

HOUSE ORDERS SEIZURE QUIZ

Employees of Firm's Subsidiary at Springfield Out on Strike

ALKOUT IN SYMPATHY

Washington, D.C.—The House today authorized an investigation of the Government's seizure of Montgomery Ward and Company's Chicago properties. A 10-man committee was created to look into the matter independently of the Senate, which already has a resolution on the matter.

The resolution, carried by a vote of 300 to 60 after little more than an hour's sharp debate centering on the propriety of the seizure, authorized the President to take such action as he may deem necessary to prevent the Army's seizure of plant following a labor dispute. It also authorized the President to take such action as he may deem necessary to prevent the seizure of the plant.

House Committee Questioned General Bidle's ruling that the seizure was a plant and thus subject to seizure. The committee also questioned the seizure of the plant.

Stability Threatened—Clark D-NC, backing the resolution, said that the seizure of the plant in 1942, "when we were united there was no partisanship," said that resolution gave the plant power to use "all of the resources of the country" to bring it to an end, and noted that the President is openly defying the economic stability act.

Approximately 450 employees of Montgomery Ward and Company's Springfield subsidiary, the Hummer Manufacturing Company, stayed from the jobs today and said they would remain idle if the company signs a company order which the Government takes the plant.

Idle workers are members of the International Association of Machinists, led by J. Saxer, manager of the plant which produces refrigeration and farm equipment parts for several war production industries, said he did not know the employees were idle and that they were all in Chicago.

Statement Refused—Chicago's Montgomery Ward spokesman said the company has no statement "at least we get the facts of the case." The plant is not involved in the controversy which Government seizure of Ward facilities continued to the Chicago office.

Ward said about 450 men in production and maintenance workers and all but two supervisors and some firemen were affected. The office staff of about 100 not affected.

Capt. Ray Stoltzmann and Wife Are Shot to Death



Capt. Ray C. Stoltzmann

Marshfield World War II Hero Killed By Revolver Bullet

Albany, Ga.—(AP)—A man identified by police and military authorities as Capt. Ray C. Stoltzmann, Army Air Forces instructor, and his wife, were found shot to death in their home here early today.

Dougherty County Police Officer Roy B. Hinson and M. Burnett, assistant chief of police, said a woman identifying herself as Mrs. Stoltzmann telephoned police headquarters just before 5 a. m., saying she had killed her husband. She asked for an officer and an ambulance.

When officers arrived at the home they heard a shot. The house was locked, Burnett and Hinson said, and they gained entrance by cutting out a backdoor screen.

DISMISSALS AT WARDS HALTED

Employees May not be Discharged Without Government Sanction

Chicago (AP)—Employees of the Government controlled Montgomery Ward and Company's Chicago properties, under new regulations contained in a Federal poster, may not be dismissed by company officials without Government approval.

The new rules posted in the big mail order house were disclosed yesterday after the arrest of a company official as he was removing one of the placards. They set forth that dismissals of employees since the Government took control April 26 were voided and none would be valid without approval of Federal officials in charge of the facilities.

Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation arrested the company executive, Paul D. Sowell, assistant mail order operating manager. Arraigned before U. S. Commissioner Edwin K. Walker on a charge of "lacking, purloining, stealing or injuring property of the U. S. Government," Sowell pleaded not guilty and was released on a \$250 bond pending a hearing May 11.

Many Discharged—The notices, addressed to company executives, said that under a temporary restraining order issued by Federal Judge William H. Holtz, with the A.F.L., in J. Saxer, manager of the plant which produces refrigeration and farm equipment parts for several war production industries, said he did not know the employees were idle and that they were all in Chicago.

The company was taken over by the Government after it refused to obey directives from President Roosevelt and the War Labor Board to extend an expired C.I.O. Sec.—WARD—Ege

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Delegates for State Convention Here in June Elect-

JAPANESE SEND IN AGE AIRMEN

Yank Invaders of Dutch New Guinea Anticipating Counter-Blows

ANOTHER LANDING MADE

Advanced Allied Headquarters, New Guinea—(AP)—American invaders of Dutch New Guinea were on the alert today against expected counter blows by Japan's well-trained Navy fliers.

As headquarters announced two amphibious landings which pushed the Fanks as far as 40 miles west of Hollandia, a spokesman sounded a precautionary note. He said there were indications the Japanese are throwing their naval aviation strength—their best pilots—are reputed to be Navy fliers—into the northwest New Guinea sectors guarding the approaches toward the Philippines.

Land Farther Up—So far, only sporadic enemy air activity has been reported in the Hollandia-Aitape sector, where American invasion forces have captured the airbases within a bombing range of the Philippines and killed more than 800 Japanese.

Today headquarters disclosed that a week ago a small amphibious force of the U. S. Sixth Army landed at Demta, a village 40 miles up the coast from Hollandia and 16 miles beyond the previous westernmost holding of the Americans at Tanahmerah Bay. Another amphibious force landed the same day at Torare Bay, 12 miles west of Hollandia. That is between Tanahmerah and Humboldt Bays, the points where big invasion forces opened the swiftly-concluded pincers drive into Dutch New Guinea April 22.

Japs Surrender—The two new landings, so lightly opposed that they resulted in the killing of only two Japanese, were intended both to cut off coastal routes of retreat for any wandering groups of the enemy and to consolidate the American positions. Several of the Japanese groups are surrendering, one band of 20 giving themselves up to a truck crew.

4 STATES IN PATH OF WINTRY BLASTS

Sub-zero Temperatures and Snow General Throughout Wisconsin

Chicago—(AP)—Snow fell today over northwest Illinois, central and eastern Iowa, Minnesota, and Central and Northern Wisconsin following biting frosts which are expected to repeat tonight. Forecaster H. L. Jacobson reported.

The Nation's coldest temperature was 18 above zero at Monticello, S. D., and freezing weather stretched as far south as Springfield, Ill., which had a minimum of 32. Subfreezing temperatures of 20 giving themselves up to a truck crew.

Chicago had the coldest May 5 in history, with the mercury at 34. The coldest previous May 5 reading was 36 in 1891. Jacobson said the snow would change to rain during the day over most of the area, with a "hard freeze" tonight and slowly rising temperatures Saturday.

Dems Meet In Wausau On Saturday

Progressives Also Gather; First Formal Convention

BY DON BRANNON

Madison—(AP)—Progressives and Democrats today pitched tents for their political cruises as the Republicans pulled stakes after opening the 1944 campaign with a two-day parade of the GOP elephant.

The Progressives followed the Republicans into Milwaukee and will begin their show at 2 p. m. tomorrow, the first formal convention they have held since the party was organized at Fond du Lac 10 years ago.

The Democratic donkey, with PDR apparently firmly in the saddle, will be put on display Saturday at Wausau. The convention probably will develop into a four-term pep meeting.

A special committee has been doing spadework on a statement of principles which will serve as a platform for Progressive candidates. The sections dealing with State and national issues were drafted without too much trouble, but a lot of time and work went into the question of international affairs.

The finishing touches were put on the foreign policy issue at a meeting in Milwaukee today. Among those present was Senator LaFollette, one of the party founders. The convention delegates will have the final say about what goes into it, but the committee was unanimous on one point: That it be clear and unequivocal.

LaFollette will address the convention Saturday afternoon. Rep. Harry Sauthoff, candidate for the U. S. Senate, and Rep. Marvin Hult will speak at Sunday's meeting.

Glenn Roberts, chairman of the State Central Committee, is the keynoteer. The Progressives say there is a growing enthusiasm for a return of their part to power, but thus far no long strings of candidates have formed.

The leaders express immense pleasure over Sauthoff's jump into the senatorial race and say that in Alexander O. Benz of Appleton they have a powerhouse as a candidate for Governor. Ralph Amoth of Eau Claire also seeks the gubernatorial nomination.

CHARLIE GRIMM IS NEW CUB MANAGER

Milwaukee Brewer Boss Returns to Team After 6-Year Absence

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