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## THE FISHING IS GOOD IN MT. MITCHELL AREA



MISS MARGUERITE CLARK (upper left) of Pineola and Mrs. Hughes Burleson of Spruce Pine toast their good luck with a jug of sweet mountain cider after catching their creel limit on the opening day of the trout fishing season in Neal creek in the Mount Mitchell Mt. management area near Asheville. Bottom: George Keesee of Gastonia cleans his trout after getting his limit in Neal creek. Five hundred anglers, including 32 women, caught an average of four apiece on the opening day. (AP Photos).

# RAIL CRISIS IS AT HAND

## ODT Orders An Embargo On Freight

Washington, May 23.—(AP)—Presidential Secretary Charles Ross said today "I assume the rail strike is on."

The government quickly clamped controls over non-rail transportation, to carry essential food and mail.

Negotiations to settle the dispute between the carriers and two big brotherhoods were still on at the White House with John R. Steelman, identified labor assistant mediator.

When the 4 p. m. deadline for the walk-out was reached, the Office of Defense Transportation directed the truck, bus and airplane, water carriers and those railroads still functioning to work jointly, pool equipment and develop schedules for maximum movement of persons and goods.

Promptly also, the Interstate Commerce Commission ordered a general embargo on railroad freight movements, but with some exceptions. There was no word of progress from the negotiators who had been busy for hours at the White House striving to head off a strike.

At 4:12 p. m. Presidential Press Secretary Ross told reporters that the President was scarcely 100 yards away from his office, attending a garden party for veterans, and was available for call at any time.

Asked whether the strike actually had begun, Ross replied: "I assume the strike is on. I have had no report to the contrary."

Washington, May 23.—(AP)—The government braced itself today for a scheduled walkout of railroad trainmen and engineers scheduled for 4 p. m. as the White House summoned carrier negotiators to a conference with President Truman who had been conferring all morning with rail brotherhood representatives.

The call to the carriers went out one hour after ten representatives of the two major rail brotherhoods arrived at the White house with their reply to a wage increase proposal made by the President.

John Peckley, president of the Association of American Railroads, headed the carrier delegation.

Earlier John R. Steelman, presidential labor advisor, conferred separately with brotherhood and management representatives in an urgent effort to head off the nation-wide strike set for 4 p. m. local time today.

"I can't tell you anything now," Steelman said as he left a downtown Washington hotel after meeting with leaders of the locomotive engineers' and trainmen's brotherhoods and headed for talks with carrier officials.

Has "No Hope"

In New York, Thomas J. Harkins, eastern representative for the engineers, said he had "no hope" that the walkout on the government-controlled lines would be called off.

Before the representatives of the two brotherhoods went to confer with Mr. Truman, Steelman had what was called a "final talk" with leaders of the two unions.

Mr. Truman has offered the two unions an 18 1/2 cent an hour wage increase, but it has not been disclosed whether the offer was acceptable to the workers.

Orders Are Readied.

Meanwhile, the government already running the railroads under a White House seizure order of last week, braced itself to make the best of things if the strike comes off.

The Office of Defense Transportation had plans ready drawn to mobilize other forms of transportation — air, water and highway — to insure movement of essential products, principally food. But ODT said it intended to hold back its orders until the strike appeared inevitable.

## NAZI DEFENDANTS IN MALMEDY MASSACRE TRIAL



ENLISTED MEN AND German Army officers accused of murdering American prisoners at Malmédy crossroads during the Battle of the Bulge are pictured as they went on trial at Dachau, Germany. They are, front row (L. to R.): Joseph Dietrich, commander 5th S. S. Panzers; Fritz Kruemer, Bridge Gen. of the 6th Panzers; Hermann Priess, commanding general 1st Panzers; and Joachim Peiper, regimental commander 1st Panzer Army Corps. The others are unidentified. U. S. Army Signal Corps Radiophoto. (International Soundphoto)

## Additional Soft Coal Mines Shut Despite Seizure By Government

### Strange Ailment Claims 6th Baby

New York, May 23.—(AP)—The death toll of babies stricken aboard GI bride ships mounted to six today when a five-month-old girl, a country only four days, died in Pittsburgh.

The child, Vivian Smith, arrived here with her mother, Mrs. Howard Smith, whose husband lives in Burlington, N. C., on the S. S. Brazil last Sunday.

The death, which physicians diagnosed as acute diarrhea and administration was the first reported among the Brazil's passengers. Five infants from aboard the Zebulon Vance contracted a mysterious ailment as they crossed the Atlantic.

## BULLETINS

### NEW YORK SERVICE CANCELLED

New York, May 23.—(AP)—All railroad train service out of New York was cancelled this afternoon when the 5 p. m. (4 p. m. EST) deadline for a nation-wide strike of trainmen and engineers passed by without any notice of a postponement from Washington.

Loud speakers in Grand Central Station blared with an announcement — scarcely heard above the din of a roaring, shouting throng — that the New York Central had halted all service at 5:10 p. m. EDT.

### THE STRIKE IS ON.

Chicago, May 23.—(AP)—An announcement was made over Union Station loud speakers shortly after 3 p. m. CST today that "information has just been received that the national railroad strike is on."

The girl who made the announcement said the information had been relayed from the station master. A general gasp went up from the crowd in the station waiting for trains and immediately afterwards many of them left, presumably for their homes or to hunt hotel spaces.

## Stimson And Hull Reply To Queries From Congressmen

Washington, May 23.—(AP)—The Pearl Harbor committee today rejected a demand by Senator Brewster (R.) of Maine that it look into State Department files on contended secret contain information on 1,200 to 1,500 p. m. messages exchanged by President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill.

## Sen. Hoey Blasts 'Labor Rights'

Washington, May 23.—(AP)—"Labor has all the rights, nobody has any," says Senator Hoey (D) of North Carolina.

Commenting on labor legislation, pending in Congress, Hoey told a reporter "the Wagner Act is unfair because it exempts labor from obligations required of other people. The Wagner Act should be modified to make the law apply to everybody. It should require that monopoly and anti-trust laws apply to labor on the same footing as anybody else."

## Russia And U. S. May Sign Treaty

Paris, May 23.—(AP)—The weekly Paris newspaper *Semei Soir* said in its leading article today that President Truman and Premier Stalin might meet in Vienna about June 10 to sign a 20-year treaty of friendship and non-aggression between Russia and the U. S.

## '46 Leaf Crop May Sell Above Parity

College Station, Raleigh, May 23.—It was predicted today that North Carolina's 1946 flue-cured tobacco crop, expected to be nine per cent larger than last year, may sell at 25 to 30 per cent above the present parity price of 34 cents per pound.

H. Brooks James, agricultural extensionist of the State College Extension Service, declared that there is "every reason to believe" that 1945 prices "will hold" for this year's crop. Flue-cured growers had been granted a 10 per cent acreage increase in both foreign and domestic demand coupled with a \$12.50 per hundred pounds average for the nation's 1945 crop.

So favorable is the position of tobacco farmers that the government, bound to support leaf prices at 90 per cent of parity, has not set up machinery for the actual purchase below the support floor. While optimistic about the outlook for leaf sales this year, the farsighted N. C. Farm Bureau has taken steps to establish purchasing machinery which could function if support buying became necessary.

Meanwhile, good stands of tobacco

## Stimson Says F.D.R. Thought Of Attacking Japs In Asia First

## Nationalist Troops Claim Changchun

Mukden, May 23.—(AP)—The government today announced that Nationalist troops recaptured Changchun at 11 a. m. after having engaged "Communist remnants remaining in the city in sporadic fighting." "The resistance soon was overcome," said a communiqué from the headquarters of Gen. Tu Liang, government commander for northeast China (Manchuria). It is reported that advance elements of Gen. Cheng Tang-Kuo's new first army entered Changchun capital of Manchuria at 7 a. m. Earlier government dispatches said Communists were seen withdrawing from Changchun yesterday, presumably headed for Yangki, 60 miles to the east.

## Presbyterian Meeting Will Be Started

Montreat, May 23.—(AP)—The liquor question and "marriage and the home" were subjects for initial consideration, as the Presbyterian Church in the United States prepared to convene in its 86th annual general assembly here tonight.

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## New York Cotton

New York, May 23.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 25 cents a bale higher to 5 lower.

Noon prices were unchanged to 35 cents a bale higher.

July 27.65, October 27.90, December 28.02.

Pv. Close Open

July 27.59 27.60

October 27.90 27.90

December 28.00 28.00

March (1947) 28.20 28.19

May (1947) 28.24 28.24

July (1947) 28.10 28.14

## WEATHER

### FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Partly cloudy and slightly warmer tonight. Friday, partly cloudy and continued warm with scattered showers.