

Hard Coal Men Keep Working

Agree Operations to Continue During Wage Conferences

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coal mines in operation beyond tonight, when the union's contract expires.

A contract covering about 100,000 hard coal miners expires at midnight Wednesday, and three weeks of negotiations between the operators and the CIO United Mine Workers have failed to produce an agreement.

The operators and the CIO United Mine Workers agreed, however, to continue work until May 19 while the negotiations continue. The operators agreed to make any new contract that might be worked out retroactive to May 1.

The anthracite miners are asking a \$1 a day increase for day workers, a 20 per cent increase for contract workers and two weeks annual vacation with pay.

Hard coal is used principally for heating homes, and has no such widespread industrial use as soft coal.

The 400,000 soft coal miners are scheduled to go to work Thursday, and perhaps earlier in some cases. Resumption of operations will bring to an end a stoppage which threatened to stall the national defense effort and prompted President Roosevelt to urge a week ago that the mines be re-opened promptly because "The public interest demands it."

A basis for re-opening the bituminous mines was reached late Monday night when southern operators accepted a suggestion by President Roosevelt that mining operations be resumed pending a settlement of wage differences between them and the United Mine Workers.

The southerners also agreed to increase the pay of their workers from \$5.60 to \$6.60 a day, and to continue discussions on an additional increase of 40 cents a day asked by the union. The northern operators and the union had agreed some time before on a new contract raising wages from \$6 to \$7 a day.

The soft coal agreement had been reached but a short time, when another threat to labor peace appeared. The CIO Marine Engineers Beneficial Association said in Jersey City, N.J., that it would tie up every ship of the American export line if the company did not accept its demands for union recognition, an increased war bonus and additional engineers on some ships.

In Washington, the defense mediation board advanced from Friday to Thursday of this week a hearing on a threatened strike involving 180,000 General Motors company workers. No reason was given for the change of date. Major issues are higher wages and a closed shop.

PORTLAND, APRIL 29 (AP)—CIO loggers and sawmill workers and Columbia river basin lumber operators, locked in a wage dispute, discussed possible arbitration Tuesday.

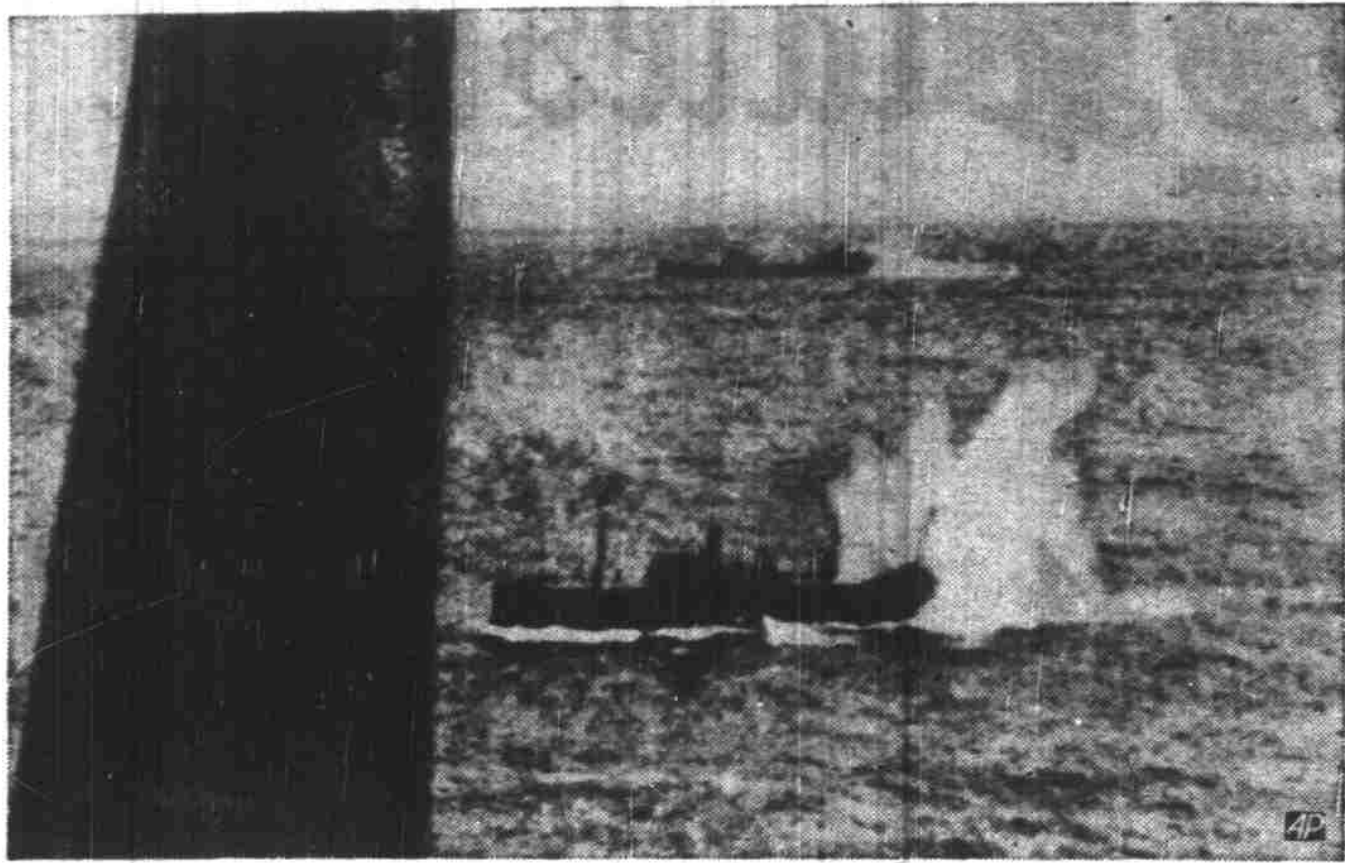
Representatives of the district's 900 CIO members, who are demanding a 15-cent-an-hour wage increase plus two weeks' vacation with pay, two weeks' sick leave, a closed shop and a union hiring hall, suggested the arbitration.

Lou Mills, president of the Employers' association, which has refused to grant more than a 7½-cent wage increase, then offered to call in a federal department of labor conciliator.

Unionists asked until a meeting Wednesday to consider the employers' proposal.

PORTLAND, April 29 (AP)—Two certification elections were scheduled Tuesday.

Merchant Ships Are Targets of German Bombers



A geyser of water spouts over the stern of a British merchantman bombed by German warplanes. This picture was photographed from a German plane. In background is what was described as a wreck of a sinking ship.

Mileage Table of Near East Strategic Points



Arrows indicate distances of various strategic points in the Near East, Africa and the Balkans from Athens, toward which German forces were reported moving.

uled Tuesday by the Industrial Employees union at sawmills. Employees will decide whether they want the IEU or the International Woodworkers of America, CIO, to represent them.

The elections will be held May 6 at the Row river operation at Dorena and May 5 at the Medford corporation's operation at Butte Falls.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 29 (AP)—Harry Bridges' philosophy was read into the record Tuesday as the government closed its case to deport the CIO longshore leader to Australia.

Albert Del Guercio, chief of government counsel, read 50 pages of excerpts from Bridges' testimony during his first deportation hearing. It was the government's first reference to calling two more witnesses later.

When he had finished the hearing recessed until Monday to give the defense time to summon its witnesses. In ending his case Del Guercio reserved the privilege of calling two more witnesses later.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 29 (AP)—Negotiations on wage increases for 5000 employees of 14 Oregon and Washington plywood plants will open in Tacoma next Tuesday, Kenneth Davis, northwest secretary of the AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers union, said Tuesday.

Davis, who participated in recent negotiations for a 7½-cent pay rise for lumber workers, said, "We have set no figure for the wage conferences, but it is an ac-

cepted fact that the plywood industry is in a better position to pay more than the lumber mills and camps."

SEATTLE, April 29 (AP)—The congress of industrial organizations Tuesday laid claim to the two-year contract between the Boeing Aircraft Co., and its 10,000 workers through an "assignment" from AFL-Aeronautical Mechanics union officers who had been removed from office by their international president.

The legal move came after Police Chief William H. Sears announced he had discovered "subversive elements" planned to throw a picket line around the airplane factory Tuesday, and the IX army corps suddenly cancelled a defense test of the company's three units by the 205th coast artillery (anti-aircraft).

No pickets appeared, but police relieved five men of cargo hooks outside the No. 1 plant during the afternoon. The men were distributing CIO literature.

Major General Kenyon A. Joyce, corps commander at Fort Lewis, declined to be quoted, but subordinates indicated the cancellation was a routine change in plans, and just a coincidence so far as the labor situation was concerned.

Funeral Service Set at Woodburn

WOODBURN—Funeral services for Carl August Scamman, who died Sunday at the age of 72 years, will be Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock from St. Luke's church. Burial will be in St. Luke's cemetery under direction of the Ringer mortuary.

Scamman, a retired carpenter, came to Woodburn from Vernonia about 10 years ago and resided on the Mt. Angel road. He was born in California in 1868.

Surviving are the widow, Clara B. Scamman of Woodburn, and a sister, Mrs. N. M. Russell of Oakland, Calif.

To Classify Draftees

WASHINGTON, April 29 (AP)—Brig. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, selective service director, said Tuesday night local draft boards had been permitted to classify all of their registrants immediately.

Colored Films To Be Shown At Lecture

Miss Constance J. Brandon of New York, international secretary of the World Dominion movement, will show colored pictures as she lectures at the Calvary Baptist church tonight at 7:30 o'clock. Miss Brandon, who has been making a tour of the northwest, will speak on "The Golden Casket," showing how the Bible is brought to the people.

The meeting is sponsored by the church Sunday school and will occupy the time of the regular prayer meeting. Frederick W. Lehmann will preside.

Raising Tree Fund

ASTORIA, April 29 (AP)—Sponsors of a move to protect the huge fir tree recently found south of here had raised \$100 toward its purchase Tuesday. They believe the 15½-foot in diameter tree is the largest Douglas fir standing.

Call Board

ELLSINORE—Today—Charlie Chaplin, Jack Oakie, Paulette Goddard in "The Great Dictator." Alan Mowbray, Donald McBride in "Footlight Fever." Friday—Bing Crosby, Bob Hope, Dorothy Lamour in "Road to Zanzibar." Kent Taylor, Wendy Barrie in "Repent at Leisure." GRAND—Today—Lloyd Nolan, Marjorie Weaver in "Michael Shayne, Private Detective." Saturday—Cary Grant, Irene Dunne in "Tenny." CAPITOL—Today—George Raft, Henry Fonda, Dorothy Lamour in "Spahn of the North." Jack Benny, Rochester, Joan Bennett in "Artists and Models Abroad." Saturday—Richard Arlen, Andy Devine in "Mystery in the Arctic." Bill Boyd in "Border Vigilantes." STATE—Today—Fred Astaire, Paulette Goddard in "Second Chorus." George Brent, Brenda Marshall in "South of Suez." Saturday midnight—Sabu, Conrad Veidt, June Duprez in "Thief of Baghdad." LIBERTY—Today—Priscilla Lane, Thomas Mitchell in "They Cheered for the Irish." May Robson in "Granny Get Your Gun." Friday—James Cagney, Pat O'Brien, Ann Sheridan in "Torrid Zone." Tex Ritter in "Rainbow Over the Range." HOLLYWOOD—Today—Bing Crosby, Mary Martin in "Rhythm on the River." Ralph Bellamy, Margaret Lindsay in "Meet the Wildcat." Thursday—Franchot Tone, Warren William, Brod Crawford, Andy Devine, Peggy Moran in "Trail of the Vigilantes." Weaver Brothers and Elvira in "Friendly Neighbors."

FDR Says No Patrol Limits

Navy May Enter Fight Zones if Necessary to Defend Hemisphere

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Stark said the patrols had been extended considerably to the eastward.

Secretary Jones also spoke at a chamber of commerce meeting and estimated that the cost of defense preparations would raise the national debt eventually to \$90,000,000,000 "even allowing for paying as much of this extraordinary cost from current taxes as our economy can stand."

WASHINGTON, April 29 (AP)—New taxes on such staples as sugar and coffee were advocated by a tobacco manufacturer Tuesday in opposing a treasury plan to double the present 18 cents a pound levy against his product.

The manufacturer, Harry F. Taylor of Winston-Salem, N.C., was one of several witnesses before the house ways and means committee who made special pleas in connection with proposals to raise \$3,600,000,000 of new revenue.

"Mister," said Taylor, "In my opinion you are going to have to get a heap more than \$3,600,000,000 before we're done. I expect you're going to take the shirt right off my back but I'm not kicking if you take the shirts off the backs of the other fellows at the same time."

249th Coast Gets Infantry Hike Workout

By DAN H. SELLARD

FORT STEVENS, March 29—Troops of the 249th Coast Artillery, or rather, "Coast Infantry," as foot-sore members have dubbed it, underwent the most severe test of marching ability to date Friday night.

Armed with rifles, and loaded with packs, the regiment hit out at a fast pace from the post, marched a roundabout way to the beach, sketched there for over half an hour, marched south down the beach to the wreck of the "Peter Iredale," historic landmark of the vicinity, then continued on its way back to the barracks, where many a soldier eased his sore "tootsies" and promptly retired.

Many Salem soldiers of the post were recently surprised to find that one of the newly-arrived nurses at the post hospital is Gail Dudley, who in recent years served as head anesthetist at the Salem General hospital. Miss Dudley is commissioned as a second lieutenant in the army nurse corps.

Among promotions listed recently in Headquarters battery were Sergeant Michael Fitzpatrick to staff sergeant, Corporal Darryl Mason to sergeant, and Corporal Albert Harris to sergeant.

Staff Sergeant Fitzpatrick, who prior to induction served as cashier in a Salem bank, is now on duty with the plans and training department. Sergeant Mason is known to the younger set of Salem as an athletic star of Salem high school. He is at present on duty with the master gunner's office. Sergeant Harris was recently transferred from Battery "F" (Marshfield). He serves as personnel sergeant major for the regiment.

Nazis Run Blockade

SANTOS, Brazil, April 29 (AP)—The 3172-ton German freighter Natal, carrying a general cargo, arrived here Tuesday after a 32-day British-blockade-running voyage from Hamburg, Germany.

GRAMM
A Laugh with Every Thrill!

Private Detective
MICHAEL SHAYNE
with LLOYD NOLAN - Marjorie Weaver

HOLLYWOOD 15
LAST TIMES TODAY
TWO FEATURES

CROSBY MARTIN RATHBONE
RHYTHM ON THE RIVER

And—Second Feature
MEET THE WILDCAT
with Ralph Bellamy Margaret Lindsay

Writer Sees Nazi Invasion of Crete to Be Difficult Task; Greece Evacuation Censored

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON
Special to The Statesman

Anglo-Greek success in holding even the Greek island of Crete, which the nazis say is their next "mopping-up" objective in the Mediterranean, must turn upon the extent to which the allies have managed to fortify and garrison it since the British took it over at the outset of the Greek-Italian war.

Adequately manned and gunned, Crete could offer formidable resistance to any invader. Presumably substantial forces of Greek and British troops are rallying there following evacuation of the Greek mainland.

Their chances of repelling invasion attempts, even of withstanding nazi-fascist bombing attack, behind the 70 miles or so of sea between the island and the nearest point on the peloponnese would seem reasonably good.

Yet any realistic appraisal of those chances must be keyed to the actualities of the allied retreat to the island. Much may depend upon the fighting equipment that British and Greek forces falling back into Crete for a last stand managed to carry with them under constant nazi air attack.

A stern British silence guards details of the evacuation. If the escape from Greece is being made on the same terms as the Franco-British withdrawal from Dunkerque, the troops being ferried to Crete do not constitute an army.

Crete is so important to British strength in the eastern Mediterranean, however, that its preparation for defense must have been a first consideration.

As for the battle on the Greek mainland, nazi forces are reported to be nearing the southern coast of the Peloponnese, and so the end of the allied retreat is at hand. There are intimations from both London and Australia that heavy as British losses may be, the valiant and prolonged rear-guard stand of the allies has permitted escape to Crete of enough fighting men and armament to warrant hope of holding it indefinitely.

Pastor Given Scholarship

Rev. Glenn Olds, junior at Willamette university and pastor at the Brooks community church, received Tuesday a scholarship for study this summer with Dr. Henry B. Sharnan, noted teacher of the life of Christ.

About 35 preachers and educators from over the United States and possibly foreign countries will be in the seminar, which starts July 12 for six weeks at camp Minnesong, Ontario, Canada. The camp is reached only by canoe.

Dr. Sharnan, formerly at the University of Chicago, has conducted the groups for several years in study of the synoptic gospels concerning the life and purpose of Jesus Christ.

Prof. Herman Clark, who took the course in 1927 and teaches a similar class at Willamette university, said a college degree is generally required for entrance to Dr. Sharnan's seminar.

Rev. Olds, a member of Clark's class this year, is a graduate of Estacada high school. He is an honor student at the university, where he is active in forensics and music. He was until January assistant pastor of the Salem First Methodist church.

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Guest: 1:00-4:15-7:20-10:30

South of Suez
with GEORGE BRENT BRENDA MARSHALL
Added Color Cartoon

War News Briefs

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planes have dropped leaflets in Elre warning residents against helping extinguish incendiary-bomb fires in northern Ireland. The leaflets told Elre residents "if they tried this sort of thing again they might be given some fires of their own to be put out."

NEW YORK, April 29 (AP)—The Berlin radio in a broadcast heard here by NBC said Tuesday night that it had just been learned that Sir Ronald Campbell, British minister to Yugoslavia, and his military attaché, who have been missing since April 6, were taken aboard an Italian torpedo boat in the Adriatic sea as they were attempting to escape in a small fishing trawler. No further details were given, NBC said.

LONDON, April 29 (AP)—A British army of 75,000 men, using 10,000 fighting vehicles and hundreds of tanks, drilled in anti-invasion exercises in East Anglia Tuesday as the nazi victory in Greece brought into sharp relief the possibility of invasion on the home front.

NEW YORK, April 29 (AP)—Axis submarines, prowling in the Atlantic from Iceland in the north as far south as Freetown, West Africa, vital British convoy port, have recently torpedoed at least five valuable ships totaling 37,361 tons, marine circles said today.

In One Ear..

—Paul Hauser's Column

in his day, too, breathed his last on the isle of Elba.

On May the 8th, 1816, the American Bible society began and the following two days are fine weather for planting. We have it on authority of The Old Farmer's Almanac.

Nothing much of importance happened until May 16 when some fellow in the mint business, who couldn't possibly have foreseen the juke box, introduced the nickel in 1866. And if you happen to be in Storrs, Conn., on the 17th its the annual church-grange day there.

And on May 20, 1506, Columbus died, in a prison, we are told, not dreaming that these many years later the people of the country he discovered would be thinking of going back to save the continent he discovered it for, from itself.

Fittingly at this season of the year, when nature is bountifully favoring us with the awakening bloom and returning flowers of spring, and the songs of gaily plumaged birds are waking us from winter's lethargy, Miss Celia Gruender has returned from a winter's sojourn in the east.

—Lancaster, Wis., Herald.

Well, strike me for a climax, aunity.

British Coast Towns Pounded

Intensive Barrages of Long Range Guns and Planes Reported

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dive-bombers attacked all craft putting to sea.

Possession of Crete along with other Greek islands would give the Germans excellent bases for striking at the Suez canal and the middle-eastern areas already menaced somewhat by axis mechanized forces in North Africa.

These latter troops were stalled near Salum, in Egypt just across the Libyan frontier, the British said. 9 furious sandstorm aided British troops and planes to halt three German-Italian columns there, Cairo dispatches said.

The Germans did not claim any new gains but reported inflicting considerable casualties on the British.

British bombers constantly hammered at the long axis supply lines stretching back to Bengasi and Tripoli, and heavy casualties were reported inflicted on German soldiers as they were preparing to board air transport planes at Benina airport near Bengasi.

In Ethiopia the capture of 2000 Italians and 400 native troops, and quantities of war material was claimed with the seizure of Dessie, 140 miles northeast of Addis Ababa. Other Italian troops fled into the wild hill country.

Vichy reported that a colonial garrison of 3000 at Jibuti in French Somaliland could not hope to win if British and "Free French" forces chose to invade the country. Some "Free French" forces were said to be camped just inside French Somaliland's southern frontier with British Somaliland.

The Germans claimed a direct hit on a British cruiser in Malta and said fires and explosions were observed at that British air-naval base.

Steady German bombing of the southern English port of Plymouth caused authorities to declare part of the city an evacuation area last Tuesday night. Steps were taken to remove 10,000 school children immediately.

Unity Day Set For Mrs. FDR

PORTLAND, Ore., April 29 (AP)—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, wife of the president, will be Portland's guest on "Unity Day" Mayor Earl Riley announced Tuesday.

The mayor proclaimed May 1 "Unity Day" in honor of the first lady's appearance. Actually, she will arrive here from California by plane at 1:34 p.m., Wednesday but will go at once to Eugene to fill a speaking engagement.

Mrs. Roosevelt will return here the following day to speak at the public auditorium at 8 p.m., Thursday under the auspices of the American Legion.

Net Fishing Light

PORTLAND, Ore., April 29 (AP)—Upriver gillnetters, who opened the Columbia river commercial fishing season Tuesday, reported first catches light.

SALEM'S NEWEST THEATRE

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TWO CHEERS FOR 4 WIVES
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