

SOFT COAL STRIKE, DUE MONDAY, IS CALLED OFF

GOVERNOR'S SLUR AT RELIEF SET-UP BARES SUSPICIONS

Controversy Long Raging Under Surface Brought Into Open at Biloxi Conference

COAN APPOINTMENT NOT PLEASING HERE

New WPA Head for State Had Approval of Senators but Not of Congressmen of State; Patronage Mills Grinding Rapidly As Campaign Nears

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Six Water Hotel, BY J. C. BASKERVILL.

Raleigh, June 15.—The flare-up in the Governor's Conference in Biloxi, Miss., as to whether the new Federal work relief set-up was being politicized in order to provide more patronage for politicians, or merely a move on the part of the government to make its relief work more efficient has served to bring out into the open a controversy that has been going on beneath the surface in political circles for several weeks here. The fact that Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus was one of those who expressed the opinion that the government's relief agencies were being broken up into different units in order to provide more patronage, is also regarded as significant. For when Aubrey L. Williams, PWA spokesman at the conference, denied that the "problem of relieving human suffering" was going to be placed on the same basis as post offices and become a matter of patronage, Governor Ehringhaus interposed: "Well, it is being made just that."

Several other governors present at the conference were inclined to agree

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KIDNAP ATTORNEY IS FOUND GUILTY

His Star Defense Witness in Urschel Case Arrested For Perjury

Oklahoma City, June 15.—(AP)—A few minutes after Ben F. Laska, Denver attorney, was convicted of conspiracy in the disposition of the Charles F. Urschel kidnap ransom, his star defense witness, Mrs. Mollie O. Edison, also a Denver attorney, was arrested on a Federal charge of perjury.

The arrest, immediately after the sealed verdict against Laska was read came as a surprise to the crowded court room.

Laska, voluble defender of kidnapers, the twentieth person convicted

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9 New Cases Paralysis Is Day's Total

All Time Record For Disease in Any One Year In This State Is Set

Raleigh, June 15 (AP)—Official reports of nine new cases of infantile paralysis in North Carolina today pushed to 124 the number this year, and set a new all-time record for the dread disease in the State.

Since "polio" became reportable in North Carolina in 1917, the largest number of cases ever previously reported in a year was 133 in 1929.

The disease also spread farther into the west, with the first cases coming in from Iredell and Yadkin counties since the current outbreak developed around May 1.

Other new cases today, by counties, were: Wilson, 2, Warren, Pitt, Robeson and Wake and Columbus.

Great Britain To Put 8 Battalions On Wartime Basis

Self-Elected "Hitler" Will Be Formed Immediately for Anti-Aircraft Defense, War Office Reveals



Raymond Joseph Healey, 21, self-styled "American Hitler," is promising that "a lot of demonstrations" will result from his being jailed in New York for six months for disorderly conduct, but his "thousands of followers" couldn't raise \$500 to get him out on bail pending appeal. (Central Press)

London, June 15 (AP)—Great Britain ordered today that eight battalions be formed immediately on a wartime basis for anti-aircraft defense. The surprise war office announced culminating the nation's air force expansion, said five units will be made over into such light battalions and three more, including the famous Royal Fusiliers, will become anti-aircraft artillery brigades.

ACTION CALLED FOR GREAT IMPORTANCE

Statement Emphasizes Necessity That New Units Be "Ready for Action Immediately on Outbreak of War or Earlier"; News Is Big Surprise

The order by the army council provided only for the London area and organization of similar units for the great midland manufacturing cities was expected.

The war office emphasized the necessity that the new units be "ready for action immediately on the outbreak of war or even earlier."

The eight new units, taking up a task described by the war office as "of outstanding importance," were ordered detached from their old regimental ties at once to enter a strenuous course of training for a first line of defense.

WM. F. RANDOLPH, 83, NOTED MASON, DEAD

Asheville, June 15.—(AP)—William F. Randolph, widely known leader in Masonic and Shrine circles, died today after a lengthy illness. He was in his 83rd year.

Mr. Randolph was a 33rd degree Mason. He was secretary of the Asheville Masonic bodies until his retire in 1932, and was a life member in all Masonic and Shrine bodies.

His memory will be honored at midnight services tonight by the Masons; the tribute paid to 33rd degree Masons.

Kentuckian Named Head Tobacco Men

John L. Buckley Warehouse men's President; Lanier Warns About Codes

Asheville, June 15.—(AP)—John L. Buckley, Lexington, Ky., today was elected president of the National Tobacco Warehouse Association convention, in session here.

Buckley succeeds Frank V. Davis, of Winston-Salem.

H. P. Foxhall, of Rocky Mount, was elected a vice-president. The presidents of the various state and regional warehouse groups serve also as vice-presidents.

J. C. Lanier, of Greenville, in an address at the closing session, warned against the possibility of unrestricted competition as the result of abolition of NRA. Lanier formerly was administrator for the auction warehouse code, and is a former tobacco specialist in the Department of Agriculture.

He told of an agreement drawn up by the Eastern Carolina Warehouse Association last week to maintain the minimum wage and maximum hours provisions of the code and expressed the hope that other associations would take similar action.

Lanier said one general contract through all tobacco belts for maintenance of code provisions was impossible under the set-up since abolition of NRA.

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PRESIDENT TRIES TO PREVENT SOFT COAL STRIKE



In coal controversy: Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins, U. S. Senator Joseph Guffey, of Pennsylvania, J. D. A. Morrow, president of the Pittsburgh Coal Co., and President John L. Lewis of the miners.

President Roosevelt took action to prevent strike of 450,000 soft coal miners June 16, when it became apparent congress would be unable to act on the coal control bill sponsored by Senator Joseph F. Guffey, of Pennsylvania. The United Mine Workers of America, in the soft coal field of the

Appalachian region, under the direction of President John L. Lewis, demanded passage of the Guffey bill prior to the expiration of their working agreement on June 16. Coal companies, led by J. D. A. Morrow, president of the Pittsburgh Coal company, an Andrew Mellon organization, pre-

dictated an impasse when they announced they would not support the bill. Southern and western operators asserted they would contest the legality of the bill. Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins, in the meantime, was trying to effect a truce between operators and miners.

Clipper Off For Midway Islands

Honolulu, June 15.—(AP)—The Pan-American Airways Clipper soared from Pearl Harbor at 6:57 a. m. (Honolulu time) today (12:27 p. m. eastern standard time).

With the crew of six and two passengers, the Clipper started for the second station of the proposed commercial air line from California to China after arriving from Alameda, Cal., Thursday.

Only seven naval officers, who gave great team work earlier, a ground crew and newspaper men saw the take-off.

GANGSTER KARPIS BELIEVED SIGHTED

Shoots Himself Out of Trap Set by Kirbyville, Texas, Officers

Kirbyville, Texas, June 15.—(AP)—Jasper county officers said today a man they believed to be Alvin Karpis, long-sought outlaw and kidnaper, escaped after a gun battle with officers near a CCC camp here last night.

N. B. Powell, Kirbyville night marshal, said the man fitted descriptions of Karpis.

Jasper county officers said they received a tip yesterday that Karpis was riding around town in a small sedan. The officers would not reveal the source of this tip.

The located the car parked in front

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German Airplanes Forced Back Over Border by French

Metz, France, June 15.—(AP)—French pursuit planes today chased two German ships, which were hovering over frontier fortifications, back into German territory.

Military officials said the German craft were first observed over the defense works northwest of Metz.

Several French planes sent to guard against such excursions promptly took to the air, but the German airmen turned tail and fled, escaping over the border before their pursuers caught up with

China Appeals To West To Prevent Japan From Seizing Her Territory

Protest Registered At London Against Penetration of North China By Japan

NEW DEMANDS MADE IN JAPANESE NOTES

Contain Nothing China Cannot Accept If She Is Really Interested in Peace of Far East, Tokyo Says; Japanese Troops Pouring Into District

(By the Associated Press.)

China has resorted to an appeal to western powers for help against Japan, diplomatic quarters in London asserting her ambassador to Great Britain protesting to the foreign office against Japan's penetration of North China.

Two series of Japanese demands confronted Chinese authorities, while Japan poured fresh troops into Tientsin and Peiping and massed forces at the sea end of China's Great Wall.

Lieutenant General Toranosuke Hashimoto, vice minister of war at Tokyo, asserted the North China demands "contain nothing the Chinese government cannot accept if it is sincerely interested in the furtherance of peace in the Far East."

Chinese governmental authorities conferred at Nanking with General Ho Ying-Chin, Chinese minister of war, concerning the demands.

FLOODS TAKE HUGE TOLLS OVER TEXAS

San Antonio, Texas, June 15 (AP)—Floods that have claimed at least eight lives rolled down the valleys of half a dozen Texas streams today, leaving thousands of persons homeless.

Scores of persons were missing, and the damage to railways, highways, crops and homes was unofficially estimated at the millions

One Death Occurs In Omaha Strike

Omaha, Neb., June 15 (AP)—John Duster, 24, a milk wagon driver, was shot to death and at least 50 persons today nursed injuries as an aftermath of the third successive night of rioting in the Omaha car strike.

The authorities reported the situation under control early today. Dewey McCoy, 35, was reported near death from bullet wounds in the head and chest, and William Hutter, Jr., son of a former sheriff, was dangerously injured.

STATE MIGHT YET BUY SOUND BRIDGE

And for Trifle More Property Increased Price May Be Paid for It

In the Six Water Hotel, Daily Dispatch Bureau, BY J. C. BASKERVILL.

Raleigh, June 15.—Indications now are that the State Highway Commission and the owners of the Wright Memorial Bridge may at last get together and agree upon a price for the bridge which the commission will be willing to pay. Chairman Capus M. Waynick, of the highway commission, admitted today that negotiations have been resumed for the purchase of the bridge and that the outlook is now more hopeful than it has been for more than a year. Reports are that present negotiations call for the payment of \$150,000 by the highway commission to the secured creditors of the bridge owners, if the bridge company will turn the land it owns over to the unsecured creditors of the company. Nothing definite with regard to the Wright Memorial Bridge situation is expected until June 20.

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UNION HEADS AND OPERATORS AGREE ON POSTPONEMENT

Present Wages, Hours and Working Conditions Will Continue Through June 30

PRESIDENT ASKED FOR ACTION TAKEN

John L. Lewis, Union Head, Immediately Orders Work To Proceed by Calling Off Walk-Out Over Week-End; Wage Negotiations To Be Renewed

Washington, June 15 (AP)—The projected bituminous coal strike was called off today.

A joint conference of United Mine Workers and Appalachian Soft Coal operators ratified unanimously President Roosevelt's proposal that present wages, hours and working conditions be continued through June 30.

Immediately, John L. Lewis, president of the mine union, called off the strike set for tomorrow midnight.

The conference also unanimously agreed to re-assemble here June 24 to renew negotiations toward wage and hour contracts to succeed those expiring June 30. A number of southern producing districts were not officially represented at today's meeting.

Post Trying Fourth Time To Set Mark

Burbank, Cal., June 15.—(AP)—Wiley Post roared away from Union Air Terminal here today on his fourth attempt to span the continent in a record-setting stratosphere flight to New York City.

The noted aviator, piloting his famed five-year-old Winnie Mae, at altitudes ranging between six and seven miles above the earth's surface, hoped to reach Floyd Bennett Field in New York in seven or eight hours.

Post, wearing his "man from Mars" stratosphere suit, lifted his hop off the ground at 4:27 a. m. (7:27 eastern standard time).

A crowd of high school boys and girls looking over the airport, cheered Post as he roared away.

The take-off was without incident and Post dropped his detachable landing gear about as he neared the end of the runway.

He will land the Winnie Mae on a special skid forming a part of the plane's belly.

Four Tickets In 1936 Race Being Talked

Democratic New Dealers and Conservatives and G. O. P. and Radicals.

By CHARLES F. STEWART Central Press Staff Writer

Washington, June 15.—There have been plenty of predictions of a triangular presidential fight next year. Now Executive Secretary Earl Venable, of the National Republican Congressional Committee, tentatively suggests that it may be quadrangular.

Among lawmakers (of various political complexions) on Capitol Hill, I find a considerable scattering who incline to think that Secretary Venable's guess is not a very wild one.

Such an alignment apparently would be about like this:

1. A Rooseveltian New Deal Democratic ticket.

2. A conservative Democratic ticket, similar to the Palmer and Buckler ticket, named in 1936 more to help McKinley against Bryan (without admitting it) than with any hope of victory.

3. An orthodox Republican ticket.

4. A ticket to suit radicals for whom the New Deal is insufficiently to the leftward.

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