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Gen. George Patton Partially Paralyzed, His Wife Enroute

Sweetness is Gone



SUGAR KING Adolph Spreckels, Jr., who recently wed actress Kay Williams is pictured with Beatrice "Bebe" Webb, New York dancer, when he used to squire her around. But that's past tense, for Miss Webb's attorneys filed a suit for \$250,000 damages in the Los Angeles Superior Court, accusing the thirty-three-year-old millionaire of "sadtistic frenzies" on numerous occasions between Dec., 1934, and last September. (International)

Famed Army Leader Seriously Injured In Auto Accident

Mannheim, Germany, Dec. 10.—(AP)—Nerve specialists were summoned from England and the United States today to treat General George S. Patton, lying partly paralyzed from a fractured vertebrae in the neck which was broken in an automobile accident yesterday.

An army medical bulletin announced that Patton was completely paralyzed below the level of the third cervical vertebrae in the neck and that dislocation of the fourth was being closely observed because of the very serious nature of the injury.

Condition Satisfactory

The bulletin said Patton's general condition was satisfactory, that he was completely rational and had spent a comfortable night, but declined to forecast the probable course of the paralysis of the lower limbs.

Turning to his side by trans-Atlantic plane were his wife, and a neuro-surgery specialist, Col. R. G. Spruing, of Louisville, Ky. Aided at the hospital are Maj. Gen. A. W. Kenner, theatre surgeon, and Professor Hugh Barnes, a British specialist who had been flown from Oxford at the request of Mrs. Patton.

Mrs. Patton was expected in Paris tomorrow morning and will go from there to Heidelberg either by rail or air.

An official army report issued at the hospital said the fiery general had passed a restful night, sleeping five hours.

LEWIS LASHES OUT AT LABOR PROGRAM

Enactment of President's Plan Would Restrict Labor, He Says

Washington, Dec. 10.—(AP)—John L. Lewis today declared that enactment of President Truman's labor legislative proposals would be "to the advantage of the rich and powerful and those who would oppress labor."

Mr. Truman's plan is incorporated in a bill which would employ fact-finding boards to recommend solutions of major industrial disputes. The measure would authorize 30-day emergency strikes while the board functioned.

Raps Several Sections

Attacking several sections of the suggested legislation, Lewis said: "Why should the 50,000,000 unskilled employed persons of this nation be placed in statutory limbo by this legislation?"

"This measure would restrict the privilege of free labor. It would neutralize labor's strength," he said.

"When industry and finance make such proposals they are guilty of taking the first step to create a corporate oligarchy state which in the end would regulate the activities of all citizens."

Lewis told the House Labor committee the legislation would "impose on labor a form of compulsory arbitration."

Mr. Truman proposed this fact-finding approach to the current labor problems last week and immediately stirred up a wave of labor protests.

COUNCIL SUPERCEDES IRAN GOVERNMENT

Teheran, Iran, Dec. 10.—The Iranian government has been superseded by a six-man "superior council" directed by Premier Abraham Irakimi, it was announced today.

The council was formed to direct administration of government affairs because of a state of emergency caused by disturbances in Azerbaijan, where separatists are seeking to set up an autonomous state, the announcement said.

In addition to Irakimi, the council includes former Premiers Sadegh Mousavi, Hussein Pirnia and Ghayouh Soltanah as well as former minister of industry Gharaglou.

Dispatches from Moscow asserted today that a coup d'etat was in preparation in Iran between the chief of the Iranian general staff and the British intelligence service.

Meanwhile, reports from Teheran, capital of Azerbaijan, said that the Russian separatist forces still had not replied to received invitation by Governor Bayat to attend an all-party conference.

Newsman To Speak

Durham, Dec. 10.—Russell Wiggins, managing editor of the ST. Paul Pioneer Press and Dispatch, will give a lecture at Duke University on December 13, it has been announced by Dr. Calvin B. Hoover, dean of the Graduate School. He will speak on the subject, "Freedom of the Press at Home and Abroad."

UAW STRIKERS REJECT GM PAY OFFER



PRESIDENT OF THE CIO United Automobile Workers union, R. J. Thomas (left), and Walter Reuther, vice-president, are shown as they told reporters in Detroit, Mich., that the General Motors offer of a ten percent wage increase to more than 200,000 striking auto workers was "inadequate." Thomas said, "We will continue negotiations and the strike until satisfactory terms are reached." (International Soundphoto)

Marshall Believed When Japan Moved Into Thai, U. S. Would Enter Fight

He And Naval Chief Were Of Opinion Southward Move Would Indicate War

Washington, Dec. 10.—(AP)—General George C. Marshall testified today it was his personal opinion a month before Pearl Harbor that whenever the Japanese moved into Thailand, the United States and Britain would be forced into war.

The five-star former chief of staff, appearing before the Senate-House Pearl Harbor investigation committee, answered questions put by Senator Homer Ferguson of Michigan.

Ferguson noted that Marshall and Admiral Harold Stark, then chief of naval operations, had sent a memorandum to the late President Roosevelt on May 5, 1941, saying that further Japanese aggressive moves should bring retaliation if the Japs moved west of 100 E. or south of 10 degrees north in Thailand.

The Michigan senator brought out that on November 6, 1941 Ambassador John Winant had messaged Washington from London that the Japanese were on the move.

"What message that they were on the move meant war, didn't it?" Ferguson asked.

"I was of the opinion at that time that the government would be forced to accept a condition of hostilities," Marshall said.

He said he thought that Stark concurred with him in the belief that to permit the Japanese to enter the Gulf of Siam would put them at the "back door of Singapore."

War chronologies show that the Japanese move into Thailand came on Dec. 7, 1941, at the same time as their other aggressive thrusts.

Marshall made the point, however, that it was his personal opinion that the move into Thailand would mean the involvement of this country and Britain in the war, he said the government of the two countries had the final decision, not the military men such as he and Admiral Stark.

ACHESONN, HURLEY HEARD BY SOLONS

Former Envoy Claims U. S. Iran Policy G.K.'d By Mr Roosevelt

Washington, Dec. 10.—(AP)—Maj. Gen. Patrick Hurley today charged Undersecretary of State Denis Acheson with wrecking a policy approved by the late President Roosevelt by fighting foreign monopolies, especially British, in Iran and the Middle East.

Hurley, former ambassador to China, returned to the witness stand at the Senate Foreign Relations committee immediately after a heated battle of the meeting in his office in which participants almost came to blows over a charge made by Hurley that a young assistant of Acheson had not had military service and should be in the army.

Acheson denied an earlier assertion by Hurley that he had wrecked American policy in Iran. Acheson said he had agreed with some recommendations by Hurley and it was for that reason that the meeting was held in his office.

When Hurley returned to the witness stand today he said that it was true that the meeting was held but that the Acheson version was incorrect. He then read into the record two letters from former Secretary of State Stettinius and one from the late President Roosevelt to prove, he said, that his proposals had been approved and were in fact American policy for Iran and the Near East.

For this he argued, that Acheson had wrecked the policy.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Cooler with rain tonight ending over the west portion this afternoon and in east portion late tonight; mostly cloudy and much cooler tonight, Tuesday, fair and cold.

Government Has Power To Seize G. M. Plants Schwollenbach Asserts

Urges Union, AFL Union Opposes Youth Training, Wants To Know Who, Where U. S. To Fight

Detroit, Dec. 10.—(AP)—Secretary of Labor Lewis Schwollenbach, declaring the government has the power to seize the strike-closed plants of General Motors Corporation but would not use it, called on both sides today to settle their dispute, "as soon as possible."

The Secretary told a news conference that it was "essentially important to the economic life of the nation that an early settlement be reached in the walkout which has held 213,000 G. M. workers since Nov. 21."

Schwollenbach, in Detroit for a special tour, included in his remarks the CIO-United Automobile Workers union charge of General Motors a demand of President Henry S. Truman's legislative proposals to help labor maintain peace with industry.

Defends His Chief

Asserting there was no desire on the part of Mr. Truman to "destroy" labor unions, Schwollenbach defended his chief against an attack by CIO President Philip Murray. The Secretary pointed to Mr. Truman's "long record of friendship for labor."

Schwollenbach said he would testify in Congress in support of Mr. Truman's proposal for the naming of fact-finding bodies to act in major labor disputes. Meanwhile, the Ford Motor Company's role in the auto industry wage dispute shared the labor spotlight as the CIO-UAW pressed its demands for a general wage increase.

Guarantees Drawn Up

The CIO-UAW, seeking a flat 30 cent wage boost from all major manufacturers, has drawn up what it terms "unprecedented company security guarantees" for presentation to Ford negotiators late this afternoon.

Negotiations between Ford and the union have been in progress since November 21, but discussion of wage issues has been delayed by a Japanese demand for protection against unauthorized work stoppages.

Richard T. Leonard, national A.W.F. director said the union feels its plan for penalizing wildcat strikers was "too good" to be readily acceptable to the company.

Leonard argued that a Ford proposal to assure the union \$5 for each day a member engages in an unauthorized walkout, but did not divulge details of his counter-proposal.

NATION TO SUPPLY WHEAT FOR EUROPE

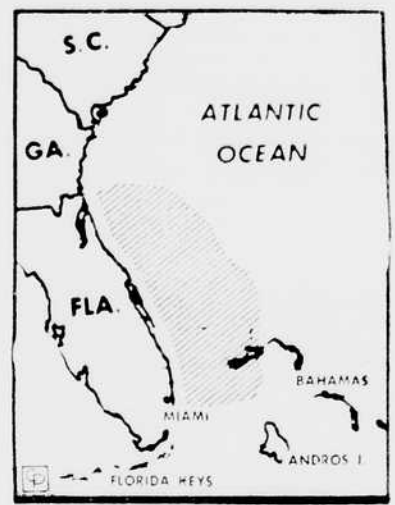
Washington, Dec. 10.—The United States will be called on to supply nearly all of the wheat needed in Europe this winter, informed sources said tonight.

They estimated that this country may be called on to export 480,000 bushels to France and French North Africa alone during the next seven months. This is about twice the amount sent those countries during November.

The situation is described as particularly tight in France. Decision reached by the general committee of the combined food board meeting here this week may determine whether bread rationing is returned here. The committee will set up new wheat allocations for the various allied nations.

Reliable estimates show that the United States and Canada now have about 225,000,000 bushels of wheat available.

Missing Plane Hunt



AREA OF PLANE SEARCH



NEARLY 250 rescue planes, combined with a fleet of surface craft, are scouring the seas off Florida in an area indicated by shaded section of map (above) in a hunt for five Navy torpedo bombers of a type shown in lower picture. The planes, on a routine training flight, disappeared Wednesday. (International)

Labor Spokesmen Testifying Before House Committee

Washington, Dec. 10.—(AP)—Organized labor lashed out against universal military training legislation today, demanding to know when the United States is preparing to fight.

Heading a group of union spokesmen called to testify during what may be the final week of hearings on the proposal, Lewis G. Hines, legislative representative of the AFL, asked the House military committee:

"May we in all fairness ask, preparedness for what? If we are on the brink of another war, should we not have the right to demand with whom, when and where?"

The AFL, Hines told the committee, believed in preparedness should be accomplished through adequate physical care for the children of this country and "an efficient military intelligence system" and "eternal vigilance on the part of the State department and elimination of a policy of appeasement such as was followed previously to the attack made on us by Japan."

Rice Riots In Japan Are Forecast

Tokyo, Dec. 10.—(AP)—A warning from influential sources that rice riots are inevitable without stronger government agrarian policies coincided today with General MacArthur's second blunt demand that Japan's feudal land system be altered immediately.

Fifteen farm representatives from Akita province in northeastern Japan declared muddled government policies have produced such a lack of confidence that the rich Tohoku district may only sell 60 per cent of its rice crop to the government.

Meanwhile, continuing his round up war criminal suspects, MacArthur announced the arrest of 57 Japanese accused of committing atrocities against United Nations nationals held in the ill-famed Cabanatuan prison camp in the Philippines, in prisons, camps and hospitals in Japan proper, and in the prisoner of war ship Oryoku Maru during the vessel's nightmarish voyage from the Philippines to Japan.

Also ordered arrested were three Japanese naval officers, including a repatriate from Wake Island. Two of the trio are being court martialed by the Japanese.

The newest war criminal suspects were considered "small fry" and in comparison with some of the Japanese arrested recently, but to American and Allied prisoners of war, they rank highest.

Indonesians Massing For Large Attack

Batavia, Java, Dec. 10.—(AP)—Several thousand armed Indonesians were reported mobilizing in villages around Batavia today, possibly for an attack on the city, while British planes blasted the mountain village of Tjibadak, 30 miles south of the capital.

Large concentrations of natives were reported in Batavia's suburbs and British troops were on the alert however, reports of any new advance on the city itself were indefinite. One rumor said a new uprising was scheduled for December 14.

Earlier it had been reported that the Indonesians had attempted to fill up the Pandanograt dock area and had also attempted to set fire to an RAF barracks.

A British spokesman said the RAF strike against Tjibadak was the heaviest of the Japanese hostilities and that the village had been left smashed and burning.

Power Politics Opposed By Communists In China

Yenan, China, Dec. 10.—(AP)—General Peng Teh-huai, vice commander in chief of the Communist army declared today the Communists "firmly oppose" any country obtaining a sphere of influence in any part of China.

Peng said he recognized there were elements and individuals in America—such as Patrick Hurley, recently assigned as ambassador to China, former President Herbert Hoover and Senator Arthur Vandenberg—who feared the Chinese Communists would affiliate with Russia but said that their profits for such an association "never have been made clear."

Want Free China

"The position of the Chinese Communists remains still for a free, independent and democratic China," he told newsmen.

Regarding the question objectively "do you will find that the Soviet Union does not want a sphere of influence in Manchuria. This she stated in the Sino-Soviet pact. However, there is a growing suspicion among the Chinese people that the policy represented by Hurley and Lt. Gen. Albert Wedemeyer of China is mistakenly imperialistic. We hope this is only a suspicion, not a reality."

Peng said the Communists anxiously awaited the arrival of General George Marshall, recently named to succeed Hurley. They want to learn his policy regarding disarming of Japanese and to mark time until "peace talks" get under-way in Chungking before making any belligerent moves against Peiping and Tientsin, where, they assert, many Japanese remain under arms. "Wherever Japanese puppets remain armed in China we are determined to annihilate them," he said.

12 Shopping days till Christmas