

Railway Pay Boost Plan Satisfies Neither Side

(Continued from page 1) president. That report was submitted yesterday. Load too Heavy, Lines Claim The operating brotherhoods had demanded wage boosts of about 30 per cent. The board recommended a temporary increase of 7 1/2 per cent. The lowest bid in the group now receives \$5.06 a day. The board proposed an average increase of 3 1/2 per cent for the non-operating employees, who now receive 35 to 45 cents an hour and who demanded an additional 30 to 34 cents. The board also suggested a one-week vacation with pay for the non-operating workers.

The carriers' spokesmen estimated the board's recommended increases would amount to \$260,000,000 or more a year and said that was a heavier burden than the industry could stand at this time.

Welders Resuming Jobs. A back-to-work movement gained momentum today among striking west coast welders. Those at Los Angeles accepted an OPM proposal that they go back to their jobs pending a conference on their grievances, but their fellow craftsmen in the Seattle area remained out.

The welders want a charter from the AFL for a separate union. Under present conditions, they say, they must pay dues to several unions in order to ply their trade. The welders claim their walkout affected some 20,000 men, but the OPM estimates the figure at not more than 5,000.

Other late labor developments: San Diego: A strike of AFL building tradesmen to enforce undisclosed wage demands halted work on a \$5,500,000 expansion program at a naval training station and marine camp.

Seattle: A strike vote will be taken today by 3,500 members of the International Longshoremen's association (ILA) in all ports under the jurisdiction of that union.

The ILA is demanding \$1.25 an hour for men under its jurisdiction. The Waterfront Employers' association has a coastwide contract with the International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's union (CIO) at a \$1 an hour scale. The ILA only recently won the right to represent the three Washington ports in negotiations.

Russians Deal Bloody Repulse to Germans

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ported that a mass assault by Nazi tanks had been shattered by red artillery fire.

Reds Take Heavy Toll

The government-controlled Moscow radio said the Germans were fleeing from an unspecified Donets river battlefield "leaving behind them heaps of dead and many guns." Much of the bitterest fighting in the 670-mile-long basin has centered about Rostov-on-Don, gateway to the Caucasus oil fields.

The radio said the battle of Tula, 100 miles south of Moscow, continued to rage "but the enemy is not fighting with the same vigor as when he began the offensive."

There were indications that Siberia-trained red army reserves, some 200,000 of them now reported fighting on the Moscow front, may have turned the tide in that all-important struggle. The Russians said German soldiers were again entrenching defensively and half burying tanks to use as pillboxes against soviet counterattacks.

Authoritative London quarters said the 36-day-old German drive on Moscow was now "very definitely held."

German newsmen from the front significantly stressed the hazards and difficulties of assaulting the U. S. S. R. capital, displaying diagrams and pictures of Moscow's fivefold outer defense system—successive barriers of flame-throwers, tank traps and barbed wire, a moat, mine tank traps and barbed wire entanglements, and finally bunkers.

Crimea Drive Stewed

Altogether, the picture was among the brightest yet painted for Russia's defense armies.

Even in the Crimea, latest advice reaching London indicated that the Germans had made little progress toward the great Black sea naval base of Sevastopol since last Sunday, when they were reported only 20 miles away.

A British military observer went so far as to declare Sevastopol might withstand siege indefinitely, reporting that the city of 80,000 was defended by well-supplied troops manning "very strongly fortified positions."

He said the stronghold could become "another Odessa, perhaps with not the same results"—referring to the long defense of the Ukraine mainland port against German and Rumanian siege armies. Odessa finally surrendered in mid-October.

Meanwhile, a broadcast from

Hsinking, capital of Japanese-dominated Manchukuo, reported that the 18th Chinese (communist) field army had promised 100,000 Chinese troops to aid Russia against Germany and that they were "about to be transported westward."

Nazis Claim Successes

Adolf Hitler's field headquarters declared that pursuit of "the beaten enemy" was continuing along the entire Crimean front and asserted that soviet resistance had been broken in the mountains east of Sevastopol.

Relating yesterday's claim of a breakthrough to the Black sea, the high command said German and Rumanian troops defeated isolated red army units in the Yaila mountains and "pushed through a broad front" to the coastal region between Yalta and Feodosiya.

As German ground forces broke Russian resistance in the mountains east of Sevastopol, the red fleet's best remaining Black sea base, the communique said, German planes sank three troopships totalling 13,600 tons and damaged four other merchantmen in waters around the Crimea and off the north coast of the Black sea.

Leningrad, it said, was pounded both by air and by heavy batteries which were credited with scoring blows on two warships and a freighter in the gulf of Finland.

Moscow again was raided last night and a new night attack was made on Gorki, 250 miles east of the Russian capital, where munitions factories and public utility plants were damaged anew, the communique said.

Winter Campaign Looms

The possibility of a winter campaign in the south, with Caucasus oil as the stake, occupied the attention of both.

German sources made no bones about the economic value of the Caucasus oil fields, not so much for the booty that would fall to Germany as for the blow Russia would suffer if she lost three-fourths of her petroleum output.

Such a drive, it was asserted in Berlin, would be a logical consequence of Nazi gains in the Crimea, a back door to the Caucasus, and along the Black sea coast.

The Russians linked the possibility of a major southern drive with the report of a possible winter stalemate in the Moscow theater of operations.

LONDON, Nov. 6—(AP)—Smashing at German shipping last night on a broad sea front, the RAF was reported officially to have bombed several ships in a well-defended convoy off the British islands and one was seen ablaze. The raids cost the British eight planes, according to the air ministry.

Aircraft of the coastal command also attacked German shipping off the Dutch mainland. The British losses were evenly divided between the bomber and coastal commands.

The operations were carried in to the continental channel ports, the air ministry said, and mines were sown by low-flying planes.

Japan Ready to Swoop On Burma Road to Cut Aid

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ist Chiang Kia Chek's party is the sole remaining major avenue of supply were cut."

Last Chance For U. S.

The newspaper said traffic over the Burma supply route already had been hampered by air raids but declared "the permanent solution would be Japanese occupation of the road."

"Perhaps it would be approached by peace groups in the United States," the Times and Advertiser said. "If Japan were to block the Burma road, putting an end to American large-scale intervention in China, Chungking then could not blame the United States for abandonment of leasehold aid so far as the Chiang party is concerned."

Of Kurasta's trip to the United States the Times and Advertiser said "this is the last opportunity for the United States to make amends for aggression and restore the occasion for an amicable settlement."

Arm Broken in Crash

SALEM, Nov. 5—(AP)—Jack Sutherland, Eugene, suffered a fractured right arm last night when his car was involved in a head-on collision four miles south of Salem with an automobile driven by James W. Strong, Salem.

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Russia Fighting Alone, Premier Stalin Asserts

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French government had sold out to Hitler for fear of a revolution, Stalin said, "only the Hitlerite madmen can think they can build a new order under the present conditions in Europe."

"The new order is ready to collapse at any moment and bury Hitler in its ruins."

Stalin said soviet losses were 350,000 killed and 1,358,000 wounded or missing.

Soviet Morale at Peak

He said the soviet rear never had been so strong as at this moment and that Red Army morale was infinitely higher than that of the German army.

The German army has been forced to construct new bases on unfriendly territory, whereas "our army is fighting on its own territory," the Russian premier asserted, "with our people exerting every effort to keep it supplied."

"It is unnecessary to add that the blitzkrieg has failed."

"One of the chief factors facing the red army at the present moment is the lack of a second front in Europe."

Stalin continued, "feeling assured that they would not be attacked on the western front, the Germans are throwing in the bulk of their forces in the east."

"Our country is carrying on a war of liberation alone against the German, Hungarians and Italians."

He declared that "another reason for the temporary Red army setbacks is the shortage of tanks."

"It can not be said that our tank industry is not working well; it is working very well for its size, but the Germans can throw in more tanks, as they have not only their own factories but also the factories of Czechoslovakia, France and the countries of Europe which they occupy."

"Our aviation is superior in quality; our pilots have proved themselves. We have fewer planes, but the quality of our tanks and planes is superior."

Ship Arming Advocates Sure of Majority Vote

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against the bill. A personal poll by another foe of the measure, who withheld his name, indicated a 52-to-44 victory if all senators voted.

Woman Senator For Repeal

Speaking yesterday, Mrs. Hatie Caraway (D-Ark), the only woman senator and the mother of two sons in military service, termed the present neutrality law "a super-apprehension law."

In enacting the law, she asserted, congress had "begged" her not to fight us "and handed him that we would surrender rights on the high seas."

Nevertheless, she said, "can ships have been attacked will continue to be attacked regardless of the ocean or on which they travel, that American men shall to sea and placed at the and the whim of a soul-potent and given no means which to protect themselves comprehensible."

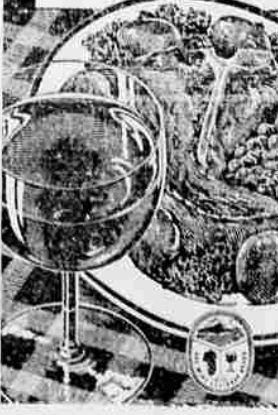
"Events over which we have control dominate our present situation. After all, it is not so much a question of whether we will be drawn into the war; it is rather one of whether the war will come to us."

May Change Strategy

The menace of German submarine raids in the north Atlantic raised speculation in naval circles today that a complete turnabout in strategy, subordinating the use of convoys, might prove the

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eventual answer to the U-boat wolf pack technique. The central theory in the various methods being explored was that mass submarine attacks would be rendered largely ineffective if armed merchantmen traveled singly instead of being bunched in convoys.

More Americans Perish

The discussions accompanied two fresh developments in the battle of the Atlantic—the announcement that 17 American civilian technicians had been lost en route to England, and the disclosure that U-boats have been operating close to New Foundland.

The latest American casualties were men who had enlisted in the British civilian technical corps for non-combatant duty abroad. Their loss was made public last night by the British press service on behalf of the Royal Air Force delegation here.

The ship which carried the technicians "is presumed to have been sunk," the British said, and "telegram have been sent to the next of kin." The name of the ship and the approximate date of

the sinking were not disclosed. Added to other recent casualties in the armed services and merchant marine, the new losses increased to 140 the known toll of American lives in the past three months. The navy department today published corrections in its list of men reported lost on the torpedoed destroyer Reuben James rising from 97 to 98 today the total of deaths in the sinking of that vessel the night of October 30-31.

Defense Barriers Not To Prevail, F. D. R. Says

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illusions about the fate that awaits him and his free labor organizations if Hitler should win. He knows that his own liberty and the very safety of the people of the United States can not be assured in a world which is three-fourths slave and one-fourth free. He knows that we must furnish arms to Britain, Russia and China and that we

must do it now—today." The president said the place of the whole western hemisphere in a German scheme for world domination had been marked on the Nazi time-table, and the choice America had to make was between realism "in terms of three shifts a day" to produce necessary defense materials and the attitude of the "blind and deluded" who think that business can be done with Hitler and that American armament output is satisfactory.

War Pinch Being Felt

The president said that the people of the United States had so far been called upon for extremely limited sacrifices, but that they were "beginning to feel the pinch of war."

Such sacrifices, he noted, were nothing compared with those of the people of Britain, China and Russia and those of occupied countries from Norway to Greece.

The president paid a special tribute to the men and women of the lands which have lost their independence against a "brutal force which, however powerful, will be forever inadequate to

crush the fight for freedom." "As far as we in the United States are concerned," he continued, "that struggle shall not be in vain. The epic of Britain, of China, and of Russia receive the full support of the free peoples of the Americas. The people of this country insist upon their right to join in the common defense."

Two Courses Open

The president's warning against accepting things as they are was given in these words:

"Our place—the place of the whole western hemisphere—in the Nazi scheme for world domination has been marked on the Nazi time-table."

"The choice we have to make is this: Shall we make our full sacrifices now, produce to the limit, and deliver our products today and everyday to the battle-fronts of the entire world? Or shall we remain satisfied with our present rate of armament output, postponing the day of real sacrifice—as did the French—until it is too late?"

"The first is the choice of realism—realism in terms of three shifts a day; the fullest use

of every vital machine every minute of every day and every night; realism in terms of staying on the job and getting things made, and entrusting industrial grievances to the established machinery of collective bargaining—the machinery set up by a free people.

"The second choice is the approach of the blind and the deluded who think that perhaps we could do business with Hitler. For them there is still 'plenty of time.' To be sure, many of these misled individuals honestly believe that if we should later find that we can't do business with Hitler, we will roll up our sleeves later—later—later. And their tombstones would bear the legend 'too late.'"

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