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STRIKE CALLED IN 15 FRANCISCO HOTELS



News Behind The News
 By PAUL MALLON
 (Copyright, 1937, by Paul Mallon)
 WASHINGTON, May 1.—There will be no international economic conference, no disarmament conference, no change in the value of gold. President Roosevelt has made his decision. It was reached at a White House conference of cabinet members in which there was discussion pro and con. At the end, the President decided for the cons and went fishing.

It is true that something more than talk lay behind all these conferences and gold rumors in circulation lately both here and abroad. It seems to be also true that State Secretary Hull, while denying the rumors, personally harbored hope that something constructive could be accomplished internationally through the conference medium. Mr. Hull lost the argument at the White House conference, as well as his hopes.

The triplicate negative decision will be made public shortly in some definitive way, possibly announcing a movement to forward personal contacts and co-operation between Mr. Hull and the prime ministers of the leading European nations. Or perhaps a safer way to say it is that Mr. Hull was designated to work out whatever it is to be said as a result of the decision.

The reasons which caused the decision are not to be stated definitely. It is obvious, however, that our ambassador-at-large, Norman Davis, regardless of whatever personal hopes he may have developed in London, has been unable to inspire the President with any marked encouragement for the success of an economic or arms conference. At least, the president sees no reason to assume the responsibility for championing the conference, despite some official and some of the other nations. And if the United States does not champion a conference, of course, no one else will.

It is the same old story. All nations want something out of a conference. None wants to give anything. France wants security, Germany credit, Britain a preferred pound, Russia protection, Italy more credit. And all want debt cancellation. If any of these nations is in a mood to make bona fide concessions, it has not yet made its willingness plain. And you may be sure they won't.

The history of modern conferences also is fresh in executive memory. When Uncle Sam played host before to the world, the nations came singing his praises. They ate his food, rejoicing that he was the savior of the world. Good will popped and bubbled like champagne. But when it was over, the discovery was made that some silverware was missing from the pantry.

F. D. R. does not know it, but he has been nominated for one of the oldest but not necessarily the most exclusive clubs of statesmen. It is a very honest group of democratic members of the house who have foregathered daily in the cloakroom since any living member can remember. They call themselves the demagogue club.

After the revised budget was received a few days back, a meeting of the club was called to consider what was thought to be a club crisis. One member presented the situation like this:

"It has always been the honored prerogative of members of congress to demagogue freely. We have had the exclusive right to promise our constituents something for nothing."

"We have always had the assurance that when we passed these demagogue bills, a president would veto them or the supreme court would strike them down."

"But now we have a man in the White House who can out-demagogue us, and if our safeguard of the supreme court is removed, how are we going to get re-elected?"

The matter was taken under semi-serious advisement.

Talk of a constitutional democratic party to supplant the Republican party is coming from bigger authorities with greater gusto. They are serious about it.

It is known there is at least one Democratic senator against whom the Republicans will offer no opposition this year. He is the only one who has already been discussed and (unofficially) decided. Several other similar cases are in the discussion stage.

Most Republican authorities are inclined to leave the matter to the

5-DAY WEEK FOR CLERKS CAUSE OF WALKOUT ORDERS

Largest Bay City Hotels Affected—6000 Guests Involved—Complete Tie Up Claimed.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1.—(AP)—Activities in 15 of San Francisco's largest hotels were brought virtually to a standstill tonight when 3500 hotel employees, backed by 13 unions, walked out.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1.—(AP)—A strike was called tonight against 15 of San Francisco's largest hotels by 3,500 hotel employees, supported by 13 unions.

Walter Cowan, president of the joint culinary workers' board, declared the strike officially on at 5 p. m.

About 6,000 guests in the downtown and "Nob Hill" districts were affected.

The striking employees were members of the Clerks, Waiters, Bartenders and Waitresses unions.

The unions claimed sanction of the San Francisco Labor council. They insisted that hotel owners had refused to agree to preferential hiring and a five-day week for clerks, although other groups of hotel employees had been awarded such conditions.

The 15 hotels involved were the Alexander Hamilton, Bellevue, Cathedral Hotel Apartments, Cliff, Sir Francis Drake, El Cortez, Fairmont, Mark Hopkins, Palace, Plaza, Whitcomb, William Taylor, St. Francis, Gaylord and Stewart. The strike also was effective against the Kit Carson club.

The strike amounted to virtually complete stoppage of work in the institutions with investments of \$55,000,000, housing about 6,000 guests.

Tom Nickala, member of the joint strike board, said radio operators in broadcasting stations in hotels were ordered to quit work in sympathy.

The strike board issued permits to baggage men to remove luggage of departing guests.

Wholesale butchers were given permits to remove meats in hotel refrigerators.

The strike board announced that any striker refusing to picket would not be reinstated to his job after the strike ended.

Electricians were ordered to pull light and power switches as they left work.

The strike move was launched as cocktail lounges were filling up and guests were preparing for a gala evening. The dinner hour was approaching and dance floors had been broomed for the customary Saturday night throng.

A half-hour after the strike order was issued, Cowan estimated 12,000 unionists were engaged in active support of the strike, refusing to deal with the hotels.

There was no hot water in rooms and no steam in kitchens after engineers walked out at 5 p. m.

Other unions quickly joined in active support of the strikers, new ones being added every few minutes. Ice wagon drivers quit making deliveries, dry cleaners severed dealings, maintenance men, including janitors, declared themselves in sympathy and window cleaners quit.

PRESIDENT SIGNS NEUTRALITY BILL

WASHINGTON, May 1.—(AP)—President Roosevelt tonight signed the neutrality bill, making permanent the temporary policy of abstention from foreign wars which the United States has pursued for the last two years.

Mr. Roosevelt signed the new law the state department said, at 7:35 p. m. (E.S.T.). The temporary act expires at midnight.

The new law differs principally from the old in its "cash and carry" provision, limited to two years' operation. This inaugurates a new aspect of American neutrality policy under which the president may limit exportation of war materials to belligerents as well as prohibit outright the shipment of arms, ammunition and implements of war.

The secretary of state, acting under authority conferred by the president, announced simultaneously that American vessels engaged in commerce with Spain may carry small arms and ammunition necessary for preservation of discipline aboard. The act barred transportation of all arms.

MOVIE INDUSTRY WALKOUT HINGES ON STARS' STAND

10,000 Film Workers And Players Threaten Strike—Actors Decide Position Today.

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., May 1.—(AP)—The threat of a paralyzing strike affecting more than 10,000 craftsmen and players hung over the multi-billion dollar movie industry today as picketing increased at major studios and spread to others.

Four unions with a membership of some 2,500 already were nominally on strike under a call issued last night.

The question of whether 14 other unions would join the walkout will be decided tomorrow at a meeting of the recently-organized parent body, the Federated Motion Picture Crafts, strike sponsor. Its unions were voting today to determine strike sentiment.

The powerful Screen Actors' Guild also called a mass meeting for tomorrow night in the Hollywood Legion stadium to decide whether 5,000 members, including the film colony's topnotch players, will pass through picket lines into the studios.

Federated crafts officials are banking heavily on the actors' guild for support of their demands for a closed shop and union recognition in the industry. Producers' representatives so far have declined to grant these demands before receiving and considering any wage and hour requests which the crafts may expect to make.

Effect of last night's strike call to the four unions could not be determined definitely today, Saturday being a light day at most studios.

Picketing was orderly and good-natured. No attempt was made to prevent anyone going into the studios.

Union officials estimated the various picket lines had increased to nearly 500 by noon.

The Screen Actors' Guild has about 1,000 members who draw salaries of more than \$200 a week. Robert Montgomery is president of the guild.

Vice-presidents are James Cagney, Joan Crawford and Chester Morris.

SENATE BERTH IS AIM OF MAHONEY

SALEM, Ore., May 1.—(AP)—The Willie Mahoney picture began to clarify itself with authentic information this week that he had definitely decided to campaign for United States senator, the seat now occupied by Fred Casey, laborer.

It had been reported Mahoney would seek the Democratic nomination for governor against Martin, but it was learned Mahoney had promised James Farley at Washington he would run for the senate.

Interviewed the past week, Mahoney said he would make no announcement himself, but he let it be known which way he would switch at a later date. He indicated he would keep alive the rumors of gubernatorial ambitions for the present.

FAIR AND WARMER FOR COMING WEEK

Northern California: Fair Sunday, moderately warm but fog locally on the coast in the early morning; moderate northwest wind off coast.

Oregon: Fair Sunday but unsettled northwest portion and on the coast; little change in temperature; moderate southerly wind off the coast.

Weekly outlook May 3-7 for the far western states: Generally fair with temperature above normal in the interior but unsettled with occasional rainy periods extreme northern districts and morning fogs on the California coast.

RAIN LACK UPS PRICE OF WHEAT

CHICAGO, May 1.—(AP)—The flow of unfavorable crop reports from the heart of the winter wheat belt was enough to lift wheat prices about a cent a bushel today in comparatively quiet trade.

Moisture deficiency in important wheat growing areas, particularly in Kansas and Oklahoma, is becoming more serious, according to a variety of crop advices. One private message said rain is needed badly over the western two-thirds of Kansas and must come soon if a large crop is made possible. It said estimates indicated a reduction of 20 percent in the crop in some sections since April 1.

BUY SURPLUS FISH

WASHINGTON, May 1.—(AP)—Purchase of seven to ten million pounds of surplus fish from storage stocks will be made by the federal surplus commodities corporation to relieve threats to the stability of the fishing industry.

CHILDHOOD TRAGEDY

NEWPORT, Ore., May 1.—(AP)—A cartridge exploded in a rubbish fire today and lodged in the eye of May Case, 3, daughter of William Case. The child was taken to a hospital at Salem where doctors feared she might lose the sight of the injured eye.

Strip-Tease Performers Caught in New York Raids



District Attorney William Geoghan, of Brooklyn, blaming burlesque shows for an increase in sex crimes, directed three simultaneous raids on Brooklyn strip palaces. Managers and 11 girls were hustled off to a police station. Most of the girls hid or kept their faces covered when news photographers appeared.

NEW YORK, May 1.—(AP)—Burlesque, shut up in a closet today as Broadway's naughty child, kicked a couple of slats out of the door tonight.

A few hours after License Commissioner Paul Moss refused to re-

new expiring licenses for 14 theatres, counsel for two houses obtained a court order permitting a stay in enforcement of closing order pending a hearing before Justice John F. Carew in supreme court at 10:30 a. m. Monday.

Counsel for the Gaiety, a Broadway house controlled by the Minsky's Jim corporation, and the Hings, situated in the heart of Times Square, located a Supreme Court Justice Edgar J. Lauer at his Park avenue home tonight and persuaded him to sign the order.

SEN. BORAH, KING ASSAIL ECONOMY PLAN F.D.R. BACKS

Western Senators Warn Against Spending—Bureau And Payroll Cuts Urged.

WASHINGTON, May 1.—(AP)—Two western senators—Republican William E. Borah of Idaho and Democrat William E. King of Utah—joined tonight in branding presidential and congressional economy proposals as unsatisfactory.

Borah said he was "not deeply interested" in either a proposal by senate leaders for a flat 10 percent cut on all appropriations or a suggestion by President Roosevelt that 15 percent of the appropriations be impounded for possible use later.

King declared he opposed both plans, but of the two, preferred the 10 percent cut. He warned against increased expenditures, as did Borah, who said the trend of congress was shown by the \$90,000,000,000 in appropriations bills now before it.

"I do not believe in horizontal cuts," Borah said in a prepared statement. "The thing to do is first to stop incurring new and extraordinary expense. In addition we should eliminate certain bureaus and commissions and cut out those on payrolls who are not needed."

The Utah senator asserted the burden of trimming governmental cost "rests on congress, and warned:

"Already the public debt is so great and the threat of additional bond issues so eminent that the market price of bonds fell and there is some concern as to whether additional issues might result most unfavorably to our business and economic structure."

PHONE MEDDLERS HALT LOVE CHATS OF MRS. SIMPSON

Can't Discuss Marriage Plans With Ex-King Because Of Eavesdroppers—Wally Is Plumper.

By Mary Feustress
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 MONTPELIER, France, May 1.—(UP)—Mrs. Wallis Simpson indicated to me in an exclusive interview today that wire tappers have forced her to cut short her talks by telephone with the Duke of Windsor and have prevented discussion of definite marriage plans.

Tampering with the wires has occurred continually of late, she said, and because of their anxiety to keep their plans secret, she and the duke have simply exchanged greetings and trifling remarks.

Both Mrs. Simpson and Mr. and Mrs. Herman L. Rogers, in any case, insisted that no date has been set, but I gathered that one will be fixed as soon as Edward arrives at Cande Castle here. The ceremony undoubtedly will take place at the castle. And if there is a honeymoon, it will not be an aerial one, in spite of the duke's love of aviation, because Mrs. Simpson loathes flying and will travel only by car or train. Florence or Rome, I gathered, are the likeliest destinations.

Besides wire tappers, Mrs. Simpson revealed another source of annoyance. She doesn't like the word "call" and she doesn't like the word "to call her." Wally and I appeared anxious to transmit a reminder that Wallis is the name. She would not say whether it was true that she called Edward "Boo-Boo," but Rogers said he never had heard her address him publicly other than as "Bibi."

When I arrived at Cande Castle I found Mrs. Simpson wearing a new Paris creation. The report had been published this week that she was slimmer, but I found her mightily plumper than when she arrived from Cannes. She is naturally slim, but in her new Paris gown she did not look thin. She seemed in splendid health and looked extremely chic.

LANE DEMOCRATS WANT MORE PORK, REVOLT STARTED

Fat Plums To Portland Or East Oregon Plaint—Party Rumpus Looms Over Patronage.

EUGENE, May 1.—(AP)—Loyal Democrats from the first congressional district who have protested alleged discrimination in distribution of federal posts among other districts, met in Eugene today in a session that held promise of a first class party fight in the state.

Apparently heading the insurrection of up-state Democrats was U. S. Bur, Corvallis.

Specifically, the charge leveled by the first district bourgeois is that out of the four most important posts, all have gone either to Portland or eastern Oregon Democrats, leaving 17 counties west of the Cascades with little in the way of consolation.

"What makes it even worse is the fact that the one office to be replaced in the near future—the United States customs collector—will be followed by another Portland man," Bur declared. He held that the job should go to a Democrat in the first congressional district.

Accordingly, the delegates today formed a district association—"the first district association of democratic officers."

The official purpose of the group is two-fold: the strengthening of the interests of the democratic party in this district, and securing the district's rightful place in state affairs.

IRELAND FACING FIRM FIGHT OVER DE VALERA'S PLAN

DUBLIN, Irish Free State, May 1.—(AP)—President Eamon De Valera's new constitution, declaring Ireland a "sovereign and independent democratic state" and leaving the door open for union with northern Ireland, appeared headed tonight for determined opposition from Ulster and England.

Ulster, northern Ireland, separated politically from the Irish Free State, received the proposal coolly, while British newspapers were unympathetic.

"We definitely prefer our position as citizens of the United Kingdom," said the Ulster commerce minister John Milne Barboe.

Some newspapers of Ulster, which has six northern counties, termed the new constitution a "challenge" to the British government.

In contrast to the Ulster attitude, the Dublin press generally regarded De Valera's proposal today as not changing the existing association of the free state in the British commonwealth of nations.

The new constitution, which will be put up to the voters late in June, declares the "inalienable" right of the Irish people to choose their own form of government and provides for election of a president for a seven-year term by direct vote.

CHILOQUIN WINS FINAL HONORS IN DEBATE CONTEST

Medford High Team Loses At Corvallis For State Title By Unanimous Decision.

CORVALLIS, Ore., May 1.—(AP)—Chiloquin high school debaters repeated their victory of last year by defeating Medford in the finals of the state high school debating league tonight to win the championship in a radio contest over station KOAC on the Oregon State college campus. The decision of the three judges was unanimous.

The Chiloquin speakers, Miss Darlene Warren and Norman Pohll, upheld the affirmative of the question, "Resolved that all electrical utilities should be owned by the government." Miss Barbara Hampton and Burton Daugherty argued for private ownership under better regulation.

Considerable interest was shown here in the debate as the Medford high school forensic squad attained widespread attention this year.

The team made a clean sweep up to the finals and brought Medford high school its most outstanding success in recent years. The south-ern Oregon conference title was won by victories over Ashland and Grants Pass high schools. The three-way contest first resulted in a tie but finally was awarded to Medford on points.

Medford captured the district title by defeating Coquille. The local team won the semi-finals by its victory over Beaverton to win the western Oregon title.

The Medford debaters left here Friday morning to take part in the finals for the state championship in Corvallis. Burton Daugherty and Barbara Hampton made up the team, with Lela Henderson and Ruth Hooker as alternates. The group was accompanied by Kenneth Scott Wood, coach, and Mrs. Wood.

MARTIN REPORTS SMOOTH SAILING FOR BONNEVILLE

Economy Now Watchword At Washington Says Governor—Concession For State Library Fund.

PORTLAND, May 1.—(AP)—Smooth sailing for Bonneville dam and the state library building at Salem—that's the good word Governor Charles Martin brought back from a national capital where economy has become the watchword of the administration.

The governor reached Portland today from his two weeks of making at Washington highlighted by his cloakroom argument with Congressman Walter M. Pierce over Bonneville dam policies.

Although the chief executive visited the capital first to attend the Bonneville hearing, he wedged in conferences with President Roosevelt and FWA officials on the capitol construction project.

Despite the rigid curtailment of the PWA program, Governor Martin said the president felt a moral obligation in aiding the state with the library building. In fact, he made an exception.

The grant for the \$450,000 structure will be split this way: 30 percent for labor and 15 percent for materials. E. J. Griffin, state PWA administrator, attended several of the conferences with the governor and it was agreed that to assure a supply of skilled labor relief workers will be shifted from one district to another.

The governor said "everything is all right" for Bonneville dam. He voiced confidence in the dyers and harbors committee and said it was preparing a "sound measure for Bonneville," region, he said, can depend upon Senator Charles McNary to get the bill through the senate.

"Some of our local people have been playing politics with the project but there is going to be enough power and reserve to take care of

ASK GOVERNMENT TO BUY AND SAVE DUST BOWL LAND

CHICAGO, May 1.—(AP)—Dr. Paul B. Sears, University of Oklahoma botany director, advocated today federal purchase of all unprofitable land in the "dust bowl," which he asserted is moving eastward at the rate of 40 miles per year.

Dr. Sears recommended restoration of the land to a "non-productive state after which careful study and long range planning could determine the most suitable ultimate use for the land."

Noting that dust storms are again raging in the southwest, Dr. Sears stated that establishment of a "just bow authority" and government reclamation of the land under its reforestation and conservation program is the best immediate action to be taken.

One out of every four houses in the southern segment of the dust bowl has been abandoned and many houses built in the old days by homesteaders have disappeared entirely.

Dr. Sears declared that he believes the dust bowl problem belongs to the whole United States and that there is ample precedent for federal action under regulations through which the government has bought up large areas for reforestation.

HAMILTON URGES GOP TO AID GOOD, FIGHT BAD PLANS

WASHINGTON, May 1.—(AP)—John Hamilton, Republican national chairman, said tonight the republican party's task is that of a constructive opposition distinguishing between "good and bad in the performances of the administration."

"We covet a willingness to cooperate with the good, and equally covet a determination to attack the bad and to expose it, and, if possible, to prevent it from coming into being," he said.

Breaking a six months silence in a radio address, he said the party "will oppose any program of domination of this country."

He took note of suggestions that the Republican name be changed and new parties formed, declaring the future alone could tell the results.

"If the future holds any changes for their party," he said of fellow Republicans, "I know that the new political structure will be built upon the foundation which we today call Republican—a foundation including 17,000,000 American citizens, among them more than 80,000 men and women officially representing the party in the precincts, in the wards and in the counties.

"And so I can say to all who are interested in this question: If you do not keep this foundation firm, any new political structure which you may envisage will either not be elected or, if it is, will not long endure."

BULLETIN (Night Games)

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SALEM, Ore., May 1.—(AP)—Mrs. Samuel Orr, 90, pioneer of Polk county, died at Salem yesterday. She came to Hickory with her husband and family from Scotland in 1875 and was active in the hop-raising industry. Funeral services will be held here Monday afternoon.	
ROSEBURG, Ore., May 1.—(AP)—State police at Reedsport advised the sheriff's office here today that the body, found Thursday morning on the railroad right of way north of Gardiner, had been identified as that of James Cotter, 16, of Eastside.	

NAB PICKETS FOR MOLESTING LAW

PARKER, Ariz., May 1.—(UP)—Fourteen Committee for Industrial Organization pickets were arrested tonight when they allegedly molested California peace officers sent here to preserve order in the Los Angeles aqueduct strike.

At the same time, striking C. I. O. members turned down a proposal to return to work immediately under a compromise offered by contractors and the contractors announced they would close down all work on the huge project until fall.

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