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NEW LEAD COAL

Within an hour, unless something happens, and nothing is expected to happen, all the nation's soft coal miners will have walked off their jobs. Meaning that we will be in the midst of another drastic coal mine strike.

Midnight - eastern time - is the deadline.

Early this evening we had the word that about a hundred-fifty-thousand already had left their jobs -- they came off shifts, streaming out to strike in advance.

At the moment there seems to be only one man in this great land of ours with the power to prevent this national disaster -- John L. Lewis -- only one man with such vast power.

In Washington today, Lewis wouldn't even speak to newspapermen. Oh, he did speak one word -- that word: "Gentlemen." Just that, and nothing more.

From the Carlton Hotel, he drove to his colonial home in nearby Alexandria, Virginia. There,

presumably, he is waiting for the zero hour -- the hour his strike order will go into effect, the order shutting down the soft coal mines, the order tying up the nation's industrial system.

At the moment nothing seems likely to happen to prevent the complete shut-down of the mines. John L. Lewis waits out the time allowed him to comply with the court injunction order served earlier this week. The Federal Court, which means your court and mine, says that a strike now will be in violation of federal statutes; and that Lewis can be held in contempt of court -- liable to a jail sentence. But the union leader seems to be defying his own Government.

Last night I remarked that even if Lewis should give in at the last minute -- even then a coal mine strike might not be averted. The miners might ignore a sudden capitulation by their chief - under compulsion. That impression is still stronger during this final

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hour -- the impression that a surrender by Lewis now might have little effect. Not that there is any sign of surrender.

Nor is there any sign of surrender on the Government side. Word from President Truman's party, vacationing in Florida, is, that the President stands by his determination to fight it out. That the President believes that the welfare of the country demands a showdown with this one man, who does not represent the people of America but who defies the authority of Uncle Sam.

The latest from Washington is that the Attorney-General has been conferring with lawyers of the criminal Division of the Department of Justice. Does that mean the Government will take legal proceedings and jail Lewis?

Earlier today, union officials in the world of anthracite - hard coal - declared that, if Lewis were punished, then the anthracite miners would go out

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too, stage a sympathy strike in his support. The hard coal miners are not involved in the soft coal dispute, but, John L. Lewis is their chief, and they say they will take action to back him up, if he needs it.

Also, the A. F. of L., of which Lewis's mine union is a part, is getting behind him. A. F. of L. President Green made a statement this afternoon in support of Lewis and the miners -- a statement denouncing the federal injunction.

Not only that but the C.I.O. steps out in his defense -- in defense of its Number One enemy in the ranks of labor. The C.I.O. has in view large plans of its own -- wage demands, and, therefore, will back Lewis in his demands.

The nation, meanwhile, is trying to get set for a soft coal strike -- taking emergency measures to curtail lighting, heating, railroad travel, and all other activities where soft coal is a vital factor.

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Late word has come from Key West where the President of the United States is resting. That word, that every effort will be made to prosecute John L. Lewis under the Smith-Connally Act, if the strike goes through on schedule, less than an hour from now. Those close to the President say that nothing has altered his determination to fight it out with Lewis on this issue: -- "Is John L. Lewis bigger than the Government of the United States?" Or is he just another citizen, with the same rights and privileges as any other citizen?

CRASH

Today a B-17 Flying Fortress took off from Vienna, and flew west above the Alps, heading for high mountains along the towering border of France and Italy. Aboard the Flying Fortress were two American generals - ~~Brigadier~~ General Ralph Tate, Deputy Commander of the American Forces in Austria, and General Ralph Snavely, Commander of the Army Air Forces in that same area. Generals Tate and Snavely, above the lofty Alps, were searching for their wives, and General Tate was, in addition, looking for his son.

Such is ^{the} ~~tonight's headline~~ follow-up to last night's news about the ^{U.S.} ~~American~~ Army plane that crashed in the high Alps - crashed in deep snow, ^{on the very} ~~which had cushioned~~ ~~summit of an 11,000 foot peak.~~ ~~the shock, the plane plowing into a deep snow~~ ~~on a~~ ~~mountain summit~~ ~~eleven thousand feet high.~~ The radio of the plane was able to work, and in the lowlands messages were received, indicating that five ~~persons~~ aboard had been injured.

Last night we were told that ~~aboard~~ⁱⁿ the bomber,
On the ~~high~~^{top,} mountain ~~and~~^{were} ~~the prominent American~~
~~officers and wives of officers.~~ Today we are informed
that the ~~passengers aboard the plane included Brigadier~~
General Haynes, head of the Advisory Group to General ~~Mark~~
Clark - ~~the General accompanied by~~^{and} Mrs. Haynes. Also,
~~Colonel McMahon,~~^{the} recent Chief of Staff in Austria, with
his wife and their eleven year old daughter. ~~The~~ focus
of drama is on the fact that the other passengers are the
wives of General^s Tate and Snavely, who today flew searching
for the wreck. - ~~And,~~ the pilot of the plane that crashed
in the snow is the son of General and Mrs. Tate. Captain
Ralph Tate, Jr., was flying the bomber, aboard which his
mother was a passenger.

Last night we heard that rescue on the ground
was on its way, search parties making their way into
the high Alps. The rescue task, it now turns out, is

one of the most difficult - great blizzards raging in the mountains. Today at least nine teams of picked

mountaineers - French, Italian and American, battled through snow choked passes, trying to get to the glacial

~~scene~~ ^{summit} scene of the wreck, but none of them were able to make it, so far as we know. ~~blizzard. The wind~~
~~to be heard from~~

The scene of the wreck, ^{the} a snow covered ~~plateau~~ ^{summit,} is in an area of craggy peaks called - "the black needles." Villagers in ^{a nearby} ~~the high mountain~~ valley ~~of that~~ sector report ~~that they saw~~ signs of smoke and the flickering light of a distress flare - up there. ~~among the~~ ~~black needles~~. Last night a British R.A.F. plane, ~~flying~~ ^{ing} across the Alps from Italy, spied ~~what the pilot calls~~ - "a faint winking red light on a mountain ridge."

Today a whole fleet of planes flew over the Alps in search, but were blinded by ^{the} storm, ^{the} and falling snow. Among them was the fortress with Generals Tate and Snavely.

one seeking his wife and son, the other his wife. They were five hours over the area of the Black Needles and and caught never a glimpse of the fallen plane. "We went back and forth over the range, flying as low as possible," said General Snavely upon returning, "but violent winds and clouds obscured our view during the entire search. I've never seen such bad flying weather anywhere in the world before," he added.

~~The last heard from the radio of the plane is that crashed ~~the party~~ was this morning, when feint signals were received - saying that the party marooned, ^{party} ~~as a glacial~~ ~~planes~~ had spied a plane overhead, but the plane had failed to see them - perhaps ~~it was~~ the Flying Fortress of the two Generals.~~

the searchers are
Tonight ~~the party~~ waiting for ~~darkness~~ daybreak

to continue attempts of rescue - as the emergency increases. The party of aerial castaways is now spending

its second night on the ^{snow capped mountain,} ~~glacial plateau~~ ~~without supplies~~
~~without~~ food or means to keep warm. The temperature at that

area was rated at twenty above Zero today ^{- but} much colder
at night. ^R When day breaks, new forces of mountaineers

will ^{repeat} ~~make~~ the attempt to break through, ~~up to The Black~~
~~Needles~~. And another fleet of planes will search. ~~MMX~~

Among them ^{that} will ~~be~~ an American Army bomber ^{again, with the} ~~carrying~~
~~the~~ ^{two} ~~generals~~.
Generals Tate and Snavely ^{also} ~~over the mountains~~ again,

~~seeking for the wives of both and the son of one.~~

ROCKET

The news brings word that the human race has had its loftiest look at the globe it ~~inhabits~~ inhabits. Man ^{is now able} ~~has been able~~ to see this earth from the farthest point away - sixty-five miles. That, of course, is not much in inter-planetary terms, but, at sixty-five miles high, you can see hundreds of times as much of the ^{globe} ~~earth~~ as was ever seen before.

This new view of mother earth comes by means of photography and a rocket - one of those German V-2s launched into the remotest atmosphere, at the White Sands Proving Grounds on the New Mexican desert. We've seen spectacular newsreel pictures of those rockets that go roaring up into space, and have been told that they carry scientific and photographic equipment. Today brings an illustration of that, with the story of a motion picture camera sent up in a V-2, sent up sixty-five miles high.

The rocket ^{had in it - carried -} ~~was one of~~ a number of instruments,

some of which were designed to procure data on the cosmic

rays. After the ^{V-2} ~~rocket~~ had passed its peak, and was on

its way down, ^{the} timing mechanism touched off an

explosion which blew the scientific ^{and} photographic equipment

clear of the falling ^{rocket.} The gadgets, coming down, were

scattered over an area of five miles - ~~and~~ recovered for

study. They ^{surely didn't} ~~could~~ use parachutes for the scattered

equipment, because we are told that the camera hit the

ground at five hundred miles an hour. It landed on its

lens, which broke off, and the batteries were smashed -

but the ^{magazine} ~~magazine~~ with the film was intact, specially

designed as it was. They developed the film, and found

a view of the ground, as the rocket ascended, fifty feet

of motion pictures, taken at four frames to the second,

and covering four and a half minutes, as the rocket went

speeding up - the climax being that highest glimpse of

the earth from an altitude of sixty-five miles.

The picture shows the horizon seven-hundred-and-twenty miles away. No human eye has ever seen a horizon anything like that far, or a ~~small~~ fraction of that distance in all the years of history. Today, the following statement was made at the laboratory for rocket experiment: "If there had been an observer in the rocket, ~~able to look~~ *— there over New Mexico —* and if he had been able to look in all directions at once, he could have had a clear view of San Diego, Salt Lake City, Kansas City and San Antonio. In other words, a human eye, able to look in all directions, could have had a view of one million, six hundred thousand square miles of the surface of the earth.

The familiar phrase is - birdseye view. But now science has had a look such as might be had from an asteroid ^{drifting} ~~looking~~ through space, almost a planetary view of this ^{planet} ~~world~~ of ours.

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VALENTINE WILLIAMS

A famous author passed away in New York today, Valentine Williams, whose mystery stories were read around the world.

Valentine Williams also was a soldier, and a veteran of both World Wars. In World War One, he was badly wounded, and then turned to writing. In the last war, he was involved in special intelligence work, and then went back to writing, this time associated with Alexander Korda, in the making of films. A talented author, and an even more talented conversationalist.

SHIPWRECK

Last night we had a story of a husband who preferred ~~being~~ imprisoned ~~and~~ a dungeon cell, to freedom with his wife - if that could be called freedom. Tonight, let's have another husband-and-wife story - just to show that this program has no prejudice against the institution of matrimony and the whole state of marriage.

On a remote coral atoll of the Fiji Islands, wild tribesmen found a bearded white man lying unconscious on the beach. He had been washed ashore, ~~unconscious~~ after a hundred-and-two days at sea, alone in a small boat. The Fiji Islanders nursed the castaway back to health, and got him back to civilization. Today the news gave ^{(his} ~~the~~ identify - a husband seeking to rejoin his wife.

John Caldwell, twenty-seven years old, is a Texan ^{who had moved to} ~~whose home now is in~~ California. He joined the Australian Air Force, and married a girl of Sydney.

After the war, he settled down in Australia, then, after

a while, decided to go home for a visit. John Caldwell came back to this country, spent some time with the folks and then started back to Australia, returning to his wife, x home to the little woman.

This was last June, with ~~the~~ shipping in a jam. It was impossible to get passage to Australia, so Caldwell traveled down to Panama - thinking he could there pick up a ship bound for the Land Down Under. He waited and waited, and then grew desperate. He bought a thirty foot cutter, and set sail in that small craft, all by himself, for a voyage across the Pacific - going home to wifie. ~~You husbands will understand.~~
~~You know how eager you are on a night out - just dying to get home to the little woman.~~ You husbands will understand that home-going connubial spirit which drove John Caldwell on so venturesome a voyage of danger.

He was at sea for a-hundred-and-two days.

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He ran into a typhoon, which almost capsized his thirty foot boat. His sextant and compass were smashed, he couldn't navigate.

He had brought along enough food and water for sixty days, and went on the shortest of rations. Thus he managed to stretch his supplies out to eighty days -- after which he ~~xx~~ had nothing but an occasional raw fish. He fell into a state of collapse, unconscious most of the time, and just went drifting -- until at length his boat ran on the beach of one of the outlying islands of the Fijis.

Well, thanks to the charity of the black islanders out there, John Caldwell is tonight at the Fiji seaport of Suva. He'll be okay shortly and on his way by regular steamship to Australia.

Just to show what husbands sometimes go through-- on his way home ~~xxxxxxx~~ to his wife!

And now Nelson, before you head dutifully in that direction ----

COAL

Taken from early broadcast Nov. 20, 1948.

Ad.

The soft coal strike has already begun, - that's the reality of the matter, although the strike deadline is not until midnight tonight. All day, the miners continue the process of beating the gun - streaming out, on ~~the~~ strike in advance. ¶ With new tens of thousands walking out, it is estimated that by nightfall, one-third of the nation's four hundred thousand soft coal miners will be out. They ^{are} leaving as fast as they ^{come} off shift - and tomorrow the mines will be empty and idle, unless something happens in the meanwhile.

Nothing seems likely to happen that could prevent the complete shut-down. John L. Lewis is still silent - waiting out the time - the time allowed ^{for} him to comply with the order of the court, the injunction. If he doesn't comply ^{and} reverse his declaration of terminating the coal mine contract, Lewis is liable to a jail sentence for contempt of

court. Last night we noted that if Lewis should give in - even then a coal mine strike might not be averted. The miners might ignore a sudden capitulation by their chief - under compulsion. That impression was still stronger today - ~~withxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ that a surrender by Lewis might have little effect. ^{TP} Not that there is any sign of surrender, as the grim union chief sticks it out, in silence.

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Moreover, the entire A.F. of L., of which ~~MINEXXX~~ Lewis's mine union is a member, ^{is}~~are~~ getting behind him - A.F. of L. President Green making a statement this afternoon in support of Lewis and the miners - and denouncing the federal injunction.

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