 25 per cent wage increase. Factory owners offered 6 per cent.

The name of the American firm, which was doing work for several Polish municipalities, was not learned.

SPEEDY TRIAL SOUGHT

By Times Special
GARY, Ind., March 10.—Arrangements were being made today to rush the trial of two Cleveland youths arrested late Wednesday, ten minutes after the hold-up of a clothing store here.

The youths, Walter Gordon, 19, and Harry Leonard, 20, held the proprietor of the store at the point of a gun while they selected suits.

Police caught them on an interview car starting for Chicago. The value of merchandise taken was placed at \$500.

YOUNG 'PIONEERS' GET THRILL FROM THEIR MAPLE SUGAR 'CAMP'



EARTH'S WEIGHT FIGURED

Bureau of Standards Scientist Will Fill Five Books With Data.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, March 10.—The giant mass of Mother Earth, a crusty old woman with an iron heart, has been weighed by a slightly built scientist at the Bureau of Standards. He has taken three years to adjust and observe delicate instruments.

The weighing process is over, and now Dr. Paul R. Heyl is computing figures, day after day. There are many figures, three books of them already and two more will be ready when the mathematics is completed within another month, in time for Dr. Heyl to give his results to the American Physical Society meeting here in April. Each book is about the size of an ordinary school atlas.

Six and Many Ciphers

Heyl may not even apply the figures to find out how much mother earth weighs, because he says it is impossible to determine how much she has gained or lost. He has other scientific purposes. The earth has been weighed before, the last thirty years ago. She tips the scales at around 6,000,000,000,000,000 tons, according to past calculations, and a few hundred thousand tons one way or the other would not show. She loses weight by rocks thrown from volcanoes, and gains through the fall of meteors. Dr. Heyl thinks she is growing fatter, but infinitesimally so, and the gain is impossible to determine.

"The whole population of the earth, people and animals, might pick up and emigrate to the moon, and there would be no noticeable effect," he said.

Valuable Figure

The important calculation for Dr. Heyl is approximating a little closer what is known as the Newtonian constant. This is a valuable figure to scientists. It has not been computed in thirty years. It is used in a practical way now, Heyl explained, in two directions, in navigation and in figuring density of the earth. It may be of untold value practically in the future.

Delicate instruments for computing weight of the earth are in two small rooms in the basement of one of the bureau buildings. In one room is the mechanical set up, two tiny platinum balls suspended on a delicate horizontal wire in a cylinder. These balls are attracted in a rotary movement by two solid steel cylinders outside the vacuum, their movement representing gravitation, but it is not affected by the vertical pull of the earth. The movement is timed, its reflection being carried through a series of mirrors to the next room. The distance is recorded on a scale.

UNIVERSITY DANCE

The University Club of Butler University will entertain with a dance Friday evening at the Lincoln. Miss Pearl Ette Kerst is chairman of arrangements, assisted by Misses Gertrude Moyer, Louise Eleanor Ross, Alice Thorn, Virginia Fortner, Loraine Thomas, Lucille Summers, Edith Ball and Bernice Tyner. Sorority representatives have been invited, as well as members of the Butler faculty.

Federal Aid Quits Local Post



United States Attorney Albert Ward, who has resigned, effective May 1, to take a private law practice.



Above: Left to right—George Clowes, Florence Gipe and Robert Failey, Orchard School students, "boiling down" maple sirup. Below: Florence Gipe, gathering one night's run of maple sugar water.

A maple sugar camp right in the city of Indianapolis!

With official spring just around the corner, the students of Orchard School, at 610 W. Forty-Second St., are finishing a maple sugar season, with results that sound like a report from a Vermont sugar camp.

Over 500 quarts have been taken from the soft maple trees on the school grounds, and the delighted children who have had part in the "camp" have had a wonderful time boiling the sirup "down" in the open.

The "camp" has been in the charge of Hills Howie, an instructor. Three of the enthusiastic students who operate the plant are: Florence Gipe, George Clowes and Robert Failey. Robert is the book-keeper of the enterprise, keeping careful estimate of the sugar water taken and the "boiled down" results.

The sugar "camp" is part of the craft school work of Orchard School. It is the idea of Miss Fay Henley, principal, that this experience will give students the spirit of pioneer Indiana, which they have been studying.

Fifty-three Maple Trees

The grounds contain fifty-three soft maple trees and about thirty-eight of them have been tapped with spiles, upon which small buckets were hung early in February. Buckets were examined every day by the "pioneers" who were anxious to see who could collect the most sugar water.

There are eighty-four students in the school and about thirty have had part in the camp. All eighty-four are to share in the results for next Friday, the first of the maple sirup is to be served to add "sweetness" to poonday lunches.

ARBITRATION FOR CAR STRIKE CASE

Public Service Commission Will Hear Evidence Tuesday.

Next Tuesday at 10 a. m., the Indiana Public Service Commission will sit as a board of arbitration to hear evidence in the case of the Indianapolis Street Railway Company and its striking employees, represented by James Green.

The case is the first of its kind to be heard by the board, which will function in this capacity under terms of a contract between the Street Car Company and its employees.

In petition for hearing, filed several weeks ago, Green demands reinstatement of all employees who went on strike last summer and the wage increase to 60 to 65 cents an hour from the present scale of 37 to 42 cents asked by the strikers. Green asks that seniority rights also be restored.

MOTORISTS DISAGREE ON NEW TRAFFIC PLAN

What does Indianapolis driving public think of the new traffic control system sans semaphore? And what do traffic officers think of being shorn of this traditional "stop-and-go" device?

Opinion of the driving public is pretty evenly divided judging from opinions gathered by The Times in the downtown district, but officers are unanimous in praise of the new system.

The arm and whistle traffic direction system is being given a thirty-day try out and if it works likely will be adopted permanently.

Here is what motorists say:

LOUISE POWELL, dancing teacher, 4141 College Ave.—I think the new system is terrible. Chicago's post light system is much better. I have to wait for some one to yell at me before I know what to do now.

JOHN F. LOONEY, student, 2320 N. Alabama St.—The new system is confusing. I like the old stop-and-go method better.

J. J. GRINSTEINER, special delivery letter carrier, 3911 Ruckle St.—I suppose the chief reason for doing away with the semaphores was because they looked "small town." The new system looks better and it may work better. The biggest traffic improvement they could make would be to replace the many boulevard "stop" signs that are missing. The one at Thirty-Eighth St. and College Ave. has been gone for a long time, and many people drive right through, endangering traffic.

EDWARD CARSKADON, 1102 W. Thirty-Second St.—From the standpoint of efficiency and speeding up of traffic the new system is undoubtedly better. The old system provided a greater latitude of safety for both pedestrians and motorists, however. It's all up to the officer now; formerly any one with intelligence enough to turn a crank could direct traffic.

ED GRAY, chauffeur, 617 S. Fifteenth St., Terre Haute.—In my town they use electric post signals and I think they are the best. Hand semaphores have made Indianapolis look like a jay town town for years.

J. M. HOPPER, relief bus driver, 35 W. Ohio St.—I like the semaphore system better, but after we get used to being without them it may be all right.

JOSEPH REED, bus driver, New

Inadequate Compensation Given as His Only Reason for Quitting.

TO TAKE EFFECT MAY 1

Plans to Practice Law in Indianapolis.

United States District Attorney Albert S. Ward today announced that he has resigned his Federal post.

Ward sent his resignation to Attorney General Sargent at Washington late Wednesday, requesting it become effective May 1.

He plans to practice law in Indianapolis.

Ward was practicing law in Peru, Ind., when appointed district attorney by President Coolidge March 1, 1925. From 1929 to 1924 he was judge of the Miami Circuit Court there.

The inadequate compensation of the district attorney was his only reason for resigning, Ward said. The district attorney receives \$5,500 a year.

RELIEF WORKERS IN JAPAN REACH QUAKE VICTIMS

Natal Craft Land Food, Blankets and Medical Supplies.

BULLETIN
By United Press
TOKIO, March 10.—Deaths in the earthquake-torn Kyoto prefecture of southern Japan abated sufficiently today to permit destroyers to land food, blankets and medical supplies to aid survivors of the temblors.

For more than twenty-four hours the stricken district, in which it was estimated 70,000 persons were homeless, had been swept by cold rains and snow. Suffering was reported acute.

Sixty-nine distinct earth shocks occurred Monday in the Kyoto district. It was revealed. The latest official casualty list, as reported by the United Press yesterday, gave: Dead, 2,275; injured, 4,100. No additional casualties were recorded overnight.

Earthquake, fire, storm and flood visited the district within forty-eight hours. It was feared serious outbreaks of disease would follow exposure of the refugees to cold and rain.

Emperor Hirohito granted \$30,000 to aid the refugees.

Even the dead have not been buried in many places and a battalion of engineers was dispatched from Kyoto to aid in removing bodies which added to the danger of pestilence.

The Kirishima Maru, Japanese nautical training ship, was believed today to have been lost with all hands, including forty-three students, in Wednesday's storm.

The steamship Empress of Canada arrived at Yokohama today and reported it had been unable to find the Kirishima, which sent out an SOS call at 2 p. m. Wednesday and failed to answer radio calls after that.

'SMELL OF IRON' CITED

Italian Newspaper Predicts Shift in European Balance of Power.

By United Press
ROME, March 10.—A "disquieting smell of iron" is abroad in Europe and the balance of power will crumble, "while perhaps not today, certainly by tomorrow," the semi-official newspaper Il Tevere said in discussing the international situation facing the League of Nations council at Geneva.

"France organizes in a military way as if it is not sufficient for her to have the largest post-war army," continued the newspaper. "A curious understanding exists between Germany and Russia, and meanwhile Germany and England stand together at the League of Nations."

BOY CAUGHT IN HOOKY RUSE FLEES FROM HOME



Voyer Sullivan

For more than a month, Voyer Sullivan, 2015 Ruckle St., played hooky from school, fooling his parents and school teachers. Wednesday the hoax was brought to light and he ran away from home. He is still away and no word has been received concerning his whereabouts.

Voyer told his school teacher that his home had been quarantined for "chickenpox and measles," during which time he played hooky.

According to the boy's mother, he left home in time for school each morning and returned at the same time after school hours each day. A neighbor woman unwittingly was responsible for the youth being caught, when she questioned Mrs. Sullivan about his absence.

Mrs. Sullivan investigated and the deception was brought to light.

His bubble burst, the boy seized the opportunity Wednesday to run away when his mother sent him to the corner store. Whether it was fear of returning to school that prompted him to run away is as deep a mystery as his whereabouts.

His mother said he was wearing a green sweater, brown corduroy trousers, brown shoes and stockings.

Southern police were notified by local police to apprehend two local youths who ran away from home Wednesday night and left word behind that they were "going south."

S. E. Pierson, 1224 W. Nineteenth St., told police his son Fred, 17, and John Jones, 16, of 1214 W. Nineteenth St., were together. Jones wore a sheep-lined coat and blue suit when last seen, while Pierson was dressed in a blue suit, gray cap and dark overcoat.

Famous Pearls of History

In the past twenty centuries pearls, and pearl collections have gained fame through their intrinsic value and because of their magic lure to those who owned them or coveted their possession.

CLEOPATRA PEARLS—Next to that "pearl of great price" mentioned by Christ, were the two pearls which Pliny says were worn in the ears of Cleopatra. The writer does not tell their size, but states their value as 60,000,000 sesterces.

History relates how one of these pearls was dissolved by Cleopatra and swallowed in a wager with Anthony. After the death of the queen the other pearl was cut in half and hung in the ears of Venus of Rome. It is estimated that the remaining pearl is valued at about \$225,000.

PEROZ PEARL—This pearl was owned by the sixth century by Peroz, one of the kings of Persia. In a battle against the White Huns in which he and his sons perished, he threw away the gem to keep it out of the hands of the enemy. A rumor said that it was recovered later, but no reliable historian supplies this story with definite trace of it.

BOMB SEEN IN \$300,000 FIRE

Business District of Whiting Menaced.

By United Press
WHITING, Ind., March 10.—Fire early today destroyed nearly a block of buildings in the business district of Whiting, causing loss estimated at more than \$300,000.

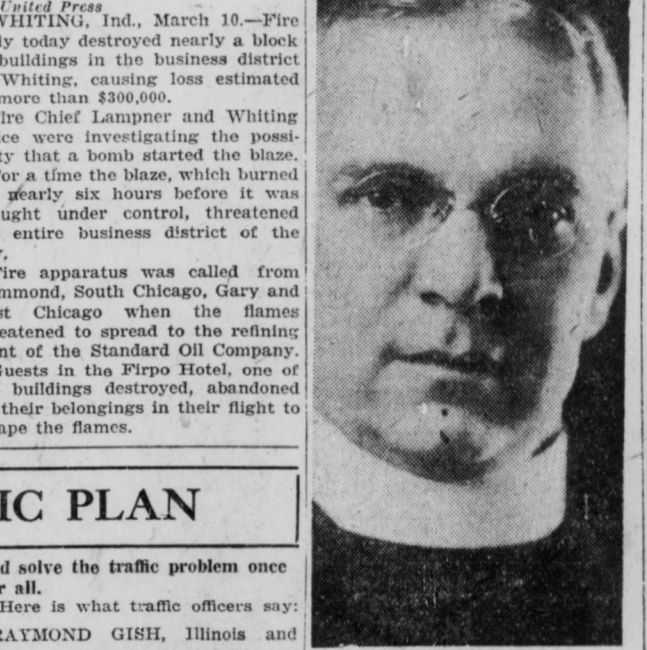
Fire Chief Lammner and Whiting police were investigating the possibility that a bomb started the blaze.

For a time the blaze, which burned for nearly six hours before it was brought under control, threatened the entire business district of the city.

Fire apparatus was called from Hammond, South Chicago, Gary and East Chicago when the flames threatened to spread to the refining plant of the Standard Oil Company.

Guests in the Firpo Hotel, one of the buildings destroyed, abandoned all their belongings in their flight to escape the flames.

Rites Monday for Local Priest



—Photo by Charles F. Bretzman.

Rev. George J. Smith

Funeral services will be held at 9:30 a. m. Monday at St. Philip Neri Church, 550 N. Rural St., for his pastor and founder, the Rev. George J. Smith.

A heart attack following an operation caused his death Wednesday. The Rev. Mr. Smith celebrated his twenty-fifth anniversary as a priest last year and was 51 years old. He founded St. Philip Neri Church in 1909 and has been pastor there since that time. He was assistant at St. Peter and Paul Cathedral for some years.

He is survived by six sisters, the Misses Lena, Anna and Theresa Smith, of Indianapolis and three members of the Sisters of Providence, St. Mary-of-the-Woods, Terre Haute, and a brother, Bishop Alphonse Smith of Nashville.

Bishop Smith will officiate at the funeral mass, assisted by priests of St. Philip Neri.

MOTOR CLUB MAY ACT TO RECOVER SPEED TRAP FEES

U. S. Supreme Court Ruling Has Wide Application—Drys Not Worried.

Roadside "kangaroo courts" and the fee system of arrests which has nabbed many unwary motorists along Indiana highways, were struck a blow by a United States Supreme Court decision this week, in the opinion of the Hoosier Motor Club and American Automobile Association officials.

Todd Stoops, Hoosier club manager, announced he would call a directors' meeting next week to consider the advisability of instituting suits for the recovery of fines and fees assessed against Indiana motorists by small town justices of the peace and mayors.

"Probably five thousand such arrests have been perpetrated in Indiana within the last year," Stoops declared.

"Fines probably averaged \$10, and in the light of the Supreme Court decision, \$50,000, or possibly twice that amount, has been illegally mulcted from motorists in Indiana."

A decision of Chief Justice William Howard Taft of the United States Supreme Court held that trial in the outcome of which a judicial or semi-judicial officer shares in the fine imposed, violates the constitutional guarantee of an impartial trial.

Decision Far Reaching

"The principles are entirely applicable to the arrests of motorists in which the fines are split between officers making the arrests and the justice of the peace or the mayor presiding over the trial," Stoops declared.

"The frequency of such cases in recent years has made the system one of the worst evils on the highways and has seriously impeded motoring progress and unhampered transportation."

"Investigations by the Hoosier Motor Club have clearly pointed out that the financial interest of the officials involved, and against the motorist, is a charge of exceeding their authority in hearing cases not coming under their jurisdiction."

Hoosier Motor Club officials were informed today that the Ohio State Automobile Association has announced it will start action to recover hundreds of thousands of dollars paid out in fines for speeding.

DROPS OFF CAR WITH \$20 LOOT

Holds Up Conductor After Friendly Chat.

"My stop conductor,—your money, please!"

With these parting words, emphasized by a nasty looking revolver, a young man dropped off a Meridian Heights street car at Forty-Ninth St., at midnight Wednesday taking with him \$20 from the change belt of Conductor Wesley Bird, 2155 N. Illinois St.

Bird, said the young man had chatted amicably with him on the rear platform until they came to Forty-Ninth St.

The hold-up man ran to Bagley Road and disappeared into the darkness before Bird's yell attracted the attention of Motorman Harry Whitney, 1907 Central Ave.

Gray, Gribben & Gray, jewelers, 151 N. Illinois St., reported to police that a man who came to the store late Wednesday and posed as a railroad passenger presented a forged check in payment for a \$50 watch.

MORE SNOW FOR BLOCKADED TOWN

Silverton, Col., Faces Continued Isolation.

By United Press
SILVERTON, Col., March 10.—Silverton, just beginning to dig itself out from a four weeks snow blockade, today was faced with the prospect of complete isolation for at least another month. A new storm which began early yesterday in the mountains continued through the night and left three feet additional snow on the great drifts surrounding the town.

Silverton, a small mining town, is surrounded by high mountains some 200 miles from Denver. It is snow-bound several weeks at a time yearly and citizens are prepared for prolonged isolation. The present situation, however, is regarded as the worst ever encountered in the district.

Health conditions are good, it was said. Enough staple food is on hand to last until mid-April, although a shortage of fresh meats, eggs, and vegetables already has been reported.