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## TOO STRONG FOR THE LEVEES

### Mississippi River Eating Its Way Rapidly Through Big Dam at Old Town, Ark.

Helena, Ark., March 31.—The situation at Oldtown, Arkansas, where the eating in of the first line of levees of the Mississippi River began yesterday, was described today by government engineers as critical. Two more feet caved in early today and a strong current from the Mississippi is said to be eating its way under the levee on the Arkansas side.

Memphis, March 30.—Heavy rains in the territory between Cairo, Ill., and Memphis yesterday and last night will delay the arrival of the crest of the Mississippi river flood at Memphis until Saturday morning, the United States weather bureau here announced tonight. The rain, all will also bring a maximum stage of 42.7 or 42.8 here. J. H. Scott, forecaster, announced and will prolong the passage of the crest in this part of the river.

The sloughing off of the approaches to the old front levee at Old Town, Ark., two miles south of Helena, for a short distance was the only levee trouble of importance reported during the day.

The cave in at Old Town was discovered before more than 50 feet of the approach had sloughed and prompt measures prevented the situation from becoming serious. Maj. L. Y. Kerr, United States engineer in charge of the levees in the White river district, reported tonight. Telephone messages from Helena tonight said the situation there was well in hand and the work of reinforcement progressing rapidly.

Workers will keep on the job all night and Major Kerr said that by morning the levee at that point should be safe, unless the swift current off this point should cut into the old levee at some other place.

Levee engineers here say that the next 48 hours will probably determine whether or not serious levee trouble will develop between Osceola, Ark., where the crest of the flood passed this morning, and the Mississippi line. Up to 6 o'clock Old Town was the only point reporting any trouble.

Vicksburg, Miss., March 30.—Showing a rise of four-tenths of a foot since 7 o'clock this morning the Mississippi river had reached the stage of 47.3 feet tonight. Reports from all points in the third Mississippi river district to headquarters here stated that water was well up on the levees, but that no weak points along the system had developed.

Helena, Ark., March 30.—Several hundred men are working tonight in a driving rain by the light of improvised torches to reinforce with sand bags the section of the front levee approaches at Old Town, below Helena, which began sloughing away into the river early today. The downpour of rain is weakening the embankment and unless there is a change in the weather serious trouble is feared tomorrow. A nine-mile current driven from the Mississippi side of the river is sweeping against the front levee and according to reports received here tonight less than four feet of the crown of this levee remains for a distance of 50 feet.

Workers say that this strip will probably not be widened unless the subsidies of sand bags fail to hold back the flood waters swept against them. The roar of the current as it strikes against the shore here can be heard some distance away. Levee workers late today cut down trees and attempted to place them in the river in front of the levee to break the force of the current but they were quickly swept away down the river.

Efforts of the workers tonight is directed to preventing the easing away of the earth under the banquettes. If this can be done the levee will hold, they say.

## GOV. RUSSELL'S CHARGES ARE UNFOUNDED

Jackson, Miss., April 1.—The legislative committee that is investigating Gov. Russell's charges that fire insurance companies had inspired the hundred thousand dollar seduction suit against him, instituted by Miss Frances Birkhead, reported to the house today that the investigation failed to substantiate Governor Russell's charges.

## FLOOD HELD IN CHECK BY SAND BAGS

Helena, Ark., April 1.—Workers returning from the Oldtown levee where eating occurred last night said that the water from the flooded Mississippi had gone through the gap in the front levee but is being held by the sub-levee built of sandbags.

## A CONTEST OF CAPITAL AND LABOR

### Miners' Union Determined to Prostrate Industry of Nation If Necessary to Carry Their Point

Indianapolis, March 31 (By the Associated Press).—Coal production was stopped tonight by the union miners, who quit their day's work in the mines of 20 states with the avowed policy of remaining idle indefinitely in an effort to force the operators to accept the miners' terms for new wage contracts.

Officials at the headquarters here of the United Mine Workers of America declared the suspension would not only include a half million workers but also at least 100,000 non-union men would join in the walk out. No last minute instructions were issued from headquarters and the only significant conference held during the day by President John L. Lewis was with Lonnie Jackson, president of the Kentucky union district, where 5,000 union men will continue at work because their contract with operators has another year to run. During the day Mr. Lewis declared a suspension of work by Kansas union miners would not be averted by the action of the Kansas industrial court ordering that wage scales of the last two years be continued for 30 days. In a formal statement tonight the union chief declared the nation-wide walkout would affect "hundreds of thousands of citizens" not directly engaged in the coal industry, and he reiterated his charge that the operators had forced "the strike upon the miners."

In addition to the Kentucky miners, union men in Nova Scotia will remain at work but those in the Western Canadian provinces were expected to join the suspension. The conference over the Kentucky situation was said by its participants to have been a general review of the situation there with President Lewis taking the position that the union must obey its contract with the operators.

Numerous reports from the coal fields of the country also reached headquarters, which Mr. Lewis declared indicated a complete tie up of all union fields. These reports also showed that 13,000 union men would be left in the mines to protect the property from damage and the only trouble between operators and miners in this connection was reported from Washington where operators were said to be objecting to paying the wages provided for in the contracts that expired at midnight.

Mr. Lewis' formal statement regarding the suspension of work follows: "The strike upon which the United Mine Workers of America are entering is not a question of small magnitude nor one to be lightly considered by the American people. It is fraught with far reaching consequences and serious responsibilities as affecting the public weal. The withdrawal of in excess of 600,000 men from the mines of the country constitutes a serious problem. Aside from the inevitable coal shortage which will ensue, to the profit of coal operators and to the detriment of the public, it will cause a dislocation of industry throughout the nation, affecting hundreds of thousands of citizens in other walks of life.

"This is a deplorable condition and constitutes a sad commentary upon the relationships of employer and employee in American industry. Every thoughtful man recognizes that in the end a settlement of the problems of the mining industry must be effected. Such settlement must come through joint conference with accredited representatives of the mine workers of the nation.

"It is most unfortunate, because of the arbitrary attitude of the coal operators, that such a meeting can not be assembled until the country has endured the agony and convulsions involved in an industry-wide strike on such a gigantic scale. In the present issue the public has been lulled in a sense of false security by the soothing statements of those who will profit through a strike.

"The mine workers repeatedly have called attention to those facts and our statements have gone unheeded. The responsibility must therefore be with those who have brought about the present situation seeking to push the miners backward.

"As self-respecting citizens we are resolved to stand in opposition to those who deny us a living wage and our proper aspirations for an American standard of living."

Indianapolis, April 1.—Confident that the suspension of work begun at midnight by the union coal miners would result in a complete tie-up of the country's mineral fields, mine workers officials awaited reports showing the exact effectiveness of the shutdown. They expected six hundred thousand men, including a hundred thousand non-union workers would be included in the walkout. Preliminary reports indicated that a few operators who conduct their mines on a closed shop basis would at-

## BLOOD FLOWS IN IRELAND

### Four killed in Sunday Reprisals

Belfast, April 2 (By the Associated Press).—Four men were shot and killed and three children were wounded last night in the Sinn Fein area near the Old Lodge Road district. The ages of the men ranged from 49 to 63. The children are two, seven and 13 years old.

It was another grim week-end for Belfast. The shooting of the men is believed to have been in reprisal for the killing Saturday of Constable George Turner. The assassin fired at Turner from a vacant house and made his escape. The news of the shooting of the policeman spread rapidly, and despite the curfew hour last night, there were scenes of excitement in the streets. Later heavy rifle and revolver firing punctuated with the shrieks of women and children was heard and shortly afterwards the bodies of the four men were taken to a hospital, where the three children also were conveyed. The father of the children, Joseph Walsh was one of the men who was killed. All the killings took place in the homes of the victims. Walsh was lying in bed with the two younger children and the bullet, which killed him, wounded them. Two year old Bridget was shot through the head.

Frank Walsh, son of Joseph Walsh, was stopping with his grandmother a few doors distant from the Walsh home. The grandmother's house was raided. The intruders rushed upstairs, seized Frank, who was trying to make his escape through a window, and pitched him downstairs. His injuries are not serious. The grandmother said after the raid at Joseph Walsh had served five years in the war on the western front. She had 13 sons and nephews in the war, only two of whom returned.

"And this is my reward on their return," the old lady sobbed.

In the home of a relative of the Walsh family this morning a bullet passed through the arm of a neighbor holding a baby and pierced its stomach, wounding it fatally. "The body of a young man named Garvey was found lying in the road at midnight last night, three miles from Newry. There were two bullet wounds in his head.

Orange Hall, near Newry and close to the scene of the recent train burning, was destroyed early this morning. Armed men ordered the woman caretaker, threw out the furniture and set fire to the building. The woman and her children were left in the darkness on the bleak mountainside until they were befriended by neighbors.

At Watford today Protestant Bishop Miller of Cashel, speaking on the "Terrible Events in North Ireland," said he had consulted with the clergy and men prominent in all denominations, who had voiced the opinion that "the names of Catholics and Protestants are being used in connection with some of the foulest deeds that have ever disgraced a country."

"All Christians," the prelate added, "are called upon to say they loathe and abhor such activities, by whomsoever committed, and to regard such men as the direct emissaries of Satan."

Dublin, April 2 (By the Associated Press).—The serious extent of the split in the ranks of the Irish Republican army was revealed this afternoon when from five Dublin battalions, which had been ordered out to take a "new oath of allegiance with new implications," not less than 2,000 men obeyed the Republican appeal and marched to Smithfield. There in the presence of Liam Mellows, Doderick O'Connor and other noted heads of the Republican movement, they took the oath of allegiance to free themselves from any other further responsibility to the diabolical cause.

The extremists tonight expressed entire satisfaction at the response to their appeal. A large crowd, including contingents from the women's organizations, witnessed the parade of the battalions, but gave no demonstration of sympathy beyond their presence.

Belfast, April 2.—A bomb thrown into a house here tonight exploded and wounded two children.

During the night a man named Mallon was shot dead.

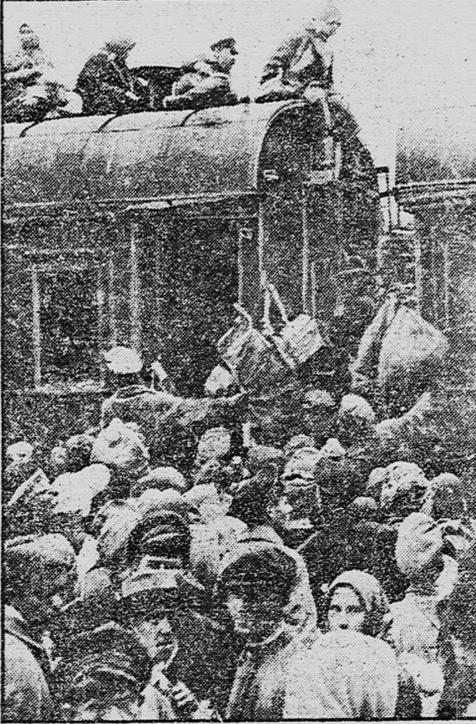
## ARKANSAS LUMBER MILL DESTROYED

### Half Million Dollar Fire at Pine Bluff

Pinebluff, Ark., April 2.—Fire last night destroyed the sawmill of the Arkansas Short Leaf Lumber company. The loss was about half a million dollars.

Heavy continued production. For the first time in history, officials said, both the anthracite and bituminous coals are tied up and they estimated that six thousand of the nation's seventy-five hundred mines are idle.

## Russians Fight for American Food



Russians fighting for transportation to American food relief stations. They crowd into trains and occupy the roofs of coaches.

## PROGRESS BEING MADE ON ROADS

### Construction Companies at Work on County Roads, Also Bridges Being Built

The work of grading on the Manning road and of the laying of the roads, and the making of gutters for one-half mile just beyond the limits on this road is reported as advancing very satisfactorily. The hard surfacing of this road for three and one-tenth miles is in the hands of the Adams-Evans Construction Company, of Jacksonville, Fla. This construction company was also granted the contract for the paving of the three and one-tenth miles on the Bishopville road and the work of grading has also been begun on this road. The contract for the building of the four miles of hard surface road on the Mayesville road was let to the Slattery and Henry Construction Company, of Greenville, and a great deal of the grade work on this road has been almost completed.

The bridge work, which was necessary with the hard surfacing of the roads, was placed with the Mallard Lumber Company, of Greenville. The first bridge to be begun by the company was the bridge over Green Swamp on the Starburg road. This bridge, a three-span bridge, is expected to be completed within the next ten days.

The work on both the bridges and the roads has been very much impeded by the rainy weather, but much good progress is now being made during the fair weather by all of the construction companies at work in the county. In addition to the building of the Green Swamp bridge, the Mallard Lumber Company is at work on several of the bridges of the Rocky Bluff Swamp on the Mayesville road and is also at work with the laying of a culvert over the mill race at Whites Mill on the Bishopville road.

## TOO MANY COAL MINES Legislation Proposed to Prevent Over Development of Industry

New York, April 1.—Congressional action to prohibit the over-development of the coal industry is proposed by Philip Murray, vice-president of the United Mine Workers as a cure for the "great evil which has America in the grip of a nation-wide strike." He said the men are required to live a year on the earnings from forty to two hundred days' work, because of over-production.

## BOMB THROWING IN BELFAST

Belfast, April 1.—A bomb was thrown into the family circle of a lower middle class family, killing his three-year-old son, and wounding two other children and himself. Four shots were then fired at Mrs. Donnelly, who was nursing an infant, without effect.

Putney, England, April 1.—Cambridge won the annual boat race with Oxford.

## DIAL ATTACKS SHIPPING BOARD

### South Carolinian Calls It Most Incompetent Set of "Giggling School Girls." Big Losses Shown

Washington, March 30.—Asserting that he is opposed to "throwing away more money on such an incompetent set as the Shipping Board," Senator N. B. Dial opened an attack on ship subsidy today with the following remarks to the senate:

"I notice that the Shipping Board has come to congress asking for subsidies. I am not surprised that they should ask for help considering the manner in which they have carried on the business entrusted to their care. I have had occasion to familiarize myself to some extent with their methods and I must say that I know of no government officials who look upon their duties as lightly as do members of the Shipping Board, although several of its operatives are drawing salaries as high as \$30,000 a year.

"They were before the committee on commerce some time ago and I never was reminded more forcibly of fourteen-year-old giggling schoolgirls than I was on that occasion.

"I noticed in the newspapers a day or two ago that they had some 165 ships tied up in the neighborhood of New York and the report stated that they had 600 guards and yet they allowed something like \$400,000 worth of government property to be stolen from those ships.

"The fact is that instead of trying to look out for business they have tied up ships to keep from carrying on business. I believe that out of something like 1,500 steel ships they were operating some time ago only 322. It is even claimed that they did not have enough ships for commission to carry the coal which we donated to the starving people of Russia."

Senator Dial is a member of the committee to which the ship subsidy bill is referred. His attack was not answered but it was noted in the galleries as the beginning of a bitter fight over the subsidy proposal of the administration.

## Losses During February

Washington, March 30.—The Shipping Board suffered a net loss on the operation of ships of \$2,969,159 during February, chairman Baker announced today. This, he said, was the lowest recorded since the government engaged in the commercial operation of its vessels.

## Bill to Complete Muscle Shoals Introduced

Washington, March 31.—The commencement of work to complete the Wilson Dam and construct Dam Number Three at Muscle Shoals under government appropriation and supervision will be proposed to the Senate by Chairman Norris, the agriculture committee announced after an inspection trip. It is estimated that seven million five hundred thousand dollars will be necessary for the first years work.

## MINERS WILL WELCOME INVESTIGATION

### President Lewis of the Miners' Union Makes Statement at Congressional Hearing

Washington, April 3.—The union coal miners who suspended work Saturday in the nation wide strike are declared by John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers to be desirous of suspension of strike operations at the earliest possible date, but the resumption of production depends entirely upon the future attitude of the coal owners. Mr. Lewis before the house labor committee hearing on the bill resolution for the appointment of a commission to investigate the mining industry, said his organization would welcome any impartial and judicial investigation of general conditions in the bituminous and anthracite industries.

Indianapolis, April 3.—The first test of strength in the nation-wide coal strike came today with the beginning of the suspension Saturday, the annual holiday among the miners having failed to determine the exact effectiveness of the walkout. United Mine Workers headquarters expressed confidence that the day's developments would confirm the union estimate that six hundred thousand men, among them a hundred thousand non-union workers had laid down their tools for an indefinite period of idleness. The tacit truce between the miners and operators is counted on, apparently to make the union estimate a certainty. Few if any of the operators in the big coal centers which are strongly unionized, are expected to attempt an early resumption of operations. The situation, however, is in doubt in non-union and open shop districts.

## \$225,000 FIRE LOSS AT UNION

### Almost Entire Block of City Destroyed by Flames

Union, April 1.—Union was visited this morning at 3:30 o'clock with one of the most disastrous fires since 1905, when the same block, known as the Townsend block, was completely wiped out, and which was destroyed this morning with the exception of the Bailey Builders Supply building. Late estimates show that on conservative basis the loss of property known as the Townsend block and People's Supply Company by fire early this morning will amount to \$225,000, with about 40 per cent insurance.

The fire started in W. E. Green's place of business and spread on either side until the buildings occupied by J. E. Bolton, Cash Grocery Company and People's Supply Company were completely destroyed. This is one of the most imposing business blocks in the city of Union and is the first block east of the Southern Railway. Over the business concerns burned were the home of the Elks' Lodge and also the armory.

The Elks' home was one of the most complete homes in this State and was only partly insured, while the armory had about a \$75,000 supply of ammunition stock on hand and a machine gun, and very little insurance was carried on this.

W. E. Green was insured for about 50 per cent of the value of his stock and buildings and had 108 cars burned.

J. L. Bolt's garage, who has the Ford agency for this county, was insured for about 60 per cent. The building was owned by Mr. R. L. McNally and insured for \$10,000. Mr. McNally dropping \$5,000 insurance on the building last week.

The People's Supply Company, whose handsome building was also burned, had their stock of groceries, wazons and bugles insured fully, but carried nothing like the value of the building in insurance.

This handsome block of buildings, valued at \$225,000, is now a mass of ruins, and the Union fire company, with mill companies, did a splendid work in keeping the fire under control.

The plate-glass windows of the Carpent building, just across, were broken by the heat from the fire, and the stock of the Cash Grocery Company is ruined from water.

London, April 3.—Premier Lloyd George is to address the House of Commons today to ask for an expression of confidence in the government's policy toward the international economic conference at Geneva. It is expected to receive a substantial majority.

## LARGE COAL PRODUCTION

### Output at Maximum Just Before the Strike

Washington, April 3.—Coal production of 11,347,000 tons, the highest since December 1920, was reached in the bituminous coal industry during the week ended March 25, according to the geological survey.

## TELEPHONE RATES TO BE REDUCED

### Gov. Cooper Signs the Telephone Rate Reducing Act Passed by the Last Legislature

Columbia, April 3.—Governor Cooper today signed the telephone rate reduction act passed by the last legislature. The act puts back into effect the telephone rates which were operative the first of last year, prior to the action of the railroad commission in allowing the rate increase. The governor explaining his action. The telephone company is expected to immediately take action to prevent the enforcement of the act. Injunction proceedings will probably be instituted, though, as yet, no move has been made.

## STARVATION IN CENTRAL ARMENIA

### Disease Stalks in Trail of Poverty—Some Resort to Human Flesh Diet

New York, April 2.—The ravages of hunger among the inhabitants of mountainous Armenia in central Asia is a terrible report from Near East Relief investigators, given out today by Charles V. Vicery, general secretary of the organization.

With the break of winter, the dispatch said, K. A. Downer of Kingston, N. Y., made a five days' visit by horseback to 20 villages having a population of 25,000 and found that 49 out of every 50 persons were afflicted with disease due to malnutrition. Foodstuffs throughout the area were exhausted.

"Several cases were so desperate that the people resorted to eating of human flesh," the report said, "which practice was sharply punished by the authorities. Officials said that they are doing all they can to prevent it, but the people lose their senses from hunger."

## NAVY MAKES AVIATION SAFER

### Wireless to Be Used to Minimize Danger

Washington, April 2.—Naval aviation regulation governing naval air craft in flight are devised to cut the risk to machines and fliers to the lowest point possible, it was asserted today in an explanation of naval practices made public by Secretary Denby. The regulations include provisions for enabling the planes to keep constantly in touch by radio with ships or shore stations along the route insuring prompt assistance in case of disaster and minimizing the danger of losing a plane and its crew at sea.

No naval plane is dispatched over a route where it will be at any time completely out of touch with the radio stations at one end or the other of the route, the explanation said. The power of the radio equipment in any plane selected for "such a flight must be sufficient, under the regulations, to span a little more than half the total distance of the flight ordered. If a thousand miles is to be covered, the radio plant in the plane must be sufficient to communicate more than 500 miles, and so on.

When there is any possibility of a forced landing between the start and the end of the flight, two planes must be sent together. In case one is forced down it is assumed that the other will be able to hover above and report and then make a landing itself to aid the disabled machine.

As another precaution position reports must be sent by the machines in flight at regular intervals while making the passage. Should some extraordinary accident force down both planes simultaneously and silence parties can be rushed to the place of the last position and begin the search with reasonable hope of picking up the stragglers in a comparatively shortly distance from that spot.

As a final precaution all naval planes are equipped with rocket pistols to fire color signals at night to guide rescuers to their aid.

## THE SUPREME COURT DOCKET

Columbia, April 3.—The appeal of Jesse Gappins, one of the murderers in the post-mortem death case, is set for hearing before the state supreme court in the docket issued by Harry McCaw, clerk of the court, yesterday. The court begins its spring term on April 11. Another case of state-wide interest is that of the state against E. N. Mittle, charged with murder. Mittle killed a civil engineer named Patterson and was convicted. Next Monday the supreme court will sit en banc to hear two cases, Osteen vs. the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, and Reimo vs. The Seaboard Air Line.

## DETHRONED EMPEROR DIES IN EXILE

### Former Ruler of Austria-Hungary Passes Away at Funchal, Madeira Islands Today

Funchal, Madeira, April 1.—Former Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary, died here today. Former Emperor Charles and his wife, Zita, were sent into exile by the entente allies after he made two spectacular attempts to regain the throne of either Austria or Hungary. Although the situation on the island of Madeira resembled that of Napoleon at St. Helena, Charles and Zita occupied a much more comfortable position. Their exile began November 19th last. Charles became ill a week ago, with bronchial pneumonia.

## PRESS ASSOCIATION WILL SELECT PLACE

### Executive Committee to Meet in Columbia Friday Night—District Men Confer

Columbia, April 3.—The executive committee of the South Carolina Press association will meet in Columbia Friday night to select a place for the annual meeting of the association this year. It is understood that there will be several invitations extended to the association.

Members of the executive committee are L. Wigfall Cheatham of Edgefield; F. C. Withers of Columbia; R. H. Hitt of Bamberg; A. B. Jordan of Dillon and B. M. Perce of Greenville. Others who will attend the meeting Friday night are J. G. Osteen of Sumter, president; J. Rion McKissick of Greenville, first vice president; O. K. Williams of Rock Hill, second vice president; Harold C. Booker of Columbia, secretary, and August Kohn of Columbia, treasurer.

Friday at noon there will be a conference of all newspaper men and employing printers of the Seventh congressional district. This conference will be for the purpose of discussing general business conditions. Newspaper men and employing printers of each of the other congressional districts will probably hold similar conferences during the month of April.

## PROSPECTS ARE NOT BRIGHT

Sesser, Ills., April 1.—The coal miners of Illinois will remain on strike as long as they can safely do so, Lon Fox, Ninth District president of the United Mine Workers declared here today, but "we are not going to continue that course until our organization is demoralized," he added.

President Fox warned the miners that they are starting on what may be a long strike, at a time when the prospects are not bright.

## Miners Take Holiday

Louisville, April 1.—While sixty thousand miners of Kentucky took a holiday in observance of the anniversary of the eight-hour day, reports received tonight report that mining in the state will not be affected seriously by the suspension begun last midnight. The full effect in Kentucky, however, will not be known before Monday.

The only field likely to be disturbed, according to the reports, is the Harlan district in Southeastern Kentucky, where figures of the state inspector of mines show 2,974 men were employed. However, several large mines there will not be affected.

A telegram from John L. Lewis, international president, directing the men to continue work in several mines in the Harlan district under the recent wage agreement based on the 1917 wage scale was read at a mass meeting of miners at Pineville today.

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Third circuit—Tuesday April 18, two cases: 1. State vs. Green, 2. Smith & Co. vs. Thompson, 3. Ox-wild Acetylene company vs. Chandler, 4. Wilson et al vs. Poston.