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## THOUSANDS ARE SUFFERING IN INDIANA AND GOVERNOR IGNORES NEED, LEWIS SAYS

State Does Nothing to Aid Hungry Throngs, Mine Chief Declares.

CITES WIRE TO HOOVER

President Assured There Is No Call for Outside Relief, He Asserts.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Sixty thousand women and children are suffering in Indiana and neither Governor Harry G. Leslie nor the state is doing anything about it, President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers told a United States senate committee today.

Headquarters of the union is at Indianapolis, where Lewis lives. The senate committee is considering national relief for the unemployed and it was for this that Lewis was pleading.

"Governor Leslie sent a telegram to President Hoover saying that the state was taking care of its own people in Indiana," Lewis asserted. "But there are 60,000 women and children near starvation in Indiana and the Governor and the state has not spent a single dollar to put food or milk in their mouths."

Lewis criticized Red Cross relief methods and pleaded with the committee to help "a destitute population of more than 1,200,000 men, women and children in the bituminous coal regions."

Untrue, Says Leslie

Governor Harry G. Leslie today declared that the testimony which President John L. Lewis gave before a United States senate committee regarding Indiana conditions are "untrue" and Lewis is "not informed."

Lewis told the committee that 60,000 women and children are suffering and that the Governor and the state has done nothing to provide them with food or milk. "I know and admire John Lewis," Leslie said. "But if that is his testimony, it is untrue and he is not conversant with facts."

The Governor then recited what had been done in the destitute mining areas by his relief committee, under direction of Dr. John H. Hewitt.

He said that last week he paid a fleet of truckmen from a special Purdue university fund for delivering coal to the miners' families, the coal being donated.

A half car load of rolled oats is being distributed under the committee auspices also. It was bought by the state and handled by the Salvation Army, according to Hewitt.

Leslie also told of the \$1,000 he gave the miners at Linton following the disaster there about a year ago.

"Of course, the problem has been largely one of local relief, and we are fully conversant with it," Leslie declared.

Pinchot Hits Hoover Idea

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Governor Gifford Pinchot of Pennsylvania told the senate unemployment relief committee today that federal aid would be necessary this winter to feed the unemployed.

Pinchot estimated the American pay roll loss at between \$10,000,000 and \$12,000,000,000 a year and said that wives and children of the unemployed were suffering acute privations.

Pinchot criticized President Hoover's plan for local relief as "vicious for several reasons."

"It hits the little fellows with a request for a day's pay and spares the big ones," the Governor said. "It is an attempt to get by without an income tax increase."

PETIT JURY IS DRAWN

Judge Baker Orders Fifty to Report in Criminal Court Jan. 7.

Fifty names for the criminal court petit jury were ordered drawn today by Criminal Court Judge Frank P. Baker. These prospective veniremen must report Jan. 7.

William F. Off, president of C. Off & Co., auto repair firm, was selected for the petit jury today.

Twenty-five more names were drawn today for the new grand jury. An effort made last week to complete the personnel of the new county probe group failed.

FEB. 1 LICENSE LIMIT

Drivers Must Have Plates by Then, Says Carpenter.

Motorists were granted a breathing spell on the purchase of 1932 license plates today when James Carpenter, head of the state license division, said the deadline would be Feb. 1.

Mayors Draws No. 503

Sullivan's Auto Tags Correspond to His Home Address.

On the personal automobile of Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan today are new 1932 license plates—No. 503. It will not be difficult for the mayor to remember the license plate number. It's the same as that of his residence. He lives at 503 North Capitol avenue.

## U. S. Consul Is Slugged by Japanese

MUKDEN, Manchuria, Jan. 4.—

An attack on an American consular official by a Japanese armed guard was investigated by Japanese officials today.

The investigation was requested by American Consul-General Myrl Scott Meyers, after a report by Culver Bryan Chamberlain, native of Princeton, Ind., en route to Harbin to obtain the post of American consul there.

The guard challenged Chamberlain as he was being driven to the railway station in a consular automobile bearing regular consular identification.

The guard did not understand English. Chamberlain, who has been an interpreter in China for ten years, spoke to him in Chinese, after exhibiting his credentials.

The guard then struck Chamberlain in the face. Chamberlain was not seriously injured, however, and proceeded to Harbin.

Severe Penalty Demanded

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The attack on American Consul Culver D. Chamberlain by Japanese soldiers was described as "without justification," in an official report today to the state department from the American legation in Peiping.

The report quoted the American consul in Mukden.

Consul Myers at Mukden told the legation he had reported the incident to the Japanese consulate, and asked that a "severe penalty" be meted out to the offenders.

The consul was struck on the face many times and his cheeks were bruised badly. He was not otherwise injured.

CLANCY IS NOMINATED

Name Set by Hoover to Senate for City Postmaster.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Leslie D. Clancy, Indianapolis, was recommended to the senate today by President Herbert Hoover for the postmaster of Indianapolis.

If the nomination is affirmed, Clancy, civil service clerk, will succeed Robert H. Bryson, Indianapolis postmaster for eight years. Bryson's term expired two weeks ago, but it was announced he would continue in office until his successor was named.

Clancy is the selection of Senators Arthur R. Robinson and James E. Watson.

GERMAN POLICE ARREST COMMUNISTS, STRIKERS

Workers Protest Against Economy Decrees of Government.

DUESSELDORF, Germany, Jan. 4.—Police arrested 150 Communist agitators in front of factories here today. They were trying to incite a general strike against the government's economy decrees.

HAMBURG, Germany, Jan. 4.—Crews of three ships went on strike today on protest against the wage cuts involved in the government's emergency decree. Some harbor workers in Hamburg, Altona and Rendsburger also struck. Several were arrested.

DANZIG, Jan. 4.—Crews of two ships went on strike here today. Police guarded the harbor.

G. A. R. POST DISBANDED

Five Remaining Veterans Surrender Charter at Shelbyville.

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Jan. 4.—Dumont post of the Grand Army of the Republic today is only a memory of a once numerous band of Civil war veterans.

The five surviving members of the post decided to disband because their feebleness prevented attendance at meetings. All are octogenarians. Despite their infirmities all attended the last meeting.

The charter and ritual of Dumont post, organized in 1868, were sent to the Indiana G. A. R. headquarters in Indianapolis. Property was turned over to the United States Spanish-American War Veterans and the Woman's Relief Corps.

SHOTS KILL AGED MAN

Body of Charles R. Hunter Found in Home Near Wheeling.

WHEELING, Ind., Jan. 4.—The body of Charles R. Hunter, 70, was found today in the home of Ellis Wood, near here, where Hunter had lived since November.

Good found the body, with three bullet wounds in it, and told authorities he believed Hunter committed suicide.

Wood and Hunter were said to have become friends when both were in Indiana state prison several years ago.

Hunter's widow and two children live in Indianapolis.

BANK CALL ISSUED

National and State Institutions to Report as of Dec. 31.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The comptroller of the currency today issued a call for national banks to report their condition as of Dec. 31, 1931.

Following the national precedent, Luther P. Symons, state banking commissioner, today issued a state bank call, tabulation to be as of Dec. 31.

30 Injured as Bus Overtaken

STOVES TOWN, Pa., Jan. 4.—Thirty persons were injured, two seriously, today when a Great Western Stages passenger bus overturned along the Lincoln highway, a mile west of here.

## HOOVER URGES 8-POINT PLAN FOR U. S. AID

Special Message Calls on Congress to Rush His Finance Program.

STRIKES OPTIMISM NOTE

'We Have the Resources to Rout Depression,' Says President.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—President Hoover, in a special message to congress today, urged immediate action on his financial rehabilitation program. He asserted that "the United States has the resources and resilience to make a large measure of recovery independent of the rest of the world."

The President outlined eight points in his program which he said demanded immediate action. These include the strengthening of the federal land bank system and the creation of the reconstruction finance corporation, to furnish during the period of the depression credits otherwise unobtainable.

"I should be derelict in my duty," the President said in his message, "if I did not at this time emphasize the paramount importance to the nation of constructive action upon these questions at the earliest possible moment."

Need More Evident.

The President's message said: "At the convening of the congress on Dec. 7, I laid proposals before it designed to check the further degeneration in prices and values to fortify us against continued shocks from world instability and to unshackle the forces of recovery."

"The need manifestly is more evident now than at the date of my message a month ago. I should be derelict in my duty if I did not at this time emphasize the paramount importance to the nation of constructive action upon these questions at the earliest possible moment."

"These recommendations largely have been developed in consultation with leading men of both parties or with groups of men of like views in agriculture, of labor, of banking and of industry. They furnish the basis for full collaboration to effect these purposes. They have no partisan character. We can and must replace with confidence the unjustifiable fear in the country."

"The principal subjects requiring immediate action are:

Cite Need of Confidence

"Strengthening of the federal land bank system to aid the farmer and to maintain at the highest level the credit of these institutions which furnish agriculture with much-needed capital. This measure has passed the house of representatives and now is before the senate."

"Creation of a reconstruction finance corporation to furnish during the period of the depression credits otherwise unobtainable under existing circumstances in order to give confidence to agriculture, industry and commerce."

Chairman Collier of the ways and means committee introduced the measure after its approval today by senate and house Democratic leaders. It will be taken up by the committee Tuesday and pushed through the house by the end of the week, if possible.

MERCURY ON CLIMB

Mild Forecast for City by U. S. Bureau.

After dropping to 30 here early today, the mercury started upward toward mild weather. Lowest tonight is expected to be between 35 and 40.

Rain in Indianapolis late today or Tuesday, with snow in the north-east part of the state, is predicted. Heavy frost accompanied the mercury drop today.

Man Rolls, Smokes Last Cigaret, Jumps From Boston Tower.

BOSTON, Jan. 4.—After rolling and smoking his last cigarette, a small man, between 35 and 40, took an elevator to the observation balcony of the custom house tower today and leaped about 400 feet to his death.

It was the second time within four months that a man had used Boston's tallest building in ending his life.

Today's victim, who was rather shabbily dressed, was seen at the base of the 496-foot structure a few minutes before he leaped to death. He rolled and smoked a cigarette, then obtained a pass to the tower and boarded an elevator.

ASK STUDENT POST

Collegians Petition Representation on Geneva Commission.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 4.—A delegation of thirty-five college students left Buffalo for Washington today to petition President Hoover and Senator Borah, chairman of the senate foreign relations committee, for a student representative on the Geneva disarmament commission.

The delegation acted under the instructions of 2,500 college men and women who attended the quadrennial convention of the student volunteer movement, which closed here Sunday.

ROPKEY IS RE-ELECTED

City Council President Will Hold Post Another Year.

Ernest C. Ropkey, president of the Indianapolis Engraving Company, was re-elected president of the city council at a special session of the body at noon today.

Leo F. Welch, vice-president, also was re-elected.

Ropkey and Councilman Charles C. Morgan spoke briefly, reviewing activities of the council during the last year.

## EX-CITY WOMAN IN 5,500-MILE FLIGHT



Mrs. Debbie Stanford

## TARIFF BILL IS GIVEN CONGRESS

Democrats Ask New Pacts With Foreign Nations.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—A Democratic tariff bill, authorizing and requesting President Hoover to negotiate reciprocal agreements with foreign nations as soon as possible, for reduction of tariffs, was started on its way through congress today.

The President is requested to set up a "permanent international council" to consider tariff reductions. The bill contains specific instructions against consideration by this council of reduction or cancellation of foreign duties.

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FLIERS LEAVE COLUMBUS

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 4.—Mrs. Debbie Stanford, Indianapolis, and Mrs. Ruth Stewart, St. Louis, women fliers, left here at 10:40 a. m. today for New York, where they will complete plans for a 5,500-mile flight to Buenos Aires. They expected to make the trip to New York without stop.

A mechanic who fueled the plane said he believed the women would land at North Beach, Curtiss airport, in New York, although they did not have definite plans. They spent the night here.

APPROVE STREET WORK

Works Board Places O. K. on Massachusetts Avenue Roll.

The works board today approved an assessment roll for paving and widening Massachusetts avenue between Ohio and New York streets.

The roll provides for a 50 per cent reduction in assessments of all adjoining property owners who agreed not to contest the project. Four persons and firms will pay the full assessment.

The board also confirmed a resolution for widening and resurfacing between Highland and State avenues, at a cost of \$22,147.

'WHOLE WORLD CAN NOT MAKE US ABANDON GOLD STANDARD,' ASSERTS KAHN

BY PAUL MALLON United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Otto Kahn, head of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., one of Wall Street's largest international banking houses, today spiritedly opposed any suggestion of the United States going off the gold standard.

He was questioned as to his "views on the gold standard in the course of testimony before the senate finance committee investigation of foreign loans by American bankers."

Kahn said nothing all the countries of the world could do, would make it necessary for this country to abandon the gold standard. Kahn stoutly maintained that foreign as well as American bonds are worth vastly more than their present market prices.

He said present prices were due to "unreasonable fear." He defended the large loans made to South America, as having been made in the belief that they would be of economic and political advantage to this country.

## KENTUCKY JUDGE TRIES TO GAG PRESS; NEWS WRITERS BARRED AT MURDER TRIAL

Super-Speed

Time record for recovering a stolen automobile was believed set today by the Indianapolis police department.

Early this morning, Gilbert Harris, 4724 West Washington street, reported to Captain Jessie McMurry that his car, a Buick sedan, was stolen from his home Sunday night.

Following the usual police procedure, Captain McMurry relayed the report to Irvin Chapel, police broadcaster, to be placed on the air for police squad cars.

Chapel took the report from McMurry, then paused.

"Wait a minute, captain," he said. "Harris' car is parked behind my garage. I noticed it this morning and took the license number," he said.

Knoxville (Tenn.) Reporters Under Ban Because of Stories, Editorial.

ATTACKED AS FALSE

Jurist Resents Attempts to Picture Conditions in Terror Zone.

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS is at stake in Harlan county, Kentucky, where terror has reigned for months in the mine strike zone.

FOES OF A FREE PRESS have fought every effort to bring before the world the true conditions in this region ruled by violence and fear.

M. E. TRACY, famous Scripps-Howard columnist, today reached the scene and the first of his articles will appear in Tuesday's Times.

IN ADDITION, a vivid background series on conditions in Harlan county will start in The Times Tuesday, written by John Moutoux, reporter, barred from court because of mine stories and editorials appearing in the Knoxville News-Sentinel, which Moutoux represents.

Representatives of the Knoxville (Tenn.) News-Sentinel, a Scripps-Howard newspaper, were barred today from Montgomery circuit court, in a formal ruling by Judge Henry H. Prewitt, sitting in the Harlan county mine labor cases.

The action was on a legal test by counsel for the paper, whose staff correspondent, John T. Moutoux, previously had been excluded from the court because of the editorial attitude of the News-Sentinel.

The case involves "freedom of the press" as does another case in Virginia, where a small town newspaper editor is in jail serving a thirty-day term for contempt of court.

He was jailed because he would not change the name of the writer of a "letter to the editor." An effort to win his freedom on bond was scheduled for today.

Judge Issues Tirade

Jack Bryan, another News-Sentinel reporter, never connected in any way with the Harlan county cases, was represented in court by W. H. Townsend of Lexington, and Paul Patterson of Cleveland, attorneys for the News-Sentinel. Bryan was not present. The attorneys moved he postpone the trial of the News-Sentinel.

"Your motion will be overruled," Judge Prewitt told the attorneys. "No representative of that paper ever can sit in any court of mine until that paper retracts the libelous, slanderous, false statements it has published about this and other Kentucky courts."

Newsday Is Barred

Judge Prewitt explained that his ruling embraced "any one from the office of the Knoxville News-Sentinel" but in a statement to the United Press added:

"I would have no objection to any representative of any other newspaper coming here and filing stories to the News-Sentinel."

"That newspaper cannot send anyone from its office until it retracts the statement it made about prejudice in the courts."

"The statement to which Judge Prewitt made special exception, and which he specifically mentioned in his statement to the United Press was the following excerpt from a News-Sentinel editorial published after Moutoux was barred from the court:

"So long as our courts permit themselves to be a stage for the tirades of political and social prejudice, they will not obtain the full confidence of those who believe in even handed justice."

Exception Is Entered

Copies of the News-Sentinel may be brought to court without interference, Judge Prewitt said.

The attorneys entered an exception to the ruling, but did not say whether there would be an appeal.

Dismissal of the motion came as an unexpected anti-climax to a scheduled hearing of Moutoux to show cause tonight why he should not be barred from Judge Prewitt's court.

During presentation of the Bryan motion, Bryan remained in the lobby of the Montgomery hotel, across the street from the court house. It was understood that today's action would have no legal bearing on tonight's hearing and that the Moutoux hearing would be held as scheduled.

The issue of Moutoux's presence at the Harlan county labor cases came up during trial of William Hightower, president of the Evans union, accused of conspiracy in the murder of Jim Daniels, a deputy sheriff.

Second to Face Trial

Hightower is the second labor leader to stand trial. The first, W. B. Jones, was convicted and sentenced to life.

Moutoux originally was cited in contempt when Judge Prewitt read a News-Sentinel editorial which declared that "any fair-minded man" who had followed the testimony in the Evans case might wonder whether he was tried for conspiracy to murder, or for being a labor leader.

That citation, however, was dismissed on Moutoux's assertion that he did not write the editorial.