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MOURNS DOG WHO SAVED HIS LIFE



CONSOLED BY HIS SISTER, Margie, 12, Claude Mollander, 4, is shown as he mourns over the body of his dog, "Casey," who was killed while fighting a 150-pound mountain lion in defense of his young master at Kane, Pa. The lion, which escaped from a nearby private zoo, entered the Mollander yard while Claude was playing with the dog. The faithful pet stood his ground and fought to the death. (International)

Higher Pay Advocated By Wallace

Cleveland, O., Feb. 19.—(AP)—Secretary of Commerce Henry Wallace declared today that business, in many instances, can afford to make adjustments in wage rates and use of white-collar workers without raising prices or cutting into profits.

In a speech prepared for delivery before some 400 delegates attending the sixth constitutional convention of the United Office and Professional Workers of America, (UO), the former vice president of the U. S.

"I know that behind the front of pride and respectability which the white collar men and women show the world there is often a story of constant struggle to maintain standards of health and decency.

Many Are Low Paid.

"I know that what you give to society has a value far above the economic facts of your existence."

Wallace said that 2,000,000 of America's 12,000,000 white collar workers received salaries less than 65 cents an hour and continued: "This is not good economic democracy, nor good business. No nation is secure while any group within it carries harsh or disproportionate burdens."

To reverse "the trend of constantly declining living standards for our white collar Americans," Wallace said, the Government must hold the line against rising prices and inflation and insure fair standards of payment.

U.S. Flag Torn Down, Burned By Bombay Demonstrators

GET READY TO MAKE STEEL AGAIN



With the end of the strike in most of the nation's steel mills, scenes like the one shown above became a matter of routine. Here steel workers Tony Rogers and Mat Saska prepare blast furnace for operation at the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corp. works at Rankin, Pa.

Stars and Stripes On Top Of U. S. Office Destroyed

Bombay, Feb. 19.—(AP)—A mob of Indians, including a number wearing the uniform of the Royal Indian Navy, today tore the United States flag from the United States Information Service office here and burned the flag in the streets.

Walter D. Shackleton, in charge of the office, said he had informed the American consulate and Ralph P. S. Mitchell, public affairs officer of the U. S. I. S. at New Delhi, and that he was awaiting instructions concerning filing an official protest to the Indian and British governments.

Shackleton said about 500 demonstrators who were marching the streets suddenly swarmed in to the office, where the United States flag flew from a pole just over the roof of the agency's library.

"One man climbed onto the shoulders of another man and tore down the flag," he said.

"They ran around the corner with the flag and when they failed at their efforts to set it afire with matches they obtained a newspaper, lit the paper and used this as a torch to burn the flag," Shackleton said.

He said an unidentified American sergeant who had a jeep parked near the USIS office, was hit on the shoulder with a shovel and club in the hands of some members of the mob, but he leaped into the jeep and escaped, apparently without serious injury.

The mob marched down Hornby Road, one of Bombay's busiest streets, waving Congress Party flags and shouting slogans, Shackleton said, but they made no effort to enter the building.

The cause of the demonstration was not clear, but some observers expressed belief it might have started as a manifestation of sympathy with a sit-down strike staged yesterday by 1,000 Royal Indian Navy seamen in a demand for better rations and a revision of pay allowances.

Served Two Armies



ONLY AMERICAN who fought, was wounded, held a rank and was decorated in both the U. S. and Soviet Armies, T/Sgt. Leonard Bernhardt, 31, of Garden City, N. Y., is shown at a press conference in New York City. He came from the Cushing General Hospital in Boston, Mass., where he was undergoing plastic surgery, to accept the honorary chairmanship of "Red Army Week." (International)

GOP Against Extending OPA's Life

Washington, Feb. 19.—(AP)—The administration's drive to give OPA an unchallenged lease on life bumped into potential trouble today—a Republican plan to write a definite formula for junking controls.

As a spokesman for the agency told the Senate Banking Committee that all controls except rents probably can be arranged next year, Rep. Wolcott of Michigan, ranking committee Republican, said he favors a system that would provide for gradual but forced OPA liquidation.

This could be done, Wolcott said, by an amendment requiring removal of price ceilings when it is found that production has reached 75 cent of normal output.

OPA's Own Findings.

He would base the industry-by-industry de-control on findings by OPA's own advisory committees, with any dispute to be settled by the emergency court of appeals.

Wolcott said he might offer this and two other amendments to the bill before the committee to extend the price control law one year beyond its June 30 expiration date. The others, he said, would:

1. Redesign OPA's scope of powers to confine controls to prices and rents and prevent use of the powers to control the economy.
2. Set-up a pricing formula under which reconverting industries need not wait for an OPA price but could make a specific percentage increase above their pre-war price. This figure would be subject to OPA review after production was underway.

Astor, Churchill Both In Miami, But Not Friends

Miami, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Lady Astor, who served for many years in Britain's Parliament, spent last night in Miami but she did not see Winston Churchill, another famous Britisher vacationing here.

"Winston never can like women in politics, I don't think I'll see him," said the Virginia-born wife of Lord Astor when she and her husband stopped here during a vacation cruise.

Lady Astor said she was thinking of making a speaking tour of the United States "to make lots of money and do a lot of good."

UNO Social Group Plans NYC Parley

London, Feb. 19.—(AP)—The United Nations economic and social council, concluding its initial London session, has agreed to summon an international trade conference for the latter part of 1946 and to hold its next meeting in New York.

Last of the United Nations bodies to adjourn, the council appointed committees to start work immediately on the trade conference, the refugee problem, control of narcotics, and relations with such specialized agencies as the world federation of trade unions, the AFL, and the International cooperative alliance.

Hearing In G. M. Strike Adjourned

Detroit, Feb. 19.—(AP)—A National Labor Relations Board hearing in the prolonged General Motors strike was adjourned today for a week as the Government renewed its mediation efforts in another meeting of the top executives of the management and the CIO United Auto Workers union.

OXFORD WAREHOUSE DESTROYED BY FIRE

Oxford, Feb. 19.—The Red Front Warehouse near the center of the business district here was destroyed by fire early Monday morning entailing a loss of several thousand dollars.

The property was owned by the estate of the late W. H. Hunt, and was operated by Owen Warehouse Company.

A number of warehouse baskets and trucks were stored in the single story frame and iron-clad building. Origin of the fire, which was well advanced when firemen were called by a passerby, was not determined.

Mrs. W. H. Hunt said today, she expected to replace the structure. Only a few hours earlier Mary Potter School was damaged by fire which gutted the girls dormitory.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Mostly cloudy skies tonight. Rain in east tonight followed by clear to partly cloudy. Wednesday warm in east, little colder in west.

Evolution Of N.C. Auto Laws Traced

Raleigh, Feb. 19.—The current issue of "Popular Government," monthly magazine published by the Institute of Government at Chapel Hill, features a story by Assistant Director John Blair tracing development of state laws governing operation of motor vehicles.

The first statewide act governing use of public highways was in 1901 when a law was passed making it illegal to ride a horse or drive any vehicle at speed faster than a walk across any bridge over 30 feet in length. Prior to 1905 most regulation was left to counties, but that year the legislature enacted a law applicable only to Mecklenburg county regulating automobile traffic. Later in the same session other counties were given the right to adopt similar regulations with maximum speed limit of 20 miles an hour. Several counties thought that too fast and reduced speeds to six miles in business districts, not over fifteen in the country.

First comprehensive statewide control was enacted in 1909. This act was modeled after the original Mecklenburg law, but imposed a maximum speed of 25 miles an hour, with limit of eight miles in business districts. In 1935 the present limits of 29 miles an hour in business districts and 25 miles in residential portions of towns were fixed.

Not until 1925 did the state exercise any control over motor vehicles used to haul persons or freight for hire. It was in 1925 also that supervision of state registration of motor vehicles was transferred from the secretary of state to the department of revenue, where it remained until 1941 when the present department of motor vehicles was established.

The driver's license act was passed in 1935 and has not been materially amended since, and many drivers are now operating under authority of licenses issued ten years ago. Blair confesses inability to give a comprehensive review of modification of statutes affecting use of motor vehicles because there are more than 200 of them.

Tie-Up Of Philadelphia Phones Ends

Philadelphia, Feb. 19.—(AP)—U. S. Conciliator Peter J. Manno announced settlement today of a strike of 1,000 American Telephone and Telegraph Co. workers here which prompted threats of a nation-wide phone tie up.

Manno said the company and representatives of the Federation of Long Lines Telephone Workers reached an agreement after 12 hours of negotiations.

J. N. Dingman, supervisor of employee relations for the firm, said A. T. & T. had promised to investigate the promotions of employees whom the union said were given better jobs without regards to seniority.

Many Persons Feared Dead As Blast, Fire Level Big Apartment

New Orleans, Feb. 19.—(AP)—A terrific explosion, followed by fire, leveled a three-story apartment building in downtown New Orleans today, killing an undetermined number of persons and injuring scores of others.

Fire Chief Frank Ribard and police estimated that a score or more of persons, all negroes, lost their lives in the blast or fire, while a score or more were hurt.

They said the building housed 32 occupants. The blast occurred at 7:35 a. m. (CST) while the residents were having breakfast or preparing to go to work.

Those rescued were taken to Charity Hospital suffering from burns.

Some bodies could be seen amid the ruins.

Army and Navy ambulances were called into service to augment city ambulances in rescue work. Servicemen from the New Orleans port of embarkation and navy personnel also aided the firemen.

The cause of the blast was not determined, but Fire Chief Ribard said it possibly resulted from an accumulation of gas. One person who escaped declared that "we smelled gas in the house and then somebody struck a match."

The explosion was heard for miles and attracted thousands of spectators to the scene. Windows were shattered in houses over a considerable area.

The interior of the building was a mass of flames when firemen arrived and Fire Chief Ribard would not permit firemen to enter the structure.

The building was of brick construction.

Slaughter Of Russians By Nazis Is Told

Nuremberg, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Russian Prosecutor Col. L. N. Smirnov described to the international military tribunal today the frantic haste with which he said retreating Nazis slaughtered thousands of Russian civilians and prisoners of war in 1945.

The withdrawing Nazis sometimes forced their victims to carry wood to a cremation pyre, he down upon it and then be shot, Smirnov said. Immediately another group of victims was forced to place wood upon the corpses and repeat the process and finally, the whole pyre was soaked with gasoline and lighted, he said.

In their haste to close mass graves of persons shot during the earlier phases of the extermination campaign, the Nazis frequently buried or burned their victims alive, the Russian said.

The tribunal earlier denied defense motions for a three week adjournment of the trial upon completion of the prosecution's case.

Lint Futures Drop 80 Cents At Noon

New York, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened ten cents a bale higher to 25 cents lower.

Noon prices were 60 to 80 cents lower. March 26.17, May 26.15, July 26.14.

	Pv. Close	Open
March	26.29	26.29
May	26.28	26.29
July	26.27	26.25
October	26.12	26.07
December	26.06	26.01
March (1946)	26.02	26.00

Pauley Says No Officials Helping Him

Washington, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Edwin Pauley said today that neither Postmaster General Hannegan or any other Government official shared in his extensive oil and other financial holdings.

President Truman's nominee for undersecretary of the navy told the Senate Naval Committee, under questioning by Senator Toby (R-NH) that he once discussed the possible investment by Hannegan in a California oil venture but it never materialized.

Toby's questions along this line caused Chairman Walsh (D-Mass.) to halt Pauley's answer until Toby explained, under Walsh's prompting what he expected to show that officials financially interested in Pauley's enterprises were backing his nomination.

Canadian Cabinet Discusses Leakage Of Atomic Secrets

Ottawa, Feb. 19.—(AP)—The Canadian cabinet in its regular meeting today was reported to have taken up broad phases of the government's investigation into the leakage of secret information which is said to have concerned atomic energy.

No official information came from the cabinet session or the investigation and the government's probe into the El Dorado gold mine, Canada's source of uranium.

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HESTER MAN DIES IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Oxford, Feb. 19.—Roosevelt Montague, 20, Negro, resident of Hester, was killed instantly Saturday night near his home when his sedan was demolished by a Greyhound bus operated by Frank W. Morris of 5117 Eanes Lane, Richmond, Va. Highway Patrolman C. M. Byrd said the wreck occurred as Montague was making a left turn from the highway just as the bus was overtaking him. The impact hurled the car up the highway 37 yards in front of the bus as both machines left the highway on the left. Byrd said Martha Lyon, 35, also Negro, was hurt in the wreckage of the auto, and several bus passengers were shaken up and bruised.

New Tie-Up Of Nation's Phones Seen

Memphis, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Joseph Beane, president of the National Federation of Telephone Workers announced shortly after noon today that in his opinion there would be a strike vote taken at the afternoon session of the policy-making assembly of the union.

A few minutes before Beane made his announcement, Edwin Hackett, president of the Commercial Telephone Workers Union of Chicago voiced opposition to a nation-wide telephone strike.

Both men spoke before the assembly of the NFWU.

Hackett, who said his union was composed of about 1,500 members—one of the smallest in the federation—took his stand before the union leaders, who are studying strategy to implement demands for a wage increase.

Erwin Won't Reopen Mills

Durham, Feb. 19.—(AP)—The Erwin Cotton Mills, which yesterday notified its employees that it expected to reopen its strike bound plants "promptly" in view of inability to come to terms with the Textile Workers Union of America (CIO) announced today it has decided not to attempt to reopen the mills because of an unwillingness to expose employees to threats of "strike and violence" which have been received in the past 24 hours.

The Erwin Mills and the union have been in negotiations for four and a half months in an attempt to settle the strike. J. T. Lewis, president of the company said, "Having failed in these efforts we felt that the issue should be left to our employees to decide whether or not they wanted to return to work since so many of them had expressed the desire to do so. We therefore announced that we would reopen our mills. Since this announcement, we have heard many reports threatening strike and violence and we are unwilling to expose these employees who want to return to work to such conditions. We therefore are withdrawing our announcement, and we have no further plans to reopen our mills."

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Hirohito Views War Destruction

Tokyo, Feb. 19.—(AP)—The shivering, shabby people of Japan bowed in humble silence as Emperor Hirohito walked among them today to view the rusty rubble of his shattered empire.

As never before in history, the man who recently admitted he isn't divine stepped down from his shiny black Mercedes, paused beside working men at their benches for a few brief words.

Unattended except for American military policemen in two jeeps, Hirohito motored in a five car convoy through miles of industrial and residential areas burned by American fire raids last spring. His own scanty Palace motorcycle escort was unarmed.

Raise Sought For Workers In Shipyards

Washington, Feb. 19.—(AP)—An eighteen cents an hour pay boost recommendation for shipyard and farm equipment workers started a flow of major cases before the revitalized Wage Stabilization Board today.

The shipbuilding stabilization conference, reviewing wages for that industry since early December, recommended the increase for approximately 450,000 workers. Marine and Shipbuilding Workers and AFL-Metal Trades Department members approved the amount.

Almost simultaneously a Federal fact finding board recommended the same 18-cent hike for 30,000 CIO farm equipment workers on strike at ten International Harvester Co. plants since January 21.

The stabilization board also was preparing to hand down a decision on an earlier fact finding board's decision in the meat packing wage dispute.