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High Court Upholds U.S. Contracts

Dismisses Action Of Steel Companies, Ruling That Government May Specify Terms of Making Purchases.

April 29.—(AP)—The court held today that the government enjoys the right to produce its own steel and to fix the conditions upon which it will purchase it.

The court delivered the opinion in a case which was an attack by the steel companies upon a labor order fixing the minimum price that must be paid for steel in order to obtain contracts from the federal government.

The government's attorneys contended that the labor order was an anti-trust act.

The court postponed a decision on the government's appeal until next Monday on litigation over interpretation of the labor order.

The court, however, to review a labor union to prosecute the anti-trust laws in this eastern Missouri federal court.

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Who Said "Beginner's Luck"?



"Good fishing," says young William Julius Waldrop, Jr., of Shelby, North Carolina, one of the season's first and most successful fishermen there. Young William made this catch himself, having started fishing on his own hook last year. (Central Press)

Britain Seeks Better Trade With Italy

Negotiations With Germany's Axis Partner Carried On As Allied Troops Are Reported Holding Fast In Norway.

London, April 29.—(AP)—Allied troops in Norway were reported holding fast today against growing German pressure, while Britain sought to strengthen her hand with better diplomatic and trade relations with Hitler's axis partner, Italy, and the British claimed that three German supply transports had been torpedoed and sunk.

Heavy German air attacks on the coastal towns of Molde and Andenes used by the allies for landings were reported.

The war office also said there had been patrol activity in the Namoa area where the allies also landed.

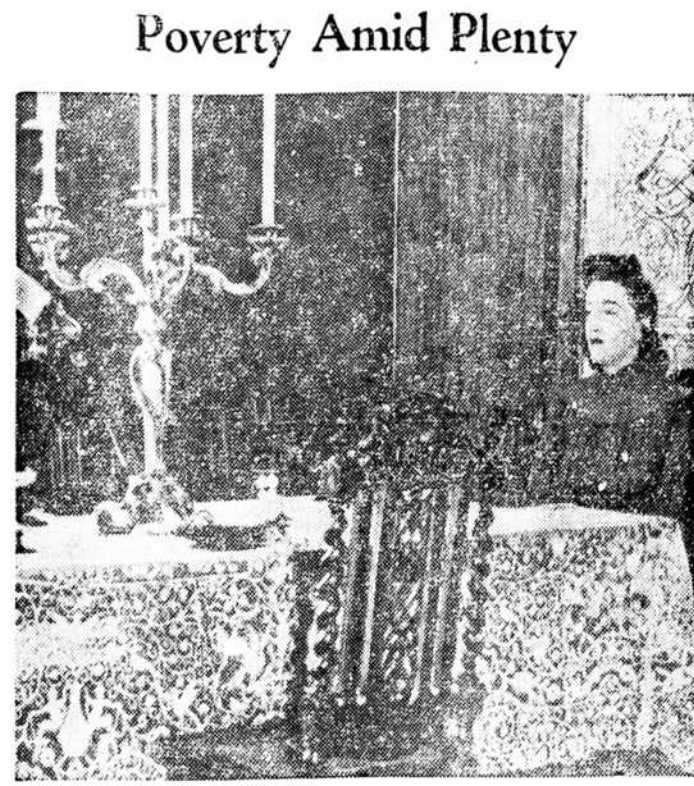
An admiralty communique acknowledged that two trawlers had been lost to German bombs but said there had been no casualties. It denied German claims that two British warships and 13 transports had been sunk or damaged in the preceding 48 hours.

Germany's "determined attempts to render the waters of the Norwegian coast untenable have been attended with but slight results" the communique said.

In what the British described as a "very friendly" conference foreign secretary Lord Halifax and Italian Ambassador Giuseppe Bastianini on Friday discussed the resumption of trade talks.

Diplomatic observers said that a British delegation might shortly visit Rome.

Allies Put Up First Organized Resistance To Germans In Norway



Poverty Amid Plenty
Deserted and penniless, her gas and electricity cut off for non-payment of bills, Mrs. Caroline Reilly is shown in her Chicago home. The estimated \$20,000 worth of furnishings in the house, including many valuable objects of art, will be auctioned off to satisfy creditors. (C. P. Phonograph)

Sharp Fight Reported As Developing

Allies Hold Strongly-Defended Positions Guarding Narrow Mountain Roads; Germans Reach Dombas-Storen Railway.

Stockholm, April 29.—(AP)—The allies today put up what they proved to be the first really organized resistance to Germany's efforts to rush troops across Norway to bolster Nazi-held Trondheim.

They were holding strategically-placed, strongly-defended machine gun nests and light artillery positions guarding narrow mountain roads northeast of Dombas in the Gudbrands-dalen valley and between Romsdal and Storen in the Glomma river valley.

German troops, driving over snowy mountain roads, were reported to have reached the vital railway linking British bases at Dombas and Storen. They were said to have engaged an allied force in the first phase of a battle expected to decide control of southern Norway.

The fighting was reported sharp and some observers expressed belief a situation had been reached in which allied troops may be able to take advantage of strategic defense positions.

The Germans, however, already have proved their ability to advance swiftly to outflank forces barring their way.

But this has been largely dependent on protection from German weapons crossing a path clear for the motorized units, and from allied viewpoint much depends on their air defenses.

Reports that the British have concentrated troops at Herkinn above the Dombas-Storen railway and that fighting already is in progress there were interpreted here as evidence that allied resistance is developing.

Methodists Reject Stand On Vatican

Norway Charges Use Of American Flag By Germans

Washington, April 29.—(AP)—Secretary Hull is awaiting a full report on a charge by Norwegian Prime Minister C. J. Hambro that a German supply ship putting into Narvik carried an American flag.

The secretary of state told reporters today that he expected to get the fact from American representatives abroad.

Vote Down Resolution To Pass Judgment on Relations Between United States And Vatican; Dies Committee Stand Expected.

Atlantic City, April 29.—(AP)—A proposal that the Methodist church pass judgment on official relations between the United States and the Vatican was overwhelmingly rejected today by the general conference.

The resolution called for appointment of a ten-man committee to draft a formal statement on the church's attitude. It was sponsored by Dr. W. F. Bryan, Huntsville, Texas, delegate who observed that the council of bishops in a report to the general conference had protested against relations with the Vatican.

"I think any statement should be made by the body as a whole," he said.

Urging a vote against the resolution, Dr. Harold Paul Sloan of New York said "at this time when the Christian church is being attacked on all sides, it does not seem becoming for the greatest body in Protestantism to become so nervous over a small matter."

The resolution was termed "unnecessary" by the Rev. James Moore of Newport News, who said "the committee on inter-denominational relations has already prepared a report on the subject."

The conference also was expected to take an official stand on the Dies committee investigating un-American activities.

NLRB And CIO Relation Is Charged

Washington, April 29.—(AP)—Edmund Toland, counsel for the Smith committee, attempted to show today that a labor board employee had drafted a resolution favoring the LaFollette civil liberties committee for consideration of a conference of the CIO.

Heber Blankenbush, NLRB special investigator, denied he wrote the resolution but acknowledged that a memorandum attached to it was in his handwriting.

Addressed to Chairman J. Warren

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Three-Way Split Of 'Regular' Vote From Many Counties In First Primary Is Predicted

Daily Dispatch Bureau.
In the Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, April 29.—An almost even three-way split of the "regular" vote between Allen J. Maxwell, J. M. Broughton and W. P. Horton is going to feature the returns from a surprising number of counties when the first primary vote is counted May 25.

This isn't going to be confined to any one section—it's going to happen in the East, the Piedmont and the West, even into the high hills where the folks usually all gang up together and vote for one candidate.

Explaining this phenomenon is the absence of any "Word" and the intense fear of the county machines that by picking the wrong man they will find themselves barred from the political feed trough in the very important matter of appointments by the next governor.

The locals figure it this way: "We've got Emergency Judge Elmer Zilch to look out for—he comes up for appointment again; and there are other good jobs we can hand for our home folks; if we are on the right side—but, damn it, we don't know which is the right side."

Thus they deliberate, and in many cases the problem is solved by a brilliant flash of inspiration: "We'll just fix this thing so that we'll have somebody on the right side no matter who wins. So here, Joe, you come

Specialties Up In Slow Market

New York, April 29.—(AP)—Traders bid up a handful of specialties in today's stock market and left many leaders without much support.

Steels and motors did well for a while but even these slipped at the tail end of the proceedings. Advances mostly were in minor fractions at the close and negligible declines were plentiful.

It was one of the slowest sessions for more than a month, transfers running to around 600,000 shares.

American Radiator	8 1-4
American Telephone	173
American Tob B	89 3-4
Amaconda	29 7-8
Atlantic Coast Line	16 7-8
Atlantic Refining	24 1-4
Bendix Aviation	34 3-8
Bethlehem Steel	33 5-8
Chrysler	36 1-8
Columbia Gas & Elec	6 3-8
Consolidated Oil	7 1-2
Curtiss Wright	10 1-2
DuPont	188 1-4
Electric Pow & Light	5 3-4
General Electric	37
General Motors	53 1-2
Liggett & Myers B	108 3-4
Montgomery Ward & Co	50 3-4
Raymond	43 3-4
Southern Railway	16
Standard Oil N J	41 3-4
U S Steel	61 3-8

Wage-Hour Law Debated

Veto Predicted If Congress Approves Barden Amendments To Wage-Hour Act.

Washington, April 29.—(AP)—President Roosevelt and Democratic leaders in Congress canvassed the legislative situation today in a discussion so general that Senate Majority Leader Barkley said it "covered everything and touched nothing."

Barkley said the White House conference did include some mention of such topics as amendments to the Wagner labor act and the pending Logan-Walter bill to put a check on some administrative agencies.

On Capitol Hill the issue of the day was whether to revise the wage-hour act.

Barkley said he saw "no change in the general desire to get away the first of June" and President Roosevelt's proposed swing around the

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Nazi Forces Occupy Kvam, Near Dombas

New Italian Envoy To Germany Named

Rome, April 29.—(AP)—Dino Alfieri, long considered here one of Italy's more strongly pro-German figures, today was appointed ambassador to Germany, succeeded Bernardo Attolico.

The two envoys exchanged posts. Alfieri becoming ambassador to the Vatican.

Alfieri, former minister of popular culture, was designated ambassador to the Holy See last October 31.

Stockholm Dispatches Say Germans Repelled In Violent Attack on Steinkjer; Guerilla Fighting Around Narvik.

Stockholm, April 29.—(AP)—German forces were reported tonight to have occupied Kvam, 35 miles south of Dombas, in their drive toward Trondheim, but to have been repelled in a violent attack on Steinkjer.

The Germans earlier had been reported stalled in Kvam in their surge north toward the vital Dombas railway junction, one of the British-held barriers to the Nazis attempted approach to Trondheim.

Fragmentary dispatches reaching Stockholm gave no detail of developments either there or at Steinkjer.

Reports from Narvik, on the distant northern front, said fighting there had developed primarily into guerrilla warfare with the British bombarding the force periodically, apparently to prevent the Germans from sending reinforcements over the railroad terminating at Narvik.

U. S. Shipping Sets Record

Washington, April 29.—(AP)—Disclosure that American shipping has reached its highest point in ten years despite recently imposed restrictions coincided today with the creation of a special neutrality unit in the Justice department.

Attorney General Jackson assigned to the new agency "responsibility for control" in prosecutions relating to neutrality, foreign embargoes, treason, espionage, espionage and "kindred offenses."

Lawyers of the new agency, Jackson said, will study cases in terms of "both adequate protection of the national interest and the civil rights of individuals."

Named as head of the unit was Lawrence M. C. Smith of Pennsylvania, who previously had made studies for the SEC.

The Treasury gave out figures to show that more American ships are carrying more American goods to foreign ports than in a decade.

Senator Simmons Is Critically Ill

New Bern, April 29.—(AP)—Former Senator F. M. Simmons was reported very low at his home here this morning. The senator, who is 86 years old, was brought home Friday from Duke hospital, where he had been receiving treatment for some time.

Dewey Lacks Support Of Old Guard As Candidate

By CHARLES P. STEWART
Central Press Columnist

Washington, April 29.—"I'd rather see Tom Dewey," a Republican senator remarked to me the other day, under the attorney general's office, under a G. O. P. president, than in the White House himself."

My interviewee wouldn't be thankful if I named him. He thinks that Tom stands an excellent chance of being nominated, and he doesn't fancy the chance of being in the doghouse if so, and if the New Yorker should be elected, and that he (this pro-convention spokesman) should be recognized as qualifying his commendation of Thomas for first place on his party's ticket.

"All the same," continued this critic, "it's true that Tom is executive in nature. Nobody knows what kind of a president he'd make. His attacks on the New Deal are first rate. Yet the fact remains that a lot of Republicans consider many of the

New Dealers' intentions all to the good. They say that the New Deal program would work out admirably under a G. O. P. administration. Dewey has overpanned them, in principle.

The fact is that ultra-Republicans have found considerable fault with the G. O. P. national committee for having (so the "ultras" say) pulled the punches this far in the pending fight. More moderate Republicans bring in suggestions for awful jobs at today's administration and they complain that the committee turns them down, as injudiciously ugly.

As to Dewey?

But as to Dewey, proceeded my Republican guesser:

"What kind of a national executive Tom would make we don't know; he never has been tried in that kind of a job."

"But we do know this—he's a

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GOP Keynoter Plans Address

Washington, April 29.—(AP)—Governor Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota said today after a conference with the Republican high command of the House that "on fundamental and constructive issues there is quite a general agreement" among members of his party.

Stassen, 53-year-old keynoter for the Republican national convention, spent more than two hours with Representative Martin of Massachusetts, House Republican leader, and other Republican house leaders.

Holding an informal press conference, Stassen predicted that his party would carry "the entire middle west."

He said today's meetings with congressional leaders were part of a series of such conferences at which he hoped to obtain suggestions for the keynote speech.

"After a few weeks of this," he said, "I intend to settle down and write the keynote speech."

British Claim Sea Victories

Report 28 German Transports and Supply Ships Sunk Since April 8.

London, April 29.—(AP)—A British statement tonight reported that 28 German transports and supply ships had been sunk since April 8.

In addition, the statement said ten German ships were "hit by torpedoes and probably sunk" and one was scuttled.

It added "the German expeditionary force also suffered losses due to mines since the Nazis embarked upon their Scandinavian adventure."

The air ministry reported that a Sunderland flying boat had bombed and sunk a German submarine, trapped close to the Norwegian coast.

Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Increasing cloudiness followed by scattered showers Tuesday. Warmer tonight.

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