

# 80,000 SOFT COAL MINERS HOLD WALKOUT

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miners were idle and estimated that an additional 10,000 or more miners were absent from work in the mines that were operating in Pennsylvania.

The Kanawha Coal Operators Association at Charleston, W. Va., reported 75 per cent of the mines in its field were idle while operators in northern West Virginia estimated as high as 35 per cent of their workers were absent although the mines were operating. The Kanawha association said it was advised by the U. S. at Atlanta, Ky., that the "situation was even worse" in the Logan and Williamson fields.

## 30,000 Miners Quit

Best estimates were that between 25,000 and 30,000 of West Virginia's 100,000 miners were idle.

Half to two-thirds of eastern Kentucky's miners were reported idle but mines in the western part of the state were operating. Approximately 20,000 miners were reported idle in the Alabama area. But the Illinois Coal Operators association said all Illinois mines were in operation except two forced to shut down because of lack of workers.

Meanwhile, the miner-operator negotiating committees resumed their discussions here on a new wage contract. After a brief morning session, they adjourned until this afternoon to assemble more figures on some of the proposals under discussion.

## EDITORIALS ON NEWS

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Braslava. To the south, they have taken Wiener Neustadt. They seem to be moving BOTH ways from Wiener Neustadt—to the north toward Vienna and to the SOUTH along the main line railroad that leads into northern Italy.

In Italy the British have leaptfrogged around the Germans along the Adriatic coast. The situation in Italy is still nervous—with everybody waiting for something to happen. (What is evidently expected is a German withdrawal into the Nazi mountain hideout area to the north.)

THE Germans are giving every evidence of a last-man stand in Vienna. The Berlin radio says Hitler has sent the chief of his personal bodyguard there to mobilize the city against the Russians. (If he's going to hold out after he holes up in the Austrian and Bavarian mountains, he needs to hang onto Vienna.)

THERE are tales today of violent anti-Nazi rioting in Vienna. There are other tales of free Austrian military units operating behind the German lines. As a matter of fact, if you listen hard enough, you can hear anything in the way of rumors.

THE Luxembourg radio (held by our side) says today it was the Nazi gaudier (carpetbagger) of Austria and Hitler's chief Gestapo aide who were assassinated in the big limousine in the edge of Berlin.

It's no wonder the Nazis are offering a \$10,000 reward for the killer. They just can't have assassins running around loose in Berlin nipping off big shot Nazis like that.

THERE is still a ruckus of some sort over American-Russian voting at the San Francisco conference. What it is all about is far over our heads. State Secretary Stettinius issues a long statement to the reporters that doesn't tell anything.

If you're wise, you'll shrug it all off as a part of the secret diplomacy that is probably necessary in dealing with one-man government in the person of Stalin. It has nothing to do with the MILITARY job of finishing off the Germans.

The British and the Russians are going to stick to their guns until that is finished. There will be a lot of arguing and jockeying and a certain amount of bluffing, but we'll probably stick together for the big job of cleaning up Europe afterward.

We've just about GOT to. So let's hope for the best.

## Mayor Describes Excellent Work Done by Shrine Club

By MAYOR ED OSTENDORF

At the national Shriners' convention held at Portland in 1922, it was agreed by the delegates that the Shriners organization should take it upon themselves to pay for the proper medical attention.

Today there are 15 such hospitals in the United States. At one time, it was hoped that these hospitals would be able to accommodate all crippled children, but due to an epidemic of infantile paralysis, they are being occupied by over 50 per cent of polio cases. At the present time, the Portland unit has a waiting list of 157, and it is becoming greater.

After the polio epidemic, the Shriners hospital found it necessary to ask for assistance outside of their own organization, as the needs of the hospital were growing with the number of patients. The Klamath Falls Shrine club was one of the first in the state of Oregon to respond to this plea for help, and since that time, they have furnished supplies of food every Thanksgiving.

The Klamath Falls organization has also supplied several medical instruments, which were beneficial in operations at the hospital.

In order to help in this worthy cause, the Klamath Falls Shrine club was organized in 1934. The first donation was sent to the hospital by sponsoring the Polack Brothers circus. However, it was found that not enough proceeds were netted in this way, so in 1937, the Shrine club began holding dances for the benefit of the crippled children, and resulted in a donation of \$830 that year.

In 1944, the net income amounted to \$3375, and this year we expect to be able to present \$5000 to the fund, if the hospital is being re-modeled, including the operating room.

We are asking the citizens of Klamath Falls and Klamath county to help support this annual Shriners' benefit dance, as this county has had more patients in the hospital in comparison to the population than any other district under the Portland crippled children hospital unit. You may purchase these tickets during the remainder of the week at the First National bank, the United States National bank, J. C. Penney and Company, Castleberry's and Dick Reeder's. This dance is to be held at the Klamath Falls armory on Saturday evening, April 7.



MAYOR ED OSTENDORF

## River Channel To Be Increased

ALBANY, April 3 (AP)—Preliminary drilling to increase the Willamette river channel between Albany and Corvallis to 34 feet deep and 70 feet wide was underway today.

An 18-man crew is preparing to blast a channel through Bowers rock, the only solid obstacle in the river between the two towns. Dredging of the channel will follow.

The work was approved for wartime to facilitate floating of logs down the river.

## Republicans Take Michigan Election

DETROIT, April 3 (AP)—Republicans swept minor state offices Monday in the most apathetic election in Michigan history, and even carried Wayne county (Detroit) for the first time since before the 1932 Roosevelt landslide.

Preoccupation with the war, rainy weather and lack of clear-cut contests was blamed for the small vote, probably less than 400,000 in a state which cast a record 2,200,000 ballots in the general election last fall.

## WEATHER

Monday, April 3, 1945

Locality	Max.	Min.	Precip.	Trace
Eugene	56	35		
Klamath Falls	52	36		
Sacramento	62	36	.50	
Portland	55	42		
North Bend	55	42		
Medford	52	35		
Seattle	52	35		
San Francisco	52	35		
Medford	52	35		
Seattle	52	35		
San Francisco	52	35		

Northern California—Clear today, tonight and Wednesday except local afternoon cloudiness over mountains. Slightly warmer afternoons but local light frosts in valleys tonight.

Washington and Oregon—Increasing cloudiness with scattered light showers today and tonight, and light rain Wednesday. Slightly warmer today and tonight.

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## OPENING OF NCO CLUB CELEBRATED

Opening of a marine staff non-commissioned officers' club in the Willard hotel building quarters, formerly occupied by the Elks officers' club was celebrated last night.

Colonel George O. Van Orden, commanding officer of the Marine Barracks, and a number of officers from the barracks and townspeople attended the opening. Quartermaster Sergeant Harold Gregory, manager of the marine clubs in town, welcomed the guests, and presented a check for \$500 to Exalted Ruler Jack Linman of the Elks lodge in payment for furniture and other equipment in the clubrooms. He said the furniture originally cost about \$3000.

Marine Barracks officials said the new club fills a need for downtown recreation for marines.

It was explained by Elks lodge officers that the decision to dispose of the furniture and cease operation of the commissioned officers' club in the Willard hotel building results largely from a manpower and management problem. The lodge was unable to find personnel to staff the club, which was established more than a year ago and has been heavily used by commissioned officers, especially junior squadron officers from the air station.

Closing of the officers' club brought an expression of concern from Commander R. R. Darron of the air station over the need for a downtown recreation spot for these young commissioned officers. He has asked a number of townspeople to confer with him Saturday on the possibilities of establishing such a place.

## Seattle CIO Condemns Lewis

SEATTLE, April 3 (AP)—The Seattle CIO council has approved a resolution which condemns John L. Lewis and his strike threat and requests our federal government to (1) see that the just demands of the coal miners are promptly granted and (2) insure against any stoppage of coal production.

The resolution cited "gains made without striking or threatening to strike by the steelworkers, the metal miners and many other groups of labor" in contending the strike threat was "improper and unnecessary."

## Third Army Tanks Race Across Reich

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in building up a cohesive front," a Berlin military spokesman said.

A security blackout hit most third army movements. A dispatch from Gen. Omar N. Bradley's 12th army group headquarters gave distances, but censors did not permit towns to be named. The dispatch said Patton still was 155 miles from Berlin. Parts of his forces presumably still were fighting inside Kassel and Fulda, both entered yesterday. A transoceanic broadcast said the first army forces captured Kassel.

The Canadians menaced Arrhen, bridges, the lower Rhine twice and fought toward the Zuider Zee, less than 25 miles away. When they reach the great water mass, cities such as Amsterdam, Rotterdam and The Hague will be sealed off for liberation.

## Courthouse Records

Marriage Licenses

LANGE-CALLOWAY, Melvin Charles, 22, USMC, Native of Detroit, Mich. Resident of Klamath Falls, Ore. Myrtle Jane Calloway, 19, clerk, Native of Baker, Ore. Resident of Chiloquin, Ore.

JUDGE-RICHARDSON, Norman Daniel, 22, USMC, Native of Hadley, Mass. Resident of Leeds, Mass. Muriel Faith Richardson, 18, welder, Native of Massachusetts. Resident of Ashfield, Mass.

LEONARD-NIVA, James H. Leonard, 25, USMC, Native of Jackson, Miss. Resident of Jackson, Miss. Evelyn Hazel Niva, 25, clerk, Native of Lead, S. D. Resident of Klamath Falls, Ore.

Complaints Filed

Mary Harriett Cook vs. Thomas A. Cook. Suit for divorce. Charge, cruel and inhuman treatment. Couple married October 2, 1925, at Klamath Falls, Ore. Plaintiff seeks custody of two minor children; \$20 per month support for each and \$40 for herself. J. C. O'Neill, attorney for plaintiff.

Rosa B. Thomas vs. Prexley Thomas. Suit for divorce. Charge, cruel and inhuman treatment. Couple married August 25, 1944, at Reno, Nev. J. C. O'Neill, attorney for plaintiff.

Carl Edward Pernigotti. No 1945 license sticker. Fine, \$5.50.

Quincy Baker, driving during period when license revoked. Bond, \$100.

## NATIONAL CEMETERY IS PROPOSED HERE

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en's branches of the armed forces.

Cemetery locations recommended by the war department include: California: Los Angeles, 100,000 capacity; San Diego, Sacramento and Fresno, 50,000 capacity each. Idaho: Boise, 25,000. Oregon: Portland, 50,000; Klamath Falls, 25,000. Washington: Seattle area, 60,000; Spokane area, 40,000. Alaska: Juneau, 3000.

## 22 KLAMATH MEN ENLIST IN NAVY

Twenty-one Klamath 17-year-olds and one man of induction age took their oath of allegiance to the United States navy during March, it was reported today by A. C. Friesen, in charge of the Klamath Falls navy recruiting station.

Twenty of the 17-year-old boys were enlisted in general navy service and will choose their navy trade school after completing "boot" training. All of these men are still home on inactive duty and will be called to the San Diego naval training center in a few months. Mervin R. Smith and James M. Clabby, both of Klamath Falls, were enlisted as seamen first class radio technicians. Smith is now taking basic training and will soon report to the navy radio technician school at Great Lakes naval training center, Chicago, Ill. Clabby, who is 17, will remain here on inactive duty until after high school graduation in June.

## SMELT RUN STARTS IN SANDY RIVER

TROUTDALE, Ore., April 3 (AP)—Smelt in tremendous volume were swarming up the Sandy river today before an audience of fishermen and just watchers camped on the banks. Armed with nets, dishpans, and old sieves, amateurs began dipping tons of fish from the river. Some anglers arrived when the smelt first appeared yesterday and camped over night to await the midnight lifting of the weekend fishing closure. The spawning run usually lasts a week or ten days. Smelt failed to appear in the Sandy last year.

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