

COAL


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In the coal strike, President Truman reported today that he had used all possible known means of settling the argument between John L. Lewis and the Mine owners. *The President does not believe it is legal that the miners* ~~He is against the idea that the miners~~ *should* ~~should~~ have a royalty of ten cents on every ton of soft coal ~~that is~~ mined. He has been studying what measures he could take to force Lewis to end the strike and start coal moving once more. But evidently he has come to no conclusion. Late this afternoon, after the President's press conference, word came from the White House that Mr. Truman is going to ask the miners to go back to work on the basis of ^{a thirty-day} ~~xxxxxxx~~ moratorium, while they continue negotiating. But there is no law to compel either Lewis or the operators to comply.

Many editors and others have been slashingly criticizing the President because he ~~hasn't done~~ *hasn't done* something to bring the strike to an end. ~~actually and~~ *legally*,

there is nothing a president of the United States can do to end a strike. That if Lewis refuses the moratorium -- and there is every reason to believe he will -- nothing can be done to put teeth in the President's request. Lewis has told newsmen, time and again, that he'll not listen to any arrangement except a new contract, with the first clause concerned with the royalty on coal that he has demanded.

President Truman, to newspapermen, stated that the strike was almost a strike against the Government; which he had hoped to prevent. That if he were to seize the mines, there is nothing to compel the miners to go to work for the Government. That if they refuse to work there is no punishment for doing that.

Beginning tomorrow, the American railroads will cancel no fewer than two thousand passenger trains, including some of the most important trains. Another 

two thousand or more will be cancelled Wednesday, ~~at the~~

~~order of the C.I.R.~~ By tomorrow, freight shipments will be only twenty-five per cent of normal. A large proportion of the country's necessary goods, such as foodstuffs, *will have to* ~~be~~ ^{TP} be moved by truck. The Post Office Department has drastically limited the size of parcel post packages, nothing more than eleven pounds, or longer than sixty inches *to be shipped for the time being.*

The agencies of eighteen state governments are taking measures to enforce dim-outs ^{even} more strictly ~~even~~ than in wartime; ~~That will take~~ in all the Eastern states, also the District of Columbia, Minnesota, Iowa and Missouri. In some parts there 'will have to be ^{a full} ~~an actual~~ blackout.

^{Pres.} Although ~~Mr.~~ Truman will not seize the mines, he will seize the railroads if the operating unions carry out their threat to strike on May Eighteenth. To that

announcement, the head of the Trainmen's Brotherhood replied that that ^{will be okay - that} ~~is all very well~~ no matter who is running the railroads, the Brotherhood will insist on changes in working rules, ~~changes which will materially affect the pocketbooks and comfort of passengers.~~ It will force the railroads to run shorter trains and cut down on ^{some} ~~considerable~~ services now available to the public.

The effect of the railroad strike would be ^{tremendous.} ~~terrific~~ It would stop all trains except those carrying troops, hospital cars and milk cars.

In Detroit, a strike of teamsters threatens to shut down all the grocery stores in the ^{auto} capital, ~~of the automobile world~~. The teamsters want to compel the grocers to unionize. The business agent of the teamsters made this statement today:- "If the grocers do not want to work as an association, we will organize them individually, starting Monday." He went on to say ~~that~~

there would be a picket in front of every store, stopping all deliveries, until every store in the city is organized. The union will refuse ~~deliveries~~ to make deliveries to all independent outfits. Dealers ~~have~~ get to join the union or go out of business.

Anyhow

~~The~~ one strike came to an end today. That ~~was the~~ walkout of seventy-five thousand Westinghouse electric workers ~~is~~ *which* has been ~~going~~ on for a hundred and fifteen days. Today the union and the company came to terms on a basis of a wage raise of eighteen cents an hour.

PARALYSIS

Late this afternoon, a survey of the country, made in Chicago, shows that more than two million workers have been affected by the coal strike. They have either been laid off or have suffered a sharp reduction in their earnings.

If the coal miners stay out until the end of May, more than three and a half million workers will be affected. There are more than a million now idle in Chicago; a hundred and forty thousand in Pittsburgh; fifty thousand in eastern New York State; fifteen thousand in Cleveland. General Motors and Chrysler will lay off two hundred and twenty-five thousand people and close within ten days. Ford has already shut down, throwing a hundred and ten thousand into idleness; and within two weeks six hundred thousand textile workers in the South will be doing nothing.

New York, Chicago, Boston, Detroit, Pittsburgh,

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Cleveland, Philadelphia, are all taking hectic measures to restrict and ration the use of coal. In New Jersey Governor Edge declared a state of emergency.

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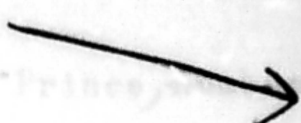
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ITALY

When a king abdicates, it always comes as a surprise, no matter how long ahead of time it has been anticipated. King Victor Emanuel is no longer King of Italy. Tonight he is on his way to Egypt; crossing the Mediterranean aboard an Italian cruiser.

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de Gasperi (Gaspari), that his father was determined, would not reconsider. The Premier had intended to visit Naples, ~~but he had to cancel that~~ ^{talks to King Victor,} ^{Italian} And now the Cabinet is in a quandary. The big question ~~is~~ ^{being,} does that mean the end of the House of Savoy, which has ruled Italy ever since Garibaldi and Cavour, with a considerable assist from ~~the French Emperor~~ ^{who} Napoleon the Third, in the reuniting of all the Italian states in one realm?

Victor Emanuel himself has reigned since an anarchist assassinated his father, King Humbert the First, in July, Nineteen Hundred. For twenty-two years, from the day he turned over the actual power to Mussolini, Victor Emanuel was not ^{being} ~~much~~ more than a figurehead. Throughout the war, he had ~~literally~~ nothing to say. In June, Nineteen Forty-Four, after the Nazis were thrown out, he handed over his actual powers to ^{the} Crown Prince, ~~Humbert~~, and ^{for} the last two years he has been living in retirement, spending most of his time fishing. ^{That's}

a good job for a King -- fishing.

There is to be a vote in Italy, on June Second, and observers believe the people will demand a republic. So *live* this may be the end of the historic House of Savoy.

There's still a chance that the Rome Parliament, after it is elected, will put Victor Emanuel's grandson, Victor Emanuel, on the throne, with Prince Humbert as a regent.

ADD ITALY

In the minds of many ^{of us,} ~~Americans,~~ Victor Emanuel was pretty much symbolized by Otto Soglow's drawings - ~~the~~ "little king." In ~~his~~ ^{the} forty-six years of ~~his~~ ^{his} reign, he ~~has~~ left little or no mark on the ~~turgid~~ world ~~history~~ in which he ^{lived.} ~~took part.~~ TP Except during the first few years, ~~of his reign,~~ he never enjoyed the popularity of his father, King Humbert. ^{And} For the last twenty-six years his lot has ~~decidedly~~ ^{at all,} not been a happy one. ^{When} Fascism came to power, he was obliged to tolerate the supremacy and sometimes the company, of ~~xxx~~ many people whose presence ^{he abhorred.} ~~would have made him hold his nose, had he been frank enough.~~ Surrounded by a nobility reputed to be largely corrupt, cynical and depraved, he would have needed a sardonic sense of honor ^{actually} to enjoy the spectacle over which he presided.

The diaries of Count Ciano, Mussolini's son-in-law and Foreign Minister, revealed some interesting things

about Victor Emanuel. He loathed the Germans and did not trust a ~~single~~ one of them. At the same time, he was convinced until the fall of Rome that they would win. Even the retreat from Russia failed to shake his belief in German victory. Item after item in Ciano's diary, mentioned a visit to the King, in each ~~one~~ of which he made caustic remarks about the Nazis. Their presence in Italy made him squirm. The extremity of their objectionable characteristics served to persuade Italy's monarch that they were bound to defeat the Allies.

He was furious when Mussolini and Ciano insisted that he decorate fat Herman Goering with the Collar of the Annunziata, the highest order within the gift of the Italian crown. He told Ciano: "This thing has gone all wrong." And he added: "To give Goering the collar is a gesture that displeases me and to send him a telegram is distasteful for a hundred thousand reasons." Nevertheless,

Goering got the collar. Maybe he will soon get another collar!

Ciano's diaries show that ~~King~~ Victor Emanuel was kept constantly informed about every step in the war and was even consulted about changes in the high command.

Ciano quotes a remark that Victor Emanuel made to him in Nineteen Forty-Two. At that time the British government was spending ten million pesetas a month for British propaganda in Spain. The King commented that this is a lot of money, but fortunately experience teaches that a great deal of these funds sticks to the fingers of the propagandists, and those who are to be propagandized get only the crumbs. And he added: "This is a good thing, otherwise God only knows how many revolutions there would be."

EGYPT

In Cairo today, a series of negotiations began.

British and Egyptian officials; ~~are to meet~~ to draw up a new treaty between, ~~the two countries~~, a treaty by which the British propose finally to ^{pull} ~~get~~ out of Egypt.

~~At the preliminary meeting,~~ The only thing that happened ^{today} was the delivery of speeches by the Egyptian Premier and Lord Stansgate, leader of the British delegation; ~~Most of them said they were~~ ^{expressing} ~~optimistic~~ about the outcome.

Extraordinary police precautions were ^{taken} ~~begun~~.

All ~~the~~ streets leading to the building where the negotiations ^{are or have been} ~~took place where~~ blocked off. Only officials and newspapermen with passés ~~were~~ allowed to

go through the lines. The reason for this, of course,

^{is} ~~is~~ the Arab agitation over Palestine. The Arab leaders

are seizing the opportunity to insist that the question

of the Holy Land be settled at these ^{Egyptian} ~~treaty~~ negotiations.

PALESTINE FOLLOW EGYPT

More violence in Palestine! ~~There were~~

Explosions and gunfire at the ~~Jewish city~~ of Tel Aviv,
near Jaffa.

~~just as the Arabs are getting ready for a general~~

~~strike.~~ The attack was made on a police ^{headqtr} ~~fortress~~ on the

outskirts of Tel Aviv. ^{Tonight} ~~All~~ the Holy Land is in a state of

high tension and anxiety, ^{awaiting} the Arab
general strike.

RADAR

The most decisive weapon of all that the Allies had in the European war was radar. Without it, we never would have won the Battle of the Atlantic.

That statement comes from someone who ought to know, Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz of the Nazi Navy. He told the War Crimes Court at Nuremberg that up to July, Nineteen Forty-Two, the Nazis almost had the Battle of the Atlantic won. His subarmines were operating in New York Harbor and in other American ports, ~~where~~ ^{and} German losses were within reasonable limits.

Radar, he continued, came upon the Germans like an epileptic stroke. When Allied aircraft were helped by radar, German losses jumped three hundred per cent. And he was unable to maintain his position. Germany lost from six hundred and forty to six hundred and seventy submarines, and thirty thousand men. By September, Nineteen Forty-Two, the effect of radar had been so great, that

the danger to U-boats became prohibitive, and he was obliged to forbid his men to make rescues at sea.

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COOPERATION

From Rio de Janeiro comes a reaction to President Truman's proposal for complete military cooperation between all the American republics. The Brazilian War Minister announced ^s that ^{the plan} ~~it~~ will be ~~quite~~ ^{okay} ~~all right~~ with the government of Brazil. The principal opposition in Latin-American countries has come from Communist newspapers.

FOOD

The Unrra plan for bringing relief to the ~~war~~ countries stricken by famine is collapsing. Fiorello LaGuardia, Director of Unrra, said as much today. He blames the big food producing countries, said they are not sharing fairly.

LOVE

A warning to young people in love, even in the Spring. The Warning:-- to stay away from Mahanoy City, Pennsylvania.

The city fathers of that town have been engaged in a Spring clean-up campaign. Today one of these bodies of do-gooders told the city council that young lovers in parked cars and other places are a public nuisance, punishable by law. So the city council has ordered the police to step on it.

And-so-long-until-tomorrow.