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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
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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 deplored renunciation of contracts, but refused 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 court 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 agreement 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 mine workers' 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. Armstrong. The rainy spell thought likely to reach here today is passing over to the south, Armstrong 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 33 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 drunk 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.

SEEK TO FREE HAPGOOD

Civil Liberty Union Aids City Man in Fight.

By United Press

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 W. 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 the Lowden 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 a "favorite son," apparently were not overlooked by Hoover and his Hoosier supporters. A parallel situation might arise if he filed in Indiana, it was conceded.

WENSLEY TO TALK HERE

Inventor of "Mr. Televox" to Address Engineers March 26.

R. J. Wensley, formerly of Indianapolis, who invented the "Mr. Televox," 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 switch department of the Westinghouse Electric Company.

DELAY SUBWAY STRIKE

Public Still Rides to Work as New York Wage Dispute Rages.

By United Press

NEW YORK, 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

By United Press

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

Private committee investigators have picked up clews 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.

The sale of malt extract is not a violation of the State dry statutes 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.

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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 Cubans expected it.

The big plane, the same one that Levine 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."

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 in Havana will be of short duration. Levine said he had to be in New York Sunday and that therefore they would take off Thursday on their return trip. They plan to make several stops in Florida before finally proceeding northwards.

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.

By United Press

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.

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

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

Woolen said letters from throughout the State indicated enthusiastic support for the Woolen 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.

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 tried her to leave her home when he brought in Mrs. Helen Lawrence, 35, 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.

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-Democrat, 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 Spiceland, 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 candidates for county officers with the clerk of the Circuit Court and other offices with the secretary of State.

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