

GOODING AIRS COURT ABUSES IN COAL AREAS

Assails Company Police;
Finds Wretched Living
Conditions.

This is the second of three articles by Senator Frank R. Gooding of Idaho, telling about the conditions of the coal strike region of Pennsylvania. A three-man committee headed by Gooding recently made a tour of this section.

BY FRANK R. GOODING
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WASHINGTON, March 8.—Hand in hand, the brutality of coal company police and abuse of power by certain courts have gone together to oppress union miners in Pennsylvania.

The report that one judge had prohibited by injunction even the singing of hymns in a churchyard at Rossiter was almost unbelievable. Yet we found it to be true. As far as we could determine, everything about the hymn-singing, even though carried on while strike-breakers were going to work in the mines, had been orderly and peaceful.

The strikers and their families had been singing hymns such as "Stand up for Jesus" and "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

Could Not Advertise

The union had also been enjoined from advertising in the newspapers and even from peaceful picketing.

One bad phase of the situation is that United States postoffices are sometimes on coal company land. This had led to trouble when miners have gone peacefully to get their mail.

We found one farmer, in fact, who had been cruelly beaten by coal and iron police.

It is clearly a mistake to have postoffices on coal company land.

Although the coal companies made little attempts to excuse the actions of their coal and iron police, they did undertake to show us that workers were generally living under ideal conditions.

Model's Home

They didn't succeed. For instance, Mr. J. D. A. Morrow, president of the Pittsburgh Coal Company, took us for many miles past other of the company's mines to show us what apparently was supposed to be a model mining community.

First we decided to sample one of the homes there without guidance from Mr. Morrow. Inside we found extremely poor conditions. One child had no shoes and stockings. Being unable to go to school, she had been threatened with arrest by a truant officer. Other children in the family were ragged and the mother told us that although her husband made \$4.08 a day, the company store kept it all. Exorbitant prices charged by this store kept her from getting clothes for her children, she said.

Employers Indignant

Then a coal official showed us a "sample home." Here we found good furniture, an electric washing machine and modern conveniences. It was a fine little home. The woman in the house said her husband made \$5.35 a day in the mines, that it was plenty and that she was happy and satisfied.

Questioning by the committee, however, developed the fact that this was not her home, but that of the company physician. She was his housekeeper.

The committee was especially surprised by the attitude of operators, superintendents, coal and iron policemen and even of the judge who granted the anti-sing injunction. The employers became indignant when we ventured to offer criticisms.

TOMORROW—The threat against organized labor and industrial prosperity is described by Senator Gooding.

ITALY CALLED MENACE

Nation Under Mussolini Painted by Speaker as Peace Peril.

Mussolini and his present tactics are a menace to the peace of Europe. Dr. Edwin Wesley Dunlavy, pastor of Robert A. M. E. Church, told the Bible Investigation Club at the Y. M. C. A., Wednesday night,

Dictators usually "expand and explode," the minister said, and "those close to affairs of Italy predict this end for the present dictator." War cannot be averted unless Mussolini's present plans are changed, he said.

WINS FIDDLERS' AWARD

Former Indianapolis Man Captures Title in Michigan.

Abraham Livingstone, 69, of Port Huron, Mich., and former Indianapolis man, won the Michigan State championship in the old time fiddlers' contest, according to word received here by his son, Henry Livingstone, 303 Taft St. Besides being given a gold medal and cash prize, the elder Livingstone has signed a vaudeville contract and is now playing at a theater in Detroit.

There were twenty-four entries in the State contest, including Henry Ford's favorite old-time fiddler.

Hair Cut for a Nickel

BY TIMES SPECIAL
MILROY, Ind., March 8.—Barbers here are in a price war that has brought hair cuts as low as 5 cents.

Betty Bronson to Wed



Betty Bronson

By United Press
LONDON, March 8.—Betty Bronson, youthful American film star, who first gained fame in Sir James Barrie's "Peter Pan," today was reported engaged to P. A. N. Eccleswood of England. Reports said the wedding probably would be held in Hollywood this summer.

FAMOUS ACTOR IS DEAD

FRENCH Fliers Feted

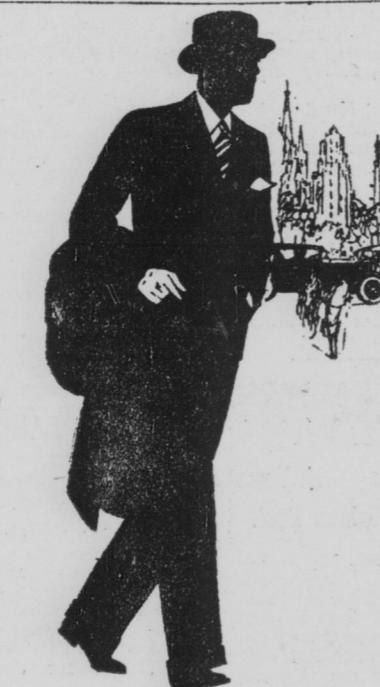
"Daddy" Crane, on Stage 60 Years, To Be Buried Saturday.

By United Press
HOLLYWOOD, Cal., March 8.—Funeral services probably will be held here Saturday for William H. (Daddy) Crane, 83, actor.

Crane, who has been on the American stage for sixty years, died here Wednesday, after a short illness.

Crane's wife collapsed shortly after his death. She was Ella Chole Myers of Utica, N. Y., before her marriage to Crane fifty-seven years ago.

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JUDGE HOLMES OF HIGH COURT IS 87 TODAY

Justice Still Actively at Work, Despite His Recent Illness.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, March 8.—Oliver Wendell Holmes, aggressive leader of legal and liberal opinion, quietly observed his 87th birthday here today.

He has been an associate justice of the United States Supreme Court for more than twenty-five years, and on high judicial courts for forty years, continuously.

The bent but broad-shouldered jurist, the last wounded Civil War veteran in high official position, made his birthday no special occasion.

A cold described as "slight" has kept him at home for two weeks.

Justice Holmes is carrying on his work despite his illness. Last Monday he announced his intention of going to court to deliver an opinion he had written.

But his physician said no, so Chief Justice Taft read it for him.



STATE'S REPUBLICAN EDITORS GATHER HERE FOR CONCLAVE

Two-Day Meeting Opened at Columbia Club; Notables Attend.

Republican editors of the State gathered here today for their two-day midwinter meeting at the Columbia Club, marking the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Indiana Republican Editorial Association.

With Washington officials, Indiana's two United States Senators and former newspaper editors as guests, the gathering promised to be the most auspicious in the association's history.

Registration opened at 11 a. m. After the afternoon business session, the homecoming and jubilee dinner will be served at 6 p. m. Business meetings open Friday at 10 a. m. and the meeting will close with a banquet at which Will R. Wood, Tenth district Congressman, will be the principal speaker.

Persistent efforts will be made, it was understood, to prevent discussion of distracting political problems.

It was regarded certain politics would be the favorite corridor topic, however.

Former newspaper editors who have accepted invitations to the session include Postmaster General Harry S. New, Frank P. Litschert, formerly of Muncie and now in Washington; Derelle Cheney, William For-

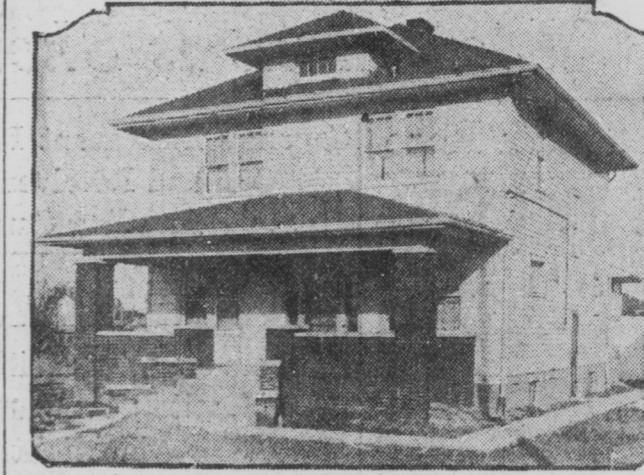
tune of Indianapolis; George C. Hitt of Indianapolis; Gil Stormont, Frank T. Singleton, public service commission chairman; H. N. Kellogg and others.

President James J. Patchell has appointed as a reception committee: Henry W. Marshall of Lafayette, chairman; T. E. Goodrich of Shelbyville, James A. Stuart and Curtis A. Hodges of Indianapolis; Mrs. Harriett Pierce of Clinton, E.

J. Hancock of Greensburg, Wilbur E. Sutton of Muncie, A. M. Bridge- man of Winamac, Arthur K. Remmel of Ft. Wayne, Charles J. Robb of Michigan City, Walter Montgomery of New Albany, and Leo K. Pfeifer of Indianapolis.

At the annual election Friday, E. Neal, publisher of the Noblesville Léger, will be advanced from the first vice presidency to the presidency.

Church Gets Parsonage



The new parsonage of the Mt. Olive M. E. Church, Ben Davis, is shown above. The parsonage is located near the church on the

High School road, a block south of the National road. The Rev. A. L. Brandenburg is pastor of the church.

SCIENCE TO GET HICKMAN'S BODY

Defense Hope Dwindles as Trial Nears End.

By United Press
LOS ANGELES, March 8.—Trial of William Edward Hickman and Welby Hunt for the murder of Ivy Toms, Los Angeles druggist, was expected to reach the jury before night.

State and defense today were scheduled to make closing arguments. Both rested late Wednesday.

An offer by Jerome Walsh, attorney for Hickman, to change Hickman's plea of "not guilty by reason of insanity" to a plea of "guilty," provided the court instruct the jury to recommend life imprisonment and not hanging, was withdrawn when Judge Elliot Craig said the court will not forecast the sentence.

Announcement that Hickman's body would be given to scientists for examination was taken as an indication that youthful defense attorneys had abandoned hope of saving the youthful slayer from the gallows. Hickman is sentenced to hang April 27 for the murder of Marion Parker.

Attorneys announced that Hickman's body, if he hangs, will be sent to the Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minn., where they said it was hoped examination would prove Hickman was insane.

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