

RAILROAD STRIKE SET MAY 11

In The Day's News

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THE moving finger writes. Harold Stassen, Young Lochinvar from out of the West, goes into hard-boiled, long-time conservative PENNSYLVANIA'S Republican preferential primary and poses out New Yorker Tom Dewey by a slim but apparently conclusive vote.

That isn't all. He puts it all over Pennsylvania's favorite son Senator Martin. One of the ancient political traditions in this country is that in a Presidential primary, or a nominating convention, or a straw vote—whatever it happens to be—you're supposed to give a complimentary hand to the man from your own state.

To do otherwise has been popularly regarded as bordering on treason to your home community.

OFFICIALLY, the Pennsylvania primary is a dud. It won't count in any legal way when the Republican convention assemblies in June, 800 far as delegate votes go, it amounts to nothing more than a popularity contest.

But its psychological impact is tremendous. For that reason, it will count heavily.

THERE weren't even printed names on the ballot in this Pennsylvania straw vote. It was a WRITE-IN contest. Republicans didn't merely mark an X before a name. They wrote in the name of their choice. That makes it all the more surprising.

TOM DEWEY is a good man. He is one of the best going. New York ever had. He is calm and clear-headed. Even his political enemies admit that he is a good administrator. There can be little doubt that in these confused days we NEED a good administrator in Washington.

But Dewey, young as he is, is associated in people's minds with politics as we have known politics in the past.

The coon's his goose. The lesson of Wisconsin, followed by Nebraska, now followed by Pennsylvania, is that the general run of people are tired of politics as is and has been, and want something new and better.

They hope Stassen can provide it.

THE mass instinct of the people, on FUNDAMENTALS, has always been trustworthy in this country. It was this mass instinct of the people that put Lincoln, a homely, gawky unknown from the West, into the White House in the critical year of 1860.

History proved that the mass instinct of the people was sound then. We must hope it is equally sound now. For better or worse, Harold Stassen is 1948's man of the hour.

SULLIVAN QUILTS DEMO POSITION. WASHINGTON, April 28 (AP)—Gael Sullivan resigned today as executive director of the democratic national committee.

He said he will become associated with the Theatre Owners of America.

Friends said they understood Sullivan still receive about \$50,000 a year in his new job.

His resignation is effective May 10.

The 43-year-old Chicagoan joined the democratic committee in February, 1947, after resigning as second assistant postmaster general.

Sullivan has been reported not too happy in his party job and critical of some campaign methods.

In a recent speech before the American Society of Newspaper Editors, he criticized the demagogue for complacency and credited the 1946 republican victory in the congressional elections to their organizing down to the precinct level.

Wet Weather Holding Up Farm Work Over Klamath Basin Area. By C. A. HENDERSON, County Agent.

Unusually wet weather has delayed spring farm work to a considerable extent. Much land is too wet to work even yet, which is delaying grain planting. Usually at this time of the year quite an acreage of grain is planted but this year it is questionable whether or not all the acreage intended for grain can be planted in the time left, unless immediate improvement in weather conditions comes about.

While grain is the most seriously affected, other spring planted crops have also been delayed. Ground conditions have not been favorable for some early onion planting and since the season is now so far advanced some of this acreage will not be planted. About the last 10 days in April the first potatoes are planted in the Klamath basin. To date, soil conditions have not been too good and this planting undoubtedly will be late. Usually, weather conditions permitting, planting of early hardy vegetables are made at this time but it has not been the case this year. Such crops as radishes, onions, peas, etc. have all received a late start. Transplanting also has been held back by wet soil conditions.

Grass Slow. Grass has been particularly slow in starting, resulting in heavy hay feeding even up to the present time. Klamath county usually has quite a carry-over of hay but this year due

WEATHER

Max (April 27): 43	Min.: 33
Precipitation last 24 hours: .14	
Stream year to date: 16.55	
Normal: 10.82	Last year: 7.15
Forecast: Cloudy, rain.	

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General Land News

Japanese Police Battle Korea



Japanese policemen with raised clubs, drove against rioting Koreans who invaded the prefectural building in Osaka, Japan (April 27) to protest closing of Korean schools. The building was damaged heavily. Twenty-two policemen and 16 Koreans were injured in the fighting.

Stassen Wins Pennsylvania Presidential Popularity Poll

PHILADELPHIA, April 28 (AP)—White House hopeful Harold E. Stassen today won Pennsylvania's republican presidential popularity contest.

The former Minnesota governor captured first place in yesterday's preferential write-in vote primary. He scored a slim and surprising victory over New York's Governor Thomas E. Dewey.

Red Purge Bill Proposed

WASHINGTON, April 28 (AP)—Legislation to permit criminal prosecution of communist party officials and to expose party members and fronts was approved unanimously today by the house-un-American activities committee.

The committee hopes to bring the bill before the house for action next week.

Rep. Mundt (R-SD) told reporters:

It is really a pretty tough bill now. But we think it will stand up constitutionally and it certainly will put a crimp in the activities of communists in America."

Arabs Shelling Jew Settlement

HAIFA, Palestine, April 28 (AP)—Reports reaching Haifa said Arabs began shelling a Jewish settlement on the Trans-Jordan frontier today.

Jewish sources said the Trans-Jordan Arab legion launched the attack and that 10 Jews were killed.

The settlement is near the Palestine Electric corporation power station at Naharaim, built in 1927 to supply water power for Palestine from the rivers Jordan and Yarmuk. The station itself is located in Trans-Jordanian territory.

Seamen May Vote Strike

PORTLAND, April 28 (AP)—Possibility of a June 15 waterfront strike over the hiring hall issue is being discussed by the maritime unions, a longshoreman's union representative reported today.

However, Russell Ferguson, manager of the Portland Waterfront Employers' association, said, "We don't think there will be any work stoppage June 15."

Merrill Meacham, international executive board member of the CIO longshoremen's union, said ballots had been distributed for a strike referendum next week at all Pacific Coast ports.

Meacham said his union is ready to strike if the hiring hall issue is not settled satisfactorily. Representatives of other waterfront unions here met Monday to consider plans should a strike be called, he said.

Weather Bad In Portland, Too

PORTLAND, April 28 (AP)—The weatherman agrees that April 1948 has been pretty bad—at least in the Portland area.

The current cold spell—as of yesterday—was the coldest for April on record since 1894.

Furthermore, the last two months have had three inches more rain than normal. Rain has fallen two days of every three, instead of one out of every two.

Getting the weather gripes down to fine figures, the weatherman added that April this year has had sunshine only 38 per cent of the possible sunshine hours. This is pretty gloomy. The normal is 49 per cent.

Wild Story Of Murder And Theft Sends Officers On Fruitless All-Night Hunt

ALTURAS, April 28 (AP)—A story of theft and murder, which was later retracted, sent a California-Oregon posse on an all-night search for an abandoned car and body in the area between here and Lakeview last night and early today.

The story came from Walter Bradford, 18, one of three youths captured by officers after an exchange of gunfire on an Alturas street early Tuesday morning. Bradford gave the vivid account after police Tuesday afternoon captured Pardon Allen, 22, of Lakeview, at Adin in Modoc county. Allen escaped in the gun battle which resulted in the immediate capture of Bradford and Floyd Boardman, 18.

With all three of the youths in custody, District Attorney Charles Lederer said today that he plans to file charges of assault while armed with a dangerous weapon and with intent to commit murder against Bradford and Allen. This charge will be based on the gunfire resistance given by the pair on the Alturas street yesterday morning when officers sought to pick up the trio for questioning.

Bradford was grilled by the Alturas authorities last night and told them the story that started the interstate search along US 395. According to Lederer, Bradford told him that he and Allen had stolen an automobile at John Day, in North Central Oregon, and that while in the act of stealing the car, the owner came out of his house. The story was that they struck the owner of the car on the head, pulled his body into the car and drove south.

He said somewhere between Lakeview and Alturas they abandoned the car on a side road.

Lederer said there was blood on Bradford's coat, which tended to bear out the story.

Posse Organized. A posse was organized last night, under direction of Sheriff Glynn Johnston of Alturas, Sheriff Hank Cassidy of Lakeview, Lederer and District Attorney Robert Welch of Lake county.

The group went thoroughly over the road between New Pine Creek and Lakeview, and went out on many side roads, attempting to follow Bradford's directions.

No car was found.

Lederer said that he then confronted Bradford again, and the youth retracted the story of the killing, but insisted the youths had stolen the car and abandoned it.

The district attorney here telephoned John Day, and was told no one was missing there, but that an investigation would be started from that end. There was another story that two John Day youths were hired to drive Bradford and Allen to Lakeview, but that they drove them only to a point six miles south of John Day. The DA was trying to mesh this yarn into the other story.

Allen, a Lakeview man and parolee from Oregon state prison, refused to talk at any length when taken into custody at Adin, 41 miles southwest of Alturas yesterday. Modoc county Deputy Sheriff Vern Basset nabbed the fugitive as he entered a tavern in Adin. Allen denied he had been in Alturas, but officers believe he hitch-hiked to Adin after the gun battle yesterday morning.

In the gunplay, Boardman was shot in the arm. Lederer said that Boardman did not come into California from Oregon with the other youths, but joined them here. He was not armed in the gun battle.

Allen told officers his home was in Klamath Falls.

Union Ratifies Fir Pay Raise

PORTLAND, April 28 (AP)—Members of CIO Woodworkers' union locals have ratified a 12½-cent an hour pay raise that sets the hourly minimum at \$1.45 in the fir operations of four states.

Carl Winn, union executive secretary, said the action involved 40,000 IWA members in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Northern California.

The general wage increase also applies to some 600 boom and rail workers but does not affect their strike for a higher differential. Winn said they have asked a \$16 a day minimum. The river workers have been idle since April 12.

Winn explained that the union membership action on the general wage scale leaves certain issues to be negotiated on a local basis.

US Ponders Proposal To Give Military Lend-Lease To Europe

WASHINGTON, April 28 (AP)—Secretary of State Marshall said today the whole problem of American assistance to the Western European Union is under active consideration. He said that includes the question of giving military lend-lease to those nations.

At a news conference, Marshall touched on these other high spots in foreign affairs:

1. An Arab league spokesman has given the United States assurances that Arab armies are not invading Palestine.

2. Marshall's meeting last night with Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.), John Foster Dulles, former UN delegate and Undersecretary of State Robert A. Lovett, covered the subject of proposals in congress for changing the United Nations charter. Marshall declined to say whether other subjects also were taken up.

3. The actions of Soviet military

Three Unions Set To Walk

CHICAGO, April 28 (AP)—A strike that would shut down the nation's railroad service was called today for 6 a. m. May 11.

In Washington the national (railway) mediation board was considering last-minute intervention to avert the crippling walkout. All previous efforts to resolve the wage dispute through the elaborate machinery of the railway labor law failed.

The strike date for 150,000 railroad locomotive engineers, firemen, engineers and switchmen was made public in Cleveland by a spokesman for the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers.

The information was given out in advance of a scheduled statement being prepared in Chicago by representatives of the three unions. After keeping newsmen waiting for nearly an hour in Chicago, a spokesman for the union committee said the group would make no statement "at this time."

The spokesman gave no reason for the delay. There is, however, a strong rivalry between the three unions, although they are acting in concert in the present wage dispute.

The strike would paralyze the country's transportation system by pulling locomotive engineers, firemen and engineers and switchmen off the jobs. Two years ago a strike cut off rail service for two days until President Truman intervened.

Path Not Clear. What legal steps might be undertaken to head off the crippling walkout remained a question. The wage dispute between the unions and the nation's class one railroads has passed through all steps of machinery set up by the national railway labor act.

Railroad workers are excluded from coverage by the Taft-Hartley law. Hence the government cannot ask for an anti-strike injunction as it did recently against John L. Lewis' coal miners.

There was no immediate word from the White House whether Mr. Truman might step into the dispute as he did in May, 1946.

Hopes of averting the strike, which would paralyze the country's railroad system, faded last night. Union and rail officials, who have been meeting for the last two weeks in efforts to settle their six-month-old wage dispute, broke up their meeting shortly before midnight.

Deadline Over. Last midnight was the deadline set by the unions for setting a strike date if an agreement had not been reached.

After a breakup of the negotiations, Alvanley Johnston, president of the locomotive engineers, said in Cleveland that "I don't believe the railroads showed any disposition to work things out. From what our negotiating committee says, the railroads wouldn't do anything to try to settle the dispute."

A spokesman for the carriers said that throughout the conferences the unions had rejected all proposals made by the railroads with respect to the recommendations made by the presidential fact-finding board.

Oil Purchase Charge Made

WASHINGTON, April 28 (AP)—A senate committee declared today that the navy was overcharged at least \$30,000,000 on its wartime purchases of Arabian oil.

The committee put the blame on what it called the Arabian American Oil company's "avaricious desire for enormous profits" and a government "lack of responsibility."

The company, known as Aramco, retorted that its price policies have saved the navy more than \$26,500,000. It said "the benefits to the nation's economy... have only just begun."

The congressional charges were outlined in a windup report by the senate war investigating committee. The committee held lengthy hearings on the wartime oil deals between the navy and Aramco, which operates the Saudi Arabian concession.

The report declared that the company "received all the benefits" from more than \$99,000,000 worth of lend-lease oil given to Saudi Arabia "and in return ignored their promises" to sell oil to the government at a nominal profit.

"The committee believes that the navy department wholly failed to exercise its wartime procurement authority... in awarding contracts to Aramco... at prices which the navy representatives admitted were excessive."

Medford Gets Touch Of Snow

PORTLAND, April 28 (AP)—A bad April turned still worse today: snow fell in Medford.

A pocket of cold air in the Rogue River valley sent the mercury down to 33 degrees in Medford, and brought snow at Medford, Sexton and Siskiyou summits. Points farther north got the usual rain, and Portland, which is making an April record of sorts, drew another chilly, damp day.

Hats Barred At Women's Conclave

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., April 28 (AP)—Delegates to the national convention of the League of Women Voters here this week won't be permitted to wear hats to business sessions.

"High and fancy hats prevent proper visibility for action on the floor," explained President Anna Lord Strauss, announcing the ban at yesterday's opening session.

To Wed In May



John Hardy Anderson, 30, aircraft company executive, and Diana Bennett Wanger, 20, daughter of Screen Actress Joan Bennett, apply for a marriage license in Los Angeles. They plan to marry in May.