Hoosier Miners Accept Short Week With Mixed Feeling

'Better Than Nothing,' Some Workers Assert

Others Prefer Idleness to 3 Days in Pits; Owners Frown Upon Individual Contracts

TERRE HAUTE, Dec. 1 (UP)—Indiana coal miners accepted John L. Lewis' back-to-work order today with varied reaction.

Some said they'd just as soon be idle as to work only three days a week.

Others said three days' pay was "better than nothing," particularly at the Christmas season.

Mine owners said firmly that Mr. Lewis' authorization for his United Mine Workers to negotiate contracts with individual coal companies would produce no results. Mr. Lewis' order restoring the three-day work week beginning next Monday was received a few hours after the latest UMW strike began among Indiana's 8500 miners at 7 a. m.

'That's No Settlement'

"I'd just as soon not work as to work only three days," said a Greene County miner who refused to be quoted by name. "I'm working at a new mine and there isn't much repair or cleanup work there. If I was working at an old mine, it wouldn't be quite so bad."

"That's no settlement," said another. "But it's better than nothing. I have two kids and I'll appreciate even that much money for Christmas shopping."

A mine owner said he was sure his colleagues "wouldn't have any of that individual contract business."

600 Fail to Report

A spot check of mines in the busy Western Indiana soft coal fields showed that nobody reported for work on the day shift this morning.

Three large mines in the Terre Haute area, hub of the Hoosier digging industry, reported that some 600 to 700 miners employed there failed to show up for work.

The mines were the Dresser, Saxton and Viking.

Operators and union spokesmen said experience has shown that when the miners don't show up at these mines, they are out at all the others.

Post Notices

Operators, who organized maintenance crews yesterday when cancellation of a UMW policy committee signaled the start of another walkout, posted "work available" notices on their bulletin boards.

But privately they didn't expect the union miners to take advantage of the opportunity to keep digging coal and earn their weekly wages in the pre-Christmas season.

During the first full week after the last walkout ended Nov. 10, Indiana miners produced an estimated 670,000 tons of fuel to help build up stockpiles exhausted during the long strike through October. It was a four-year record.

Crash Victim Reported In Fair Condition

Carl G. Ebersoll, 37, of 12 N. Randolph St., was in fair condition in Methodist Hospital today after his car and a truck driven by Edward Martz, 32, of 1625 Perry St., collided at 38th St. and Central Ave.

Police said Mr. Ebersoll suffered face cuts and possible concussion. Mr. Martz complained of back pains but refused medical attention.

Prosecution Fails To Carry Point

Conrad 'Bombshell' Proves to Be Dud

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show no marks or bruises on Mrs. Conrad's face, arms or legs."

Although the state hoped to use this witness to scotch the "beating" stories of the defense, it quickly completed the examination when the photograph plainly indicated a large bruise or knot on the defendant's left elbow.

For a time progress of the trial was stalled while Miss Jessie Levy, counsel for the defense, battled with the deputy prosecutor over admissability of the picture into evidence.

Miss Levy scored a point when the judge ruled the picture could not be admitted since it was taken prior to Mrs. Conrad's being charged with murder.

At the conclusion of Officer Cline's testimony and cross-examination by Miss Levy, the state ended its parade of rebuttal witnesses.

Just as a short recess was called by Judge Bain Miss Levy indicated she had no other witnesses to be called.

Finale Not Likely

Due to the prolonged trial and numerous flare-ups which punctuated the two-week-old hearing it appeared unlikely that final arguments would be made today.

Judge Bain said he believed the balance of today's session would be consumed by both defense and prosecuting attorneys studying and offering arguments over instructions which the judge will read to the jury.

Mr. Frick said he would not ask for the supreme penalty for Mrs. Conrad, whose husband died in General Hospital two days after he was shot in a domestic quarrel in the Conrad home at 635 N. Noble St.

Family Testifies

During the past two days various members of the Conrad family testified.

This morning Mrs. Ola Conrad of 617 N. Noble St., a sister-in-law of the defendant, was called to the stand by the state.

During cross-examination Miss Levy wrung from the witness an admission that she "didn't care too much for Mrs. Conrad."

She also admitted that on the Saturday following the shooting she visited Mrs. Conrad at the County Jail and asked her to sign over the rooming house in N. Noble St.

Miss Levy later said this admission indicates the general "contempt" of the Conrad family for the defendant.

"Even before my client was indicted," Miss Levy said, "members of the Conrad family were trying to take from her her worldly possessions."

Pays Cab Fare With 'Diamonds'

Passenger Charged With Drunkenness

A taxicab driver was "short-changed" by a passenger and given two "diamond" rings in lieu of the fare, the driver told police today.

The driver, Marvin Cook, 26, said he picked up the man at Woodlawn and Virginia Aves. early today. He said the passenger ordered him to drive to several places, accumulating a $1.05 fare.

At Wright and Prospect Sts., he said, the man alighted and handed him 30 cents and two stone-studded rings. One bore a $772 price tag.

Later, police arrested a man a short distance away. He was identified as Grady Lawrence, 750 Prospect St. He was charged with drunkenness and city vagrancy.

Lawrence denied ownership of the rings and said he had never seen the cab driver.

Police doubted the rings contained diamonds but sent them to the property room.

Kincaid Renamed To Liquor Board

$25,000 Emergency Funds Approved

George Kincaid, Indianapolis funeral director, was reappointed to a one-year term on the Marion County Liquor Board by the County Council yesterday.

The council concluded a two-day session during which members considered emergency appropriation requests from various county units of government.

Of an estimated $43,000 requested, the council approved $25,000 emergency funds for the rest of the year.

Bans Car Painting

A $115 requested appropriation by Sheriff James F. Cunningham for painting an emergency vehicle was denied by the council. The car, originally assigned as the sheriff's personal car, is a maroon Oldsmobile. Three weeks ago Sheriff Cunningham ordered the car painted white to be used in safety patrol work.

The painting project was halted when half-completed after county commissioners learned that there was no money available to pay for the job.

Meantime, however, owners of the Plaza Garage have completed the work despite warning from the commissioners that they "might not be paid."

Taken Care of, He Says

Chief Jailer Harry Cook, advised of the council's action, today said, "Think nothing of it. That matter has been taken care of." He did not elaborate.

In other action, Councilman Frank Fairchild read his report to council members covering investigation of an accident involving a sheriff's car Nov. 5 at the Churchman Ave. crossing of the Belt Railroad. The council accepted the report without comment.

Council members said they have taken no action on the request of officials of the Marion County Tuberculosis Hospital at Sunnyside to appropriate funds to match federal money to construct a power plant.

1950 License Plate Applications Sorted by Cities

There go a million license plate applications. Motor Vehicle Director Mahlon Leach (left) and Secretary of State Charles Fleming load the last of 200 mail bags. The applications already have been sorted by cities, saving many hours of work for the postoffice. It's the first time in history the state has done it that way, Mr. Fleming says.

Police Shot Halts Burglary Suspect

Police captured a West Side burglary suspect last night after firing one shot.

Called to Kroot & Son Co., 628 Washington Ave., police saw a man jump from a second-story window and run north in Blackford St. Patrolman Carl Gerd fired one shot and the man halted.

He was identified as Robert Marshall, 25, of R. R. 1, Camby. He was charged with pre-burglary.

Police said the man touched off a burglar alarm at the company offices after kicking a hole in the roof. A car parked nearby was found to contain a hatchet and a pry bar.

Police said Marshall admitted the car was his. But the license plate was issued to another Indianapolis man, police said.

Verdict Delayed In Death Under Train

TERRE HAUTE, Dec. 1 (UP)—Coroner D. M. Ferguson today held up his verdict in the death of Ruth Long, 47, Terre Haute, who was decapitated by a train yesterday.

Witnesses said Miss Long walked along the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad tracks and then threw herself in front of a slowly-moving train. The accident occurred at a crossing north of here.

Mining Towns Celebrate Order to Go Back to Work

Christmas Eve Payday Gladdens Workers, But They're Eager for Permanent Settlement

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 1 (UP)—United Mine Workers President John L. Lewis' decision to convert the general coal walkout into a three-day work week today set off celebrations in the mining towns.

Miners, who only a few hours before were glum and grumbling at the prospect of a long pre-Christmas strike surged into the streets and jammed into beer gardens.

"This place looked like a graveyard this morning," the bartender in a tavern at Library, Pa., said. "Now the miners are flocking into the place, buying beers and talking big stuff about Christmas."

However, there was a tinge of disappointment in their reaction. They still were ready to back Mr. Lewis all the way in his fight for a new wage agreement.

"Sure we like the work order," Anthony Potlager, a coal loader at a U. S. Steel Corp. mine near Uniontown, Pa., said. "But it ain't good enough. We want a contract."

'Feel Like a Yo-yo'

Alex Konitsky was still angry over the work stoppage last night. He was happy to be going back to work even three days a week but he wanted a little more consistency.

"Right now, I feel like a damn' yo-yo—up and down, up and down," Mr. Konitsky said.

Another miner—a die-hard—added:

"We should have socked the operators good—stayed out since last July when we first started that three-day stuff. That's only a bare living. Man, who's going to pay our debts?"

Nick Gordon, a veteran digger at the Morris mine near Avella, Pa., said the new work schedule will "only keep the wolf from the door."

"I just drew three days' pay yesterday and that was the first smell of money I've had in three months. Figure it out for yourself what Christmas will be like—rugged."

Harry Gates, who works in Pittsburgh Consolidation Coal Co.'s Montour No. 10 mine, said he had talked to "the fellows and they still ain't too happy."

"But there's no kiddin'—those three days will be a life-saver," he said. "That'll give us a pay on the 24th. Maybe I can buy some things I was going to pass up."

FBI Arrests Hoosier On Car Theft Charge

The FBI today announced the arrest of Earl Woodrow Bottoms, 35, of 1800 Central Ave., on a charge of interstate transportation of a stolen car.

The FBI accused Bottoms of driving the car from Cincinnati, O., to Indianapolis in April. The car later was recovered by city police in the 300 block of S. Davidson St.

At that time, the FBI said, Bottoms gave a ficticious name and claimed ownership of the car. He later escaped police by slipping out of a house, the FBI said.

Bottoms was taken before U. S. Commissioner Francis M. Hughes yesterday and was remanded to the Marion County Jail under $2500 bond.

Ship Movements

By United Press

New York Arrivals—America, Southampton; Santa Paula, Cartagena.

New York Departures — Excellency, Trieste; Raphael Semmes, Bremen; Ribeira Grande, Ponta Delgada; Robin Tuxford, Capetown; Aswigale, Havana; Brazil, Cape Haiti; Elizabeth, San Juan; Esso Aruba, Aruba; Esso Raleigh, Aruba; Queen of Bermuda, Bermuda.

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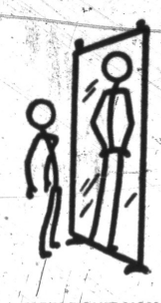

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Cigar Store Given Wrong Name in Story

A business establishment in 1057 Virginia Ave., raided by police, was erroneously identified in The Times last Sunday as the Walter Dailey Cigar Store.

Although Mr. Dailey formerly operated the business, he has not been connected with it for the last two years. Police confiscated pick-and-win tickets and books of baseball tickets, but made no arrests in the raid last Saturday.

Tuberculosis Stamp Sale Brings in $283

The Women's Club of Benjamin Harrison Air Base collected $283 yesterday in the sale of tuberculosis stamps to base personnel.

The collection will be turned over to the Marion County Tuberculosis Association.

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