

GUN THREAT IN EVICTION LAID TO CONSTABLE

Prosecutor Told of Ouster
of Family for Rent
Default.

Charge that a justice of the peace court constable moved to draw a gun to carry out his threat of entering a home to evict a family on the south side, was made today at the Marion county prosecutor's office by William A. Loux, 512 Bell street.

Loux's allegations to attaches of the county office are that Wednesday morning, he, his wife and four children, including a 2-year-old baby, were ousted during a rain from their home at 1022 Hosbrook street.

He charged the action was taken by Lester Langlund, constable of the Washington township court, and another whose name he had not learned.

Owner Fails to Appear

Records in the case show that Loux was served with a notice July 23 to move for nonpayment of rent. He was to appear in the justice court July 28.

Loux said he was there and that the complainant, Mrs. Jennie Tayor, owner of the house, did not appear to prosecute.

Justice court officials declare Loux failed to appear and he was granted until Wednesday to either pay the rent or move. They also deny reports that Langlund was drawing a revolver when he entered Loux's house.

According to Loux, Langlund appeared at the house Wednesday morning and asked Mrs. Loux if she were ready to move. She told him she couldn't move, having no place to go and that she didn't want to walk the streets with her babies, her husband said.

Reached for Gun

When Langlund reiterated that they must move, Loux said his wife told the constable "it will be over my dead body."

"If that's the way you feel about, I'll call the wagon," Langlund said, according to Loux.

When the transfer company wagon arrived Langlund and the second constable again confronted the family, the second constable putting his foot in the door and reading a writ, Loux said.

"We're coming in," Langlund said, according to Loux.

"I told him to wait a minute," Loux said. "He had a gun in his pocket and started to draw it. The gun was half out of his pocket and he came in."

Promised to Pay

"When he got inside, he said 'I'm in, ain't I?' It takes more than to keep me out."

Calling police, Loux said officers took his wife and children to relatives at 512 Bell street and the furniture was removed to the O. K. Transfer Company.

According to Loux he talked with Mrs. Taylor few minutes before the constables arrived and she promised not to have them excited.

Mrs. Loux, her husband said, has signed a promise to pay \$6 a week on the back rent of \$35 while working at a local company. She obtained the job early this week, he said.

Church Returns Belongings

Loux said he had assurance of real estate company officials who handled the rental account and attaches that "they can't move you."

The summons of July 23 was the only writ served relative to eviction of Loux, he declared.

The furniture, now held for \$19.50 storage bill, was given to the Loux family by friends and the congregation of a north side church following an investigation of the circumstances of the Loux family.

Traveler Stricken

By Times Special

COLUMBUS, Ind., Aug. 22.—Esel Lambert, 22, son of Mrs. Ida Lambert of Indianapolis, became suddenly and seriously ill here while en route home from Kentucky, where he had been seeking work. He applied at police headquarters for a place to rest. Arrangements were made with the township trustee to give him a ticket, but he was too ill to go. He was placed on a cot and a physician called who said his temperature was 105°. He was placed in charge of Mrs. Josephine Easton, county health nurse, who said the symptoms might be that of spinal meningitis, of which there has been fear of an epidemic here.

Boost for Peaches

By United Press

VINCENNES, Ind., Aug. 22.—Peach canning week, part of a campaign to increase sales of Knox county's crop, will open Sunday, which has been designated peach Sunday.

Veteran, 84, Dies

NEW PALESTINE, Ind., Aug. 22.—Frank Clark, 84, a veteran of the Civil war, died at his home here of heart disease. Only two Civil war veterans now remain in this community.

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HOOVER CERTAIN U.S. IS ABLE TO MEET DISTRESS

Cites Good Public Health
as Factor in Effective
Relief Program.

By PAUL R. MALLON
United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—President Herbert Hoover believes the nation is physically fit for the winter campaign against distress.

The national public health "has apparently never been better than over the last six months," the President said after studying reports from Surgeon-General Hugh S. Cummings of the public health service.

Cheered by Cummings' findings and by acceptances from fifty-two of the sixty persons invited to serve on the advisory committee of the new unemployment relief organization, Hoover prepared to motor to his Rapidan camp with Walter S. Gifford, who will direct the relief campaign. Gifford was due at the White House early Sunday morning.

In week-end conferences Hoover and Gifford are expected to evolve a definite plan of action on which Gifford will begin work when he returns to Washington Monday.

Statemen to Rapidan

Fred C. Croxton, acting head of the emergency employment committee which has been functioning for nearly a year, will join in the Rapidan discussions. This organization will become part of the new agency, with Croxton as Gifford's chief assistant.

Other guests invited to camp were Chairman Will R. Wood of the house appropriations committee; secretary of Agriculture Arthur M. Hyde and Senator Townsend (Rep., Del.)

Discussing the state of the public health, Hoover told newsmen that "I have had some years of experience in dealing with problems of distress and relief, as some of you know."

"We have always tested the efficiency of relief by the reflex in public health," he said.

Confidence Heightened

"The general mortality, the infant mortality, the sickness in the country was less in the winter of 1931 than in the winters of full employment of 1928 and 1929."

Public health apparently has never been better than it has been over the last six months.

"It is a most creditable showing of the effort which the country made last winter and one for which the voluntary organizations and local officials are entitled to a very great deal of credit."

Hoover's confidence was heightened also by acceptances from fifty-two of the business, labor, religious and charity leaders invited to serve on the advisory committee. Of the remaining eight, two have been too ill to accept and six are on vacation where they could not be reached.

AUTO KILLS CHILD

GARY, Ind., Aug. 22.—Antoni Godina Jr., 4, while walking along a highway near here with his father, was killed instantly when struck by an automobile.

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Singin' in the Suds



SURRENDER OF OIL REFINERS BELIEVED NEAR

Oklahoma and Texas Firms
Running Out of Crude,
Observers Say.

By United Press

OKLAHOMA CITY, Aug. 22.—Oklahoma motorists paid 2 cents a gallon more for gasoline today and did it with a smile because they considered the price increase further evidence that Governor William H. (Alfalfa Bill) Murray is winning his fight for \$1 a barrel crude oil.

The increase, it is believed, indicates refiners are running out of crude oil and sooner or later will surrender to the edicts of Governors Murray and Ross Sterling of Texas, both of whom have shut down flush fields under martial law.

Refineries and pipe line companies have not yet, however, raised the price of crude oil to \$1 a barrel as officials predicted that they would.

With equal determination, Governors Murray and Sterling refused to talk compromise.

Observers believed that every hour brought the oil companies that much closer to surrender. The Texas Company, which takes 45,000 barrels daily, raised its price for forty gravity oil to 70 cents, an increase of 30 cents.

Governor Murray announced that two purchasers had offered to meet his \$1 demand, but that he refused to open the fields until all the companies agreed to this price.

"Let the whole bunch get together," he said.

DEATH HALTS HUNT FOR SON'S KILLERS

Sergeant McSwiggin Loses His Long Fight for Slayers of 'Billy.'

By United Press

CHICAGO, Aug. 22.—The five-year search of Sergeant Anthony McSwiggin for the slayers of his son ended. McSwiggin is dead.

The 56-year-old police sergeant who stood in April, 1926, over the fresh grave of his only son, William, and vowed to track down the youth's gangster slayers, died late Friday night of a head injury received in an auto accident last July 26.

The killing of "Billy" McSwiggin is written into the annals of Illinois crime as the outstanding example of gangdom's cruelty and power. He was only 26 when he died, a brilliant youth who as assistant state's attorney already had sent so many men to the gallows known as "the hanging prosecutor."

About 8:40 the night of April 17, in 1926, young McSwiggin and two other men were moved down by machine gun fire in front of a saloon in Cicero, the suburb then reportedly ruled by "Scarface Al" Capone.

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CRASH INJURES SEVEN

Parents and Five Children in Car
Struck by Automobile.

By United Press

KOKOMO, Ind., Aug. 22.—Seven members of one family are suffering today from injuries suffered when the carriage in which they were riding was struck by an automobile.

The victims are Mr. and Mrs. James Marion and their children, Edward, 9; Leroy, 7; Robert, 5; George, 3, and Pauline, 4. The four boys suffered skull fractures.

Former Resident Loses Legs

By Times Special

LOGANSPORT, Ind., Aug. 22.—Relatives here have been advised that H. L. Rinehart, 36, former local resident, suffered loss of his legs when run over by a train at El Paso, Tex. While here he was employed as a brakeman by the Pennsylvania railroad.

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