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Seamen Strike In Atlantic, Pacific And Gulf Ports

PLANE CRASH FATAL TO AT LEAST 20

Garssons Clear Of Shell Blame; May Offers To Testify

Retail Lids Back Monday

OPA Slaps Ceiling Back On Meat In Wholesale Market

By STERLING F. GREEN

WASHINGTON — (AP) — OPA erased ceilings from low-priced lipstick, toothpaste and other cosmetics today but but the lid back on meat at wholesale.

This is the last step in preparation for the return of butcher shop ceilings on Monday.

Simultaneously, OPA promised full-scale warfare on the meat black market, declaring it is keeping a sharp watch on companies in New York and Chicago which are holding big stocks bought at "very high prices."

DECONTROL SESSION

On still another price front, the Decontrol Board took a second look at ceiling-free milk and butter and apparently decided again that the cost of those items is not "unreasonable." A spokesman for the panel said it does not plan, at present, to call a hearing on the subject. That would be the first step toward any recontrol action.

The three members are holding their first full session since Aug. 30, when they ordered ceilings put back on meats, fats and oils but not on dairy products or grain. Chairman Roy L. Thompson at that time notified the dairy industry that ceilings would be restored if prices "move upward from here on out."

OPA expects to announce its retail prices for beef, lamb, pork and veal this week-end. They will average about three cents a pound higher than June 30 prices for pork, six cents higher for beef.

This reflects the higher than June 30 ceilings on livestock ordered by the Agriculture Department

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Full Tieup Predicted By Union

Ban Put On Rail Freight To Ports

NEW YORK — (AP) — AFL seamen struck in Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf ports at noon (EDT) today in a tieup union leaders predicted would stop all saltwater shipping.

President Truman announced that the dispute over limitation of negotiated wage raises by the Wage Stabilization Board was in the hands of Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach.

JUMP GUN

In New York and Baltimore, members of the Seamen's International Union and the Seamen's Union of the Pacific began walking off ships several hours before the scheduled hour.

Shortly after noon John Hawks, vice president of the SIU, announced here "the strike is on: it is in effect and 100 per cent effective."

The strike involved approximately 100,000 AFL seamen and 300,000 other AFL union members and the CIO National Maritime Union which has announced it would observe picket lines.

As Mr. Truman announced at his press conference in Washington that Schwellenbach now was handling the problem but that he would act when it was put before him, the Association of American Railroads embargoed all railroad freight shipments to ports, with certain exceptions.

The embargo applied to all carload and less-than-carload freight consigned or reconsigned to any port area and intended for export, coastwise or inter-coastal movement by water, including export freight intended for storage within the port area.

Longshoremen worked throughout the forenoon in New York but Charles Spencer, secretary of the New York district council, International Longshoremen's Association (AFL), said New York's 25,000 longshoremen would respect picket lines as soon as they were established tomorrow.

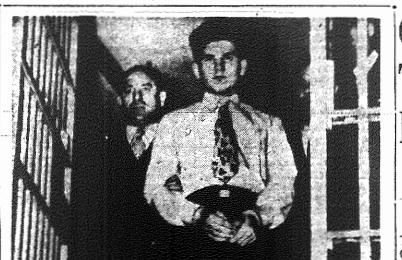
PICKETING IN WEST

Picketing began at dawn, however, along the San Francisco, Oakland and Portland, Ore., waterfronts.

The exact number of seamen who walkout out in New York was not known immediately but the U. S. Maritime Commission said there were 37 ships in port manned by SIU crews and sixteen manned by the SUP.

William Rentz, SIU business agent in Baltimore, estimated that 2,000 men were on between 35 and 40 ships in the Baltimore harbor.

The dispute is not between the union and ship operators but instead finds both arrayed against the WSB which refused to approve a $27.50 monthly wage increase to which both parties had agreed. The board held that any raise over $17.50 would be inflationary.



HEIRENS LEAVES JAIL FOR COURT—William Heirens (in white shirt), confessed slayer of six-year-old kidnaped Susanne Degnan and two women, leaves the Cook County Jail in Chicago en route to Criminal Court to plead guilty. Sgt. Joseph Briatta, sheriff's aide, holds his arm. (AP Wirephoto).

Combine Not To Blame For Defectives

Attributed To Faulty Fuses

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Army today cleared the Garsson munitions combine of any responsibility for defective 4.2 mortar shells which killed 38 American soldiers and injured 127.

A War Department report attributing the shell defects to faulty fuses was given to the Senate War Investigating Committee, which received from Representative May, Democrat, Kentucky, today an offer to submit to questioning in connection with his activities in behalf of the Garsson interests.

The report on the mortar shells, requested by the committee during its investigation of the munitions combine, said there were four principal manufacturers who produced the defective fuses. The concerns headed by Dr. Henry M. Garsson, the report said, made only the shells themselves.

FIRMS NAMED

The report, released at the War Department, named these firms as the principal makers of the fuses: William Fencil Co., Huntley, Ill.; Milwaukee Stamping Co., Milwaukee; Casco Products Corp., Bridgeport, Conn.; National Fireworks Co., West Hanover, Mass., described as a subsidiary of Casco.

Chairman Mead, Democrat, New York, of the committee has summarized some of the War Department's report in a statement last month but the full report was not made public at that time. The report said also:

1. Of about 4,000,000 rounds of the weapon fired in training, 63 exploded prematurely. The report said the percentage of defects was 1.58 shells for every 100,000 fired.

2. In the 1944-45 Battle of the Bulge in the Ardennes, the War Department ordered the firing of 4.2 shells that had been found defective but directed the use of lanyards so the crews could fire the weapons from a safe distance.

WORST ACCIDENT

3. The most serious accident was at the A. P. Hill Military Reservation, Fredericksburg, Va., where a muzzle burst in training wounded eleven officers, two of them fatally.

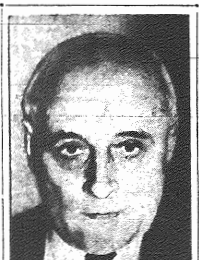
May made his offer to testify before the Senate committee in a letter to Mead. He said he would be willing to meet a subcommittee immediately at his home in Prestonsburg, Ky., or to appear before a formal committee session in Washington at a date "as determined by my physician."

Francis D. Flanagan, executive assistant to Committee counsel, told reporters action on May's proposal for a hearing at Prestonburg would await return of committee members to the capital.

May, who heads the House Military Committee, also submitted to Mead a statement which he said he would have read to the committee on July 26 if he had not been prevented by illness from testifying then.

In the statement, May gave his explanation of his association with the Garsson interests by Flanagan asserted it "definitely does not answer all of the committee questions."

May reiterated previous assertions that he profited in no way from his association with the Garsson combine. Specifically, he said, he had received no compensation for assistance to the Cumberland Lumber Co., one of the Garsson affiliates.



READY TO TALK — Rep. Andrew J. May, key figure in Washington munitions inquiry, who has informed a Senate committee that he is ready to submit to questioning.

Low Hill Struck By Transport In Nevada

2-Year-Old Boy Only Survivor

ELKO, Nev.—(AP)—Splitting open when it struck a low hill only two miles from the Elko airport, a Trans-Luxury Airlines two-engine plane crashed today, killing at least twenty persons.

There was one survivor, a two-year-old boy who was found in a sitting position about 100 feet from the shattered wreckage.

Airline officials at San Francisco said the plane had 24 persons aboard, including the crew, when it took off from New York yesterday for the West Coast city, where it was due at 2:45 A. M. Pacific Standard Time, today.

BODIES SCATTERED

Bodies of many of the passengers were strewn in a 100-foot area about the wreckage.

Acting Coroner Roy W. Woods said eighteen bodies had been brought to an undertaking parlor and that "two or three others probably those of crew members were in the nose of the plane."

The bodies included those of three women, one a Negro, and that of a six-month-old boy.

The left side of the plane was split in the crash and flre broke out in the nose of the ship. Smoke continued to stream up from the wreckage five hours after the crash, which occurred about 2 A. M. PST.

Shortly before the crash, the pilot radioed the Elko airport for landing clearance. He gave no indication of any difficulties.

Then came word the plane had cracked up and the smoking wreckage was found an hour and a half later.

The plane, a Douglas DC-3, was reported to have made its last stop at Cheyenne, Wyo. It was on a chartered flight with a passenger list made up of applications desiring to go to San Francisco.

FLAT COUNTRY

The terrain is relatively flat in the immediate vicinity of Elko, although there are rugged mountain ranges both east and west of the northwestern Nevada town.

Airport authorities said there was a high overcast with patches of ground fog at the time of the crash, but that the weather was favorable for flying.

The sun pierced the ground fog as all available ambulances and doctors reached the crash area.

Sources at Cheyenne said the pilot was Kenneth Campbell, reportedly from North Dakota, and the co-pilot was Harry Leatherman of Miami, Fla. The Stewardess was Marjorie Cox of San Francisco.

The Trans-Luxury company began cross-country flights about two months ago after operating a service from New York to Florida and Puerto Rico for two years.

Court Recesses

Defense Rests In Ewing Case

FAYETTEVILLE — (AP) — The defense rested its case today after having sought vainly to present testimony that there is insanity in the family of Wall C. Ewing, Cumberland County political leader who is on trial for his life on a charge of slaying his wife last March 13.

The defense notified Judge R. Hunt Parker shortly after noon that it had completed its case, and the Judge ordered a recess until Friday morning to allow Solicitor F. Ertel Carlyle to prepare rebuttal testimony. The case now is not expected to reach the jury until early next week.

In attempting to present testimony that there is insanity in the Ewing family, the defendant's youngest brother, Kent C. Ewing, was asked the following question:

"Do you know of your own knowledge that there is insanity in your family?"

Solicitor Carlyle objected to the question and to others in the same vein. Judge Parker sustained the objections, and the witness's answers were whispered to the court reporter so that the jury could not hear.

In his whispered testimony, young Ewing said that there had been several cases of insanity in his family, that his brother, Robert Ewing, committed suicide at the age of fifteen and that his aunt had been committed to a hospital for the insane.

The defense also sought to show that Ewing had been a kind and loving husband. It introduced an affectionate letter written by the defendant to his wife when—he was in New York on a business trip, and the defendant's insurance policies which named Mrs. Ewing as beneficiary. Ewing's will also was offered as evidence. It named Mrs. Ewing as executor of his estate and left all his real and personal property to "my beloved wife."

Defense testimony yesterday afternoon was that Ewing was a victim of an alcoholic psychosis and was incapable of knowing right from wrong. This was given by Dr. John Turner, a phychiatrist. Other witnesses told the jury that Mrs. Ewing apparently was drunk frequently or under the influence of alcohol or dope.

Heirens Attempts To Hang Himself

CHICAGO — (AP) — William Heirens, triple murderer awaiting court determination of his punishment, tried unsuccessfully to hang himself in the Cook County (Chicago) Jail early today, his guard reported.

The guard informed Warden Frank Sain that when he came on duty at 1 A. M. Heirens was hanging in a noose fashioned crudely with a bedsheet. The guard cut him down before the youth lost consciousness.

THIRD ATTEMPT

Heirens' attempt to kill himself was his third since his capture and confession of three killings and more than a score of burglaries and assaults. Previously he had tried to break open head wounds in the hope that he might bleed to death. He also had collected a store of aspirin tablets in the belief that a large overdose might kill him.

The seventeen-year-old student's newest attempt on his life came as the State prepared to close its presentation of evidence upon which Chief Justice Harold G. Ward of the Criminal Court will determine the penalty to be levied against him.

The State reportedly is not going to ask for the death penalty but will recommend that the University of Chicago sophomore with the rare dual personality be given a series of sentences which will insure his imprisonment for the rest of his life.

Heirens, without any apparent emotion, yesterday entered pleas of guilty to 23 indictments, including the kidnap-killing of little Suzanne Degnan and the murders of two Chicago women.

No Special Session Due

WASHINGTON —(AP)— President Truman today virtually ruled out any possibility of a special session of Congress this year.

He told his first news conference since returning from an eighteen-day vacation cruise that he knew of no emergency that would require such a session before the November elections.

Then, in response to further questioning, he said he had given no consideration to a special session after that time. Thus, Congress apparently will not get back in harness until the new session convenes in January.

The subject came up during a discussion of politics. Mr. Truman said he thought all members of Congress ought to have a chance to devote their time to campaigning right up to election day.

He also endorsed the New York Democratic ticket headed by Senator-Mead-for-Governor and former Gov. Herbert Lehman for Senator.

No Air Show For Greeks

ATHENS—(AP)—Plans to parade American airplanes across the skies of Athens were called off today as the U. S. aircraft carrier Franklin D. Roosevelt and escorting vessels reached Greece.

Rear Adm. John H. Cassady, commander of the task force, announced at Naples last Saturday that the Roosevelt would send up 120 planes to write FDR above Athens—"at the request of the Greek Government."

A naval attache of the U. S. Embassy, said today the air show had been considered but had been called off because it could not be integrated into a jammed four-day program.

The carrier crew had made plans for the air show but was advised while at sea to call it off. Informants who arrived with the carrier said the call-off order came from a diplomatic source in Athens.

Persons aboard the ship interpreted the action as a caution by the U. S. State Department to avoid any martial display while the ships were here. Russian Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov has called the carrier Roosevelt's visit an interference in Greek's internal affairs.

Red Trieste Stand Given

By ROBERT HEWETT

PARIS —(AP)— Andrei Y. Vishinsky, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister, called on the 21-nation Peace Conference today to "reject emphatically" Italian claims to disputed Trieste.

Outlining Soviet Russia's stand on the leading territorial issue before the postwar conference, Vishinsky said that Yugoslavia has an "unquestionable right" to Trieste. He said the Soviet Union was supporting the Big Four agreement to make a free territory of the port only because of "political consideration."

BONOMI ATTACKED

The Russian diplomat, in a speech before the Italian Political and Territorial Commission, accused Ivanoe Bonomi, former Italian Premier, of "closking annexations with the flag of justice" in claiming the important Adriatic port for Italy.

Vishinsky made it plain that Russia would abide by the Big Four Foreign Ministers decision to create the free territory of Trieste but declared sharply:

"Yugoslavia has an unquestionable right to the port and town of Trieste. The decision of the Foreign Ministers contains a minimum of justice. In our opinion it should contain a maximum of justice.

"But sometimes it is not possible to have a maximum of justice in dealing with political considerations. Sometimes when we are dealing with politics two and two don't make four—sometimes they add up to five."

Russia's voice in the Trieste dispute was heard on the fourth day of debate on the Istrian settlements. Italy and Yugoslavia have filed conflicting claims for the port, and Senator Tom Connally, Democrat, Texas, yesterday declared the United States wants to see an autonomous Trieste Government "that will command respect of both Yugoslavia and Trieste."

In hitting personal attack on Bonomi and the Italian people Vyshinsky said that Italy's claim to Trieste was a manifestation of the old "imperialistic and expansionist policy." Italy's motive, he added, was "a desire to grab up foreign properties." Yugoslavia's claim to Trieste was based, Vishinsky continued, on the dominant Slav population of the hinterland surrounding the port city—which has a majority of Italians within the city limits.

Stocks Come Back Strong

NEW YORK — (AP)— The stock market came back strong today, with leading issues advancing from $1 to more than $6 a share, to wipe out some of the losses suffered in the violent market break of Tuesday.

A new upward flurry in the final hour rushed many stocks well above the levels established earlier in the day, when yesterday's late rally was continued. The volume of trading ran well above the 2,000,000 share mark.

American Telephone rose $6 in the late spurt and both Union Pacific and International Harvester, which had been on the minus side yesterday, gained $4 or more. Eastman Kodak and DuPont continued their upward swing of yesterday with gains of $5 and $3, respectively.

Sugar Prices Will Go Up

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Government officials said today that sugar ceiling prices must go higher.

Although they shied away from estimating the exact increases, they mentioned that a boost of one cents a pound at retails levels would add about $80,000,000 a year to consumer costs.

Both OPA spokesmen and representatives of the Government Commodity Credit Corporation told a reporter the impending increase results from the Cuban-American agreement under which prices for Cuban sugar are based upon the increases in the cost of living within the United States, figured on a quarterly basis.

Cuba supplies about one-third of the sugar used within the United States and any prices paid Cuba must be reflected from all other sources.

Windstorm Hits In Minnesota

EL ROSA, Minn. — (AP) — A terrific windstorm, described by some witnesses as a tornado, lashed this central Minnesota area today, damaging every building in this village of 450 persons.

First reports made no mention of casualties.

The storm, accompanied by torrential rains, struck about 9 A. M. and damaged farm buildings for a distance of nearly 20 miles.

Plea For Farmers

La Guardia Calls For Action To Set Up World Food Board

COPENHAGEN—(AP)—UNRRA Director F. H. La Guardia made a fervent plea to the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization today for immediate action to set up a world food board and said that price stabilization "will put every gambling grain exchange out of business in Chicago, Winnipegg, Liverpool or wherever it is."

La Guardia, making his plea on the basis of lifting living standards of farmers of the world, said it was impossible to eliminate price fluctuations of commodities without disturbing present trade practices.

He said the liberated countries had lost "over 2,500,000 draft animals and 5,000,000 cattle and that 20,000,000 acres of arable land are not in cultivation because of lack of machinery and fertilizers, draft animals, seed and manpower."

La Guardia offered everything UNRRA has in the way of staff and experience to do the suggested work in liberated countries.

"We know that peasants and farmers have been exploited since time immemorial in every country of the world, including my own . . ." La Guardia said.

"In my own country, farmers for over 125 years have been working under disadvantageous conditions, selling their crops in a world market and living and buying in a domestic, protected market. . . . We want to bring the standard of the farmer of other countries up, and we refuse to bring the standard of our farmers down."

La Guardia lamented the fact that Russia was unrepresented at FAO. He said Argentina, which has an observer, the Ukraine and Soviet Russia, which have no representation, should be members.

La Guardia made the first suggestion for a world food board to control export. He proposed that price fluctuations of commodities be eliminated altogether and that a world food board purchase surpluses in co-operating countries over the needs of the people for food, feed and beverages. The food board then would be the only exporting agency, and every country needing a product like wheat would be able to give something in return for that surplus product.

New Canadian Envoy Named

OTTAWA — (AP) — Prime Minister W. L. MacKenzie King has announced the appointment of a new ambassador to the United States and a new high commissioner to London in a shuffle of Canada's top diplomatic posts.

Hume Wrong, 51-year-old career man, will succeed Lester B. Pearson in the Washington assignment.

Wrong has been serving as Associate Undersecretary of State for External Affairs. Pearson, upon completion of his Washington duties, will go to Ottawa as Undersecretary of State for External Affairs.

Norman A. Robertson, 42, another career man who has been Undersecretary of State for the past six years, will go to London as high commissioner, replacing Vincent Massey, who retired last Spring.

King himself, who has served as Minister of External Affairs, has resigned the post, which is now separated from the Prime Ministership. He will be succeeded by Louis St. Laurent, who will continue to serve as Justice Minister for the Dominion.

Where There's A Will, Etc.

Last Saturday Union County held an election on a special library tax levy. The election was conducted under a new statute passed by the 1945 Legislature. It passed overwhelmingly.

If the Union County election had been held under the same law as Mecklenburg County's recent vote, it would have been defeated. Conversely, if the Mecklenburg election had been held under the same statute as Union's, it would have passed.

News Staff Writer Reed Sarratt, noting this unusual situation, delved into the law and came up with an interesting story telling how it happened. You'll find the story on the Second Front.

I'LL RACE YOU HOME!

"First one home gets a treat from Mom." You bet she does, for Mom has been out shopping at the food stores advertised in The News and she's got something extra special. It's that way every Thursday, for then The News carries special food pages that beat them all. Shop the food pages of

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WEATHER

Fair this afternoon, tonight and tomorrow, with moderate temperatures. [illegible]

Temperatures at 3:30 today: High and low last 24 hours [illegible]. Sunset today [illegible]. Sunrise tomorrow [illegible].