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LEWIS LAYS MINERS' ILLS TO COOLIDGE

Refused to Interfere When Owners Abrogated Pacts, Says Union Chief.

'HARASSED BY COURTS'

Downfall of Jacksonville Started Coal Industry Skid, Probers Told.

Senator Gooding's first article on conditions in the coal strike area is on Page 1, Section 2.

BY KENNETH CRAWFORD United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, March 7.—President Coolidge refused to intervene in the bituminous coal industry in 1925, when large operators started abrogating their contracts, President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers told the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee today.

Lewis read a letter he wrote to the President appealing for Federal intervention and the President's reply deploring renunciation of contracts, but refusing to act.

Neither of the letters ever was made public until today when the Senate committee started its hearings on conditions in the coal fields of Pennsylvania, Ohio and Kentucky.

Committee members evidence keen interest in the letters. Lewis admitted the miners' union had filed no suits in the courts to enforce the Jackson wage agreement which the companies abrogated.

He said the Government had hoped by moral or other pressure to get the agreements observed.

Harassed by Courts

"We still have that under consideration," he said. Asked whether the miners had much experience with the courts, Lewis said: "We have been much harassed by the courts."

Over development of the bituminous coal industry is responsible for its present deplorable condition, Lewis said.

Although the industry always has been cursed with "over development," Lewis declared, "the war period accentuated this condition."

"Almost 4,000 mines were added to aggravate the situation during the period 1916 to 1921."

"The United Mine Workers have served as the only stabilizing force that the bituminous coal industry ever has known. When union wages and working conditions prevailed in the major portion of the industry, the equalized wage rates stabilized production costs and minimized cut-throat competition."

Tried to Promote Peace

Abrogation of the Jacksonville wage agreements by large mine operating companies in 1925 started the industry downhill to the depths where it now finds itself, Lewis asserted.

"Following the strike of 1922, which resulted from an ill-advised attempt of the bituminous coal management to destroy the miners' union," Lewis said, "certain Government agencies set to work to prevent another strike."

"The bituminous industry continued uninterrupted operation by renewing the wage agreement in 1923, and again renewing the wage pact in 1924, known as the Jacksonville wage agreement which was made for a period of three years."

"The Jacksonville wage pact had the active support of Government agencies anxious to promote peace within the industry and eliminate excess mines and man power."

PROMISE FAIR WEATHER

Slightly Lower Temperatures Are Predicted for Tonight.

Indianapolis will have to wait for its first 1928 March showers, according to Weather Man J. H. Armington. The rainy spell thought likely to reach here today is passing over to the south, Armington said.

It will be fair tonight and Thursday, and slightly cooler tonight, reaching a low mark of about 26 degrees, he said. Temperature got no lower than 38 last night. Today's 7 a. m. temperature was 39 degrees, 8 above normal.

DRINK ESTATE'S LIQUOR

Executors Face Removal Suit Filed by Heir.

NEW YORK, March 7.—Charging the drank 450 bottles of pre-war liquor left him by his father, Pearce Bailey Jr., has filed suit here to remove Charles N. Black of San Francisco, and Robert Thorne of New York, as executors of the \$1,000,000 estate.

Bailey, a nephew of Black and son of the noted neurologist who died in 1922, also charges the executors with wrongfully appropriating \$30,000.

Thorne is said to have admitted consuming the liquor, referring to it as the "miscellaneous household supplies."

Best place for your family to EAT EVENINGS. FLETCHER CAFETERIA, Basement Fletcher Trust Bldg. 10:30 a. m. to 7:30 p. m.—Advertisement.

Woollen Files for President; Myers Enters Senator Race; Hoover Petitions Circulate

Backers Seek to Ascertain State Sentiment for Secretary.

Petitions in support of Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, for the Republican presidential nomination were circulated today in seven Indiana counties, to gauge the strength of Hoover sentiment.

From the response, Hoover's Indiana supporters, in conference here today, will be guided in advising the Secretary of Commerce as to whether he should oppose Senator James E. Watson's designs for an instructed Indiana delegation to the national convention.

Thursday midnight is the deadline for filing declarations of candidacy with the secretary of State. Watson's petitions already are in, entitling him to the designation of Indiana's "favorite son," candidate.

Counties in which Hoover petitions were known to be on "trial circulation" today were Lake, Allen, De Kalb, St. Joseph, Wayne, Huntington and Delaware.

Allen County Republican women, first to get busy, were said to have obtained 1,600 names Tuesday afternoon.

Would Mean Realignment

The political atmosphere was tense with expectancy while Hoover's backers pondered their course of action. Hoover's entry, it was granted, would provoke a realignment of Republican forces throughout the State.

Those attending the conferences here Tuesday night and today included Ed M. Wasmuth of Huntington, former Republican State chairman; Oscar G. Foellinger of Ft. Wayne, publisher of the Ft. Wayne News-Sentinel; and James P. Goodrich, ex-Governor of Indiana.

Backers Not Worried

A factor in the discussion is the threat that Frank O. Lowden of Illinois, will enter the Indiana primary, if Hoover does. A three-cornered contest probably would throw the preference to the State convention through the failure of any candidate to receive a majority in the primary.

Hoover supporters are not greatly perturbed with this prospect, it is understood. They are inclined to regard Lowden's threat as emanating from the Watson camp and believe his entry would be no more damaging to Hoover than to Watson.

Hoover's present attitude, it is understood, is one of "willingness to be sold" on the Indiana advances. The difficulties attendant upon his entry in the Ohio primary, where Senator Frank B. Willis was the "favorite son," apparently were not overlooked by Hoover and his Hoover supporters. A parallel situation might arise if he filed in Indiana, it was conceded.

ROME ROCKED BY QUAKE

Tremors Cause Panic Among People, But Little Damage.

ROME, March 7.—An earthquake today rocked the city and province of Cosenza, causing panic among the population, but little damage. Earth shocks that did no damage were felt in the area between Catania and Siracusa.

Switchman Killed

WASHINGTON, Ind., March 7.—James H. Wise, 49, Baltimore & Ohio railroad switchman, died of injuries suffered when he was crushed between two cars. A coal car on which Wise was riding was derailed and crashed into a box car on another track.

LINK STANDARD OIL, G. O. P. IN BOND DEAL

BY PAUL R. MALLON United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, March 7.—New evidence on missing oil bonds has been uncovered by the Senate Teapot Dome committee, it was learned today.

Private committee investigators have picked up clues involving the Republican national committee and the Standard Oil Company of Indiana in the handling or disposition of more of the Continental Trading Company bonds.

"By the end of the week I believe it will be shown that the Standard Oil of Indiana knew more about this deal than heretofore has been shown," Chairman Nye of the committee told the United Press. He declined, however, to elaborate.

Six witnesses have been subpoenaed to appear before the committee Thursday in connection with the new evidence. The list includes: M. J. Pessin, New York advertising man; Frank V. Hodges, treasurer of the Republican national committee; James A. Patten, Wheat King; S. H. Johnson, secretary of the Eckhart Milling Company, Chicago; Ira Hipsley and Walter J. Malatesta of Chicago, and a mystery witness whose name will not be divulged until his subpoena is served.

SEEK TO FREE HAPGOOD

Civil Liberty Union Aids City Man in Fight.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., March 7.—Powers Hapgood of Indianapolis of the American Civil Liberties Union, today began the battle which he hopes will open the doors of the Luzerne County jail for him and his bride, Mary Donovan Hapgood.

Two local lawyers, retained by Robert W. Dunn of the Civil Liberties Union, filed habeas corpus proceedings in the Luzerne County Court demanding his release.

NEW INDUSTRY GIVEN MUNCIE

General Motors to Open Battery Plant.

MUNCIE, Ind., March 7.—This city is jubilant today over acquisition of the old Durant Motors plant by General Motors Corporation, which will establish an automobile storage battery factory which will employ from 300 to 500 men at the start, with an ultimate force of 1,000.

The Durant plant has not been in operation for six or seven years. It covers sixteen acres of ground and has 263,000 square feet of floor space. It is so situated that the new owner can carry out an expansion program of almost any size.

Business men today declare the deal the most important in Muncie's history for several years.

\$10,000 GEM ROBBERY

Studebaker Family Heirlooms Taken by Bandits at South Bend.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., March 7.—Jewelry valued at \$10,000, including valuable heirlooms of the Studebaker family, pioneer motor car manufacturers, were stolen today by two unnamed bandits, who forced an entrance into the home of Col. George M. Studebaker.

The bandits forced Mrs. Studebaker to show them the hiding place of the jewelry.

WENSLEY TO TALK HERE

Inventor of 'Mr. Telex' to Address Engineers March 26.

R. J. Wensley, formerly of Indianapolis, who invented the "Mr. Telex," a mechanical man, will speak before the Indianapolis Section of American Institute of Electrical Engineers March 26 at the Chamber of Commerce.

Wensley is head of the automatic substitution department of the Westinghouse Electric Company.

Approach of Deadline

Brings Flood of Declarations From Candidates.

Declarations of candidacy including that of Evans Woollen, candidate for the Democratic nomination for President, and Walter Myers, candidate for the Democratic nomination for United States Senator, were filed with the Secretary of State today as the deadline for filing neared.

Woollen's declaration, accompanied by approximately 2,500 names, was filed by A. Charles Salee, vice chairman of the Woollen-for-President organization and former Democratic State chairman.

Sallee said letters from throughout the State indicated enthusiastic support for the Woollen movement. The petitions represented every county in the State, he said. "We are getting a generous response from Democratic leaders in other States," he added.

Woollen is not expected to be opposed in the presidential preference race in Indiana, although there were murmurs that Senator James A. Reed might file. Woollen supporters do not intend entering his name in other States.

Taggart Supports Myers

The first page of Myers' petition bore the single most significant name of Thomas Taggart, veteran Democratic leader and former Senator.

Included among the signers were Mrs. John W. Kern and Mrs. Samuel M. Ralston, wives of two former United States Senators.

Albert Stump, opponent of Myers, and L. William Curry for the Senatorial nomination, filed Tuesday as did two gubernatorial candidates, Frederick E. Schortemeier, Secretary of State, Republican, and Frank C. Dailey, local attorney, Democrat.

With the announcement from Ft. Wayne that D. Burns Douglas, Pt. Wayne attorney and former city judge, would seek the Republican nomination for Governor, the list of avowed candidates in this field rose to ten. Schortemeier, Douglas, Thomas H. Adams of Vincennes, Frederick K. Landis of Logansport, U. S. Lesh, Charles W. Jewett and Alvin J. Rucker of Indianapolis, Arthur Symmes of Linton, Harry G. Leslie of Lafayette, and Charles Ewry of Urtland.

Publisher Enters Race

Jewett's candidacy for the Republican nomination for Governor, was filed before noon. It carried 623 names.

L. William Curry, Indianapolis attorney, avowed "wet" candidate for the Democratic nomination for the United States Senate, filed with 733 names.

John E. Fredrick, Kokomo, State Chamber of Commerce president, filed 2,389 signatures with a petition listing him as a Democratic candidate for Governor.

George Dale of Muncie, publisher of the Muncie Post-Examiner, formally entered the race for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination when his declaration of candidacy, accompanied by about 1,000 petitioners, was filed this afternoon by Mrs. Dale and her daughter, Elizabeth, a "first voter."

Luther O. Draper, State Senator of Spencer, has not definitely decided whether he will become the eleventh candidate or not.

Thursday is the last day for filing petitions for candidates for President, Vice President, United States Senator and Governor, with the secretary of State.

Friday is the first day for filing declarations of candidacy for county officers with the clerk of the Circuit Court and other offices with the secretary of State.

MALT CAN BE SOLD

Supreme Court Reverses City Conviction.

The sale of malt extract is not a violation of the State dry statute unless the prosecution can prove the seller knew the malt was bought or likely to be used for beverage purposes, the Supreme Court ruled in effect today.

Conviction of Morris Bernstein, Indianapolis, for the sale of extract to Charles E. Nutter, Federal dry agent, in Marion County Criminal Court was reversed and Bernstein was granted a new trial.

Hourly Temperatures

6 a. m. 38 10 a. m. 43

7 a. m. 39 11 a. m. 44

8 a. m. 41 12 (noon) 46

9 a. m. 42 1 p. m. 49

STATE SEEKS EARLY TRIAL OF MURDERER

Special Grand Jury Called to Indict Indiana Slayer of Two Sons.

WIFE BARES HARD LIFE

Writes From England That George Chisholm Ordered Her From House.

CROWN POINT, Ind., March 7.—The State of Indiana moved rapidly today toward an early trial for George Chisholm, 35, Canadian World War veteran, who confessed to drowning his two small sons.

The Lake County grand jury was unexpectedly called into special session this afternoon to consider the case of Chisholm.

Meanwhile it was reported the British consul general's office in Chicago considered aiding Chisholm's attorneys in defending him. Joseph Conroy, one of the attorneys, announced that the consulate had taken an interest in the case and had requested him to determine whether Chisholm still is a subject of Great Britain.

Chisholm, in written confessions, admitted he bound wire around his two sons, George, 9, and Edgar, 6, weighted their bodies with steel rails and pushed them into the ship canal at Indiana Harbor on the night of Feb. 6.

The confessed slayer was removed to the county jail here Tuesday to await action of the grand jury.

Sees Son at Jail

Bobby Chisholm, 9, twin brother of George, whose identification of the two bodies led to his father's arrest, was allowed to see his father for the first time since last Saturday morning.

Chisholm's first request upon his arrival here was that he be allowed to see Bobby, who had been placed in a detention home. Bobby, too, had been marked for death, the father confessed, but saved himself by refusing to go with his father when he threw the two boys into the canal.

Mrs. Helen Chisholm, mother of the slain boys, now employed at a hospital near London, England, has advised authorities here of her unhappy life with Chisholm. She says he told her to leave their home when he brought in Mrs. Helen Lawrence, his divorcee, with whom Chisholm was living at the time of his arrest at East Chicago Saturday.

Mrs. Lawrence is held as a witness in the case.

Asked Fake Death News

The wife says a month ago Chisholm wrote her to have her parents advise him she was dead, so he could have his sons placed in an orphanage.

Paris newspapers are giving the Chisholm case first page position, according to Col. Walter J. Riley, East Chicago, who is on a tour of Europe. In a radio message to his office here, Colonel Riley said the story is handled in the French capital as an outstanding news event.

Chisholm's confession to the crime ended a long vigil for Police Chief James W. Regan of East Chicago. During questioning of the prisoner the chief subsisted for twenty-four hours on a "diet" of cigarettes and water.

WIFE TOLD OF KILLING

Worley Writes Details of Bandit Slaying to Widow.

Police Chief Claude M. Worley today sent a letter to Mrs. Woodman, Chicago, widow of the alleged bandit, fatally shot by detectives Feb. 29, while attempting to escape with a stolen vacuum sweeper, describing details of the shooting.

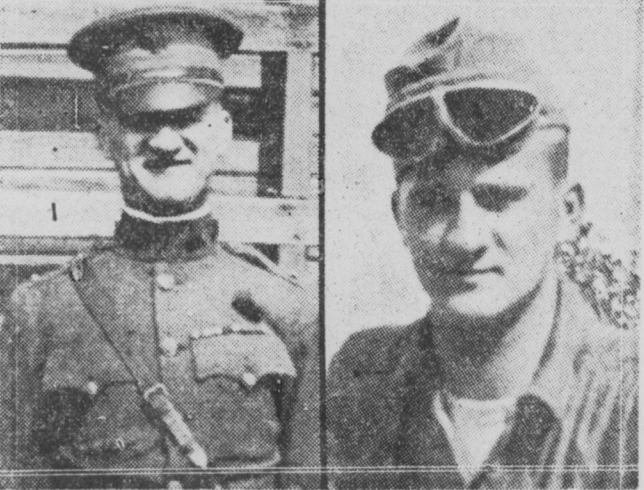
Mrs. Woodman stated in a letter to Worley that her husband had left her for four different occasions, and she wanted to know the circumstances surrounding his death.

DOCTOR WILL RECOVER

Condition Improving; Ill of Overdose of Headache Tablets.

Dr. Joseph S. Goode, 52, of 141 E. Forty-Seventh St., found unconscious on an overdose of headache tablets in a Delaware St. bus Monday, is recovering, city hospital doctors said today. His condition at first was regarded as critical.

City Patrolman Slain



These pictures of Patrolman Norman Schoen, murdered in front of his home Tuesday night. Above is the most recent picture. Lower left, as he appeared at Camp Knox two years ago as an officer in the National Guard. Lower right, as a member of the motor transport division of the 48th Aero Squadron in France, where he spent fourteen months out of two years service during the World War.

FORD SPEEDS WORK ON MODEL A CARS

Production Under Way in 15 Plants This Month.

JAMAICA, L. I., March 7.—Mrs. Florence Schlembaum was fined \$25 for leaning against Mrs. Katherine Link when a row between the two neighbors reached court here. Mrs. Schlembaum weighs 576 pounds. She was accompanied to court by her sister, who weighs 580 pounds.

ARGUE CITY SUIT

Judge Will Rule Thursday on Receiver Action.

Superior Judge Byron K. Elliott will rule Thursday morning on a suit for receiver for the city of Indianapolis.

The suit brought by Roy E. Murphy and John E. Burns, through their attorneys, Garrett W. Olds and Fae W. Patrick, was argued before Judge Elliott today.

Olds and Patrick claimed the city's affairs are in such a deplorable state that the taxpayers demand a receiver to take charge.

MRS. COOLIDGE HOME

Returns to White House After Several Days With Ill Mother.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Mrs. Coolidge arrived at the White House at 9 a. m. today from Northampton, Mass., where since last Thursday she visited her mother, Mrs. Lemira Goodhue, who is ill.

Mrs. Coolidge was accompanied by Mrs. R. B. Hills, a girlhood friend.

FRENCH FLIERS HOP OFF

Leave Wyoming in 800-Mile Flight to San Francisco.

ROCK SPRINGS, Wyo., March 7.—Capt. Dieudonne Costes and Lieut. Joseph Lebrun, French fliers, took off at 9:06 a. m. today, on an 800-mile flight to San Francisco.

Schoen was born at 5901 Lowell Ave., five blocks away from the scene of his death, where his mother Mrs. Mary J. Schoen, now lives. Besides the widow and their two children, a sister, Miss Cora T. Schoen, Indianapolis, and three brothers, Waldo, San Francisco, and Roy M. and Harold I., Indianapolis, also survive him.

Schoen attended Technical High School and had been associated with his family in the Schoen Brothers, cleaners, 611 N. Pennsylvania St., before he joined the police force in February, 1927. He was a motorcycle officer assigned to the park department, until he was transferred to patrolman's duty two months ago. He was a member of the Irvington M. E. Church.

POST REWARD IN POLICEMAN MURDER CASE

Recent Arrests Made by Slain Patrolman Are Checked by Worley.

KILLERS' CAR IS SOUGHT

Theory Is Advanced That Bootleggers Are Guilty of Crime.

Two hundred dollars reward was offered today for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the murderer or murderers who shot Patrolman Norman Schoen, 29-year-old World War veteran, in the back almost in front of his home at 88 N. Irvington Ave. Monday night.

Harry F. Comp, official of the Lindeman Wood Finish Company, a personal friend of the murdered officer, offered \$100 reward.

Police Chief Claude M. Worley personally offered the other \$100 and directed the slayer hunt.

Schoen was returning from duty in his downtown "beat" when he was shot down shortly after 11 p. m. His body was found face downward, between the curb and the grass plot in front of the first house south of his home.

An automobile, believed a Chrysler coupe, was parked in front of the same house and two persons told detectives they heard a whistle and saw the car start up about the time of the shot which killed Schoen.

Flashlight in Hand

Schoen's flashlight was clutched in his right hand, indicating he had stepped forward to investigate the machine parked on the wrong side of the street. His revolver was in his pocket.

The bullet entered the left side of his back and ranged upward to the lower part of the heart, indicating he was shot from below or that he was stooping.

The possibility that the machine belonged to burglars about to rob a house in that neighborhood, when Schoen interrupted, was suggested by Capt. Jesse McMurtry.

Other officers and members of his family suggested he was ambushed by bootleggers or other law violators whose enmity he had aroused.

McMurtry ordered Sgt. Michael Morrissey to bring in for questioning a man Schoen had arrested several weeks ago on a drunken driving charge.

No definite description of the automobile seen speeding away from the scene was obtained. Burton B. Smith, 212 College Ave., residing at 5526 Lowell Ave., and William H. Prosch, 76 N. Irvington Ave., heard the shot, the whistle, and saw the car race away. The machine turned east on Lowell Ave. and circled back to E. Washington St., it is believed.

Student Finds Body

A dozen motorists reported seeing the car headed east on the National Road.

Several other neighbors heard the shot, but believed the auto was back firing. Otto Bell, Butler student, visiting at 75 N. Irvington Ave., saw the body as he left a few minutes later.

He called Dr. J. K. Kingsbury, 72 N. Irvington Ave. Schoen died before he could be moved into his home.

Neighbors called out his wife, Ruth, at her home with their children, Betty, 5, and Henrietta, 2. Mrs. Schoen said she knew of no enemies who might have wished revenge on her husband. He never told her of his police activities, she said.

Sensing that some trouble was about to befall the family, she was melancholy and cried several times Monday afternoon, members of the family said.

Heard Prowler Night Before

Possibility that the murderers had planned the ambush for the night before was suggested by Miss Frances Levine, a roomer at the Schoen home, who said she heard a prowler in the rear of the house Monday night. She ran onto the back porch and the prowler ran.

Schoen enlisted in the Rainbow Division with two of his brothers the day the United States entered the World War. Two months later he was discharged because of defective eyesight.

In the fall of that year he enlisted in the 148th Aero Squadron, motor transport service, and for fourteen months drove an ammunition truck in France.

He was a cousin of Lieut. Karl Schoen, Indianapolis World War ace, for whom Schoen Flying Field at Ft. Benjamin Harrison was named.

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Levine and 'Queen of Diamonds' Given Ovation in Havana

BY THOMAS ALLEN United Press Staff Correspondent

HAVANA, March 7.—The popular imagination of this Latin-American country was gripped today by the presence of Miss Mabel Boll, the first woman long-distance flier to visit here.

"Miss Boll, known as the 'Queen of Diamonds' because of her collection of precious stones, arrived here Tuesday in Charles A. Levine's airplane, Columbia, after a flight of almost fourteen hours from the United States.

She was the first out of the plane, the first to be greeted by a small group at the flying field and the center of interest.

Cuba has become more or less calm towards long-distance flights. It was only a few weeks ago that Col. Charles A. Lindbergh flew here after his South American and Central American tour. Only a few days ago the dirigible Los Angeles passed over on its return trip from the Panama Canal zone.

But Cuba has not yet had opportunity to greet a woman air adventurer.

The Columbia, piloted by Wilmer Stultz and carrying Miss Boll and Levine, dropped out of a cloudless, tropical sky shortly after noon. It was two hours in advance of the time Havanna expected it.

The big plane, the one that Clarence and Clarence Chamberlin flew to Germany last summer, circled the field twice, then settled down to an easy landing.

Miss Boll stepped out. She was radiant. Her diamonds flashed. Her brown ensemble suit, topped with a flying helmet, added a piquancy which attracted the few newspaper men and flying officials at Columbia Field. She was smiling, happily, because the flight was a realization of a nine-months dream. She had asked Levine to permit her to become a passenger on the Columbia on a London-New York flight. When this was impossible, she came to America to join Levine on his next flight.

"The machine worked perfectly," said Pilot Stultz, when the flight was ended.

"We had a good trip," Levine said. But it remained for Miss Boll to rhapsodize over the air adventure of more than 1,600 miles.

"It was a wonderful and marvelous trip and I enjoyed it immensely," she said.

All three were held at the flying field for some time awaiting immigration officials. They did not seem to mind and spent their time munching sandwiches as they had not eaten since they left Mitchell Field, L. I., Monday night. Later they went to the Sevilla Hotel.

Their stay