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LEWIS AGREES TO SOFT COAL CONTRACT

Floods Take Lives Of Nine In 2 States

Pennsylvania, N. Y. Rivers Leave Banks, Inundate Much Land

(By The Associated Press)

On a wild rampage of death and destruction, rivers and creeks belied out of their banks today to inundate valuable farming and industrial areas in Pennsylvania and New York.

At least nine persons drowned, four others were missing as muddy floodwaters, fed by four days of almost continuous rain, spilled into homes and business establishments.

Estimates of damages exceeded \$2,000,000; thousands were homeless. The swirling waters of the Susquehanna river raced virtually out of control, striking hard at Williamsport. Eyewitnesses said this central Pennsylvania community of 43,000 lay homeless today in the most crippling flood since 1936.

Five Feet Of Water.

Elmira, N. Y. looked old man river—the Chemung, a Susquehanna tributary—right to the face. One third of the community, its 50,000 residents battling the raging torrents at every turn, was under more than five feet of water.

Hundreds of volunteers, in heavy trucks and row boats equipped with radios, helped throughout the flooded area.

As waters in up-state New York and Pennsylvania continued to rise, communities further south on the Susquehanna and its branches prepared for floods.

Chiang Leading Chinese Troops In Manchuria

Nanking, May 29.—(AP)—General Chou En-lai, China's No. 2 Communist, asserted today that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek had taken over direction of the government's Manchurian campaign.

He said the situation in civil war-ravaged Manchuria had taken a critical turn.

The top-flight Communist made his statement a few hours after the government's Central News Agency reported that national troops had captured the important city of Kirin from communists.

Government sources in Mukden said seven regiments of Communist troops were routed at Yunki and retreated toward Yenchi, near the Korean border. Government reports from the north said vanguards of national troops were within 30 miles of Harbin.

Even as Chou spoke, members of the democratic league were arranging to resume peace talks with Chiang's government party. They were handapped, however, by the continued absence at this critical stage of Chiang, who remained in Mukden.

Terror Camp Boss Hanged

Lansberg, Germany, May 28.—(AP)—Martin Gottfried Weiss, commandant of the Dachau concentration camp where thousands of Europeans were tortured and put to death, was hanged this morning.

Fourteen of his associates at Dachau preceded him to the gallows yesterday.

Weiss held hope for a reprieve until immediately before his death. Another 13 will be hanged today, completing the largest mass execution ever conducted by the United States army.

Pleads Guilty To Slaying Survivor Of Bataan March

New York, May 29.—(AP)—Capt. Archie B. Miller, 25-year-old signal corps officer, pleaded guilty to first degree manslaughter today in the fatal shooting of Capt. Eugene Dale, Enid, Okla., last December 26. Miller, whose home is at Bellevue, Texas, faces a maximum prison sentence of 20 years. Dale, a survivor of the Bataan death march and two and a half years of Japanese imprisonment was shot in the apartment of Miller's estranged wife, Mrs. Fay Hancock Miller, an ex-model from Jonesboro, N. C.

Just Weighting



BECAUSE "Pembroke," highly bred Welsh Corgi, has to watch his figure if he's going to be a prize-winner, he goes through more scales than a fish. Owned by Mrs. H. L. Green, Newton, Conn., breeder of thoroughbred dogs, this 2-month-old pup is weighed regularly. (International)

Ship Strike Heads Talk In Capital

Maritime Tie-Up Gets Top-Billing On Labor Agenda

Washington, May 29.—(AP)—Senator Radeliffe (D) of Maryland told reporters after a White House visit today that the threatened maritime strike will not prevent operation of the nation's merchant shipping.

The senator, chairman of the Senate Merchant Marine sub-committee, was asked who would run the ships if a strike goes into effect June 15, as scheduled.

"The ships are going to run—you can bet on that," he said.

Washington, May 28.—(AP)—The threatened maritime strike took top billing today in the government's drive to resolve all major labor disputes.

With a coal settlement seemingly at hand, Secretary of Labor Lewis Schwelmbach called in ship owners and maritime union chiefs for a 2 p. m. conference aimed at finding some way to prevent the shipping tie-up, set for June 15.

That strike, if it comes off, would cripple America's merchant marine, halt shipping from Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf ports and prevent the export of relief supplies for famine areas abroad.

Expects New Proposals.

Joseph Curran, president of the CIO-National Maritime Union, told a reporter on his arrival from New York that he expects the ship operators on his arrival from New York that he expected the ship operators to make some "new proposals" at the meeting.

"If they don't," Curran said, "I will be in a difficult situation."

Six other unions have joined Curran's NMU in demanding a 30 percent wage increase, an 8-hour day overtime adjustments and retroactive pay. The seven unions claim about 200,000 members on 3,100 ships, more than two-thirds of them owned by the government.

Chatham Charges Aides Not Allowed To Watch Canvass

Dobson, N. C., May 29.—(AP)—Counsel for Thurmond Chatham charged today that "through a subterfuge" the congressional candidates' representatives "were denied the right" of being present yesterday afternoon, when the Surry county elections board tabulated votes. Saturday's Democratic congressional primary in the fifth district changes in Surry returns still unofficial. gave Rep. John H. Folger a net gain of 73 votes over the tabulation Saturday night and placed him ahead of Chatham by 13 vote in the district.

Strike Bill Faces Defeat By Senators

45 Of 63 Law-Makers Against Draft Plan; Debate Is Continuing

Washington, May 29.—(AP)—President Truman's strike-draft plan faces almost certain defeat in the Senate if the coal dispute is settled quickly, a poll showed today.

Of 63 senators willing to state their position, 45 said they are opposed to that section of the House-passed emergency bill which would empower the President to induct into the army those who strike in government-owned industries. Eighteen senators announced their support of the proposal.

Second Day Of Debate.

The Senate begins its second day of debate on the measure today. At the same time, the House Rules Committee was expected to clear the way for early action by that body on the Senate's version of the Coal Labor disputes bill.

The 45 senators lined up against the draft section of the emergency measure, passed by a dramatic 30 to 13 House vote Saturday, included 20 Democrats, 21 Republicans and 4 Progressives. They represent a bloc only four short of a 38 majority, now that there is one vacancy in the Senate.

ELLENDER ASSERTS PRESIDENT DETERMINED.

Washington, May 29.—(AP)—Senator Ellender (D) of Louisiana reported after a White House call today that President Truman is determined to obtain passage of emergency labor legislation.

Ellender said he called to assure Mr. Truman of his own support for the draft-strikers program laid down by the President in his speech to Congress Saturday.

For his own part, Ellender said he felt the President should have "sufficient power to protect the country from internal enemies and from uncontrollable labor leaders."

Spain Challenged To Make Good On Export Promise

Washington, May 29.—(AP)—The United States is challenging Spain to make good on its promised export of Nazis to Germany by sending a ship to Bilbao to remove Germans from the country.

The State Department announced this assignment of the ship, the Marine Perch, today. It has a capacity of 947 passengers. Information in Washington is that so far the Spaniards have arranged for only 100 or 200 passengers for the ship.

M. J. McDermott, State Department press officer, said the Spaniards had claimed in the past they could not expel the Nazis because of transportation shortages and that sending the ship is intended to remove that argument.

KELLY'S LITTLE COMMANDO



FIRST INFANTRYMAN to win the Medal of Honor in the European theatre of operations, Charles "Commando" Kelly gets the thrill of his life as he looks at his 6-pound, 9-ounce daughter, in a Pittsburgh, Pa., hospital. Mrs. Kelly cradles the little "commando," who seems to be enjoying a hearty laugh. The hero now operates a service station. (International)

Miners Win \$1.85 Wage Boost Daily

Washington, May 29.—(AP)—Interior Secretary Krug announced today an agreement ending the soft coal strike.

Krug told newsmen he and John L. Lewis had signed the contract and that Lewis indicated he would order the United Mine Workers back to work immediately.

"The contract was just signed, gentlemen," Krug said quietly.

Ready to Graduate



DAUGHTER of the President of the United States, Margaret Truman (right), who will graduate from George Washington University, is pictured with one of her classmates, Betty Lou Trowbridge, just before participating in baccalaureate exercises held at Washington Cathedral, Wash., D. C. (International)

ASHES OF MONEY BRING BIG RETURN

Atlanta.—His money virtually returned from the ashes for Marion Bailey, an unemployed machinist.

At the insistence of his friends, Bailey took a cigar box containing the burnt remnants of his life savings of \$1,800 to the Currency Redemption Division of the Treasury Department. The money had been burnt in a fire which destroyed Bailey's home after he had drawn his money to buy a farm.

Experts explored the ashes, and identified all except \$20, believed burned beyond recognition. The Treasury Department will send Bailey a check for \$1,800.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Partly cloudy, warmer west portion this afternoon. Fair and little change in temperature tonight. Thursday, partly cloudy and slightly warmer.

'HELLDORADO' SPINACH HARVEST



CHINS ARE UP in Las Vegas, Nev., as the annual "Carnival of Helledorado" ends and the old-fashioned whiskers raised by the males for the occasion are chopped off. Here a line of "whiskerinos" line up waiting their turn to lose their crop of chin spinach. (International)

Limitation Of Arms Everywhere Is U. S. Policy, Says Byrnes

Secretary Of State Urges Approval Of Hemisphere Program

Washington, May 29.—(AP)—Secretary of State James Byrnes told Congress today that the United States is going to work for "limitations of arms" among the nations of the world.

Byrnes enunciated this policy in testimony before the House Foreign Affairs Committee. He said details have not been worked out but the movement is going to work for limitation of arms.

"We desire to see the world free from the fears and burdens which unnecessarily large armed forces would impose on the peoples of the world," Byrnes declared.

Fails To Elaborate.

He made the statement, without further elaboration, after urging congressional approval of legislation providing for a broad program of "military cooperation" with other American nations.

As he went before the committee, American officials looked to Moscow for Russian reaction to Byrnes' denial yesterday of Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov's charges against him and the U. S. group's out of the foreign ministers conference in Paris.

Byrnes' denial raised the question: What will be its effect on Russo-American relations, already strained, and on chances for early peace in Europe?

Proposed By Truman.

The "military cooperation" program which Byrnes endorsed before the House committee was contained in a bill proposed to Congress May 6 by President Truman. It would permit transfer of arms to the other American republics.

It also would authorize the United States to help train military and naval personnel in those countries and help repair their equipment.

Byrnes declared that the program would not stimulate an arms race. He said that the other republics merely would be given adequate weapons to allow them to defend themselves in event of attack.

The idea also, Byrnes said, is to make their equipment standard with ours, so the nations of the western hemisphere can work together in event of a future war. General Eisenhower and Admiral Chester Nimitz urged support of the legislation in testimony yesterday.

Selected Stocks Continue Gain

New York, May 29.—(AP)—Selected stocks continued to register new 15-year highs today while many market leaders were depressed by profit taking on the recent upswing.

Occasional strength was displayed by Chrysler and Eastman Kodak. Backward were U. S. Steel, Bethlehem, U. S. Rubber, Montgomery Ward and American Waterworks.

Siam Posing New Problem Before U. N.

New York, May 29.—(AP)—The United Nations was confronted with a new problem today in the form of a Siamese complaint charging French troops in Indo-China with "unjustified aggression."

It was the first time that a non-member of the United Nations had appealed to the world peace-keeping agency, and the complaint thus presented the organization with a question on procedure. The issue given an odd twist by the fact that Siam is a former enemy nation as well as a non-member, while France is not only a member, but was an ally in the war against the axis.

Siam's complaint was received in the form of a cablegram addressed to U. N. Secretary General Trygve Lie by Prime Phibunpong, president of the Siamese council of ministers.

City-Wide Strike In Rochester Ends

Rochester, N. Y., May 29.—(AP)—Agreement of city officials to meet with organized city employees brought an end today to the city wide shutdown which yesterday idled 30,000 union workers.

Termination of the picketing shutdown, which union leaders earlier had expected to take 60,000 workers away from their jobs in this city of 323,000 population, came shortly after 2 a. m. EDT.

Frederick H. Bullen, executive secretary of the state mediation board, sent here by Gov. Thomas Dewey, concluded hours of negotiations by announcing union acceptance of a three-point declaration of policy by City Manager Lewis Cartwright.

The work holiday climaxed a controversy which began May 15 when Cartwright abolished 489 jobs in the public works department which the AFL Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees sought to organize.

Issues during the drawn out labor dispute were vaguely defined. An AFL-CIO joint strategy committee which negotiated with the city and directed the shutdown said the union's basic objective was to establish that employees have the right to organize and bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing.

GREYHOUND STOCK SPLIT.

Chicago, May 27.—Directors of the Greyhound Corporation at their meeting today adopted a plan for splitting up common stock of a three-for-one share basis, according to an announcement made by Orville S. Caesar, newly elected president.

Vets' Hospital Program Delayed By High Costs

Washington, May 29.—(AP)—High building costs have delayed the Veterans Administration hospital program.

General Omar N. Bradley, veterans administrator, told a House appropriations sub-committee in testimony made public today that four out of 12 authorized projects have been held up because contractor's bids far exceeded government estimates.

The administration's cost estimate of the 12 projects, Bradley said, was \$26,108,500. But the total of the low bids was \$35,211,282, or 35 per cent above the estimate.

New York Cotton

New York, May 29.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 20 to 60 cents a bale higher.

Noon prices were 20 to 50 cents a bale higher. July 28.05, October 28.36, and December 28.52.