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Strike-Bound Circus Heads For Quarters

Scranton, Pa., June 27.—Roustabouts and canvassmen packed the Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey circus on a special train tonight for a three-day journey to winter quarters.

A disastrous spring tour which averaged a daily loss of \$40,000 ended here Wednesday night when 1,600 performers and workers struck in protest against the management's intention to reduce wages by 25 per cent.

Before the tents were struck, Ralph Whitehead, secretary of the American Federation of Actors, asked General Manager John Ringling North to assume responsibility if fire broke out in the freight cars carrying the chemically-treated tents. North, who already had signed agreements covering workers' pay during the loading and guaranteeing employes transportation from Scranton, refused to sign another one.

After another brief conference with North, Whitehead strode from the general manager's office and announced to workmen:

"Tear it down boys, we're heading for home."

So the fat lady watched in glum anticipation of an unseasonal hibernation as the gaily decorated calliope was trundled up a ramp onto a flat car. The "greatest show on earth," beset by labor and financial troubles, headed south to Sarasota, Fla., with less than one-third of its nation-wide tour completed.

Whitehead told the fat lady, the living skeleton, the comely snake-charmer, the tattooed man and other "exhibits" that the union would seek employment for them. But performers held little hope of obtaining work, since the Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey circus was the fifth American show to founder this season.

Conferences intended to settle the dispute produced a welter of damage suits, summonses and daily ultimatums from city officials that the circus must leave town at once because sanitary conditions at the show grounds were "terrible." Animals were unattended for days—except for regular feedings, a routine handled inexpertly by circus executives and ticket sellers.

Union leaders indicated a suit for \$100,000 damages would be filed by the Actors Federation, an American Federation of Labor affiliate, against the circus for alleged violation of a wage agreement. The city presented Manager North with a bill for extra expense incurred by the delay in removing the circus.

North said a new type of agreement covering performers and workers would have to be worked out before the show would make an attempt to renew its tour. He denied the circus would be broken up permanently.

Union compromises offering smaller wage reductions were rebuffed by the management. Pleas from "heads-of-the-acts," including Frank "Bring 'Em Back Alive" Buck that the strike be ended and the show permitted to go on were rejected by the strikers.

Buck and others told the strikers that the chief sufferers from their decision to continue the strike would be thousands of potential customers in hundreds of communities on the circus schedule.

Departure of the show was watched by a sad group of local boys who had carried heavy pails of water for the elephants in return for free tickets to a circus which gave only one long-awaited performance—a matinee Wednesday afternoon a few hours before the strike went into effect.

Story Hour Club Met
 Antioch story hour held its meeting in the library Tuesday, June 14, 3 o'clock. The meeting was presided over by Miss Maggie Lou McCaskill, the librarian and Golda Weathers, the president. The following program was given:

Prayer; song by Marie Funderburke and Golda Weathers; roll call and minutes by Mae Shirley; story by Maggie Lou McCaskill; contest by all; Jokes by Marie Funderburke; poem by Elaine Galloway; jokes by Mae Shirley.

The following new officers were elected: Elaine Galloway, president; Marie Funderburke, vice president; Dupree Cook, secretary and treasurer; Dorothy Cook, Mae Shirley and Golda Weathers, program committee. —Contributed.

Forestry Pictures Touring The State

The State Commission of Forestry has announced the summer schedule for its forestry moving picture outfit which has been operating in South Carolina. The schedule during the balance of June and from July 10-16, calls for showings in the district of forester H. F. Bishop whose headquarters is Walterboro. During the week of July 3-9, it will be in the district of R. F. Newcomb, Florence. The outfit will then go to District Forester J. R. Tiller, Aiken, for use July 17-23 and August 1-6. The next district will be that of R. W. Rieger, Camden, where shows will be held July 24-30 and August 14-20. During the periods August 7-13 and 21-27 District Forester J. C. Blakeney, Spartanburg, will have the outfit.

The moving picture outfit is carried in a trailer, has its own power generating plant and can show either indoors or outdoors. It is complete in itself and is operated by a competent attendant. The district foresters attend all showings in order to give a short talk on forestry to those present to answer questions and to give further assistance to landowners and citizens interested in forest protection, planting, proper cutting methods and marketing of forest products.

The films were loaned to the South Carolina Commission of Forestry by the United States Forest Service and they depict the need for forest protection, forest management, the value of preventing fires in order to preserve wildlife and the many ways by which woods benefit us economically and socially.

The trailer was made in South Carolina and the body is framed out of native ash, celled and floored with native loblolly pine, is painted with the paint thinned with turpentine extracted from South Carolina pine and the panels and doors are made from a pressed composition material of wood fibres.

The State Forester said "the shows have been well attended during the past three months and if at all possible this outfit will be kept operating continuously as it fills a great need particularly in rural localities and other portions of the state where the need for dissemination of forestry information is the greatest.

The State Commission of Forestry announces the completion of the water supply facilities for the new forest tree nursery at Sumter.

The installation was made by the CCC enrollees under the direction of R. A. Conard. The needs of the nursery were specified by Assistant State Forester N. D. Canterbury, assisted by Nurseryman L. M. Staley.

Four wells were drilled to depths ranging from 168 to 179 feet and they yield in excess of 165 gallons per minute, which will supply anticipated needs. The water is first pumped into a reservoir having a capacity of 750,000 gallons. From here it is pumped into an overhead sprinkler system with water driven automatic oscillators which evenly distribute it over the beds containing the growing trees.

The CCC had to step lively in order to get the system installed in time to supply the water to the seven and a half million seedlings which are growing in this nursery.

State Forester Smith wishes to extend an invitation to those who live near or visit Sumter to stop at the nursery in order to examine the growing trees and the nursery facilities. However, inasmuch as this nursery is still under construction, the only two features of interest at the present time are the growing trees and the newly installed water system.

Stay For Turner and Payne Denied
 Raleigh.—Bill Payne and Wash Turner, sentenced to death for the murder of a state highway patrolman, sought spiritual comfort in prayer after informed Wednesday that Governor Hoyt had declined to stay their executions, scheduled for July 1. The governor, in a statement, described the pair as men who had "declared war on society." From the day the two escaped from Caledonia prison farm until their capture nearly a year later by G-men, the governor said, they progressed step-by-step "toward the death penalty that they now face."

Four men were beheaded by the guillotine at a Berlin prison early Monday morning, following conviction of high treason, allegedly because of Communist activities.

Tennessee Farmer Attends Own Rites

Kinston, Tenn., June 26.—Bewhiskered Felix ("Bush") Breazeale, who wanted "to hear what the preacher says about me," sat happily beside his hand made coffin today while a minister eulogized him in a lengthy "funeral" sermon.

"It was the nicest funeral I ever heard," the 74-year-old farmer said. "When I die there won't be another one. This was my last funeral and I'm mighty well pleased."

While the Rev. Charles E. Jackson, of Paris, Ill., praised the manifold merits of "Uncle Bush," a crowd estimated at more than 8,000 swarmed over the peaceful Little Cave Creek valley grove which Breazeale had chosen for his obsequies.

RELEASED MAN SAYS CAPONE "WORST HATED"

Los Angeles, June 26.—Roy Gardner, notorious mail robber recently released from prison, said here today that Al Capone is the center of a feud at Alcatraz prison.

"He undoubtedly is the most hated and most hating man at Alcatraz," said Gardner, who plans to start work tomorrow as a salesman for a motion picture distributor.

Men who were his enemies are there, and George ("Bugs") Moran and his pals, too. They were enemies in Chicago, and their feud widened further in prison.

"Any of them would do anything to see that Capone did not get out."

"If Capone does come out, he will be a worthless man, for his mind is gone. His enemies and 'hell niggers' have finished him."

"A fellow like Capone just sits in his cell at night, staring at the black wall. He gets to thinking of the grand times he used to have—how he ordered politicians around, the money he spent and the parties he gave."

"At first he falls asleep easily, but the longer he is in captivity, the longer he stays awake. Finally he finds himself unable to sleep all night."

Gardner told of a fight he had at Alcatraz with Capone, after one of the latter's "hell nights."

"As we lined up for breakfast, I stood next to him," Gardner related, "and said: 'What's the matter, Al, can't you take it?'"

"He peered at me through his blood shot eyes and let a haymaker at my chin. I saw a guard pointing his rifle at us from a guard tower, dragged Capone under the tower and we finished the fight."

Shmeling's Vertebrae Fractured

New York.—Two vertebrae in his back fractured by the power of Joe Louis' fists, Max Schmeling lay in Polyclinic hospital today, his dream of regaining the heavyweight title a dream and nothing more. One powerful right hand punch to the kidneys partially paralyzed the German challenger in the opening minute of his fifteen-round bout with Lewis last night, made him an easy mark until the champion knocked him out in 2:04 of the first round and sent him to the hospital for an indefinite stay. Just how seriously hurt the German was remained to be disclosed. A diagnosis by Dr. Robert Brennan, professor of surgery at the Polyclinic, revealed however, that Schmeling had suffered fractures of the transverse processes of the third and fourth lumbar vertebrae as well as hemorrhage of the lumbar muscles. There was no indication from any source that Schmeling's condition was serious.

Two Lawyers Killed

Los Angeles, June 22.—Two lawyers were shot to death today in a superior court room of the hall of records. A few minutes later Capt. William Penrose said Arthur Emil Hansen, 38, had been taken into custody and had admitted shooting the two attorneys, R. D. McLaughlin and J. Irving Hancock. Captain Penrose said Hansen told him "everything went red" after Court Commissioner Kurtz Kauffman gave an adverse decision in a land case on which Hansen was a party.

It takes a smart man to think of ways of making money faster than his family can think of ways of spending it.

Chairman Byrnes of the audit senate committee, said the first of the week, that congress would probably add \$50,000 to the \$100,000 fund to be used in investigating the Tennessee Valley Authority, now in progress.

Florence Negro To Die in Chair July 29

Florence, June 25.—L. G. Goodman, twenty-four-year-old negro, was sentenced today by Circuit Judge L. D. Lide to die in the electric chair at 5 p. m., July 29.

Goodman, convicted Thursday night of slaying Llewellyn Singletary, 28-year-old Lake City plantation owner, received the sentence calmly. He was captured last week after a ten-day search, and given a speedy trial.

He testified he shot and killed Eloise Graham, a negro woman on the Singletary farm, but was tried only for the death of the white man.

NO COMPRENDE AMERICAN; BUT ENGLISH, SHE'S EASY!

Lancaster, June 21.—"I think I have made remarkable progress in learning the English language the six weeks I have been in the United States, but this American language, now—how do you say?—it stumps me," said Juan L. Carattino, who with his attractive wife is spending some time in Lancaster studying the construction of a new type of road from Lancaster to Great Falls.


Mr. and Mrs. Carattino are from Buenos Aires, Argentina, where Mr. Carattino is an engineer with the National Bureau of Highways in South America. He is in Lancaster observing experiments made with a new cement soil stabilized road base. The state of South Carolina is co-operating with the Federal Bureau of Public Roads in the construction of the new type road.

Mr. and Mrs. Carattino say they are favorably impressed with this country. This is their first visit to the United States, and they say they have found everyone patient and considerate in their use of the English language, about which they knew nothing when they landed in the United States six weeks ago.

Both think they have made remarkable progress in mastering the English language, but as Mr. Carattino says in the best American slang, "This American language stumps me." He says he is unable to comprehend all of the slang expressions which stud the conversation of the average American; so he just passes them up and asks for a more detailed explanation.

"Another thing which makes it hard for one from a foreign country to learn to speak your language," he said, "is the tendency of people from different sections of the country to vary the enunciation of their words. And I have found that these variations do not come from widely separated parts of the country. Why, I can talk to one man from one part of South Carolina and understand him perfectly, but another man from a different section of the state is unable to make his meaning clear to me. I must turn to my other friend for an interpretation of what a man from the same state has said. And this is not a misunderstanding of slang expressions, but the wide variation of the enunciation of the second man. Still, I think I am doing right well

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and hope to be able to understand a low country Carolinian as well as one from the up country soon."

When asked if they find any of our customs peculiar, Mr. and Mrs. Carattino said that they are becoming accustomed to the American foods, although they think our foods are highly seasoned, and miss wine with their meals. They say it is hard to understand why Americans drink coffee and tea with sugar in it with meals, food tea is new to them, but they have learned to like it.

Both are high in their praise of American hospitality. Mr. and Mrs. Carattino will spend several more weeks in South Carolina and expect to be in the United States about six months.

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