



Coal Miners See Grim Irony in National Wealth.

Operators Think but Fail To Act for Relief of Suffering Workers

By WILLIAM P. MADDOX

Coal miners of the Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio districts must see a note of grim irony in the swelling figures of national income which are taken to indicate a general increase in prosperity. National prosperity must mean very little to those in such wretched condition as these fellows and their families are at present.

The mines of these districts have been running only part of the time for three years and at wages less than those of the union agreements. Satisfactory wage levels had been established by most of the operators in contracts with the union leaders in 1924 but when coal prices fell, the mines were shut down for months. Then gradually they opened up, inducing both union and non-union men to work for lower wages rather than starve, the operators insisting that the mines couldn't work at all unless the 1924 agreements were discarded. This was done without the consent of the union leaders and hence the charge of repudiation. As a result, strikes have aggravated the situation.

Committee Investigates

An investigating committee of the Senate has been at work for some months in a genuine effort to discover the root causes of the entire controversy. Hearings have been held in which operators, miners and others have testified. Charles Sewab has stated that the industry is over-populated—that 500,000 men are doing the work of 300,000. It is apparent also from testimony that keen competition among a large number of small coal companies has not only reduced prices and necessitated cuts in production costs, meaning labor costs, but that it has resulted in enormous wastes in maladjustment of both production and distribution. Ford is the only West Virginia operator paying decent wages. The field, it is believed, needs consolidation, but this can only come under an enabling act of Congress which should also create some sort of Federal Coal Commission for the protection of operators, miners and consumers alike.

A small Senate sub-committee visiting the mining regions under survey has reported, in the words of one member, conditions which are not equalled in the most destitute and terror-stricken conditions in China. Families with six and eight children are living in a single room, twelve feet square. Some of the barracks for housing ousted miners, as well as strike-breakers, "were poorly ventilated, filthy, unsanitary, infected with vermin and hardly fit to house beasts, much less human beings who are employed in the mines all day where the sun rays never penetrate and where at best the air they breathe is never very pure."

Lawlessness Prevalent

They have reported an era of lawless tyranny cloaked under the guise of a "coal and iron police" regime established by some operators, which has high-handedly interfered.

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Days of Yukon 'Tuffs' Lived Over Again at Barroom Bust

By WILFRED BROWN

The lady whose name was Lu, short of skirt, black of eyes and red of cheeks, showed nimble toes and zig-zagged about the floor at the Bar Room Bust last night, in every respect as gracefully as she did at the old Malamute, when the Yukon rush was new and Volstead was unknown. Dangerous Dan McGrew was there, too, his chin protruding beyond his lips, and his pockets bulging with pistols and bottles. So was Dead-Eye Pete, and Sam McGee, and Jaybird Charlie, and the rest of the gang from Brimstone Gulch.

The bar of Rattlesnake Reggies' joint was only surpassed by the dance floor in volume of business. Bottles were passed over the mahogany by the score, enough to have laid out all of Dawson in the days of 1906, but still they came, all of the miners and their ladies. Approximately a ton of pretzels and a hundred-weight of chewing gum advertised as "slightly used" were consumed in the course of the night.

The blare of the saxophone, the screech of the fiddle, the thumping of the piano and the beating of the drum by One-Eye Jerry and his orchestra, furnished the music, and nothing more was needed to set the

Students Entertained By Wooden Puzzles In Psychology Class

Sleight of hand tricks, wooden puzzles, of the same kind that the barber shops have adopted to keep their customers amused, and safe-cracking exhibits were a few of the stunts used by Dr. H. R. Crossland to keep his eleven o'clock psychology class amused Friday.

Everything went off great. At least nearly everything. The students gaped properly when the instructor told them the proper answers to problems he hadn't even seen; gazed in bewilderment when he crossed and uncrossed matches and pencils without changing them in his hands; and vainly endeavored to fit the wooden sticks into the puzzles.

After that things didn't happen quite so nicely. The Houdini trick, which consisted of two men tied together getting loose without untying the knots, was a howling success of a failure—but the students were assured that practice was the only thing lacking. The safe-cracking exhibit also failed to show itself the eighth wonder of the world—also probably due to lack of experience among the students.

Oregon Golfers Get Fourth Place

Crowley Ties for Third In Coast Meet

SAN FRANCISCO, April 20.—(Special)—The University of Oregon golf team, with a score of 520, finished fourth in the two-man 54-hole medal play of the Pacific coast conference tournament which was completed here today on the Lakeside course of the Olympic club. Stanford University with a 494 placed first. California earned second honors with a 504; Washington, 507; Oregon, 520; University of California, Los Angeles, 530; and the University of Southern California, 547.

At the end of the second 18 holes, Crowley, Webfoot, moved up to tie for a third with Meyberg, Stanford captain. The players as they finished today, were: Hunger, Washington; Meyberg, Stanford; Ditzler, California; Crowley, Oregon; Devlin, Stanford; Moore, U. S. C.; Giffen, Oregon; Turner, California; Connors, U. S. C.; Wheaton, Washington; and Davis and Hower, U. C. L. A.

The wind, which has hindered the players throughout the two-day tournament, was worse today. Crowley had a touch of hard luck on the first nine of the last 18 holes but was saved only by two birdie threes in a row. Giffen's putter didn't have much success on the slippery California greens although his tee shots were good.

President Hall to Give Convention Address

President Arnold Bennett Hall will leave for Seattle, Washington, today to give the opening address of the Rotary district convention, Sunday, April 22. Dr. Hall will speak on "International Peace and Good Will."

Oregon Ball Nine To Play Eugene Team

Two Practice Tilts Today If Weather Permits, Says Reinhart

Baker and Mason Still on Shelf; Packard Out Of Infirmary

By HARRY DUTTON

Coach Billy Reinhart plans on two practice tilts for the varsity baseball squad with the Eugene city team today.

One this morning at 10 o'clock and one this afternoon at 2:30, if the weather permits.

Last night the Webfoot diamond crew got outside for a short period of batting practice before the "regular" afternoon shower appeared and sent the stick wielders scurrying to the dugouts.

The "Oregon Mist" has been playing havoc with baseball practice this spring, even more than in past years. Except for a couple of times last week there has been almost no infield work this season and the first conference game with the Aggies at Corvallis is only ten days away.

Baker Still Laid Up

The batterymen have been working out in the Igloo when they couldn't get outside, in an attempt to keep their arms in shape. Curly Fuller, Chick Gannon, and "Big Train" MacDonald are the only chucks now out. Bill Baker is still confined to the infirmary.

Ira Woodie and Cecil Gabriel have been doing most of the catching for the pitchers, as French Packard and Reynolds is spending the biggest share of his time with Les Johnson and Carl Nelson around first base. Ira Woodie has joined the ranks of portside hitters recently and from present indications will do his horsehide clouting from left side of the plate.

Les Johnson, who last year went over to the left handed hitting, has shifted back this spring and hopes to give his batting average a boost by hitting right handed.

Ridings Holding Second

Gordon Ridings continues to appear the likely man for second base position, but Bill Hanley is making things lively for the veteran in the way of competition. Bill Eddy and Kenneth Robie have found no contenders so far who threaten to interrupt their tussle for the short patch job.

Don McCormick has been doing most of the work around third base lately. Dave Mason, who is the other main aspirant for the hot corner, has been ill in the infirmary for a week and Thursday went to his home in Albany to convalesce. There is a slight possibility that Mason will not return to school until fall term for football in which case McCormick would be sure of his berth on third. Frank Learned is still out battling for chance on the infield.

Garden Men Batters

Reinhart's fly chasers have been getting very little fielding practice. The varsity outer gardens have been filled in with dirt since last season but are still lower than the rest of the diamond and will take a longer time to dry out.

Dave Epps, Ray Edwards and Cotter Gould spend most of their time over in the batting cage waiting for the outfield to dry. They are all three crashing the ball with great gusto and give promise of showing the way to the showers to more than one opposing pitcher before the season closes. Epps and Edwards are probably the hardest clouters in the outfield, although Gould trails a close third.

Gould is concentrating on left handed pitching this year to overcome the "portside-complex" which always troubles his batting eye when he faces a twirler who wears his glove on the right hand. Wally Giles is another outfielder that is fighting for a garden assignment. He is a good hitter although he lacks the weight of Epps, Edwards or Gould, to send the ball on such long trips.

Explosion Wrecks Denver Plane Plant; Eight People Killed

(By United Press) DENVER, Colo., April 20.—The wing plant of the Alexander Aircraft company was destroyed today by an explosion and fire which, coming without warning, bred death and suffering among the 30 men and women working there. Eight were dead late tonight.

Fifteen injured were in hospitals. The blast originated in a chemical used in treating wings of Eagle Rock airplanes manufactured by the company.

The explosion was of such force that all of Englewood, the suburb in which the plant was located, was rocked as if by an earthquake.

Fire spread quickly through the inflammable material in the shop. The clothes of the employees caught aflame and many of those who escaped and tottered from the structure were ablaze from head to foot.

China Seething With Revolution

Moves Made To Safeguard Nation's Rights

(By United Press) SHANGHAI, April 20.—Fighting or a united front for the first time in a year, the combined nationalist armies commanded by General Chiang Kai Shek are sweeping through Shantung province in their drive on Peking, northern capital and citadel of Marshal Chang Tso Lin.

Reports from the interior say General Chiang has annihilated the northern army of General Sun Chuan Fang, defender of Shantung. The southern Generalissimo lost prestige last year after a decisive defeat at the hands of Sun Chuan Fang and resigned his command August 15 last.

Shantung is the gateway to Peking, long the goal of the southerners. The latest information tells of a great nationalist victory in Shantung province, in which General Chiang Kai Shek captured 30,000 soldiers, while the forces of General Feng Yu Hsiang, "Christian General," now fighting side by side with Chiang, turned Sun Chuan Fang's flank and captured 40,000 prisoners.

While reports that 500,000 soldiers are engaged in the fighting seem to be exaggerated, the war in China has become as intense as at any time in the last two years.

Casualties of both armies to date are 50,000, of which 30,000 northerners, including a general and three colonels, and 2500 Nationalists have been killed.

Fighting is fiercest along the Tientsin-Pukow and Peking-Hankow railroads. The Nationalists have captured the towns of Tsinin and Yenchowfu in southern Shantung, and Changtso and Tamingfu on the Peking-Hankow railroad.

The American legation in Peking has ordered Americans to evacuate Shantung province.

The Japanese government has taken steps to safeguard Japanese interests in the beleaguered province. Orders have been issued for the dispatch of 5000 Japanese troops to Shantung. Some already have arrived. Several companies of troops will leave Japan tomorrow aboard the cruiser Mori, while the cruiser Kasuga left Yokosuka for Tsingtau today carrying a landing party of 200.

Senior Picnic Will be At Swimmers' Delight

Senior Heyday picnic will be at Swimmers' Delight this afternoon. Busses are to leave Villard hall at 4:30, 5:00 and 5:30. The bus fare will be 35 cents.

The senior women who are planning to use other means of transportation than the busses may find the place of the picnic by going south on the Pacific highway until they come to Goshen, where they must turn to the left. Swimmers' Delight is to the right of the road about 100 feet past the first covered bridge.

Three Arts Club Sees N. B. Zane's Sketches

N. B. Zane of the University art school, gave an exhibition of his Oregon scenic sketches together with a brief discussion of the appreciation of nature in art, at the Three Arts club, Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Zane poured while club members served tea. Diana Deining, club president, and Helen Wood, head of the club's art guild, had charge of the affair.

Dispute Over Vodvil Up to Arbitrators

Quandary of Prices Will Be Considered This Morning

Council and Juniors To Be Represented in Get-together

By R. N.

Enacted Wednesday by the student council, judged unconstitutional by University authorities on Thursday, rescinded Friday—these were the ups and downs of the student council's measure to curb the juniors. In addition to annulling the motion, which would have enforced a one dollar maximum on Dream Follies seats, the council recommended that the Junior Week-end directorate refund to the ticket purchasers any profits in excess of \$200.

The special meeting of the student council in conjunction with Junior Week-end officers last night brought about a reconciliation of the embattled members of both factions. In view of the nearness of the date set for the vodvil, the council graciously acknowledged itself in error in delaying the restrictive legislation which brought on the student council-directorate fracas.

One thing brought out in the administrative inquiry that the council would not accept was the charge that it had gone outside its jurisdiction in fixing the prices for the juniors. In this particular instance, the members agreed, they were willing to allow the Dream Follies to proceed without hindrance. But it was only because they were conscientiously inclined.

Jurisdiction up to Board

It was decided that the all-important question of student council jurisdiction would be put up to a board for decision. H. E. Rosson, associate professor of law, and Victor P. Morris, associate professor of economics, were chosen by the council; and William P. Maddox, assistant professor of political science, and Charles E. Carpenter, dean of the law school, were selected by the chairman and manager of the week-end affair for the junior class. Don Bealar, president of the student council, appointed himself and Hugh former president of the student body, as counsels for the prosecution. The judge will be selected by the board and action is set for 9:30 this morning. The hearing may or may not be public according to the decree of the arbitration court.

The week-end officers are firm in the conviction that they acted within their sphere in increasing the admission price. They pointed out that good faith was shown during the entire procedure of the plans in conferring with faculty men and finance officers of the student body. If there was a shade of dereliction in the functioning of the directorate, they said, it was in ignoring the desultory criticisms of individual students. These passed unnoticed because almost everyone seemed well enough pleased that the additional expenses and efforts to make the program unusually attractive were being made. The manager read and discussed the plans before the council.

Action Declared in Keeping Don Bealar, speaking for the council, looked upon the directorate members as insurgents who had flouted the authority vested in the student council. He retained the opinion, in the face of the decision of the University counselors, that Wednesday's action was quite in keeping with the provision: "The duties of the student council shall be to assume charge of all other items of importance in which the students may be directly interested and which are not specifically ascribed to the executive council." (Constitution; Article IV, section 3, item 8.)

Joe McKeown, chairman of the Week-end committee, countered that even though such a measure might have been legitimate in normal instances, the council had forfeited its right to interfere by its delay. The issue before the judicial body appointed is primarily one of class rights versus the representative authority of the student body. If the council fails in its prosecution before the bar, its reason for being will be seriously in doubt, according to President Bealar. But if it wins the decision, classes will continue to be subject to the council.

Ford's Relief Plane Lands at Supply Base With Bremen Repairs

(By United Press) MONTREAL, Quebec, April 20.—Lake St. Agnes, base for the relief expedition to the stranded trans-Atlantic Bremen, hailed this afternoon the arrival of the Ford relief plane from Detroit.

The plane arrived at St. Agnes shortly after 4 p. m. and cheered the hearts of those who are anxious to get relief to the Bremen so that its courageous pilots may fly out to world acclaim.

All is ready at Lake St. Agnes for the loading of the Ford plane. With German efficiency, Fraulien Junkers had superintended the assembling of the spare parts and supplies, and there should be little delay in stowing this material.

Three plans for the Bremen's future career were announced here. It is planned to jump the plane as soon as possible to New York without an intermediate stop. Later a trans-continental tour of the United States is projected. After that, if the plane is in condition, the three flyers hope to fly back to Europe on a non-stop flight from Mitchell field to Dublin or possibly Berlin.

O'Bryant Likes Cast Rehearsal

Dream Follies Beginning to Take Definite Form

Billy O'Bryant had cause to feel good yesterday. His weeks of persevering effort are beginning to blossom forth, and at a general rehearsal of most of his stars Thursday night in the Woman's building, a beaming smile of satisfaction overspread his face as he reviewed feature after feature of the show.

The spice of the evening was provided when Razz Asbury, world famous golfer, and Leonard Thomson, his caddy, put on a satirical skit on the old Scotch sport. With Asbury's knowledge of how to swing a club and Thomson's helpful suggestions, these two kept the small group of onlookers supplied with enough laughs to last for all evening.

The dancers were also bubbling over with enthusiasm. Jack Reynolds and Edith Pearson gave a fine exhibition of all there is to know about the varsity drag. The originators of this dance would have had reasons to be jealous if they could have seen this pair go through their steps. Their act should be one of the high lights in the program next Friday and Saturday.

Nanley Luckel and Virginia Moore gave a clever exhibition of terpsichorean skill in their version of a Swoopy Dance. They will have a lot in their favor when the time comes for their public appearance—grace, beauty and lines that would make any chorus girl envious.

The choruses are threatening to steal a large part of the applause when their acts are presented before the footlights. Dream Follies certainly does not apply to the Pony Chorus. The actions of this group are anything but dreamy and the steps are presented in a snappy and unified manner. The Beauty Chorus makes it appeal through grace and pulchritude.

Francis Mullins, who has been acting in the capacity of director, gave proof Thursday night that he also knows how to dance when put on the stage all by himself and told to do so. He will be one of the feature dancers in the Follies.

Sunday afternoon will see the entire cast in action at the Heilig theater. George McMurry and his Kollege Knights will be there with the music and the program will be presented in its final form.

Carl Nelson Aspires for First Base Honors; Was on 1927 Frosh Nine

A strong sophomore candidate for a first base position with the varsity is Carl Nelson, first sacker with Coach Leslie's frosh nine last year. Nelson was also out for football during his first year but an arm injury put him out of the gridiron game for the balance of the season.

Carl's early baseball experience was gained at Jefferson High school in Portland, where he played for three years, one season on second base and the other two at the initial bag. His baseball coach was Campbell, a graduate of Oregon, and his coaching was instrumental in causing the Jefferson nine to cop the city title in Nelson's senior year. The Jeffersonians defeated Washington by a score of 6-5, and Benson 5-4, in the final play-off for the championship. Nelson also earned

Cheers Greet Round-World Debating Trio

Parade of Students Meet Tired Globe Trotters At Station

McCroskey, Thompson, Hempstead End Long Forensic Tour

A cheering crowd of several hundred University of Oregon students, faculty, and townspeople assembled last night at 6:35 o'clock at the Southern Pacific station and gave a rousing welcome to the three Oregon round-the-world debaters who have returned home, after having taken the name of Oregon with them as they traveled over three continents of the world during an absence of six months.

Appearances Changed Little

They have seen strange sights and stranger people and have had experiences so varied and interesting that it will take many a year before their adventure tales are exhausted. The men seemed little changed in appearance to the eager eyes of their colleagues who greeted them as they descended the steps of the train.

Benoit McCroskey, dignified, well-liked blond of the trio, was the first to appear. He was followed by Jack Hempstead, whose skin seemed a shade darker, probably due to exposure to tropical suns. He greeted the crowd with his familiar broad, good-natured smile. Avery Thompson, third member, and only junior class member of the group, joined his colleagues as they were escorted from the train to the platform.

Hall Greets Trio

"It is gratifying to see such a large group of students interested in such an academic subject as debate," said Dr. Arnold Bennett Hall, president of the University, in a speech of welcome. He added with a touch of humor, "Such an interest is contrary to sound academic tradition. We are proud and glad to welcome these men at this epic homecoming."

After greeting friends and exchanging bits of conversation with them, the men posed for a picture, before boarding the train. McCroskey and Thompson went on to their homes in Salem, where they will remain for several days before returning to the campus.

Hempstead will remain in Eugene for a day and will then go to his home in Gladstone, expecting to join his colleagues later at Eugene. Hempstead's parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Hempstead, were at the station to meet him.

Scabbard and Blade To Send Delegate East

William C. Rutherford, captain of the Officers' club of the campus R. O. T. C. unit, plans to leave Sunday for Columbus, Ohio, where he will attend the national convention of Scabbard and Blade, honorary military society. He will represent the local chapter of the organization, which will be installed this afternoon.

The convention will be held at Ohio State University, April 26, 27, and 28. Approximately 200 delegates from 75 colleges and universities located in 40 states will attend the meeting.

ed two letters as end with the football team at Jeff, and was a teammate of Bobby Robinson on the 1925 eleven, which won the city high school football championship for that year.

Nelson has also had some semi-pro experience during the summers. Two years ago he played on the same Bend town team that "Curly" Fuller was pitching for when the team established the enviable record of going the entire season without losing a single game. During his frosh season at the University, Carl had a batting average of .489, which is well above the normal mark for frosh hitters. Nelson is a major in the school of business administration, and is a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity. He is twenty years old, weighs 164 pounds, and stands about six feet in height.