

5,000 LAROLD JONES TABLE

SOUTH BEND MINISTERS
RAP CITY OFFICIALS FOR
ALL UP 'OPEN' TOWN

Declare Local Moral Con-
ditions Are Worst in State
of Indiana.

DEPEND ON BOB JONES

Mayor and Chief of Police
Leaving Cleanup Work
to Evangelist.

South Bend's reputation as a wide open town furnished the theme for sermons in many of the local pulpits Sunday morning. They were part of the concerted effort of the ministers to drive the house of ill-fame, the bootlegging "soft drink" saloon, the gambling house, and other resorts from South Bend.

Stress was laid by some ministers on the importance of making a permanent clean up of the city, instead of just a temporary white-washing during the Jones revival. Religious services, such as the ranking heads of the police department are attempting to effect.

Rotten City.
That South Bend is rotten morally was agreed upon by the majority of the city's pastors, one of whom, the Rev. Howard L. Cain, of the Indiana Avenue Christian church, declared that a study of conditions in all the principal cities of Indiana had resulted in his decision that South Bend was more "open" in regard to resorts than any other city of the state.

Other pastors joined with Mr. Cain in blaming the individual churches and the Ministerial association for not demanding that the city authorities enforce the laws and close up the joints which are bringing wide discredit to the city.

Up to City.
Another point stressed was that Bob Jones and his party were not supposed to effect this clean up themselves, but that the responsibility rested on the churches, utilizing the awakened sense of public duty created by the Jones campaign.

The laxity of the present administration was referred by several pastors, one asking the question whether "the harlot is in good standing with the city fathers." The Rev. Cain took for his text the passage, "Strengthen ye the weak hand and confirm the feeble knee."

He asserted that he was ashamed of the fact that organizations outside of the church and the Ministerial organization were more forward in bettering conditions in South Bend than were the church forces, and stressed the fact that only by a general waking up of the churches could the city officials be forced to effect the desired reforms.

Quotes News-Times.
He quoted the editorial from the Sunday morning News-Times to emphasize the point that the responsibility of keeping the city clean after Bob Jones leaves the city rests upon the churches.

"At the present time," Mr. Cain said, "the forces of evil are not worrying about what the churches will do after Bob Jones leaves. I have preached in country churches and in little towns and big cities of the state, and I challenge anybody to show me any city in Indiana that is in a worse condition morally than is South Bend at the present time."

He also read the expose of vice conditions here made by Dan Pyle, attorney, as reported in The News-Times, and said that if a prominent attorney can give actual locations of houses of ill-fame and other illicit resorts, there must be a great deal of laxity in law enforcement to cause such resorts.

Opps Kline.
"The mayor and chief of police only do what they are made to do, and it is the fault of the churches if such conditions are allowed to continue. The churches can get anything they want by going to the city officials and showing them that the laws are not enforced, there will be a new set of officials in office."

"We should take God into the polling places when we select our officials. No Christian can vote a straight ticket, although many church members would vote for the worst scoundrel in the world if he was running on the ticket of their party."

"Before we can begin cleaning up the city, we must clean up our churches. We have over 400 names on the church roll, and only about 250 active Christian workers. We must have a revival in this church. When we have eliminated the card playing, swearing, dancing church members from the real Christians, we can begin the job of driving organized vice from our city."

Rev. Davis Speaks.
"If Christ came to South Bend," he said, "he would go to church. He might go to the city hall. He might visit the factories. But I am sure he would stand in our city streets and as of old, he would have compassion."

Mr. Gompers, the compassion of Jesus that colored his preaching, if Jesus came to our city today he would be surprised at the small congregations in our churches. He

PLAN TO ENCIRCLE
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Mexican Republic Also In-
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By Associated Press.
MEXICO CITY, April 25.—The developments of the last week resulting from the Sonora revolutionary activities show that the central government is preparing to encircle the rebellious state with a steel ring, meanwhile crushing sporadic outbreaks in other parts of the republic with a strong hand.

Issue Report.
A summary of the sedition activities in various sections of the republic since the northern state broke with the Carranza administration together with the results of the government's military measures have been issued by war department officials, two weeks after the open break between the Obregonistas and the administration and is cited as proof that the government's official statement characterizing the Sonora outbreak as merely local is well founded. The long list of professions of adhesion to the central government from virtually every state executive and military leader except those who have openly joined the Sonora revolutionists would seem to indicate that the republic as a whole is solidly supporting the present government.

Aside from the Sonora state government, only two state executives have repudiated the present administration, these being Gen. Enrique Estrada in the state of Zacatecas, and Pascual Ortiz Rubio, in the state of Michoacan. Both of these executives, however, have failed to attract any great following and are being pursued by local forces.

Reputate Estrada.
The state legislature in Zacatecas has repudiated the attitude of Estrada and cited him for treason, and the Michoacan legislature has unseated Ortiz Rubio and named Primo Serrana Mercad as his successor.

The situation in Sinaloa is considered non-religious to the rebellious governor of that state, Ramon H. Turbay, who has protested his loyalty and is using what forces are available to check the incursions of the Sonora troops into Sinaloa until reinforcements can reach him.

Scout Executive At Chamber of Commerce.
Joe Taylor, boy scout executive, will speak and give some scout demonstrations at the luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce today and an unusually large attendance is expected according to the number of reservations that were received at the chamber up to Saturday afternoon.

During the past two weeks the luncheons have been taking on an unusual interest, there being more than 150 people at each luncheon. A number of features that the scouts are taught will be given by Taylor. Fred Dennis, general chairman of the scout program, in the city will act as chairman. Those who have not reserved places yet are asked to insure their places by calling the Chamber this morning.

Torch Explodes In Hands of Workman.
Special to The News-Times.
LAPORTE, Ind., April 25.—Edward Wordinger, aged 29 of Mishawaka is in the Christian hospital at Valparaiso in a critical condition following burns received Sunday while working on a dredge near Laporte. Wordinger was handling an alcohol filled torch when it exploded, setting fire to his clothing. His eyes are so badly burned that it is feared he will be blind if he recovers. He also suffered bad burns about his body. His condition is serious.

Brings Charge.
"The charge I bring against this age is that we have already in our quarters allowed our moral sensibilities to become blunted and our eyes morally blinded until we do not see the enormity of the sinful conditions about us. Our shame is that we can look with complacency upon evils that ought to make us boil with indignation. We have come upon a period of paganism in our national life and in our city life, and yet we are not stirred by the sight of it. We are afflicted with a moral malaria which has sickened manhood, discredited religion and forgotten God. What we need is such a divine quickening as will lift us out of our diseased condition and restore the lost sense of being indignant at the havoc of sin."

Rotten Conditions.
"Conditions in South Bend are such as ought to make every good citizen righteously wrathful. The immoralities have been forced on my attention in an unpleasant manner. We should face the facts. It is not 'knocking' the city to point out its defects. We need to change some of our silly notions about knocking the city. If a doctor tells you that you have a contagious disease he is not knocking, but doing you a service. When a good citizen points out the conditions of a city he is doing it a service. There is much in South Bend to boast of, but we can all do a better job of boasting if we are not compelled to feel that back of our virtues there are immoral conditions that make us humiliated and ashamed."

Rail Situation Back to Normal.
Union Officials Say Strikers Are Gradually Returning to Work.

By Associated Press.
CHICAGO, April 25.—While no further move was made by striking railroad workers in the Chicago terminal district to bring an end to the walkout in effect four weeks, the railroad announced that more strikers returned to work Sunday and that movement of livestock and fresh meat was normal.

Since the strike began, 1,052 strikers have returned to duty, a statement Sunday night by the railroad said, and 340 employees have been brought to Chicago from other points. Sunday's livestock receipts totaled 497 cars, an increase of 265 over receipts on the same day last week. In addition 284 cars of livestock and 310 cars of meat were sent east.

John Crum, head of the Chicago Yardmen's association, following his arraignment Saturday with 41 other strike leaders, before United States Commissioner Mason, said no more meetings would be called and no further attempts made to end the strike.

The strikers would be content to "sit tight at home," he said, until their demands were granted.

Read the Classified—Much of Interest

By Associated Press.
CLEVELAND, O., April 25.—The Supreme court is sending a formal request to President Wilson that the United States government take the mandate for Armenia. The council is leaving to President Wilson the arbitration of the differences over the boundaries of Armenia.

Award Mandate.
The council awarded a mandate for Mesopotamia and Palestine to Great Britain and a mandate for Syria to France.

The Adriatic question was brought before the supreme council Sunday afternoon. The Italian premier, Signor Nitti, proposed a settlement that followed generally President Wilson's note of December 9. It varies, however, to include a constitution for the buffer state of Fiume, to which both the French and British premiers objected on the ground that it limited too severely the character of the new state.

Proposals Identical.
Premier Nitti pointed out that the Italian proposal was almost identical with that of President Wilson. Nevertheless, after considerable discussion, both the French and British delegations said they could not accept it. They declared that it would take President Wilson's plan or abide by that of Lord Curzon, which gives Fiume to the Jugo-Slavs.

Premier Nitti promised to give his decision Monday. The general belief is that he will prefer President Wilson's settlement to the pact of London.

Council Divided.
There seems to be division on the part of the council as to whether the region of Erzerum and its vicinity should be included in a French territory of the Armenian republic. The Turkish nationalists are strongly claiming Erzerum for themselves.

In placing Palestine under a British mandate the council established within the ancient limits of Holy Land what is called "the national home for the Jews."

The terms of the mandate protect the national rights of Jewish citizens of other countries. That is to say, a Jew of American, British, French or other nationality who retains his nationality although he is also a citizen of the state of Palestine, the rights of Arabs also are protected, there being 600 in Palestine and 100,000 Jews. The mandate is limited generally by what is known as the Balfour declaration. British forces have been occupying Palestine since the defeat of the Turkish forces by the British marshal, Viscount Allenby.

France has been the protector of the Christians in Syria since the Middle Ages having been designated for the purpose by the Holy See. The question of the mandate to Syria has been in serious controversy between the French and British governments since the armistice was signed, particularly at the point where France should have all of what is geographically outlined as Syria, or only certain parts.

By Associated Press.
SAN REMO, April 25.—The agreement between Premier Millerand and Lloyd-George concerning Germany was presented to the supreme council late Sunday afternoon and will form the basis of a very stiff note to Germany which will be ready for signature Monday by Great Britain, France, Italy, Japan and Belgium. The United States will not sign the note.

Either the declaration or an authoritative condemnation will be made public Monday, Lloyd George announced, Sunday night.

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