

LABOR DISPUTES SNARL EXPORTS

Truck Strike Is Reported Spreading

NEW YORK (AP) — Transportation snarls tightened today as trucking strikes spread and rail and air express shipments into the city embargoed because of another labor dispute.

About 2,000 members of the A. F. of M. truckers went on strike, and a second tranche of A. F. of M. truckers went on strike.

Through the 17th, disputes were unrelated, but hampered freight movements, and hurt allied industries.

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High Stakes In Court Trial Judge Calls Jesse Jones' Hand, Rules He Must Take The Stand

NEW YORK (AP) — A Federal judge has ruled that Jesse Jones is well enough to be questioned as a witness after he told that the Texas banker recently stayed up until 2 A. M. playing cards and drinking whisky.

In the ruling yesterday, Judge Samuel H. Kaufman turned down a plea that it would endanger the health of the 74-year-old former head of the Reconstruction Finance Corp. for him to appear as a witness in a suit.

Attorneys seeking Jones' appearance claimed that if a man's health can stand the strain of backing a straight in a poker game with a \$4,000 pot, and facing an opponent four times as old as he, he can stand the strain of testifying.

Questioning of Jones was sought by attorneys for James A. Moffatt, one time Federal Housing Administrator, in a \$50,000 suit against the Park Avenue American Oil Co. Inc.

Last Nov. 15, a Park Ave. physician filed an affidavit saying Jones had a severe heart condition and the affidavit expressed concern that for Jones to testify "would be detrimental to his health."

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Nationalists' Claims Are Discounted

Not even the pro-Government newspaper reports agreed on what was happening. It was certain only that the forces in the area were about 200 miles south of Suchow.

The weather, a key factor, turned against the Suchow defenders. Incredibly, the hampered air support such as helped Nationalist ground troops blunt the Communists' opening offensive late.

(Shanghai, 165 miles southeast of Hankow, about 100 miles from Suchow.) British authorities set up three safety zones for their own and children. U. S. Army planes evacuated American children from miles west of Shanghai.

The main fighting appeared to have stopped, but the status of the Suchow battle. Neutral observers reported conflicting reports of successes in this area.

Chinese Envoy Aids Appeals For U.S. Aid By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Chinese Ambassador Wellington Koo appealed to President Truman again for American moral and material aid for the hard-pressed Chinese National Government.

Mr. Truman received Koo after holding his second day-long conference of the week with Secretary of State Marshall. The White House did not disclose any details of the Truman-Koo talks.

Sailor Bound Over On Shooting Charge

By DONALD McDONALD Charlotte News Staff Writer

Walter Parrish, 20-year-old sailor charged with killing his wife and wounding her father in a wild shooting spree here Monday, "beats the rap" he wishes today "to get the whole thing over with."

He waived preliminary hearing in Judge E. MCA Currier's Police Court this morning on a superior court jury on the charges he killed Stacey Harris, 21-year-old ex-sailor, and wounded Franklin Harris, father of his estranged wife.

The elder Harris is in Memorial Hospital in ill condition. A doctor, after a short stay in the hospital, had been married since August, 1945, but had separated shortly before Parrish re-entrained in the Navy in October.

On Thursday, Friday on a short leave, Parrish visited the Harris', then spent the next day at his father-in-law's home. He returned to the Harris home shortly before 7 o'clock Sunday morning.

His rating, yeoman third class, allowed him to do clerical work in the Navy while he was stationed at Norfolk, Va.

Officers and detectives arrived to find the wife, Evelyn, struggling with her husband for possession of the gun. She out-weighs him, police estimated by approximately one pound.

Lawyer Says Crech Had 'Unfair Trial'

RALPH (AP) — The State Supreme Court today ordered James R. (Jimmy) Crech, who is under a death sentence for slaying his wife, to have a fair trial.

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Italian Colony Pact's Sought

PARIS (AP) — The United States is seeking international agreement for a future Italian colony pact.

John Foster Dulles, U. S. delegate to the United Nations, said agreement with Britain "and a number of other countries" is sought before the assembly attacks the problem.

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Douglas Says Labor Can Defeat Reds

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Union Accused

In the trucking dispute, the U. S. Supreme Court today accused the Local 282 picket lines to man their trucks.

The union is demanding a 21 1/2-cent hourly increase in basic wages that now range from \$53.90 to \$71.40 for a 40-hour week.

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Russians' Spy Charge Denied

By G. K. HODENFELD

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U. S. Army today denied a charge that Russian spies were active in the United States.

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Truman May Revise Price Plans

By STELLING F. GREEN

Planes Hunt For Missing Freighter

HALIFAX, N. S. (AP) — Three British bombers today set out to search for the British freighter Hesperus, 400 miles southeast of Halifax.

Clue Sought In Currency Quiz Replies

By ARTHUR GAVINSON

PARIS (AP) — Six neutral members of the United Nations Security Council took up again today their task of trying to break through the East-West deadlock on Berlin.

A United Nations official said today that Braganza, without explaining, had decided not to publish the answers.

Because currency is one of the chief causes of friction between the United States and the Soviet Union, Braganza is seeking to get at the root of the discord by solving the money problem.

The United States, Britain and France introduced the U. S. dollar in Western Europe, and the Western sources said earlier the Soviet and Western answers would be made available to the press.

After the meeting an Argentine source said Braganza intended to put further questions to the big power officials.

It appeared to be a general Western viewpoint that the currency problem cannot be separated from the general political situation in Berlin.

WEATHER

Mostly cloudy and not much change in temperature tonight and tomorrow. Temperature at 7 P. M. today... 49 High and low 48, 44. Wind... 1-10. Sunrise tomorrow... 7:07. Sunset... 5:07.