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Strike-Effect Mines Marked By Disorders; FDR Ready For Action

President Moves to Avert Threatened Strike of Railroad Employees by Calling Conference

Washington, Nov. 18.—Disorders, including the shooting of two men, broke out in the strike-affected captive coal mines in West Virginia and Pennsylvania today as President Roosevelt was reported ready to exert the full powers of the government to get production resumed.

The United Mine Workers called out its membership in the captive mines, owned by steel companies which use the coal, yesterday. About 53,000 miners in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Kentucky, Alabama, Tennessee and Illinois work in captive mines and the United Mine Workers claim 96 per cent are members.

President Roosevelt has said the coal must be mined to keep vital steel mills in operation on armaments. There have been insistent demands on Capitol Hill for anti-strike legislation and persons closely in touch with the President said today he was convinced now was the time to stop interference with defense production.

A White House conference called in the hope of averting a strike which would paralyze the nation's railroads broke up with both rail executives and labor representatives declaring no conclusions were reached. They added they would see President Roosevelt again tomorrow.

While discussions will continue, Alvaney Johnston, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, said that orders for a strike on December 7 still stood.

"Has there been any change in the situation," he was asked.

"Not a bit," he declared emphatically.

John J. Pelley, president of the Association of American Railroads, reported that "we just discussed this wage situation, reached no conclusion and are still discussing it."

The strike call was issued after the railway unions turned down the recommendation of an emergency fact-finding board for wage increases short of the union demands. The carriers had accepted the compromise proposal.

Mayor Calls Mass Meeting to Consider Improvements

Sherwood Brockwell To Discuss National Fire Defense Program; Citizens Urged To Attend And Express Views On Proposed Improvements

Mayor George W. Davis and town authorities have called a mass meeting to be held on Tuesday evening, November 25, at 7:30 o'clock at the City Hall for a discussion of certain proposed municipal improvements.

The meeting has been planned for the purpose of giving citizens a chance to hear all the facts relative to these proposed improvements and an opportunity to express their views and opinions on these matters, which vitally concern every individual in the town.

Mayor Davis, City Clerk R. A. Joyner and members of the Town Board are printing a special notice in this issue and are urging everyone they meet to attend this important meeting so that any action in this regard taken in the future by the town authorities may be an expression of the whole municipality.

The City Fathers and townspeople have known for sometime that inadequate protection of property from the hazard of fire has prevailed here due to the antiquity of the fire fighting equipment.

The present fire truck is 23 years of age, a 1918 model and the local fire department fully realizes the catastrophe which might result if it were to break down while in action and of their helplessness in a case of this sort.

So the purchase of new and additional fire fighting equipment has reached the point where it can scarcely be longer delayed.

A new fire barn is also among the improvements being recommended by those who have the affairs of the town on their hearts and hands, and will have to be considered simultaneously with the proposed plan of purchasing equipment.

Even under normal conditions the risk involved to property owners would be too great to take and under present circumstances it is most necessary that immediate action be taken, for the danger to property has to be secondary when the safety of lives is under consideration, and that is receiving weighty consideration in the nation at this time.



Americans Give Thanks

THANKSGIVING DINNER—sweet-flavored turkey meat, savory chestnut dressing, rich juices in the roasting pan, tart cranberry sauce, green and yellow vegetables to balance the feast, spicy pickles and last but not least yummy pumpkin pie, all prepared from traditional American recipes centuries old.

The Thanksgiving dinner is the family reunion time about the festive board, and a simple joy that is worth safeguarding at any price.

It is hardly a day for rejoicing because of the sadness and pain in the world, but it is a Day of giving Thanks, a time to renew hope and faith in the peace that will follow the war, the ultimate liberation of peoples enslaved and the resurrection of Democracy for the world to live by when the new dawn awakens for civilization.

Liberty, freedom, tolerance are the principles for which pioneer Americans struggled and in winning set aside a Day for giving Thanks.

There have been many Thanksgiving Days observed in the United States of America since that first celebration of a fruitful year, yet this Thanksgiving Day, 1941, one of the most critical years in our entire history, must stand out among all the rest for the weight of its importance as an expression of the spirit of the American people in these times.

Thankfulness we will feel for a Democracy and for administration leaders who are making every effort to safeguard our civil liberties, religious freedom and our happy homes.

Tyson-Mays Are Holding Reunion Here Today, Friday

Descendants of the Tyson and May families will assemble here today at ten o'clock for their 21st annual reunion meeting in the D. A. R. Chapter House.

Dr. M. L. Carr, of La Grange, will preside and Hon. Marvin K. Blount is scheduled to bring the reunion a timely address.

Other members of the group, who are among leading citizens in the State, and are well informed on state and national affairs, will speak informally and be heard with interest during a round table discussion to be conducted by Miss Hattie S. Parrott, of Raleigh; Rev. C. B. Mashburn will conduct a memorial service and Miss Tabitha DeVisconti will give the genealogical report.

MISS MERRITT, MR. HORTON WED IN FORMAL CHURCH CEREMONY

Greenville.—The marriage of Miss Mary Jamison Merritt, of Greenville, and Joseph Loyd Horton, Jr., of Farmville, was solemnized in a formal wedding ceremony at 8:30 o'clock Wednesday evening, November 19, at Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church. The Rev. Thomas Grant officiated.

The marriage, attended by a large assemblage of relatives and friends, united prominent North Carolina families, and is of state wide interest.

Palms and cibidium ferns were arranged as a chancel background for large floor baskets of white chrysanthemums and tall standards of cathedral candles. The all-white wedding ceremony was performed in the soft glow of candlelight.

Prior to the ceremony, Mrs. George Hadley, organist, played a program of nuptial music, including "Indian Love Call," Friml, "Ave Maria," Schubert, "Still As The Night," Bohn, and Schubert's "Serenade." Mrs. J. Knott Proctor, soprano, sang "Until," Sanderson, Elbert C. Holmes, of Farmville, baritone, sang "At Dawning," Cadman, and Mr. Holmes and his brother, John D. Holmes of Farmville, rendered "The Want Of You" Vanderpool, as a duet.

The traditional wedding marches were heard. During the ceremony "Liebestraum," Liszt, was softly played and Lutkin's "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" was sung as a benediction.

Marvin V. Horton, of Farmville, attended his nephew as best man. Groomsman were R. O. Lang, Jr., J. Y. Monk, Jr., R. T. Monk, T. Eli Joyner, Jr., Carroll Oglesby and James Matthew Gibbs, of Farmville, Garrett Stanfield and Alton Barrett.

Mrs. David Mosler attended as dame of honor and Miss Jane Garrett as maid of honor. They wore gowns of bluish white satin, styled with bodices and with heart shaped necklines and leg-o-mutton sleeves. The full gathered skirts flowed into slight trains. Their veils of bridal illusion fell to the shoulders.

The bridesmaids were Miss Gene Horton, of Farmville, sister of the bridegroom, Miss Harriet Loyd, Mrs. Gene Harrington, of Washington, Miss Grace Clair Taylor, of Beaufort, Mrs. William T. Taylor, of Warren, and Miss Frances Spilman. They wore dresses identical to those of the bride and the maid of honor, and all of the attendants carried a single lighted candle on a bouquet of deep red roses, designed as a holder, tied with white satin ribbon and showered with valley lilies.

The bride entered the church with her brother, Robert Connor Merritt, by whom she was given in marriage. Her stately blonde beauty was accentuated by the all-white setting, her broad gown, a lovely creation of white Duchesse satin, was in the bodice made with a full skirt, which flared into a court train. The gown was fashioned with a heart shaped neckline and a standing collar. Her hair was styled in a classic, and the bodice

NAZIS ARE THRUST BACK EIGHT MILES BY RUSSIANS

Tojo Says Nippon Army Ready For Any Eventuality

Navy Minister Simultaneously Declares Navy Has Completed Preparations For Any Change In Situation; Although Statements Made In Reply To Russian, Both Believed To Be Aimed At U. S.

Tokyo, Nov. 18.—Japan's Premier Tojo declared that "the Japanese army is prepared for any eventuality," aimed sharply strained relations with both the United States and Russia.

Simultaneously, Navy Minister Admiral Shimada told the Tokyo Diet that "the navy has completed all preparations to meet any change in the situation."

The twin warnings that Japan is clearing her decks for possible action came as all eyes turned to Washington for the outcome of discussions by Japan's Saburo Kurusu with President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Cordell Hull.

On the record both statements were made in direct reply to a question raised in the Japanese Parliament regarding the presence of Russian floating mines in the Sea of Japan, but the implication was unmistakable that they were directed to the United States as well as Russia.

Foreign Minister Tojo said Japan had refused to accept Moscow's reply to a recent Japanese protest over the sinking of a Japanese liner in the Japan sea, allegedly by Soviet mines.

At the same time, the Japanese Times and Advertiser, the organ of the Japanese Foreign Office, declared the choice of peace or war in the Pacific was up to the United States.

JAPS VOICE OPTIMISM.

Washington, Nov. 18.—Japanese Ambassador Nomura voiced optimism today over chances for settlement of Japanese-American difficulties.

Arriving at the State Department with Japan's special emissary, Saburo Kurusu, for a conference with Secretary Hull, Nomura asked waiting reporters:

"Why are the newspapers here all so gloomy? We are very hopeful."

With a smile, the ambassador added:

"You Americans are always in a fighting mood. Why are you so war minded?"

When a reporter suggested that the newspaper in Tokyo today did not sound exactly peace-minded, Nomura laughed.

Oct. Road Death Toll Highest In N. C. History

Raleigh, Nov. 18.—October was the bloodiest single month in the history of the automobile in North Carolina, the Highway Safety Division reported yesterday.

Invaders Declared to Have Been Surprised in Night Attack and Forced to Flee Along Frosty Streets in Their Underwear.

Official Soviet dispatches reported Tuesday the Germans had been thrown back eight miles by Red army counter-attacks at Tula, 100 miles south of Moscow, and that the surprised Nazis "ran and ran and ran" through the bitter cold in their underwear in a "panic-stricken route."

On the Leningrad front, the Russians claimed further successes against Nazi siege armies around the old Czarist capital. The Russians declared Soviet troops had captured positions held by the Germans for two months and that they were still advancing along the left bank of the river "N"—presumably the Neva river just outside Leningrad.

Tass, the Russian news agency, gave a graphic description of the Nazi rout at Tula.

Taken by surprise by a Soviet artillery bombardment at dawn, the agency said, German infantry housed in the outskirts of the city threw away their weapons as they fled "but our cavalry caught up with the fascists x x x running down the frosty streets in their underwear."

Berlin military spokesmen said German bombardments have forced the Russians to evacuate the southern part of Leningrad, but they did not claim that German troops had left their trenches to occupy any of the city.

In the Crimean campaign, Adolf Hitler's field headquarters reported that German planes dealt "devastating blows" to fortifications and port facilities at Sevastopol, Russia's great Black Sea naval base, while Nazi infantrymen were reported fighting before the city's outer defenses.

Nazi front line dispatches said 60 Russian transports had been sunk and 69 others damaged in aerial attacks at Sevastopol, Kerch and other Crimean ports. The high command reported Monday the fall of Kerch, bridgehead to the Caucasus oil fields.

UDET DEAD

Berlin, Nov. 18.—Colonel-General Ernest Udet, 45, the mechanical wizard behind the Luftwaffe, who developed Germany's parachute troops and the dreaded Stuka dive-bombing tactics, has been killed testing "a new type of firearm," according to announcement today which said that his death was the worst blow of the war to the air force. (Columbia Broadcasting System in New York heard the Berlin radio broadcast that Udet was "the victim of an airplane accident.")

The "accident" occurred yesterday and he died en route to a hospital, the announcement said, but because of the secrecy surrounding the weapon on which he was working, no further details were given. It was not even revealed where the accident happened.

Udet was chief of the technical bureau of the air force, which meant he was the Luftwaffe's "brains." He was Germany's No. 2 World War ace and a stunt flier of world renown.

Adolf Hitler ordered that Squadron Three of the Luftwaffe henceforth be known as the "Udet Squadron." He also ordered a state funeral.

Local Boy Ordered To Navy Sea Duty

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 18.—Thomas Henry Rasberry, who recently enlisted in the United States Navy at the Recruiting Station in Raleigh on August 19, has been ordered to active sea duty. He has just returned to the Norfolk Naval Training Station, following nine days leave which he earned upon completion of six weeks of recruit training here.

Rasberry is among the twenty per cent of recruits who were chosen for immediate sea duty with the United States Fleet.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Rasberry of Route 1, Farmville.

Schedule Set To Arm Ships

Ships To British Isles And Northern Europe First

Washington, Nov. 18.—Secretary of the Navy Knox announced today that ships plying to and from the British Isles and "Northern Europe" would be the first American merchantships armed under the policy as established by revision of the neutrality act.

In the Navy's first official announcement on plans for arming ships, Knox said that second priority would be given to ships going into the Red sea and that third priority would be given to ships going into the south Atlantic.

While he did not say when work would start, other authorities predicted that arming of American merchantmen would begin this week.

WHO KNOWS?

1. What is the meaning of the Coast Guard motto: "Semper Paratus"?
2. Where is the Red Square?
3. What is the size of the U. S. mainland?
4. When did Soviet Russia invade Finland?
5. What constitutes the American Bill of Rights?
6. What is the circumference of the earth?
7. What does the word "Soviet" mean?
8. Does the Navy pay bonuses for service in any branch of its activities?
9. The President recently addressed the Congress. What did he say?
10. Is a member of Congress? How long does he serve?

LUXURIES HIGH IN ITALY

Rome, Italy.—American cigarettes here, and if possible to obtain them, are bringing from 25 to 50 a package. The cost of a pound of coffee, which was 10 cents here, is now 100 cents.

LIBRARY NOTES

The following new books have been placed on the shelves of the Farmville Library during the past few days:

Presented by the Town of Farmville—Adolf Hitler—Resistless are the Sails, Evelyn Eaton; Astra, Grace Livingston Hill; All That Glitters, Frances P. Keyes; This Above All, Eric Knight; Beyond Tomorrow, Lida Larrimore; The New Hope, J. C. and Freeman Lincoln; The Venerables, Kathleen Norris; Lanterns on the Loaves, William A. Perry; The Blind Man's House, Hugh Walpole; The Hills Beyond, Thomas Wolfe.

Non-fiction—Big Family, Bellamy Partridge; That Day Alone, Pierre van Patten; Juvenile Fiction—River Secret, Mary Kennedy; The Black Dog Mystery, Queen; Carpet Coach, East S. Myers; The Mofians, Eleanor Ester; Jess, T. Davis Longstreet; Captain Kidd's Cow, Phil Strong; Stephen Foster and His Little Dog Tray, Opal Wheeler; Suzette's Family, Harriet Evans.

GATOR SERVES ARM

St. Petersburg, Fla.—While transferring an alligator from one cage to another, Willie Washington, 31, Negro attendant at a wild animal farm, severed the tip of his right arm, and the loss of the arm, which was severed at the elbow, when the gator whipped around and bit him while he was feeding the animal.