

RAILROAD PEACE BALANCE Many Miners Idle In Spite of Government Seizure



OH-HHHHHHHH, THAT FRANKIE... DRAUGHT FRIENDS, THAT POLICEMAN TOM MCCAIN... CHICAGO THEATER AFTER THE GIRL FAINTED DURING A FRANK SINATRA SHOW.

Reds Lose Changchun Nationalists Take Manchuria Capital... MUKDEN (AP)—The Government today announced that National troops formally recaptured Changchun at 11 A. M. after having engaged Communist remnants remaining in the city in sporadic fighting.

REDS WITHDRAWN Earlier Government dispatches said Communists were seen withdrawing from Changchun yesterday, presumably headed for Yungku (Kilin) 60 miles to the east. In contrast to the mild skirmishing which preceded Cheng's entry into Changchun today, the Communists were forced to wage a stubborn, four-day battle to seize the city in mid-April from a far inferior force.

More Time For Play Shopping day is never play day, but you'll have more time for pleasure when you plan your purchases with the Thursday Food Pages of The Charlotte News, your best guide to food values.

Lends A Helping Hand Negro Slayer Thoughtfully Aids In Burial Rites For His Victim... By DICK YOUNG Charlotte News Staff Writer Oscar Dunley, Negro farm hand of the Gilead Community near Huntersville, confessed to County Police that he murdered John White, a Negro of the same community. He helped to dig White's grave the next day.

Over Third Fail To Go Into Pits Soft Coal Truce Is About Over

By HAROLD W. WARD WASHINGTON (AP)—With more than a third of the soft coal miners idle despite Government seizure of the mines, a White House conference sought today to work out a wage contract acceptable to both John L. Lewis and coal operators. Among the conferees at the early morning meeting were Secretary of Labor Harold I. Green, Federal Mine Boss Secretary of Labor Hubert H. Work, Vice Admiral Ben Moreell, Krug's Lieutenant as Government operator of the pits also joined the talks.

Assistant Press Secretary Eben Ayers told reporters of the meeting but did not say what steps had been taken toward drafting a settlement. The picture was not rosy. The best that Secretary Krug could offer as Government mine boss was a guarded "hope" that the end of the current two-week truce Saturday would not plunge all the pits back into idleness.

The first 24 hours of Government seizure produced discouraging results from the Administration point of view. Thousands of miners who had gone back to work under the truce, quit their pits. This mass return to idleness closed down an additional 243 mines, increasing the number immobilized by the Government to more than 2,100 out of 4,500, total. TERMS WEIGHED With the strike's end rapidly approaching, Krug and Vice Admiral Moreell, who is charged with running the seized mines, weighed the pros and cons of the terms submitted to the Government for settlement of the two and one-half month strike.

British Make Protest LONDON (AP)—The British Government has sent a formal protest to Albania concerning an incident in which British troops were fired on last week by Albanian soldiers, according to a foreign office spokesman. The spokesman said the two British soldiers and the British ship, the Adriatic, were undamaged and no one was injured.

Await Strike Decision Southern Trains Held In Terminals

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Southern Railway today held in terminals all passenger trains scheduled to leave between 1 P. M. and 4 P. M. the zero hour for the threatened rail strike. Trains en route at the time were not affected, Southern officials said. In the event the strike is called off, the trains delayed at terminals will leave as soon as possible after a settlement is announced. They will be canceled if the strike goes on.

Crack Passenger Ruck Canceled NEW YORK (AP)—The Pennsylvania Railroad with no word from the White House on possible postponement of the scheduled 3 P. M. EDT rail strike, canceled its afternoon passenger service today.

Crowd Scatters As Bullets Fly Man Shoots Woman In Crowded Store

By FRED SPROLES Charlotte News Staff Writer Grant McCain, infuriated Negro, sent Kress store customers racing panic-stricken out of the big ten-cent store on the Square today as he fired a bullet into the store. He was hit twice before D. Mathis, manager of the store, grabbed the Negro. The shooting started at 1:15 P. M. during the midday rush in the store. Frantic customers at first rushed toward the Trade St. entrance of the store, where McCain had been arguing with his wife. Then the crowd turned and headed for the main entrance on Tryon. The Negro had by that time shot his wife in the chest and groin.

There were a number of witnesses to the shooting, but no one except the Negro woman was shot. One woman said a stray shot went down the stairs toward the crowded lunch counters. Mr. Mathis was at the rear of the store on the main floor when he heard the first shot and Besie's scream. He raced to the stairs at the rear of the store between the freight floor and basement and grabbed McCain the first to reach the Negro. Others who helped to grab and hold him were George W. Miller, Police Sgt. D. M. Grier and the Yellow Cab Co. W. T. Miller and Howard Griggs of the Herald Press. Police Sgt. William Spruce Pine, here for the Freeman's School, and George Price, Patrolman T. B. Gardner, who was on duty on the Tryon St. corner, made the arrest and McCain was taken to Police headquarters. Besie, conscious but badly wounded, was taken to the City Hospital.

The hospital report at 2:15 was that she was in serious condition. McCain was taken through the Negro woman's 9th entrance to her chest. The other shot was in the groin. When McCain was questioned by officers, he told them that he had been arguing with his wife because she had not bought a pair of shoes for him. He said he did not fit in with the crowd and he had a pair of No. 10 shoes under his bed and that he wore No. 11s.

Be's Reason for the Shooting. McCain's reason for the shooting, according to a report made to the police who arrested McCain at the hospital, was that he was mad because she had bought a new dress. Lunch counter customers began running to the first floor from the entrance of the store at 1:15. First shot, one woman, who had just received her lunch and had a dollar on the counter for her meal, left lunch and money.

People on the main floor toward the front thought the first shot was a pop-gun. The screams started that idea, and the race was on. Many people who had no idea what was going on headed toward the rear stairs and the Trade St. entrance where the shooting was taking place. Then the crowd turned and went out of the main entrance in one great surge. Passerby by gaped. And no one was really hurt but what had happened except the Negro woman. The Negro couple's home address was given by 1322 N. Ashby St. The 25-year-old Besie was on duty at the Kress store when the shooting took place.

Union Leaders and Operators At White House 'Every Effort' Is Being Made To Settle Rail Labor Dispute

By NORMAN WALKER WASHINGTON (AP)—The threatened railway strike held to within one hour of its scheduled start today with no news of settlement and with the railroads beginning to cut down train movements. At 3 P. M. the White House had added nothing to its announcement an hour earlier, but "every effort is being made to settle the rail labor dispute."

Charles G. Ross, Presidential press secretary gave reporters this picture of the situation at that hour: "I have very little to report. Mr. Whitney and Mr. Johnston (heads of the trainmen and engineer brotherhoods) are here. They have not yet seen the President."

Bus Capacity Inadequate

CHICAGO (AP)—By elimination of non-essential services, the nation's bus lines could carry 25 per cent more passengers, but if the railroads go on strike the bus passenger load will be quadrupled, Arthur M. Hill, vice-president of the Greyhound Corp., said today. In an interview at the convention of the National Association of Motor Vehicle Operators of which he is president, Hill said: "Of course, if the railroad men do strike we will do the best we can, but we can not hope to handle the volume of railroad traffic."

Rarity Quadruplets Are Born To Negro Woman

REIDSVILLE (AP)—Hitting on a million-to-one and a half chance, the 35-year-old wife of a coal miner today gave birth to a mother of quadruplets at Penn Memorial Hospital, here early this morning. The quadruplets, all girls, were reported as the heaviest ever born in the hospital. Mrs. Annie Mae Fultz, were delivered by Dr. Fred Kenner at intervals of about five minutes between each birth. Their weights were recorded as follows: three pounds, eight ounces; three pounds, 11 ounces; and three pounds, 10 ounces.

Japanese Facing Coal Mine Crisis

TOKYO (AP)—The Japanese Government and the coal industry was today facing a "catastrophic situation" for an "economic crisis which threatens to grind rehabilitation to a standstill." Miners, mine owners and Government officials—all were blamed for the situation in a statement issued by R. C. Becker, occupation fuel expert, who said hardly more than six days supply was on hand and that production was decreasing steadily. He accused miners of work slowdowns, rioting and seizure of colliery control. He blamed mine owners for an "unsympathetic attitude." He charged Japanese officials concerned with public safety with a "lack of courage" in assisting the industry.

Mightier Than Atom Bomb Says U. S. Has New And Terrible Weapon

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. Albert Thomas, Democrat, Texas, told the House today that the United States Navy has developed a weapon "far more deadly than the atomic bomb." A statement came during debate on the 1947 Navy appropriation bill. Thomas did not say what the weapon was in the nature of a death ray. Thomas declined to reporters other than the Navy Secretary, who said the Navy had developed a weapon "far more deadly than the atomic bomb." A statement came during debate on the 1947 Navy appropriation bill. Thomas did not say what the weapon was in the nature of a death ray. Thomas declined to reporters other than the Navy Secretary, who said the Navy had developed a weapon "far more deadly than the atomic bomb."

Canadian Will Hear Sentence Tomorrow

OTTAWA (AP)—Sentence will be imposed May 31 upon Edward McInerney, 30, National Research Council engineer, who was found guilty yesterday of conspiring to furnish secret information to Russia.

WEATHER Partly cloudy and slightly warmer today, tonight and Friday. Windy, scattered showers Saturday. Temperature at 3:30 today: 75. High and low last 24 hours: 75-55. Wind: westerly, 10-15. Sunrise tomorrow: 6:13.