

HIGHWAY POLICE BATTLE STRIKERS AT THOMASVILLE

BOLIVIAN SOLDIERS IN TERRIFIC BATTLE WITH PARAGUAYANS

Although Attacking, Paraguay to Complain to League Against Bolivian Activities

ARGENTINE FORCES
MASSSED ON BORDER

There to Preserve Strictest Vigilance, Buenos Aires Claims; Economic Blockade by Neutrals Not Being Considered, Despite Rumors, It Is Said

Paraguay, Sept. 10. (AP)—Bolivian troops were fighting a bitter battle with Paraguayans at Fort Pichay in the disputed Chaco region, an official Argentine communiqué said today. The Paraguayans were holding their position and maintaining the defense of the fort.

The Paraguayan attacking force was large, the communiqué said. It was reported that the Paraguayans began the attack early in the morning at dawn, it said.

PARAGUAY IS TO NOTIFY LEAGUE OF BOLIVIA MOVE

Paraguay, Sept. 10. (AP)—The Paraguayan government today notified the League of Nations that Bolivia had opened military operations in the Chaco without a declaration of war.

A Paraguayan aviator who returned today after participating in yesterday's fighting at Fort Bouqueron, said the Bolivians' left wing capitulated at 3 p. m. and that he engaged in battle with three Bolivian planes and killed one.

ARGENTINE FORCES MASSSED TO PRESERVE NEUTRALITY

Buenos Aires, Argentine, Sept. 10. (AP)—The Argentine government today ordered a new army corps in the Chaco region today with infantry, cavalry and aviation units in order to maintain the strictest vigilance on the Paraguayan and Bolivian borders. It was understood that the economic blockade which the neutral South American nations were reported planning in an effort to bring about peace was not being considered.

Depression Tragedy



Formerly a brilliant medical man and graduate of Harvard University, Dr. Townley Thorndike French, of Boston, surrendered to police and calmly told that he had shot and killed his wife. Dr. French, who is 57, says he committed the crime rather than see his wife face starvation.

Peacemaker?



Herbert H. Lehman

Lieutenant-Governor Herbert H. Lehman of New York may be the means of bringing former Governor Alfred E. Smith actively into the support of Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt for president and at the same time cause Tammany to fall into line. Lehman is supported for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination by Governor Roosevelt. He not only is a close friend of Smith but has been one of the chief financial supporters of Smith's candidacies in the past. He is a New York banker and his word carries considerable weight in quarters close to Tammany.

TWO OFFICERS ARE HIT BY ROCKS AND CHILD IS INJURED

Tear Gas Bombs Are Hurlled By Patrolmen As Strikers Try To Hold Up Mill Truck

SEEK TO PREVENT WORKERS LEAVING

Attempt To Keep Them In Mill After Working During Morning; Governor Gardner Deplores Clash, But Withholds Comment To See Captain Farmer

Thomasville, Sept. 10. (AP)—Two officers were struck by rocks and a child was hit by a tear gas bomb as 1,000 strikers of the Thomasville Chair Company engaged in two short-lived clashes with highway patrolmen here today.

About mid-morning the strikers gathered about the mill gate to prevent a truck from entering the mill grounds. In an effort to make passage through the muttering crowd, patrolmen threw tear gas bombs, and it was at this time the child, whose name was not learned, was struck a slight blow.

The trouble seemed to have passed over until the idle employees gathered at lunch time to prevent three workers from leaving the mill.

Earlier in the day the trio had entered the mill to resume their places at their machines. At noon they were being escorted through the strikers' ranks in automobiles driven by mill officials. There were three cars with one worker in each.

As the first machine approached the crowd, rocks began to fly. The automobile was hit several times, and two patrolmen escorting the machine also were hit, though neither was hurt. In the confusion, the other two automobiles escaped unnoticed.

Patrolmen immediately dove into the crowd to seek out the rock throwers, and Earle Keyes, 32, a machinery worker, and Fred Brown, 28, a packer, were arrested. They were taken to Lexington, where they were charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

Meantime, the mob lined up to confront the mobilized patrolmen, who stood ready for an assault.

In a short time, however, the crowd began to disperse, and an hour later the mill was closed, strikers had disappeared, and the patrolmen had gone back to their various posts.

At mid-afternoon the situation was quiet.

Approximately 1,000 workers struck more than a month ago in protest against wage cuts, and since then have been idle.

Several conferences have been held in an attempt to formulate some plan whereby work might be resumed but so far no announcement of any agreement or disagreement has been made.

GOV. GARDNER DEPLORES CLASH WITH PATROLMEN

Chapel Hill, Sept. 10. (AP)—Governor Gardner, who was here today attending the Institute of Government, was "shocked" by news of a clash between highway patrolmen and strikers at the Thomasville Chair Company factory, and said he "deplored the outbreak of violence."

The governor expressed particular concern over the condition of the child injured during the trouble.

Governor Gardner said he would have nothing to say regarding the matter until he could confer with Captain Charles F. Farmer, of the patrol, who was in Thomasville when the trouble occurred.

Japan Excited By Alleged Warlike Activities Of U. S. With Bitter Protests Made

LEGION READY FOR CONVENTION



Bill Browne, left, hostliest officer on the police force of Portland, Ore., who is also sergeant-at-arms for the national convention of the American Legion, and Bowman Elder, right, of Indianapolis, national treasurer of the legion, get playful hoisting Aaron M. Frank, chairman of the Portland reception committee, high in the air.

Three officers of the legion auxiliary are shown, below, in Portland. They are, left to right, Mrs. Cecelia Wenz, national treasurer, and Mrs. Gwendolin MacDowell, national secretary, both of Indianapolis, and Mrs. Pat Allen of Portland, a member of the reception committee. Both conventions open Sept. 12.

LARGE BUILDINGS PHOTOGRAPHED BY A NEW YORK BANK

Newspapers and Radio Hint To Populace That America Is Preparing For War In East

CITE PRESENCE OF FLEET IN PACIFIC

Cruise of Plane Carriers and Making New Bases in Aleutian Islands Recalled; Fear Bank's Photographs Will Be Given To War Department

Tokyo, Sept. 10. (AP)—The storm of protest which has developed during the last two days over the photographing of a number of Japanese business and industrial buildings by the National City Bank of New York assumed a more serious aspect today, and led to diplomatic action.

Delegations from several Japanese patriotic societies visited the bank at Osaka and attempted to intimidate its Japanese employees. Osaka newspapers came out again with full pages devoted to protests against the photographing, and printed a number of other reports to hint the United States was making other preparations for possible war.

Ambassador Joseph C. Grew immediately arranged for an interview with the Japanese foreign minister, and called on him at the foreign office this afternoon.

The newspaper charges, which included a long list of American activities, such as the presence of the American fleet in the Pacific, alleged cruise of three airplane carriers along the Kurile Islands, and establishment of new American air bases on the Aleutian Islands, also were broadcast over the semi-official radio station at Osaka.

The charges that the bank photographs might get into the hands of the United States War Department for use in mapping targets for air bombing raids was reiterated.

Public Service Company Valuations Are Smaller

Cut \$8,000,000 From \$350,000,000 Last Year Made By The State Board

Raleigh, Sept. 10. (AP)—The valuation of public service corporation in North Carolina for the year 1932 today was announced as slightly more than \$342,000,000, a decrease of over \$8,000,000 compared with the 1931 figure of \$350,000,000.

The valuations are used as the basis for levying taxes, both State and county. The board of assessment sets up prorata tables showing the valuation in each county for each corporation included in the report.

Railroad valuations showed the largest decrease, while electric and gas companies showed a small increase.

The railroad valuations this year are \$208,580,771, compared with \$219,576,509 last year.

Electric, street railway and gas company valuations increased about \$1,500,000 from \$110,651,173 in 1931 to \$112,152,350 this year.

The Southern Railway system's 1932 valuation of \$86,054,054 is the largest of any single road, but is less than the 1931 figure of \$90,852,909.

Relief to Bahama Refugees Is Sent

Nassau, Bahama Islands, Sept. 10. (AP)—The relief ship Lady Curdeaux bearing food and medical supplies to storm sufferers at the Abaco group of the Bahamas, reached Green Turtle bay and found the town on the island devastated.

Leaders of the relief expedition reported by wireless that as far as they could learn the total killed in the storm and tidal wave last Monday was seven.

2 Theatres Wrecked By N. Y. Bombs

One In Brooklyn, One In Lower East Side Manhattan; Probe Begun

New York, Sept. 10. (AP)—Terrific bomb explosions wrecked the entrances of two movie houses early today, tossed sleeping people from their beds, and spread terror through two widely separated neighborhoods. Hundreds of panes of glass crashed to sidewalks as a blast in front of Lowe's 46th Street theatre, in Brooklyn, was followed quickly by another explosion in the entrance to Loew's Canal street theatre on Manhattan's lower East Side.

Detectives said there has been a conflict between two unions of motion picture operators, but no evidence was made public connecting this dispute with the bomb plots. Three men in a sedan were seen speeding away from the Brooklyn theatre about the time of the blast. The theatres were empty at the time and no one was injured.

FERRY EXPLOSION DEAD ARE NOW 39

Eleven Others Missing From Blast Friday At Pier In New York

FAMILIES ON WATCH

Crowd Shore Near Sadly As Hunt For Bodies Continues In East River; One Body Recovered; One Injured Dies

New York, Sept. 10. (AP)—Wives and children of the missing watched sadly from the shore today as divers searched the floor of the East river for victims of the explosion of the labor ferry "Observation." By mid-morning another body had been found on the muddy river bottom, and another of the injured died in a hospital. Police figures at that time read:

Dead, 39; missing, 11; injured, 63.

The "Observation" blew up yesterday morning as it left the ferry house at 135th street with iron workers employed to build prison cells in the new penitentiary on Rikers Island.

Budget Of Schools Is Curtailed

Sharp Trimming Done by Equalizing Board on Durham's Estimates

Raleigh, Sept. 10. (AP)—The State Board of Equalization today completed its work of setting up county budgets for the six months term by trimming the Durham county budget.

This afternoon the members of the group were engaged in working out a formula to be applied to special charter district budgets between certain limitations to be decided so that the board would not have to consider each of the more than 1,000 fiscal set-ups individually.

Durham was allowed extra teachers, but supplementary allowances for the supplies, travel and office expenses of the county superintendent were cut sharply, while county board of education supplements were cut from \$475 to \$150. The salary supplement of the principals was limited to ten percent of the State standard, and janitors' supplements were cut from \$3,000 to \$2,700.

INDEPENDENT GAS DEALERS CONTINUE FIGHT FOR PRICES

Plan Own Terminal At Wilmington To Meet Competition of Big Companies' Stations

COMPANIES MAKING HUGE PROFITS NOW

Independents Could Cut This Down If Given Square Deal, They Think; Suit Has Been Brought By Attorney General, But Little Relief Is Expected

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel.

BY J. C. BASKERVILLE. Raleigh, Sept. 10.—The independent gasoline dealers of North Carolina are going to continue to battle what they consider unfair methods of competition from the larger gasoline and oil companies by putting their own cooperative gasoline and oil terminal in Wilmington, it was learned here today.

Many of these dealers met in Wilmington yesterday and plans were virtually completed to build an independent gasoline terminal there at a cost of approximately \$35,000.

The independent dealers maintain that the big gasoline and oil companies, with their strings of company-owned filling stations and their strict contracts, are trying to squeeze the independent dealers out of the picture and get control of the retail gasoline business in North Carolina. By their juggling of contract prices and their over-night changes in retail prices, it is becoming almost impossible for the independents to compete.

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May Restrict Voting Of Disgruntled Jobless By Disfranchisement Method

By CHARLES P. STEWART

Washington, Sept. 10.—The unemployed vote is expected by all political forecasters to be an important factor in the November election.

And undoubtedly it will be so.

The supposition is that it will be a discontented vote; consequently rather unfavorable than favorable to the "ins" in office—for the sake of a change, on general principles.

This theorizing probably will turn out to be correct to the extent that nothing is done to counteract the anticipated tendency.

Hints come from Maine, however, of preliminary steps to accomplish just that end by the simple process of disfranchising as many as possible of the Pine Tree State's jobless.

It remains to be seen how effective the plan will prove.

Anyway, it is a fact that state laws do exist, in at least a dozen commonwealths, which if strictly enforced, will make it easy for the authorities greatly to restrict the number of ballot cast.

Moreover, investigators for the League of Women Voters, who have been studying the situation, make the definite prediction that the reduction below 1928's election figures will be considerable, though the league's

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Ex-Mayor Walker And Wife Leaving For Trip Abroad

New York, Sept. 10. (AP)—Persons seeing friends off on the Conte Grande for Europe today were astonished to see former Mayor James J. Walker and his wife board the liner as passengers. There had been rumors for several days that the former mayor was planning a trip abroad but there had been no definite announcement.

The names of the former mayor and his wife were not on the passenger list and line officials at the pier said they knew nothing of their being on the boat. They were not seen to leave the liner, however, before it pulled out.

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WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair tonight and Sunday; little change in temperature.