

REPORT INDUSTRIAL WAR THREATENED FROM STRIKE

SENATORS FIND COAL REGIONS BREEDING CRIME

Investigators Discover Hot-beds of Reds in Anti-American Work.

EARLY REMEDY NEEDED

Gooding Brands Situation in Pittsburgh as Menace to U. S. Welfare.

BY JOSEPH S. WASNEY
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INDIANA, Pa., Feb. 27.—Senator Gooding (Rep.) of Idaho, declared today an immediate remedy must be found to relieve conditions in the bituminous coal fields of Pennsylvania.

Gooding, chairman of the State Interstate Commerce sub-Committee, investigating conditions which have resulted from a controversy between operators and the United Mine Workers of America, said the welfare of the entire country was endangered by industrial war.

"Conditions which exist in the strike-torn coal regions of the Pittsburgh district are a blot upon American civilization," Gooding said. "It is inconceivable that such squalor, suffering, misery and distress should be tolerated in the heart of one of the richest industrial centers of the world."

Living in Hovels

"The committee found men, women and children living in hovels which are more insanitary than a modern swine-pen. There are breeding places of sickness and crime."

"They constitute fertile fields for the sower of communism, and other doctrines which touch the overthrow of American government. Industrial leaders of America cannot permit such conditions to continue."

"The dispute in the Pittsburgh soft coal fields is more than a local fight between a union and a group of coal operators. It is an industrial war that affects the entire nation. A remedy must be found to relieve the shocking conditions which the committee has found in its first-hand survey in the coal mines and camps."

Reds Gain Foothold

Gooding said his statement expresses the sentiment of the entire committee.

He said the Communist party was already gaining a foothold in Pennsylvania, and this menace should be curbed before America becomes Russified.

The investigators today continued their survey of the mines, living conditions of strikers, and strike-breakers. The Senators took a tour in central Pennsylvania, visiting first Rossiter, a storm center in the mine war.

Working all of Sunday, the Senators had four separate hearings.

Says Wages Too Low

The charge that communists were in the coal fields was made by Gooding in Pittsburgh during a conversation with Horace F. Baker, president of the Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Corporation.

Gooding told Baker that the communists were rapidly gaining strength and that workers could not live on the wages they were paid. He likewise paid tribute to John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, as doing great help for the Government.

Baker in response said he had no fear of communistic activity and that non-union workers were paid as well as workers in other industries.

\$35,000 LOSS BY FIRE

Downtown Drug Store Damaged at Vincennes Today.

By United Press
VINCENNES, Ind., Feb. 27.—A slow fire that stubbornly resisted efforts to extinguish it was responsible today for \$35,000 damage to the Duesters & Kramer downtown drug store. Most of the loss was caused by smoke and water.

The fire was discovered in the basement of the building. Spontaneous combustion of chemicals was believed to have been the cause.

Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported stolen to police belong to:

Frank Horuff, 5130 N. Meridian St., Chrysler, 3-215, from 4451 Broadway.

Murray Slaughter, 447 E. Thirty-Eighth St., Jordan, 645-905, from Thirty-Eighth and Illinois.

Robert H. Owens, R. R. C. Box 196, 642-728, from Washington St. and Senate Ave.

Edward Gutleisch, 830 N. Oxford St., Chevrolet, 16-378, from Washington and Delaware Sts.

Charles C. Gray, 628 Oakland Ave., Chevrolet, 624-184, from Maryland and Meridian Sts.

A. Mack Hodge, Coatsville, Ind., Ford, from Ohio St. and Capitol Ave.

BACK HOME AGAIN

Automobiles reported found by police belong to:

Ida Owens, 1446 S. East St., Ford, found at Harding St. and Crawfordville Rd.

H. F. Gelzender, 2120 Ashland Ave., Ford, Indiana Ave. and Tenth St.

Victor Musso, 206 Fulton St., Ford, 546 Division St.

Briscoe touring car, no license, found Middle and Muskingum Sts.

Hupmobile, license 509-977, found at 127 W. Eleventh St.

William Hendrickson, 1903 S. Delaware St., Ford, 1047 S. West St.

Latest Hanky—36 Inches



DUDE BANDITS HOLD UP TWO STORES IN HOUR

Six Robberies Reported Over Week-End; Police Nab Suspects.

Within less than an hour two well-dressed bandits robbed two grocery stores Saturday night and escaped with \$55 in an automobile parked a few doors away from the stores.

The bandits first entered the Kroger grocery, 1027 Alabama St., forced Paul Locke, 29, of 404 N. Tibbs Ave., manager, and Leonard Worman, 1215 N. Alabama St., clerk, to face the wall with their hands above their heads and rifled the cash register of \$30.

Manager Walter J. Uebelack, 30, of 1729 N. Oxford St., of the Standard grocery store, 2202 Brookside Ave., and two clerks were held up by the bandits while they took \$25 from the cash register. Wilbur Hiat, 1428 Tuxedo St., who was in the rear of the store, entered with a rifle and one of the bandits fired two shots at him.

Drug Store Held Up

A Negro bandit entered a drug store operated at 726 W. New York St., by George Stockton, ordered five cents worth of candy, and while Stockton was getting it for him stuck an old rusty revolver at him and escaped with \$60 from the cash register. The Negro fled down an alley near the store, Stockton told police.

Two men driving a truck, held up and robbed Ray Close, 20, of 560 N. Tacoma Ave., attendant at the National Refining filling station, New York St. and Keystone Ave., of \$25 Sunday morning.

Patrolman Harry Mason arrested four men in an automobile at 4 a. m. today when they failed to give a good account of themselves. Mason said two of the men somewhat resembled the bandits who held up the N. Tacoma Ave. filling station.

Robbed While Visiting

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Finnegan, 553 N. Oakland Ave., of a Standard grocery store, 3316 E. Tenth St., were forced into the rear of the store by two armed bandits, who took \$300 from the cash register.

Harvey Richardson, 43, of 415 Bickling St., reported that he was robbed of \$20 while visiting Mrs. Bessie Jones, 136 S. West St. Police arrested Mrs. Jones on charges of robbery and blind tiger when they found a quart of white male whisky in her home.

The blast rocked half of Toledo and was heard for miles. Fire which followed the explosion was still raging early today and two lesser detonations menaced the lives of firemen who fought the blaze.

The explosion was caused when gasoline seeping through the bottom of the tank became ignited. Flames, fanned by a high wind, shot hundreds of feet in the air, imperiling firemen who fought to save eight other tanks containing machine gun oil.

Managers of the institution were unconvinced that this reserve would be sufficient. The private engineer was called to make a survey. His plan will be presented Wednesday. Neither plan contemplates drilling of another well.

Frank Kreuse, 50, was killed outright. Verne L. Sinclair, 29, died in a hospital. Kreuse's body was charred almost beyond recognition.

None of the injured will die, it was believed.

The explosion caused a temporary panic among nearby residents, whose houses rocked on their foundations. Scores of terror-stricken persons ran into the streets.

The blaze was one of the most spectacular seen here in years. Thousands of persons gathered to watch it.

STOVE BLAST DESTROYS E. W. TERRY PAINT SHOP

Estimate Loss at \$2,500; Twenty-One Fires Reported.

Firemen responded to twenty-one alarms in the city over the weekend.

An oil stove explosion destroyed the E. W. Terry paint shop, 1517 Kelly St., Sunday afternoon, causing \$2,500 loss.

Damage estimated at \$2,000 was caused to the two-story frame dwelling of Mrs. Mabel Minnick, 1918 N. Pennsylvania St., Sunday night from sparks Sunday.

The fire spread to the George Killinger home, 1922 N. Pennsylvania St., causing \$200 loss.

The home of William Deymer, 918 Fletcher Ave., was damaged to the extent of \$150 from sparks Sunday.

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APPLAUD JEWISH PLAY

"Ding Dumb Bell" Shown Before Capacity Audience.

The "Ding Dumb Bell" revenue of the Jewish Community Center Association was applauded by a capacity audience Sunday night at the Kirshbaum Community Center.

In the leading roles were Morris Strauss, Israel Zimelman, Lila Laepsy, Joseph Schenker, Dorothy Jackson, Bobby Lipton. Others in the cast were Rose Hartman, Edward Cohn, Esther Lisker, Lillian Lenowitz, Molly Saphire, Ben Goldfarb, Anne Brody, Irving Arnold, Celia Rothstein, Ruth Caplan, Anne Greenwald, Mae Ladin, Esther Miller, Leonard Levy, Lylvia Levy, Anna Lampel and William B. Miller.

THREE TAKE POISON

Two Women, Man Attempt to Commit Suicide.

Three persons attempting suicide by poison are recovering at city hospital today, after being taken there over the weekend.

Mrs. Lena Ryan, 20, of 622 N. North St., was reported improved after taking poison Saturday night.

Her mother, Mrs. Arizona Fisher, had scolded her for going out nights and leaving her infant daughter, police said.

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"It was the atmosphere of early Indiana politics that created Lincoln the politician," the Rev. Mr. Warren declared. "Two years after leaving this State he was a candidate for the Illinois legislature. When the State can again create an atmosphere that will produce men like him it will have reached the point it seeks."

I. U. PRESIDENT SPEAKS

Praises Union of Dental College With University.

Acquisition of the Indiana Dental College by the State and its union with Indiana University was praised by William Low Bryan, Indiana University president, at the Indiana University Club "Dentists' Day" luncheon at the Columbia Club today.

An adequate school of dentistry is necessary to the health of the people of the State, he declared.

Dr. Goodell, Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America secretary, closed a series of pre-Easter meetings under auspices of the Church Federation Sunday.

GOODELL MEETINGS END

"The problem of the high cost of life is more important than the high cost of living," declared Dr. Charles L. Goodell, Sunday, at Roberto Park M. E. Church.

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