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President Declares Monday Is Deadline For Ending Strikes

Speaks His Mind



DURING A SESSION of the House Ways and Means Committee, be-whiskered F. E. Gimlette, a gold prospector from Leadville, Colo., received permission to express his views. He said: "I want Congress to put the WACs and WAVEs back in the kitchen with the pots, pans and babies." (International)

Ultimatum Promises Government Actions If Strikes Continue

Washington, Oct. 30—(AP)—The United Mine Workers' leadership must act by Monday to end the spreading coal strikes again. That was Mr. Roosevelt's ultimatum last night as the number of idled soft coal miners exceeded 30,000 and continued to grow. He said he would await the miners' policy committee meeting on Monday, confident that the War Labor Board's proposals would be accepted, but he added: "If I am mistaken and the miners do not accept the board's proposals, I shall take decisive action to see that coal is mined." This sounded like government seizure of the mines, once more. The President expressed this determination in a letter to W.L.B. Chairman William H. Davis, replying to the letter notifying him of the strikes. "I am watching the situation carefully," said the President, "and shall not hesitate to take whatever steps may be necessary to see that the coal is mined. We are short of coal to meet our war needs. We can no more tolerate the letting down of coal production than we can tolerate letting down of the shipping of supplies to our fighting men."

\$13 Billion Tax Program Discarded

Eccles Wartime Tax Suggestion Received Colly by Committee

Washington, Oct. 30—(AP)—Promptly discarding a \$13,000,000,000 new tax and compulsory savings program offered by Federal Reserve Chairman Marriner S. Eccles, House Ways and Means committee members indicated today they would take several millions from the \$2,000,000,000 now in the new revenue bill. The committee will reconsider its vote raising postal rates and excises, and some members said the cost of mailing charges and the liquor tax would be revised downward. There was also pressure for telephone rates and the tax on modification of the increases in general admission to amusement places. Eccles disclosed his tax program, including a super wartime tax on individual income at an executive meeting yesterday. The committee appeared ready to approve a tax bill calling for less than one-fifth of the \$10,500,000,000 in new revenue recommended by the Treasury. His proposals got a wintry reception. Committee members, said Chairman Doughton (D., N. C.), told the Reserve Board chairman his plan was "fantastic and visionary."

Three-Power Conference Ends Shortly

Moscow, Oct. 30—(AP)—Formal conclusion of the 11-day-old three-power conference was in sight today as diplomatic experts put finishing touches on their draft of the war and post-war agreements reached by the representatives of the United States, Great Britain and Russia. (An official statement on the result of the conference is expected from the Russian capital in the week-end, the NBC and CBS correspondents in London reported.) As the winter's first snow blanketed the streets of Moscow, U. S. Secretary of State Cordell Hull, British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, and Soviet Foreign Commissar Molotov attended another lengthy session in the Spiridonovka palace yesterday. Optimism over the outcome of their discussions remained "just as high as ever," it was stated in both American and British delegations.

Governors Wait Start Of Tobacco Auctions With Fingers Crossed

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

Raleigh, Oct. 30—Governors Broughton of North Carolina and Darden of Virginia have worked in full cooperation in the tobacco marketing holiday, and released simultaneously a joint statement on reopening of markets. It remains to be seen whether Federal agencies show the same spirit of cooperation. The two governors have their fingers crossed while waiting developments along that line. The joint statement sets out that assurances have been received from Washington justifying resumption of regular warehouse sales. "Upon those assurances, the markets will reopen on next Monday and resume normal schedules," said the statement issued Friday at noon. DOUBT.—The governors have dealt with Federal agencies before. They recall the potato debacle last summer. So the joint statement closes with a qualifying paragraph beginning with that most important little word, "if these assurances should not materialize and the prices again experience an unprosperous and un-

warranted drop, we will reserve the right to take such further action as may be appropriate under the circumstances. We propose to do everything within our power to protect the farmers of the two states against any unjustifiable decline in the price of tobacco." SUPPORT.—Muen depends upon whether Commodity Credit Corporation supports the market by buying lower grades to hold for China and other oriental export customers. Current demands of domestic companies and lend-lease will absorb the better grades offerings at fair prices, according to those supposed to know what they are talking about. If CCC buyers show up Monday and stay on the markets the situation may be expected to work itself out. If they drop out again as they did in the potato deal it will become necessary for the governors to take that "such further action" they mention. RECREATION.—While strenuous efforts are being made to get every able-bodied person at work in some production occupation, even three-

STORM STRANDS FREIGHTER OFF JERSEY COAST



THE 7,916-TON FREIGHTER James Longstreet, her keel buried in seven feet of sand off Sandy Hook, N. J., is being written off as a total loss after it was grounded by the record-breaking gales that swept the East coast this week. The picture was taken at low tide, when only a few feet separated the ship from onlookers on the beach. The crew of seventy was saved. Official U. S. Navy photo. (International)

Choiseul Invasion Menaces Jap Hold In Solomon Chain

Four Perish In California Fire

San Jose, Calif., Oct. 30—(AP)—Four elderly persons were burned to death early today when fire destroyed a two-story wooden house here, the police department reported. The victims were not identified immediately. The fire, of undetermined origin, started about 4 a. m. and quickly swept through the apartment structure.

American Landings Fellow Treasury Isle Attacks Wednesday

Allied Headquarters in the Southwest Pacific, Oct. 30—(AP)—American invasion of Choiseul island pointed a menacing spearhead today at the last 260 miles of the Japanese control in the 680-mile long chain of Solomon islands. Already the airfields left to them are largely in ruins. Latest war reports today told of the Americans landing unopposed down on the southwestern side of Choiseul; of a trap closing around Japanese soldiers on invaded Treasury (Mono) Island; and of hundreds of bombers and fighters dropping record tonnage of explosives on enemy runways and airbase installations without any interference of Japan's badly crippled South Pacific air force. The invasion of Choiseul, flanking the last big Japanese base of Bougainville now barring the way to Rabaul, opened Thursday at the village of Vozza, a starting base for enemy barges. Japanese in the area fled north without a fight. Only the day before, amphibious American and New Zealand troops landed with naval and air protection on the two Treasury islands, 30 miles south of Bougainville. Pursued by troops and pounded by Ventura bombers, the few hundred Japanese there now are being evacuated, with a sea and air blockade set up to prevent their evacuation. Tuesday the way was paved for the execution of the Treasury-Choiseul operations by an air blitz of Bougainville such as the South Pacific had never known before. It rendered the Japanese utterly helpless to offer any opposition.

Americans Win Battle On Axis Subs

Washington, Oct. 30—(AP)—American forces have gained the upper hand in the battle of the submarines in the Pacific where the job is to break Japanese supply lines and in the Atlantic where the fight has been to drive off Nazi U-boats. This flat conclusion was supported today in two statements by Secretary of the Navy Knox: 1.—The war against Nazi raiders in the Atlantic has been successful to the point where planned construction of 127 additional anti-submarine vessels can be cancelled. 2.—The campaign against the Japanese merchant fleet is proceeding at full speed and with steadily increasing forces. Knox's announcement of increasing activities against Japanese supply lines serving their scattered bases in the Pacific was a verbal comment in discussing a communique which reported sinking of ten Japanese ships and damaging of four others. These brought to 474 the number of Japanese vessels sunk, probably sunk or damaged by American submarines which dared to operate even in harbors of Japan itself.

Miami Detective Accused of Seeking Notoriety in Trial

Nassau, Bahamas, Oct. 30—(AP)—An excited, shouting defense attorney suggested today that two Miami detectives planned after the slaying of Sir Harry Oakes to obtain a fingerprint which is being used in the Bahamas Supreme court in the Crown's effort to convict Alfred de Marigny of murder. Higgs, a well-known cross-examination of Miami Police Captain James O. Baker, chief counsel Gregory F. Higgs told the witness, "I suggest that in your desire for gain and notoriety you have swept aside the truth and substituted fabricated evidence." Earlier, Higgs had accused Barker of trying to invite the hate of Lady Emme Oakes, widow of the slain millionaire, against her son-in-law, the handsome defendant. Calmly, the square-jawed American denied all of the allegations made by Higgs. He shouted his doubt that the fingerprint in evidence—the all-important exhibit J—was lifted from a bed screen which stood in the room where the millionaire was bludgeoned and buried to death last July. Higgs opened up during a cross-examination of Captain Barker, who with his Miami police force colleague, Captain E. W. Melcher, was called to Nassau to investigate the crime. Barker has testified that he lifted the impression of de Marigny's little right finger from the figured screen, but that he is unable now to point to the exact spot from which it was lifted. The heated exchange came after Higgs had accused Barker of seeking to raise the hatred of Lady Oakes, the widow, against her son-in-law.

Cotton Closes Much Lower

New York, Oct. 30—(AP)—Cotton futures closed (old contracts) 60 to 75 cents a bale lower. Today's Previous Open Close December 20.06 19.94 March 19.86 19.75 May 19.67 19.56 July 19.47 19.37 Middling Sept 20.00

At Senate Hearing



POSTMASTER GENERAL Frank C. Walker ponders over a question asked by a member of the Senate Economy Committee in Washington, D. C. He told the Senate group that free postage government mail left the nation's capital by the carload. (International Soundphoto)

Race Problem Studied By Women Group

Washington, Oct. 29—The Junior League, sometimes regarded as conservative, is proving itself more modern and alert than many organizations that fancy themselves aware of this changing world. Not only is the league adapting itself cleverly to the war program but it is discussing the race problem. Discussing it out loud and considering it socially. At one of the recent Washington lectures that are a customary part of the education for "provisional" membership, a Negro, C. D. Campbell, Johnson of the national Selective Service, talked to league candidates. He gave a calm picture of certain professional, educational and civic discriminations because of race. The young "provisionals" were so interested in the topic and the way in which he presented it that many of them chose less than the subject of the themes which are necessary to Junior League's preliminary course. For 15 years similar discussions have been conducted in the Washington league. Last year the race problem was voted the Washington league's most popular subject. League members in other cities have also discussed the problem. About 40,000 women, chosen from what is sometimes called the privileged class, belong to the Association of Junior Leagues. Its membership reaches 154 cities. Its voice, though pitched to a gentle key, is therefore powerful. Obviously this organization has determined not to be ostrich-like, hide its head apprehensively and whisper "So-so" or "be less said about the race problem, the better." We'll just pre-

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Yugoslav Guerillas Are In Hungarian Territory

London, Oct. 30—(AP)—Austrian guerillas crossed the Hungarian frontier today in widening battles against German and satellite troops, and some units now are fighting in Hungarian territory, a communique broadcast by the Yugoslav army of liberation announced. The crossing was made from Zagore province, north of Zagreb. Extensive operations along the Dalmatian coast, in which a German column was defeated after ten hours of fierce fighting, also was reported in the communique. From General Josip Broz (Tito), some 150 Nazi troops were killed or wounded. Twenty Allied planes assisted in the Dalmatian operation, bombing enemy columns near Ston, Metkovic, Split, and other localities near Italy.

Three Red Armies Converge At River To Entrap Germans

Fifth Army Approaches German Line

Nears Mount Massico As British Eighth Advances 18 Miles

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Oct. 30—(AP)—British troops of the Fifth Army, storming across the Reggio canal in a three-mile plunge, have occupied the seaside town of Mondragone to ram squarely against lofty Mount Massico, western anchor of the new German line in Italy, it was announced today. Further inland, American forces developed a flanking thrust against Mount Massico, capturing Pietravarano, which dominates both the upper Volturno river valley and the main Capua-Rome highway. Simultaneously, the British Eighth army to the east forged ahead to take Montemiro, on the lower bank of the Trigno river 14 miles inland from their bridgehead in the San Salvo area, where the heaviest fighting on the Italian front still raged. Some 15 towns in all fell to the Allied advance, hindered by heavy rains and mud in all sectors. Motor transport had to be substituted for motor vehicles in some mountainous localities. The British sprang from trenches and foxholes along the southern banks of the Reggio canal to take Mondragone. They had been held to that line, paralleling the lower Volturno river, for more than a week by heavy enemy fire from the lower slopes of Massico ridge. Mondragone was deserted, and an Allied officer said the town had become valueless to the Germans, who would make their really important stand, from the ridge itself. Several bridgeheads forced across the canal all along the line remained under fire of long range German guns. American troops drove forward four miles to capture Pietravarano, Pietravarano, 15 and one-half miles north of Capua and five miles southwest of Ravisceina. Also captured in this push were Pietravelara, four and a half miles northeast of Sparanise, and numerous small villages. It likewise yielded possession of Ponte di Ravisceina—a bridge over the upper Volturno—and the entire lateral road running from Ravisceina southwest. The British drive in the western coastal sector carried through several small villages. Flying Fortresses hammered Genoa yesterday in the first bombing of that city by planes based in the Mediterranean, hitting the Ansaldo steel works and freight yards. Heavy air support of ground operations continued.

Cossack Cavalrymen Lead Other Forces Dashing to Crimea

London, Oct. 30—(AP)—Three Russian armies converged on the key stronghold of Nikolopol on the lower Dnieper river today in a multiple drive to complete the entrapment of German forces in the Dnieper bend. Two other Red army forces at the same time were surging west and south of Melitopol to seal off the German positions in the Crimean peninsula. One, paced by squadrons of hard-riding Cossack cavalrymen and tank units, smashed through 80 towns to take Bolshoi Ulyus, 45 miles from the northeastern corner of the Crimea, while the second captured Torgayevka, less than 10 miles from Perekop, which bottlenecks the escape corridor at the northwestern edge of the peninsula. Gains of 15 miles were reported in this sector by the Russian communique, with the demoralized enemy abandoning additional huge stores of military equipment. Two prongs of the triple thrust to Nikolopol were led by General Feodor Tolbukhin and General Rodion Malinovsky. The former evoked a wide German "defense in depth" line in the Belita-Malaya-Belozerska salient, the Moscow bulletin said, and battled its way through the steppe towns of Malaya-Belozerska, cherneta and Bolshoi-Belozerska, west and southwest of Nikolopol, chief manganese producing center in south Russia. The third thrust to Nikolopol was revealed by the Berlin radio, which said strong Russian forces were probing across the Dnieper river just below Zaporozhe, with the evident intention of joining Tolbukhin's corps, or driving down the west bank of the river to strike Nikolopol from the east. The Moscow bulletin did not mention this new thrust.

Brazilian Plane Sinks Nazi U-Boat In Duel near Rio

Rio de Janeiro, Oct. 30—(AP)—A Brazilian air force plane and a Nazi U-boat met in a duel to the death this morning not far from this capital city and the United States-trained submarine triumphed by sinking the submarine with five well-placed bombs. The Brazilian aircraft returned to its base safely despite damage caused by the U-boat's anti-aircraft weapons, but with Sgt. Humberto Mirabelli of the plane's crew wounded, it was announced.

Grapplers Resume Search for Uniform In Lonergan Case

New York, Oct. 30—(AP)—As Wayne Lonergan, who, from sleep today in his city prison cell, grapplers returned to the East river to resume their dragging for his missing RCAF uniform, which authorities have described as a key piece of evidence in the slaying of his pretty wife, Patricia. Despite his indictment yesterday for first degree murder, after District Attorney Frank S. Hogan had announced his confession of the charge of killing guards at the city prison and the Royal Canadian air-craftsman rested "just like any other prisoner." Me invariable, authorities believed the state might base a claim of premeditation on the story. Police said Lonergan told them of returning to the fashionable Beckman Hill apartment last Sunday three hours after Mrs. Lonergan was beaten and choked to death, to leave a toy elephant for his baby boy.

WEATHER
FOR NORTH CAROLINA
Warmer this afternoon. Not quite so cool tonight and Sunday forenoon.