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Cloudy with rain, probably changing to snow, tonight; becoming fair Sunday; colder, lowest temperature tonight about 28.

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Health of 10,000 City Children Periled by Lack of Milk

APPROXIMATELY 10,000 Indianapolis children under the age of 6 years are being denied the amount of milk necessary to their health. This was the startling revelation made Friday by a survey conducted by the Council of Social Agencies and the city health department.

A conference of officials was called at once by Mayor Sullivan and a movement launched to determine the exact extent of the need and the way in which it must be met.

Attention to the deplorable state of affairs first was

called to official attention by Herman G. Morgan, city health officer.

The startling increase in number of children treated in the clinics and the city hospital first caused concern to Dr. Morgan and Dr. Charles Myers, hospital superintendent, who traced numerous cases to a direct lack of nutrition.

In other words, the children who came to the hospital often were actually starving for lack of proper food, and their ills were the ills that come from a lack of proper milk diet.

Survey of conditions in the city disclosed the fact that there are approximately 10,000 of the children under school age who receive too little milk—where they receive any at all.

The figure was arrived at by a survey of the number of children in families which now are being supported wholly by charities or by township trustees.

Mrs. Hannah Noone, trustee for Center township, has tried to supply the needs by placing two quarts of milk in baskets and in giving milk in some few cases on prescriptions from physicians.

Her power under the law is limited by the amount of food she can give to any one family and the limit is too low to provide the milk needed where there are small children.

Families being supported directly by the private agencies have received some milk, but the report of the Council of Social Agencies brought out the fact that the emergency is great and that the job is entirely too big for any one private agency and beyond any relief through public appeal for a special fund.

"I consider the situation as grave an emergency as could exist," said Dr. Morgan. "Children in growing days must have milk. Otherwise, they reflect that lack in tendencies to tuberculosis and in other diseases."

"Continued lack of milk would mean that these thousands of children become a health problem in ten or fifteen years, and easily could affect the public health of the next generation."

Few Get Milk

The clinic under direction of Dr. Morgan have provided milk for a small number of children under a limited city appropriation.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 23.—The state of Arizona was expected to reveal today the motive it claims prompted 26-year-old Winnie Ruth Judd to slay her one-time friend, Agnes Anne Lerol.

And this development, should it be forthcoming, promised to furnish the high light of the prosecution's attempt to prove the attractive nurse guilty of first degree murder.

Since Mrs. Judd first surrendered on charges she killed Mrs. Le Roi and Mrs. Le Roi's roommate, Hedwig Samelson, the missing part of the state's case has been a motive.

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The officials who conferred with the mayor will be expected to map out a general plan of action. It is probable that the situation will be placed in the hands of the board of health as an emergency measure and that any distribution of milk will be under the machinery already organized for the clinics.

Will Insist on Safeguards

While emphatic in his declaration that the situation must be met, Mayor Sullivan is also concerned in protecting the relief movement from any imposition by those who are able to pay for necessary supplies for their children.

Survey by the social agencies also disclosed that the predicament of children of school age is less serious than that of those under that age. Milk distributed in the schools has protected the older children.

The city has had a most enviable record of low rate of mortality among children. The clinics established by Dr. Morgan are given credit for this rate, the lowest of any midwestern city.

"I consider the milk question the most important social factor in Indianapolis today," was the statement of David Liggett, director of the Community Fund, under whose direction the survey of needs was made.

Need to Be Met

"I consider the matter a public emergency as grave as that of any epidemic, and possibly worse in its future consequences," says Dr. Morgan.

And under this impetus public officials are looking for a plan under which it is legally possible to meet the bills for the emergency and to distribute milk to this vast army of persons who are the victims of depression.

"These children must have milk," says Mayor Sullivan. "We will not be imposed upon. But the need will be met, no matter what the cost. This city is too rich to contemplate failure to give proper food to its future citizens in so grave a crisis."

ROOSEVELT IS 'ON MARK'

Poised for Presidential Race; Announcement Due Soon.

By United Press

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—Franklin D. Roosevelt's long awaited declaration of his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination is expected within a week, according to information here today.

An early statement of Roosevelt's stand has been expected as the result of North Dakota Democrats asking permission to put his name on the preferential primary ballot to be voted March 15. Several conferences have been held in Albany in the last few days, it was learned here, which led observers to predict Roosevelt's declaration some time next week.

Chicago Stocks Opening

By James T. Hamill & Co.

Ass. Tel. UH... 10... Hord Hersh A... 94

Bendix Avia... 39... Insull com... 4

Cent. Fu. Serv. A 2... Insull's 40... 24

Cord. Corp... 75... Mid. United com... 81

Comm. Edison... 113%... Swift & Co... 18

Gas Lks. Arcti... 24... Waiteers Str... 11

Hourly Temperatures

6 a. m.... 49 8 a. m.... 50

7 a. m.... 49 9 a. m.... 50

10 a. m.... 47

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WITT DOOMED TO CHAIR BY JURY VERDICT

Gunman Is Found Guilty of Murder of L. A. Jackson, Chain Store Chief.

By Times Special

LEBANON, Ind., Jan. 23.—Charles Vernon Witt, today was condemned to die in the electric chair at the Indiana state prison for the robbery slaying of Lafayette A. Jackson, Indianapolis chain store chief.

A jury of ten farmers and two merchants, at 9:40 Friday night, found him guilty of the murder, after two hours and forty minutes' deliberation. Death penalty is mandatory under the charge that the murder was committed during perpetration of robbery.

Sentence against Witt will be passed at 9:30 Thursday morning by Judge John W. Hornaday, who heard evidence against the Bainbridge (Ind.) outlaw for ten days.

Family Grief Stricken

While Witt took his fate calmly, members of his family were broken with grief. His attorneys announced they will appeal the case to the Indiana supreme court. Elza O. Rogers of the defense, said he was satisfied with the trial, but Ira M. Holmes, attorney, declared it "was not a fair trial."

Only four ballots were taken by the jury to reach the death penalty verdict, the first one in the history of Boone county.

Witt showed no sign of emotion when the jury foreman announced his guilt. On his way to the jail, his only remark was, "Somebody give me a cigarette."

Jackson Shot Down

Witt was charged with Louis E. Hamilton, who will be tried later, with entering the central store of the Standard Grocery Company, 419 East Washington street, May 27, 1931, to rob the company of \$14,000.

Lafayette A. Jackson, head of the store, who often had threatened to resist any holdup attempts, opened fire on the bandits when Hamilton is alleged to have leaped to the store counter and demanded the money.

Jackson was shot three times and died the day after the shooting from a bullet wound in the abdomen.

Witt was captured in Indianapolis a month after the slaying. He was trapped by detectives in a north side rooming house and for many days refused to admit to officers that he was Witt, declaring his name was Carl Irwin.

Fled to Kansas

According to the charges, Witt and Hamilton are alleged to have fled from Indianapolis in a stolen car a few hours after the shooting and hidden at Hamilton's home in Iola, Kan.

The defense alibi that Witt, his wife, and Hamilton arrived in Iola five hours after the shooting, was smashed by the state, with the testimony of an invalid woman, a neighbor of Hamilton's, who said the trio did not arrive there until May 29, more than forty-eight hours after the shooting.

Hamilton probably will be tried next month, the date to be set later by the court.

Witnesses to Be Searched

State and defense witnesses in the Hamilton trial will be the same as those in the Witt case. These included employees of the store, police, newspaper men, and relatives of Witt and Hamilton.

Whether Hamilton will attempt the Iola defense alibi in face of its result in Witt's case was not revealed today by his attorneys.

Hamilton, in a purposed statement to police, is said to have admitted the robbery attempt, but said he was dazed by a bullet from Jackson's revolver which struck him in the head and he did not remember anything about the shooting.

His statement in the alleged confession was that he did not recall the affair until he and Witt were en route to Iola, Kan.

LATIN CITY UNEARTHED

Buried Town of Minturno Revealed by Archaeologists' Shovels.

ROME, Jan. 23.—An expedition headed by Dr. Jotham Johnson of Philadelphia, representing the University of Pennsylvania, has uncovered an ancient market place said to be the most complete archaeological discovery of its kind.

An entire forum, three temples and amphitheaters, aqueducts, ship warehouses and dockyards were unearthed on the site of the buried city of Minturno, ninety miles from Rome.

Thousands of coins and priceless statuary dating from the fifth century, B. C., were among the discoveries which were expected to make available important details of the civilization which predated the Roman era.

Sh-h One Pint!

By United Press

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—That familiar morning sound of milk bottles rattling in their carrier soon may be hushed in New York.

The two accompanying noises, clumping of the milkman's heels and the ruble of the approaching and departing wagon, also will be silenced when a prominent milk company completes its "rubberization" of rolling stock.

In preliminary experiments, these silences were tested:

Rubber cushioned bottle carriers; rubber heels for the milkman; rubber tires for the wagon, and a gag on loud talk.

PASTOR SLAIN IN TONG FEUD

Minister Dies at Hands of Chinese Hatchetman.

By United Press

CHICAGO, Jan. 23.—Chicago's Chinatown guarded closely today all clews to the hatchet slaying of the Rev. Henry Frank Chan, 40, Chinese pastor called to serve the Oriental community by the city's most prominent divines.

The sinister hand of the hatchetman, traditional executioner of expatriated Chinese, was seen in the crime by police, confronted with the blood-stained victim as its only clew.

The bustle of Wentworth avenue, the "Mott street" of the local Chinese, was stillled today in mourning for the slain pastor and in fear of police questioners.

The typical oriental slaying of Chan, known as an opponent of brutal tong feuds, shocked the city's ministers. He came here from the Pacific coast two years ago at the call of the Chicago Church Federation.

Fights Job Clause

By Harold A. Peters

United Press Staff Correspondent

BERLIN, Jan. 23.—Agreement for a one-year extension of private credits "frozen" in Germany—in which American interests are estimated at \$800,000,000—was reached by international bankers here today, without forewarning any date as to when it would be effective.

3. Possibility of congressional action in favor of a five-day week and six-hour day. The Senate Friday adopted a resolution of Senator Couzens (Rep., Mich.), instructing the interstate commerce commission to investigate feasibility of the plan for railroads.

A similar resolution is pending in the house, where early action is expected.

The house civil service committee will start in a few days investigating economic possibilities of the plan for government employees, as well as in industry generally.

MERCURY TO SLIDE

Forecasting Mr. Armington Sees 20-Degree Drop.

By United Press

Indianapolis still was in its second year without zero temperature today, with a heavy smog, rain and the prediction the temperature will drop to near 28 tonight.

Last record of zero temperature at the weather bureau was Jan. 23, 1930. The nearest the mercury has dropped to zero since then was on Thanksgiving day of 1930, when it stood at 1.

Rains lessened in the state during the night, and J. H. Armington, weather bureau chief, said there was no change in river conditions in central and southern areas. In many places,