

Strike Peace Hopes Fade, Phone Union Wary of Pact

New Mine Explosion Fatal to 9 Fire Rages in Navy's Treasure Island Base Study of Proposal Continues

EXETER, Pa., April 10 (AP)—The nation's second coal mine explosion in little more than two weeks killed nine anthracite diggers and injured nine others as they worked 350 feet underground today.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 10 (AP)—A spectacular fire raging for three hours through the Treasure Island naval base was brought under control tonight after destroying five buildings and valuable electronics equipment.

Naval officials said \$100,000 worth of electronics equipment in the galley was destroyed. The building itself, built for the 1939-40 Golden Gate international exposition on the 440-acre man-made island in San Francisco bay, was valued by the navy at \$250,000. It was a complete loss.

WASHINGTON, April 10 (AP)—A new jolt was handed tonight to hopes for an early end to the cross-country telephone strike with a union announcement that the pending proposal to end one major phase of it "did not conform" to union policy.

The blast—attributed to gas—brought no immediate comment from United Mine Workers Chief John L. Lewis who closed the country's bituminous workings in mourning after 111 died in the March 25 tragedy at Centralia, Ill. However, an immediate report was asked in the Pennsylvania legislature.

The fire destroyed the block-long galley "K" and four smaller structures nearby but was checked before it could reach a number of buildings on the northern end of the island.

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The policy committee of the National Federation of Telephone Workers did not reject the plan outright, however, and said it has not completed its study.

Maybe It Would Be Easier to Change the Law

The traffic enforcement department of the city police had good hunting last night, as motorist patrons of the Minneapolis Symphony orchestra, appearing at the Salem high school, chose "D" street on which to park.

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Truman Puts Price Burden On Business

WASHINGTON, April 10 (AP)—President Truman said today the responsibility for reducing high prices is squarely on business, and Attorney General Clark followed with a statement that "anti-trust laws do not interfere with voluntary price reductions."

Morse Attacks New Labor Bill

WASHINGTON, April 10 (AP)—Senator Morse (R-Ore) declared today that "every employer in America" should oppose the omnibus labor bill which will come before a senate committee for action tomorrow.

Winnie Says Red Plans Surpass Czarist Dreams

NEW YORK, April 10 (AP)—Winston Churchill declared today the two immediate objects of Soviet Russia's policy were "domination of the whole of the Balkan peninsula by communist rule, under Soviet guidance, and the conquest and probable incorporation of Turkey."

2 Sackett Papers Wait on Shortages

COOS BAY, Ore., April 10 (AP)—Sheldon Sackett, Coos Bay Times publisher, said he had set no date for his announced plan to establish newspapers in Spokane and Boise.

Canada Said Potential World War Battlefield

TORONTO, April 10 (AP)—Canada would be "a tremendous and bloody battlefield" in a third world war, Historian Arnold J. Toynbee said today.

Longshoremen Ask U.S. Industry's Nationalized

SAN FRANCISCO, April 10 (AP)—The nationalization of the nation's basic industries was urged today in a resolution adopted without a dissenting vote by the CIO longshoremen's and warehousemen's seventh biennial convention.

Indians Resent Painting Of Scalping Scene

WASHINGTON, April 10 (AP)—The painting "War Whoop" showing an Indian brave holding the scalp of a white pioneer is coming down from a house committee room wall at the request of the Indians.

Westerners' Plea Fails To Assure Reclamation

WASHINGTON, April 10 (AP)—Western republican house members conferred for two hours with house leaders today about reported drastic cuts in the reclamation and power construction program appropriations but received no promise of more funds.

Salem Building Permits Show Effect of Spring; 720 Unfinished Houses Counted in County

Unemployment continued to decrease over the county, the report stated, with 3,000 unemployed at the end of March as compared with 4,000 jobless at the beginning. The unemployed are largely made up of seasonal industrial workers, farm workers, and the technically unemployed.

By Conrad Frange Staff Writer, The Statesman Building in Salem took an upward swing during March, thanks to a \$521,200 permit for a dormitory at Willamette which swelled permits issued for the month to \$655,873, a 300 per cent increase over February.

SEATTLE ARMORY BURNS SEATTLE, April 10 (AP)—A two-alarm fire in the old National Guard armory in downtown Seattle was being fought by firemen early this morning.

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Phone Pickets Can't Use Telephones; Use Plane

WENATCHEE, Wash., April 10 (AP)—Telephone workers picketing a telephone company office here are using planes to keep in touch with strike headquarters in Yakima and Spokane, a picket said today.

Woman to Preside Over Businessmen's Club

OAK HARBOR, O., April 10 (AP)—Miss Luella Zehner has been elected president of the Oak Harbor Business Men's association.

Jap Imperial Carp Prove Wary in Imperial Moat

TOKYO, Friday, April 11 (AP)—The long-forbidden imperial moat was opened legally to anglers this week—but hundreds who tried hard went home empty-handed.

Oldest Congressman In Critical Condition

WASHINGTON, April 10 (AP)—Rep. Joseph Jefferson Mansfield (D-Tex.), at 86 the oldest man in congress, is gravely ill in the naval hospital in suburban Bethesda, Md., where officials said he was in "critical" condition.

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IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

The coming of the Minneapolis symphony orchestra to Salem prompts me to turn back the pages of memory, far back, to where the leaves are pretty well yellowed. For that was the first big orchestra I ever heard, and the wonder of it still lingers in my mind.

As a college freshman back in the region of catfish and fireflies I joined the choral society which labored all winter on rehearsals of Handel's "Messiah" for a May music festival. It was sung with the Minneapolis symphony orchestra, imported for the occasion, and the orchestra presented also a concert of its own.

To see the orchestra arrive, bag and baggage, and get ready for its public performance was a great eye-opener to a green small-town youth. The personnel was "foreign" to rural America; many Germans and Italians, with strange language or badly broken English. Strange musical instruments—the oboe, the bassoon, the lute, the kettle drums. Some of the names were familiar from spelling book lists (that was before the day of the crossword puzzle) but generally knowledge of instruments was pretty much limited to those in the town brass band or a small local orchestra—piano, clarinet, flute, bass viol.

Senate Votes to Give U.N. Voice In U.S. Loans

WASHINGTON, April 10 (AP)—The senate today adopted the Vandenberg amendment which would give the United Nations conditional power to halt the proposed \$400,000,000 U. S. program of aid to Greece and Turkey.

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100-Block Section in Woodward Levelled

WOODWARD, Okla., April 10 (AP)—A tornado ripped through western Texas and Oklahoma last night killing 132 persons, injuring 1,073 and leaving millions of dollars of property damage in its wake.

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