

SEVENTY-SIXTH YEAR

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FIRST SECTION—FOUR PAGES

SULLEN WATCH MARKS STRIKE

Both Sides Continue to Avoid Semblance of Concession in Crisis

FOOD IS TRANSPORTED

Few Disorders of Any Kind Reported; "Strike Is Unabated," Word Issued by the Government

LONDON, May 10.—(By Associated Press.)—In the words of the British government itself "the general strike and working continues unabated throughout the country."

"The success of the authorities in maintaining the feeding and vital services of the people must not obscure the grave fact or the increasingly wasteful consequences to all classes."

Well guarded lorries loaded with food supplies continued to pass through the street of London tonight; trains moved more quickly. The striking workers continued to obey their leaders and disorders of any kind were few.

On the side of labor, the general council of the trades union congress issued the following message, which appeared in the British workers' papers.

"We are entering the second week of the general stoppage in support of the miner workers against an attack on their standard of life by the coal owners. Nothing could be more successful than the striking workers' response of millions of workers to the call of their leaders."

"From every town and city in the country reports are pouring into the general council headquarters stating that all ranks are solid and that the working men and women are resolute in their determination to resist the unjust attack on the mining community."

The general council's message at the opening of the second week: "Stand firm, be loyal to instructions and trust your leaders. Nothing thus far has developed relative to calling off labor's second line of defense," comprising gas, electrical and general utility workers, but in the meantime, the council has sought the services of the government labor party to direct meetings all over the country for the purpose of holding the strikers together.

There is no sign of the king's having any intention to mediate in the present situation. He is constantly in consultation with certain ministers of the crown, and is remaining at Buckingham palace to keep in close touch with happenings.

The government has commandeered all newspaper except that at present in the hands of publishers. This is for the purpose of the making certain that the official government strike organ, the British Gazette, may have a sufficient supply for its ever-increasing circulation. The official newspaper of the strikers, the Worker, may suffer on this account and may even have to disappear from the streets.

The house of commons, the government was sharply denounced for this action, as well as for its failure to take any steps for the peace appeal of the archbishop of Canterbury. George Lansbury, laborite for popular, entered a strong protest against "the introduction of a new era."

SERIOUS CHARGE FACED

TWO SALEM YOUTHS RELEASED ON \$1,000 BAIL

Thomas Duffy, 17, and John George, 18, Salem youths, secretly indicted by the Marion county grand jury on Saturday, were arrested Monday on charges of criminal assault, as a result of their alleged relations with a 19 year old Salem girl. Bail of \$1,000 was furnished for each of the youths.

The attack is said to have taken place south of Salem on the night of April 4, when, according to the complaint, the girl mentioned in the case, and another, were in the company of the two young men. The Salem girl only was attacked, according to officers. The other girl, a resident of Turner, will appear as a witness in the case.

Monday in Washington

President Coolidge was invited to the annual meeting of governors.

Agreement on the naval supply bill was reached by senate and house conferees.

House and senate held night sessions to speed up their legislative programs.

Interests opposing acceptance of the Dollar ship bid were heard by the senate commerce committee.

Would Quell Strikers



SIR WILLIAM JOUNSON-HICKS, home minister for England, has stated that, if necessary, the armed forces of Great Britain will be used to provide the "vital services on which England relies for maintenance," should the strikers refuse.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS NOMINATE '27 OFFICERS

VICTORIOUS DEBATERS ARE PRAISED BY FELLOWS

Goat Skin Souvenir Presented to Student President as Memento

Members of the debating teams that defeated the teams of Salem, Mass., in the cross-continent debate last Friday evening were highly commended at the meeting of the Salem high school student body Monday.

Harold Tomlinson, captain of the team that debated here, presented to Cecil Edwards as representative of the student body the goat skin souvenir given the school by the invading debaters. He remarked that while the team failed to get the eastern Salem's wits, it did get its goat.

J. C. Nelson, principal of the high school, Orlando Horning, coach of debate, and Mr. Tibbels, father of Edgar Tibbels who debated here two years ago, addressed the students relative to the debate. The students voted to send letters of appreciation to the merchants and civic clubs whose support made the intersection debate possible.

In the nomination for officers for the coming year, the student body nominated only one each for the following offices, automatically electing them unanimously: Pauline Findley, secretary; Donald Blake, manager of the Clarion annual and Clarion paper; Scotty Farr, sergeant at arms; Maxine Glover, song leader; and Donald Pounjate, foreign manager.

Nominations for the other offices follow: For president, Howard Kurtz, Kenneth Allen and Robert Drager; vice president, Rosalie Jones and Elizabeth Wechter; editor of Clarion annual, Hugh Adams and Donald Deckebach; editor of Clarion paper, Bob Bishop and French Hageman; yell leader, William Verbig and Brick Headricks; athletic manager, Hugh Adams and Harold Olinger.

The election will be held on Thursday, May 20.

BANKERS TO MEET TODAY

150 WILL GATHER FOR GROUP TWO CONFERENCE

More than 150 bankers will spend today in Salem attending the annual meeting of group No. 2 of the Oregon state bankers association. Counties that will be represented at the meeting include Benton, Lincoln, Linn, Polk and Marion.

The principal speakers at the meeting will include Carl S. Dakan, professor of finance of the University of Washington; Bert Haney, Portland; Olaf A. Hough-up, Eugene; A. A. Schramm, Corvallis; William Barnett, San Francisco and Carlos G. Close, Portland.

A banquet following the business session will be featured by an address by Irving E. Vinng, president of the state chamber of commerce.

Women visitors will be entertained at the beautiful home of Mrs. T. A. Livesley.

LIST MAY COURT JURORS

SIX WOMEN APPEAR FOR CIRCUIT COURT SERVICE

The names of six women appear on the list of jurors who will serve on the circuit court cases coming up during the May term.

The complete list, after four of the original 21 had claimed exemptions, follows:

- W. D. Evans, Elsie M. Tate, E. R. English, Frank Osborne, A. B. Myers, Daniel Donahue, H. S. Poole, Charles F. Vick, F. E. Looze, L. C. Brotherton, Maude Farlow, C. G. Henderson, Charles F. Hein, H. L. Bomhoff, J. H. Dunlap, J. W. Carson, Belle Cornforth, Thos. Lauderback, Harvey Walker, C. W. Fugh, L. W. Durant, W. H. Burghardt, Gracia V. Osmart, Alice H. Dodd, Albert Seltzinger, Geneva M. Pettyjohn and Joseph Heuberger.

BUS FEE ISSUE UP TO COUNCIL

Mayor Calls Special Meeting to Reconsider Action, Signature Held

\$25 LICENSE ATTACKED

Passage of Ordinance By Narrow Margin Held to Warrant Special Meeting Called for Tonight

Mayor J. B. Giesy has called a special meeting of the city council this evening at 7:30 o'clock for a general discussion of the street bus problem. Mayor Giesy has asked that all the councilmen be present as he hopes to have the full sentiment of the council voiced.

"There has been some adverse criticism of the ordinance that was passed at the last meeting of the council," Mayor Giesy explained. "The ordinance was passed by the votes of eight councilmen, or barely enough to make it binding."

"Although I have no desire to act against the council or against the Southern Pacific company, I have not yet signed the measure because I want the matter to be given all due consideration."

If the mayor fails to sign the ordinance or to veto it by Thursday, it will automatically become law.

One of the chief objections being raised to the ordinance as it now reads is that it calls for a reduction in license fee from \$50 to \$25 per year. It is the contention of some aldermen that this is a direct violation of the street railway company's franchise.

The charter specifically calls for a \$50 annual fee per street car. The annual fee for motor vehicles used in carrying passengers for fares is \$25. It was on the basis of this latter provision that the ordinance recently adopted specified the annual fee for the street buses should be \$25.

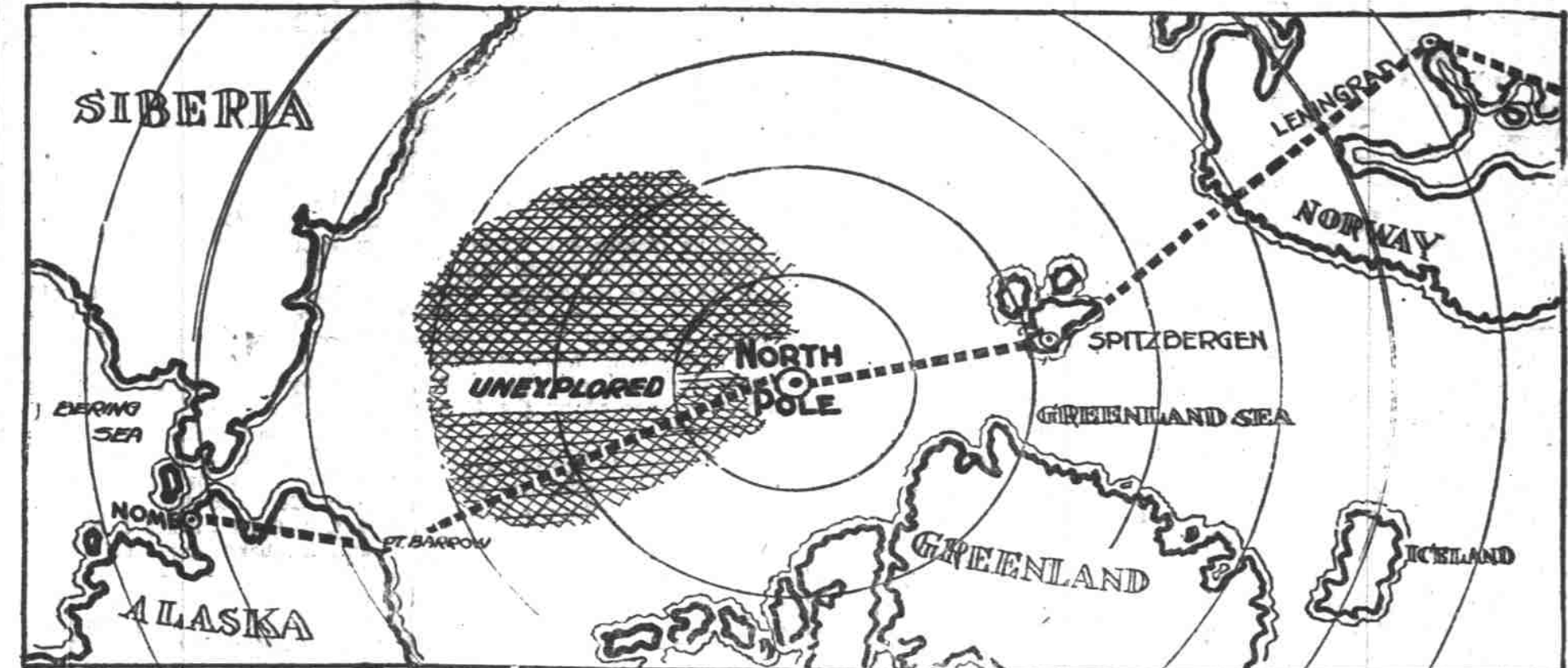
But because of the provision in the original franchise coupled with the fact that officials of the company have declared they do not wish to change the franchise in any way except to substitute the buses for the street cars, some councilmen still believe that the fee should remain at \$50.

A representative taxpayer at the council meeting during which the ordinance was passed called attention to the fact that the street railway company will not be paying for the upkeep of its road beds while using buses, while it paved and maintained its share of the streets over which its street cars passed. He declared it would only be fair for the annual fee to remain at \$50.

No objection has been raised against changing from street cars to street buses. What opposition was manifested at first has apparently died out. Councilmen and other citizens seem to be taking

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Amundsen Airship's Course From Russia to North Pole



Above is seen the course laid out by Ronald Amundsen for his airplane which is expected to leave from Spitzbergen today. The map also indicates the route taken by Lt. Com. Byrd, U. S. N., in his plane flight to the pole Sunday. He left from and returned to Spitzbergen.

AMUNDSEN IS READY FOR FLIGHT TO NORTH POLE

EXPECTED DIRIGIBLE WILL LEAVE ON JOURNEY TODAY

Weather Conditions Said Ideal for Amundsen-Ellsworth Expedition

OSLO, Norway, May 10.—(By Associated Press.)—Advices from King's Bay report that active preparations were under way today for the start of the dirigible Norge of the Amundsen-Ellsworth expedition for the North Pole. Weather conditions were good and it was understood that the dirigible would begin her perilous journey possibly some time tonight.

NEW YORK, May 10.—(By Associated Press.)—Captain George H. Wilkins, commander of the Detroit-Arctic expedition, has completed the establishment of his base at Point Barrow, Alaska, the North American Newspaper Alliance announced today. Captain Wilkins will hop off soon on a flight over the unexplored Arctic ice paths in search of new lands for the United States.

Captain Wilkins radioed the following message today to Commander Byrd, who flew to the north pole yesterday: "Heartiest congratulations on your achievement."

WOULD APPOINT CONSUL

NICARAGUAN REVOLUTIONISTS SEEK RECOGNITION

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, May 10.—(By Associated Press.)—Fernando Larros, leader of the liberal revolutionists who have established headquarters at Bluefields, is reported to be appointing consuls to represent the revolutionists in the United States.

The Bluefields branch of the National Bank of Nicaragua, which it is alleged was looted of \$161,000 by the revolutionists was reopened today.

Tom Murray, 23, Takes Own Life in Death Cell

Hailed as Oregon Desperado, Young Killer Presents Different Spectacle in Death; Note Is Left Absolving Companions of Part in Prison Escape

Tom Murray, 23, smiling, carefree, shrewd; a bandit and desperado—and upon his own confession, a killer, paid the supreme penalty in a death-cell in murderer's row in the Oregon state penitentiary late Sunday night. Tom Murray died, but he snatched his life from the official hangman. Choosing the slow death by strangulation rather than to present himself on the legal gallows, Murray took his own life in his closely guarded cell. He knotted a bedsheet about his neck, tied the improvised rope to a pipe running across the ceiling of his cell and jumped from his cot. That step from his cot hurled Murray into eternity—from the seeming eternity of life in a prison cell. His body was discovered shortly after 11 o'clock Sunday night, all life extinct.

Tom Murray, in life always a braggart, glorying in whatever notoriety he could gather to himself and thriving on the adulation of his companions and in the commiseration of a certain class of a sentimental public; Tom Murray, the killer and desperado, presented a different spectacle in death. In death his spirit was broken. The guiding sense of mastery that Murray liked to affect was gone. In death Murray became a youth, a youth who had taken his own life because he was in trouble. There was none of the super-bandit imagery. In looking at him in death, spectators felt slightly abashed that they, too, had once regarded him as a leader among desperados.

Before taking his life, Murray wrote a note, pencilled on the back of an oil painting drawn for him by James Willos, one of his companions in the prison break of August 12, the result of which led to the sentencing of Murray, Willos and Ellsworth Kelley to death on the gallows.

Attorney Robinson, who was mentioned in Murray's farewell note, was satisfied by Charles Robinson, a writer of articles for the Portland News. It was said that Robinson's stories appealed strongly to Murray and a number of them were found in his cell last night. A telegram announcing that Murray had committed suicide was sent to his parents early yesterday.

Murray was received at the penitentiary here on December 31, 1923, to serve two terms of 10 years each. One charge was that of robbing the state bank at Florence, Lane county, while the other was being armed with a dangerous weapon. Murray previously served time in San Quentin for the crime of larceny.

He escaped from the Oregon state penitentiary three different occasions. The first time he left by way of the flume which passes through the prison yards, but was captured a short time later and returned to the institution. His second escape occurred in March, 1924, when he and four other convicts made their way out of the administration building through a basement window, dashed over the wall and commandeered an automobile in which they drove to a point near the state training school for boys. Murray was later captured near

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PLANE PILOTED BY BYRD FLOWN OVER NORTH POLE

AMERICAN CROSSES ARCTIC ZONE IN RECORD TIME

15 Hours, 30 Minutes Elapses On Trip; Congratulations Received

NEW YORK, N. Y., May 10.—(By Associated Press.)—An airplane has flown over the North pole for the first time. The second successful polar expedition, like the first, was American, led by a man of the American navy, as was the first trans-Atlantic airplane flight.

Lieutenant Commander Richard Byrd, of the U. S. Navy, was the pilot of the expedition. He was accompanied by two other men, Harold Gatty and Bernt Balchen. The plane was a modified Curtiss biplane.

The plane was launched from the ice at 11:30 a. m. and flew for 15 hours and 30 minutes before landing at 10:00 p. m. on the other side of the world. The flight was a record for an airplane.

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20 AUTOS LOST IN FIRE

PORTLAND GARAGE DESTROYED; DAMAGE IS \$32,000

PORTLAND, May 10.—(By Associated Press.)—Fire which broke out on the fourth floor of the Portland garage here early today from an undetermined origin caused damage estimated at \$32,000. Twenty automobiles stored in the garage were destroyed. Ray Fisher, fireman was overcome by smoke as he reached the fourth floor on an outside fire escape and probably would have fallen to the street below if a companion had not sized his unconscious form. About 80 guests of an adjoining hotel were routed from their rooms when the fire threatened to spread to that structure.

Why of British Strike; Men Involved

The labor upheaval in Great Britain involves 2,525,000 workers in most of the principal industries of the country. Against these the government can at need muster the 500,000 men in the army, navy, air force and militia and the 75,000 volunteers in Admiral Viscount Jellicoe's Organization for the Maintenance of Supplies.

The trades affected by the strike—the General Council of the Trades Union Congress has designated which are to quit work—and the number in each are: Miners 1,120,000; Railwaymen 410,000; Railway clerks 90,000; Builders 300,000; Transport workers 330,000; Seamen 60,000; Printers 120,000; Electricians 25,000.

SALEM WATER CALLED CLEAN

Test Shows Liquid Pure on Reaching Customers, Service to Improve

COMMISSION SATISFIED

Company "Ready and Willing" to Rush New 12-Inch Main, and Force, Pump, "Booster Pump" Assured

Officials of the Salem Water company are ready and willing to do anything within reason for the improvement of service, according to testimony given by C. A. Park, president of the corporation, and Paul Wallace, at a hearing held in the office of the public service commission here Monday. The hearing was ordered by the public service commission following receipt of complaints that the service was not adequate to meet the demands of the public.

Mr. Park testified that the company already had taken steps to construct a 12-inch main south on Winter street, from a main now in place on Mill street. Assurance also was given the commission that a booster pump was to be installed on the island at the crick, and that within a short time both suction and force pumps would be in operation. These improvements, coupled with other plans for expansion adopted by the company, will go a long way toward improving the service, officials of the corporation testified.

The attitude of the water company officials was that of cooperation, and all questions propounded by the commission's engineers were answered without hesitation.

As a result of the hearing, the commission predicted that the complaints would be adjusted satisfactorily.

C. F. Beebe, engineer for the commission, testified that despite the fact that the Salem Water company has a daily pumpage of approximately 9,516,000 gallons and a consumption of between 5,000,000 and 6,000,000 gallons there is still a shortage. Responsibility for this situation was attributed merely to a faulty distribution system.

It was Mr. Beebe's opinion that the installation of pressure pumps at the water works, and the present suction equipment, would prevent the contamination of water by leaking pipes. Officials of the company assured the commission that steps to this end already had been taken. Reports submitted at the hearing indicated that in order to insure a supply of water free from contamination here it is necessary to use chlorine. It was pointed out that while filtration clears the water it does not remove disease. Six samples of water taken at various times during the past few months were introduced in evidence at the hearing, showing that drinking water here is healthful.

Considerable testimony was given in connection with the condition of the water at that time Mr. Beebe testified that just prior to the

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APRIL FIRE LOSS IS HIGH

TOTAL SET AT \$414,525. EXCLUSIVE OF PORTLAND

Fire losses in the state of Oregon last month of April aggregated \$414,525.41, according to a report prepared here Monday by Will Moore, state fire marshal. There were a total of 58 fires reported.

The most disastrous was at Pendleton where a packing plant was destroyed with a loss of approximately \$175,000. One fire was of an incendiary origin.

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