All-Stars
Tomorrow will be a big day for high school footballers in the Carolinas. Besides the Shrine game, The News sports department will announce its North and South Carolina all-star squads for 1946. See the sport section of tomorrow's News.

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U. S. MAPS FIGHT IN STRIKE

Ministers Count Peace Treaties Virtually Completed

For A Needy Child

The Empty Stocking Fund

By FRECK SPROLES
Empty Stocking Fund Editor

Mr. B., who is one of the people registered at the Christmas Bureau although he doesn't know it, has been too busy being father, mother, breadwinner and nurse at his house these past few months to stop to think about the business of being Sant Claus.

And he couldn't do much about this Christmas stocking business if he did have time to settle down and give it a thought. That's why a social worker has listed his name as one of the persons in Charlotte who most deserves a helping hand.

His wife, you see, became seriously ill several months or so ago. With medical bills mounting, he couldn't afford to engage a nurse or maid to help in his home, and he had five daughters to care for.

He asked for advice when the girls posed problems that were too much for him, and he called for help when his wife needed constant attention. The social worker who gave him the advice and assistance needed was willing to help him, for he was definitely trying to help himself.

She realized recently that he was worried about warmer clothing for his three older daughters. They have outgrown the ones they have, and these are "hand-me-downs" for the smaller fry. They have to have new ones in order to go to and from school on the bitterly cold days.

This family of Mr. B.'s is one of the most worthy on the list. His income has been inadequate for the necessities. It will not be for Christmas extras and necessities.

Send your check to The News Empty Stocking Fund so that his five daughters and other youngsters like them will have full stockings on Christmas morning. Register needy cases with the Christmas Bureau, Telephone 4-1221.

Amount previously acknowledged $427.50
J. Chadburn Belles 50.00
M. L. Cannon 20.00
E. F. Coles 5.00
J. C. Cornell Jr. 10.00
Harry L. Dalton 100.00
E. S. Dillard 10.00
G. O. Degerstedt 3.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fraser 10.00
Mrs. J. M. Gamewell Sr. 25.00
Peter S Gilchrist 10.00
Friend No. 1 ..... 10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin L. Jones 25.00
Charles E. Lambeth 15.00
J. H. Little 15.00
John J. Parker 10.00
Total to date $805.50

No Settlement Seen On India

LONDON—(AP)—India's estranged Hindu and Moslem leaders faced a last round of talks with mediating British officials today with no settlement of their differences in sight.

Though in conference since Tuesday, the British still had not been able to bring together the heads of the factions in a roundtable discussion.

They got no farther than separate talks with Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, former president of the Hindu-led All-India Congress; his Sikh ally, Sardar Baldev Singh; Mahomed Ali Jinnah, president of the Moslem League, and Liaquat Ali Khan, League secretary.

Furthermore, Jinnah and his following still seemed determined to boycott the constitution-making assembly to be held under the British Cabinet mission plan for Indian independence. Nehru planned to begin a return trip to India tomorrow, to be in New Delhi in time for the opening of the Constituent Assembly Monday, but Jinnah had made no arrangements to leave London.

The key difference between the rivals was understood still to be Jinnah's demand for Pakistan, an autonomous Moslem state within the new India, and Congress' stern opposition to this.

Mausoleum Owner Balks At Grass-Cutting Charge

NORRISTOWN, Pa.—(AP)—George H. Stephenson, 91-year-old investment broker, has a $9,000 cemetery mausoleum but he can't use it because he feels a $50 grass cutting charge is unjust.

He took action yesterday to rectify the situation by asking Montgomery County court to restrain West Laurel Hill Cemetery Co. from refusing further use of the mausoleum.

Stephenson said that in 1934 and 1935 he was given a grass-cutting bill of three cents per square foot for his 834 square foot lot.

Pointing out that the mausoleum itself covers 204 feet of the lot, Stephenson said "I was willing to pay where they did cut but not where they didn't."

Molotov In Last-Minute Concessions

Final Agreement In Prospect

NEW YORK — (AP) — After more than a year of conferences sharpened by many bitter disputes between Russia and the Western powers, the Council of Foreign-Ministers today counted the European satellite peace treaties virtually completed due mainly to sweeping last-minute concessions by Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov.

Final agreement on outstanding issues was not reached, however, until Secretary of State James F. Byrnes had reluctantly accepted a proposal that Italy pay a total of $360,000,000 in reparations = $35,000,000 more than the Paris peace conference had recommended.

Today the Big Four was due to clean up a number of relatively minor unsettled points and to act on a report from their naval committee presumably concerning the distribution of the Italian fleet among Italy and the victorious Allied powers.

According to decisions reached at Paris, the Italians were supposed to retain two battleships and a number of other naval craft. The remainder of the fleet, including three battleships and five cruisers, was to be apportioned among the Allies.

It was a Big Four session last night which finally swept away the last points of dispute of any consequence and made it possible for diplomats participating in the council's work to predict that the treaties for Italy, Rumania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Finland would be finally completed not later than Saturday afternoon. The Council then is expected to move on to a preliminary discussion of a German settlement Monday.

BIG DECISIONS

Here are the outstanding decisions made last night:

1. Reparations—Italy is to pay a total of $360,000,000—$125,000,000 to Yugoslavia, $105,000,000 to Greece, $100,000,000 to Russia, $25,000,000 to Ethiopia and $5,000,000 to Albania.

Bulgaria is to pay a total of $70,000,000 covering $45,000,000 to Yugoslavia and $45,000,000 to Greece, so that Greece and Yugoslavia each will receive $150,000,000.

2. Compensation for Allied property destroyed in Italy—Italy is to pay Allied citizens at the rate of 66 2-3 per cent of value.

3. Danube navigation — Molotov, yielding a point which he had contested for months, agreed to include in the Balkan treaties a guarantee of free use of the Danube River. The Big Four then decided

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Hedy Lamarr Seeks Release From Contract

HOLLYWOOD — (AP) — Actress Hedy LaMarr says expectant motherhood prevented her from making a picture for Marlborough Productions last Summer and wants the Superior Court to release her of any obligation to the producers.

Her suit said they contended she was obligated to appear in the film when physically able. She and her actor-husband, John Loder, expect a child next March.

By 'Sources In London'

Rumors That Stalin Is Ill 'Confirmed'

PARIS—(AP)—The London correspondent of the Rightist French newspaper L'Epoque reported today that "sources in London" had "confirmed" rumors from Turkey that Soviet Prime Minister Stalin was seriously ill. This dispatch followed by two days a London columnist's report that "Stalin's illness" now was the subject of daily bulletins from the Kremlin.

The London Star carried Wednesday in the column "Star Man's Dairy," the following item:

"Russians in London today were as anxious as everybody else to hear more about reports from Turkey that Stalin's illness has now taken a dangerous course.

"Embassy officials found it rather difficult to stick to the old formula about Stalin being in the best of health. It is now generally accepted, even there, that the 68-year-old leader, prematurely old through the strain of the last few years, is all but an invalid. It is significant that, for the benefit of Embassy staffs, the Kremlin now issues bulletins about Stalin's health. Only a few people in London have been told the full contents of them.

In London, a Russian press attache said that after the Star column appeared he checked at the embassy and found no one who had spoken to a Star representative.

"We have received no bulletins on Stalin's health here, and have seen none," this attache said. "We know nothing about his health."

The dispatch to L'Epoque quoted its London correspondent's unnamed sources as saying Stalin suffered a new stroke Nov. 4, "and was carried to Stochi, on the shore of the Black Sea near Batum, where last year he tried to recover his health."

BIRTH OF BABY VIOLATES LEASE—Marvin Court, his wife, and their sixteen-month-old son, Donald, of Cleveland ponder over an Ohio Supreme Court decision which held that Donald's birth violates terms of their apartment lease, restricting the rate to adults. They plan to carry the fight to the United States Supreme Court. (AP Wirephoto).

Issues Simmer

New Flareup At Oakland Feared

OAKLAND, Calif. — (AP) — East Bay employers called a meeting this afternoon to find out who said exactly what in settling Alameda County's $14,000,000 general strike yesterday.

One leading participant in the settlement negotiations, who asked that his name be withheld, concluded that "just now, everybody is standing around with a knife at everybody else's back; the situation is ripe to bear out all war again." But most other sources agreed that further flareups, if any, would be isolated and fragmentary, rather than a fresh general strike.

TWO STORES PICKETED

The two and a half days of civic paralysis ended at noon yesterday and picketing last night continued only at two retail stores—Kahns and Hastings—scenes of the incident which started the general walkout. (Police had convoyed non-union trucks through the lines.)

Conflicting statements beclouded the question of when either store would attempt reopening. An AFL-approved double line of police last night enabled 160 employees on strikebound in Kahn's Department Store since Wednesday — to reach the City Hall, whence they scattered unmolested to their homes. The other store, Hastings Clothing Shop, was dark last night.

AFL spokesmen, cheerily reported that the general strike settlement included a pledge by the City Manager that Oakland police would never again be used "as escort to guard professional strike-breakers," but a subsequent statement by City Manager John F. Hassler said he had pledged the City would follow the law of the land . . . and protect equally "the civil rights of all citizens, both as to their persons and their property . . ."

The employers' meeting today was scheduled by President Ford Tussing of United Employers, Inc., "as the result of conflicting reports and confusion," he said, and negotiators of the settlement will be asked to explain "in detail."

The Oakland Chamber of Commerce estimated that the work stoppage by 100,000 members of 143 AFL union locals had cost $14,000,000 in wages, sales and production in its two and a half days duration. It figured wage losses at $10,000,000.

Strike Will Pinch Britain

LONDON — (AP) — Food Minister John Strachey told the House of Commons today that the American coal strike threatened the "gravest consequences" to Great Britain and all other countries depending on North America for food supplies.

Unless the situation improves, Britain "almost certainly" must cut its bread ration from the present nine ounces a day and "it may well not prove possible to maintain the present bacon ration" of three ounces a week, Strachey said.

Strachey also told the legislators that because of the recent meat packing strike in Argentina "we have lost nearly seven weeks' shipments of meat, a loss which it is almost impossible to make up."

"No criticism," he said, "is implied or intended of the great transatlantic exporting countries. I know they are fully conscious of the difficulties which may be experienced abroad as a result of their own domestic troubles."

The Food Minister said Britain's wheat stocks are little more than half what they were at this time last year. He added:

"It is necessary for us to obtain additional supplies of wheat for this country during the next three or four months, over those which we have already purchased. I have asked the U. S. Government for shipments of wheat and flour in the near future.

"If the U. S. Government is unable to agree to our request, or if circumstances which made it impossible for these quantities to be moved to the American seaboard for loading on ships in the first few months of next year, then far from it being possible to deration bread it would seem that certainly be necessary to decrease the ration."

Jury Speeds Up Lynching Probe

ATHENS, Ga. — (AP) — Speeding up its inquiry, a Federal grand jury began questioning rank and file witnesses today in an effort to identify the men who murdered four Negroes in the gunshot lynching at Apalachee Bridge.

The grand jury, which began its probe last Tuesday, released Walton County planter Loy Harrison after six hours of interrogation yesterday, but kept its finger on the principal witness pending possible recall.

Harrison refused to talk after he emerged from the grand jury room. It was generally understood, however, that he covered the same ground as in previous testimony when he told how a mob of about twenty men halted his car last July 25 and led two Negro farmhands and their wives to summary execution.

Sixty witnesses from rural Walton County were expected to be interrogated today, giving rise to speculation that all of next week may be required for the continuing probe.

Nation's Economic Life Choked

Railroad Embargo Goes Into Effect

PITTSBURGH—(AP)—An embargo on railroad freight shipments today climaxed the snowballing effects of the soft coal strike with an avalanche of new unemployment that sent the idleness total above 213,000 in related industries.

Tens of thousands of American workers were handed pre-Christmas layoffs as the 16-day stoppage gradually choked off the economic, social and educational life of the nation.

Predictions from across the country indicated more than 5,000,000 workers would be idle by New Year's if the coal strike is still in progress.

PEOPLE WILL BE COLD

Meanwhile, the Government planned more stringent conservation measures to save the meager coal supply, including an extension of the drastic brown-outs now observed in 21 Eastern States.

John D. Small, Civilian Production chief, gloomily predicted, "We'll have people cold within a week," because of the strike.

The miners, generally, were restive but apparently content to watch and wait for word from John L. Lewis. However, in Durango, Colo., 40 AFL-United Mine Workers at six small coal mines in the area reported back to work yesterday.

"We needed Christmas money," was the terse comment of the returned miners who included Frank Martinez, president of the local.

Labor, including the powerful rival CIO organization which Lewis founded and then deserted, continued to pay lip service support of the UMW president and his union.

While CIO President Philip Murray announced plans to join in the appeal from the fines and conviction, the Detroit-Wayne County Council of the AFL disclosed it had named a committee to "study the feasibility of a one-day general strike of AFL workers in Detroit," in sympathy with the UMW.

Also in Detroit, four top officials of the CIO United Auto Workers termed Government actions in the soft coal dispute "a threat to the entire American labor movement," and declared, "The organized labor movement will not tolerate this attempt to turn back the clock of progress in labor relations."

FORD LAYOFFS

Ford Motor Co., beginning layoffs that may spread to 500,000 automobile workers within a week or ten days, idled 20,000 employees at midnight last night and said 20,000 more will be released tonight because of the coal shortage.

A Ford spokesman said all 90,000 Ford workers will be out of work within two weeks.

The Budd Co., which makes automobile bodies, announced that 12,000 to 14,000 employees of its Philadelphia and Detroit plants "might be laid off if the freight embargo continues long enough." The company, with 21,000 on the payroll, reported that so far its operations are normal.

Railroads also again drastically slashed payrolls with 5,000 workers furloughed in Kentucky alone. Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad said it will lay off an additional 2,421 men Monday, bringing the line's total idle to 7,121.

New York Central which has more than 3,500 workers already idle, said it will begin to lay off employees "in the thousands," beginning next week. The New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad planned to furlough 1,500 workers Monday.

The Union Pacific Railroad laid off 2,500 employees and Louisville the Southern Railroad laid off 800 men and the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, 200. In nearby coal yards, 120 cars were thrown out of work because there was no coal to handle. A fabricating division of Aluminum Company of America in Knoxville said it probably would close next Wednesday, idling 5,000 workers.

The railroad curtailments left at least three Pennsylvania towns—Oil City, Titusville and Bradford—with no train service at all.

General Electric laid off another 1,200 workers at its Schnectady, N. Y., plant last night to bring the unemployment total there to 3,000. GE's Erie, Pa., plant, which employs 13,000 workers or half of the city's working population, will close within two weeks because of the freight embargo, a company spokesman said.

Allegheny Ludlum Steel Corp. with plants at Brackenridge and West Leechburg, Pa., has notified its 13,500 workers that the strike will bring work to a virtual standstill.

Lost In 12 Days

Over A Quarter Of Frozen Coal Stocks Used Up

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Solid Fuels Administration estimated today that more than a quarter of the nation's frozen stocks of bituminous coal have trickled away within twelve days.

As of Dec. 3, SFA said only 2,346,650 tons remained of the 3,025,200 tons seized in transit or on Tidewater docks Nov. 26.

At the time of the coal mine shutdown Nov. 20, consumer stockpiles were estimated to contain an additional 62,000,000 tons. Weekly production from progressive and non-union mines is 650,000 tons.

The frozen stocks are available only to public utilities rendering public services — electricity, water, gas, sewage disposal and street and railway transportation — railroads, laundries, hospitals, dairies, bakeries, steamships, and domestic consumers having less than ten days' supply.

The SFA, in a summary, reported that the freeze order made available 60,504 carloads of coal—3,025,200 tons.

Up to Dec. 3, SFA had released 15,611 cars or 780,550 tons.

He said that during the first eleven days the rate of consumption was 1345 cars or 67,250 tons a day.

On the twelfth day, Dec. 2, new curtailments reduced withdrawals to 814 cars or 40,700 tons. The rate of withdrawal is expected to increase as other stockpiles dwindle.

Effective Monday

Drastic New Fuel Controls Slated

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Civilian Production Administration made ready today to clamp a new series of drastic fuel conservation restrictions on the nation Monday unless a soft coal strike settlement is reached beforehand.

Edward Falck, chief of CPA's office of emergency controls, said the new orders will:

1. Extend dimout restrictions to all utilities in the country which derive electricity from soft coal. Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Tennessee and Mississippi will be affected most.

2. Require that the more stringent "second phase" of the dimout restrictions, already announced for 21 Northern and Eastern states and the District of Columbia, be put into operation when coal stocks of utilities have dropped to a twenty instead of a fifteen-day supply.

3. Require utilities with more than a specified amount of coal—possibly a 60-day supply—to share the remainder with other utilities.

Falck said the new orders, when issued, will become operative "as soon as the groups affected can be notified."

They may include the freezing of industrial and commercial coke supplies.

TO DIVERT COKE

The coke, which heretofore has not come under Federal restrictions, would be diverted to manufacturers of artificial gas whose deliveries of gas to non-essential users already have been ordered curtailed when their coal stocks drop to a three-week supply.

Another order under consideration would freeze coal supplies of industries forced to close by the strike, and supplies of other industries, including railroads, in excess of a specified amount.

There were also these other developments:

1. The Solid Fuels Administration summoned coal conservators from all states to an emergency meeting Dec. 11, in Washington.

2. The same agency proposed that no coal be burned in places of amusement, schools or other buildings, public or private where this would not endanger health.

3. A general rail freight and express embargo creating widespread unemployment went

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NAM Labor Ideas Heard

NEW YORK—(AP)—The National Association of Manufacturers outlined today its proposals for changes in the national labor laws and heard the head of the American Legion assail "crackpots who are working to get the individual something for nothing."

Paul H. Griffith, National Commander of the Legion, in a speech prepared for delivery at the morning session of the final day of NAM's Congress of American Industry, said the impractical idealists, the do-gooders and all the other crackpots "were either the willing or unwitting tools" of Communists.

"FALSE CONCEPT"

All past attempts to set up an economic system without incentives have failed, Griffith said, and its present advocates "are seeking to palm it off under a false concept of social security."

Griffith added: "Let's get away from the fool idea that life offers any free rides or any free lunches. If the individual abandons reliance upon himself, he transfers his dependence upon someone else. He cannot do that except by acquiring a master, losing his independence and, in the end, his freedom."

Proposals on a new national labor policy, as drafted for submission to the NAM delegates, took shape in over-night conferences.

NAM was reported as prepared to renew its opposition to compulsory arbitration, to unionization of foremen, to mass picketing, to compulsory membership in a union, to jurisdictional or sympathy strikes, to strikes against the Government, to Government intervention in labor disputes beyond making impartial conciliators available.

The manufacturers were also reported ready to sanction the right

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Lewis, UMW Post Bonds To Cover Court Fines

Truman Meets With Cabinet

WASHINGTON— (AP) — An hour-long Presidential Cabinet meeting on the coal crisis broke up today with one member declaring privately:

"There will be no turning back in this fight."

This sentiment was voiced as CIO President Philip Murray called on all organized labor to join the battle against Government efforts to end the miners' walkout by injunction.

President Truman presumably obtained his Cabinet's views on the approach he should take in his Sunday night broadcast to the nation. After the Cabinet meeting, the President also saw Representative Randolph, Democrat from a coal region of West Virginia.

BONDS POSTED

With organized labor marshaling reinforcements for John L. Lewis' battle through the high courts, the United Mine Workers posted bond to cover the $3,510,000 fines imposed on them for ignoring a court order against striking.

The union put up U. S. Government bonds with a face value of $3,500,000 and Lewis posted a $10,000 cash bond to meet his personal fine. Both cash and bonds were sent to a U. S. Treasury vault for safekeeping.

The union deposited as surety on $1,000,000 coupon bonds of $10,000 each, 160 Treasury coupon bonds of $10,000 each, and nine other Treasury certificates of $100,000 denomination each.

The denominations of the cash bills submitted by Lewis' attorneys were not disclosed.

Senator Capehart, Republican, Indiana, meanwhile came out with a statement that he has "good reason to believe" the strike can be settled in one hour if Mr. Truman and Lewis sit down together.

He said he was "reliably informed" that Lewis, prior to receiving a sentence for contempt of court, had offered to start negotiations that would have settled the strike "satisfactorily."

The offer, Capehart's statement added, was made to Federal Judge T. Alan Goldsborough on the condition that the contempt sentencing be postponed for 24 hours. Government attorneys, Capehart said, rejected the proposal.

MURRAY'S BID

CIO President Murray formally invited the rival AFL and the independent Railway Brotherhoods to join the CIO in "unified action" to combat what he called a "deliberate and monstrous movement" to cripple labor.

In a letter directed to AFL President William Green and to leaders of the railway brotherhoods, the CIO chief declared the Federal Court injunction against John L. Lewis and the "vengeful fine" of $3,510,000 against the Mine Workers is the first step in a campaign of "hysteria" against labor.

Murray said yesterday the CIO would join Lewis' AFL Mine Workers in appealing the contempt fines levied against them for ignoring a Federal Court order to end the strike.

In his letter released today, Murray wrote:

"The stage is set for the tools of reaction to be met by a wave of hysteria deliberately fomented and inspired.

"It is my sincere conviction that we, the leaders of our respective organizations, must in the interest of our nation and our democratic institutions arise above any petty or partisan quarrels to assure the successful completion of such a (labor unity) program."

In addition to Green, the letter went to President A. F. Whitney of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and Chairman T. C. Cashen of the Railway Labor Executives' Association.

In a series of denunciatory statements, union leaders of all camps turned pressure on the President

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For Emergency Needs

250,000 Tons Of Coal Available From Army

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The War Department announced today the Army is ready to make available 250,000 tons of coal for public emergency needs resulting from the miners' strike.

The announcement said the fuel is available as the result of "severe, Army-wide economy measures" for which orders have been issued to all commands.

They include:

1. Discontinuance of all exterior lighting such as perimeter, fence and area lights within the limitations of internal security;

2. Reduction of street lighting to the lowest practical limit;

3. Rigid control of electricity in buildings;

4. Control of heating in warehouses and technical buildings to a maximum of 65 degrees in offices, 55 degrees where employees move about in their work and 40 degrees where they do work involving considerable exercise. No heat at all will be provided in warehouses where stored items are not subject to spoilage by freezing;

5. Use of Diesel generators where feasible.

The projected surplus was reported to the Solid Fuels Administrator before announcement.

WEATHER

Generally fair and somewhat warmer this afternoon, tonight and tomorrow. Temperatures slightly above normal this afternoon, then generally cooler Sunday. No rain is indicated.

Temperature at 8:30 today: High and low last 24 hours — [illegible]. Sunrise tomorrow — [illegible]. Sunset today — [illegible].