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## Pesky but Pretty Dandelions Back



The yellow peril—the mischievous dandelion—once again besets the keeper of an otherwise fine lawn. The dandelion is the imp of vegetation, according to Horace F. Abbott, County Agricultural agent. But then again, the dandelion isn't such a bad member of the garden family. The greens

Times Photo.  
around it are pretty good with corn meal, seasoned with a little vinegar, they say. And well, a dandelion looks mighty pretty when a field of them surrounds a miss like Helen Galbraith (above), Shortridge High School senior, of 3720 N. Pennsylvania St. She is shown in a North Side crop.

## HOPE OF MINE TRUCE VOICED

Steelman Tells Reporter  
Conclave May End  
In Success.

NEW YORK, May 10 (U. P.)—John R. Steelman, head of the U. S. Conciliation Service, said today he believed there was some hope the national soft coal suspension would be ended soon.

He kept contract negotiators in constant session to act upon the demand of President Roosevelt that they draft some formula by tonight under which coal mines can be reopened this week.

A reporter asked: "Can we assure the country there is some chance of success?"

"I think you can," Mr. Steelman replied.

### Negotiators Caucus Selves

Mr. Steelman conferred with representatives of the United Mine Workers of America, half a million of whose members are idle, and negotiators for 2000 coal operators in the Appalachian area. At mid-day he excused the two groups to permit them to caucus among themselves.

He indicated the conferees would meet again jointly later in the day. "In accordance with the President's statements to the joint conference yesterday," Mr. Steelman said, "my position in the conference today is one of imperatively demanding a solution of this situation within the time limit as set."

The President had asked the negotiators to present their answer by tonight.

Mr. Steelman later made it clear that his statement was not to be interpreted as meaning he believed an immediate break in the situation was in sight. It was learned that the negotiators had discussed various possible formulas for resuming operations but had not settled on any one.

### Both Sides 'Mum'

Spokesmen for neither side would give any indication as to whether there was any possibility they would be able to meet the President's request.

The President's request was made yesterday afternoon at a private conference with operators and miners in the White House. It was reported in some quarters to have been virtually an ultimatum.

One reason made by the President when he received, on his invitation, the 10 representatives of the two sides was taken as indicating his probable line of attack if the disagreement continued. That was an inquiry as to what his visitors would think if he should take to the radio for a full public exposition of his understanding of the subject.

Among factors pushing toward either an agreement or a break without much more delay are the conditions that would make it possible for the Lewis forces to break up the Appalachian conference by offering individual district contracts to operators willing to sign on the Lewis terms.

The Indiana and Illinois districts, particularly, are said to be hungry for the business they could get under these circumstances.

## Troops Will Be Sent to Harlan Area Monday

FRANKFORT, Ky., May 10 (U. P.)—Governor Chandler, announcing that he had prepared an order

dispatching Kentucky National Guard troops to the Harlan coal fields on Monday, intended to-day that the dispute between soft coal operators and miners "is of no interest to the general public, although society is seriously jeopardized by the controversy."

### DATE WITH DANGER

The Times New Daily Serial Begins Today on  
Page 16.

## Mother and Police Save Stricken Tot

## 12 WILL STUDY PARKS SYSTEM

### Mayor Appoints Group of Civic Leaders After Patronage Attack.

Artificial respiration by a mother and two police officers today saved the life of 3-year-old Geraldine Corden, 1411 Craft St., who was affected by convulsions while suffering from meningitis.

The child's mother, Mrs. Cecil Corden, applied artificial respiration until a radio patrol car arrived. Officers Jacob Hudgings and Frank McDonald continued to work on the child. Within three minutes, they said, she was breathing normally.

Appointment of the committee to "streamline" park and playground programs for the summer followed considerable criticism of alleged deficiencies in the summer personnel.

Committeemen Listed

The committee includes:

Mrs. Thomas D. Sheerin, Indianapolis League of Women's Voters, chairman; James C. Ahern of the 12th District American Legion; Arthur R. Baxter, former Community Fund head and civic leader; William Emrich, representing West Side businessmen's groups; John W. White, representing labor groups; Fred Hoke, vice president and treasurer of Holcomb & Hoke; Joseph A. McGowan, local businessman; Mrs. Charles Vawter of the Indianapolis Council of Women's Religious Committees; Mrs. Merrion Nicholson Jr., of the Indianapolis Orphans' Home; Mrs. Carl Mantell of the School Board; Mrs. Joseph Miner of the Girl Scouts, and Mrs. George Clark of the Indianapolis Parent-Teachers Association.

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## CONFEREES DISCUSS WATER CO.'S PRICE

### Actual Negotiations Due to Start Today.

Actual negotiations on a purchase price for the Indianapolis Water Co. were to start this afternoon at a conference between a committee of City officials and C. W. McNear, representing the company's owners.

The conference was arranged during a committee meeting yesterday at which the City's strategy in the negotiations was outlined.

"We just had a general discussion," Mayor Sullivan said, "and then we called Fred Bates Johnson, Mr. McNear's local representative, and arranged to have Mr. McNear come over tomorrow."

The Mayor said the committee yesterday discussed the company's financial setup.

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## FAIR--AND COOLER-- BUREAU'S PROMISE

### Mercury Touches 70 (but It's Really Nothing).

#### LOCAL TEMPERATURES

6 a.m. . . . .	58	10 a.m. . . . .	73
7 a.m. . . . .	61	11 a.m. . . . .	75
8 a.m. . . . .	66	12 (noon) . . . . .	76
9 a.m. . . . .	70	1 p.m. . . . .	77

The Weather Bureau was glad today to report that the outlook for the mercury tomorrow is fair and cool.

The mercury was around 70 this morning, but the Bureau said the heat is just about what it should be for this season.

## DENIES SIGNING MONEY CLAIMS IN FRAUD TRIAL

Former Kokomo Employee  
Testifies He Permitted  
Use of Name.

### U. S. CHARGES FORGERY

Seeks to Prove Conspiracy  
To Divert Use of  
WPA Labor.

A man whose name allegedly was signed to several claims on the city of Kokomo, told a Federal Court jury today that the City never had owed him any money.

The Government in the trial of 11 persons, including nine former WPA and Kokomo officials charged with conspiring to defraud by diverting WPA labor to private use, is attempting to prove that signatures were forged on claims and warrants against the City of Kokomo.

Mr. Revolt, former employee in the Kokomo City Engineer's office, has been reintroduced as evidence by the Government.

Mr. Revolt testified he had not signed any claims on the City.

Under cross-examination, Mr. Revolt said that he had given George Mix, former assistant City Engineer and one of the defendants, permission to use his name.

Testifies on Signatures

Yesterday Mr. Revolt testified that Mr. Mix had signed his (Revolt's) name on two claims. This was done with his permission. Mr. Revolt testified, as Mr. Mix had told him the City owed Mr. Mix money and as a City official he could not present a private bill.

The Government maintains that all of a quantity of crushed stone, allegedly processed by WPA labor, actually was the property of Mr. Mix and that claims for payment were filed in other names "in order to avoid suspicion."

Clarence M. Neumann, who said he had worked on the Governor's Commission on Unemployment Relief with Joseph Tarkington, one of the defendants, testified yesterday and again today that he knew Mr. Tarkington's signature well and that Mr. Tarkington's name on several claims and warrants "certainly were not signed by Mr. Tarkington."

Sale Evidence Expected

Meanwhile, evidence designed to show that the City of Kokomo paid \$4412 to a former official for the crushed stone was expected to be introduced later today by U. S. District Attorney Carl Noland.

All witnesses to take the stand so far in the trial have been introduced by the Government.

Judge J. Leroy Adair of Quincy, Ill., is presiding at the trial here because Robert C. Baitzell disqualifies himself at two defendants' requests.

Yesterday 13 WPA workers testified that they had been ordered to leave projects on which they were working and go to the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. They testified they loaded bricks from demolished buildings into trucks. Those who testified were Alfred Johnson, Grover Arnold, Theodore R. Blake, Clyde Layton, Albert W. Sanders, Marvin D. Prather, Willis Wallace, John F. Deger, Earl Baker, Raymond DeWitt, John A. Warden, William Hicks and Philip Ward.

Darwin Middleton, present Kokomo City clerk, referred to City records and testified that more than \$7000 in claims had been filed for payment by the City for cleaned brick.

Charge Sale to City

Other WPA workers who have testified that they had been ordered to other projects to the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. to haul stone were Orville O. Dailey, John T. Webb, William Bottoms, James L. Albaugh, Charles H. Clark, William E. Hall, Earl Powell, William Hicks, Walter Aspy, Charles A. McDorman, Philip Ward, Joseph Wheeler and William Noland.

The Government contends that the crushed stone and processed bricks cleaned by WPA workers were sold soon afterwards to the City of Kokomo and that claims were approved by the Board of Public Works.

KING HAS SMOOTH SAILING  
ABOARD S. S. EMPRESS OF  
AUSTRALIA. En Route to Quebec,  
May 10 (U. P.)—The Empress of  
Australia, bearing King George and  
Queen Elizabeth, plowed today  
through a sea which was like that  
of yesterday—tranquil. Their Majes-  
ties are due in Quebec May 15.

"I rented rooms in our home," she said, explaining that she and her husband lived in the basement and slept in the attic so that other rooms could be used.

The Belester family debt totaled \$4473 at the end of 1938, she said. This included \$478 for mortgage payments and interest, a \$510 loan, \$96 for taxes, \$52 for special assessments, \$45 for doctor's care and the remainder representing the principal of the mortgage on their home.

"I am one of the typical American families," said Mrs. Belester, a small woman wearing a purple dress and a small black hat with white flowers.

"My husband earned \$600. Work was slack."

"How did you meet the deficit?" asked Don Montgomery, Consum-

## 'Inhuman' Italo-German Efficiency Challenges America, Howard Says

Cites Journalism's Duty in Prevailing Upon Capital and  
Labor to Yield From Individually Selfish Aims  
In Interest of 'All the People.'

PALO ALTO, Cal., May 10 (U. P.)—American democracy is challenged by the "inhuman and machine-like" economic efficiency of the Italian and German dictatorships, not by the inefficiency of Russian Communism, Roy W. Howard, of the Scripps-Howard Newspapers, said that night in the Don Mellett Memorial Lecture on Journalism at Stanford University.

The Don Mellett Memorial Lecture is delivered annually by a distinguished journalist in memory of the Canton, O., editor who was assassinated by a paid criminal July 16, 1926, in the hope of halting a reform campaign he was conducting in his newspaper.

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"In democracy's struggle with challenging foreign ideologies," Mr. Howard said, "American journalism will be called upon to play its greatest and probably its most difficult role. To the newspapers will fall the task of telling the shortsighted and the unimaginative in the ranks of both capital and labor that the interests of neither can continue paramount to the interests of the whole people."

"LABOR cannot continue blind to the fact that wealth must be created before abundance can be widespread. Labor must see that except perhaps in the more arduous and health-taxing vocations, there must be a limit to the reduction of work hours, if American industry is to compete in world markets, as she must if living standards are not to be lowered. Even American efficiency cannot long expect a 30-hour week to meet the competition of a 60-hour work week."

"On the other hand, capital must be made to understand that never again can the division of created wealth be on the old basis of the lush days. Also it must accept it as a fact, that in any sacrifices which readjustment may entail, those best able to do so will inevitably bear the greater weight of the burden."

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"Coincidentally, capital and labor politics must realize that no political or economic system has ever changed human nature or altered the glandular setup of the human

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## Britain Repeats Refusal Of War Pact With Soviets

By United Press

The British Government dimmed prospects of close Russian cooperation in an antiaggression front today by repeating in the House of Commons its refusal to extend its military agreement with France.

Russia feared that if she commits herself to defend eastern European nations, she may be left holding the bag in a war in which Britain and France would stay aloof.

Prime Minister Chamberlain tried partly to dispel these fears in a statement to the House of Commons in which he said Russia would be expected to aid victims of aggression only in case Britain and France went to war first to aid those victims.

However, Mr. Chamberlain's statement showed that Russia is holding out for an assurance of British and French support if Germany tries to invade the Baltic countries.

Russia May Ease Demands

Since Britain guaranteed Poland and Rumania security and asked for Soviet help in case they are invaded, Russia suspected Britain is aiming at permitting Germany to invade the Soviet Union through Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and Finland. Russia, therefore, is anxious to plug this gap in the antiaggression front.

Mr. Chamberlain told Commons that Lord Halifax, Foreign Secretary, had assured Soviet Ambassador Ivan Maisky the Soviet doubts would be removed. It was not clear, however, whether he meant Britain would guarantee the Baltic states against aggression.

An act of the 1937 Legislature mandates the sentence which was imposed by Judge Dewey E. Myers in Criminal Court.

"A man who has been convicted three times for drunken driving should be prohibited indefinitely from driving," the judge said, "but the law does not give me the power to invoke such a prohibition."

"I will not hesitate to give the maximum penalty on drunken driving offenses when the evidence proves the motorist guilty," the judge said. "And I will convict on either circumstantial or direct evidence."

"Erring motorists cannot expect to escape penalties imposed by the lower courts by an appeal to my court if they are guilty. I will give the case proper and immediate re-hearing and unless the lower court's finding is faulty I will sustain their findings."

The defendant pleaded guilty. His case came into Criminal Court on a prosecutor's affidavit.

## REPORT AMILIE DUE