

12 To 3 Vote House Committee Approves Turk Aid Measure

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Foreign Affairs Committee approved today the Greek-Turkish aid measure. Chairman Eaton, Republican, New Jersey, said the vote was 12 members for the measure with three voting present. Ten were absent. As finally approved by the House Committee, the measure contains five major differences from that now under debate in the Senate. Missing from the House bill is the George Vandenberg preamble...

Ministers Stymied

Deadlock Grips Moscow Meeting

MOSCOW (AP) — Secretary of State Marshall's 90-minute talk with Premier Stalin last night was understood today to have failed to break any of the deadlocks which have tied the Council of Foreign Ministers in knots over the whole range of issues. The chief value of the talk from Marshall's viewpoint, it is believed, was to have been the presentation to the Soviet leader of a German-American policy in relation to Germany, Europe and the whole trouble area of United States-Russian political and diplomatic conflict.

Operation Performed

Burglar Seeks Cure For Crime Tendency

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The brain of an ex-convict burglar requested as a means of ridding himself of criminal tendencies has been performed and pronounced a success. The operation, known professionally as a prefrontal lobectomy, was performed yesterday upon Millard Wright, 38, who petitioned Allegheny County courts for relief. Wright, father of two children, is ailing sentence for a series of burglaries. Convicted many times in the United States and in 1928, Wright could be sentenced to life under the Habitual Criminal Law.

Efforts To End Phone Strike Lag

Truman Keeps Hands Off Issue

WASHINGTON (AP) — Efforts to end the ten-day nationwide telephone strike were almost at a complete standstill today. This was the picture: 1. President Truman maintained his hands-off attitude and the White House said the strike is still in the hands of the Labor Department. 2. A Labor Department official said "we have no further suggestions at this time for the industry or union."

Appointment Announced

Ashmore Is Named Editor Of News

The appointment of Harry S. Ashmore as editor of the Charlotte News was announced today by Thomas L. Robinson, president and publisher. Mr. Ashmore has been associate editor of The News since joining the staff in October, 1945. The appointment fills a vacancy which has existed since January of this year when former Editor J. Dowd became general manager of The News.

At Stockholders' Meeting

Union-Breaking Effort Charged To A. T. & T.

NEW YORK (AP) — Henry Mayer, counsel for seventeen airlines, charged at the annual stockholders' meeting of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. today that the company was attempting to "break labor unions" in a nationwide strike of 1947. Mayer, not a stockholder in A. T. & T., but holding proxies in pleading the airlines' case, charged that the company was attempting to "break labor unions" in a nationwide strike of 1947. Mayer, not a stockholder in A. T. & T., but holding proxies in pleading the airlines' case, charged that the company was attempting to "break labor unions" in a nationwide strike of 1947.



HARRY S. ASHMORE Editor, The News

When the explosion occurred, I jumped under my roof deck. Pool said that the Monsanto Chemical Co. "simply doesn't exist," and he added "the devastation here is the most terrible I have ever seen. You can't imagine it. As I speak I feel there are thousands dead and injured."

Weather

Shows this afternoon, ending by night. Some rain, cooler tonight. Thursday clearing and cooler.

Explosion Set Off As Ship In Gulf Is Afire

More Than 1,000 Reported Injured As City Virtually Wiped Out

TEXAS CITY, Texas (AP) — Bloody from head to foot and wearing an improvised bandage about his badly cut head, W. H. Sanberg, vice-president of the Texas City Terminal Railway Co., gave the first eyewitness account of the explosion which drove him killed as many as 350 persons. He told Fred Pool of the La Porte Chamber of Commerce that the first explosion was on five French ship Grand Camille which he had just left five minutes previously. Sanberg's office was near the ship.

Explosion Details

The chain of explosions began on the Grand Camille, a French ship loaded with nitrate. It spread to the million dollar Monsanto Chemical Corp. plant, now reported a complete ruin following the explosion and fire. A death and casualty estimate was made by the Galveston Tribune, which rushed newsmen to the area. Telephone communications were disrupted by the explosion, the few remaining lines being clogged with emergency calls for help.

Great Disaster

Explosion Details

When the explosion followed, many on the docks were killed. Steel beams were hurled over the city, some as far as fifteen miles away. Many of the dead were Monsanto workers. Port Arthur and Orange, about 100 miles distant, said the blast was audible there, and buildings rocked. At Pelly, 27 miles distant, a man said the sound "hurt my eardrums." Fasting, 160 miles from here, claimed to have heard the sound also.

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