

## ILLINOIS COAL OPERATORS BAN OLD PAY PACT

Miners Can Go Back at \$6 Daily, Edict Following Conference.

**By United Press**  
CHICAGO, March 29.—The Jacksonville wage scale agreement now in effect in the central bituminous coal field is doomed to pass out of existence, at least in Illinois, coal operators in this State decided on Wednesday.

W. J. Jenkins, St. Louis, newly elected president of the operators' association, announced that the operators in session here had decided "to cease any further joint bargaining for a wage scale as between any organized group of operators and the miners' organization."

The Jacksonville agreement, signed in 1924, and calling for \$7.50 a day, has been in effect temporarily, pending settlement of differences between miners and operators. The agreement expires April 1.

**Insist on Modification**  
Previous to Jenkins' announcement, the operators issued a statement that they would "not sign any contract with miners that does not provide for modification of the Jacksonville wage agreement."

Rice Miller, retiring president of the Illinois Operators' Association, announced that independent pacts between mine owners and miners calling for the Jacksonville agreement would not be approved officially.

"Independent agreements will be made at a basis of \$6 a day, if there are enough miners who want to work at that figure to warrant us operating the mines," Miller said.

**Lewis Is Blamed**  
Jenkins placed the blame for failure to settle the wage dispute upon John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America. "Contrary to the repeated admissions of John L. Lewis that Illinois must have relief from the Jacksonville wage scale and conditions, and notwithstanding his definite promise that he would personally take it upon himself to guarantee that Illinois would get the needed relief by April 1, 1928, he wilfully misled the operators of the State of Illinois as to his real intentions," Jenkins charged.

## APPEALS FOR WIDENING OF E. WASHINGTON ST.

**Board of Works Urges Improvement; Property Owners Protest.**

The board of works will ask city council to declare the widening of E. Washington St., between Wallace St. and Audubon Rd., a public necessity, following filing of a remonstrance by majority of property owners.

Oren S. Hack, board president, said the board felt the widening of the street in accordance with plans to widen and reconstruct from Audubon Rd. to city limits was badly needed to relieve motor traffic on the main thoroughfare.

Property owners objected to the improvement principally because of the cost. A delegation at the public hearing was headed by Warren L. Stamper, Joseph E. Kernel and Dr. Samuel McGaughey. Delegation members said they were willing for tourists from other States to drive on "mud roads" around Indianapolis.

## PRAISES G. O. P. WORK

**By Times Special**  
FT. WAYNE, Ind., March 29.—"In State and Nation the Republican party has carried on well the work of the people and the people of Indiana are intelligent and fair enough to realize it and vote accordingly," Frederick E. Schortemeier, Secretary of State, candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor, told the Allen County Republican Club Wednesday night.

Reviewing accomplishments of the Jackson administration, Schortemeier concluded: "They have been accomplished by Republicans, who have been efficient in carrying on the people's work."

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## Mother Saves Self and Twins in House Blaze



Mrs. John Cheshier ad her two children, Rosemary and Harry, 6 (shown above), who, with their three brothers and sisters, Mrs. Cheshier rescued from their beds early this morning just in time to prevent their suffocation when fire broke out in their home.

Five children, the oldest age 10, and their mother narrowly escaped death by suffocation when fire damaged the home of John Cheshier, 539 Dorman St., at 1:30 a. m. today. The mother, awakened by dense smoke clouds which filled the home, ran to the door and screamed to neighbors for help.

Then she helped the children to escape, being forced to carry Rosemary, 6, one of twins, out of door, partially suffocated. The father was at work at the Taggart bakery.

## PREACHER ON RUM LIST

**By United Press**  
MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 29.—Names of more than 150 prominent Memphians, including an evangelist active in dry work, were found on liquor sales slips seized in a police raid on an alleged bootlegging establishment today.

## START WORK ON BRIDGE IN JULY AT EVANSVILLE

State Orders Bond Issue for Bids on Ohio River Project.

Actual work on the construction of the Ohio River bridge from Dade Park, near Evansville, to the Kentucky shore is expected to be started some time in July.

Definite action leading to awarding the contract for the construction has been taken by the State highway commission at the instance of a delegation from the Evansville Chamber of Commerce, which conferred with the commission Wednesday.

**Order Bonds for Sale**  
The commission passed a resolution mandating the county commissioners to issue sufficient bonds to warrant the calling for bids.

Certification of the share of the bridge that must be paid by Vanderburgh County will be sent the auditor, Sam Bell, next week.

Under the provision of the bill passed by the 1927 Legislature, the State highway commission is to pay for one-half of the cost of the structure, the county one-fourth and the remaining one-fourth is to be paid from the State general fund.

**Repay Cost by Tolls**  
The county and the general fund however will be refunded for their share through tolls to be collected.

More than a dozen methods of financing the bridge by private enterprise have been advanced by construction companies and several bills were introduced in Congress providing for the financing to be done by private holding companies.

All of these measures have been cast aside in favor of the bill past by the Legislature.

Members of the delegation which conferred with the commission was composed of C. E. Shaw, Evansville, banker; A. V. Burch, manufacturer and former vice chairman of the State highway commission, and Edward Wemyss, manufacturer.

## FAMILY OF THREE SLAIN

Charred Bodies of Parents, Boy Found in Ruins of Home.

**By United Press**  
NEWARK, N. Y., March 29.—No reason could be assigned today for the triple murder of Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Warren and their 13-year-old son, Jackson, whose bodies were found cremated in the family home. All three had been shot. A bullet wound appeared in the heads of both Mr. and Mrs. Warren, while the boy had been shot below the heart. The wounds were from a .22-caliber pistol.

Parts of a .22-caliber pistol were found in the boy's bed. All the bullets were gone and the pistol had been taken apart.

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## Free Tickets for Essays on 'Pirates of Penzance'

32 Passes Awards in Times' Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Contest.

Today The Indianapolis Times is offering four pair of tickets free to the Winthrop Ames' Gilbert and Sullivan opera which opens Monday for a week at the English Theater.

Here is how any Indiana grade school or high school student can get a pair of free tickets. Just write a fifty word essay on the subject "The Character I Like Best in 'The Pirates of Penzance' and Why I Like It."

The contest lasts for eight days. Each day a new subject for a fifty-word essay is announced. Today's subject is the sixth, and essays must be in The Times office by midnight Monday.

Essays on the first four subjects must be in The Times office by midnight Friday.

The four subjects are: "The Song I Like Best in 'Iolanthe' and Why I Like It," "The Song I Like Best in 'The Mikado' and Why I Like It," "The Song I Like Best in 'The Pirates of Penzance' and Why I Like It" and "The Character I Like Best in 'Iolanthe' and Why I Like It."

You may write as many essays on as many subjects as you wish. Send them all to The Times.

Essays on the fifth subject, "The Character I Like Best in 'The Mikado' and Why I Like It," must be in by midnight Saturday and remember The Times gives four pair of tickets free to the winners each day, a total of thirty-two pair of free tickets.

Watch Friday's Times for announcement of the last two subjects. And you can ask the music teacher of your school for further details.

**RULES**  
Essays must be less than fifty words in length on the subject announced each day. Essays must be in the hands of judges before the expiration of the time limit announced for each contest.  
Essays must be written on one side of the paper and neatness will be a factor in judging. None will be returned. Winners' names and the winning essays will be published.  
Place your name, age and address and name of school on each sheet of essay. Judges will be named by The Times and their word will be final in all matters. Address all letters or questions to "Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Essay Editor" at the Indianapolis Times.

**Negro Methodists Convene**  
*By Times Special*

ANDERSON, Ind., March 29.—The northern district conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church is in session here. James W. Greater welcomed delegates and was responded to by the Rev. J. P. Wallate. The Rev. C. W. Crossland delivered the annual conference sermon.

## SEEK VIEWS OF FORD ON COAL

Subpoena May Be Issued by Senate Probers.

**By United Press**  
WASHINGTON, March 29.—Opinions of five of the country's wealthiest men on the bituminous coal problem will be recorded with the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee if its plan to subpoena Henry Ford materializes.

Already Charles Schwab, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and R. B. Mellon have testified at the committee's coal investigation and Senator Couzens, a member of the committee, has given his views on several occasions.

Chairman Watson agreed that Ford should be called.

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