

HOUSE ALREADY TAKEN OVER

Keiser, Worsham Threaten Ransom's Early Open Lead

Illinois Pro Comes Home In 70, Two Under Par

Ferrier Blows On Front Nine

By RAY HOVE
(Earlier Story In The Sports Section)

Augusta Masters Champion Herman Keiser of Akron, Ohio, and circuit freshman Lew Worsham of Washington were rugging a dead heat for opening round leadership in the fourth annual Charlotte Open at Myers Park Club course this afternoon, though Henry Ransom of Ravinia, Ill., held the edge among the early finishers with a two-under-par 70.

Both Keiser and Worsham were four under par midway of the back nine and it became more apparent as the scores came in that the first day's advantage lay between the two.

Keiser missed the turn in 35, then proceeded to pick up three more strokes by the time he hit the fourteenth green.

Worsham, whose fame has been greatly enhanced by his honesty in the Jacksonville Open where he called a penalty stroke on himself, turned in 35 and picked up an additional stroke by the time he reached the fourteenth.

HEATERS SCORES 35
Keiser's leading pro, Clayton Heafner, made the turn in 35, was one up on the fourth hole.

Emory Harper of Columbia, S. C., led the group with a 32.

The frigid weather which delayed play some 40 minutes also held golfers down to the smallest size in the history of the tournament. Snow fell in occasional light bursts from the clouds and hardened from the high winds.

Early eighteen-hole scores included:

(* Denotes amateur.)

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Political Pot Boils

Ramsay May Run For 1949 Speaker; Vogler Mentioned

RALEIGH.—(AP)—The biennial race for speakership attracted attention in the House today and Rep. Kerr Ramsay of Rowan, chairman of the finance committee, indicated he would be a candidate in 1949.

Ramsay said, however, that he had no definite statement to make at this time. His colleague from Rowan, Rep. George Uzzell, twice has been defeated in the speakership race. Uzzell still is regarded as a potential candidate, along with Rep. Mosely of Guilford and Shumaker of Buncombe and Vogler of Mecklenburg.

Vogler, Capitol Hill sources have said, probably will be a candidate for State treasurer in the event that the incumbent, Charles M. Johnson, runs for Governor. Johnson is expected to announce shortly after the Legislature adjourns.

Should those plans change, Vogler is considered a likely candidate.

Patterson Testifies

Aid Plan Viewed As Peace Step

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Secretary of War Patterson asserted today that the Administration's \$400,000,000 measure to bulwark Greece and Turkey against communism "is not in the direction of war—but away from it."

His opinion was expressed to the House Foreign Affairs Committee which is conducting hearings on the proposal to send "limited" military missions, as well as money, to the two Mediterranean countries.

Rep. Jackson, Republican, California, told Patterson that "a lot of people are asking the question: 'Will this program lead to war?'"

"I believe," said Patterson, "that it will not result in war. It is the surest lead likely to result in war."

Patterson was asked by Rep. Vorse, Republican, Ohio, what the term "limited" meant in numbers.

"Anywhere from ten to 40," Patterson replied. "That is our present estimate. It is based on the assumption that the British Military Mission will continue in force."

"The provisions to which Patterson and Whitlock referred were a private matter," he said, "many times ownership plan designed to go into effect when building costs come down."

Under the plan, insured private loans would cover 85 per cent of the cost of the building. The cost would be 90 per cent at present. Payment would be over 30 years at four per cent interest.

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Conference Is Held On Phone Crisis

Union Leaders Talk With Gibson

By HAROLD W. WARD
WASHINGTON.—(AP)—A committee of union officials conferred today with Assistant Secretary of Labor John W. Gibson on the threatened nationwide telephone strike April 7.

Gibson, who met yesterday with officers of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., called in the afternoon to meet with the National Federation of Telephone Workers. The federation's 278,000 members plus a general walkout on the day after Easter in support of the contract demands.

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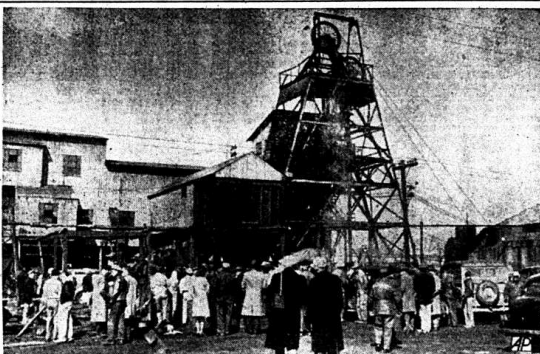
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HOPE DIMS FOR ENTOMBED MINERS BUT CROWD LINGERS.—Although hope faded for the lives of 72 miners still entombed by an explosion in the No. 5 mine of the Centralia Coal Co. at Centralia, Ill., some remain watchful at the entrance to the mine shaft.

'No Chance At All'

35 Known Dead, 76 Still Trapped In Illinois Mine

By CHARLES WHALEN
CENTRALIA, Ill.—(AP)—Fears that the death toll of Tuesday's mine explosion ultimately would reach 111 were intensified today as the bodies of 18 more miners were brought up the shaft of the Centralia Coal Company's No. 5 mine.

The recovery of these victims brought to 35 the number of known dead and left 76 still trapped below. A rescue squad leader gave those pinned underground "no chance at all."

A heavy snow fell over the grim setting as rescue squads after working through the early morning hours, brought the second group of 18 miners from 90 feet below the ground. There were only a few persons at the pit as the bodies were placed in ambulances and taken to a temporary morgue in a nearby bus garage. Last night eighteen bodies were being used in preference to temporary morgue in a nearby bus garage.

The toll of 111 dead predicted by William J. Rowkamp, rescue leader and recording secretary of the Centralia Local of the A. F. of M., said the mine, would rank the disaster as the greatest in the nation's coal fields since 1935 lost their lives in 1928 at Mather, Pa.

Rowkamp's views were echoed by other rescue workers who said that not a single victim has been taken alive from the mine since Tuesday night several hours after the explosion.

Opinions varied widely as to the length of time that would be required to complete exploration of the more than 3 1/2 mile tunnel, 540 feet below ground, in which the trapped men had been working.

Driscoll O. Scanlan, an Illinois State Mine inspector, said because of slow progress it might take a week to probe to the end of the seven-foot high passage. Mile power was being used in preference to machinery for fear of electrical sparks.

Rescue workers were boarded up to assure better ventilation for rescue workers.

After a brief recess—the first of three since the explosion—Molotov agreed to two points in the French proposal on German assets, and on the points, suggested an amendment. He rejected a third point—calling for an arbitration board to settle disputes between the Russians and others as to what constitutes German assets.

Molotov proposed that the deputies of the foreign ministers be instructed to "prepare a definition of German assets, excluding property seized by the Germans by direct force or as a consequence of German aggression or compensation from the Axis nations or the Axis."

The original French proposal on this point called for preparation of a "definition of German assets, including all property taken by force or duress and in general under the provisions of the German laws of the United Nations or Austria, for religious, political and racial reasons."

Republican-Backed Bill Sent Over To Senate

Revision Expected In Upper Chamber

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The House passed today a Republican bill slashing income taxes this year by almost \$4,000,000,000. The legislation will go to the Senate, where it probably will be revised.

Just before the final vote, the Republicans beat back a Democratic motion to lay and the bill until Congress has more information on the Government's expenditures and revenues, as well as possible new foreign commitments.

RETROACTIVE
The tax slash—if the Senate and President Truman approve it—would be retroactive to Jan. 1. It would cut taxes of \$5,000,000 lower income persons by 20 per cent and give a 20 per cent reduction to most others among the \$5,000,000 taxpayers.

Withholdings from wages and salaries would drop to lower levels in June 1, and taxpayers would get refunds on any overpayments from Jan. 1 to June 1.

However, Senator Taft, Republican, Ohio, already has indicated the Senate will revise the measure to make the cut effective July 1, instead of Jan. 1. This would hold the tax reduction to around \$1,900,000,000 this year.

Taft contends the House bill actually would cost the Treasury—by reducing income tax and cutting \$5,000,000,000 in the fiscal year—about \$1,900,000,000.

Some Democratic leaders said privately that Mr. Truman is bound to veto the bill if it reaches him in its present form.

ENGEL PROTESTS
Shortly before the House voted Rep. Engel, Republican, Michigan, said his bill "means the end of the low income group."

Engel, first Republican to speak against it, said the bill might defeat the GOP in next year's election. He said he wanted to give the "low income group a break."

Engel repeated a statement that the bill would mean a threatened attempt to oust him from Congress in next year's election unless he changes his stand.

BILL'S PROVISIONS
Here's how the bill would work: Taxable income above \$100,000 would mean a 20 per cent reduction for the \$100,000 to \$150,000; a married man earning up to about \$1,500; a married man earning up to \$2,000; a married couple with two children, \$3,000.

2. A 20 per cent cut for persons with taxable income above \$100,000 income reaches \$300,000. Any income above \$300,000 would get a 10 per cent tax cut.

3. A "notch" provision whereby each person with taxable income above \$100,000 would get graduated cuts ranging from 10 per cent to 20 per cent to prevent a too sharp transition from the 10 to the 20 per cent cutting levels.

We've had a bit of all of them this week, and no mistake. Makes you wonder if Spring will ever come. One thing you don't have to wonder about is where to find the best grocery values in town. The Thursday food pages of The Charlotte News are always your best bet for values. Look for them in