

VTC-Union Second Parley On Wage Set

Streetcar Fare Boost Hearing Scheduled

A "second conference" on wage negotiations between the Virginia Transit Company and union representatives from three cities has been set for 10 A. M. May 9 in the company offices here.

Formal notification of the date for the conference was sent Governor Tuck yesterday. E. M. Boggs, State Labor Commissioner, will represent the Governor.

Meanwhile, the State Corporation Commission announced yesterday that it will hear testimony Friday morning on the utility's proposal to boost streetcar fares in Richmond. The subject of raising bus fares will be discussed at a public hearing of the Richmond City Council at 8 P. M. Friday.



NEGOTIATIONS AT TRAIL'S END—M. C. Smith, vice-president of the Virginia Electric and Power Company, affixes his signature to a new contract with production and maintenance workers here yesterday. At Smith's right is M. M. Price, secretary of the workers' bargaining committee, and at his left is H. M. Ware, chairman of that committee. In the background are Veeco officers, representatives of the State, other members of the committee.

Jury May Get Newberry Case Today

BLAND, May 2.—(AP)—The case of Ralph A. Newberry, on trial for the murder and beheading of his wife, is expected to go to the jury in Bland County Circuit Court here today.

The end of defense testimony came with unexpected swiftness on the seventh day of the trial. Attorneys for the husky, 37-year-old farmer rested their case late in the morning, after only two defense witnesses had appeared on the stand.

Attorneys spent the entire afternoon in chambers arguing instructions to the jury before Judge V. I. Sexton. The instructions had not been completed at 5:45 P. M., when Judge Sexton adjourned court until 9 A. M. tomorrow.

A dramatic moment came early in today's session, when Samuel I. Livingston Pillow began to question him, Samuel interrupted and said:

"Just a minute, Mr. Dilow. I am indicted in this thing the same as my brother Ralph and I refuse to testify."

He did not answer when Attorney Walter G. Burton, of the prosecution asked him if defense counsel had instructed him to refuse.

Samuel has been granted a separate trial in the case. No date for it has been set.

Mrs. Price called.

The defense opened its case today by calling as a witness Mrs. Hattie Price, wife of the Bland County sheriff.

She testified she was present in the Price residence on the first floor of the county jail here when Samuel Newberry surrendered there in the night of last January 10. It was then, she testified, that he gave directions which led to the discovery of the slain woman's headless body on Big Walker Mountain last night.

Soon after he was jailed, Samuel was quoted as telling of the killing and beheading.

The defendant was quoted as admitting only that he saw Kathryn shot and helped haul her body away. The defense failed Friday in an attempt to have admitted as evidence a statement Samuel made to State police last winter.

The prosecution has contended throughout the trial that Ralph's wife was not dead when her head was cut off. Two medical witnesses testified that in their opinion she was alive at the time.

The Commonwealth holds that she was never shot, but was probably badly beaten before she was beheaded. There has been little testimony bearing on a possible motive for the crime.

Asked Reason

In answer to the question, "What caused your brother to do this," Ralph was quoted thus in his statement to State police:

"Beats me. She took care of him, did his washing and ironing, and said nothing about it."

One witness testified that once following a quarrel in which Ralph severely choked Kathryn, she said, "Some of these times I'm going to kill her."

Dr. Clarke Foresees Failure For Communism in China

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expect business to continue as usual.

China's Children Fund, a philanthropic organization which has established 84 orphanages in that country, has adopted the same general attitude, he added.

"The organization right now is buying a new building in Canton and constructing a \$50,000 building in Hongkong. More land is being purchased at Poochow."

Dr. Clarke believes "even the Chinese Communist leaders will resent it if Russia tries to dictate."

He feels communism in China will be greatly modified and will be far different from that in Russia. If not, he foresees revolt or strong passive resistance.

Actually, Dr. Clarke doesn't expect life to be much different for the rank and file of the Chinese people under the Communist rule. He did feel, though, that starvation will be even more prevalent than today.

"The American public," he warned, "will make a great mistake if they say 450,000,000 people have gone Communist and forgotten them. Americans must work from the bottom to teach democracy."

Dr. Clarke found that the poor people "don't worry about the Communist invasion. There is so much hardship in China already they believe things cannot be worse."

The people with money, however, fear the Communists but do not know what to do. They have no place to go and no way to dispose of their goods or property, but they are afraid that the Communists will confiscate their wealth.

When Nanking fell and Communists were reported as close as 11 miles to Shanghai, Dr. Clarke said the streets of that city were far more crowded than Times Square on New Year's Eve. People with some money were trying to leave Shanghai and the poor people in rural districts were attempting to get within the city.

Dr. Clarke actually experienced the chaotic money situation in Shanghai. Everywhere, he said, people were confused over currency and were trying to hold on to the most stable type—but no one knew what that was.

He used four kinds of money there. It required \$80,000 worth of the official C.Y. or gold yuan, to purchase one loaf of bread. The American dollar and Hongkong, or English, currency also were acceptable, until about two weeks ago when the Chinese began to fear that if the Communists reach Shanghai they would declare them illegal or confiscate them.

This indecision caused prewar Chinese silver dollars were popular on the streets—money which now has been outlawed on the threat of death.

Before Dr. Clarke left Shanghai he found that everyone was trying to figure out what he could get and keep when the Communists arrive. Dr. Clarke had no doubts that Shanghai will fall shortly.

The Richmonder had great difficulty leaving the city by plane. Air runs were so congested by Chinese trying to get out that it was four hours before the field could be cleared for the plane to depart.

The week Dr. Clarke was in Shanghai, prices doubled in American currency. The orphanages, like every individual in the city, were attempting to stock food in anticipation of a long siege of the city.

With Communists surrounding Shanghai, Dr. Clarke expects a million people to be face to face with starvation.

Although Dr. Clarke feels that

Veeco-Union Pay Contract Is Signed

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ditional increase to come will be retroactive to April 1.

The new contract was signed in the Veeco offices in the presence of members of the system council, officers of Veeco, and Commissioner of Labor Edmond M. Boggs. After it was signed, along with a stipulation of arbitration providing for the 2 per cent increase, a telegram was sent to Governor Tuck advising them that the strike notice was being withdrawn.

Notice Withdrawn

The telegram, signed by H. M. Ware, read:

"This is to notify that an agreement has been reached between the system council of local union, IREW, and the Virginia Electric and Power Company. We, therefore, withdraw the strike notice served under date of March 31, 1949."

A union official subsequently said employees seemed well satisfied with the new contract. This spokesman, who declined use of his name, pointed out that the system council originally had asked a "liberal" wage increase, that the company had countered with a "no raise" offer, and that the union then had asked for a 15 per cent hike.

The present agreement was reached after weeks of negotiations with S. P. Brewer, of Durham, N. C., serving as Federal conciliator.

28 Indictments Handed Down By Grand Jury

A Hustings Court grand jury handed down 28 indictments yesterday.

Edward O. Andrews, 25, of the 300 block West Cary St., was indicted on a charge of attempted burglary. The grand jury said Andrews attempted to break into the house of J. J. Jarvis, of 11 North Linden St.

Hazel Cardwell, 18, of the 1500 block Lakeview Ave., was indicted on a charge of hill and run driving. The grand jury said she struck a pedestrian and did not "immediately stop at the scene."

William David Cash, Jr., 47, no address listed, was charged with grand larceny of 79 pints of whisky valued at \$158. Also indicted on a companion charge, alleging theft of an identical amount of whisky, was James Weldon Gunn, 22, of the 300 block North Second St.

Johnny M. Johnson, 18, of 2300 Parkway Ave., was indicted on a charge of storebreaking. He was alleged to have stolen two radios from the B. F. Goodrich Company at 2700 West Broad St.

Eugene B. Longtin, 40, listed as a sergeant in the United States Army, was charged with grand larceny of \$100 from Richmond Hotels, Inc., and Thalmir Brothers, Inc.

Ruth Jessie Smith, 39, no address given, was indicted on a charge that she "did unlawfully and feloniously seize, take and receive one Gloria Jones, a child of 6 years" from her father.

Airman Train Here

A contingent of the Seventy-ninth Troop Carrier Squadron, composed of 23 officers and 15 airmen, has arrived at Byrd Field from the Norfolk area for a two-week training period. Their training will be under the supervision of the Air Force Reserve Training Center at Byrd Field.

Photograph Is Presented

LEXINGTON, May 2.—A photograph of the late E. T. Robinson, former clerk of courts, has been presented to the Rockbridge County deputy clerk's office, S. W. McCown has announced. The picture was presented by Robinson's daughter, Mrs. Douglas Higgins. Robinson served in the deputy clerk's office for about 23 years before his retirement in February, 1947.

Wage Parley Requested In Newport News

The Amalgamated Association of Street Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees' union has notified the Governor's office that it has requested that negotiations on contract changes begin with Citizens Rapid Transit Company, of Newport News, at 10 A. M. May 8.

The first conference talks would be held in the company offices at Newport News.

The union proposals include a request for a wage boost "to compare favorably with those generally in the transit industry."

Horologists to Drive For Licensing Law

Watchmakers of the Horological Association of Virginia, recently reorganized, will meet this summer to plan a campaign for State examinations and licensing of members of the trade, according to C. R. Knowles, newly elected president.

"As it is now," Knowles said, "anyone can buy a pair of tweezers and a bench, take out a retailer's license, and open his doors as a watchmaker."

The association was formed in 1939, and was instrumental in bringing a bill for examination and licensing before the General Assembly in 1942, but it was not acted upon, Knowles said.

Blake Will Address Federalists Meet Here

Preston Blake, of the Richmond branch of the United States Federalists, will speak at a meeting of the organization at 8 P. M. today at St. James' parish house.

A movie, "Quest for Tomorrow," will be shown at the meeting. Blake's speech will attempt to summarize United States actions leading to strengthening of the United Nations.

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Critics of Mother's Day

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Court Studies Plea to Ban Store Pickets

Justice A. P. Staples, of the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals, heard argument yesterday on two corporations' plea for a temporary injunction to stop picketing at 113-113 East Broad St., site of the Rountree furniture store.

Justice Staples took no immediate action in the case. After hearing lawyers on both sides, he said he would consider the matter and announce his ruling later.

Counsel for the Rountree Corporation and Eanes Building Corporation took their injunction appeal to the Supreme Court after Judge Thomas C. Fletcher, of Richmond Law and Equity Court, last week refused to grant the temporary injunction.

Aimed at Contractor

They sought to restrain Painters and Parishmen's Local Union No. 1018, AFL, from picketing or maintaining pickets in front of the building occupied by the furniture firm and owned by the Eanes company.

The union's picketing is aimed at a nonunion painting contractor engaged in work on the structure, which was damaged by fire some time ago. Union employees of an electrical contractor on the same job have refused to cross the picket line.

Rountree and Eanes complaints, in effect, that the two companies are innocent bystanders being injured by the picketing.

The union holds that its picketing is peaceful and legitimate, being conducted by one man on the public sidewalk and aimed at the contractor without mention of the two complaining corporations.

In denying the temporary injunction plea last week, Judge Fletcher said there had been no disorder or threats.

Audits Are Submitted To Governor's Office

Audits on five county and Circuit Court clerks were sent yesterday to the Governor's office by State Auditor J. Gordon Bennett. All were in good order.

The audits for the calendar year 1948 were for: Lewis Crawley, county clerk and clerk of the Circuit Court of Cumberland; Joe W. Parsons, of Grayson; C. W. Woodson, of Campbell; T. W. Carpenter, of Franklin, and Robert D. Huffman, of Page.

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Prillaman Pays Fee to Enter Lieutenant-Governor Contest

Nick Prillaman, of Martinsville, paid his qualifying fee here yesterday to enter the Democratic primary as candidate for Lieutenant-Governor.

Until Saturday an announced candidate for Governor, Prillaman put up the necessary \$18—2 per cent of the Lieutenant-Governor's \$900 salary—with State Treasurer Jesse W. Dillon.

He now must file his declaration, petitions signed by at least 250 qualified voters, and other papers with State Democratic Chairman G. Alvin Massenburg not later than midnight tomorrow in order to qualify for a place on the printed ballot.

In withdrawing from what was a five-man primary for Governor yesterday, he was "encouraged and pleased" him.

Antiforeignization Candidate Francis Picken Miller—a development which Miller said "encouraged and pleased" him.

Sender Declines

Meanwhile, dispatches from Roanoke yesterday said Dr. E. W. Sender, of Salem, definitely had decided not to make the Democratic primary race for Lieutenant-Governor. Sender originally announced several months ago he would seek the No. 2 spot on the Democratic ticket, but last week had indicated he might not run.

That apparently left the Democratic primary a two-way contest between Prillaman and the incumbent, Lieutenant Governor L. Preston Collins, of Marion.

With the qualification deadline for State-wide primary candidates falling tomorrow, Candidate Horace H. Edwards, of Richmond, was expected to complete his qualifications for the Governor's race today or tomorrow. Three other candidates—Miller, State Senator John S. Battle and Remmie L. Arnold—already have qualified.

There still was no definite word here on whether Moss A. Plunkett, of Roanoke, would enter the primary for Attorney-General against the incumbent, J. Lindsay Almond, Jr. Plunkett, an old foe of the dominant, conservative Democratic organization, said last week he was considering the race.

McGuire Qualifies

On the other side of the political party fence, with Virginia Republicans planning a first State-wide primary this year,

Tree Fall Interrupts Power in West End

Electric service was interrupted for approximately 35 minutes late this morning after a power line was snapped by a falling tree.

The power company reported that service was disrupted about 8:30 A. M. when workmen cutting down a tree near Kingsway Court and Pepper Avenue and it fell across the line. Service was restored at 9:05 A. M.

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