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RESCINDING OF TRACTION LINE ORDER HINTED

Judge Wilson to Meet Today
With Representatives
Of Workers.

COMPROMISE ON WAGES

Majority Said to Be Willing
To Take 12½ Per Cent
Pay Boost.

Superior Court Judge Herbert E. Wilson today took steps to rescind the order he issued last Thursday to abandon operation of all Indiana Railroad lines at midnight Jan. 9.

A conference was called by Judge Wilson for 4 p. m. today when representatives of 125 workers of the railroad were to present petitions. The petitions were said to voice a desire of a majority of the company workers to accept a 12½ per cent increase in wages offered by Bowman Elder, receiver, as a compromise in a labor dispute.

Fearful Operating Loss

The order to abandon service on the traction lines, said to be the largest system of its kind in the country, was made by Judge Wilson when Mr. Elder reported the company would be forced to operate at a loss if a 20 per cent wage increase were paid.

The 20 per cent increase, asked by the Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric Railway and Motor Bus Employees, was upheld Nov. 18 in a labor arbitration board decision.

Mr. Elder said that a full 20 per cent increase to all employees would cost the company an additional \$130,000 annually. He said the company's profits last year amounted to \$90,000, and that the 12½ per cent increase would total \$86,000.

Testimony Is Recalled

Judge Wilson said that if more than 90 per cent of the employees have signed the petitions to accept the 12½ per cent increase, an order would be made late today, rescinding the previous action to close the receivership.

Representatives of employees who (Turn to Page Three)

SEARCH ICY WATERS FOR BLAST VICTIMS

By United Press

CHARLEVOIX, Mich., Jan. 2.—Coast Guard power boats and a freighter searched the icy waters of Upper Lake Michigan today for trace of possible survivors of the explosion on the mail boat Marold II, which destroyed the craft Friday night and fired an abandoned tanker lashed to.

Flames, visible on Beaver Island, 15 miles away, advised the Coast Guard station there of the lake tragedy, but heavy ice frustrated early efforts to approach the flaming vessel. Fate of five members of the crew aboard the Marold II remained uncertain.

BEATING CHARGED TO STATE POLICE DENIED

William J. Jusz, Claremont, Ind., charged today in Municipal Court that State Police had beaten him last night. The accused officers denied the charge.

Cozart, one of six defendants, was charged with receiving stolen goods. Charges against him, Robert Young, and Carry Cozart were dismissed on motion of the state.

The cases of Harry Hart, Louise Cozart, and Glenn Cozart, charged with larceny, were continued.

CITY GAS TAX SHARE TO EXCEED \$132,000

Indianapolis is to receive \$132,621.47 and Marion County \$33,620.50 from the state gasoline tax collections for the last quarter of 1936, Laurence Sullivan, state auditor, announced today. The total state disbursement for this period were \$2,602,728.31.

BOB BURNS

Says: SOME time ago I happened to mention that there had only been one divorce in my family as far back as we could remember and every since then I have been getting letters from people asking me if I have some rule for a happy, peaceful married life.

Of course, I don't put myself up as a judge on such matters, but I do think that the main trouble with married people is that both sides think they have to answer the other one back. One of 'em flares up with a few little words—then the other one piles some more fuel on top of that little blaze—then the other one comes back with another big load, and first you know, there's a big bonfire.

I think the best rule for married couples is the one used by my Uncle Uny and my Aunt Boo. When they were first married, they made a rule that if one of 'em started an argument, the other one would walk out of the house and they've not only had 40 years of perfect married happiness, but my Uncle Uny is the healthiest looking man you ever saw from spending so much of his life outdoors.

Sentenced for Taking Invalid Child's Savings

John Wynett, 21, Hazleton, Ind., farm hand, today was fined \$10 and costs and sentenced to 45 days in jail when he pleaded guilty in Municipal Court to having stolen an invalid child's bank containing money she had expected to use for Christmas purchases.

The child was Mary Ann Taylor, 11, who a year ago last July 4 was burned by fireworks and spent more than six months in Methodist Hospital. Since her return home, her father, Carl Taylor, 235 S. Temple Ave., said in court that he had given her every bright new coin he had. Her savings had reached \$18.53, he said. Wynett told Judge Charles Karabell he had used the money to buy himself and his girl Christmas presents.

PAIN IN POPE'S LEG RENEWED

Vatican Anxiety Increases
After Pontiff's Sleep
Is Interrupted.

By United Press

VATICAN CITY, Jan. 2.—Renewal of pain in Pope Pius's swollen leg caused intensified anxiety in the Vatican today.

Vatican officials said the Pope's sleep was interrupted by intermittent pains, though they added that the pains were not so acute as those of a week ago and that aside from them the Pope passed a fairly good night.

For 48 hours, it was said, the Pope's condition had been stationary. Blood circulation had improved, somewhat, it was said, and the Pope was getting more rest. But fear of complications was revived again, and the atmosphere about the Vatican was a sorrowful one.

The Vatican department of state said today that it was not intended to issue official bulletins on the Pope's condition unless it became apparent that death was imminent. This is in accordance with papal tradition.

Despite official assurances that the Pope's condition remained unchanged, numerous conflicting reports were circulated indicating he was gradually becoming weaker and his condition graver.

MERIT SYSTEM AT INFIRMARY URGED

Jury Suggests Privileges for
Willing Workers.

Establishment of a merit system for Marion County infirmaries inmates and construction of an additional building for the Negro orphans' home were recommended by the grand jury in its final report today.

The jury suggested that willing workers at the infirmaries enjoy more privileges than those not willing to work. The report on the infirmaries also recommended that the two condemned top floors be torn down. Complimentary reports were made on conditions at Julietta Hospital for the insane and the County Jail. The jury criticized conditions at the Negro orphans' home.

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

By United Press
Stocks lower; motors weak. Bonds irregular; South American issues firm. Curb stocks generally lower and quiet. Chicago stocks irregularly lower. Foreign exchange steady. Cotton, grain and commodity markets closed.

HOLIDAY DEATH TOLL IN NATION MORE THAN 200

Fatalities Continue After
Great Celebration on
New Year's Eve.

TRAFFIC KILLS MANY

Brothers Coast to Death in
Lake Near Home
At Knox.

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In the wake of the wildest New Year's celebration since the depression began, the Nation today watched the holiday's violent death toll pass the 200 mark.

Reports from 30 states and the District of Columbia showed at least 229 deaths in accidents, murders and suicides. Another dozen states reported no fatalities.

These and the deaths of others critically injured were expected to send the final toll beyond 250 and possibly 300. The death list was about 100 below that of the Christmas holidays.

Approximately three-fourths of the deaths occurred in automobile accidents. Added to these was a scattering of suicides, explosions, fires and murders, many of them connected with wild New Year's parties.

In Peoria, Ill., a vengeful New Year's celebrator, ejected from a tavern for misconduct, returned and paid his grievance by raking the crowded bar with a gunfire volley. Four persons were wounded and the bartender, Harry Walraven, is expected to die.

2 Children Drowned

From Knox, Ind., came a tragic story of death linking Christmas and New Year's. Yesterday, searchers recovered from Eagle Lake the bodies of William and Fred Shiplock, who coasted to their deaths Christmas afternoon on a sled their parents gave them as a present.

Death by states: California 20, Colorado 1, Connecticut 11, District of Columbia 1, Illinois 29, Indiana 3, Iowa 3, Kansas 3, Louisiana 4, Massachusetts 8, Michigan 13, Minnesota 4, Missouri 8, Nebraska 3, New Jersey 12, New York 11, Ohio 7, Oklahoma 4, Pennsylvania 19, Rhode Island 12, South Dakota 1, Texas 12, Utah 1, Vermont 1, Virginia 8, Wisconsin 15, Florida 4, Georgia 12 and Kentucky 1.

5 Motorists Fined As Celebration Ends

MARION COUNTY TRAFFIC DEATH TOLL

1937 0

1936 1

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Accidents 9

Injured 8

TRAFFIC ARRESTS

Jan. 1

Speeding 2

Running red light 2

Improper parking 1

Improper license 1

Reckless driving 2

Drunken driving 2

Trapped by Snow in Hills 200 Indians Face Death; Coast Roads Blocked

By United Press

GALLUP, N. M., Jan. 2.—Trapped by deep snow and faced with death from starvation and exposure, more than 200 Navajo Indians today awaited rescue by fellow tribesmen and government employees. The men, women and children, hunting pinon nuts when the storms caught them, are scattered through the Zuni Mountains.

Two half-starved Navajos reached Zuni yesterday and reported the plight of the others. They had fought their way through drifts and clogged trails for three days. They said the Indians were killing their horses for meat. A government pilot flew over the Zuni region, but did not sight any Indians. Only their horses were noticed, he said.

E. R. Fryer, reservation superintendent, who earlier this week supervised the rescue of 200 Indians from another section, started government food trucks toward the area last night.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 2.—State highway crews worked today to release hundreds of marooned motorists in the snow-covered San Bernardino Mountains.

A week-long storm blanketed the mountain roads with from one to five feet of snow. Only major highways have been kept open.

FREDONIA, Ariz., Jan. 2.—Blizzards paralyzed motor travel in northern Arizona today as rescue crews made a new effort to rescue James Pointer, maintenance man for the United States Bureau of Public Roads, critically ill at El Mote Lake.

Farmers Outsmart Foxes In Boone County Putsch

Times Special

LEBANON, Ind., Jan. 2.—The balance of power in Boone County once more is with the farmers who yesterday conducted a successful putsch against the foxes.

All last year, the foxes had things their own way and went about stealing people's chickens and preying on rabbits and others of the animal kingdom.

At first the farmers didn't know what was wrong. There were fewer and fewer chickens, and almost no rabbits for hunting purposes.

Some one took a census and found that the fox population was way out of proportion.

Yesterday 3000 farmers got together. They formed a square six miles to the side, encompassing 20,000 acres of land. Then they started beating the landscape and walking toward each other. They converged on the Lannis Taylor farm.

Six foxes were in that square and got caught. Their hides brought \$25.50, which was put in the Boone County Conservation League's treasury. It was a "gunless" hunt. The animals were clubbed to death after they were exhausted.

Another such hunt is to be held in the vicinity of Waugh, Boone County, a week from today.

GENERAL EPIDEMIC OF FLU IS UNLIKELY

Accurate Information Is
Hard to Obtain.

By Science Service

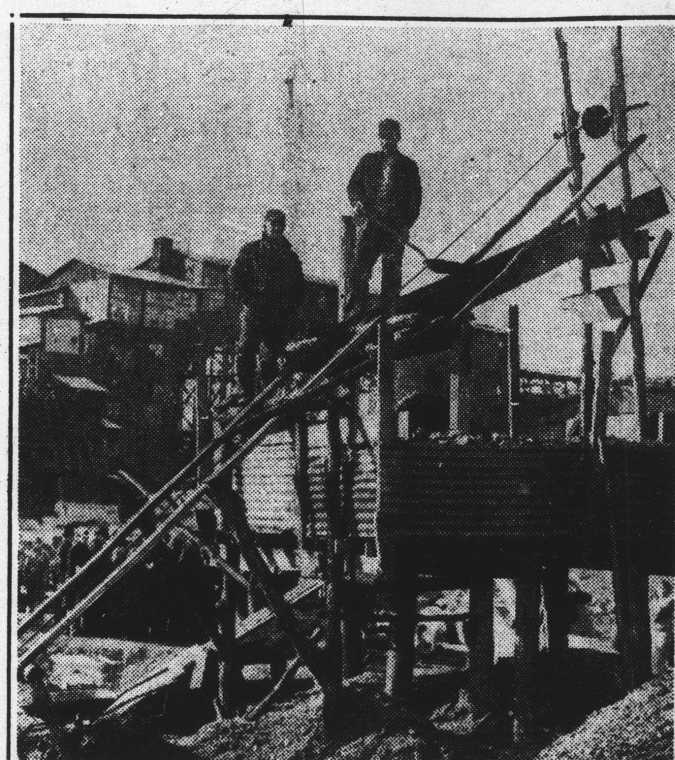
WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Unofficial reports of influenza outbreaks in New York City, Minneapolis and Chicago have reached the U. S. Public Health Service here, but figures from the entire nation show that there is no general epidemic. For the week ending Dec. 26, latest for which reports are in, state health officers throughout the country reported a total of only 2088 cases.

This figure may be far below the actual total, since influenza is a disease for which it is almost impossible to get accurate reports. New York State outside of New York City, for example, does not collect influenza case reports.

In the local outbreaks influenza cases are a little higher than usual for this season, but have not reached the high figures of the epidemics of 1928 and 1932. It was noted the outbreaks did not appear until December and they are not considered forerunners of wide epidemics, as they generally begin in October.

Health authorities advise people to go to bed, keep warm and call a physician if they have symptoms of influenza or a cold with fever.

WREST BARE LIVING FROM IDLE MINES



Tragic is the contrast between the mine in the foreground and the huge idle colliery in the distance. The men who work the little mine normally would be employed in the big shaft. Without regular jobs, they risk their lives to get a few tons out of the ground. Lacking proper marketing organization, they are at a disadvantage in efforts to cash in on their labor.

THREATEN NAZI GOVERNMENT IN BOAT SEIZURES

Tiny Basque State Notifies
Germany That Force
Will Be Used.

AT END OF ITS PATIENCE

Radio Announcement States
That No Compromise
Will Be Made.

By United Press

BARCELONA, Franco-Spanish Border, Jan. 2.—The tiny Basque government in Northern Spain tonight announced by radio that it would use force if necessary to counter German aggression against loyalist shipping.

After loyalist warships and airplanes rescued the Spanish steamer Solon and conducted her safely into Sona harbor Basque officials sent a radio message at 4:20 p. m., stating that it was at the end of its patience and wouldn't compromise with Germany.

Instead, it ordered its commanders to reply with force to any further German aggression.

The action, which was grounded when the German cruiser Koenigsberg fired shots over her bow and attempted to seize her in reprisal for the Palos incident, was reloaded at high tide.

Germany Awaits Reaction to Seizures

By United Press

BERLIN, Jan. 2.—Germans imperturbably awaited an expected storm of foreign reaction today as official quarters confirmed that two German warships had "provisionally" seized two Spanish Loyalist steamships off the Spanish coast.

Both seizures were made in retaliation for the seizure of the German steamer Palos by Loyalist warships, and for the refusal of Basque provincial authorities to surrender a portion of the Palos' cargo and a Spanish passenger taken from the ship.

The Spanish steamship Aragon was "provisionally" seized by the Admiral Graf Spee, official quarters said, and the Spanish steamship Solon was seized by the cruiser Koenigsberg off the Bay of Biscay coast. Both seizures were made yesterday.

U. S. Starts Probe Of Airplane Sales

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—

The United States Government has begun an investigation of reports that airplane sales are being transacted in Mexico for use in the civil war there.

Officials of the State Department confirmed that the Munitions Control Board had issued export licenses for military arms to Mexico.

The planes to Mexico may not be reshipped for use in the neutrality laws. Heavy penalties in cases of violations of the neutrality laws that the investigations have begun.

Planes reported diverted to Mexico for use in the Spanish civil war were sold by American Airlines to the Compania Mexicana de Aviacion.

C. R. Smith, president of American Airlines, told the United Press today that the company is conducting investigations of the reports that its planes were being used in the Spanish civil war.

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M'NUTT'S QUIT MANSION

Governor M'Nutt announced he is moving from his mansion on Fall Creek Blvd. to the Intelligencer building today and mansion ready for governor-elect Townsend.

DRUG-ADDICTED THIEF HUNTED AS KIDNAP SUSPECT

Musician, Sought for Questioning, Last Seen
In Tavern Day Before Tacoma
Boy's Abduction, Is Claim.

NOTE IN CHILD'S WRITING REQUESTED

Doctor Fears That Crank or Rival Criminal
May Be Attempting to Collect \$28,000
Ransom Asked for Boy's Safe Return.

By United Press

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 2.—A known drug addict and car thief was sought by police today for questioning in the Mattson kidnaping case.

He was described as a 37-year-old Tacoma musician, who was seen last entertaining in a tavern a week ago, the night before Charles Mattson, 10-year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. William W. Mattson, was stolen from his home.

The suspect's appearance was said to tally closely with a description given by three children who were in the Mattson home at the time of the abduction.

In seeking him, police were following a report by the terrorized children who witnessed the abduction that the kidnaper appeared to be under the influence of drugs or liquor.

Meanwhile, detectives held another suspect for investigation.

Near Olympia, 30 miles from here, a finding of an abandoned campfire in the woods put officers on the trail of a man and a boy said to have been seen going into the brush.

No Answers, Doctor Says

Dr. Mattson, maintaining he has had no answers to the two classified advertisements inserted in the Seattle Times in attempting to contact the kidnaper, will demand absolute proof that his son is alive before paying \$28,000 ransom, it was asserted.

The only discrepancy in the hunted drug addict's description was his age, police said. The bearded gunman who dropped a word in the Mattson home was first thought to be middle-aged. Later, however, Virginia Chatfield, 16, Seattle, a friend who was visiting the Mattson children, said the kidnaper was not as old as first reported.

Federal agents indicated Halbert Reynolds, 33, a sailor, picked up by police last night when he tried to pawn a ring, had no connection with the kidnaping.

'Break' Believed Near

Although Reynolds answered the general description of the kidnaper, there apparently was little beyond that to link him with the case.

Activities at the Mattson home indicated a "break" might be near and that the kidnaper had proved or was about to prove Charles was alive and well and in his custody.

Dr. Mattson was understood to have demanded a note in the child's own handwriting.

Although exact text of the ransom note has not been released by Federal investigators, it was reported to have told the father he would receive a purple ink message in the same off-color script and written on the same type of paper as the first note.

Dr. Mattson was said to be demanding absolute proof of the kidnaping, fearing a crank or a rival gangster might be attempting to collect the ransom.

3 BELIEVED KILLED AS PLANE CRASHES

By United Press

MUNFORD, Ala., Jan. 2.—Three persons were believed to be dead when a plane, believed to be a missing Army transport, crashed in an isolated section near here. Medical officers and authorities were en route here from the Army post at Fort McClellan, near Anniston.

Witnesses said there were three bodies in the burned plane that crashed near Chehaha Park. The plane crashed on a mountainside.

SHORTAGE IS CHARGED TO PIKE COUNTY MAN

Accounts Board today reported a shortage of \$5023.40 in the accounts of James V. McGlasson, former Pike County Deputy Treasurer.

Mr. McGlasson left office Nov. 10, 1936, and his whereabouts are unknown, the examiners said.

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