

The Indianapolis Times

FORECAST: Partly cloudy and warmer; probably occasionally unsettled tonight and tomorrow.

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GRAND JURIES' ACTS ILLEGAL, LAWYER SAYS

Commissioners Not Qualified for Office, Maholm Tells Court.

DIDN'T TAKE OATH, CLAIM

Indictments for Last 25 Years Subject to Attack, Attorney Asserts.

Criminal Judge Frank P. Baker delayed swearing in the new Marion County grand jury today after Attorney T. Ernest Maholm charged that the jury commissioners were not qualified for office.

Mr. Maholm said he had searched the public records and was unable to find any record of the commissioners making an oath of office.

The commissioners, Theodore M. Weiss, Ralph H. Edgerton and Chief Deputy County Clerk Charles R. Ettinger, drew the lists from which the grand jury was chosen.

"All indictments returned in the last 25 years, in my opinion, are subject to legal attack," Mr. Maholm said. He is representing Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, who is charged with assault and battery with felonious intent.

Jurors Are Excused

Judge Baker excused the grand jury after Mr. Maholm and representatives of the prosecutor's office argued the law for more than an hour. The judge indicated that Clyde C. Karrer, judge pro tem, would make a ruling later in the week.

Prosecutor Herbert M. Spencer was instructed by Judge Baker to file charges by affidavit until the legality of the grand jury drawings was decided.

Grand jury members for the July term are Mrs. Goldie D. Baden, 1235 N. Grant-st.; Mrs. Cora B. Schoonover, 1080 Mills-av.; Mrs. Carrie H. Hillbrand, 4544 Winthrop-av.; Roy Babcock, 5012 University-av.; Mrs. Ada Leslie, R. 5, Box 634, and Mrs. Viola Rasch, 4720 E. Washington-st.

PREDICT MODERATE TEMPERATURE RISE

Forecasters Expect Mercury to Rise in 90s Tomorrow.

HOURLY TEMPERATURES
6 a. m. ... 66 10 a. m. ... 82
7 a. m. ... 70 11 a. m. ... 84
8 a. m. ... 74 12 Noon ... 85
9 a. m. ... 78 1 p. m. ... 86

A slow return to normal midsummer temperatures and partly cloudy weather was forecast today by the United States Weather Bureau here.

Beginning this afternoon, the mercury is expected to rise until it reaches the low nineties tomorrow, forecasters said. There are no excessively high temperatures on the national weather map today, the bureau said.

In its weekly crop report released today, the bureau said moderate showers in southern and west-central Indiana had proved beneficial to corn, tomatoes, beans and other crops still alive. Much new clover is dead and many pastures burned brown, the survey showed.

STOCKS DULL AFTER MORNING'S FLURRY

40,000-Share Gain Over Yesterday Noted First Two Hours.

By United Press
NEW YORK, July 22.—Trading turned dull this afternoon on the Stock Exchange after morning activity.

Sales in the first two hours totaled 710,000 shares against 670,000 shares yesterday in the corresponding period. Prices moved irregularly. Motor shares held well and some special issues made good gains. Steels, however, slipped back, and farm equipment which made sharp gains late yesterday turned down with Case at 164 and John Deere at 165.

Coppers met profit-taking and sagged to small net losses. Rails were dull and mixed. Montgomery Ward rose a point in the mail order section. Mercantile stocks generally were better.

GRASS FIRE BURNS AREA NEAR POUND

Heat, Smoke Threaten 145 Dogs, Until Apparatus Arrives.

A fast-spreading grass fire threatened the Indianapolis Dog Pound today and nearly forced Dr. Elizabeth Conger, superintendent, to release 145 dogs suffering from the heat and smoke.

The pound is located on Massachusetts-av. at the Belmont Road. The fire, reported under control shortly after the arrival of city fire apparatus, burned over a large field.

Dr. Conger transferred about 25 dogs from the building into corrals. The cause of the fire was unknown.

INDIANA GETS \$76,292

WPA Allocation Is for Establishing Areas for Recreation.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, July 22.—The Works Progress Administration today allotted Indiana \$76,292 as the state's share of \$1,028,900 work-relief funds for providing recreation areas. Similar distributions were made to 38 other states.

STRIKING PHOTO



This gigantic photo of Gov. Alf M. Landon is one of the most striking decorations of the gala parade which Topeka, Kas., has donned for the notification ceremonies of the Republican presidential candidate tomorrow. Placed on the side of a downtown office building, the picture measures 40 by 60 feet.

KANSANS SEEK AID IN DROUGHT

Appeal Is Filed With WPA on Eve of Landon's Notification.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, July 22.—On the eve of Gov. Alf M. Landon's acceptance of the Republican nomination for the presidency, Kansas farmers today appealed to the Works Progress Administration to begin drought relief work in their state.

This appeal to bring nearer home than ever the problem of relief and its effect on Mr. Landon's campaign speeches, so far as they affect agricultural policies.

The appeal for Federal works projects on which drought-stricken farmers might be employed came from the Board of County Commissioners of Decatur County, Kansas. It was addressed to Evan Griffith, state administrator of the WPA, and forwarded to Washington.

WPA Administrator Harry L. Hopkins said that the appeal had been taken under consideration and, as soon as a survey of drought conditions had been completed, a decision would be made. If relief is extended, it will mean placing Kansas on the "official drought map" areas receiving Federal relief, which now includes 16 states.

VETERAN DIES IN FIRE STATION VISIT

Edward Stieglmeyer was 66; Became Inventor.

Edward Stieglmeyer, retired city fireman and inventor, died suddenly today at the Fountain Square fire station, where he was talking to friends. He was 66 and lived at 1446 Prospect-st.

Mr. Stieglmeyer came here with his parents from Louisville 50 years ago. After serving on the fire department, he joined his brother, John, in inventing an automatic train control, and entered this business. He is survived by a brother, Leuk, William Stieglmeyer, of the fire department, and a sister, Mrs. Louisa Westerfield, Chicago.

Death was due to heart disease, the coroner's office said. The body was taken to the Roy Tolin Funeral Home. Mr. Stieglmeyer was a member of the Elks and Masonic lodges.

PENNY DEFENDANT TO BE TRIED AUG. 17

Victor Crickmore to Face Court in Fatal Slaying of Trucker.

The trial of Victor Crickmore, of the Teamsters and Chauffeurs Local 135, charged with murder, was set today for Aug. 17 by E. E. McFarren, special Criminal Court judge.

Crickmore is accused of fatally slaying John M. Penny, an Indianapolis truck driver, near Bellefonte March 7, 1935. Harry P. Peats, business agent of the local, was convicted of voluntary manslaughter in connection with the Penny death last week.

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HOLDS LANDON SMARTER THAN CONSERVATIVES

Stokes Says Governor Will Hew to Middle Course in Campaign.

KANSAS POLL IS CITED

Evidence of Changing Times Is Shown in State, Writer Claims.

By United Press
All roads led to Topeka today where Republicans were massing 100,000 strong to cheer Gov. Alf M. Landon at notification ceremonies tomorrow night on the Kansas Statehouse steps.

Amid the hustle and bustle of the celebration, the Kansas Governor was reported pursuing the even tenor of his way.

His \$500-word address, continuing his exposition of the philosophy of the "American way," has been completed. He spent his time greeting visitors to Topeka and going about his business as Governor.

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By THOMAS L. STOKES
Times Special Writer

TOPEKA, July 22.—To learn why Alf M. Landon is heaving a middle course in his fight against President Roosevelt, why he will abstain from severe criticism in his acceptance speech, why he will not swing much of the New Deal and quarrel only with method, you need go no further than this Kansas laboratory in which he has obtained his political education.

All about him here he sees evidence of changing viewpoints with the changing times.

So whether he is spontaneously a liberal and progressive, as his friends insist, or whether he is merely adapting himself to a changing environment, the deduction is that he is much smarter than those Old Guard Eastern conservatives who would have him slam-bang the New Deal from AAA to Herbert Hoover's mythical XYZ.

8 of 12 for Roosevelt

One manifestation was the publication here of a poll of farmers in the area within 25 miles of Topeka. The poll, a series of "candid interviews," was published in the Topeka Journal, the organ of former Senator Henry Allen, one of the Governor's closest advisers.

Of a dozen farmers interviewed by the "candid reporter," eight were for President Roosevelt and four were for Gov. Landon.

The general tone of the pro-Roosevelt farmers was that the President was the first chief executive in recent years to show consideration for the "down-and-outers," farmers and laborers, and that while he may have made mistakes, he improved the lot of these groups and should be allowed to continue the job.

Indorses Pig Slaughter

One farmer even indorsed heartily, because it had helped him, the slaughter of pigs which Republicans bemoan. One said the cost of farm relief was high, but the country could work out the debt later.

Another said he didn't like the President because he had spent millions, but couldn't vote for his Governor because, "I firmly believe too many big money interests are behind him."

Of those for Gov. Landon, one criticized the increased cost of farm implements, another liked Mr. Landon's "good common horse sense," a third deplored New Deal expenditures, the fourth said that under the Republican candidate the country would "swing back to a conservative, practical government rather than the present visionary practices of the Administration."

If the percentage demonstrated in this small canvass were carried out generally, not only in Kansas but the other farm states, it would look bad for Gov. Landon, since Republicans are counting heavily on these states. It conflicts with the poll taken by the Farm Journal, which, in its first published reports, indicates a swing toward Gov. Landon and gives him 587 votes in Kansas to 494 for Mr. Roosevelt.

Purnell Gets G. O. P. Post

By United Press
CHICAGO, July 22.—John D. M. Hamilton, head of the National Republican Committee, announced today that former Congressman Fred Purnell, Attica, Ind., will head the important Western Division Speakers' Bureau.

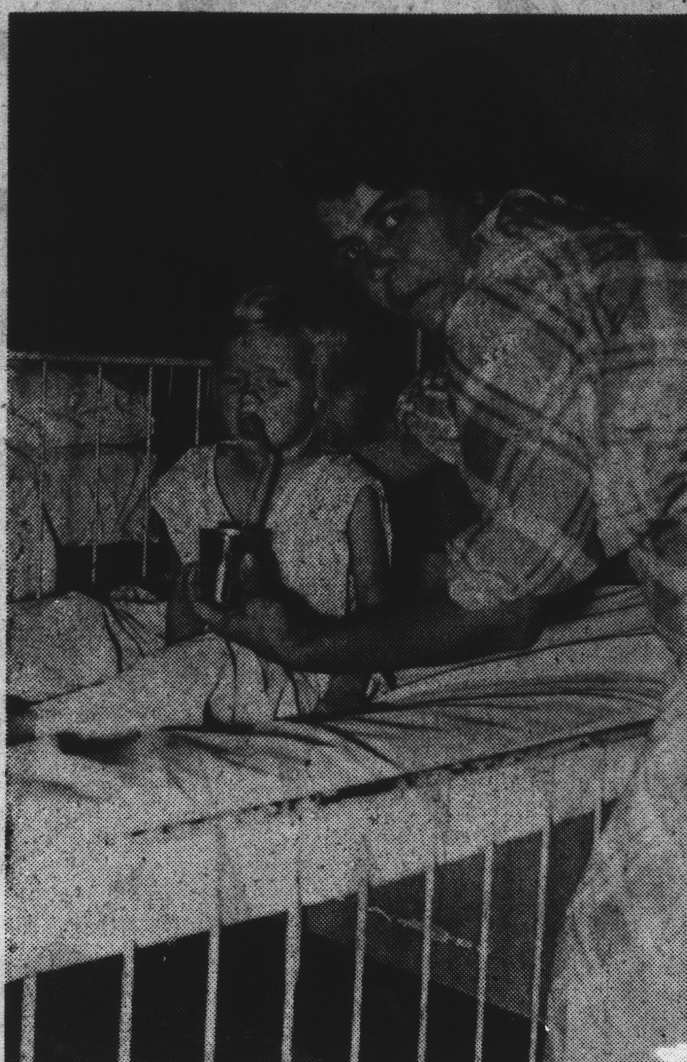
Dog House

A half dog license is no better than no license at all, police told John Lockhart, 56, Negro, 732 W. North-st.

Arrested Saturday on a charge of failure to have a dog license, Lockhart bought two licenses, according to police. Yesterday afternoon Lockhart was arrested again on the same charge because police said he had four dogs.

Robert McKinney, 16, Negro, 730 E. North-st., was bitten yesterday by one of Lockhart's dogs, police said. The four dogs were sent to the dog pound and Lockhart was charged with harboring a vicious dog and failure to have licenses.

CHILD FACES OPERATION FOR COIN REMOVAL



Loretta Hall, 3, is a very ill little girl, but she's trying bravely to keep back the tears and get well quickly. The Mitchell (Ind.) girl swallowed a nickel July 9, and the coin still is lodged in her throat. At St. Vincent Hospital here, her condition was reported improved today. An operation probably will be necessary to remove the coin. Loretta is shown above with her mother, Mrs. John R. Hall of Mitchell.

Out-Foxed

EVANSVILLE, Ind., July 22.—Detective Sergeant George Hensch has presented Meeker Park zoo with a young red fox.

Hensch captured the fox with his bare hands as it sat by the side of the road four miles from Mount Vernon, as he and Irving Pink were returning from an outing.

Hensch leaped from the automobile and caught the fox by its bushy tail.

5 CULT MEMBERS SILENT AT HEARING

Not Guilty Pleas Assigned in 'Thrill Murder.'

By United Press
DETROIT, Mich., July 22.—Five Black Legion members, held on warrants charging kidnapping and the "thrill" murder of an unoffending Negro war veteran, stood mute before Recorder's Judge Edward J. Jeffries today and were assigned pleas of not guilty.

The five men charged with the cold-blooded slaying of Silas Coleman, 42, were: "Col." Harvey Davis, John Sannerman and Ervin Lee, also held in the slaying of Charles Poole, 32, WPA worker; Charles Rouse and James Roy Lorraine.

They were charged with the twin crimes after Dayton Dean, cult triggerman, confessed that Coleman was shot so that Davis could find out "how it felt to kill a Negro."

Judge Jeffries set Tuesday, July 28, as the examination date for the five men.

FIRE CAUSES \$50,000 DAMAGE IN RICHMOND

Lumber Yard Blaze Believed Started by Locomotive Sparks.

By United Press
RICHMOND, Ind., July 22.—All the city's fire-fighting equipment was used last night to prevent spread of a blaze which caused approximately \$50,000 damage at the Miller-Kemper Lumber Co.

A high wind carried embers from the burning lumber nearly a half-mile endangering roofs of residences. The fire was believed started by sparks from a passing locomotive.

The fire broke out at 11 p. m. and spread rapidly. It was extinguished by 2 a. m. and the plane was safely into Wright field here with only one motor functioning.

The plane was a multimotored Douglas transport.

By United Press
DAYTON, O., July 22.—Five members of the United States Army Air Corps jumped safely with parachutes from a flaming Army transport plane over Dunkirk, Ind., today.

The two pilots stayed with the ship, extinguished the fire and brought the plane safely into Wright field here with only one motor functioning.

LINDBERGH ARRIVE IN BERLIN BY PLANE

Fly From England in Six Hours; May Meet Hitler.

By United Press
BERLIN, July 22.—Col. and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh flew here today from their residence in England for a visit during which they will inspect German aviation facilities and may meet Adolf Hitler.

They arrived at Staaken Airport at 5:07 p. m. The flight from England in their own plane required a little less than six hours.

SOIL CONTROL FIELD OFFICE OPENED HERE

U. S. Agency Headquarters One of Two in Entire United States.

EMPLOYS STAFF OF 92

Force Has Begun Duties in New Quarters in Big 4 Building.

Indianapolis has been selected as one of two cities in the United States in which a field office is to be maintained by the conservation survey section of the Soil Conservation Service, Glenn L. Fuller, in charge of the survey, announced in Washington today.

"By choosing a centrally located office, such as Indianapolis, it has been possible," Mr. Fuller stated, "to consolidate the erosion survey offices formerly located in Atlanta, Ga., and Springfield, Mo."

The Indianapolis office is located in the Big Four Building, and is in charge of W. W. Pate, soil technologist. It is to conduct soil erosion surveys, either by counties or by water sheds, in the area lying between Maine, Minnesota, Florida and Texas.

Salt Lake City is to continue to be the field office for all survey work in the far West, Mr. Fuller said.

The Indianapolis office has a clerical force of seven with 85 field workers. These workers, Mr. Pate said, are to survey the entire Eastern half of the United States.

The office began taking over its duties here early this month, he added.

Technical supervision of the survey work, Mr. Fuller said, rests with the regional and state representatives of the Soil Conservation Service.

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We learned only late last night of the fall of San Sebastian to the rebels. The news was brought to general headquarters by motorcyclists from the front. Rebel columns are reported to be closing on Barcelona, government stronghold in the northeast.

San Sebastian would have been taken hours earlier had not loyalists blown up a bridge at Enderiza and forced the rebels to make a detour of 10 miles.

Rebels Isolate Iron

Now the rebels have isolated Iron, on the frontier toward France, and they expect to take it this morning.

Rebel troops moving on Madrid from the north expected to meet a hastily improvised army of the Left-Wing Asturias miners, but there has been no sign of them. The news to rebel headquarters is that the miners, under the loyal army of Gen. Caminero, were trying to cut off the rebel column between Burgos and Madrid.

One group of the Asturias army met Fascist volunteer outposts at Zamora. Two companies of regulars reinforced the fascists. There was some desultory firing but, I am informed, no real fight. Rebels say that the miners could not face the regulars and fled in disorder.

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PRISONER IS FINED; DRAWS 90-DAY TERM

\$55 Penalty Is Assessed Negro On Three Charges.

Fines totaling \$55 and 90 days on the state farm were given James Monday, Negro, of 1614 Shelby-st. today by Municipal Judge Charles Karabell.

He was fined \$10 and costs and sentenced to 30 days for drunkenness, \$10 and costs and 40 days for assault and battery, and \$5 and costs for resisting an officer. He is alleged to have struck Vorhies Hoopwood and his 12-year-old daughter, Esther, with a milk bottle during an argument over rent.

ROOSEVELT APPOINTS DROUGHT COMMITTEE

Six Men Named by President to Study Relief Aspect.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, July 22.—President Roosevelt has appointed a six-man committee to study the drought problem. The committee, made up of Administration leaders, to study drought relief, the White House announced today.

Children of school age (5 to 14 years) had an even better experience. In 1922 the rate was 14.1, and it increased to 16.1 in 1927, when it reached 16. Then followed an almost continuous recession which pulled the rate down to 13.5 in 1934—6 below 1922.

Here is another striking thing about these figures. From 1922 to 1935 the child fatality total increased only 4 per cent, while the total for persons from 15 to 64 years jumped 196 per cent. Children are now learning how to be safe among the hazards of street and highway, but the older folks are still careless.

ASK BETTER SERVICE

Nashville Electric Consumers File Protest With State.

Some citizens of Nashville aren't a bit pleased with their electric service, the State Public Service Commission learns today. The Public Service Co. of Indiana, which provides service for repair work without consulting patrons, interrupts transmission, and provides low voltage, according to a petition filed today.

SPANISH REVOLT TOLL MOUNTING INTO THOUSANDS

THE CIVIL WAR

By United Press

The left and right factions in Spain fought sanguinary civil war today for possession of the country, with the dead likely to run into thousands.

Loyal troops hauled artillery to the mountain overlooking San Sebastian, where United States Ambassador Claude G. Bowers is besieged, and heavily shelled a rebellious regiment of more than 1000 infantry.

The southern rebel commander claimed in a broadcast that rebel planes had bombed and sunk three government ships which were shelling Cadiz.

Two United States and six British warships were ordered to Spain to aid their citizens. British gunners manned the Gibraltar fortifications because of the presence of Spanish warships in the harbor.

An engagement occurred at the neutral port of Tangier, Africa, where rebel planes bombed the Spanish warships in the harbor. The ships returned the fire.

Correspondent With Rebel Troops Says They Are Confident.

BY HAROLD G. CARDOZO
London Daily Mail Special Correspondent

WITH THE SPANISH NORTH-ERN REBEL ARMY IN THE FIELD, BY COURIER TO HENDAYE, July 22 (By United Press, by arrangement with the Daily Mail).—Rebel-Fascist troops are pressing steadily forward toward Madrid and appear so far to have met with little resistance.

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TWO U. S. WARSHIPS ORDERED TO SPAIN

Directed to Evacuate 1600 Americans if Necessary.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, July 22.—Reports indicating an increasingly serious situation in revolt-torn Spain prompted the sending of two warships to protect American lives, State Department officials indicated today.

The decision to send the Oklahoma and the Quincy into Spanish waters was reached at a conference between Secretary of State Cordell Hull and Admiral William H. Standley, Chief of Naval Operations and acting Secretary of Navy.

The mission of the two warships is entirely peaceful, officials emphasized. They will evacuate approximately 1600 American citizens in the event fighting between Spanish government and rebel forces engenders their lives.

By United Press
CHERBOURG, France, July 22.—The United States battleship Oklahoma, ordered to Spanish waters, refused today in preparation for a run down the English channel and across the Bay of Biscay to the aid of Americans caught in the rebellion.

Loss of life in the fighting in which soldiers, civilians and police forces, national, provincial and (Turn to Page Three)

Desertions Reported

Warships bombed Coruna, on the northwest coast. An intercepted dispatch from the rebel radio station at Cordoba, in the far south, contained an appeal for aid and said that heavy Loyalist forces were attacking.

Government advances said rebel soldiers were deserting their posts at Seville, a general rebel headquarters in the south, and confidence was expressed that the city would fall soon. It was said officially that reports that Seville already had been captured were premature.

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BY LESTER ZIEFFEN
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MADRID, July 22.—The government, in a strong offensive against the rebels, announced officially today that loyal forces had recaptured the strategic city of ancient Toledo and Guadalajara, capital of Guadalajara Province, adjoining Madrid.

Loyal airplanes were reported to have bombed the military air-drome at Leon, destroying eight planes, and to have bombed the military academy in the recapture of Toledo. Fascists and a few cadet officers had taken refuge in the academy.

A column composed of troops, engineers, artillery batteries, machine gun groups and several thousand militia left for