

TRUMAN SEIZES RAILROADS

The Weather

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Prisoner Killed in Traffic Collision

Lyle Copeland,
Oakland War
Vet, VictimAuto Strikes Truck When
Prisoner Grabs Steering
Wheel, Officer Reports

An Oakland man died early Sunday at Mercy hospital, after he tried to seize control of the car in which he was being transported to the county jail to be booked for alleged drunkenness. W. A. Manning, Oakland police chief, reported.

He gave the prisoner's name as Lyle Copeland, 26, a war veteran who had an "exceptionally good record" in combat in Germany during the recent war.

Copeland was arrested by G. W. McMullen, Oakland city officer, early Sunday morning while allegedly intoxicated, Manning said. The officer found him leaning against the running board of a car, his legs sprawled in the highway.

McMullen took Copeland in custody to place him in the county jail. As the police automobile came down the Winchester street hill in Roseburg, Manning said, Copeland attempted to bring the car to a stop.

Car Crashes Into Truck

He grabbed McMullen's arm with one hand, and with the other hand grasped the steering wheel, the Oakland officer reported. This caused the car to swerve and crash into the rear of a parked truck.

The windshield of the car was shattered and a fragment of glass

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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Lewis Notifies Mine Owners
Of Intention to End Contract

WASHINGTON, May 10.—(AP)—John L. Lewis today gave hard coal operators a 60-day notice of intention to end the UMW contract covering 80,000 anthracite miners.

Lewis told the producers that he wants a new contract for the United Mine Workers by July 10. He asked for wage conferences to begin May 20, unless a later date is mutually agreed upon.

The hard coal industry has been operating since 1946 under a contract carrying no termination date, but allowing either party to give 30 days notice of termination whenever desired.

By giving 60 days notice, Lewis apparently was conforming to a Taft-Hartley Labor Act requirement that a party wanting to end an agreement allow that much time.

Lewis gave similar notice on April 30 to the soft coal operators, whose contract expires June 30.

The bituminous contract negotiations are to begin May 18 in Washington.

The bulk of the hard coal mines are in Eastern Pennsylvania.

Sen. George Given
Presidency Boost

By JACK BELL

Associated Press Political Writer

Senator Walter George (D-Ga.) is being groomed by some Southerners in Congress as their candidate to oppose President Truman for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Senator Russell (D-Ga.) said today that unless his senior colleague puts his foot down, George's name will be offered at the Philadelphia convention in July as Georgia's candidate on a "states rights" platform.

George, who defeated the late President Roosevelt's attempt to "purge" him from the Senate in 1938, is said by friends to be about willing to lead the fight against Mr. Truman's civil rights program if he can be assured widespread Southern support.

The possibility of putting up the Georgian as a candidate was discussed at a meeting of "states rights" Democrats from 10 states at Jackson, Miss., beginning today.

Governor J. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, the keynoter, declared that President Truman has "stabbed" the South "in the back" and asserted that the National Democratic Party would lose the Solid South unless it deserts the president's civil rights program.

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Partial Accord
Announced On
Draft-UMT

WASHINGTON, May 10.—(AP)—Chairman Gurney today announced general acceptance by the Senate armed services committee of most provisions of a bill to combine a temporary draft and a military training program.

Gurney told reporters he expects the bill to be completed tomorrow.

The measure as it stands authorizes a two-year draft of men 19 through 25 and a year's military training for 18-year-olds.

It also requires registration of all men 18 through 25 and of doctors up to age 45.

Most veterans would be exempt from the draft.

Gurney emphasized that all of these provisions are subject to change before the final committee vote, but he said "there is quite complete agreement on the bill."

He added that the group has "about three more things" to decide, including an amendment by Senator Russell to require industrial plants to accept war production orders.

Gurney said that when the vote has been taken, it will be introduced.

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Jews Attempt To
Open Supply Lines

(By the ASSOCIATED PRESS)

Jews claimed today to have occupied all strategic heights around a mountain pass 10 miles west of Jerusalem in a supreme effort to open the Arab-blocked supply line from Tel Aviv.

Some 4,000 Hagannah troops were said to be active in the drive to clear an avenue for food to the 100,000 Jews in true-stilled Jerusalem. They smashed against Arab road blocks.

King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia wired King Abdullah of Trans-Jordan he is putting "all my armies at your disposal for the fight in Palestine." Action by Arab regular troops may start after midnight Friday when the British mandate ends. Abdullah already has command of the armies of Trans-Jordan, Syria, Iraq and Lebanon. A third of the Egyptian army was reported on the southern border of the Holy Land.

The United Nations speeded the establishment of an emergency caretaker government for Palestine. Virtually all hope for a long-term solution has faded. Draft proposals of a permanent truce for Jerusalem were put before Jewish and Arab leaders.

David Ben-Gurion, premier designate of the new Jewish state, said he believed the new country "will be erected" within a few days.

Copco Employee Feared
Drowned in Rogue River

GRANTS PASS, Ore., May 10.—(AP)—Clarence Perry Kinzey, 30, local California-Oregon Power company employee, is believed to have drowned while attempting to aid a distressed fishing companion on the Rogue River at Hell's Hole late Saturday.

The companion, Russell White, said he was jerked out of the boat in which the pair were fishing, when he sought to steady it in rough water by snagging a willow with his fish line. As he was struggling to shore he saw Kinzey being carried down stream. The boat did not upset and was recovered later with contents intact.

Boatmen and fishermen combed the river Sunday and today without locating a trace of the missing man.

Paper Drive Slated By
Boy Scouts May 15-16

The paper drive to be sponsored by the Senior Boy Scouts will be held in Roseburg Saturday and Sunday, May 15 and 16. The Scouts will begin their drive Saturday morning, and request that all paper, securely tied in bundles, be placed conspicuously along the streets so it will not be overlooked in the once-only trip by the boys in donated trucks. Areas not covered Saturday will be cleaned up Sunday. The Scouts will not be able to cover any areas twice. The paper must all be loaded on a railroad car ready for shipment Sunday night.

13 SIGHTSEERS KILLED

NAPLES, Italy, May 10.—(AP)—Marble blocks toppling from a truck fell on a group of sightseeing pilgrims near here today, killing 13 and injuring four.

The sightseers were returning from Pompei sanctuary when they halted on the Calore River bridge in Mirabella to admire the view.

Southern Dissenters
Given Dixiecraft Label

CHARLOTTE, N. C., May 10.—(AP)—The Charlotte News had a word for them today—Dixiecrafts.

Lacking an official name for that group of Democrats fighting against President Truman and his civil rights program, Managing Editor Pete McKnight explained the paper had been struggling with such phrases as "States Rights Democrats," "Dixie Democrats," and "Southern Democrats," and longer titles.

"We decided to name them ourselves," he contended. "They ought to adopt it."



KILLS TO GET AUTO — Ervin Arthur Ingle, 14, (above) sits in the county jail at Bryan, O., clasping a prayer book after his arrest, Sheriff Norman A. Barnes said, in connection with the gun slayings of John Gabriel and wife, Pearl, both 57. The sheriff said the youth admitted the killings, because he wanted their car to attend a school dance. The boy is being held without charge.

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Boeing Offers To
Protect Workers

SEATTLE, May 10.—(AP)—The Boeing Airplane Company today promised "protection" to any of its 14,800 strike-idled workers who pass through picket lines to return to work.

"Work is available for those who apply," the company said.

At the same time, company officials repeated their refusal to attend a federal conciliation service meeting set for today in Washington, D. C.

The decision to boycott the Washington meeting was based on the company contention that the 19-day-old work stoppage is illegal. The striking Aeronautical Mechanics Union (Ind) has lost its collective bargaining rights under the Taft-Hartley Act, the company holds.

A Boeing spokesman denied that the company's "protection" pledge was designed as a back-to-work movement to "break the strike," as described by union officials.

They said the statement was made in response to "many telephone calls and letters from a great many individuals seeking information as to how they can return to work."

The strike was called in support of demands for wage increases of 30 cents an hour, eight paid holidays and retention of seniority clauses.

Secy. Anderson Resigns
To Enter Senate Race

WASHINGTON, May 10.—(AP)—President Truman formally accepted the resignation of Secretary of Agriculture Anderson today with an endorsement of his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for the Senate from New Mexico.

"In consenting to your release at this time," the President wrote, "I do so in the hope that the period immediately ahead is but the preliminary to your reentry to the halls of Congress—next time as a member of the Senate."

Anderson formerly was a member of the House of Representatives.

There still is no word from the White House on Anderson's successor.

Man "Taken for Ride"
Near Death From Shot

PASCO, Wash., May 10.—(AP)—The condition of Robert O'Neill, 42-year-old Pasco man who was shot in the head by a pair of robbers Friday night, continues grave this morning.

Hospital officials said the bullet which was fired in the bandit car on the outskirts of the city had entered his brain. O'Neill told police he was "taken for a ride."

VIVA UNCLE SAM!

BORDEAUX, France, May 10.—(AP)—Arrival of the first Marshall Plan aid to France—8,500 tons of wheat in the ship John H. Quick—was celebrated today by French officials.

Paralysis Sets
In as Railway
Strike Nears

CHICAGO, May 10.—(AP)—The nation was getting a foretaste today of what the threatened rail strike would mean in unemployment, high prices and privation even as the government moved to take over the railroads.

Eighty-eight major railroads stopped accepting perishable freight shipments, including those involving cattle, poultry, meats, eggs, fresh fruits and vegetables.

Fruit growers and shipping agencies laid off thousands of workers. Fresh produce prices skyrocketed in New York and Mayor O'Dwyer said that city faces "one of the worst food gouges in history" if the ban on shipments continues.

Spot trading in butter, eggs and potatoes was ordered suspended today on the New York Mercantile Exchange because of the railroad situation. Trading in futures contracts continued.

Other large cities generally had the same food supply problem.

Fruit and vegetable growers in California, Texas and Florida said that if the strike, scheduled to start at 6 a. m. (local standard time) tomorrow is prolonged their losses will run into the millions of dollars. Industries with low stockpiles of coal will soon be out of fuel and thousands of employ-

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Walla Walla River
Goes on Rampage

Heavy rains sent the Walla Walla River flowing over its banks today, closing roads and carving huge ditches in valuable farm lands.

More than four inches was recorded in the 48-hour period ending last night. It still rained today.

The new flood peril accompanied reports of relief for another flood-stricken eastern Washington area. The raging Palouse River, which has poured into the city of Colfax twice since Jan. 1, fell off a foot yesterday. The weather bureau promised "some improvement" again today.

Four county roads in the Walla Walla section were closed to traffic because of washouts and bridge damage.

Soil washing was said to be the heaviest in years. Travelers reported huge gullies could be seen in wheat and pea fields.

The entire flat near Touchet, between Walla Walla and Pasco, was flooded by the overflowing Walla Walla.

Auto and Plane Thieves
Hunted in Oregon Area

DALLAS, Ore., May 10.—(AP)—Two young men who stole an automobile and an airplane were hunted today in the Willamette Valley.

Search centered here after a light plane taken from a Troutdale field Saturday was abandoned after a forced landing on the Harold Leppin farm in Northern Polk county.

Police said the pair had taken off in the plane after abandoning a stolen Portland automobile near the private field.

The plane is owned by Robert Quinn, of Portland. The description of the two men, seen by fishermen near the airfield and then again by Mrs. Leppin when they abandoned the aircraft, indicated both were young. One wore a leather jacket; his companion a blue suit.

Tragic Death Supplants
Letter on Mother's Day

SEATTLE, May 10.—(AP)—"You'll be hearing from me on Mother's Day," said a letter written by Mrs. Blanche Cunningham Powers, 28, to her mother in Sand Point, Idaho.

But the letter, dated April 26, was unmailed and the mother, Mrs. Edna Hiltz, received a telephone call instead yesterday from coroner's deputies.

They informed her Mrs. Powers was found dead of gas poisoning in her apartment.

Koreans Vote Despite
Threats of Communists

(By the Associated Press)

It was estimated 80 per cent of the 8,000,000 eligible voters in southern Korea defied Communist violence and threats to vote in the country's first self-rule election. Some 80 Communists were arrested after a weekend of violence which claimed 73 lives. Communists and some "liberal" groups shunned the election as bidden by radio threats from Russian ruled radios in northern Korea. The vote will be counted tonight.

President Directs Army To
Operate Trains, Appeals To
Workers to Continue on Jobs

WASHINGTON, May 10.—(AP)—President Truman today seized the nation's railroads.

There was no word from the three strike-threatening unions whether they would run the trains for the government. They have called a strike for 6 a. m. (local railroad time) tomorrow.

The president signed a seizure order two minutes before 1 o'clock (EDT) in an effort to bar a strike. The order places operation of the trains under direction of the U. S. Army.

Mr. Truman appealed to all railroad workers to stay on their jobs.

"I call upon every railroad worker to cooperate with the government by remaining on duty," the seizure statement said.

"I call upon the officers of the railroad labor organizations to take appropriate action to keep their members at work."

Mr. Truman's statement added:

"It is essential to the public health and to the public welfare generally that every possible step be taken by the government to assure to the fullest possible extent continuous and uninterrupted transportation service."

"A strike on our railroads would be a nation wide tragedy, with world wide repercussions."

The seizure order was directed after a weekend of almost continuous negotiations, directed by presidential adviser John Steelman, failed to bring a settlement of the dispute between the three brotherhoods and railroads over wages and working conditions.

The heads of the three unions left a White House conference just as the President's executive order was being released. They would not say whether their union members would remain on the job under government seizure.

"We're going to take that up now with our committees," President Steelman said.

Wages of Railroad Unions
Affected by Strike Call

NEW YORK, May 10.—(AP)—Here are the minimum wages received by railroad engineers, firemen and switchmen who are scheduled to strike tomorrow morning, as listed in a union pamphlet:

Engineers, \$10.80 for an eight-hour day; firemen, \$9.21; switchmen \$10.02 switch foreman, listed as a job involving executive responsibility, \$10.54.

Union demands were listed in the pamphlet as an increase of 30 per cent or a minimum of \$3 a day for an eight-hour day across the board. The railroads' counter offer is 15 cents an hour or \$1.24 a day, the pamphlet said.

dent Alvanley Johnston of the Locomotive Engineers, David H. Robertson of the Firemen and Enginemen, and A. J. Glover, of the Switchmen's union said.

The union leaders went right to their hotel for a conference with their strike committees. They said they would return to the White House at 2:30 p. m. (EDT). They said they would

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Fines Imposed On
7 as Raid Result

Seven men arrested by city police in an anti-gambling raid last month were arraigned in the Municipal Court Saturday, after their cases had been dismissed by Justice of the Peace Thomas C. Hartfield.

Entering pleas of guilty, the seven defendants were ordered by Municipal Judge Ira B. Riddle to pay the following fines:

Howard Fay Johnson and Ellisworth P. Martin, each \$100; Emmitt Carl Siems, Stewart Burbee, Melvin Otto Jones, David L. McStotts, and Clarence Wellington Shurt, each \$75.

An eighth defendant, Eric Ernest Johnson convicted in the Justice Court last week and was ordered by Hartfield to pay a \$100 fine.

The men were arrested by the city police last month while they were allegedly gambling in a local card room. After their arraignment in the Justice Court, they entered affidavits of prejudice against Hartfield, asserting they could not expect an impartial trial before him.

These charges were denied by Hartfield, together with the requests of the defendants for transfer of their cases to another court.

Two School Issues Carry
In Grants Pass Election

GRANTS PASS, Ore., May 10.—(AP)—Voters of Grants Pass School district approved a building bond issue of \$450,000 by a vote of 654 to 230 at an election held Saturday.

They also voted to exceed the six per cent limitation in the operating budget by \$132,173.63. The vote was 663 to 213.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

What Europe needs right now is fewer treaties and more "eat-les."



DEWEY BECOMES A PIRATE—Governor Thomas E. Dewey signs in blood a compact making him a member of the Coos Bay Pirates Booster organization during his visit in Coos Bay, Ore., on a speaking tour of the state. The Governor is signing in his own blood—not red ink. Others, left to right: Arthur Russell, M. O. Litterell and J. W. Walker. (AP Wirephoto)