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COAL AGREEMENT EXPECTED WITHIN VERY FEW HOURS

Agreement With Northern Operators Is Virtually Complete; South Holding Out

Chief Federal Conciliator John R. Steelman announced early Wednesday that "virtually the entire wage contract has now been completed" for a major portion of the country's soft-coal industry, and that there were indications that at least an important part of the shutdown mines would open soon.

He made the statement after Northern Appalachian Coal Operators and the United Mine Workers of America worked past midnight Tuesday in an effort to complete all details for a new wage contract.

The proposed contract, Steelman said, was "very nearly in shape" for possible signing. The conciliator added however that the government was making one last attempt to bring the Southern Appalachian Coal Operators, who bolted the wage conference last week with northern operators, into the accord.

Steelman said that if immediate opening of some of the mines were necessary, the northern operators and the union were prepared to sign a separate contract for the northern mines in the Pennsylvania, Northern West Virginia, Ohio, Michigan, and Maryland areas, which produce more than 35 percent of the national output.

If this were done, Indiana and Illinois, observers said, were likely to follow immediately with a contract for their outlying area, which produces about 14 percent of the national production.

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The attitude of the defense program must not take precedence over the interest of any individuals or of any groups involved in the discussion."

Agreement between the Northern operators and the U. M. W. would send two-thirds of the 400,000 idle miners back to work at a basic wage rate of $7 daily, or $1 per day more than the previous wage.

The agreement was reached informally last week, before 13 southern mining districts bolted the conference in protest against elimination of a wage-differential, which would cost them $1.60 per day per man above present scales.

In a call to the District Office of the U. M. W. A. at Clearfield this afternoon (Wednesday) it was stated that no word had arrived from New York City as to how soon the agreement would be signed. Both Mr. Mark, President of District No. 2, and Edward Sweeney, Treasurer, are in New York at the Appalachian Joint Conference.

CONGRESSMAN CORRECTS STATEMENT REGARDING LORETTO HOSPITAL SITE

Congressman James F. VanZandt of Blair County didn't mean it exactly the way he said it recently, it seems.

At a public meeting at Altoona VanZandt, speaking of the Schwab place at Loretto as a site for the proposed veterans hospital, was quoted as saying: "The Blair County sites are still definitely in the picture. I would be unfair to the people in my district to throw support to a discarded site like Loretto."

A day or two after VanZandt's speech Congressman Harve Tibbott was told in Washington by an official of the U. S. Veterans Administration: "No place in Pennsylvania has been discarded. Any rumor that the Loretto estate has been discarded is not well founded."

Last week in a letter to City Councilman S. Clyde Snook of Johnstown, Congressman VanZandt said: "In reply to your letter of April 3, Congressman Tibbott is correct in his assertion that the Schwab estate is being considered along with other sites for the location of a new veterans' hospital in Pennsylvania. . . It is only natural and fair that all sites be reviewed by the committee because of the possibility of developments that may have a bearing on every site offered."

A new angle to the controversy over the location of the proposed hospital was revealed recently when it was learned that the Schwab estate at Loretto was the only site offered for sale in the Central Pennsylvania area—all other sites having been offered free to the federal government.

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COUNTY LEGION PLANS TO STAGE ANNUAL SERVICE

Ebensburg Fairgrounds Will Be Scene of Activity on Sunday, May 25

Plans for the annual memorial services of the Cambria County Committee of the American Legion were outlined Tuesday night in the Gallitzin American Legion Home.

The services will be conducted at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, May 25, in the arena at the Ebensburg Fairgrounds. Color guards from every post in the county will participate, it was announced. Arrangements for the affair are in charge of a committee that is headed by Committee President Walter Stinson of Ebensburg.

Leo Kane, veterans representative in the Johnstown State Employment office urged that all skilled workmen not employed on defense projects to register immediately at the employment office. He said veterans are being given some preference on defense jobs.

It was reported that the Boys State camp will be conducted at Indiantown Gap next August. The camp will be conducted there despite the fact that 13,000 National Guardsmen are stationed there for Army training.

Edward Green, Portage, county Americanism chairman, reported that final citizenship papers have been presented to aliens at public ceremonies in Scalp Level, Nanty-Glo, Adams Township, Portage, Barnesboro, Carrolltown and Conemaugh. Affairs are planned for Johnstown and Cresson also. When the final celebration is held a total of 800 new citizens will have received the final papers.

The next county meeting will be held in Spangler Legion Home May 26.

NO PROSECUTIONS WILL BE MADE IN REVLOC EXPLOSION

Secretary of Mines Richard Maize Says In His Report Last Week to the Governor.

In a letter to Governor Arthur H. James, State Secretary of Mines Richard Maize last Friday attributed the fatal Revloc mine blast last month to the "hazards of industry", indicating that his department plans to file no prosecution in the case.

Four men were killed in the explosion on March 13th in the Revloc mine of the Monroe Coal Mining Company. A coroner's jury recently absolved the mining officials of criminal negligence but censured two men for not cooperating with their subordinates.

"I am of the opinion that this explosion should be charged to the hazards of the industry," Maize reported to the Governor. He added that the probe had uncovered no evidence of criminal negligence and coincided with the inquest verdict that the blast was due to a sudden outbreak of gas and was neither caused nor propagated by coal dust.

Maize also agreed with the coroner's jury in approving tecnical recommendations made by a board of three state mine inspectors who investigated after the blast.

CARROLLTOWN SCHOOL OF DRIVER TRAINING IS RESUMING CLASSES

The Safe Driver Training School at Carrolltown resumed classes Wednesday. The driving classes have had a lay off since fall. Registrations are being accepted at Wentrick Motor Company in Carrolltown, which is also furnishing the car to be used by the students.

Classroom sessions are being held daily from 2 to 4 p. m. and from 6 to 8 p. m., while driving practice will be given from 10 a. m. to noon, 1 to 3 p. m. and from 3 to 5, and 6 to 7 p. m. Registrations accepted now are for the May 1 classes.

STATE DPA APPROVES LOCAL BOARD ACTION

The employment board of the Department of Public Assistance has given approval to one promotion and four new appointments for the Cambria Co. DPA staff, it was announced by Edward R. Golob, executive director.

Mrs. Mary Margaret McGuinn of Johnstown was advanced from a junior visitor at $1,140 a year to a visitor's post at $1,320. The new appointees, all junior visitors at $1,140, are Sherman S. Reed of Johnstown; Mrs. Eleanor R. McNulty, of Barnesboro, Mrs. Belle Butler of Johnstown, and Miss Bertha C. Gibbons, of Ashville.

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Patton Community Park to Cover More Than 12 Acres; Over $40,000 to Be Spent on Project With WPA

Work Progresses Swiftly As Men, Steam Shovel, and Trucks Go Into Action.

Work on the Patton Community Park, Swimming Pool and Playground is rushing ahead every day and still more men are expected to be placed at work on this project in the very near future. Under the experienced supervision of Engineer Tony Kline, the Park is beginning to take shape in grand order.

Over $40,000 will be spent on the project and when completed it will be one of the most modern parks in this section of the state. The excavating for the pool has been completed, the foundation for the large sanitary bath house has been laid, sewer and water lines have been dug and a general leveling off and grubbing of the ground has taken place. So, with decent weather and fair success in procuring the materials needed, this park and swimming pool should be ready for service by the middle of the summer.

And when this project is completed our community is bound to be proud of possessing one of the finest recreation centers that could be wished for. It's complexion should call for a general celebration and a "town holiday" in which the whole community could assemble for one grand picnic.

The sponsors of this program and the public spirited citizens who are contributing their financial sport are really showing what unity can do to make their home town a better place to live in. Those who had pledged financial support are now turning in the cash money so that the project will not need to be delayed on account of financing. We urge all those who have not participated to get busy and do their part at once, so that complete success of this venture will be assured. The following is a list of those who have up to date pledged to this project the amount of $5,832.00 as follows:

List of Pledges	Amt. Pledged
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L. O. O. M., No 439	400.00
John White Post, V. F. W.	300.00
Walter McCoy Post Am. Legion	200.00
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John J. Haluska	100.00
Stoltz Motor Co.	100.00
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Patton Drug Co.	100.00
George C. Hoppel	100.00
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McCrory Stores Corp.	25.00
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Jay Lees	20.00
Ed Solomon	20.00
Joe N. Pasta	20.00
R. S. Shannon	20.00
Walter Dunn	20.00
W. J. Barnes	20.00
[illegible]	20.00
[illegible]	15.00
[illegible]	15.00
Robert Forgatch	10.00
Charles J. Andrews	10.00
H. A. Shannon	10.00
Steve L. Mannin	5.00
Mary's Restaurant	5.00
R. J. Dietrick	5.00
John Wilkins	5.00
Frank Fregly	5.00
Edwin Short	5.00
Mark Brown	5.00
T. C. Gill	5.00
L. C. Smale	2.00
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DRAFT BOARD CALLS ONLY FEW MEN FOR THIS WEEK'S QUOTA

The April 15 call is the smallest quota to be filled to date this year, none of the boards being called upon to furnish more than five men.

Five men reported for induction at Altoona from Cambria Board No. 1 on Tuesday. They are as follows:

Cyrus Robert Buck, volunteer, 412 Second Street, Cresson.

Charles E. Thomas, Patton R. D. 1.

Paul Richard Rhody, 515 Palmer A., Patton.

William S. Yougus, 908 Wilson St., Gallitzin.

Andrew S. Szymal, 300 Cleveland St., Gallitzin.

Bernard J. Endler of Patton and Morris Seymour, Patton R. D., were replacements for two men rejected last week at Altoona.

Those reporting for induction Tuesday from Cambria Board No. 2, with headquarters at Ebensburg, were:

Lewis John Palka, Bakerton.

Jack Yamrick, Revloc.

John Francis Connell, Carrolltown.

George Hudak, Colver.

GENE AUTRY CONTEST AT GRAND THEATRE

Here is the opportunity of a lifetime for you, where you will be able to see and talk to your favorite movie star, Gene Autry. From now until April 26 every time you come to the theatre, kids, you will receive an extra ticket which you will save very carefully until that time. Then on Saturday, April 26, bring them to the Grand Theatre where a special matinee will be run just for you.

The first girl's and the first boy's names drawn from these tickets will be taken to Pittsburgh where they will have luncheon with Gene Autry and other boys and girls at the Wm. Penn Hotel. After that they will see the Rodeo at Duquesne Gardens where again they will see Gene and his famous horse, Champion, in action.

It will be a grand treat for the lucky girl and boy and one you will talk about for a long time.

—A French car, driven by Benjamin Riley in 1904, is said to be the first motor vehicle or taxicab for hire in New York City, or possibly in the United States.

DOMESTIC PRELATE RANK IS CONFERRED UPON THREE PRIESTS

The rank of domestic prelate has been conferred on three outstanding priests of the Altoona Diocese by the Holy Father, Pope Pius XII, according to cable advice received from Rome by Most Rev. Bishop Richard T. Guilfoyle.

The three newly-designated prelates who will hold the title of right reverend monsignor, are:

Rev. Father Louis M. Maucher, the rector of the Immaculate Conception Church, Cambria City.

Very Reverend Father William E. Downes, rector of St. John the Evangelist's Church, Bellefonte, and at one time stationed in Cambria City.

Rev. Father Jerome L. McQuillen, rector of Sacred Heart Church at Altoona.

With the new appointments, there are now seven domestic prelates in the diocese. The other four the Rt. Rev. Msgrs. John N. Codori, rector of St. John Gualbert's Church, Johnstown, and vicar general of the diocese; Bernard Conley, rector of the Holy Rosary Church, Juniata, and chancellor of the diocese; Peter Fox, rector of St. Mari's Church, Altoona, and James P. Sass, rector of St. Michael's Church, Loretto.

Three other diocesan priests, now deceased, also held the distinguished title. They were Rt. Rev. Msgrs. John Boyle, Thomas P. Smith, and Hugh M. O'Neil, all deceased.

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DEMOCRATS BACK ABSENTEE VOTING PLAN FOR SOLDIER

Ballots Handled By Mail Would Be Great Saving Over Commission Method.

Harrisburg.—The House Appropriations Committee, after conference with officials in the Elections Bureau, have decided to handle the soldier vote this year by mail and delete a $900,000 item from Governor James' budget for this purpose. The Governor estimated this sum as necessary for special election boards to obtain the soldier vote at various camps.

Chairman Leo A. Achterman of the Appropriations Committee said a plan similar to absentee voting systems will be adequate. County commissioners will send the soldiers a copy of the local ballot which will be returned in triplicate with the votes checked.

Achterman said the counties would be reimbursed "to some extent" as yet undetermined for the expense of the plan. "Why should we send special election commissions to get maybe 75 votes as far away as Kansas?" he asked. The bill authorizing the voting plan is sponsored by Representative Woodside, Republican floor leader. Miss S. M. R. O'Hara, secretary of the commonwealth, whose department contains the election bureau, indorsed the proposal.

There may be 40,000 votes involved in Pennsylvania's soldier ranks by the fall municipal elections. There are now 12,0000 at Indiantown Gap, comprising the Pennsylvania National Guard. By the end of this month there also will be approximately 28,000 inducted thru selective service.

UNION GETS CONTRACT AT PENN GRANITE CO.

New Firm Employing 20 Men to Replace Old Company

A new company, the Penn Granite Company, replacing the former Leonard Granite Company of Patton, has signed a union shop agreement with the United Construction Workers of America (CIO) Local 126, Patton, Pa. The agreement will terminate March 31, 1942.

Officers of the Penn Granite Company are C. L. Kelly, former proprietor of the Leonard Granite Company, and George Weise, former foreman of the Leonard Granite Company. Joseph Grazonich of Patton will replace Geo Weise as foreman in the plant.

Representing the company in negotiations were George Weise and Joseph Grazonich. Representing the union were Pete Ferrara and Luke Brett, the general organizers of the U. C. W. of A. and Robert Leonard, president of the Patton Local, No. 126. The shop committee on negotiations were Joseph Caretti, Clement Litzinger, Herman Caretti and Henry Hofer.

The Penn Granite Company employs approximately 20 men.

BANQUET IS HELD BY MINE CLASSES

Members of safety classes in Northern Cambria sponsored by the Department of Public Instruction held a banquet Saturday evening at the Brandon Hotel in Spangler, with covers being laid for 180.

Members of classes in Bakerton, Carrolltown, Patton, Hastings, Nanty-Glo and Twin Rocks were present.

Addresses were made by several prominent mine officials and mine safety men, including Patrick Nurin, W. M. Wardrop, William Lennont, George Nicholson, David Davidson, and Morgan Watson.

Dennis J. Keenan served as toastmaster. Special entertainment included dances by Lillagean Roberts and Rita Stamberg of Barnesboro and vocal selections by Andy Kalenak of Nanty-Glo as well as motion pictures of the first-aid meet in Spangler in 1938.

DANCES TO BE HELD EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT AT SUNSET

Sunset, as usual, this year has undergone its usual transformation. New and unusual lighting effects have been installed, along with many other improvements.

Dancing will be an attractive every Saturday night throughout the summer at the Sunset Ballroom. This Saturday Fran Snyder and His Sunset Serenaders will furnish the music. Throughout the summer months leading bands on tour will be featured.

The Sunset Serenaders will be remembered by all who attended dances last summer at this famous dance hall. This year they are better than ever. Plan to attend.

S. W. O. C. HOPES TO GAIN A BASIC STEEL COMPACT

Have Set About Discussing With Other 'Big Steel' Operators for 10c Wage Increase

With copies of their contract with "Big Steel" thrust in their pockets the Steel Workers Organizing Committee is setting about planning for discussions with other steel operators for agreements embodying the new $5.85 per day basic wage set for the industry.

On the heels of the signing of the agreement with Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corporation, announcements were made by Youngstown Sheet and Tube; the Otis Steel Company of Cleveland; the Acme Company of Chicago, Republic in Cleveland, and earlier, the giant Bethlehem Steel Company, with plants in Johnstown, that they, too, had decided to grant the 10-cent-per-hour basic pay increase.

Murray predicted that some 700 other manufacturers and fabricators, representing upwards of 400,000 employes, would also agree to the 10-cent-per-hour increase granted in "Big Steel" contracts.

The new contracts was expected to affect some 240,000 employes. It is estimated the increase will add $54,000,000 to pay envelopes.

Although the union won its demands for wage increases and an improved vacation plan, it did not achieve its goal of recognition as sole bargaining agent nor a system of check-offs on payment of union dues.

For the fifth time in the industry, all women employes in the maintenance and production divisions will also receive the basic wage rate—62½ cents an hour. This was present for to a covering levels in the new contract, to equalize the rate paid women employes to equal the rate paid men doing the same work. It was estimated that the increase will add $2,000,000 to pay envelopes.

The union also succeeded in establishing the principle of the five-consecutive-day work week in guaranteeing that 85 percent of the workers will work on consecutive days and that all conflicting schedules shall be worked out by mutual agreement between the union committees and the company.

GOVERNOR JAMES CITES LAW ON DEFERMENTS

Governor James announced recently he had avised Pennsylvania's 422 local selective service boards that married men are not entitled to deferment for dependency reasons "unless financial dependency does, in fact, exist."

The Governor said his communication to the local boards had been approved by the national headquarters of the selective service system.

In it he quoted section 15 (C) of the act, which provides:

"The term 'dependent' when used with respect to a person registered under the provisions of the Act includes only an individual (1) who is dependent in fact on such person for support in a reasonable manner, and (2) whose support in such a manner depends on income earned by such person in business, occupation or employment."

The Governor said that many inquiries had been received by the State selective service headquarters concerning the proper test to be applied by local boards in order to determine whether a married registrant was entitled to be placed in Class 3A.

CIVIL COURT TERM BROUGHT FORWARD

President Judge John H. McCann announced this week that the regular June term of civil court in Cambria County will be moved forward to Monday, June 2. The term was originally scheduled for Monday, June 23.

The change was made at the request of attorneys who desire to attend the annual state convention of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, in session at Bedford Springs during the third week in June.

The civil court term will start on the same day the June grand jury meets to consider cases to be presented to it by District Attorney Stephens Mayer.

HENDERSON FILES HIS SEVENTEENTH PLEA FOR A COMMUTATION

After more than 28 years in prison, George Henderson, 48, Cambria County slayer in 1913 of Fern Elaine Davis, by clubbing, will make his 17th application for commutation of a life sentence when the State Pardons Board meets this coming week at Harrisburg. District Attorney W. Stephens Mayer will oppose the plea.