

# Strike Against U. S. Steel Appers All But Over



MASSED BANDS PLAY FOR CELEBRATION

Charlotte observed Armistice Day with a brief program in the center of Independence Square. Here the uniformed men stand at attention and the crowd of several

hundred stands with bared heads as bands of Central, Tech, Alexander Graham and Piedmont Schools play "The Star Spangled Banner".

## Two Die In Coal Hopper

CHARLOTTE, N. C. (AP)—Two men died under tons of coal in a metal hopper today while rescuers frantically only a few feet away.

They were buried while trying to clear a stoppage in the hopper at the S. C. Power Co. Charlotte St. plant.

Momentarily, rescuers were able to touch the leg of one man through operations, but were unable to force air to him or draw his body through the narrow metal opening.

Power company officials surmised that the men were trying to clear a jam in the hopper, a large bin with smaller chutes at the bottom through which coal is fed to the burners. Small chutes at Montgomery apparently walked into the hopper on safety beams and either fell or stepped off the beams onto the coal which was the jam.

THIN CRUST  
Apparently they thought was a solid bed of coal was a thin crust beneath which lay a mass of molten metal.

Rescue operations continued at such a pace that two company employees were given emergency treatment at the home for exhaustion and shock.

## Once-Over Lightly



Women never buy things unless they need them to show up some other woman. . . The main trouble is that some folks in they have to slip in less gear to do anything.

## Annual Observance Of Armistice Noted

By EMERY WINTER  
Charlotte News Staff Writer  
The 31st anniversary of the signing of the armistice ending World War I was observed here today with the traditional ceremony at Independence Square.

W. Harry C. Northrop, commander of the United States American Legion, sponsor of the ceremony, spoke briefly at the observance which started shortly before 11 A. M. the hour of the armistice bands from Central, Tech, Piedmont and Alexander Graham Schools marched to the Square, each approaching the intersection from a different direction.

The bands met at the Square and were led in the playing of "The Star Spangled Banner" by Robert C. Smith, director of music in the City schools.

## Nine Killed As Trucks Collide

OLLA BEND ARIZ.—The crash of a truck loaded with cotton pickers and a semi-trailer brought death to nine men and injured twelve others last night seventeen miles west of here.

The truck overturned two or three times, throwing the men onto the highway and desert. The toll rose to nine today with the death of an unidentified mine in a Phoenix hospital.

The men were recruited in the Los Angeles area. Three of the injured are reported in critical condition. The others are reported in serious condition.

Charles Davis, 39, Los Angeles, negro driver of the truck, told police the semi-trailer was stalled in the road. Police said a different driver was given F. Myers, driver of a bus two cars behind the accident.

Myers' account said the semi-trailer was going slow and that Davis tried to pass but was prevented by an oncoming car. Davis said that Davis truck clipped a corner of the other vehicle and overturned.

## Speakers Cite Costs Of War

By ASSOCIATED PRESS  
The assembly of military leaders today urged Americans to keep their armed forces powerful and thus help avoid a third world war.

They spoke at Armistice Day observances across the nation, and the world marked the 31st anniversary of the close of World War I.

In a talk at Greenville, N. C., Secretary of Defense Johnson set the tone with a speech at St. Louis in which he declared that "weakness breeds war, and that strength commands respect and discourages war."

In a talk at Greenville, N. C., Secretary of the Army Gray placed the probable ultimate cost to this country of World War II at one trillion dollars, and added that the United States must stay strong to avoid future conflict.

Other costs  
Secretary of Air Symington weighed the cost of the Second World War in terms of men and resources, as well as dollars, and said "we must do everything in our power to prevent recurrence of those international disasters called 'world wars'."

There were similar expressions from other leaders in Government, military and industry.

Speaking in Arlington, Va., in Washington, George N. Craig, national commander of the American Legion, declared that "the nation is observing Armistice Day this year 'with the dark shadow of a third world war'."

One reason, he said, is that the United States and other nations failed to achieve enduring peace after the first world war.

Johnson, in his speech, recalled how he saw Armistice Day come when he was in the Army in Europe.

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"In view of the fundamental faith of this country and the clear message of the constitution, if I do not see how we can do otherwise than take prompt action, Mr. Truman declared in an Armistice Day speech prepared for a meeting of the National States' Conference of Christians & Jews.

The President noted that just a few hours before he had laid wreath on the grave of the Unknown Soldier.

"No American knows, and no real American cares," he said, "whether there is a Catholic, a Jew or a Protestant, or what his creed and his race are."

"That grave of the Unknown Soldier—symbolizes our faith and our unity."

CITIZEN NEEDS  
"Mr. Truman indicated that passage of civil rights legislation might do much to spite critics of the United States by 'our enemies' abroad.

The first step of every enemy of this country has always been to attempt to separate the different racial groups and bring about a civil war which this nation has been waging."

"Mr. Truman has always tried to set up against group, faith or race, and he has tried to spread distrust and animosity among the people of this country."

"The task of achieving greater justice and freedom will be long and difficult. But we must do what we have founded our form of government and we have hope of a better world, are sure of a better world."

In various parts of the world today, we are seeing men and women are being deliberately persecuted for their religious beliefs and their race."

"These things are not only morally wrong—they threaten to destroy the very fabric of our achievements of civilization. They threaten to bring about a world in which the acts of men who are not as brothers."

The President's heavy emphasis on racial and religious discrimination in this country is a sign of a new era in the history of this country. Mr. Truman's civil rights program is a sign of a new era in the history of this country.

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## Lewis Makes Offer To Ask Coal Peace

NEW YORK (AP)—John L. Lewis said today he was willing to resolve the coal dispute at a meeting next week with the United Mine Workers' president.

The United Mine Workers' president announced his readiness to meet with Lewis at a press conference at his room in the Ritz-Carlton Hotel here.

However, he did not hold out any olive branch to Ching, director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

Instead, Lewis referred to "the China factor in Washington," his description of a meeting which the Federal official had arranged between Lewis and other UMW representatives failed at the last minute to show up for the meeting. Instead, Ching heard the message that he could not appear until Monday, Ching replied that the Monday date would be unworkable.

Lewis told the news conference that Ching "arbitrarily fixed Thursday for a meeting without consulting the UMW officials."

He added that UMW officials were being retrained trying to return coal diggers to their jobs. On Wednesday, Lewis said he would accept a three-week suspension of the coal strike.

He had comment on reports that President Truman was considering a new coal agreement with the United Mine Workers' president. Lewis said he would accept a three-week suspension of the coal strike.

"He said he doubted if such a plan would be 'thrown any light' on the dispute."

The UMW president said, however, that "the mine workers will attend any conference that may be convened within the policy of the organization. UMW will lead to a constructive solution of the problem."

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## No 40-Hour Week For This Man!

By ERNEST B. VACCARO  
WASHINGTON (AP)—Life for 61-year-old Robert Crabtree is just one round of hard work.

## War-time Devastation Of Washington Considered

By RICHARD F. POWERS  
WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of Defense James V. Forrestal said today that the possible movement of the seat of Government to a safe haven becomes the target for an attack.

## Plans Made For Emergency Government Seat

Wiley previously had asked Johnson what steps were being taken to decentralize in the event of an emergency.

## Archbishop Gets Pipe And Talk Goes Through

LONDON (AP)—The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, delayed making a speech at the Armistice Day observance here but he had left his pipe at home.

## James Roosevelt May Seek Office

LOS ANGELES (AP)—James Roosevelt, FDR's eldest son, is expected to announce his intentions for governorship of California next Thursday.

## Man Slugs Three, Leaps 3 Floors

NEW YORK (AP)—A young Marine, wearing a good conduct medal, ran smack in the Strand Theater making fools around the state, it was ready to make his candidacy for Governor of New York.

## Working Diligently

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman today urged Americans to work diligently to overcome those violations of the national faith which hold us together.