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## SIX-DAY WEEK ORDERED FOR COAL INDUSTRY

**Wage Dispute Still Unsettled, as Lewis Renews Original Demand for Miners**

Washington, May 4.—(AP)—Fuels Administrator Ickes today ordered a six-day week throughout the coal mining industry as work generally was resumed after a week-end strike crisis.

The order was telegraphed to mine operators now running their properties as agents for the government.

Ickes said mines failing to operate six days weekly would suffer cancellation of the price ceiling increases granted them by the Office of Price Administration to cover the added cost of overtime pay.

The first day of a two weeks temporary truce found the miners easily digging the war-vital fuel, with Uncle Sam as their new boss.

But the issue of who will handle permanent settlement of the wage dispute, which brought the week-end walkout, found both sides still standing firm.

The War Labor Board was confident that President Roosevelt fully supported its jurisdiction, and that the case will be handled without any deviation from the normal wartime procedure.

And John L. Lewis asserted the United Mine Workers, whom he ordered back to work today pending further negotiations, did not retreat when they agreed to the fifteen-day truce, and that they still refused to refer the case to the WLB.

In a statement issued after a meeting of the union's policy committee, Lewis repeated recent assertions that the miners are "no longer bound by the no-strike pledge," and that, by adopting the "little steel" wage formula, the WLB had "breached the understanding" between labor, employers, the public and the administration regarding wartime strikes.

Lewis also said "The War Labor Board must accept the full responsibility for the situation, which he demanded to 'distress in the ranks of labor,' apparently replying to President Roosevelt's Sunday night speech in which he blamed the walkout of nearly half a million miners on national union officials. He added the miners would stand pat on their original demands for \$2 a day wage increase, partial to partial pay and organization of minor bosses.

Since there was no statement from Ickes concerning his Sunday conference with Lewis, the Capital speculated whether the latter had obtained some concessions from the government and by-passed the WLB.

**Executive Officer**



CAPT. HELEN G. O'NEILL, of Washington, D. C., has been appointed executive officer of the U. S. Marine Corps Women's Reserve. Official Marine Corps photo. (International)

## War Output At New Top, Nelson Says

**But Must Be Greatly Increased if Needs of Armed Forces Are To Be Supplied**

Washington, May 4.—(AP)—Record-breaking production totals in aircraft, warships and merchant vessels were rolled up in March, Donald M. Nelson reported today.

But first quarter arms output still fell far short of the rate needed to meet military plans for 1943.

Aircraft output soared to 6,200 planes and four-engined bombers topped the 300-a-month rate for the first time, the War Production Board chairman disclosed in his monthly report today.

Naval and cargo ship construction was "the greatest on record," Nelson said, noting the completion of the 15,000-ton battleship Iowa in March and hinting that more are coming.

Overall munitions output in March was eleven percent above February, although the daily rate change was small because February was three days shorter.

Taking the first three months together, however, Nelson was able to say:

"In the first quarter of 1943, we produced almost 13,000 artillery pieces, including more than 7,000 anti-aircraft guns and more than 2,000 anti-tank guns. Our factories also turned out about 235,000 machine guns and more than 1,000,000 rifles and sub-machine guns."

Nevertheless, Nelson warned that

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## Labor Board Final Voice On Strike

**Ickes Says No Negotiations of Any Kind Resumed, so Far as He Has Learned**

Washington, May 4.—(AP)—Fuels Administrator Ickes said today the deadlock between coal mine owners and operators remains the same as it has been, except that the miners have gone back to work now, for another fifteen days.

Ickes, who a little earlier in the day had ordered a six-day work week throughout the coal mining industry, said that negotiations for a settlement of the miner-operator wage dispute would have to be conducted directly by representatives of the owners and unions, "subject to approval by the War Labor Board."

He said that he has no authority by law or by executive order to settle the dispute, and he told reporters daily:

"There is no way out if it means by-passing the War Labor Board. Negotiations must be carried out by representatives of the operators and miners, subject to approval by the War Labor Board."

Ickes at a special press conference said he knew of no arrangement for resumption of negotiations, and that he had had no communication with either side since his conference with United Mine Workers President John L. Lewis Sunday.

Asked whether the 15-day truce called by Lewis Sunday night, to start today, was in return for anything Ickes would do or try to do, the fuels administrator said:

"No conditions were asked and none was given."

In New York City, John L. Lewis, president of the U. M. W., said "my comment" when asked his reaction to the six-day week order.

## Ceilings On Foods To Be Set in South

Atlanta, Ga., May 4.—(AP)—Regional OPA Price Executive Joseph J. Spangler today announced that flat dollars and cents ceiling prices on 21 categories of foods will be set for the southeastern region "probably by the first of next week."

Work already has begun, Spangler said, on surveys of prevailing prices in fifteen southern cities with a view to implementing the new price ceilings.

Included in the list of foods to be covered are package dried fruits, hard coffee, processed fish, frozen fish, cooking and salad oils, shortening, canned citrus fruits and juices, evaporated and condensed milk, syrups, honey, flour and flour mixes, macaroni and noodle products, peanut butter, sugar, cereals, poultry packaged cheese and butter.

Prices will be regulated by communities Spangler stated, and will be set by district pricing officers, signed by directors of OPA district offices. The orders will apply only in the market areas specified in the several orders.

## Prices Upon Cotton Mixed

New York, May 4.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened five cents a bale higher to five cents lower. Noon values were unchanged to ten cents a bale higher. May 20.20; July 20.00; October 19.98.

	Previous	Today's
May	20.18	20.19
July	20.00	19.99
October	19.87	19.87
December	19.82	19.81
March	19.73	19.77

## Two Children Die In Clayton Blaze When Home Burns

Clayton, N. C., May 4.—(AP)—Fire swept the home of Mrs. Jim Dodd late last night and took the lives of Jackie and Jerry Gower, small children of Mr. and Mrs. Winston Gower, of Clayton and Kinston.

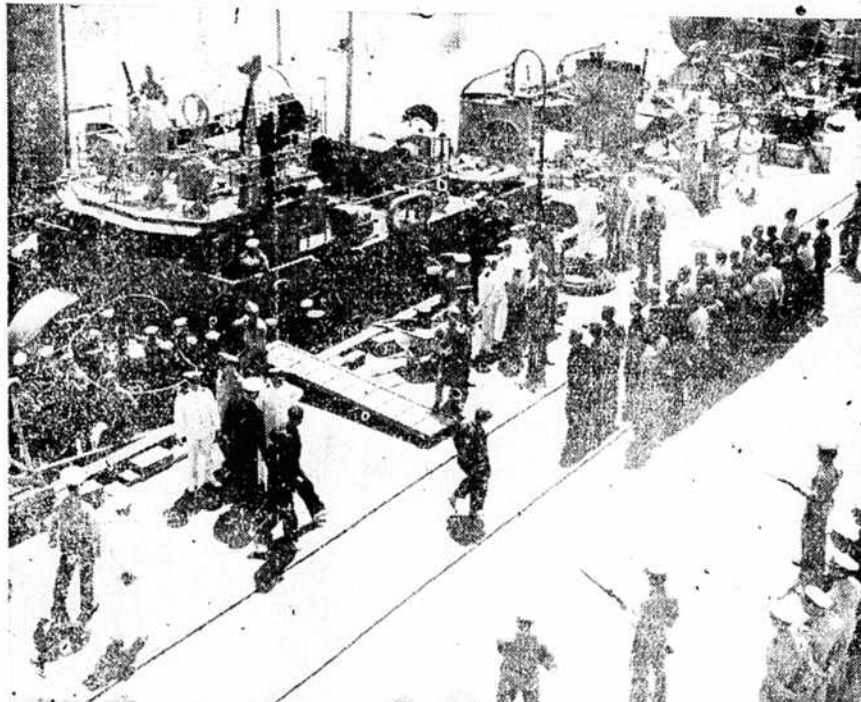
Soldiers from Seymour Johnson Field, who were visiting in the home, and volunteer firemen, tried in vain to rescue the children.

Mrs. Gower, who lived in the upstairs apartment, jumped from her bed when she heard screams, and leaped from a window. She was slightly injured and little. The fire apparently started in the downstairs apartment.

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## Americans Chasing Nazi Army; Troops Moving Nearer Bizerte

**CAPTURED NAZI SUB CREW LANDED ON U. S. SOIL**



CAPTURED CREW MEMBERS of a U-boat sunk by the Coast Guard cutter *Jealous* off the Carolina coast, disembark from the Coast Guard craft at the Charleston, S. C., Navy Yard. Leathernecks stand with guns as the landing Nazis are lined up. The 33 Germans were fished out of the sea after enemy sub sank. Lieut. (now Lieut. Commr.) M. D. Jester was skipper of the cutter. Official Navy photo. (International)

## Sicily Landing Feared by Axis

## Japs Admit U. S. Output; Own Reserves Dwindling

Washington, May 4.—(AP)—A Japanese official called attention today to American and British war production and asserted that the mikado's armies now had reserve material left for only "a short period of the war."

A Tokyo broadcast quoted Kisan-shu Yamada, high war production official, as saying:

"The productive strength of America and Britain is pitted against the productive strength of our nation. Strength of production is strongest in America. X X X ships, planes and other things are being produced at a tremendous rate."

Other Pacific war developments.

Australia—General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters disclosed today that heavy Allied losses suffered in the battle Sunday over the Avatura Sea off Darwin, Australia, were caused by violent winds—not by Japanese fighting skill.

Burma—British headquarters said RAF bombers ended the big Japanese base at Akyah by day and night setting fires, while other RAF planes strafed enemy troops along the Bay of Bengal coast further north. No change was noted in land fighting.

China—U. S. Army forces were officially credited with blasting six Japanese planes out of the sky and probably destroyed seven others in a running battle in Hunan province. Only one American plane was lost.

## Marines Take Russell Is., In Solomons

Washington, May 4.—(AP)—American occupation of the Russell Islands, 10 miles off the northwestern tip of Guadalcanal, were announced today by the Navy.

The occupation, which took place in February, after the capture of Guadalcanal, strengthened the position there and marks the second extension of the U. S. bases announced in the last fortnight. On April 23, the Navy reported that Marine forces had moved into the Ellice Islands, in the southwestern Pacific. The Russell group was occupied without resistance.

The Navy also announced attacks on Japanese installations at Junda, in the central Solomon; at Rakau, on Santa Isabel Island; and eight miles Sunday on Kiska, in the Aleutian Island chain.

The kind of fortifications being set up on Russell Island was not disclosed. Apparently the islands would lend themselves to light strip construction, although such an establishment might not be necessary, since they lie near enough to Guadalcanal to have fighting protection from there.

U. S. MEDIUM-SIZED SHIP SUNK BY SUB

Washington, May 4.—(AP)—A medium-sized U. S. merchant vessel was torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine in the North Atlantic in mid-March, the Navy reported today. Survivors have been landed at New York.

## Kuban Delta Battle In Full Swing

Moscow, May 4.—(AP)—The battle for the Kuban delta, an area reaching roughly from Novorossiysk on the Black Sea northward to the Sea of Azov, is in full swing, and it is not unlikely that is the beginning of the great struggle of the summer.

Both sides apparently fought behind strong fortifications and managed to hold their ground positions without change in the last few days, but a Tass dispatch from the Kuban told of another gigantic air battle west of Krasnodar, with the Soviet armies shooting down fifty-four German planes, while losing 21 of their own in two days.

This was the second time that the Germans have attempted to strike in the Kuban delta since the resumption of spirited warfare in the Kuban, and this campaign finds Soviet aviation able to meet every challenge of the German air force, with American-made planes carrying their loads in the still indecisive fighting.

There was increased activity in other sectors of the front, with the Russian air force making itself felt by raids on German communications and airbases.

The German counterattacks being made by the Red army in the Kuban marked the third large-scale attempt of the Germans to get going on the Russian front after their disasters of last winter.

## WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.  
Cooler east and central portions tonight; rising temperatures in forenoon Wednesday.

## Eighth Army Launches On New Attack

**Two American Drives Net Many Prisoners; Many Miles Covered in Advance**

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, May 4.—(AP)—Swift-driving American troops, quick to capitalize on their middle position after the seizure of Matruh, pounded forward hard today on the heels of retreating Germans toward Ferryville, which is ten miles to the north-east, and the deck area of the naval base of Bizerte.

At the same time, other forces fanned out toward the southeast and eastward to a point eight miles south of Matruh toward the line of the Tine river, only six miles northwest of Tobruk, the gateway to Tunis.

After advancing about ten miles, the Americans were only ten miles from Tobruk.

(The British radio, in a broadcast recorded by CBS, said "long range Allied guns now have Ferryville under fire, and several Axis airfields in the area have now been made untenable by shelling.") Ferryville, on the southwest shore of Lake Bizerte, is about eight miles from the naval base, which is situated on the northeast shore. The broadcast said the Americans had "come up against a new line of resistance" in the advance on Ferryville.

In the northeastward push, the Americans crossed the river Tine, despite destruction of a bridge by the withdrawing forces of Colonel General Von Arnim, and shelled on toward Ferryville.

(The Tine, rising southwest of Matruh, flows northward a short distance east of Matruh, and empties into the marshy land bordering Lake Achek, one of the chain of lakes forming Bizerte's southern defenses.)

To the north of Lake Achek the French Air Corps, with its fierce Moroccan, Algerian, and American elements, moved in upon Bizerte's western hill defenses, threatening to flank the line.

This force kept pace with the Americans, reaching a road junction at the northwest corner of Lake Achek and continued to probe the bullet-riddled hill defenses, which cover the coastal belt to Bizerte only fifteen miles away.

There was no indication as yet how far the advanced elements of the American forces might be able to proceed toward Ferryville without meeting strong resistance. But high ground on the east side of the road a few miles from that objective afforded the Axis an opportunity to make a stand to protect the approaches to Bizerte.

Allied troops along the rest of the 125-mile front failed to match the dramatic advance of the Americans, but the British First Army made a light advance in the high ten miles due north of the Medjerda-Bab on the flank of the Bizerte valley thrust.

The road along the front, filled by the British and French, was alive

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## State Revenue Continues To Climb During April

In the Sir Walter Hotel, Daily Dispatch Bureau, By LYNN NISBET

Raleigh, May 4.—The pessimists can find some comfort in trends indicated by the current monthly report of State revenue collections, and collectors can find a whole lot to cheer. Take all you please about trends, however, fact remains that collections for April this year were practically a million dollars more than for last April, and the aggregate for ten months of the fiscal year is more than 12 millions above the comparable period for the 1942 year.

Income taxes continued to lead the general fund schedules both in percentage of increase and in additional dollars, though sales taxes accounted for more actual money. Every major schedule in the general fund class showed increased revenue, except beverage taxes, which were off about \$75,000 from last April. Gift taxes also fell but this item is inestimable and of little consequence in total revenue. Gasoline and motor vehicle reg-

istration maintained their downward course for a total decline of approximately half a million dollars. The ten months delinquency in these schedules of highway revenue amounts to nearly eight and a half million dollars. This suggests continuing hard times for the highway department, and the drop in beverage taxes may indicate further declines when rationing programs become more widespread in other taxable items.

None of this alters the indisputable fact that all State revenue, after figuring increases here and decreases there, was \$452,250.66 more in April of 1943 than in April of last year; and for the ten months of the fiscal year collections were \$2,297,945.69 more than for the preceding comparable period.

Further analysis of the April report, as compared with that covering March collections, emphasizes the enlarged place among taxations has in public revenue. March is the big income tax month since returns and

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## Profit Taking Halts Stocks

New York, May 4.—(AP)—Profit taking retarded the stock market today. Bonds were higher and commodities steady.

Stocks ahead most of the time included American Telephone, International Telephone, U. S. Steel, Bethlehem, Chrysler, Standard Oil of New Jersey, Douglas Aircraft, United Corporation, Radio Corporation and Western Union.

## Raleigh Fears President May Weaken Toward Lewis

In the Sir Walter Hotel, Daily Dispatch Bureau, By LYNN NISBET

Raleigh, May 4.—Capitol Square reaction to Sunday night developments in the coal strike situation indicated general satisfaction and pleasure. Concern is that John Lewis, even decision on the first round, but that he will not win the fight. Universal commendation of the President's speech was dampened by just a little doubt as to whether he will follow through with the promises. Lewis' coup in coming with Ickes and announcing a 15-day truce just ahead of the President was regarded as very smart. Lewis won his first major point: he will not deal with the War Labor Board.

MAD—Lots of folks, including some high rank State officials, were mad at John Lewis; many of them would have welcomed a showdown fight. More sober-minded officials recognized the dire consequences of such an outcome, and were delighted at the truce. They believe popular opinion will back the President and force Lewis and his crowd to yield most of their demands.