

Pits Idle as Coal Miners Ignore Federal Injunction

Spread of Closure Forecast

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 13 (Monday) — (AP)—First reports from the soft coal fields today showed striking miners ignoring orders of a federal court and John L. Lewis that they return to work.

There is strong indication that the majority of the 370,000 idle diggers will remain on strike as whistles blow for early morning shifts.

Overnight crews failed to report at six West Virginia mines employing 4,890 diggers.

Only two mines in western and central Pennsylvania had overnight shifts scheduled. Both pits, employing 1,500 diggers, were closed tight.

"The men just failed to show up," said one operator spokesman. During the week-end, presidents of three United Mine Workers' locals in Pennsylvania, two in West Virginia and Ohio and one in Illinois expressed this view:

"Nothing short of a contract will make the diggers produce coal again."

Mines in those four states employ 250,000 of the 370,000 strikers.

Rebellion Summarized

Scattered comment from rebellious miners could be summed up this way:

"We're not working without a contract."

A top coal industry source declared:

"A survey of southern fields indicates practically no miners will return to the pits, he said, adding:

"It looks like the same thing everywhere else."

Strike Said Inevitable

Another coal industry source also said a continued coal strike seemed inevitable today. He was Laurence Tierney, Bluefield, W. Va., whose Eastern Coal corporation operates mines in Pike county, Ky.

Tierney said he had information that his own mines and most of the rest of the nation's pits will remain idle. He said union meetings are being widely scheduled for Monday morning and this alone was a step to keep miners away from work.

"The walk and the nod have been working," Tierney told a reporter.

A federal court in Washington which found Lewis and the UMW guilty of contempt of a prior strike-end injunction used the words "wink and nod" to describe a signal the court said Lewis gave to miners to remain on strike.

"Wink and Nod"

"It think the miners have gotten the wink and nod to stay out despite Lewis' message yesterday for them to go back to work," Tierney said.

Lewis wired district UMW officials to direct the 370,000 striking miners to "cease their strike forthwith" in compliance with a U. S. court order.

The government fired a double-barrelled legal blast at the union in an effort to halt the crippling six-week-old "no contract no work" strike.

Under Taft-Hartley

These swift moves came under the Taft-Hartley law:

1. The president's fact finding board said an immediate resumption of coal digging is "imperative" to protect the national health and safety.

2. President Truman asked for an injunction ordering the miners back to work.

3. Federal District Judge Richmond B. Keach issued a 10-day temporary order for Lewis and his miners to resume digging coal. He also set a hearing for February 20 to determine whether the directive should be continued for the full 80 days provided by the Taft-Hartley law.

To Drop Demands

4. Keach signed an order directing Lewis and his union to drop four major demands in negotiation with operators for a new contract. The order was requested by NLRB General Counsel Robert N. Denham. He acted at request of major operators who charged Lewis with unfair labor practices.

5. Keach directed Lewis to resume bargaining in good faith. Lewis immediately invited major operators to sit down with him Wednesday. They accepted.

The government acted as the all-out mines shutdown neared an emergency.

Coal supplies are estimated at anywhere from one to three weeks. Profits in coal-using industries are past the 35,000 mark and are due to zoom higher if the strike continues.

10 LOST AS FREIGHTER SINKS

DEE HELDER, The Netherlands Feb. 12—(AP)—The 2,214-ton Finnish freighter Karhu sank off the Dutch coast today. Ten crewmen are missing. Lifeboats rescued 16 crew members and two stowaways.

THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	50	41	.34
Portland	43	37	.53
San Francisco	43	37	.53
Chicago	38	28	.04
New York	48	35	.00

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Mostly cloudy with showers today and tonight. High today near 47; low tonight near 35.

SALEM PRECIPITATION		
This Year	Last Year	Normal
28.00	25.00	21.00

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Spring Sports Revive in Salem



Children play sports in Salem.



A large crowd gathered for a public event.



A group of people walking outdoors.

With winter weather a thing of the past (we hope), Salem's youngsters have taken up appropriate spring sports along city streets. Intent on a marble game in the upper photo are Richard Warner, left, and Robert Biegler. Looking on, left to right, are Deanna Warner, Dorothy Jean Biegler and Karen Warner. All live along Evergreen avenue in east Salem. Flying a kite on Howard street are Tommy Hale, 580 Howard st., and Karen Schott, 754 Mill st. Enjoying a session of softball on Saginaw street are the batter, Barbara Kuedell, 1864 Fir st., and the pitcher, Susan Merrill, 1915 Saginaw st. Looking on or fielding, left to right, are Norma Merrill, little Sally Merrill, Sally Frese, 1874 Fir st., and Billy Purvine, 1740 Saginaw st. (Photos by Lester F. Cour, Statesman valley editor).

County Democratic Rally Speakers Promise Election Competition, Rap GOP 'Stand-Patism'

By Conrad G. Frange Staff Writer, The Statesman
Marion county courthouse and the office-holders in it were a target for democratic party aggressiveness at a rally Sunday in Salem.
Leaders of the county democratic central committee indicated that A. S. (Andy) Burk, former sheriff, will be a candidate for the post of Marion county commissioner, now held by E. L. Rogers, republican.
Luis Martine-Lally, county democratic chairman, announced that at least two democratic candidates, a man and a woman, would probably seek County Recorder Herman Lanke's job.
Martine-Lally outlined plans for a "bang-up drive to make this county democratic party-conscious." The 50 or more present at the dinner meeting in the Mayflower hall voted to sponsor a door-to-door registration campaign before the May primaries.

200 Injured as Storms Spread Terror in Area

By the Associated Press (Picture on page 5)

Tornadoes killed 34 persons in Louisiana and Texas Sunday. Nearly 200 others were injured as the storms that started in Texas Saturday roared eastward with deadly force.

Property damage was extensive and extended into south Arkansas. But Arkansans apparently escaped without casualties.

The New Orleans weather bureau warned that the twister front could be expected to last until this afternoon. The storms boiled up as a mass of cold air clashed with warm moist air along an arc extending from Little Rock, Ark., through Ruston, La., to Beaumont, Tex.

Northward of the tornado belt a near blizzard was rising in Nebraska. It laid snow up to 15 inches in depth over most of that state and was spreading southeastward to Kansas.

Elsewhere in the midcontinent and southern regions there were downpours, squalls, snow, sleet and freezing rain. Heavy rains in the Ohio and Mississippi river valleys raised a new flood threat at Cairo, Ill.

Louisiana suffered most from the tornadoes. The state counted 26 dead and nearly 100 injured. Eight persons were killed in east Texas and nearly 100 hurt. Many of the injured were in critical or dangerous condition.

The Louisiana death count was nine near Castor, six at Slack air force base near Shreveport, four at Sligo, four at Grand Cane, one at Shreveport and two at Hood's Corner on Shreveport's outskirts.

In Texas there were three dead at Haslam, one in the Jericho community near Haslam, two in a community southwest of Lufkin, one at Corley in northeast Texas and one at LaPorte.

Arkansans felt the storm at Mt. Holly, a small community near El Dorado on the southern border.

Violent thunderstorms accompanied the tornadoes in Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas, dumping heavy rain on many localities. The weather bureau reported 24-hour amounts of 3.6 at Texarkana, Ark., 3.3 inches at Little Rock, Ark., 2.3 inches at Austin, Tex., 1.49 inches at West Plains, Mo., and 1.05 inches at Tulsa, Okla.

U.S. Diplomats Confer in Siam

BANGKOK, Thailand (Siam), Feb. 12 — (AP)—Seventeen diplomats will begin a secret three-day conference Monday on the tumultuous problems of Asia.

They will seek means of strengthening United States policies in an area which is already half red and half undecided.

President Truman's personal representative, Ambassador Philip C. Jessup, will hear reports from diplomats whose combined territory embraces more than half the world's population.

Jessup has indicated the subjects will range from border tension in Afghanistan to a Japanese peace treaty. The basic problem will be communism's march.

Construction Of Sheridan School Starts

SHERIDAN, Feb. 12—Preliminary construction of the new \$94,000 grade school building in southwest Sheridan got underway this week. The firm constructing the building estimates the job will require five to six months, depending on the weather. Contract calls for completion before September 1.

Foothills Construction Co. of Estacada has the contract, originally for \$112,000 but scaled down to \$94,030. About 20 men will be employed by the firm, with additional crews for plumbing and electrical work.

Approximately a year ago the voters of the district approved the bond issue necessary to construct the building. Additional facilities are necessary to handle a greatly increased grade school enrollment. The property on which the new building is being constructed is outside the city limits. The city council voted this week to have a special election to decide whether the area shall be brought into the city limits.

HIT-RUN VICTIM DIES

PORTLAND, Feb. 12—(AP)—Henry P. Porter, 64, Portland, died early today of injuries received when struck last night by an automobile. The driver failed to stop at the scene, police said. It was the fifth traffic fatality of the year in the city.

TOLON, France, Feb. 12 — (AP)—Police clashed with demonstrators following a communist meeting today. Ten policemen were injured by clubs or stones and two were taken to a hospital in serious condition.

Prof. Einstein States H-Bomb to Make Annihilation of Life on Earth Possible

NEW YORK, Feb. 12 — (AP)—Prof. Albert Einstein said today that if the H-bomb is developed, "annihilation of any life on earth" is "within the range of technical possibilities."

It could be done, he said, through "radioactive poisoning of the atmosphere."

Einstein called the present arguments race between the United States and Russia "a disastrous illusion" and called for peace moves to "do away with mutual fear and distrust."

He said a "supra-national" body would be necessary to carry out non-violent aims and that international control of weapons would be only "of secondary use as a police measure."

Remember Prohibition

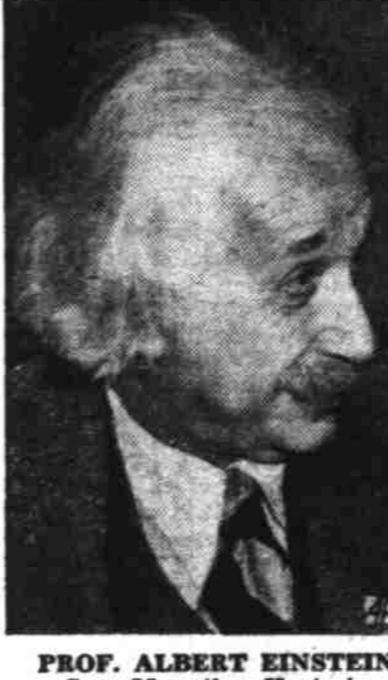
"It may be wise not to over-estimate its importance," he said. "The times of prohibition come to mind and give one pause."

Einstein's statement was part of Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt's first television show over the National Broadcasting company television network.

He did not appear personally, but a specially-made film of the famed mathematician, in which he made his statement, was shown on the telecast.

Illusion of Security

Einstein said the fact that the United States first produced the atomic bomb had fostered the illusion that this country could



PROF. ALBERT EINSTEIN Sees Mounting Hysteria

achieve security through military superiority.

"This mechanistic, technical-military psychological attitude had inevitable consequences," he said. "Every single act in foreign policy is governed exclusively by one viewpoint."

The policy, he said, led to establishment of military bases around the world and arming

and economic strengthening of potential allies.

Military Financial Power

Within the country, he added, it caused "concentration of tremendous financial power in the hands of the military, militarization of the youth, close supervision of the loyalty of the citizens . . . intimidation of people of independent political thinking."

Einstein said the armament race now "assumes hysterical character," and "every step appears as the unavoidable consequence of the preceding one."

Annihilation Beckons

"In the end," he added, "there beckons more and more clearly general annihilation."

"It is impossible to achieve peace as long as every single action is taken with a possible future conflict in view," Einstein called for "solemn renunciation of violence."

"Such renunciation, however, can only be effective if at the same time a supra-national judicial and executive body is set up, empowered to decide questions of immediate concern to the security of the nations," he said. "Even a declaration of the nations to collaborate loyally in the realization of such a restricted world covenant would considerably reduce the imminent danger of war."

25 Students Walk to Safety In Albany Fire

ALBANY, Feb. 12 — Fire in a Catholic boarding school here tonight forced the evacuation of 25 students from a third-floor dormitory room. The blaze was quickly put under control. All walked to safety through the smoke-filled St. Mary's academy building led by 11 sisters of the Benedictine order. The youngsters were from ages 6 to 14.

The fire started in a laundry room closet but was discovered shortly by Janitor George Bentz, who spread the alarm.

Firemen were able to quell the flames and confine them to the small basement room of the frame three story structure. Damage was about \$1,000. The fire was discovered at 10:55 p.m.

Most of the board students are from nearby rural families, but a few are members of Alaskan Indian tribes sent here by Catholic missions in the territory.

Firemen blamed the fire on defective wiring. The fire destroyed the laundry equipment and quantities of clothing that had been dropped into a chute for Monday morning laundering.

Two Salem Pedestrians Hurt in Traffic Accidents

Separate pedestrian accidents seriously injured two elderly Salem residents here Sunday night.

Mrs. Ruby Oliver, 73, was hit while crossing South Commercial street at Bellevue at 7 p. m. An hour earlier, Frank Washburn, 71, suffered two broken legs and face lacerations when struck near Center and Church streets.

Mrs. Oliver, an attendant at the Boyce Nursing home, 593 S. Commercial st., incurred a fractured hip and pelvis, a broken leg and a broken rib. Her condition at Salem Memorial hospital was termed fair early today.

The accident happened as Mrs. Oliver left the nursing home for her residence on Bellevue street. City police listed the driver as Ethel Alice Lewis, 610 S. Commercial st. She was not cited.

Driver of the auto involved in the Washburn accident, according to police, was Emery Hendrickson, 140 Mabel at Washburn's body came to rest 70 feet from the nearest crosswalk and it was not yet determined where the impact took place, police said.

Washburn was taken to Salem General hospital by Eddie's ambulance. His condition early today was reported fair. The driver of the auto was not cited.

Agar Arrested As Drunk Driver

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 12 — (AP)—John Agar, divorced husband of Shirley Temple, was arrested on a misdemeanor drunk driving complaint tonight by Sgt. E. L. Hoover of the state highway patrol.

He was booked at the sheriff's West Hollywood substation and ordered to appear tomorrow in Beverly Hills justice court.

Sheriff's Sgt. Don Parker quoted him as saying "I've done nothing wrong — I don't know what I'm doing in jail. This will ruin my life."

Agar and Miss Temple were divorced December 8.

Voters in Idanha to Elect City Council Wednesday

By Mrs. A. R. Snyder Statesman News Service

IDANHA, Feb. 12 — Voters of this newly-incorporated city will go to the polls Wednesday, February 15, to elect five city councilmen, who will then choose a mayor.

To date, nine candidates have filed, and observers have predicted a hot race for the council seats.

Those registered with the Marion county clerk are Fred C. Anderson, B. G. Cochran, U. S. Floyd, Ted Gillespie, Lloyd Girod, Charles T. Haseman, Sam Palmerton, Huber Ray and Noyes Whitten.

Anderson, in the mercantile business in Idanha since 1945, was formerly in business at Valley Junction and Willamina.

Cochran, 69, came to Oregon in 1892, and has spent most of his life in the Santiam canyon, working at logging and milling. He has lived at Idanha since 1945.

Floyd, a farmer before coming to Oregon in 1940, is now employed as a lumber grader at the Idanha Veneer company.

Gillespie, 50, came to Oregon from Wisconsin at the age of 9. He has been in the grocery busi-

Complete East Reich Gestapo File Planned

BERLIN, Feb. 12 — (AP)—The communists are going to build a master card index file showing the political history of every one of the 17,000,000 persons in eastern Germany, it was announced today.

The mammoth political dossier may be valuable to the new Reich Gestapo, authorized by the Volkskammer (people's chamber) last week, in keeping a tab on all eastern Germans. It also would be useful in conducting periodic purges of "unreliables" from party and governing jobs in eastern Germany.

Herbert Warnke, state secretary of the interior ministry in the east German communist republic, in announcing the task, assured former nazis they are welcome in the "national front" — a coalition of all parties tolerated in the eastern zone — if they follow communist leadership.

Warnke said the gigantic file will be obtained by issuing a new questionnaire to the entire population. He declared: "Everyone must answer the new 'personal sheet' truthfully." "We must know," he added, "the beginning and the end of a person's membership in political parties and organizations."

IT SEEMS TO ME
By Charles A. Sprague

The suggestion that the book-keeping for all school districts except those of the first class be done at a central office in the county has much merit. J. F. Remington who handles the budget and apportionment work in the office of the Marion county superintendent of schools has recommended the plan to the interim committee of the legislature which is studying taxation. California and Washington both use this system now.

At present district clerks handle the accounting, drawing warrants for payroll and supplies on approval of the board. They have other duties such as keeping minutes of board meetings, posting election notices, etc., but for many clerks keeping finances straight and writing the warrants is a real bugaboo. The job grew much more complicated when the various "deductions" were ordered—for withholding taxes, industrial accident insurance.

Under the plan proposed the clerk would merely send in the payroll and the bills approved for payment to the central accounting office which would issue the necessary warrants. Ledger accounts would be kept by machine and monthly statements of account mailed to each board. It is obvious that the work could be handled more economically in this way, and probably with fewer errors. A change in the law would be required to shift this particular duty from the district clerks to a county disbursing officer.

In this connection another change is impending on the paying of school district warrants. A few months ago the court ruled that an Oregon bank would have to make good on

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H-Bomb or A-Sub—That Is the Question

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 — (AP)—A race between the United States and Russia to be first to build an atomic-powered submarine is a possibility that may complicate efforts to produce the hydrogen bomb, informed lawmakers said today.

This question is known to have been discussed by the senate-house atomic energy committee. Indications are that members generally favor giving the naval development every possible priority short of stopping actual work on the H-bomb project.

Their argument is that the H-bomb may take a long time to perfect. In fact, some scientists have said that it may never be perfected, although most of them apparently think it will be.

Because development of the H-bomb will draw on atomic weapon-making resources, some legislators say they regard as critical the question of which phase will command top efforts.

The advantage of a nuclear engine submarine would lie in the fact that it would have an almost unlimited range of action, could go deeper in the ocean and stay down longer than even the most modern type of submersible.

Dr. Vannevar Bush, a top wartime military consultant, was reported to have told members of the senate armed services committee last week that torpedoes with homing fuses now can be fired at a maximum range of about seven miles.

'Partial Holiday' In Effect Today

This is what is known as a "partial holiday" in Salem. In official observance of Abraham Lincoln's birthday, many offices will be closed, but business in general will continue to operate. Closures include the state and county offices and two banks. The city hall, schools, the post-office and most business houses will remain open.

Animal Crackers



"I would like to have some spots removed."