

# REPORT INDUSTRIAL WAR THREATENED FROM STRIKE

## SENATORS FIND COAL REGIONS BREEDING CRIME

Investigations Discover Hotbeds of Reds in Anti-American Work.

### EARLY REMEDY NEEDED

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

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INDIANAPOLIS, 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."

"The committee found fertile fields for the sower of communism, and other doctrines which teach 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 expressed 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 Russiaized.

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 Duessers & 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. C. Box 196, 642-728, from Washington St. and Senate Ave.

Edward Guttfeldsch, 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. Geisendanner, 2120 Ashland Ave., Ford, Indiana Ave. and Tenth St.

Victoria Musso, 206 Fulton St., Ford, 5th 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



No, this is not the lace curtains. It is the latest in feminine foibles, the popular handkerchief. This dainty bit of orchid chiffon measures thirty-six inches square and is bordered with three-inch fine eye lace. The handkerchief is worn looped over the wrist and falls in soft cascades. Mary Virginia, L. S. Ayres & Co., is showing the new concept.

## ACTION DELAYED TWO KILLED AS IN WATER PLAN TANK EXPLODES

Private Engineer to Offer Sanatorium Remedy.

Further delay in fixing a remedy for the water shortage that has periled Sunnyside Tuberculosis Sanatorium several weeks was seen today.

Engineer Harry Best after an investigation of the situation will recommend a sedimentation and filtration plant making possible a reserve supply of 200,000 gallons. The reserve now is 15,000 gallons.

A plan for a reserve of approximately 22,000 gallons was decided on two weeks ago by county commissioners, and plans and specifications were ordered.

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.

## 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 week-end.

Mrs. Lena Ryan, 20, of 622 E. 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.

Thomas Boling, 27, was reported recovering, as the result of poison which he took Saturday night at the home of his sister, Mrs. Charles Mitchell, 116 N. Bloomington St.

Mrs. Stella Harris, 25, Negro, 855 W. Pratt St., took poison because her husband was intoxicated and beat her, she told police. She will recover.

## 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, Lela Laepsch, Joseph Schenker, Dorothy Jackson, Bobby Lipton. Others in the cast were Rose Hartman, Edward Cohn, Esther Lisker, Lillian Lenowitz, Molly Sapphire, Ben Goldman, Alvin Barnett, Ida Levy, Abe Lehner, Anne Brody, Irving Arnold, Celia Rothstein, Ruth Caplan, Anne Greenwald, Mae Ladin, Esther Miller, Leonard Levy, Lydia Levy, Anna Lampel and William B. Miller.

## CHURCH PLEDGES \$6,000

Garfield M. E. Congregation Subscribes to Building Fund.

Approximately \$7,000 was pledged to the Garfield Ave. M. E. Church building fund at annual home-coming 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 Roberts Park M. E. Church.

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.

## 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. Uebelhack, 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 Hiatt, 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 \$30 from the cash register.

Harry Richardson, 43, of 415 Bicking St., reported that he was robbed of \$20 while visiting Mrs. Bessel Jones, 136 S. West St. Police arrested Mrs. Jones on charges of robbery and blind trip when they found a quart of white milk whiskey in her home.

## DILL FOR CONGRESS

Former Government Agent Seeks Nomination.

Earl Dill, 34, 18 Hampton Court, former department of justice agent, today announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for Representative in Congress from the Seventh district.

Dill operates a cleaning and dyeing shop at 1523 N. Illinois St. He is a member of Knights Templar, Scottish Rite, Murat Shrine and the Columbia Club.

He served as secretary of a Terre Haute subcommittee of the American Railway Association committee on national defense and as district traffic inspector in New York City during the World War. He spent eight years as a department of justice agent.

"I am affiliated with no political factions and will give everyone a square deal, if elected," Dill said.

## MOCK TRIAL IS PLANNED

Judge Thomas E. Garvin to Preside at Warren Central High.

A mock trial on a robbery charge will be held Tuesday night at Warren Central High School. The "defendant" will be Walter Shearer, Marion County Farm Bureau president, in the role of Hiram Hippocket.

Others in the trial are: Judge Thomas E. Garvin, judge; William Bosson, defense attorney; Mark V. Rinehart, prosecuting attorney; William Klein, clerk of court; Dale Sargent, sheriff; C. Henry, character witness; John Blain, character witness; S. Goodwin, technical witness; Albert W. Bade, character witness, and Frank Askren, material witness.

## ROLLAND HEADS K. K. E.

Indiana Association Elects Officers; A. J. Rucker Speaks.

Indiana Delta Kappa Epsilon Association re-elected Walter P. Rolland, 4901 N. Meridian St., president, at the annual fraternity banquet at the Columbia Club Saturday night. Other officers are Ray Orr, first vice president; and John Bruhn, secretary. About 100 attended.

Alvah J. Rucker, attorney, candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor, attacked utility "dominance" in government and scored public apathy.

## NAMED BOARD MEMBER

Democratic County Chairman LeRoy J. Keach has named James E. Deery, former municipal court judge, as Democratic member of the Marion County board of election commissioners. Deery succeeds Gibson W. Blain and will serve with Ira M. Holmes, Republican board member, and George O. Hutsell, Circuit Court clerk and ex-official member.

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## Once Doomed, Convict Now Aids Others

By NEA Service

CAMDEN, N. J., Feb. 27.—The word defeat seemed written large in the lexicon of Jacob Pensendorfer when he stood before the judge of a Philadelphia criminal court twenty-six years ago.

Pensendorfer was there to hear himself sentenced to be hanged as a murderer.

But today Pensendorfer is at least two varieties of a success that he appeared to be that day in the courtroom. He is a success financially, for while spending a quarter of a century in prison after his death sentence was commuted, Pensendorfer earned \$50,000. He is a success, too, with respect to a pledge he took while still behind bars.

"If I ever get out of here," said Pensendorfer to himself, "I'll see that some of these others birds get a real chance to go straight."

JUST before Christmas, 1926, Pensendorfer was pardoned. Today he is running a woodwork-

ing plant in West Berlin, near here, with all the business he can handle. And of his fifteen employees, nearly all are ex-convicts.

Any man released from any prison can get a good job from Pensendorfer if he knows anything about woodworking.

"I could use twice as many men as I have now," he said. "We are away behind with our orders."

One of his chief aids in the factory served a 10-year term for murder. Another "did time" for embezzlement from a bank.

These two, who emerged from confinement soon after Pensendorfer did, helped him set the enterprise going.

Radio cabinets, ship models, humidors, inlaid tables, jewel cases and the like are the factory's products. Pensendorfer made his \$50,000 while in prison by turning out similar articles in the prison shops, with as many as 150 convicts working under him.

### "MY" mother saved the money for me," Pensendorfer explained. "She always believed in me."

The mother is 79. Pensendorfer is 53. But he doesn't look it. Constant activity while he was in prison, coupled with unimpaired ambition, kept him well preserved physically.

"I dreamed all the time of being released and being a business man of my own," he said. "I wanted particularly to do something for the fellows around me. I saw them leave prison determined to go straight, then come back again in a few weeks because nobody would give them a chance."

"When I give a fellow a job, I make him promise to stay on the level. And nearly all of them do."

Pensendorfer's death sentence of twenty-six years ago was for the shooting of his father-in-law. He pleaded self-defense. His punishment was commuted to life imprisonment only two days before he was to hang.

## Just Fancy This



These girls will take part in the play, "Frills and Furbelows," to be given by the Young Business Women's group of the Y. W. C. A. south side branch Tuesday night at the Immanuel Reformed Church, S. New Jersey and Prospect Sts. They are (left to right) Misses Helen Dongus, Eleanor Stettler and Dorothy Shafer. Miss Hazel Morris is directing the play. Costumes for the play and a fashion show are to be provided by Goldstein Brothers.

## COPS TO WEAR BROWNE BELTS

New Summer Uniform Order Goes to Kahn Co.

Sam Browne belts, first equipment purchased by all newly commissioned second lieutenants during the World War, are to be part of the summer uniform of the Indianapolis police department, Chief Claude M. Worley announced today.

Last year puttees replaced the long trousers and now the Sam Browne belts will make the officers appear even more military.

Kahn Tailoring Company has the summer uniform contract. Worley said. The local concern underbid the Cincinnati companies that have had the contracts for the past several years. The Sam Browne belts will add only about 30 cents to the total uniform costs, which includes suit, cap, belt and puttees, Worley said.

He pointed out that the Sam Browne belts are being more and more adopted by metropolitan police departments. Cities now using them include Philadelphia, Cincinnati and others. With the belts the officer's gun is in a holster at his side and makes it easier to draw, Worley asserted.

## HUGHES BACK IN U. S.

Optimistic on Pan-Americanism After Cuban Visit.

By United Press

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Charles Evans Hughes, chairman of the United States delegation to the Pan-American conference, returned from Havana with an optimistic viewpoint toward the future course of Pan-Americanism.

Hughes, arriving here with his wife aboard the United Fruit liner Ulua, would not discuss the conference save to say he believed inter-American relations had been clarified. Pleading he was not well informed, Hughes declined to discuss Secretary Hoover's candidacy.

L. S. Rowe, director general of the Pan-American Union, who returned on the Ulua too, issued a statement outlining the "highly gratifying" results of the conference.

## WILLIAM PORTER KNODE, MISSION DIRECTOR, DIES

Funeral Plans Await Arrival of Relatives.

Funeral services for William Porter Knode, 69, director of the Wheeler City Mission, who died Sunday at his home, 4533 Broadway, will be completed when his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Brown, arrive from Florida.

Death was caused by cerebral hemorrhage following a paralytic stroke Saturday.

Born in Hagerstown, Mr. Knode came to Indianapolis in 1889. He became connected with William V. Wheeler, founder of the mission, thirty-three years ago.

Mr. Knode was secretary of the Jersey Bulletin, farm publication. He was a member of the Central Ave. M. E. Church thirty-three years.

Survivors include the widow, a brother, H. C. Knode, and the daughter, Mrs. Brown all of Indianapolis.

## TALK HOSPITAL'S NEEDS

Board of health members probably will discuss the proposed \$1,700,000 bond issue for the city hospital building program Thursday night.

A committee of architects recommended last week that \$1,500,000 be asked of the city council for building of a service building, power plant, contagious ward and additional ward.

Hospital quarters are badly crowded, according to Dr. William A. Doeppers, superintendent.

## PREFERS LOSS OF LIFE TO ARM AMPUTATION

Chauncey Depew's Nephew Periled by Blood Poisoning.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Charles C. Paulding, nephew of Chauncey Depew and vice president of the New York Central Railroad, refused to consent to amputation of his arm as blood poisoning threatened his life at a New York hospital. He said he'd rather die than have his arm amputated.

Paulding

## BRENNAN IN RACE

Attorney Seeks Democratic Nomination as Prosecutor.

Edward C. Brennan, local attorney, today became Raymond P. Murray's rival for the Democratic nomination for Marion County prosecutor. Murray was the nominee in 1926.

Brennan, 41, living at 1430 S. Meridian St., has been active in Thirteenth ward Democratic organization work most of his life. In 1917 he was a candidate for the Democratic nomination for municipal judge and during the war he was a special agent of the Department of Justice.

"Thoroughly understanding the grave responsibilities attending the prosecutor's office," he said in announcing his candidacy, "and being an uncompromising champion of good government, I feel that the real qualifications for this office are virtue and wisdom."

"Security and dignity of local government to a very large extent rest with the prosecutor in faithfully performing the duties of his office of trust. If nominated and elected I shall administer the affairs of this office impartially, free of any interference from any organization."

Brennan attended public and Catholic parochial schools of the city and was graduated from the Benjamin Harrison law school in 1915.

## SEEK FEB. 29 STAMPS

Collectors Send Letters Here to Be Mailed on Leap Year Day.

Enterprising stamp collectors, taking advantage of Leap Year's opportunities, have forwarded to Postmaster Robert H. Bryson letters to be returned on Feb. 29.

Two such letters have been received from Detroit and another from Los Angeles. One bore an air mail stamp.

"Maybe those stamps will be worth something in fifty years," Bryson remarked.

## FAILS TO TRACE HEIR

Wife of La Porte Man Searches from Toledo to Louisville.

By United Press

LA PORTE, Ind., Feb. 27.—The mystery of the disappearance of Fred L. Limbert, La Porte automobile salesman, on a trip to Louisville, Ky., to claim a \$30,000 legacy, grew deeper today when Mrs. Limbert failed in efforts to trace her husband.

In a telegram to friends, Mrs. Limbert said she had gone from Toledo, Ohio, to Louisville in search of her husband, but had failed to find trace of him. She believes he disappeared deliberately, but the motive is not clear.

## SEEK STOLEN CHECKS

Merchants Warned to Watch for Southern Coal Notes.

Merchants were warned by Detective Chief Jerry E. Kinney today to be on the lookout for checks on the Southern Coal Company, bearing serial numbers between 1248 and 1491. The checks were stolen from the company office Friday night and an attempt to pass a forged one was made Saturday night at a local military store.

## HICKMAN-HUNT CASE MAY GO TO JURY TODAY

Defense Attorneys Near End of Arguments in Thoms Murder.

By United Press

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 27.—The joint trial of William Edward Hickman and Welby Hunt for the murder of Ivy Thoms, Los Angeles druggist, neared its close today with the possibility the case may go to the jury late today or Tuesday.

Counsel for Hickman was expected to complete its side of joint defense within two hours, but attorneys for Hunt announced they would introduce several character witnesses for Hunt before resting their case.

Attorneys Jerome Walsh and Richard Cantillon for Hickman were expected to introduce today parts of a 32-caliber revolver, claimed by Hickman, which they contended would prove Hunt was the actual slayer of Thoms.

Thoms, who was killed during the hold-up of his drug store Christmas Eve, a year ago, was shot with a 38-caliber revolver, State experts have testified.

Mrs. Thoms, widow of the slain druggist and a witness to the hold-up and shooting, testified Hickman shot her husband. Don Oliver, the policeman who battled with Hunt and Hickman at the drug store, testified Hunt was the actual slayer.

Under California statutes, if convicted, Hickman and Hickman are equally guilty of the murder, although Hunt, because of his youth, faces a maximum penalty of life imprisonment.

When the jury completes deliberation of the case on the "not guilty" pleas of both Hunt and Hickman, it will be necessary immediately to try Hickman on his plea of "not guilty by reason of insanity."

## J. C. THURMAN, BROTHER OF LOCAL MAN, DIES

Son Receives Word of Green Bay Accountant's Death.

John C. Thurman Sr., 62, brother of M. Bert Thurman of Indianapolis, died suddenly at his home in Green Bay, Wis., this morning according to word received by a son, John C. Thurman, Jr., accountant, 3347 N. Illinois St.

Efforts were made immediately to get in touch with M. Bert Thurman, but he was not reached. Senator James E. Watson's presidential campaign, left for conferences at Washington Sunday.

Mr. Thurman was a native of New Albany, Ind., but had resided at Green Bay for thirty-one years. He was general auditor for the Green Bay and Western Railway.

Surviving are the widow, two sons, Lawrence and John C. Thurman, Jr., of this city, and five daughters, Mrs. R. D. Sanchez and Miss Chloé Thurman, Washe, Wis.; Mrs. A. J. Coe, Woodville, Iowa; Mrs. F. M. Arne, Dayton, Ohio, and Mrs. E. F. Gier, Conrad, Iowa.

Burial will be at Green Bay.

## HOLDS OPTIMISTIC VIEW FOR A. & P. TEA FIRM

J. A. Lindgren, Jr., Addresses Sales Meeting at Claypool.