

Lewis Defiant as Judge Pronounces Contempt Guilt

General Strike Stranglehold to Tighten on Oakland Area Today



OAKLAND, Dec. 3—Police, AFL unionists and spectators scuffle in front of Hastings store in Oakland, Calif., today in a wild disturbance in the general AFL protest walkout here. Note expression on bus driver (lower right, center) as police move in to quiet the throng. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

Walkout Assailed By Mayor

OAKLAND, Calif., Dec. 3—(AP) Organized labor, which paralyzed the east bay's transportation and industry in a 1,000,000 population area by means of a "protest" walkout today, projected an even bigger walkout tomorrow and Oakland's mayor announced he would proclaim a state of emergency.

Labor groups at a huge mass meeting tonight, at which no formal vote was taken, heard leaders say the walkout, stemming from a department store strike, would go on "until our demands are met."

Mayor Herbert L. Bosch, terming the walkout "physical assault" on the rights of the populace, said a special meeting of the city council tomorrow would be asked in order to give the proclamation legal force and that he expected the order will be restored in our streets.

"The city of Oakland is not going back to the jungle," the mayor said in a statement.

An AFL spokesman, James F. Galliano, attorney for the AFL Alameda county labor council, said in a radio presentation tonight of labor's side to the public that the walkout cannot be ended until two demands are met:

1. The management of two struck department stores agree immediately to negotiate with the AFL clerks union.
2. Assurances be given that trucking men (Galliano called them "strikebreakers from Los Angeles") be sent back home and the city officials pledge not to permit police to search merchandise through picket lines as was done Sunday, touching off the general strike.

Today's walkout, so effective that newspapers suspended publication, all transportation was held up, ships in port abandoned and food stores closed, shut down, was marred only by scattered fistuffs in which nine persons were injured.

A citizens' committee, a strike committee and the city manager met in efforts to find a solution.

Earlier police to search stores, leaders summoned pickets from the streets by means of portable microphones and urged them to attend a union mass meeting there had been reports that the walkout might end tonight.

About 30 AFL union members quit work when the strike went into effect this morning, protesting Sunday's police escort which conveyed 12 truck loads of merchandise through picket lines at two department stores.

The strike today closed restaurants and food stores, bars and theaters. Street cars, taxis and taxicabs quit running. No trains operating on the San Francisco-Oakland bay bridge to serve 120,000 commuters.

Putnam to Head National Group

Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, was elected president of the national council of chief state school officers at their annual convention in St. Louis, Mo., November 29 and 30, according to a telegram received in Salem Tuesday. He previously served as vice president of the organization.

The council works in close cooperation with the United States office of education.

Synthetic Egg Whites Prove Neither Fish nor Fowl in Cake Batter

ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 3—(AP)—Chemist R. O. Sinnhuber, who has been producing albumen from fish, decided to try it in a cake.

The substance, which tests out like the white of a hen's egg, whipped up nicely.

So he brought out a cook book, some carefully adjusted scales, a controlled oven and applied the scientific approach.

Came the time to peek in. Sinnhuber found the cake had risen mightily and spread over the oven in a gooey mess.

A cake expert, Mrs. Florence L. Abel, head of the Clatsop county health association, was called in and explained, the white of an egg expands with the heat, retaining its fluffiness.

She suggested the fish albumen may test like a hen's product, but it becomes a rugged individualist in the oven.

Then what was the result of the experiment?

"Pudding," she said.

Fair Weather Invades State

Salem's almost spring-like weather, marred only by intermittent showers, will continue to be shared by most other sections of western Oregon today, according to U. S. weather bureau forecasts, as temperatures remain in the forties and fifties. Strong winds, however, are predicted for some coastal points.

All eastern Oregon roads are reported normal except snow and slush in some areas. R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, said that the Oregon Coast highway may be closed for two or three days about 12 miles north of Florence, until a slide there is completely cleared.

The Weather

	Max	Min	Precip
Salem	56	48	15
Portland	54	46	25
San Francisco	61	48	04
Chicago	41	27	trace
New York	34	19	00

Willamette river: 6.7 feet.
FORECAST (from U. S. Weather Bureau, McNary Field, Salem): Mostly cloudy today and tonight with occasional light rains. Highest temperature, 58. Lowest, 42.

Gardner New Ambassador To England

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3—(AP)—O. Max Gardner, who made his first trip to England on a cattle boat "as chamberlain to 394 Montana steers," is going back again—this time as United States ambassador.

President Truman today appointed the former governor of North Carolina to the vacant London post. He said a successor had not yet been named for the office. Gardner is leaving as under-secretary of the treasury.

Gardner told reporters he would not leave until he was confirmed by the senate.

His initial visit to England was in 1905, he recalled. He was captain of the University of North Carolina football team and the team worked its way across on the cattleboat.

The London post has been vacant since W. Averell Harriman left it to become secretary of commerce.

In politics for almost 40 years, the 62-year-old Gardner was born at Shelby, N.C., the youngest of a family of 12 children.

Gervais Girls Hurt in Wreck

Two Gervais girls, Florence Hall, 18, and Luzerne Hanes, 16, were treated and released by Salem General hospital last night for minor cuts and bruises incurred when the automobile in which they rode rolled over onto its top after a sideswipe crash about a half mile north of the Chemawa junction on highway 99E north of Salem.

The girls were passengers in a car driven south by Lloyd Dale Brown, 19, of route 1, Woodburn, involved in a collision at about 8 p. m. with an auto going north, operated by Brooks G. Fryrear of Portland, investigating state police reported. No other injuries were reported. Police said Brown's car was badly damaged.

Bonnie Klein Wins \$200 Scholarship

CHICAGO, Dec. 3—(AP)—Two Oregon 4-H club members won awards today at the club's 25th annual congress.

Bonnie J. Klein, 18, Aumsville, won a \$200 scholarship donated by the Kerr Glass Manufacturing Co., for food preservation.

Morris Notz, 18, Clackamas, won a \$100 war bond donated by the Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Co., for gardening.

18 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS

No Light Sentence Expected

By Max Hall
WASHINGTON, Dec. 3—(AP)—John L. Lewis today was found guilty of criminal contempt of court—with a possible heavy sentence—but the coal strike went on and the government took drastic emergency action to save fuel.

Lewis responded to the guilty verdict by rising in the federal courtroom and making a bitterly defiant speech. He accused the judge of depriving the coal miners of their constitutional rights. He said he would "firmly stand" on his position.

After this dramatic scene the judge, T. Alan Goldsborough, sat pondering for four minutes then put off sentencing Lewis until tomorrow morning.

Disobeyed Order

The language of his conclusions, that Lewis and his union "willfully, wrongfully and deliberately" disobeyed a court order, suggested the possibility of heavy penalties—perhaps in the nature of drastic daily fines. Judge Goldsborough has the power to impose an unlimited fine or jail sentence if he wishes.

The coal strike which Lewis refused to call off moved closer to the average citizen tonight with these actions:

1. The interstate commerce commission ordered a general embargo on railroad freight shipments, except for certain vital needs.
2. With Christmas only three weeks off, the post office department limited the size and weight of parcel post packages.
3. The office of defense transportation ordered a 25 per cent slash in passenger service on coal-burning railroads—making 50 per cent in all.

The freight and parcel post controls become effective Thursday night. The passenger order takes effect Sunday night.

President Truman commanding the government's battle with Lewis, met reporters but declined to comment on the crisis. He said he was leaving the situation in the hands of the court.

Hardly Audible Voice

Federal Judge Goldsborough, in a soft, hardly audible voice, pronounced his verdict by agreeing to the conclusions proposed to him by the U. S. justice department.

Those conclusions, made public this afternoon, charged Lewis with having found both Lewis and his union—the United Mine Workers, AFL—guilty of "civil contempt" and "criminal contempt."

Smith-Connelly Act

The language suggested that the government next may prosecute Lewis as alleged violator of the war labor disputes act (Smith-Connelly act). This law forbids anyone to encourage a strike against the government.

Edward R. Burke, who wanted the private coal operators to sit down and bargain with Lewis, resigned as president of the Southern Coal Producers association. He quit after a powerful section of his board of directors denounced his proposal for talks with Lewis.

The government has been in possession of the soft coal mines since May 22 but is eager to get rid of them any time Lewis and the private owners come to terms.

Embargo Decried

Efforts to conserve coal continued. An embargo was decreed, effective at midnight, on the use of rail movement of freight destined for overseas export, except food and fuel. The action was taken by the Association of American Railroads.

Goldsborough asked the attorney on both sides—for the government and Lewis—to give their views tomorrow (10 a. m. EST) on what penalties he should impose.

He said this was an "unusual" request but certainly not an "improper" one.

Freight Embargo to Halt Building Program

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 3—(AP)—The West Coast Lumbermen's association tonight predicted a virtual halt to the nation's housing program as a result of the rail freight embargo.

H. V. Simpson, executive vice-president of the association, told a reporter the Pacific northwest's 1300 sawmills would begin closing almost at once.

REDS IN HOLLYWOOD

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 3—(AP)—Evidence indicating "a definite plan by communists to dominate the motion picture industry" has been uncovered by the house committee on un-American activities, its chief counsel, Ernie Adamson, said today at adjournment of a closed day-long session.

Salem Plant Releases 16 Men Due to Effects of Coal Strike

At least one Salem manufacturing plant has curtailed operations as a result of the United Mine Workers' strike in the east, it developed Tuesday when Donald L. Cutler, office manager of Caspar & Cutler Salem division, Electro-Watt, Inc., 3501 Portland rd., announced the layoff of 16 employees in the plant's welding shop.

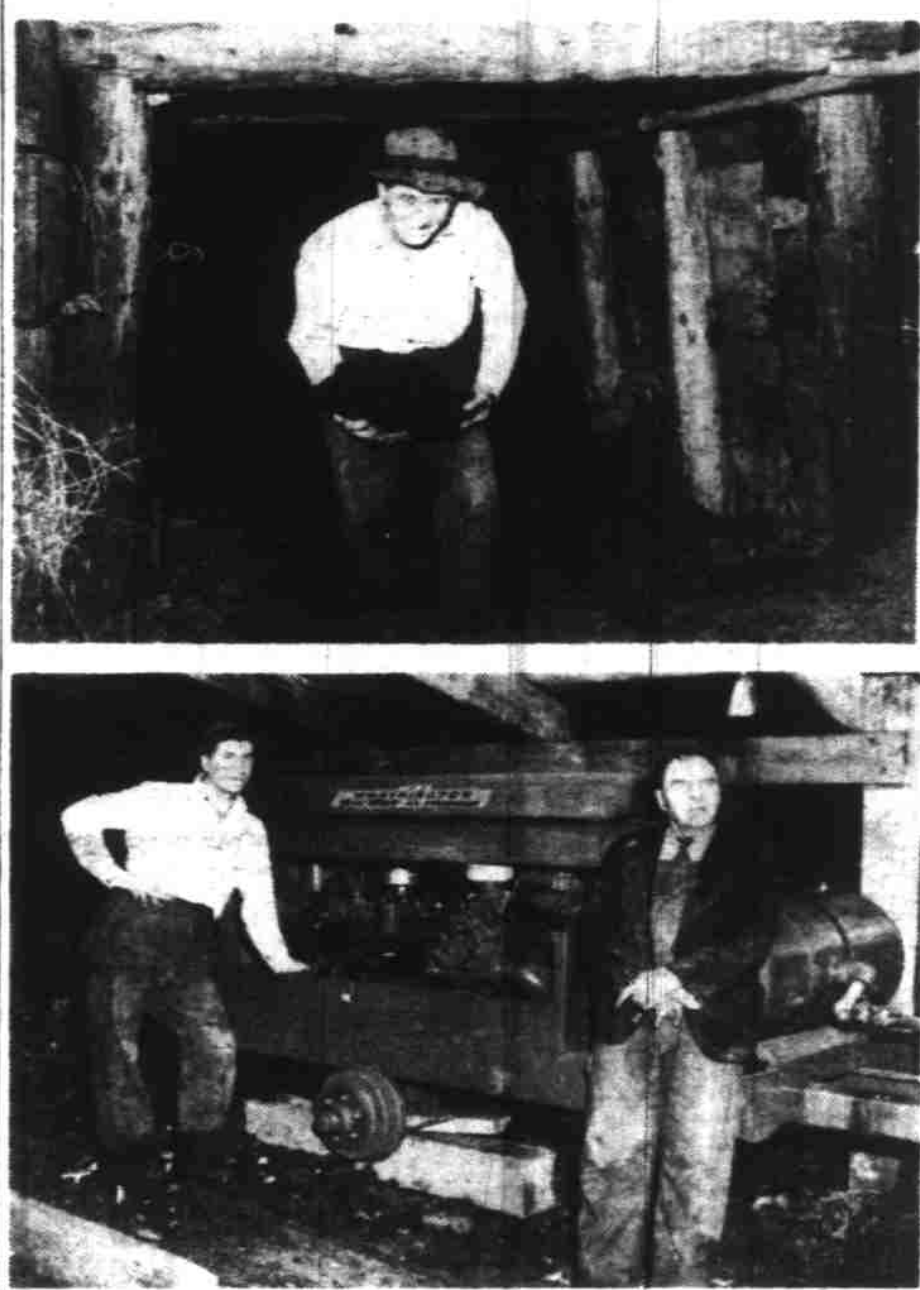
Cutler said his supply of steel sheets is exhausted and further shipments from the east are suspended indefinitely due to diminishing steel production occasioned by the soft coal strike. Other departments of the furnace and oil burner manufacturing plant remain in operation, he added.

Elsewhere among Salem industries the picture was somewhat brighter although manufacturers were keeping a weather eye on the strike situation. One foundryman said he had taken steps to conserve steel used in the plate making operations, in order to maintain a steady employment even if steel becomes unobtainable for several months.

Some steel supplies are obtained by Salem plants from west coast steel mills which use gas instead of coal, hence those continue shipping to fill normal orders.

The coal shortage proper has little effect in Salem because of the few home and business users. Present stocks and shipments expected from the east apparently will meet the local demand for the time being, local coal merchants indicated.

Waldo Hills Coal Mine Beyond Lewis' Domain



Coal—Marion county-mined coal like that displayed above by Dave Aldinger of Portland, head mechanic for the Waldo Hills Coal Co. mine, will be mined in the Waldo Hills area next week. Aldinger shows coal which resulted from a test mining operation this week, as he stands at the main mine entrance. In the lower photo Aldinger is shown with J. P. Miner, operator of the mine, as they put into first operation yesterday their new air compressor which, Miner says, will do in five minutes the work that would take a man with a pick two hours to do. (Statesman photos.)

10 Man Crew to Produce 50-100 Tons Daily Starting Next Week

By Lillie L. Madsen
Staff Writer, The Statesman

WALDO HILLS, Dec. 3—More than John L. Lewis will be needed to stop mining in the Waldo Hills Coal company mine next week when production will get under way, says J. B. Miner, Portland, operator of the 42-year old mine. Aside from testings and digging a deeper tunnel, the mine has been quiet this past year.

Articles of incorporation at \$100,000 for the newly-formed company will be filed within the next 10 days, Miner said Tuesday as he was giving his new air compressor a try-out. There is plenty of market for the coal which laboratory tests show at 11,500 British thermal units, the heat meter for coal, he added. The tests also show that the best grade has less than 3 per cent ash, with the poorest grade less than 26 per cent. By spring, the miner said, between 50 and 100 tons of coal will be brought out daily 250 feet into the hills. Here there is a 63 inch strata of coal, in three layers. A new trial tunnel struck a solid bed of coal at 170 feet a short time ago. Eventually, Miner says, he would have four operations in the bed. Two five-man shifts will be run starting next week.

Coal on the W. P. Emery ranch was first found almost a century ago and the first commercial venture started 42 years ago. More than \$30,000 was invested in running in a shaft and building track at that time. But wood was plentiful and sale of coal was slow. The mine closed.

Other trial operations followed with considerable coal sold some 10 years ago. Again interest soon died down.

In May, 1945, Miner leased the land where the old mine was situated. But, he said, it wouldn't pay to hire a crew of men at \$10 a day to work by hand. So while waiting for machinery to become available, Miner spent the past 18 months in preparations. This included running test holes, making the original tunnel deeper, and building the necessary tracks.

"Now," Miner said, "I am ready to go. There is plenty of coal and there is plenty of market for that coal. Our operations won't be big, in terms of eastern coal mining, but that is just as well. We can run this without the help of labor bosses."

Report Claims Wyatt to Quit

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3—(AP)—An official in close touch with the White House said tonight that Housing Expediter Wilson Wyatt intends to resign within the next 48 hours as a result of failure to get powers he had demanded from President Truman.

Wyatt visited the president this afternoon for the second time this week seeking an answer to his proposals. After the conference no official statement was forthcoming from the White House and Wyatt declined to say whether or not he intended to resign.

An official, who said that he is not identified by name, said Wyatt had refused to accept a compromise in his demands for fuller authority to push the housing program.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Time has elapsed to get from Europe reactions to the congressional elections in this country. Various European countries—all of them, in fact—are deeply concerned over the attitudes of whoever runs the government in the United States.

Russia branded the republican victory as a sign of return to reaction in America. That the voting was definitely anti-communist here is not to be doubted. Whether Russia's subsequent amelioration in international affairs is a consequence of reading our election returns may be surmised but not asserted with any certainty—Russia may be finding its own interest lies in finding the peace structure; its gestures toward settlement ante-dated the election.

It is in Britain that reaction to republican victory may be seen more clearly. The British could count noses and see that most of the opposition to the British loan came from the republicans in the congress. Also they know that the traditional policy of the republican party is protectionism, which is a form of economic isolationism. This encouraged the labor party rebels to call for a divorce of British foreign policy from backing "American imperialism." They are afraid of an eventual war between Russia and the United States in which they would be caught between the millstones. The rebels therefore want a deviation in British foreign policy to one of

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Warren Pohle Succumbs to Heart Attack

Warren F. Pohle, 66, a Salem implement dealer for 35 years, died at his Turner residence Tuesday morning following a heart attack.

Funeral services for Pohle will be at 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the W. T. Rigdon chapel, the Rev. Lewis E. White officiating. Ritualistic services will be conducted by the Salem Elks Lodge, with interment at Belcrest Memorial park.

He was born at Friendship, Ind., May 19, 1880, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Pohle, and came with his family to Oregon about 1881. He was educated in the Salem public schools and Williamette university and worked in his father's blacksmith and carriage shop.

Pohle was with the railway mail service for several years after the turn of the century. He was married to Gertrude McFarland, who died in January, 1937. He conducted a hardware business in Tillamook for a short time, after which he returned to Salem and became associated with Pohle & Son, implement dealers at 240 S. Liberty st. With the death of his father in 1926, the firm became known as Pohle & Staver until it was sold to the Interstate Tractor Co. in 1943.

Prominent in civic affairs, he was a member of the Cherrians, held a life membership in the Elks lodge, was an associate member of the Oregon mounted posse and held a membership in the chamber of commerce for many years.

He was married in April, 1938, to Alice Lockard, who survives. Also surviving are a son, James William Lockard of Salem and five sisters; Mrs. Ella McGowan of Toppenish, Wash., Mrs. Grace Atwood of Seattle, Miss Edna Pohle of Portland, Alma E. Pohle and Mrs. Frances P. Utter, both of Salem.

Molalla Man Killed as Log Slips from Truck

MOLALLA, Ore., Dec. 3—(AP)—Edward Voss, 48, died in the hospital here last night after a log slipped from its blocks on a truck at the McEwen Logging company operation and crushed him.

County coroner Ray Bilance reported Voss slipped as he jumped away from the truck and the log struck him.

The widow and three children survive.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH

"He says he could do it quicker with his teeth but the union won't let him."