

COAL

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So far —

Up to this moment we have had nothing from  
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John L. Lewis - no indication of what the boss of the

coal  
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Miners ~~union~~ intends to do. In fact, <sup>a</sup> union spokesman

stated late <sup>today</sup> ~~this afternoon~~ that there would be no  
announcement today.

So we are left with nothing but silence from

Lewis in the face of the federal injunction ordering

him to call off the soft coal strike set for tomorrow

night. (Lewis is required, by the order of the court

to countermand his announcement of Friday - terminating

the contract between the United Mine Workers and <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>out</sup> ~~the~~

federal government, which termination is equivalent to a

strike order. Time is running short, only about

twenty-<sup>few</sup> ~~one~~ hours left until the deadline, tomorrow

~~at~~ night. Meanwhile, ~~as~~ John L. Lewis gives no sign of

either compliance or defiance.)

However, the strike <sup>is</sup> ~~has, in fact~~ already

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~~begin~~ <sup>under way.</sup>

Today the premature wildcat walkout of the coal miners continued - the miners beating the gun.

The latest today showed ninety-nine thousand soft coal diggers idle - that many out of four hundred thousand.

And ~~that~~ <sup>is</sup> strike-before-the-strike is cutting heavily into coal production.

Will they go back to work, if the court order compels Lewis to call off his termination of the contract? Or might not the rest of the miners go out, at the deadline? Doubt was expressed today that even if Lewis were forced to obey, it might not prevent a coal mine strike. This, of course, would cause a national industrial crisis, and today government officials went ahead with plans for a brown-out of the eastern states - to cut down the consumption of coal in the area that uses so much of the fuel from the mines.

From down below the surface of the ocean, we hear that President Truman feels it necessary to take a firm stand against John L. Lewis. No, there was no mistake about that dateline - down below the surface of the ocean. A news conference was held today, three hundred feet under the waves of the Atlantic. <sup>R</sup> President Truman is vacationing off the Florida Keys, and today he went to a nearby beach for a swim. While the presidential swim was being had, White House Press Secretary Charlie Ross took a party of newsmen aboard a submarine for a dive, and while under water he ~~held~~ held a news conference - in which he stated the President's belief that the national interest requires a show-down on John L. Lewis.

## ADD COAL

And the latest word on the coal situation comes from the Army tonight --- the word that troops may go into the soft coal fields if the Administration wants help in its fight with John L. Lewis. The War Department says that troops are ready to move if a call comes from Secretary of Interior Krug, who is still in charge of the mines, for the Government. No such request so far has been made by the Interior Secretary.

## STRIKE

In Hollywood, the Grand Jury has ordered an investigation of recent terrorism in the continuing movie strike. The Grand Jury's decision followed by only a few hours today the firing of a shot at the automobile of a police officer patrolling picketed studios.

Meantime, Herbert Sorrell, <sup>head of the striking</sup> ~~entered the strike~~ union, and twelve henchmen, were arraigned in the Municipal Court on criminal conspiracy warrants. They were released, <sup>each</sup> on Five Thousand Dollars bail, ~~and~~ and ordered to re-appear on November twenty-second.

The felony charges against Sorrell and his associates accuse them of willful disobedience of court order, conspiracy to obstruct justice, refusal to disburse, and assault with deadly weapons.

Sorrell, however, was unperturbed when he left court today. Said the leader of a walkout which has seen homes bombed, <sup>homes of people not concerned with</sup> ~~several persons slugged, and other acts of~~ the labor problem, and other acts of violence: "These charges won't stick and they will not stop our strike!" <sup>so said Sorrell.</sup>

## HANNEGAN

The doctors have ordered Postmaster General Bob Hannegan to take a long rest. Hannegan, who is also Chairman of the National Committee of the Democratic Party, appears to be suffering from overwork - and his physicians have told him to take time out for a couple of months - a complete rest. <sup>P</sup>This, of course, increases current speculations on the likelihood of Hannegan resigning from either one of his two top ranking posts, or both. The word has been that he would like to step out as Democratic National Chairman, but would like to hold on as Postmaster General.

Today's news about the doctors' orders increases, likewise, the talk about who will succeed Bob Hannegan, if he does resign. ~~It~~ If he quits as Democratic National Chairman, his most likely successor will be retiring Governor of Oklahoma Robert Kerr, or ~~may~~ maybe Second Assistant Postmaster General Gael Sullivan,

or Price Administrator Paul Porter - not to mention still others who are named in the Washington surmises. As for the job of Postmaster General, the best bet for a successor is Senator Mead, who gave up his post in the Senate to run unsuccessfully against Tom Dewey for the governorship of New York in the recent election.

Washington opinion thinks that <sup>Mead will</sup> ~~he~~ get the call.

if Hannegan should decide to resign both of his posts - in the process of getting that complete rest.

## BIG FOUR

The news about ~~the~~ the Foreign Ministers of the Big Four is that Soviet Russia has handed a communication to Italy - about Trieste. Molotov has informed Italian representatives that Moscow favors direct negotiations. Italy has suggested that the problem of Trieste might be settled directly between the Italians and Jugoslavs. The attitude of Moscow has been in doubt, but now Molotov says okay.



U.N.

Today was reception day at the United Nations, new members welcomed into the U.N. At Flushing, Long Island, three nations signed <sup>in</sup> ~~up~~ - Sweden, Iceland and Afghanistan. ~~They~~ put their signature on articles giving their adherence to the Charter of the United Nations - and are now members.

And action was taken concerning three other nations - Belgium, Columbia and Syria. The Assembly elected those countries to membership on the Security Council, according to the principle of rotating Security Council seats. Belgium, Colombia and Syria replace Holland, Mexico and Egypt - which, having had their term on the ~~Security~~ Council, now step out.

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~~The Big Four, meanwhile, hope to come to a successful conclusion on <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ number of peace treaties in the next two weeks. They hope to agree on final drafts of treaties with Italy, Romania, Bulgaria, Hungary and~~

PALESTINE

There was a violent explosion in Jerusalem today, when a mine blew up within fifty feet of the Jewish Agency. The <sup>center</sup> ~~XXXXX~~ of the city was shaken by the blast, <sup>but</sup> apparently there was only one casualty, - a Jewish passer~~by~~by injured. The belief is that the mine, electrically detonated, was intended to blow up an armored police car passing along the street -- but it exploded several seconds too late. The police car, with seven aboard, - passing on.

## AIRPLANES

They are having bad flying weather in Europe, with news of several plane crashes. At a London airport, one plane came to grief, as it descended in the blinding fog. London is famous for its November fogs. I've stumbled and groped through many of them.

In France, a big airliner flew into a mountain. An American Army transport, carrying eleven persons - including high officers and four officers' wives, and a baby daughter of an American officer in Germany. Flying from Munich, bound for a French airport - the plane came to grief in foul weather among the Alps on the Franco-Italian border - crashing into a summit eleven thousand feet high.

The bad weather, however, was good weather in a way - for that plane. There were heavy snows in the mountains, a piling up of deep banks of frosty white - and the air transport, with its passengers, crashed into a huge snowfall. This cushioned the impact.

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Six injured - the rest unharmed - when the crashing plane plunged into the deep snow. The danger of exposure is great. Rescuers are on the way.

Among those aboard the plane was General L. M. Haynes, head of the advisory group working with General Mark Clark, and his wife. Also Mrs. Snavely, wife of General Ralph Snavely, head of the American Air Forces in Austria. The General expects to pilot his own plane to that mountain top tomorrow.

And just to complete this story of air crashes overseas, here's late news of an American B-17, bomber, plunging into the Suez Canal. What were the casualties? Or, at any rate - how many were in the water? Nobody. This crash was not because of weather, the skies in Egypt being nearly always bright. The B-17 had engine trouble, and the crew and passengers - all Army men - bailed out, came down by parachute, while the plane went on to take a dive into the Suez Canal.

WEATHER

*On this side of the world -*

~~In the West~~ from Idaho to Seattle, and south to Central California, stormy weather for the second consecutive night.

Winds of near-gale force are whipping the California and Oregon coasts. Three vessels so far have had to call on the Coast Guard for help. Nine deaths so far are attributed to the storm.

In Washington, snow from one to twenty-seven inches in depth covers much of the State. And through the Sierra Mountains, ice coats the highways. The California State Highway Patrol warns that chains are compulsory for all drivers, and that road conditions are dangerous.

SOLDIER

Out in New Guinea, that black island of miasmal jungle, the fuzzy-wuzzy natives were telling recently of a white man wandering about like a strange fugitive in the depths of the <sup>tropical forest,</sup> ~~thickets,~~ A hunt was made for him, and presently the searchers came upon <sup>that</sup> a strange <sup>wanderer,</sup> ~~wonder,~~ a white man emerged from the foliage of the green <sup>hell,</sup> ~~hole,~~ and came unsteadily towards them - with a book in his hand.

<sup>TP</sup> He muttered incoherently, half out of his mind.

<sup>^</sup> He was an American soldier, lost in the jungle, half crazed with malaria. He couldn't tell them who he was, couldn't remember much of anything, after the ordeal of privation and fever. It'll take him some time to get straightened out - get over the burning malaria.

The book in his hand? The book that he clutched ~~to him for all~~ those two years in the tropical wilderness - what was it? They looked and saw - <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ family Bible.

On the fly leaf was written the name - J.B. Stubblefield, Jr.

Today at Hillsboro, Tennessee, a farm family, the Stubblefields, were informed of this. The mother said, "Yes, we gave our boy that Bible, when he went into the army. Yes, that must be our son."

So in that way, today, the story comes - of an American soldier who has returned from the dead - returned from two years in the green hell of New Guinea.

## MARRIAGE

The recent war gave us more than one Enoch Arden story - a soldier reported dead, coming home to find that his wife, thinking herself a widow, has remarried. That can be a heart-breaking dilemma - and today we have a story that presents what is perhaps the most classic version of <sup>the</sup> Enoch Arden story produced by World War Number Two.

At Los Angeles today, the law was invoked to annul a marriage, and <sup>it was</sup> ~~the account given~~ told how Wallace Field was reported killed-in-action in Europe. Two people were grieved most of all by the news - the soldier's wife and his best friend. Mrs. Field was inconsolable, and Joe Carroll had been the closest pal of Wallace Field. <sup>R</sup> The widow and the friend were drawn together by the feeling of mutual loss. This was the bond between them, and it led to marriage. The wedding was like an act of allegiance to the fallen soldier,



who had been her husband and his best friend.

Then Wallace Field came back from the dead -- this in the form of a notification that he was a prisoner-of-war in Germany. When the news arrived, the wife who had re-wed and the best friend who had married her -- separated immediately.

Last Spring Wallace Field returned from his prisoner-of-war camp in Germany -- and found the wife and Joe Carroll, his best friend -- both determined to solve as best they could the unhappy dilemma of the Enoch Arden story. And today in Los Angeles, Joe Carroll, the best friend, sought a legal annulment of his war-time marriage to the wife of his friend, Soldier Wallace Field reported killed in the war.

WIFE

At Houston, Texas, today, salvation appeared for a prisoner in jail - salvation in the form of a woman who came to post a bond for him, and get him out.

All of which would seem to be a happy consummation - but it wasn't. The prisoner, a shipyard worker locked up for some misdemeanor or other, was led to the barred window where he saw the lady making out the document for his freedom. The jailer guarding him, told him that - now, he could go.

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"No sir", replied the prisoner, "I'm not leaving here. That woman is my wife."

So back to the dungeon cell he went - happy and content. And now the band will strike up with those dear familiar strains of - "Home Sweet Home."

FALL

In Washington, Mrs. William McGinnis fell off a fourth floor fire-escape -- and landed in the bathroom of Robert<sup>E.</sup> Lee - on the second floor. Imagine <sup>Robt. E. Lees</sup> ~~Bob's~~ surprise, if he happened to be there - when the lady came in through the window!

It was a miracle, that<sup>e</sup>, falling from the fire-escape, she didn't plunge to death on the concrete pavement five stories below. But she hit a wash-line at the third floor, hit it in such fashion that the rope broke, and one end of the rope wound around her legs, and swung her into the window of the floor below - the window of <sup>Robt. E. Lee's</sup> ~~the~~ bathroom.

<sup>Now</sup> ~~Back~~ in a hospital, Mrs. McGinnis is being treated for a few cuts and bruises and a sprained back, while the <sup>tub</sup> ~~bathroom~~ owner Robert<sup>E.</sup> Lee is recovering from his astonishment.

And now, <sup>our</sup> ~~my~~ Confederate general, ~~Hugh Starnes~~ Nelson Case.

At Bradford, Pennsylvania today, they've been having a celebration - a celebration that recalls not only the event ~~that's~~ commemorated, but also something else. This is the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of the Bradford oil field, and honor is being paid to the early wildcaters who brought in the first well of the Bradford pool - which was followed by the historic Pennsylvania oil boom.

~~We know, of course, what an important place those pioneer Pennsylvania oil developments had in the economic progress of this nation - importance that goes beyond the wildcat exploit of bringing in the first well.~~

It was in the Bradford field that an accident presently happened - something as importance<sup>+</sup><sub>^</sub> as that first discovery of oil, a mishap that turned into a great stroke of luck. Water seeped in through a leaky casing of an oil well, the well flooded - and that looked bad. But

it was noted that water in one well was followed by an increase of oil production in a neighboring well. That surprising fact was a clue that led to the process of water-flooding. ~~The result of that provides a lesson - a lesson in the way things work out in the realm of~~ petroleum.

By means of natural production, the Bradford field has yielded two hundred and fifty million barrels of petroleum. By means of secondary recovery, like water-flooding, that figure has been nearly doubled - two hundred and thirty-five million barrels more, after the Bradford field was thought to be exhausted. Water-flooding brought about a new oil boom - after the field was considered ~~to be~~ dead. And today it is estimated that there are still seven hundred million barrels of oil in the eighty-five thousand acres of the Bradford field.

All of which is background for the fact that, after our huge civilian consumption and after having provided motor fuel for the greatest of all wars, the oil resources of the United States are now placed at a higher figure than ever before.

## POLITICS

A congressional committee today turned over to the Attorney General evidence in the case of the much talked of Missouri primary election - in which Congressman Slaughter was defeated for the Democratic nomination. During the pre-campaign period, the headlines told how President Truman took an active part against the Missouri Congressman so near to the President's own home district. ~~But~~ Representative Slaughter had voted consistently against administration policies. The Pendergast political machine also opposed him, and he was defeated - the jubilation of his opponents, however, turning into dust ~~and~~ and ashes when a Republican won out in the election.

There have been charges of ~~election~~ fraud in the primary battle against Congressman Slaughter. The evidence was handed to a congressional committee, which today stated that there were signs of various

irregularities -- dishonest counting of votes, illegal influence on voters, payments of money, coercion, and so on. So now this evidence was handed today to Attorney General Clark, for action by the Department of Justice -- if the Department should decide to act.