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DISPONDENT, MAN TRES SUICIDE

COMMUNIST OBSERVANCE OF UNEMPLOYMENT DAY BRINGS SCATTERED DEMONSTRATIONS

Attempts at Disorder in Several Cities Result in Few Arrests—Police in Struggle on Boston Common

Los Angeles, Seattle, Pittsburgh, Dallas, Oklahoma City in the United States, and Toronto, Canada, Stage Street Parades

By The Associated Press
Echoes of Russian observance of "International Unemployment Day" moving westward with the sun across the world, yesterday brought scattered demonstrations and disorders to Europe and North America.

Three were killed in Leipzig, and five injured from factory meetings and lectures in Moscow, where a Luzzovsky trade union secretary general said, "It is estimated that more than thirty million are without work in capitalistic states, while in Soviet Russia there is no unemployment."

Agitators took up the cry with speeches, banners and songs. Parades resulted in battles and rioting in a dozen European countries and many disturbance west of the Atlantic.
On the historic Boston Common two hundred and fifty police fought with the disorderly Communist demonstrators and unemployed, making several arrests. Twenty-eight were jailed in Pittsburgh. In Toronto, Ontario, stones and bricks were thrown and the police used blackjacks. Two police, one small girl and one woman were injured and seven Communists arrested. A policeman was thrown to the ground in Sudbury, Ontario, where seven Communists were arrested.
Five were arrested in Dallas, Texas, seven in Oklahoma City. Under police surveillance, orderly demonstration of several hundred each were held in St. Louis, Kansas City, Denver and Salt Lake City.

Three persons were booked on charges of criminal syndicalism in Los Angeles when they attempted to haranguer a downtown crowd.
In Seattle, twenty one persons, including three women, were banded with banners and all, into a patrol wagon when they attempted to organize a parade without a permit.

L. A. Communists Battle Police

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 25 (UP)—A huge crowd of alleged Communists gathered at Seventh and Broadway, chief business intersection of Los Angeles, and police made 8 arrests about noon.

Mrs. Rose Becker, 44, attempted to make a speech and was booked at police headquarters on a charge of suspicion of criminal syndicalism. Joseph Biggio, 25, was captured by an officer as he threw a handful of Communist papers into the air. He was booked on a charge of violating a city ordinance.

The Intelligence Unit, which operated against the demonstrators, was commanded by Captain Jack Hubbs, who replaced Captain William F. Hynes.

It was learned that Captain Hynes and Assistant Chief of Police Jack Finlison had a disagreement over the management of the Intelligence squad.
Hynes reported for duty today but said he no longer was head of the Intelligence squad, although he still was in the department.

Two men, Joseph Bech, 36, and Alex Ivan, 37, said to be ringleaders of the scheduled demonstration, were arrested on charges of suspicion of criminal syndicalism.
Just five minutes before police went into action, Captain William Hynes, removed as head of the Police Intelligence squad, resumed his duties. He replaced Captain Jack Hubbs after a difference with Assistant Chief of Police Jack Finlison.

Those arrested in addition to Bech and Ivan included:
Spiro Springs, 33, a seaman, arrested between Seventh and Eighth on Broadway on charges of blocking the sidewalk; Juan Culveaux, 35, in whose pocket was found a banner reading "Down with Police Brutality," charged with distributing literature; Abe Bogdanoff, 14-year-old Boyle Heights youth, distributing literature; Mrs. Rose Becker, 44, booked on suspicion of criminal syndicalism; Myer Baylin, distributing literature; and Joseph Bidlo, 24, a waiter, violation of the handbill ordinance.

AL CAPONE GIVEN BIG RECEPTION

Pleads Not Guilty To Federal Charge

CHICAGO, Feb. 25. (UP)—The elusive "Scarface" Al Capone, "public enemy No. 1," appeared in federal court today, pleaded not guilty to contempt of court charges, then during the luncheon lull in his trial, surrendered to city police on a vagrancy charge.
The gang leader hustled amid great commotion from the federal building to the South State street police court, where he averaged bond in time to eat a sandwich before resumption of his federal court trial.

Stenographers, mail clerks and office boys deserters from their posts in federal building offices, gaped when Capone was stopped by a patrolman as he started from Judge James H. Wilderson's courtroom.
"Come on along now, Al. Will you?" the patrolman asked, pushing aside the spectators.
"Sure, I'll go along," Capone replied.
Shouts of excitement echoed along the sixth floor corridors of the federal building. A dozen policemen rushed forward, formed a circle around the gang leader, and gently pushed him into a freight elevator.
Another crowd, clustered at the street level all morning hoping to get into the courtroom, fell back from the elevator.
"Clear the way, everybody," shouted the officers, in close formation around Capone.
The crowds had only a glimpse of Capone's weather beaten face and sparkling diamonds as he was crowded into an automobile and driven away.
Sirens screaming, the automobile was driven to the detective bureau on South State street through the middle traffic.
The posting of bond took only a few minutes and Capone was freed.

FOUR MAKE CONFESSIONS OF MURDER

Police Act Quick in Killing of Samuel Doherty

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 25. (UP)—Four young men arrested on suspicion of the fatal shooting Monday night of Samuel L. Doherty, 37-year-old alleged bootlegger, talked freely of the murder and made complete confessions, police announced today.

The four are Harlan B. McKinney, 21, Eagle Rock, brother-in-law of the victim; Dale P. Ward, 20, said to have confessed firing the fatal shot; McEllis Montgomery, 17, and John Wilde, 25.

According to Captain Joe Miller of the homicide squad, the youths said they knew Doherty carried a large sum of money and went to his home to rob him. When Doherty answered the door he resisted the robbery and was shot.
"I didn't intend to bump him off," Captain Miller quoted Ward as saying. "When he grabbed the gun, it went off accidentally."
Wilde, according to police, served a term in Leavenworth federal prison, according to Captain Miller, and the other three youths have served in the Ione reformatory.

Viola Risner, a 19-year-old girl, was held as a material witness when she was found in Ward's home.

NEW GAS WAR ON AS PRICE IS LOWERED

Las Vegas Expected To Benefit By Price Cut

Las Vegas may see a reduction in the price of gasoline in the next few days as a result of the price war started yesterday in California. Rumors have been current in oil circles for some time that a renewal of the price war was only a matter of time. In Las Vegas, independent oil companies have been selling gasoline from three to five cents below the price quoted at Standard, Shell, Associated, Richfield, Texaco and Rio Grande stations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 25 (UP)—Major oil companies reduced the retail price of gasoline two cents a gallon throughout the state today. The new rate is 19 cents a gallon. There was some anxiety among oil men that the cut might result in another gasoline price war such as that of last summer when some dealers dropped to as low as five cents a gallon.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 25 (UP)—Most motorists in southern California were buying their gasoline at two cents under yesterday's prices today as several major oil companies fell in line with price cutting begun in San Francisco.
In Los Angeles, the Van Fleet-Durkee chain of service stations, dispensing Shell products, were selling gasoline at 18 and a half cents a gallon, a two cent drop.
Southern dispensers of Standard Oil company gasoline, also had dropped two cents along with General Petroleum which followed the Standard lead.

Richfield gasoline also was two cents cheaper today, selling along with that of most other major companies at 18 and a half cents. Officials of the Associated Oil Company said they planned to meet the drop but were awaiting orders from their San Francisco office.
Prices among independent operators varied from 20¢, unchanged, to 11 cents for "bootleg" fuel, the latter figure a holdover from previous gasoline price wars.

ASSOCIATION WILL SETTLE DISAGREEMENT

The Las Vegas Bar Association was in a state of violent argument and disagreement at its meeting Tuesday evening as to the policy to be pursued toward the bill now before the legislature seeking to repeal the bar association law.

The resolution divided the meeting right down the middle and caused the resignation of one member and acceptance thereof by the meeting and the threatened resignation of another member.
The stormy weather was quieted for the time being by a motion to lay the moot question over for consideration at a special meeting Friday evening.

Dam Bids To Be Opened On Next Wednesday

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 25. (UP)—Contractors' bids on construction work of the Boulder dam and allied projects totaling more than \$55,000,000 will be opened at the United States reclamation bureau in Denver, March 4, it was announced today.
The bids will be opened at 10 a. m. and will include estimates on the dam proper, two coffer dams, a power house, water tunnels and other minor projects.
Bureau officials said no bids would be opened for building of the government townsite, Boulder City. Bonding companies have been chosen to fix bonds for the submitting contractors.

It was understood construction work on the various projects would be started immediately after allotment of the contracts. The government's railroad from Boulder City to the dam site is expected to be completed in a few months.

'HOOVER DAM PROGRESS

Resume of Present Activities and Those of the Near Future on Greatest Engineering Project of the Age

U. P. RAILROAD—Main Line To Boulder City, 22 miles, Completed, Cost Estimated \$800,000.
GOVERNMENT R. R.—Boulder City to Dam Site, 8.6 miles, Under Construction by Lewis Construction Co. Contract Price \$455,509.50.
GOVERNMENT HIGHWAY—Boulder City to Dam Site, 10 1/2 miles of 22-foot highway, Under Construction by R. G. LeTourneau, Inc., subcontractors. Contract price \$329,917.15.

BOULDER CITY—
Excavation for Water Tanks—Contract let to Butterfield, Los Angeles.
Tanks for Water System—Contract let to Lacy Manufacturing Co., Los Angeles.
Residences—Bids for first group of 12 three- and four-room cottages will be opened at Las Vegas Office of Reclamation Service March 12.
Laying out of final plans for the city—As soon as these are approved, contracts will be let for the Streets, Sidewalks, Curbs, Paving, Water System, Sewer System, Pole Lines for electricity, etc., Administration Buildings, Dormitories, Garages, etc., to follow as soon as possible.

POWER SUPPLY—Transmission Line From Southern California Under Construction by Southern Sierras Power Company.
Substation—Earl Roach, General Construction Company of Las Vegas, grading site near dam for Southern Sierras Power Company.

COMMUNICATION LINES—
Telephone Lines—From Las Vegas to Boulder City being built by Southern Nevada Telephone Company nearing completion.
Telegraph Line—Joint Western Union and Union Pacific line to Boulder City now in operation.

MAIN CONTRACTS—
Estimated expenditures of \$90,000,000. Bids to be opened at Denver Office March 4. Contracts to be awarded March 10. Work to start thirty days after notification.
Contracts will cover:
Tunnels
Penstocks
Outlet Works
Spillways
Coffer Dams
Excavations For Main Dam
Main Dam Construction
Valves and Gates
Power Houses
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT—
To be Installed by the Government and Includes
Tubines—Generators—Switches—transformers

DAM POWER AMENDMENT TO NEVADA CONSTITUTION IS INTRODUCED BY HENDERSON

Enlarged Powers of State to Enter Into Contracts Proposed By Clark County Senator

Assembly Received Two Measures Dealing With Divorce and Seven Weeks' Residence

CARSON CITY, Feb. 25. (UP)—An amendment to the state constitution which would enhance the powers of the state to enter into contracts with the federal government in connection with the Boulder canyon project or other projects, was proposed in the senate by Senator Henderson of Clark county.

If passed by the legislature, Henderson's resolution will come before the next session and, if approved again, be submitted to the people at the general election in 1934.
The amendment would permit the state, pursuant to authorization of the legislature, "to make contracts necessary, expedient or advisable for protection and preservation of its natural resources for purposes of obtaining benefits thereof."
The other would provide that in granting separate maintenance the judge would not be limited to the prayers of either party but use his own discretion.
The seven weeks' residence bill is believed by many legislators to be only a gesture originating with Reno attorneys eager to answer threatened duplications of the Nevada divorce law in Arkansas, Idaho and Montana.

Junior Prom On April 10

The junior prom, given by the junior class of the Las Vegas high school, will be held in the new high school gym on April 10.
The junior class is planning to go to the limit to provide the best dance of the year.

THOMPSON SAYS SURE OF ELECTION

Band Plays "Happy Days Are Here Again"

By MERTON T. AKERS
United Press Staff Correspondent
CHICAGO, Feb. 25. (UP)—Bill Thompson emerged triumphantly today as Chicago's Republican majority nominee for the fourth time in his amazing political career.
The cowboy mayor rode to victory with an unofficial plurality of approximately 64,500 votes over John H. Lyle, gang-battling judge, Arthur Albert, 33 year old alderman, was third George Schmidt, former city comptroller, and Eugene McCaffery ran fourth and fifth.
Anton J. Cermak, president of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, was nominated by the Democrats almost unanimously. His one opponent averaged about two votes to the precinct. Cermak's vote exceeded 225,000.
Thompson and Cermak go to the polls again April 7 to determine which shall head the nation's second largest city for the next four years.
Counting of the ballots ended Chicago's most spectacular primary—a campaign punctuated with circus acts, vaudeville, invective of the frontier sort and numerous libel suits. Results were announced only after they had passed the hands of the police.
Far into the morning hours Thompsonites made merry in the executive offices of the fifth floor of the city hall.
A jazz band whooped up Big Bill's campaign song, "Happy Days Are Here Again." Hundreds of well wishers showed to shake the mayor's hand or pat him on the back. Caterers carried in tray-load after trayload of food. Streamers fluttered in the cigar smoke.
Big Bill talked so much he was hoarse.
By slurring some of the words together, the Thompsonites made it fit the tune, even if the meter was off.
Thompson was a jovial host.
"How the Hell you going to tick Big Bill?" he asked. "Not with the nutty judge and the boy alderman. Your mayor will go on building Chicago's skyline. It'll be too bad for the nit wits that get in the way."
As early as 5 p.m. when the polls closed, Thompson conceded himself victory.
"We've got it in the bag," he said. "We'll win by such a margin whether the other side steals 20,000 or 30,000 votes. This big vote is Thompson people going to the polls."

WALKER GETS DECISION IN MIAMI BOUT

Mickie Nearly Gets Knockout in the Eighth Round

MIAMI, Fla. Feb. 25. (UP)—Mickey Walker, pugnaous middleweight of Rumson, New Jersey, won a ten round decision over Johnny Risko, Cleveland heavyweight, here tonight, in the first of Miami's two big winter prize fights.
Walker, although outweighted by some 30 pounds, carried the fight all the way and was much the stronger of the two when the bout ended.
Walker fought the last five rounds with blood pouring down the side of his face, Risko having opened a deep gash on his left temple early in the sixth round.
Risko held his own during the first five rounds when he was fresh, using his weight and reach advantage to good effect. But in the closing rounds, the Cleveland boy bogged badly while Walker continued to press the attack. In the eighth round Walker pummeled Risko about the ring and the crowd yelled for a knock out. In the ninth Walker all but achieved a knock out with a hard overhand right to the chin. Again in the ninth he had Risko in a bad way with a left hook to the face.
Walker won 7 rounds, the second, third, fifth, seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth. Risko took the first fourth and sixth.
The official attendance was announced as an even 25,000 and the gross receipts \$45,000.
Young Stripling was given a thunderous ovation when he stepped into the ring for his exhibition bout. He used a different sparring partner for each of the three rounds.
Max Schmelling, German heavyweight champion, was given a good hand but not quite as noisy as the one accorded Stripling when he slipped into the ring for his exhibition. Unlike Stripling, who toyed with his opponents, Schmelling hammered them from start to finish.

MARY LEWIS SHOCKED AT MORAL CHARGE

PARIS, Feb. 25. (UP)—Mary Lewis, describing herself as "a good girl who has never been bad," said today that she was "shocked and grieved" by cable reports that the Film company had defended cancellation of her contract on the grounds she had violated the morality clause.

"I am a good girl," said Miss Lewis, in commenting on her own suit against the film company and the company's defense of cancellation of the contract. "I've never been bad. They should have found other grounds for breaking the contract."
"If moral turpitude is sufficient grounds to break contracts, Hollywood won't have any stars tomorrow. If moral turpitude were punished in all cases 60 per cent of the world would be in jail tomorrow."
"I obtained an interdictory divorce decree recently, and I am getting my final decree in August. My husband if I am immoral. He doesn't even want a divorce."

Miss Lewis is touring Europe in opera. Later she will go to California to take part in the legal battle with the film company.

"I don't care," said Miss Lewis, "I am not getting my final decree in August. My husband if I am immoral. He doesn't even want a divorce."

KEELER WINS MATCH
C. D. Keeler defeated "Bus" Squires in a semi-professional golf tournament yesterday on the Country Club course. Keeler came in with a score of 59 and Squires 71. Par for the nine holes is 34.

NEAR DEATH WHEN SUICIDE IS ATTEMPTED

Leaves Note Telling Of His Intended Act

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VAN METER—At Las Vegas hospital, Wednesday evening, February 25, 1931, Neil, infant son of Dr. and Mrs. J. N. Van Meter, aged one day.
Mrs. Van Meter was taken sick Monday afternoon, but the baby was not born until shortly before ten o'clock Tuesday night.
The baby had ceased breathing and was barely alive when born. A fire alarm summoned the firemen with the inhalator and heroic attempts were made to keep the tiny piece of humanity alive. The attempts bid fair to succeed, but the long ordeal had reduced the vitality to such low ebb that death intervened shortly before nine o'clock last night.
This was the first child of Dr. and Mrs. Van Meter and their many friends express sincere sympathy both at the severe ordeal of the mother as well as the death of the child.
Late last evening Mrs. Van Meter was resting well and her early recovery is anticipated.

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'RIDICULOUS' SAYS GRIFFITH TO GIRL'S SUIT

NEW YORK, Feb. 25. (UP)—"Ridiculous" was the description applied today by David Wark Griffith, motion picture producer to a \$601,000 suit instituted in Hollywood by Fern Setril on an allegation of assault.

Declaring he was not sure that he had ever met Miss Setril, Griffith remarked that "a man who has received some recognition in motion pictures is always a potential victim for someone wishing to fleece him."

Records of Los Angeles county showed that the girl obtained a divorce from Frank X. Setril last January on the grounds of cruelty.
Prior to the divorce, the couple filed papers which contained a number of cross-accusations.
On a date before the girl asserted me Griffith her husband, Setril, succeeded in having an interdictory decree secured by his wife set aside. He alleged that she had been familiar with another man, classed as "John Doe."

Setril filed a cross-complaint, but did not appear to contest the divorce and his wife finally won a new interdictory decree.
The girl's divorce complaint alleged that Setril, whom she married in Pasadena on May 15, 1927, wrongfully represented himself as a wealthy man. Immediately after their marriage they went to Portland, Ore., and she learned Setril was without funds. The girl said she was forced to pawn two rings and finally to depend upon the charity of friends.

The complaint alleged that Setril had threatened to kill her.
Attorneys for the girl today filed an amended complaint against Griffith. The document was identical to one filed yesterday except that it deleted all reference to the director promising Miss Setril the part of Ann Rutledge in Griffith's "Abraham Lincoln."

from a Williams, Arizona, cemetery and returned to Los Angeles, said the vital organs contained enough arsenic "to kill 20 men."

Mrs. Erickson became ill shortly after police suspected her and Mrs. Carlson of the crime. She was taken to the general hospital, where physicians said she was suffering from a poison similar to that which assertedly killed Lindstrom. Mrs. Erickson declared she had been drinking coffee at Mrs. Carlson's home.