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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 E. Abbott, County Agricultural agent. But then again, the dandelion isn't such a bad member of the garden family. The greens

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.

## 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.

Witnesses bearing the name of Roy Revolt, former employee in the Kokomo City Engineer's office, have been introduced 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 \$4112 to a former official for the crushed stone was expected to be introduced later today by U. S. District Attorney Val Nolan.

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. Baltzell disqualified 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, driver Arnold, Theodore R. Blake, Clyde Layton, Albert W. Sanders, Marvin J. Prather, Willis Wallace, John F. Degier, Earl Baker, Raymond DeWitt, John A. Worden, 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 they had been ordered from other projects to the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. to haul stone were Orville and LeRoy James L. Albough, Charles H. Clark, William E. Hall, Earl Powell, William Hicks, Walter Aspy, Charles A. McDorman, Philip Ward, Joseph Wheeler and William Nash.

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—transit. Their Majesties are due in Quebec May 15.

## '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 in July 16, 1926, in the hope of halting a reform campaign he was conducting in his newspaper.

"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 short-sighted 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."

"POLITICIANS must be made to understand that breathing spells for consolidation of gains are practical necessities not to be denied, despite demagogic yammerings for a break-neck dash toward Utopia.

"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

## Britain Repeats Refusal Of War Pact With Soviets

By United Press

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

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 dissuade 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 Soviet Union through 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 anti-aggression 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.

R. A. Butler, Foreign Undersecretary, told Commons last week that Britain has no intention of doing so.

Mr. Chamberlain's statement nevertheless conveyed the impression that Russia would abandon the demand for a three-power military alliance if Britain and France plug the Baltic gap.

Two Victories for Russia Mr. Chamberlain's statement sought to correct a Soviet impression that the aid by Russia was to be one-sided.

The importance of the Russian position was illustrated by the report in Paris that the Pope's failure to include the Soviet in his mediation proposals was a marked factor in the coldness shown by Britain and France to the Pope's suggestion.

Russia gained two diplomatic victories in an indication by Rumania that it is ready to accept a Russian security guarantee, and a report

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## BILL SETS ASIDE \$5,000,000 FOR STATE FLOOD AID

Includes \$200,000 Fall Creek Project Here and \$1,211,500 for Ohio River Channel and Dam Construction.

WHITE RIVER LEVEE UNIT IS LISTED

Muncie, Brevoort, Tell City, Evansville and Lawrenceburg Needs Charted; Relief Earmarking Defeated.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—More than \$5,000,000 would be spent in flood prevention work on Indiana rivers and streams next year under a War Department appropriation bill reported today by the House Appropriations Committee.

Included is \$200,000 for Fall Creek in Indianapolis. An additional \$1,211,500 is included for Ohio River channel work and lock and dam construction.

The \$255,188,154 appropriation bill, which is to finance the civil functions of the War Department, provides \$71,000,000 for river and harbor improvements and \$110,000,000 for flood control.

Relief Earmarking Refused The House economy bloc, by a vote of 18 to 10 in the appropriations committee, blocked an attempt to increase the fund by earmarking \$50,000,000 of 1940 relief funds for those purposes.

The earmarking of relief funds was proposed by a subcommittee headed by Rep. J. Buel Snyder (D, Pa.) in charge of the bill.

In the full committee, the economy bloc headed by Rep. Clifton A. Woodrum (D, Va.) objected to such procedure, and won the fight to strike this provision from the bill.

The committee battled past the scheduled meeting time of the House and forced an almost unprecedented 30-minute recess while members waited to debate the bill.

Budget Estimates Change Because of the change in budget estimates for flood control after the committee completed hearings, it was unable to say exactly how the lump sum appropriation for this purpose would be spent.

Tables in the hearings, however, indicated the flood control allocations for Indiana would be substantially as follows:

Muncie, \$200,000; Brevoort, \$192,000; Tell City, \$530,000; Evansville, \$800,000; Gill Township Levee Unit, \$35,000; Indianapolis Fall Creek section, \$200,000; Cammell, \$328,000; Lawrenceburg, \$900,000; Jeffersonville to Clarksville, Ind., \$600,000; New Albany, \$500,000; Shoals Reservoir, \$370,000; White River Levee Unit No. 8, \$333,000; Anderson, \$127,000.

Carries Funds for Dams The bill also carries \$2,000,000 for continuing the hydroelectric plant at Ft. Peck Dam, Mont., and \$7,000,000 for Bonneville Dam's power plant.

Appropriations for the Civil Government of the Panama Canal were increased \$15,524,710 to \$24,714,924 in order to speed national defense installations in the Canal Zone. For this purpose \$14,700,000 was appropriated to be made available immediately.

INJURIES INFLICTED BY BURGLAR FATAL A 69-year-old night watchman died today of head injuries inflicted by a burglar who slugged and robbed him two months ago.

The victim was William Peterman, 341 W. Court St. On March 11 while he was on duty at the Paul Middleton Coal Co. he was struck on the head by a man wielding some sort of blunt instrument, police said. Mr. Peterman failed to notify authorities immediately because he did not have any description of the prowler to guide them. The burglar took his billfold containing \$2.

F. D. R. SILENT ON M'NUTT SUCCESSOR WASHINGTON, May 10 (U. P.).—President Roosevelt today declined comment on who would be appointed to succeed Paul V. McNutt, former Indiana Governor, as High Commissioner to the Philippines. Mr. McNutt, a Democratic Presidential candidate, will leave the islands tonight.

Among those mentioned prominently for the post is Francis B. Sayre, assistant Secretary of State.

YOUNG DOCTOR'S HUG FATAL TO DAUGHTER ALEDO, Ill., May 10 (U. P.).—A young doctor-father and his wife today planned a small, quiet funeral for their 19-month-old daughter, Nancy Irene, who died from her father's hug.

Dr. C. O. McCready lanced a "flu abscess" on a patient in the country. Carefully he put the operating instrument in the breast pocket of his coat.

Nancy Irene greeted him from her crib when he returned home. The young father swept the child to his shoulder. She snuggled against him, on the side where the infection-covered knife protruded.

The instrument scratched her skin. Two nights later, Monday, Nancy Irene died from a virulent form of streptococcal infection.

REPORT AMLIE DUE TO BE MURPHY AID WASHINGTON, May 10 (U. P.).—Thomas A. Amlie, whose nomination to the Interstate Commerce Commission was withdrawn by President Roosevelt, probably will be named a special assistant to Attorney General Murphy, Justice Department officials said today.

## HOPE OF MINE TRUCE VOICED

Steelmen 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 conferees 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 remark 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 continues. 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 next Monday, contended today that the dispute between soft coal operators and miners "is of 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

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 the mumps.

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

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 be started 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 status.

"We also talked about how much river water and how much well water is used at present; how much it would cost to install a water softener in case we buy the company," he said.

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 tonight and tomorrow is generally fair and cooler.

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

## Monopoly Probers Hear Housewife Relate How Family Went Into Red

WASHINGTON, May 10 (U. P.).—The National Monopoly inquiry today suspended its study of vast industrial combines to hear a housewife tell of inability to make both ends meet under present economic conditions.

Mrs. Alice Belestier, wife of a Chicago carpenter, told how she'd kept "a fairly accurate" household budget last year but in spite of scrimping and efforts to buy food and clothing at lowest prices the Belestier family wound up the year \$502 in the red.

She said income amounted to \$1140 and expenses were \$1642. "How did you meet the deficit?" asked Don Montgomery, Consumer Counsel for the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

"We had to borrow \$510," she said. The Belestier 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. Belestier, a small woman wearing a purple dress and a small black hat with white flowers. "My husband earned \$600. Work was slack."

"How was the other \$540 earned?" Mr. Montgomery asked.

"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 rented.

Mrs. Belestier, chairman of an organization known as the United Conference Against the High Cost of Living, complained her budget difficulties were increased by the lack of informative advertising and markings on goods she purchased in the stores.

"In the last few years I have had to be very, very careful," she said. "There are so many brands that I have found it difficult to find a brand to suit my needs."