

SINISTER STRIKE SHADOW IN REVIVED STEEL INDUSTRY IS LAID TO YOUNG MINORITIES

Veteran Union Chiefs Unable to Check Rebel Group; Threatened Walkout May Hamper Recovery Drive.

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PITTSBURGH, Pa., June 9.—In a nearby steel town a week ago, men and women, spic and span in their white outfits, marched in celebration of a year of near-capacity operation of a tin mill.

In other mill towns in recent months, borough officials have made formal ceremony of lighting giant blast furnaces, cold, many of them, during the entire depression. The click of brass checks. Men returning to their shops. Steel mills roaring in an era of industrial recovery.

Can it be that over this picture of a nation emerging from dark days there hangs a threat of strike—a threat, perhaps, of the greatest strike this country ever has seen—a strike threatening the entire recovery program?

"We want recognition of our union," say members of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, an A. F. of L. affiliate. "Then we want a thirty-hour week. Machines are driving men out of the mills. The work must be spread."

Minorities Gain Control

They ask also for higher wages, but that is not in the immediate foreground. That can be argued if recognition comes.

A Communist organization, the Sheet and Metal Workers Industrial Union, a purely local outfit with national ambitions, echoes the same demands.

What brings this turmoil at this time? Why is there a threat of strike when the steel industry is running better than at any time since the depression? The quick answer is that the situation has been brought about by minorities. And the immediate objective is union recognition.

The present fight is different from anything in the long battle between steel and labor. In the bloody Homestead strike, workmen fought to save the union then recognized but scheduled to be kicked out. In 1919, there was an outright campaign to unionize common labor in steel and to put an end to the long working hours. Those were the days just after the high-wage war period, and workmen had "a little something laid aside."

Spurt Brings Opportunity

But now the long working day has gone (eight is the maximum) and the depression has long since eaten up reserves. Most workmen are in debt over their heads—to the town merchants, to the company stores. The present spurt of the steel industry is due to the thriving auto business, to the fact that buyers are taking advantage of the present steel prices (the announced increase goes into effect July 1) and to operators replenishing stocks in anticipation of the strike, threatened for June 16.

The spurt has given the workmen a chance to begin to get on his feet again. And if decision had been left with the conservative officers of the Amalgamated, headed by 77-year-old Michael F. Tighe, there would be no threat of strike—at least not this summer. Tighe and the vice-presidents, Edward W. Miller and Thomas G. Gillis, and Louis (Shorty) Leonard, secretary-treasurer, fought but lost control of the recent convention and the "sign or strike" ultimatum was shoved through.

It came about in this way: Company Unions Formed

Since the passage of the National Industrial Recovery Act, the Amalgamated, like all national unions, took to the field in a vigorous organization campaign. In a year it had grown from ninety-three lodges to 232. The previous high was 229 in 1919.

But mill owners were not sitting idle. Everywhere "company unions," or, as the managers prefer, "Employee Representation Plans," were organized. The Amalgamated, perched at company unions continually and quoted such national figures as Miss Frances Perkins, labor secretary, and Senator Robert F. Wagner.

At Weirton, W. Va., where E. T. Weir's Weir Company is located, the first break came—a strike last September. It started over a question of Sunday night work, was at first condemned by Amalgamated officials, but later, to make the best of a bad situation,

was taken under wing in an out-and-out fight against the company union. The fight eventually landed in federal court, where it still is. The strike gave impetus to Amalgamated organizers and prominence to William J. Long, Mel Moore and a few others, as local union leaders.

New Leaders in Control

At the Duquesne, Pa., works of Carnegie Steel, William J. Spang assumed similar leadership; at McKeesport, Pa., Earl J. Forbeck; at Gary, Ind., Al Armour; at Youngstown, Clarence Irwin.

These men comprise the leaders of the younger group which precipitated the present strike action. The average steel worker was not familiar with union procedure. Many began to fret at union inactivity through the winter. Lodge presidents held them together by telling them to "wait until the next convention."

That convention opened here April 17 with youth pitting itself against age. The strike threat had been made two weeks before at a district meeting. Ten days grace would be given the industry and a working agreement was to be made with railroads, coal and autos.

A "concerted action" committee was formed with Forbeck a prominent member. This minority worked quietly but effectively. On the last day of the convention the "sign or strike" edict was passed.

Many Urge Delay

Efforts had been made even by some of the younger element to delay action until the fall of next year. The answer was final:

"We can't hold the lodges if we wait any longer."

By that was meant a lassitude was creeping in by reason of mills booming, and the Communist outfit making promises of quicker and more decisive results.

On May 21, according to schedule, all lodges made formal demand on their bosses for recognition. Replies were to be in by June 10, and the replies had to be universally favorable because no lodge was allowed to sign an agreement unless all other lodges were assured of similar treatment.

Steel replied quickly if not formally. At the American Iron and Steel Institute meeting in New York, the new president, Eugene C. Grace, of Bethlehem Steel, announced the industry would remain "open shop."

T. M. Giesler of Republic Steel, said he would go back to his apple farm sooner than deal with the Amalgamated.

Brash Statements Irritating

Such brash statements only have irritated the situation. The younger union leaders likewise have been guilty of brash mouthings. Mr. Tighe has tried to tone them down by condemning them as unauthorized. But the rebel spirit has taken hold.

Savage talk on both sides has contributed to unrest and misunderstanding and is giving impetus to a movement which clearly started out as a mere minority effort.

Even if the Amalgamated does not have the numerical strength some of its leaders declare, its members are scattered from coast to coast; and it doesn't take many men to strike a mill. Many plants have only one entrance gate; few more than three. A few hundred pickets can do effective persuasion, vocally and otherwise.

Steel operators know this and are preparing, not to break the strike as in 1919 by importing workmen, but by shutting down their plants. Many are advocating a policy of making this the final issue—the final blow to crush organized labor in the steel industry.

Gary Is Storm Center

If and when trouble does come, the storm center is expected to be Gary, Ind., where Al Armour says the Amalgamated is strong enough to pull the entire Calumet area; Youngstown, O.; Birmingham, Ala.; McKeesport and Duquesne, in

'Jungle Animals' to Be Seen Here in Standard's 'Live Power' Parade



New Type Circus Exhibit to Feature Replicas of Wild Beasts.

Jungle animals of the fiercest and most interesting types from Australia, Brazil, India, Africa and Sumatra are represented in the new type of circus parade, which will be staged in Indianapolis starting at 9 o'clock on Monday.

They form the Standard Oil Company's live power circus, the latest development in the amusement field, and are presented as a part of the company's annual campaign in the interests of its "live power" products.

The animals are gigantic, grinning replicas of their wild originals, made by a secret process and fitted mechanically so that they laugh, move their legs, bodies, heads and always appear to be enthusiastic in rushing forward under their own "live power."

They are mounted on huge trucks, the bases of which, thirty feet long, are modeled and rocked in the patterns of the animal's native habitat.

Sound Trucks in Parade

The parade to visit this city, one of the three similar units forming parts of the Standard Oil Company's Live Power circus offering, is accompanied by a caravan of sound trucks, each playing thrilling circus melodies, with their irresistible marching steps and crashing drums, cymbals and trumpets.

More than seventy-five persons form the personnel of the parade, some ahead but the greater part back with the line of march.

Every detail of a modern circus, except the cook shack and circus dining tent, is carefully followed.

Members of Standard Oil Company's local organization will take part in the parade and will form a line at Memorial Plaza, Michigan and Meridian streets.

Line of March

The line of march follows: East on Michigan to Oriental street; north on Oriental street to East Tenth street; east on East Tenth street to Emerson avenue; south on Emerson avenue to New York street; west on New York street to State avenue; north of State avenue to Prospect street; west on Prospect street to Virginia avenue; northwest on Virginia avenue to South street; west on South street to Madison avenue; southeast on Madison avenue to Morris street; west on Morris street to Meridian street; north on Meridian street to Harding street; and west on Harding street to the Harding street plant.

The parade will stop at Fountain Square for lunch and is expected to reach the Harding street plant at 5:15.

the Pittsburgh district, and Weirton, W. Va. Meanwhile, the government is hopeful of averting the strike—the President, through federal supervised elections to determine employee representatives; Senator Wagner, through the national labor board and his modified labor adjustment act.

In that connection and complicating the situation are the annual elections scheduled in nearly all mills of the company union representatives. The primaries are June 11; the elections June 15.

Such is the picture as the nation's men of steel prepare for the mid-summer clash. Roaring furnaces are lighting up dark skies, the signal of a nation recovering. In the red glow is a sinister figure—a prowling, restless figure which men call the strike.

ALLEGED SLAYING IS DESCRIBED BY WITNESS

Details of Victim's Death Related by Brother.

Speaking before Criminal Judge Frank P. Baker in a clear, steady voice, Clyde Arbuckle, 17, described in detail yesterday the alleged slaying of his brother Noah by his father, Everett Arbuckle, in a downtown dance hall.

Everett Arbuckle is alleged to have knifed his son during an argument in which the father is alleged to have stabbed his wife.

Indiana in Brief

Lively Spots in the State's Happenings Put Together 'Short and Sweet.'

By Times Special

MARTINSVILLE, June 9.—Hearing will be held in Morgan circuit court here June 30 on a petition for a writ of coram nobis filed in behalf of Thaddeus Quinn, serving a life term in the Indiana state prison on conviction of bank robbery.

In the petition Quinn states that at the time he pleaded guilty to the robbery charge he was not advised as to his rights and the law. He asks that the judgment on which the life sentence is based be vacated, permission granted to withdraw his plea of guilty and that he be given a trial.

Quinn admitted guilt in robbery of the Morgantown bank in April, 1933. Robert J. Wade, Morgan county prosecuting attorney, declared when he learned of the petition that Quinn was advised by the county attorney of his rights but insisted on pleading guilty. Quinn was only 19 years old when he was committed to prison.

Calf Theft Alleged

By Times Special

TIPTON, June 9.—Charged with stealing a calf which he is alleged to have hauled to Muncie in a small coupe, Wilbur Law is in jail awaiting trial on a larceny charge. The calf was taken from the farm of Verne Horton, southwest of here. It was sold to a Muncie livestock dealer.

Law was convicted several years ago of assault and attempted robbery Richard Dobson, aged eccentric, whose body was found in a swamp near Angola last year. He served six months on the penal farm. The Dobson murder never has been solved.

Sprinkling Banned

By Science Service

GREENFIELD, June 9.—For the first time in the history of the city water plant, it has been necessary to order Greenfield residents to cease use of water for sprinkling purposes.

Mayor Arthur C. Downing and Ross L. Ogg, plant superintendent, acting on advice of the city council, have placed the ban on sprinkling. Vacuum space in pumps has reached the danger point and loss of another two inches would be likely to cause pumps to stop, it is explained.

Soil Put to New Use

By Times Special

NEWCASTLE, June 9.—Newcastle's soil, famed for its rose-growing properties to such an extent that "Rose City" has become traditional, is declared to be equally good for growing small fruits and vegetables.

Myer Heller, whose culture of roses helped to bring the city fame, is authority for the statement that Dr. E. H. Parker is growing strawberries of prize-winning type and tomatoes of excellent quality are produced at the Olinger greenhouses.

675 to Get Degrees

By Times Special

WEST LAFAYETTE, June 9.—Degrees will be awarded to approximately 675 students at annual commencement exercises of Purdue university to be held Tuesday morning.

HITLER AID OFFERS

\$1,000 TO HARVARD

Nazi Leader's Gift May Be Refused, Is Report.

By United Press

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., June 9.—Doubt existed today as to whether Harvard college would accept a \$1,000 scholarship offered by Ernest P. S. Hanfstaengl, Nazi aid to Chancellor Hitler, in observance of the twenty-fifth anniversary of his graduation.

Hanfstaengl offered the \$1,000 in a letter to Dr. James Bryant Conant, president of Harvard university.

AUTO DRIVER IS SUED

\$20,000 Asked for Alleged Injuries Received in Crash.

Suit demanding \$20,000 damages for alleged personal injuries was filed against Mary Stout by Mrs. Martha Lynn yesterday in superior court five. The complaint contends that Mrs. Lynn suffered permanent injuries when an automobile in which she was riding was struck by a car driven by the defendant at Thirty-eighth street and Graceland avenue, last December.

WIFE DEFENDS MATE ACCUSED OF KILLING SON

'Whisky Did It,' Woman Says in Hearing on Habeas Writ.

"My husband wasn't responsible. It was whisky that did it."

This was the explanation given by Mrs. Verna Arbuckle, 919 East Market street, wife of Everett Arbuckle, as to the cause of the fatal stabbing of their son Noah, 19, in a downtown dance hall April 17.

The statement was made in criminal court yesterday as Mrs. Arbuckle testified for her husband in habeas corpus proceedings. Judge Frank P. Baker took the petition under advisement.

Mrs. Arbuckle and another son, Clyde, 17, testified that Arbuckle became intoxicated at the dance and stabbed Mrs. Arbuckle with a 25-cent pocket knife, then turning on his son. Both Mrs. Arbuckle and Clyde denied there was any ill-feeling between father and son. Arbuckle sobbed throughout the hearing.

NAZI PUBLICISTS DECLARED JEW

Carl Byoir, Hitler's U. S. Propagandist, Scored by Wise.

By Times Special

NEW YORK, June 9.—The disclosure in Washington that Carl Byoir and Associates of New York functioned as a propaganda agency for the Hitler government derived interest today from the circumstances that the head of the firm is a Jew by "race and blood."

Mr. Byoir, whose publicity feats include the recent President's Birthday Balls, is said by persons who know him well to be a native of Poland, the son of orthodox Jewish parents. He was brought to the United States as a child and educated in the middle west.

Jewish leaders indicated they long had been indignantly aware of Mr. Byoir's pro-Hitler propaganda campaign.

Carl A. Dickey, one of the Byoir agency's press agents, testified that the firm had received \$108,000 from the German Federal Railways. The first payment on account, however, was \$4,000 in cash handed over by Dr. Otto Kiep, then German consul-general in this city.

Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, leader of anti-Nazi activities, asserted today Mr. Byoir is a Jew "by race and blood," by the definition used by Hitler himself.

CONFESSED BIGAMIST RELEASED BY JUDGE

City Woman Who Asked for Arrest Is Not Indicted.

Mrs. Lettie Pfaff, 1920 North Wilcox street, self-confessed bigamist, the twinges of whose conscience drove her to surrender herself to the police several weeks ago, was discharged by Criminal Judge Frank P. Baker yesterday.

Judge Baker told Mrs. Pfaff that the grand jury had failed to indict her and that she was free to go home. Mrs. Pfaff previously had explained to the judge that she had not lived with her first husband for five years and had been married to the second spouse only a month when she proceeded to the police station and asked to have herself arrested.

WOMAN HIT BY TROLLEY

Victim May Have Fractured Skull, Says Ambulance Doctor.

Struck by a trackless trolley at Curt and Tenth streets last night, Mrs. Nellie Rhine, 55, of 5652 Winthrop avenue, refused to be taken to city hospital. An ambulance physician said that Mrs. Rhine was suffering from a possible skull fracture.

Quake Rocks Chile

By United Press

SANTIAGO, Chile, June 9.—A severe earthquake shook the city at 5:45 a. m. today (3:45 a. m. Indianapolis time).

BUTLER GIRLS HONORED

Spurs Club Members Named Officers of Pledge Chapter.

Spurs Club, sophomore women's honorary sorority at Butler university, has honored Dorothy Dunbar by electing her to the presidency of the organization's pledge chapter. Jane Rothenberger was named vice-president. Both will serve during the 1934-35 school year.

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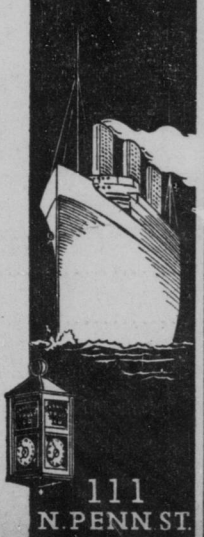
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Young Houdini

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NINE GRADUATES AT PARK SCHOOL

Four Youths Win Trophies for Excellence at Friday's Commencement.

Four trophies were awarded members of the graduating class at Park Country Day School for Boys yesterday, at commencement exercises. The Lucius B. Swift essay prize, awarded annually by Mrs. J. S. Holliday, went to Joseph Meyer Bloch Jr. The H. C. Adams trophy, given to the varsity letter man having the highest scholastic average, was awarded to Allen Clowes.

Allen Carroll was given the C. B. Dyer trophy, for the best mental attitude during training, and Irving Lemaux Jr. received the Sutphin trophy, as a distinction for contributions to scholarship, spirit, athletics and life of the school.

Nine pupils were graduated. They were Joseph Bloch Jr., William Berryman Burford III, Horace Allen Carroll, Charles Latham Jr., Irving Ward Lemaux Jr., John Spann Lynn, William Hogan McMurtre, Lowell Horace Patterson Jr., and Charles Edwin Remy.

Diplomas were presented by James F. Carroll, new board of trustees president.

Report of Slaying Is Denied

Two men questioned by detectives yesterday denied making a statement that Claude Newton, 24, of 29 West Arizona street, missing since May 6, has been slain and his body dismembered. The names of the men questioned were withheld by police.

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