

## COAL MINE STRIKE ORDER IS ISSUED

United Mine Workers of America to Suspend Activities September 1.

## 158,000 MEN INVOLVED

Demands Conditional Upon Renewal of Contracts Not Met By Operators Reason For Walkout

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 27.—(By Associated Press.)—A suspension in the hard coal fields September 1 was called tonight by John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America. The suspension was called because the miners were unable to obtain from the operators a ten per cent wage increase, adoption of the check off, equalization of wages for day workers and various other demands which they made conditional to renewal of the wage contract expiring August 31. The order involves a walkout of 158,000 men of whom about 10,000 probably will be left in the mines for maintenance work, such as the prevention of flooding and cave-ins.

The operators and the miners were deadlocked at a meeting today on the terms to govern the maintenance work. The miners insisted that the full number of men be used as in times of normal production and that the men be retained during the emergency period without either return or replacement by monthly men.

The operators, on the other hand, had wanted the right to skeletonize these forces where practicable.

The meeting adjourned without decision at 9:20 p. m. to resume at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. The snarl had never come up before for discussion before the two sides but was brought up by the miners this year because of the abuses they allege had occurred in suspensions in the past. The suspension order follows:

"Philadelphia, August 27, 1925. To the officers and members of local unions of districts No. 1, 7, and 9, United Mine Workers of America.

"Dear sirs and brothers: The present agreement between the anthracite operators and mine workers expires August 31, 1925. Your scale committee, charged with the responsibility of making a new contract, has been unable to arrive at any understanding affecting wages or conditions of employment to be effective after August 31, 1925. Therefore, our membership in districts numbers 1, 7 and 9 is advised that no contract being in effect, a suspension of mining will automatically take place at midnight, Monday, August 31, 1925.

"Concerning the question of maintenance men remaining at work during the suspension, we advise that the proper instructions will be issued to our membership as soon as an agreement covering this subject can be consummated with the representatives of the anthracite operators. Please hold yourselves in readiness to put our policy with respect to maintenance work into effect as soon as possible after receipt of its contents.

"Your scale committee will continue to exercise every influence to bring about, if possible, a general agreement which will mean substantial progress for the anthracite mine workers. We will endeavor from time to time to keep you fully advised as to the situation. We hope that the utmost cooperation will be exercised between our membership and the scale committee.

"The suspension came as a surprise to the operators who admitted that despite the tension existing at the end of the board of conciliation meeting they were not

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## TIMBER FIRES REPORTED

WASHINGTON AND IDAHO DISTRICTS THREATENED

SPOKANE, Aug. 27.—(By Associated Press.)—Fires in timber of northern Idaho and eastern Washington today threatened destruction of property at widely separated localities.

Flames with a mile front swept perilously close to Spirit Lake, Idaho, and a fire warden's crew of 50 men supplemented with many volunteers from the town and nearby lumber mills, was fighting to stay their advance. A fire on Pleasant Prairie east of this city, had endangered several farm dwellings in that vicinity. Should the wind change, the county tuberculosis sanitarium, a mile and a half away from the fire, would be menaced, it was stated.

## DR. YOUNG IS SUICIDE IN LOS ANGELES JAIL

COPPER WIRE USED BY ALLEGED WIFE SLAYER

Sensational Murder Trial Brought to Abrupt End by California Dentist

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 27.—(By Associated Press.)—Dr. Thomas W. Young, dentist, 47 years old, passed and executed a sentence of death upon himself today, abruptly terminating a sensational murder trial in which he was accused of scientifically slaying his wife, Grace Grogan Young, with lethal gas and burying her in a cistern of a Beverly Glen summer cottage. He garrotted himself with a copper wire in his cell at the county jail. The \$1,500,000 estate of the late Patrick Grogan, "olive king," which prosecutors said was the prize for which Young slew his wife last February, now goes to Patrick Grogan, Jr., stepson of the dentist.

"I am satisfied with the justice he meted out to himself," was the comment of the youth, who only in the past few days became convinced that his mother was slain by his stepfather.

Dr. Young strangled himself to death this morning with some radio antennae wire just a few hours before he was due to revisit the scene of his wife's clandestine work, such as the prevention of flooding and cave-ins.

The prosecution had arranged for the murder trial jury to witness the re-enactment of the murder scene with Dr. Young as principal witness.

The suicide was discovered by county jail attaches this morning when they sought to arouse Dr. Young for breakfast. They were called by cell mates to the dentist who were ordered to awaken him. The body was found under the cell cot covers, a copper wire buried in the neck by pressure of twisting by a little stick.

A few hours later the murder trial formally closed, the case being dismissed from the court docket when the bailiff reported the defendant dead.

## ROBBER SUSPECTS HELD

PAIR FAIL TO GIVE SATISFACTORY ACCOUNTS

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 27.—(By Associated Press.)—Everett C. Lewis, 36, and Robert Lee, 28, were arrested here tonight on suspicion of murder and train robbery when they were found in a maroon colored automobile bearing license number 977,287. A car of this description and number was reported to have been used by the perpetrators of last Monday night's robbery of Santa Fe train No. 75 northbound from San Diego to Los Angeles.

Lewis and Lee denied complicity in the crime and said they could establish alibis, but police declared they did not give satisfactory accounts of where they had spent Monday night. Detectives added that they had learned Lewis and Lee were on a ranch at Esccondido Monday afternoon and that they left the ranch "to hunt rabbits" a few hours before No. 75 pulled into Santa Ana with Elmer Campbell, veteran express messenger, lying mortally wounded on the floor of the looted mail and express car.

## HUNDRED TONS GATHER

ANNUAL PICNIC IS HELD BY SANTA ANA FAMILY

SANTA ANA, Cal., Aug. 27.—A Tons had a heavy picnic at Orange county park here today. They represented the Pacific coast branch of the Ton family. During their merry-making they received telegrams of felicitation from the other hundreds of Tons gathered at Thornton Park, Ill., for a similar but somewhat heavier reunion. The tiniest Ton registered at the picnic here was Barbara San Ton, born 27 days ago and still rather light.

## ROUND-UP PLEDGE MADE

PENDLETON BUSINESS MEN GUARANTEE \$25,000

PENDLETON, Or., Aug. 27.—Business and professional men of Pendleton have pledged a guarantee fund of \$25,000 to the Pendleton round-up for the use of that body in the event of bad weather for the 1925 show, according to C. C. Matlock, chairman of the committee of the commercial association appointed to have charge of the pledges. The guarantee is the largest ever raised.

## DEDICATE FLAGPOLE

SWAMPSCOTT, Mass., Aug. 27.—(By Associated Press.)—Throwing open the gates at White Court President Coolidge received several hundred callers today, later went to the nearby city of Lynn to witness the dedication of the largest flagpole in New England.

## MURDER MYSTERY SLOWLY UNVEILS

County Officials Cooperate in Effort to Identify Slayer of Nurse

## SENSATIONS COME FAST

Loren Admitted Fictitious Name by Members of Dead Woman's Family; Accountant Questioned

BERKELEY, Cal., Aug. 27.—(By Associated Press.)—After more than eight hours uninterrupted grilling by officials of three bay counties in connection with the investigation into the supposed murder of Mrs. Bessie Loren, Oakland nurse, Gordon Rowe, San Francisco accountant and former employer of Mrs. Loren, was released shortly before midnight to night.

James E. Hoye, assistant district attorney of Contra Costa county, where portions of the woman's head were found, said Rowe might be recalled for further questioning. Rowe left the Berkeley police headquarters in company with his brother Robert. He had nothing to say to interviewers.

OAKLAND, Cal., Aug. 27.—(By Associated Press.)—Sensations tread one upon the heels of another today in the unravelling of the El Cerrito "swamp murder" mystery.

Officials of three counties cooperate in an effort to identify the slayer or slayers of Mrs. Bessie Loren, Oakland nurse and divorcée, portions of whose severed

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## NEW AIRLINE IS PLANNED

VANDERBILT TO SPEND MILLIONS UPON PROJECT

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 27.—(By Associated Press.)—Plans to establish a large commercial air base in Atlanta from which lines will radiate to the west and south and extend to Cuba, today were announced by Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr.

Eleven thousand acres of land near the city have been purchased, or are under option, and planes probably will be placed in operation by Christmas. The development program for this section of the country will require about five years and involve the expenditure of several million dollars.

Mr. Vanderbilt arrived here yesterday and will remain until next week. He will then go to California to superintend the opening of an air line between Los Angeles and Salt Lake City.

Ten planes will be operating on this line by September 1, he said.

## TOM MURRAY IS PITIED; BLAME WAR CONDITIONS

CONVICT LIVED ON "ROBINSON CRUSOE" ISLAND

Shipyard Held Ruination of Young Boy of 14; "Shock" Held Too Great

By ELLA McMUNN  
I am not one of those who wrote to Tom Murray or to his parents or to the governor. I always write to the newspapers, because I have learned that they have more power for good or evil than anybody else, except God or the devil. Fortunately they nearly always stand squarely for the right. And if there is any question of what is right you will find them withholding judgment, and preaching tolerance, and shaming the bloodthirsty with counsel of a high order.

Tom Murray was not born when my mother and I spent a year among the group of small islands in Puget Sound, where the Murrays live, but the elder Murrays were there then and mighty fine people they were, too. The father operated a small boat, a very small boat it had to be, for there are 107 islands in the group, some of which almost touch each other, and none of any size except San Juan, Orcas and Whidby, upon which there were small settlements.

Boats did not land at even these important ports every day, but there was a mail boat out of Seattle once a week. Everybody was always on hand to welcome it, although it was small, somewhat fishy as to odor, and only on rare occasions discharged a passenger. There the real Robinson Crusoe quiet reigned, day in and day out, and nights and Sundays, except when the boat came and splashed the salt waves against the wharf, where a row of boys, like young Murray, sat with bare feet and waited for the captain's usual greeting of, "Say, son, have you caught me that 'shark yet?'"

Tommy, who is 22 now, was only 14 the year the world lost its mind; the year of the World

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## TRUCK DRIVER CRUSHED

BROTHER OF SALEM DOCTOR KILLED THURSDAY

Dr. A. F. Goffrier of Salem was called to McMinnville yesterday by the death of a brother, Herbert Goffrier, who was killed in an automobile accident shortly after 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

Goffrier was driving an Associated Oil truck which went into a ditch and turned over, crushing the driver, who lived but an hour or two. A defective steering apparatus is held responsible for the accident.

Besides his wife and two-year-old child, he is survived by his parents, one brother and a sister. Funeral services will be held in McMinnville.

## GRAND JURY CONTINUES PROBE OF FATAL BREAK

INDICTMENTS ARE EXPECTED SATURDAY MORNING

Four Witnesses Called Thursday; Pierce May Make Report Public Today

Grand jury investigation of the death of two guards as the result of the escape of three convicts from the state prison on August 12, continued Thursday, with indications that it may be concluded by Saturday. Four witnesses were called yesterday. It is understood that their testimony followed closely that given during the coroner's inquest, and that it corroborated the testimony of other witnesses called Wednesday.

S. B. Sandifer, one of the guards at the prison, who was seen running ahead of the escaped convicts, in the direction of the state hospital, was one of the witnesses called. Sandifer declared that he wished to warn the officials at the asylum that a break had occurred.

George Robinson and L. T. Murphy, two chapel guards, also took the stand. W. E. Gardner, who had a gunshot from his hands by one of the convicts, was another witness. Gardner rushed to the side of Holman, one of the guards killed in the rush, as soon as he saw him fall. He picked up the dead man's gun, but before he could use it a rifle bullet fired by one of the convicts, struck his hand, rendering it useless.

At least two more days will be required to finish the hearing, it is said. John Carson, prosecuting attorney, will ask that two separate indictments, charging first degree murder, be returned against each of the three convicts involved in the fatal break.

The report of the governor's special committee will probably be made public Friday morning, newspapers were informed yesterday by W. A. Delsell, private secretary to Governor Pierce.

## SHIPPERS AID PLANNED

COOPERATION NOT INTERFERED SAID NEEDED

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 27.—(By Associated Press.)—Application of the transportation machinery of the Pacific northwest to the shippers' problems through cooperation instead of interference by governmental agencies, is the purpose of the Pacific northwest advisory board which was brought into being here today by action of representatives of practically every industrial agricultural, livestock and financial activity in this region.

## DEPORT RUM RUNNERS

VICTORIA, B. C., Aug. 27.—Three men captured by Canadian customs officials in a raid on suspected rum runners at Discovery island Wednesday, were fined \$10 each and deported to Seattle this afternoon.

## SENATE COMMITTEE ADJOURNS SESSION

Farmers, Sheep and Cattle Interests Take Up Time at Utah Hearings

## SUPPORT LIVESTOCK MEN

Forester Back of National Groups He Tells Public Lands Group; State's Protest Unheard

SALT LAKE CITY, Aug. 27.—(By Associated Press.)—Utah farmers and sheep and cattle interests either through their organizations or as individuals consumed practically all of the time before the senate sub-committee on public lands and surveys as a result of which that body adjourned its Utah hearings tonight without having more than touched upon the important questions of mineral lands and without having heard anything of Utah's protest against interior department contests over school lands.

Senator R. N. Stanford of Oregon, chairman of the committee, announced that the members will leave tonight for Yellowstone park where meetings will be held Friday and Saturday preliminary to going to Helena, Mont.

The harmony between cattle and sheep interests as to a joint general program in the eleven public land states of the west indicated that the appearances of national officers of both groups on Wednesday was somewhat disturbed by today's testimony when the cattlemen accused sheep operators of causing many of their woes, and the latter in turn sought to saddle responsibility on the cowmen.

Perhaps the most surprising development of the hearing came when J. H. Rutledge, district forester in charge of district No. 4, embracing Utah, Idaho and Nevada, avowed his support with some minor qualifications of the national sheep and cattle organizations. Forester Rutledge declared for an area allotment in preference to a per head permit, the permanence of tenure under lease on forest grazing lands instead of the annual or term permit, subject to departmental revision, access to the courts in all disputes between the livestock men concerned and the department, control of the public domain for range purposes and discontinuance of the policy of reduction of allotments for purposes of redistribution.

His position on these points he defended as in the interests not only of the industry but of federal interests as well through permitting a more efficient administration and a more certain improvement and conservation of these lands and their attendant resources.

As to the need for bringing the unappropriated areas under control, Mr. MacFarlane asserted from more than 40 years active acquaintance with Utah's ranges that the 20,000,000 acres of public domain has lost one-half its livestock carrying capacity in the past 15 years of unregulated use. "If this continues," he warned, "in another decade this area will support less than one-fourth what it did 20 years ago, if it has not entirely vanished under a dust-heap."

Considerable controversial matter entered the record from the different viewpoints presented, especially as between cattle and sheep interests. One point of contention had to do with the time of entry on the forest ranges while another dealt with the feasibility of grazing cattle and sheep on the same range.

## FLIGHT BEING RETARDED

WEATHER CONDITIONS BOTH WEATHER MACMILLAN PARTY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—(By Associated Press.)—Weather conditions even worse than those encountered on its northward journey are being met by the MacMillan Arctic expedition on its retreat southward, said a message received today by the National Geographic society.

The message dated yesterday and transmitted through the short wave stations of the Zenith Radio corporation of Chicago said: "The Peary, which anchored last night in the lee of Conclie Rock off Parker Snow Point, had to go within 100 yards of a Rocky coast to find 25 fathoms and being unable to find good holding ground, was forced to lay under full power all night. In the early morning better visibility made approach to the mainland practicable."

## MARKET ROAD PROGRAM TOPIC OF CONTROVERSY

PETTY DIFFERENCES AND SPITE WORK BLAMED

County Court Spends Day in Portland With State Highway Commissioners

Petty differences and spite work are believed behind the controversy over the paving of market roads in the north end of Marion county, namely the Fairfield project and the Aral's corner stretch. The Marion county court, with W. J. Culver, county roadmaster, went to Portland Thursday to place the matter before the state highway department for settlement. What results were obtained have not yet been announced.

The matter, which has been debated in the county court for the past four months, revolves around two four-mile gaps of paving, one through Fairfield, and the other past Aral's corner. The Fairfield paving was placed on the county paving program early in the year. Immediately following this, a delegation from Woodburn protested the plan, and demanded that the Aral's corner road be included in the program. In order to appease the delegation, that road was also included in the program and the affair was supposedly settled. A short time afterwards, however, the delegation again appeared and demanded that the Fairfield road be removed from the tentative outline of paving work by the county. It was alleged by them that only two families lived on the Fairfield road. One of these, they said, was J. E. Smith, one of the county commissioners. It was also said that land in that district was poor and the small crops raised did not justify the paving project.

A check made by Mr. Scott, market road engineer, failed to verify the statements of the delegation. Over 50 families would be benefited by the highway, he said. The quality of the land was also found to be different than mentioned in the petition.

What the outcome of the controversy will be is not known. It will probably be settled as soon as the state highway department makes its report to the county court.

## ARMY PLANES WRECKED

TWO AVIATORS KILLED IN CRASH AT CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Aug. 27.—(By Associated Press.)—Two United States army airplanes crashed above the Maywood air mail field late today, both falling to the ground, one of them in flames and killing two aviators in one of the ships. The pilot of the second plane managed to make a safe landing.

One of the planes was a De Havilland, piloted by Lieut. Talcott P. "Happy" Smith, who had as a passenger William L. Heptig, a member of the church board of trade and president of the Chicago chapter of the National Aeronautical association and former army colonel.

## 18 ARE KILLED IN JAPAN

FOREIGNERS ESCAPE FLOODS FOLLOWING RAINS

TOKIO, Aug. 28.—(By Associated Press.)—Eighteen persons lost their lives throughout Japan as a result of the floods which followed the heavy rain of Wednesday. This was the report of the home department which declared that any deaths had occurred on Fujiyama, Japan's famous mountain.

No official estimate has yet been made of the property loss, which is not expected to exceed the usual flood damage.

Twelve persons were killed by a landslide in the village of Yamura, Yamanaishi prefecture, 50 miles from Fujiyama. There were also two deaths reported in Tokio and four in Kanagawa.

## THREE GOVERNORS MEET

COLORADO POWER PROJECT WILL BE DISCUSSED

DENVER, Colo., Aug. 27.—(By Associated Press.)—Governors of Colorado, Utah and Wyoming will meet in Denver Saturday to confer regarding Colorado river problems and possibly formulate a policy opposing huge power project development in lower basin states until upper states rights have been assured by final ratification of the Colorado river compact or otherwise, it was learned here tonight.

It is expected that the governors will discuss in detail measures to be taken by their states and possibly New Mexico in opposition to proposed extensive developments of power projects on the lower reaches of the river proper to assurances of protection to the upper states rights to the waters of the Colorado.

## STREET RAILROAD PROPERTY VALUED

Figure Is Fixed at \$565,000 by Order of Public Service Commission

## DEDUCTION IS ALLOWED

Abandonment of Summer and Seventeenth Street Lines Estimated at \$54,000; Basis for Rates

The capital value of the Salem Street railway property here was yesterday fixed, for rate making purposes, at \$565,000 in an order of the state public service commission. The figure represents the value of the company's property here on December 31, 1925. Because the company has since abandoned its lines here on Summer and Seventeenth streets the present value of their holdings is named by the commission as \$54,000 less, plus the yet undetermined amount of capital investment required for the operation of the street buses here that were substituted for the car lines.

The capital value of the company's lines here was set by the commission in connection with the investigation for the suspension of the proposed increase in tariffs here by the Southern Pacific company, owners of the Salem Street railway system. The case was heard by the commission on August 19, 1924 with Ray L. Smith, former city attorney, representing the city of Salem.

In its order the commission held in part:

"The investigation of the commission's staff shows that the exact cost to the Southern Pacific company and its predecessor, the Portland, Eugene & Eastern railway, for the street car system alone cannot be exactly determined. The investigation showed that at least \$38,558.09 should be deducted from the above amount (\$62,906.46) for property not used or useful in street railway operation and that the resulting \$565,948.37 represents a maximum of what the existing lines could have actually cost the present owner. It is quite possible that the amount paid to the Portland General Electric company for a property then having certain strategic advantage to the Southern Pacific system may have been in excess of the actual cost to the original owners.

"At the hearing the Southern Pacific company presented a claim for a parcel of land at the fair grounds terminus which had not before been considered, which claim amounting to \$621.74 should be allowed. This increase (1) normal reproduction cost—\$621.74, the (2) historical reproduction cost—\$621.74, the (3) historical reproduction cost—\$621.74, and the (4) historical reproduction cost—\$621.74.

"Among the other claims of value for the Southern Pacific company was the land value, chiefly represented by the lots on which the car barn is constructed. The basic value of this land, used by the railway company's land appraised, was \$22,821.88, less than 20 per cent in excess of the appraisal of the realty committee of the city of Salem. To this bare land value, or amount which

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## MURDER SECRET BURIED

"UNCLE BILLY" HAWKINS IS COMMITTED TO ASYLUM

"Uncle Billy" Hawkins, 69 years old, has been committed to the Oregon state hospital.

Forty years ago his name leaped into the headlines of state papers when he shot and killed Harvey Ogle, a Salem man, following an argument said to have been started as a result of a quarrel over a woman. Hawkins was well known here at the time. He was a clerk in one of Salem's few drug stores.

Ogle, a young man employed in the H. D. Patton book store, was well liked. The killing, which occurred at the Ladd & Wash corner, aroused Salem, then a small village.