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Fair tonight and Sunday; slightly cooler Sunday.

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LEGION DEMANDS END OF WASTE BY FEDERAL MACHINE

Extravagance Must Be Curbed if Deserving Veteran Is to Be Treated Fairly, Commander Contends.

BITTER AGAINST ECONOMY LEAGUE

'Thrifty Drive' Merely an Attack on Ex-Service Man, Says Johnson; Cites Many Costly 'Experiments.'

BY TALCOTT POWELL
Editor Indianapolis Times

The American Legion, after fifteen years of framing expensive pension legislation, suddenly has realized that there is a bottom to the treasury's money barrel.

Outstanding officials of the organization, the national headquarters of which are here, admit that if the really disabled veterans and the dependents of the war are to receive just treatment in pension matters, unnecessary extravagances of the federal government must be curbed.

They understand that able-bodied veterans earning adequate incomes can not receive subsidies from the government if the soldier who really was handicapped for life in the Argonne is to be supported decently.

The present legion administration, which will give an accounting of its stewardship to the national convention in Chicago on Oct. 2, proposes that the legion pick up the study of government economy where the National Economy League dropped it.

Bitter Against League
Louis A. Johnson, commander of the legion, is bitter in his condemnation of the National Economy League, because, in his opinion, it posed as favoring all government economy and actually was interested only in cutting down payments to veterans.

"This organization once was pretty vocal," he said. "Today the mask has been torn from its face. It is exposed as a body of the richest men in the country who had no purpose, but to raid the veteran and then run to cover. It abandoned its great spring membership drive. Its national chairman has resigned. It has taken its objective."

"The legion, I believe, should go into this whole question of income tax exemptions, so that we shall not have the spectacle we have had this year of the Morgans and the Otto Kahns escaping taxation through legal holes so big that you could drive an ocean liner through them."

"How about the \$65,000,000 that has been spent on the prohibition bureau alone, with fully twice that much thrown into the coast guard and immigration service to enforce an unenforceable law which a majority of the people obviously do not want?"

Cites Money Wastes
"How about the terrific subsidies to steamships for carrying ocean mail? Why I know of one case in which the government is paying \$117,000 a pound for hauling mail across the ocean. Another steamship company was permitted to borrow \$6,500,000 for twenty years at 2 per cent interest."

The department of agriculture spent last year \$7,000,000 on a study of the habits and home life of practically every known variety of insect and reptile. It even got out a booklet on the love life of the frog. Who in the world is interested in the domestic affairs of a bullfrog, except another frog?"

"Department of commerce experts also put out thousands of dollars to find out what part of a bedsheet wears out first, and reached the astounding conclusion that the part of the sheet which wears out first is that point of which the heaviest part of the body rests."

Our national government today is publishing far more pamphlets and books than either of the two largest private publishing concerns in the country.

Cost Huge Sums
"All these activities are costing the taxpayer plenty of cash. It seems to me that the veterans can perform a real service by keeping a check on these governmental activities."

"The enlightened and patriotic citizen who once wore the uniform of his country now realizes that the treasury is not a money-making machine of infinite production capacity; if his wounded and disabled comrades who bore the brunt of the most awful fighting the world ever has seen and their dependents are to make sacrifices, the able-bodied veterans should make sure that such sacrifices are not unnecessary."

The next story will tell of the results of an investigating committee which the Legion appointed for the purpose of evaluating the present pension laws.

MINISTERS WILL MEET

Annual Sessions of Lutheran Pastors Set for Monday.

Yearly meeting of the Lutheran Ministerial Association of Indianapolis and vicinity will begin at 10:30 a. m. Monday at the First Lutheran church. The Rev. C. E. Gardner will be in charge of the meeting.

The Rev. H. Grady Davis of Whitetown will lead devotions and an open forum will be conducted by the Rev. A. K. Trout, Bethlehem church, Indianapolis.

Heat Record Threatened; Mercury May Hit 96 by Afternoon; One Victim

FEAR DEATH IN LAKE



Man Prostrated, Taken to Hospital; No Relief in Sight.

With the heat record for Sept. 8 equalled Friday at 95, the mercury today made tracks for the all-time September heat mark of 96.

Despite a prediction of slightly cooler weather for Sunday, there were indications that today may be the hottest day of the entire late-summer wave.

J. H. Arrington, senior United States meteorologist, forecast fair weather for tonight and Sunday, with slightly cooler temperatures prevailing Sunday.

Starting at 72 at 6 this morning, the mercury had risen to 85 by 9, the same mark reached at 9 Friday. The thermometers registered 95 at 3 Friday and then dropped two degrees by 4.

One Indianapolis man was prostrated by the heat and was treated at city hospital. The heat victim was Joseph Branson, 71, of 233 North Cable street, who collapsed while walking at Pearl and Blackford streets.

Many lawns and gardens in the city have been burned by the week's scorching heat, and some crops in the vicinity are believed to have been affected. Late corn has been aided by the heat, following last Saturday's rain.

The prediction of slightly cooler temperatures for Sunday does not indicate that the break in the heat wave is near and the favorable normal weather may continue next week.

Coast guard crews are searching the waters of Lake Michigan for the body of Miss Majenta Gerard, above, of River Forest, Ill., who is believed to have been aboard an airplane that disappeared over the lake while en route from South Bend to Chicago.

Others aboard were H. W. Manning, parachute jumper, and Carl Otto, pilot. They were returning from a party given by Vincent Bendix, South Bend manufacturer.

How the Market Opened

BY ELMER C. WALZER
United Press Financial Editor

NEW YORK, Sept. 9.—Stocks were dull with prices irregular in all markets.

Steel common held steady at the previous close of 51½. American Telephone firmed up to 127½, up ¼. Ralls made small gains featured by New York Central, which rose nearly a point to 47½. Utilities eased off slightly. Chrysler lost ¼ to 44.

Gold mining issues were steady at the previous close. Mail order shares eased off. Wet stocks were mixed with United States Industrial and American Commercial Alcohol each up a point, and Standard Brands and Schenley Distillers off slightly.

HOURLY TEMPERATURES

6 a. m. ... 72 8 a. m. ... 79
7 a. m. ... 73 9 a. m. ... 85

Lad Is Stricken in River; Dies Before Aid Arrives

Swimming in an unguarded spot in White river at Municipal Gardens Friday afternoon, 14-year-old Woodrow E. Pitzer, 1125 North Pershing avenue, was drowned when stricken either by cramps or by

fatigue in the middle of the river. Companions of the lad fled the scene in terror, and the body was recovered by Sergeant Timothy McMahon of the police accident prevention bureau and radio patrolman Thomas Carter.

The body was identified by the lad's mother, Mrs. Harvey Pitzer,

who became hysterical as she recognized her son.

Grief-stricken, the Pitzer family huddled in the home today, striving to comfort Woodrow's twin sister Catherine who had been her brother's closest companion.

The survivors included the parents, Catherine, one other sister, 23, and three brothers, Cecil, 26; Nelson, 21, and Ralph, 18.

Dog Mourns for Master

Another mark of the tragedy, too, it was Billy, Woodrow's pet bull terrier, which had been the lad's constant companion for ten years.

The dog had been brought home when a pup by Cecil Pitzer as a gift for his "baby brother."

With nose turned upward, Billy mourned today with long-drawn, howling howls.

With several companions, Woodrow left to caddy at the Riverside golf course Friday and they stopped for a swim at the Municipal Gardens. The Pitzer lad had learned to swim this summer.

After swimming from the west bank of the river to the east bank, with Leo Beers, 14, of Eleventh street and Ephraim Avenue, Woodrow started back. About twenty feet from the west bank, in four-foot deep water, Woodrow cried out.

Help Too Late

"Can you make it?" called the Beers boy.

"I think so," gasped Woodrow.

A moment later he cried for help and went down. Paul Noe, 16, of 1816 Winfield avenue, and Carl Hancock, 1154 North Bellevue place, who were passing by, leaped into the water in an effort to save Woodrow, but he had gone down for the last time before they could reach him.

MINE OWNERS RESUME WAR ON COAL CODE

Johnson Faces New Battle; Wrath Is Aroused by Operators' Letter.

FIGHT LABOR CLAUSES

Price Provisions Also Are Target of Attack in Negotiations.

BY H. O. THOMPSON
United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—Mine operators precipitated a new crisis over a code for the soft coal industry today.

"The situation is very delicate," said Recovery Administrator Hugh S. Johnson, emerging from a conference with spokesmen for the operators.

The code drafted by the government satisfied labor. It was praised by William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, who said any complaints against it would come from operators.

They were not long in coming. Walter Jones, liaison man for the so-called Appalachian group of operators, whose mines have been nonunion, gave Johnson a letter which the administrator read and hurled to the floor. Then he summoned the operators.

Code Called 'Bad'

They included Charles O'Neill, New York; R. E. Taggart, Philadelphia; J. D. A. Morrow, Pittsburgh, and James D. Francis, Huntington, W. Va.

It was understood the operators told Johnson they considered the code so "bad" that they would not submit to written suggestions of changes before the deadline at 6 tonight.

The specific clauses to which they objected were unrevealed, but it was understood they centered on price and labor provisions. Morrow said announcements regarding the conference would have to come from Johnson.

Johnson said he had postponed a public hearing which he had set for Monday afternoon. The postponement was suggested by Deputy Administrator K. M. Simpson, in charge of the coal mine code.

Previously, Johnson threatened to impose the code arbitrarily if there were any further attempts to delay it.

Labor Gains Point

Labor provisions of the code include the recovery acts guarantee of the right of collective bargaining, give miners the right to a checkweighman of their own choosing, outlaw scrip, child labor, and company stores and towns, and give organized labor the right to share their work with bona fide unemployed workers of the same mine.

The price provisions prohibit cutting below a fair price, to be determined by divisional code authorities operating under supervision of the recovery administration and the national bituminous coal board.

Despite the apparent rejection of the code by the Appalachian operators, Johnson said he believed the difficulties in the way of promulgation of the code would be "bridged over" and he scheduled a series of new conferences with this end in view.

CHARITIES PARLEY HERE

Associated Lutheran Group to Hold Convention Sept. 26-29.

Annual national convention of the Associated Lutheran Charities will be held in Indianapolis Sept. 26 to 29.

Several nationally known charity workers will speak on the program, which has been arranged by national offices of the organization. The program calls for lectures each morning of the convention, with the afternoons to be set aside for group meetings.

The annual banquet will be held Sept. 28 at the Marriott. Special services will be held in St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church Sept. 26. More than 300 persons are expected to attend.

EX-SHERIFF IS ARRESTED

Bloomington Man Held There on Indianapolis Check Charge.

Ray R. Stephens, 42, Bloomington, former Monroe county sheriff, was placed under arrest in Bloomington Friday and returned to Indianapolis to face charges of passing a fraudulent check.

A warrant was obtained by the management of a downtown hotel. Stephens is alleged to have passed a worthless check for \$20.

Stephens is under indictment by the Monroe county grand jury for embezzlement and failure to turn over funds to his successor. He is scheduled to go on trial in Bloomington Wednesday.

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CRISIS IS REACHED IN CUBA; ROOSEVELT TRIP CANCELED

SWANSON WATCHES EVENTS IN CUBA*



Secretary of the Navy Claude A. Swanson and Mrs. Swanson are shown here at Annapolis, Md., in the admiral's barge as they prepared to go aboard the cruiser Indianapolis, which was ordered to Cuba. Mrs. Swanson accompanied her husband, who emphasized that his trip had no official connection with the new Cuban uprising.

Week-End Events to Decide Whether U. S. Will Intervene.

WARSHIPS ARE READY

Fate of New Government Rests on Ability to Protect Foreigners.

BY JOSEPH H. BAIRD
United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—This week-end will determine whether the United States is to intervene in Cuba, officials believed today. President Roosevelt canceled his holiday fishing trip that he might stay in personal command.

His course depended entirely on the ability of the ruling revolutionary junta in Havana to form a government strong enough to maintain order and protect foreigners.

A fleet of warships and bombing planes and a regiment of marines awaited only the presidential command in the hopes was not only Cuba's future, but the entire American diplomatic policy in Latin America.

Officials fear a display of American military strength would arouse the old fear of the "Colossus of the North" and jeopardize all efforts at economic unity for the countries of the western hemisphere.

Appeal to Three Nations

The appeal by Mexico to Argentina, Brazil and Chile to use their influence with the Cuban regime to assure safety of life and property, was regarded as a safeguard against excessive anti-Americanism, should intervention become necessary.

War vessels and planes were in vantage points near Cuba, prepared for instant action. A number of vessels were in Cuban harbors.

A record non-stop mass flight from Hampton Roads, Va., to Coco Solo, C. Z., put naval sealanes within striking distance. Flying through a fifty-mile squall, and for the most part over water, the planes made the 2,056 miles in twenty-five hours and twenty-five minutes.

The American destroyer Overton proceeded to Cienfuegos after a call at the Isle of Pines, where 750 Americans had asked protection when the release of 2,000 inmates of a penal colony was threatened. The Overton found everything quiet.

A coast guard destroyer moved into position to protect Americans at Antilla, Cuba.

Will Protect Americans

The cruiser Indianapolis, carrying Secretary of Navy Claude A. Swanson, proceeded toward the west coast, after a two-hour stop in Havana harbor. The secretary did not leave the ship.

It was emphasized by state department officials that this government's sole interest in intervention would be protection of American lives, and no responsibility would be given the naval and military forces to protect American property.

It was stressed that this government was neutral toward Cuban factions. The war was regarded as an implied denial of reports that it was seeking to re-establish Carlos Manuel de Cespedes as president.

The desire of President Roosevelt to avoid any warlike gesture led to cancellation of his fishing trip, which was scheduled to start from Quantico, Va., where 250 marines are held in readiness. He feared his visit would be regarded as a review of the marines prior to sailing.

BY LAWRENCE S. HAAS
United Press Staff Correspondent

HAVANA, Sept. 9.—Cuban opposition to American intervention solidified today. The executive committee government sought to prevent any excuse for it, but used the possibility of intervention as an argument to win the support of political leaders and army officers.

Havana was completely normal. It was perhaps even more calm than in the days when the secret service men of Gerardo Machado ruthlessly maintained order.

Yet the situation was one of utmost delicacy. It was typified by two incidents occurring Friday night. While the cruiser Indianapolis was steaming into the harbor, an unknown Cuban on the water front, in an ineffectual symbol of protest, fired a small caliber pistol at it.

The Indianapolis stayed only two hours, proceeding on to Panama. An official statement from the presidential palace informed the public that if a party of officers landed, it would be a friendly visit, such as was customary whenever a foreign warship visited a port.

There was no doubt that the government was striving above all to avert intervention, and as part of that was making no secret of its fear that popular anger would precipitate an outbreak if American forces landed.

Starts Today!

Times

Rental Week

September 9th to 16th

If you are among the hundreds of Indianapolis residents planning to move during the next few weeks and have not selected your place, be sure to read the Rental Columns in The Times during "Times Rental Week" which starts today.

Times Want Ads

Board Selected to Sift NRA Violations in City

Seven Men Named to Hear Complaints and Impose Penalties If Facts Justify Action.

A board of mediation to hear complaints of alleged violations of the NRA by Indianapolis employers has been named by the executive committee of the local recovery board.

Seven men have been selected to sit as a board of recommendation on complaints that can not be handled by persuasive or educational methods. T. M. Overley, "colonel" of the local bureau of compliance and complaints, will act as chairman of the mediation board.

Other members are Harry O. Chamberlin, former judge of Marion circuit court; Robert Fox, of the Central Labor Union; Paul Q. Rich, president of the Russell M. Seeds Company; Curtis M. Rottger, former president of the Indiana Bell Telephone Company; George S. Olive, certified public accountant; Frank J. Burke, assistant to Wells, will be the seventh man.

Will Punish Violators

In cases where firms refuse to comply with the NRA program and refuse to surrender the blue eagle insignia when their violations have been explained to them, the board will recommend publicly that their insignia be removed by the federal government.

"The committee appointed today simply is a fact-finding body and, in no sense a court," said Overley. "It will serve in an advisory capacity on policy with reference to handling of complaints and will hear evidence in connection with complaints that can not be adjusted by explanation."

All complaints will be adjusted secretly, except those in which the persons complaining against deliberate refusal to co-operate when informed of their violations.

Many Are Discarded

In speaking of possible removal of blue eagles from firms which refuse to live up to the NRA program after a clear explanation of the recovery act has been made to them, Overley said:

"I do not believe removal of the (Turn to Page Two)

HEALTH SERVICE READY

State Department to Act 24 Hours on Emergency Calls.

A twenty-four hour service to handle emergency calls of the state public health department was inaugurated Friday, according to an announcement of Dr. Verne K. Harvey, department director.

Bullet Wounds Fatal

Jesse Jordan, 28, Negro, died in city hospital late Friday night of bullet wounds, alleged by police to have been inflicted by John Harris, 57, Negro, 218½ Indiana avenue, who is held.

Handspring Is Costly

Turning handsprings Friday afternoon, Wilma Schrowe, 10, of 1841 South East street, fell to the sidewalk and suffered a broken left arm. She was treated at city hospital.

Father Ruined by Son

Man of 50 Led Into Crime by Youth; Each Given Sentence of 10 Years in Prison.

SON led father into a life of crime, but in payment to the piper—Justice—each received ten years in the penitentiary in the court of Criminal Judge Frank Baker, Friday.

The son, Richard Turner, 19, will go to the Indiana reformatory; the father, James M. Turner, 2039 Ludlow street, to Indiana state prison.

Facing charges of robbery and grand larceny growing out of numerous robberies of pharmacies, in addition to the alleged holdup of Hugh McK Landon, vice-president of the Fletcher Trust Company, and attempted robbery of the Leslie Colvin Construction Company, 8400 Spring Mill road, the younger Turner took the blame for leading his father astray.

"I knew he had been out of a job and needed money, so I invited Dad to go along," said the youth, explaining the robberies to the court. Paul Parker, who accompanied the Turners and two other men in the robberies, also received ten years in the reformatory.

In sentencing the trio, Baker expressed the opinion that the father "was just dumb."

"He had reached the age of 50 without making a mistake. He has worked hard all his life. Then he goes out with his own son to embark on a career of crime. Usually it is the father who takes the son," Baker said.

"I am going to be fair in this case. Probably if the parole board were sitting here, it would give you a couple of years and it probably will turn you out in a couple of years, anyhow."

Others sentenced Friday were Clyde O'Phaer, fifteen years in the state reformatory, for burglary and petit larceny, and Mrs. Virginia Harding, one to five years in Indiana woman's prison, for petit larceny.