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54,000 UMW Back In Pits

Thirteen Per Cent Of Lewis' Union Membership Defies Orders

WASHINGTON, April 7.—(AP)—The government claimed tonight that 54,000 of John L. Lewis' 400,000 soft coal miners "ignored" a strike today and went back to the pits. This apparently meant that the 13.5 per cent of Lewis' total membership had defied their leader. But the bulk of his men, particularly in the great producing areas of Pennsylvania, Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois were standing squarely behind him.

725,000 Tons Mined It estimated that these mines, together with privately-owned pits using non-union workers or members of the rival Progressive Miners Union of America, produced 725,000 tons today. This is about 50 per cent of normal daily output. The 500 mines presumably have been certified as safe. Most of them were believed to have been on a list of 1,200 which Secretary of Interior J. A. Krug said could be reopened and that government managers found that no "hazardous" conditions exist.

PASSENGERS HAVE NARROW ESCAPE

Only Six Out Of 300 Injured When Crack 'Penny' Train Piles Up

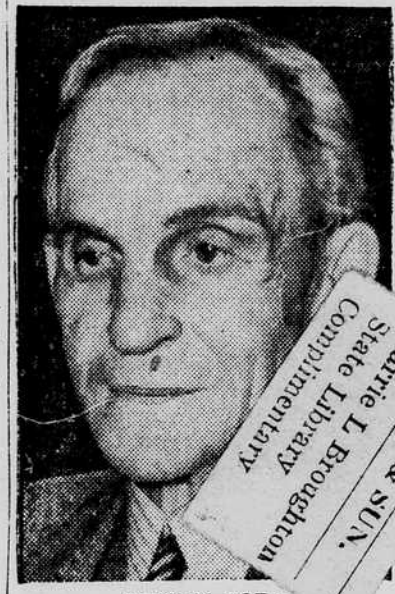
COLUMBIA CITY, Ind., April 7.—(AP)—Derailment of the Pennsylvania railroad's eastbound Gotham Limited at a cross-over switch here early today left the locomotive and thirteen cars of the fifteen-car train strewn in a staggered heap but no one was killed and only six of the 300 persons aboard suffered serious injuries. Fifteen injured persons were taken to two hospitals in Fort Wayne and nine of them were treated and released during the day. Remaining in the hospital were: Joseph Schneider, 49, Pittsburgh, with head and back injuries; daughter, Miss Anna Marie Schneider, 23, also with head and back injuries; Vernon Stauffer, 66, West, O., Mall clerk, fractured right leg; Mrs. Paul Lake, Decatur, Ga., back and leg injuries; Grover Hines, 39, New York, right arm and back injuries; and William Fountain, 27, Pittsburgh, head and back injuries.

The Weather

FORECAST: South Carolina: Considerable cloudiness and warm Tuesday; Wednesday, partly cloudy and warm, occasional light rain in North portion. North Carolina: Partly cloudy and slightly cooler Tuesday; Wednesday, considerable cloudiness and occasional light rain in west and central portions. (Eastern Standard Time) Wilmington: 7:30 p. m. 73; 8:30 p. m. 72; 9:30 p. m. 71. TEMPERATURES: 1:30 p. m. 73; 2:30 p. m. 72; Maximum 85, Minimum 61, Mean 75. HUMIDITY: 1:30 p. m. 81; 7:30 a. m. 83; 1:30 p. m. 73; 7:30 p. m. 77. PRECIPITATION: Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. .04 inches. Total since the first of the month .84 inches. TIDES FOR TODAY (From the Tide Tables published by the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.) Wilmington: 11:50 a. m. 6.44 a. m. 12:50 p. m. 12.52 p. m. 6:58 a. m. 3:31 p. m. 9:28 p. m. 3:54 p. m. Masonboro Inlet: 11:50 a. m. 6.44 a. m. 12:50 p. m. 12.52 p. m. 6:58 a. m. 3:31 p. m. 9:28 p. m. 3:54 p. m. Sunrise 5:50, Sunset 6:38, Moonrise 11:50, Moonset 7:38. River: Moonset 7:38a. at Fayetteville, N. C., at 7 a. m. Monday 13.4 feet. (More weather on Page Two)

Henry Ford Dies Suddenly At Home

Noted Automotive Pioneer Succumbed At 11:40 O'Clock Last Night



HENRY FORD

DETROIT, April 8. (Tuesday)—(AP)—Henry Ford died at 11:40 o'clock last night, it was announced early today. A spokesman for the Ford Motor Company, which the elder motor manufacturer founded and ballooned into a billion dollar organization said simply: "Henry Ford died in his home at Dearborn at 11:40 p. m. Monday, April 7." He was 83. Death found the frail, aging auto maker in complete retirement from active management of his vast empire. He retained only directorships in the Ford Motor company and the smaller Ford Motor company of Canada. Ford was president of the auto company which bears his name from 1903 until 1919. He gave up the title in 1919 but returned to active management May 1, 1943, when the sudden death of his only son, Edsel, vacated the presidency. Henry Ford, one of the world's greatest industrialists, was born in a small commercial farm house near Dearborn, Mich., July 30, 1863, the son of frugal and industrious William Ford and Mary Litogot Ford. He showed mechanical aptitude about the age of 11 when he began making miniature water dams and tinkering with watches. At 18 he decided to pursue a mechanical job rather than farming, and went to work for \$2.50 weekly at the Flower Brothers machine shop in Detroit. After working 10 hours a day for nine months Ford left the Flower Brothers and went to the Dry Dock Engine company where he remained for two years. It was not until Sept. 21, 1945, (Continued On Page Two; Col. 8)

Roadways Will Get Face-Lifting Free

Passengers Trapped

SEATTLE, April 7.—(AP)—Seven persons were believed to have died when a North Coast lines bus, enroute here from Portland, plunged off the Pacific highway into the Duwamish river, near Seattle's south city limits, shortly after 7 p. m. tonight. An hour after the accident all was confusion at the scene as policemen, deputy sheriffs and city police officers rescued passengers from the submerged bus and tried to revive them with artificial respiration. While authorities said they believed seven were dead they could not give an accurate estimate. The accident occurred when the bus collided with an oil truck on the bridge. The truck driver was reported to have escaped with minor injuries.

MARSHALL BLASTS PLEBISCITE PLAN

Britain, France Join U. S. In Opposition To Central Government Idea

MOSCOW, April 7.—(AP)—A Russian today demanded that the German people decide by plebiscite whether they shall have a strong central government but the Big Four delegates of the United States, Great Britain and France denounced the proposal as a threat to world peace. Russian Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov insisted that the Germans themselves be permitted to say whether they want a strong central government—which Russia desires or a federalized regime, linked by a weak central administration, which the United States, Great Britain and France favor. "The United States does not want to set up a central government which might eventually be transformed into an autocratic one," Secretary of State George C. Marshall said. "It would be a danger to the peace of the world. The United States wants a central government based on the German states. "It is not possible today or in the immediate future to get an intelligent expression of German opinion. It is not even practical. The drafting of a constitution is very complicated and any plebiscite in the provisional period would be highly dangerous for peace." Reminding Molotov that strong German governments had started two world wars, that Hitler had risen to power under such a regime and that he had used the

Carter Exonerated By Commission Vote

By GEORGE HASLAM Star Staff Writer An uncertain peace and quiet hovered over the New Hanover county home today following a stormy session of the county commissioners yesterday climaxing charges and counter charges as to the type of treatment the inmates were receiving at the hands of Superintendent C. M. Carter. Today Superintendent Carter stands exonerated by a four to nothing vote of the commissioners which saw Commissioner George W. Trask, chairman of the county home committee, abstaining from casting his "aye" or "nay." It was Commissioner Trask's initial charge a week ago yesterday that the inmates were not receiving "kind" treatment that led to the full-fledged investigation of the Carter administration. Yesterday's session also saw Commissioner Trask, the veteran official who has served on the board for 29 years, tender his resignation as chairman of the county home committee, reiterate his original charges against Superintendent Carter, and accuse Commissioner L. J. Coleman of altering his opinion of Superintendent Carter almost overnight. "Now the feathers will fly," Commissioner Trask said in prefacing his remarks, directed at Commissioner Coleman, after he witnessed his colleagues give

STRIKERS SET FOR LONG SHUTDOWN ON PHONE INDUSTRY, BEIRNE SAYS; GROMYKO BLASTS TRUMAN AID BILL

Russian View Given Council

Sw Delegate Accuses Truman Administration Of Weakening U. N.

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., April 7.—(AP)—Soviet Delegate Andrei A. Gromyko today accused the Truman administration of by-passing, weakening and undermining the United Nations by its efforts toward direct aid for Greece and Turkey. He then proposed that economic aid for the Greek people be handled by the United Nations under a special commission. He rejected all suggestions for military aid to Greece and aid of any sort to Turkey. The Soviet Deputy Foreign minister charged in a policy speech to the Security council and again in a brief statement during later debate that the dispatch of American civil and military instructors to Greece would be interference in Greece's internal affairs. He said it would deal a "serious blow to its actual independence."

Council Adjourns

The council adjourned debate on the Greek question until Thursday (10:30 A.M. E.S.T.) without decision on Gromyko's proposal or a motion by Warren R. Austin, U. S. delegate, for representatives of the Balkans commission to remain in Greece until the Security council acts. Gromyko said the Greek people should have aid but made it clear that Russia felt it should come through the United Nations and should be administered under a special Security Council commission. He opposed the Austin resolution. He rejected any idea of aid to Turkey, assailing that nation as a war "profiteer" which entered the

MINISTER'S SON ADMITS SLAYING

Sixteen-Year-Old Youth Signs Confession In Murder Of Sexton

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., April 7.—(AP)—Sixteen-year-old Stuart Allen calmly signed a statement, police said, that he slew the elderly sexton of his father's church because he "felt an urge to kill someone," but the boy expressed great shock tonight at learning that he was an adopted child, a fact he said he had not known "until 15 minutes ago." The shock, he told newsmen in his cell after police questioning, was greater than that of finding himself faced with promise of arraignment on a first degree murder charge. While he talked, his restless fingers tapped on the table top. His bow tie was neatly in place and a handkerchief stood out from the breast pocket of his brown jacket. He said he never had been in trouble before. Skipped Classes "Well," he laughed in a low voice, "I've slipped classes occasionally." Police Chief J. Croy Keller said the youth, Stuart Allen, an honor roll student in high school, and the foster son of Episcopal Rector Rev. James S. Allen, had signed a statement in which he said he bludgeoned the 58-year-old sexton on the head with a hammer and then mutilated his body with an electric drill in the basement of his father's church last April Fool's day. County Prosecutor O. R. Newcomer said he would file first degree murder charges against Allen and that the boy would be arraigned tomorrow morning.

Along The Cape Fear

SPRING AT LAST — It was necessary for us to experience one real balmy spring day like yesterday before we would dare bring you the photograph of the Port City which you will find on Page 2. We felt honor bound to withhold this valuable print which Mr. Burke Bridgers of 212 Orange st., so kindly placed at our disposal with permission to reproduce until now. Two good reasons we'll advance for our decision to hold Mr. Bridger's picture (not a portrait of the gentleman, merely a downtown scene). 1. We were not really afraid that it would inspire Mr. Paul Hess, our local weather observer, to defer his official sanction for spring blossom along the Lower Cape Fear region. 2. We felt sure that if we printed the picture at an earlier date we might have tempted Old Man Winter to put on one grand last show, just to prove to Port City residents that the winter season immediately passed was merely child's play as compared with the spree he went on about 30 years ago.

JUST TAKE A LOOK—If you'll glance at the photograph you will see how Princess and Front

Streets looked around New Year's Day in either 1917 or 1918. With the thermometer dipping down to five above zero, the snow piled high on the ground, Wilmington's public transportation system came to an abrupt halt. As a matter of fact, the street car seen in the picture remained snow-bound at that popular corner for five long days.

Famous Pilot Killed On Pleasure Flight

STEVENS POINT, Wis., April 7.—(AP)—Robert J. Klopotek, the distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with 25 Oak Leaf Clusters, was killed in an airplane crash today while riding as a passenger. The crash also took the life of his civilian pilot companion. Klopotek, operator of a charter flying service at the Stevens Point airport, took off this afternoon with Ray W. Barber of Chicago, a manufacturer's representative, a few minutes later, witnesses at the airport said, the light airplane was in trouble. They said Barber

SPOT FIRE BURNS PART OF CHURCH

Blaze Started From Trash Heap, Damages Maffitt Village Property

A fire said to have started from a trash heap set afire following an Easter egg hunt, caused damage unofficially estimated at between \$10,000 and \$15,000 to the Maffitt Village Presbyterian church yesterday afternoon before the blaze was brought under control by the Wilmington Fire department and volunteers. The frame part of the church which housed the Sunday school rooms was almost completely destroyed as a brisk wind whipped the flames toward the brick section of the church. The latter structure was not damaged to any great extent as the fire was brought under control before it reached the main part of the building. Church members said that a Sunday school teacher was conducting an Easter egg hunt yesterday afternoon and that following the festivities a fire was started.

SENATE TAKES UP AID BILL TODAY

Vandenberg To Start Debate On Greek-Turk Loan Measure

WASHINGTON, April 7.—(AP)—The Senate cleared the way tonight to begin consideration tomorrow of President Truman's \$400,000,000 Greece-Turkey aid bill despite Andrei Gromyko's charge that the program undermines the United Nations. Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich) chairman of the Foreign Relations committee arranged to take the floor at noon tomorrow in behalf of the bill. Vandenberg told reporters he may reply to the charges that Gromyko, Soviet deputy foreign minister, made in a speech to the Security Council today. Other senators disputed Gromyko's contention. Senator George (D-Ga) told a reporter that Gromyko appeared to be casting himself in "an unfamiliar role as a defender of the United Nations." He added that the Soviet proposal for U. N. action apparently would narrow any aid to Greece to relief assistance only and bar help to Turkey. "I think we have been at great pains to indicate that we are not

TEACHERS OF STATE TO SEEK MORE PAY WHEN 1949 ROLLS IN

RALEIGH, April 7.—(AP)—North Carolina School teachers given substantial pay increases by the recently adjourned legislature, have served notice they'll be back in 1949 for more money. In one of the hottest fights of the Assembly session, teachers were granted emergency bonuses of \$8,250,000 for the remainder of this fiscal year—through June—and an appropriation of \$102,418,430 was made to pay them during the 1947-48 biennium. The larger figure, Comptroller Paul Reid of the State Board of Education said, represented a 30 per cent over all increase, but it was not intended that sub-standard teachers should get as high a boost as Grade A and G (Graduate) teachers.

CONCILIATORS Gain Ground

Warren Adjourns Meeting Until Today After Reporting Progress

WASHINGTON, April 7.—(AP)—President Joseph A. Beirne, of the striking National Federation of Telephone workers said tonight the union was settling down for a long shutdown of the telephone industry. Beirne said the union had made plans for a long tieup when the strike was called. He made the statement to reporters after an evening conference with Edgar L. Warren, director of the Federal Conciliation Service and top conciliators handling the government-sponsored negotiations. These include bargaining talks between the union and the American Telephone and Telegraph company's long lines division and the South-Western Bell Telephone company. Both are key units in the cross-country Bell Telephone system chief target of the NFTW's first nationwide walkout which began at 6 a. m. today. Beirne told reporters that the evening session with Warren was for the purpose of reviewing the whole collective bargaining program today—in which Warren earlier had reported "good progress."

1947 Soap Box Derby Set For Wednesday, July 30th

Star-News, Raney Company To Again Sponsor Boy's Event

Wilmington's second annual All-American Soap Box Derby will be run over the local Derby Downs course on Wednesday, July 30. This announcement was released simultaneously yesterday by the managements of The Wilmington Star-News and Raney Chevrolet co. who will again sponsor this great amateur racing event for boys between the ages of 11 and 15 years. The ultimate winner of this year's Wilmington Derby will be sent to Akron, Ohio to compete in the 10th Anniversary All-American Soap Box Derby against winners from 132 other cities of the nation. The Akron race, biggest boy event in the world today, again will be staged over the famous Derby Downs course and will be witnessed by a crowd expected to reach the 100,000 mark. Preliminary plans for this year's Soap Box Derby here now are in the making and an entry list of well over 100 cars are confidently expected by the sponsors. This expectation is based largely on the success of last year's race.

CHURCH DESTROYED



CHURCH DESTROYED—Pictured above is the fire in progress yesterday which did an estimated \$15,000 damage to the Maffitt Village Presbyterian church. This was the second church fire in this area during the past three weeks. On March 21 the Grace Street Methodist church in Wilmington was destroyed in a \$200,000 fire.

EMERGENCY CALL

MADISON, Wis., April 7.—(AP)—Eight-year-old Carl Satterfield got a call through Madison's "emergency call only" telephone situation today to report an important news item. The youngster reached the Madison Capital Times city desk, requested that his name be spelled correctly and piped: "I just saw four robins."

BOARD SIDESTEPS RACING MEASURE

Commissioners Fail To Act On Betting Legislation Passed Recently

The New Hanover county commissioners yesterday sidestepped recent legislation permitting the board to call a special election to determine whether the county is to have horse racing and pari-mutuel betting. The board also permitted the withdrawal, by the police department, of a motion for the use of a portion of Legion stadium next week for a police show. The show would have been in conflict with both the Pirates and the NHHHS baseball teams' schedules. M. L. Lander, a civil engineer, was employed to make the necessary surveys at Carolina Beach in connection with the drainage program there. The commissioners also had drawn the names of 36 prospective jurors to serve during the special criminal term of Superior Court which is scheduled to open here April 21.

LONG DISTANCE LINES 90 PER CENT DOWN

The first coast-to-coast telephone strike here the nation yesterday, knocking out 80 per cent of all long distance calls but crippling less than a fourth of the country's local service. A hopeful note was projected late in the day in Washington, however, with Director Edgar L. Warren of the U. S. Conciliation Service announcing "good progress" had been made in negotiations involving the long-lines phase of the walkout. The American Telephone and

3,000 HOMELESS FOLLOWING FLOOD

MEADVILLE, Pa., April 7.—(AP)—A portion of Meadville's industrial and railroad shops remained temporarily paralyzed by flood water today as normally placid French creek, needed slowly after struggling to record levels in an Easter flood. Approximately 3,000 persons were driven from their homes in the city and nearby Vernon township. Meadville officials—who said the flood was the worst in the city history—estimated damage might reach \$1,000,000. Four plants—Meadville Malleable Iron Co., Westinghouse Electric Co., Meadville Distilling Co. and the Erie Railroad shops—remained badly flooded, temporarily idling 2,000 workers. Other industries managed to continue production, but absenteeism was reported as high as 50 per cent because of flooded highways and washed-out bridges. There was only one fatality—14-year-old Donald Ross—who drowned when he rode his bicycle directly into the path of the advancing waters yesterday.

And So To Bed

All the screaming at Legion Stadium last night wasn't over the thrashing the Pirates were handing the Bears. The fans were having a holier good time, all right, cheering the local club onto victory at the 7th inning when the score was 13-3. But along about that same time some fellow—there always is one around—found a snake in the stadium. And for a brief moment it seemed as though that section of the stadium would be emptied. Then it was discovered that the reptile was dead.