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NON-OPERATING UNIONS EXTEND RAIL STRIKE THREAT

Wage Boost Proposal Is Turned Down

Strike Sequel Intimated In Statement; Telephone Workers Set Walkout

CHICAGO, Nov. 13.—(AP)—Fourteen unions of non-operating employees, representing 900,000 workers in the railroad industry, issued a joint statement today rejecting the recommendations of the president's emergency board for settlement of their wage dispute.

The statement did not contain a direct threat of a strike, although non-operating employees authorized their leaders last Sept. 5 to call one, and the five big brotherhoods have ordered a walkout to begin Dec. 7.

On the subject of future action to enforce their demands the statement said:

"Railroad employees believe in orderly procedure, but they are not willing to accept injustice. They are determined to press their demands for equitable consideration and relief against present intolerable wage stands and to gain reasonable vacations."

The non-operating crafts asked for 30 to 34 cents an hour more than their present range of 35 to 85 cents. The president's board recommended that they be granted an increase of 9 cents an hour.

The five operating brotherhoods demand a 30 per cent wage boost. A fact finding board appointed by President Roosevelt had recommended a 71 per cent increase which the men rejected flatly but which the carriers said they would accept. The lowest paid of the operating personnel now receives \$5.06 a day.

Telephone Strike Slated To Start Friday Night

(By the Associated Press)
Labor disputes today cast dark shadows over the immediate future.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
A harrowing thought on an Armistice Day that means little:
Maybe a better peace would have prevented this war.

JOHN G. Winant, U. S. ambassador to Britain, puts it this way in his brief Armistice Day speech in London:

"If peace could have been pursued as selflessly as men gave generously in the war, permanent peace might have been a reality.

If men could only be as tolerant and generous ALL THE TIME as they are SOME OF THE TIME!

Let's put it in a different way: If all men could be as tolerant and generous as some men are, what a different world this would be.

HISTORY teaches us this lesson:

The Attilas, the Napoleons, the Hitlers and their ilk can stir up more trouble than a million good men can put down.

What a pity.

ANOTHER pity:
Incendiary stirrers-up always seem to be able to get the ear of the public more readily than the wise, tolerant calmers-down.

Hence the Attilas, the Napoleons and the Hitlers.

ON Armistice Day 1941, with a world in turmoil, with blood flowing in rivers, with democracy less safe than at any recent

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Battle Rages at Oil Gate of Caucasus; New Effort Made to Appease Finland

Axis Forces Claim Gains In Kerch Area

Soviet Asserts, However, Fee Repulsed; Nazis Aim New Smash at Moscow

(By the Associated Press)

Adolf Hitler's high command said today that German assault troops were storming the fortifications of Kerch, gateway to the Caucasus oil fields, and had already captured several coastal defense points south of the town.

Reuters, the British news agency, quoted the Rome radio as announcing that German and Rumanian forces had occupied the port, which lies on a narrow strait separating the Crimea from the Caucasus mainland.

Dispatches to the Soviet newspaper Pravda, however, asserted that red army troops had beaten off a German attempt to turn the Russian lines in the Kerch area.

"The German attacks were repulsed by the joint efforts of land troops, aircraft and naval forces," Pravda said.

Russian front-line reports said the Germans were "equally unsuccessful" in fighting near Sevastopol, key Black sea naval base at the southwest tip of the Crimea, and that repeated Nazi tank assaults "failed to break through our defenses."

German bombers were pictured by the high command as blasting furiously at Soviet ships which might be used to evacuate red army troops from the peninsula. A Nazi communique reported that three cruisers, a destroyer and five large merchant ships were badly damaged in nearby waters. Fierce Battle On Moscow Line.

On the central front, Soviet dispatches declared that fierce battles were raging on both flanks of Moscow's 200-mile defense arc—at Kalinin, 95 miles northwest of the capital, and at Tula, 100 miles south.

At Tula, where the Germans were reported driven back five miles yesterday, a Soviet correspondent gave this account of the battle:

"Our artillery fire destroyed the enemy fortifications at the approaches to the city. Retreating"

Growers Urged to Show Top Turkeys

Douglas county turkey growers, who are now busily engaged in preparing birds for market, should save some of their best birds to be exhibited at the North-western Turkey show at Oakland, December 9-13, Ervin Rice, Rice valley turkey grower and stockman, declared here today.

"Local growers," Mr. Rice said, "should not overlook the divisions for live market birds and dressed birds at the forthcoming show. Any exhibitor may enter nine bronze birds in the live show—three young toms, two young hens, two old hens and two old toms. If this department of the show is to continue to be successful, it demands the cooperation of a large number of Douglas county turkey breeders. We hope to have at least 50 exhibitors in the live market bird division this year."

Mr. Rice, a director in the Northwestern show, has been an exhibitor each year since the dressed show was started. He sells eggs and breeding stock in all parts of the United States. This year he sold all of his spare pullets to one individual grower in Lane county for use as breeders.

Japan Preparing for Hostilities in Predicted Rejection of "Last Chance" Peace Proposal of Envoy Kuruusu to U. S.

(By the Associated Press)

In the far east crisis, the Japanese government was reported preparing today for "a hostile situation" in the event that negotiations with the United States collapse—an eventuality freely predicted by some quarters in Washington.

Senator Murray (D., Mont.), a member of the foreign relations committee, declared "there is a definite possibility" that the United States may go to war with Japan and said the mission of Japan's special envoy, Kuruusu, appeared "pretty futile."

Kuruusu, making a stopover in Honolulu on his flight to Washington, said it was the common responsibility of the United States and Japan to keep peace in the Pacific and he described his task as "very important and very difficult."

Unofficially, Kuruusu is said to bear a "last chance" offer to the United States to avoid an explosion in the orient by recognizing Japan's "co-prosperity sphere" in east Asia and halting aid to China.

Commenting on Prime Minister Churchill's statement that Great Britain would fight alongside the United States in a war with Japan, Kuruusu declared:

"He might as well have said he would have breakfast in the morning."

In Tokyo, new emergency legislation was made ready for the special session of the Japanese diet beginning Saturday, and Japan's Premier Tojo, Foreign Minister Togo and Finance Minister Kaya submitted to the emperor both the program and speeches they will make to the diet.

U. S. Charges Hit Watch Companies

NEW YORK, Nov. 13.—(AP)—The Hamilton Watch company, Elgin National Watch company, Waltham Watch company, 26 other corporations and 73 persons were indicted by a federal grand jury today on charges of violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

The first named the Hamilton company, of Lancaster, Pa., its officers and 23 distributors and their officers, located in nine principal cities.

The indictment contains one count alleging a combination and conspiracy to restrain interstate trade and commerce in the distribution and sale of Hamilton watches, in preventing certain described persons, partnerships and corporations from buying, selling, distributing or dealing in those watches.

The indictment also charged that such dealers were discriminated against, arbitrarily eliminated as dealers, restricted or prevented from obtaining Hamilton watches by blacklisting and boycotting on the part of the Hamilton Watch company and certain distributors.

Major General White In Serious Condition

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 13.—(AP)—Maj. Gen. George A. White, commander of the 41st division, was in serious condition from an intestinal ailment at his home near Clackamas, Ore., today, his physicians indicated. They added that the general had been denied visitors. Before returning to his home, he spent a week in a Portland hospital.

C. of C. Seeks Increase In Membership

Extension of Activities Demands Higher Budget, Secretary Points Out

A program proposed to expand the membership of the Roseburg chamber of commerce and to increase the budget to provide funds for projected activities was prepared last night at a meeting of the membership division, of which William Adair is chairman.

Firms and individuals recently established in Roseburg and not yet members of the chamber of commerce will be contacted Friday and Saturday in an organized effort to secure 100 per cent affiliation of business and professional men and women in the chamber of commerce. It is hoped to complete these contacts within the two-day period.

This will be followed, it was stated, by an effort to secure an increase in the chamber of commerce budget to meet expected needs for the year.

Bigger Budget Imperative

The fact that the chamber of commerce has assumed direction

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Oregon Gale Hits Record Fish Run

TILLAMOOK, Ore., Nov. 13.—(AP)—A 55-mile gale which struck this section of the Oregon coast last night caused an estimated loss of fish as well as damage to nets, fishermen said this morning.

Striking just as a record run of chum salmon reached Tillamook and Nehalem bays, the storm chased netters ashore after they had taken about 4500 fish and were about to take an estimated 4500 more.

They said some of the netted fish could probably be saved but most of them undoubtedly were lost.

The storm subsided in mid-morning but the coastguard station reported the barometer still low.

Yesterday's catch was described as the heaviest single-tide take in 25 years. Fishermen said the run appeared to be continuing. Buyers paid 35 cents per fish, highest price since 1918.

Fines, No More Warnings, For Parking Violators

Violators of the city's parking restrictions may no longer hope to escape with a mere warning, City Recorder A. J. Geddes said today in announcing that future violations will result in imposition of fines. The officers, he said, have been attempting to educate motor vehicle operators concerning the new restrictions, which provided for both one-hour and two hour parking zones, and so far penalties have been imposed only upon those who failed to heed warnings. In the future, Mr. Geddes states, it is the intention to impose fines upon all violators.

Murray Cardwell Snaps Leg in Fall at S. P. Spur

Murray Cardwell, who resides on North Jackson street, near the Deer creek bridge, is in the veterans hospital, where he is receiving treatment for a broken leg. Cardwell fell recently while crossing the S. P. spur in North Roseburg, breaking his leg at the ankle. His plight was not discovered for more than an hour when he was found by an S. P. company switching crew, which notified city police. Cardwell was removed by ambulance to his home and then transferred to the veterans hospital.

Dorothy Seeks Divorce From Sinclair Lewis



Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair Lewis

WOODSTOCK, Vt., Nov. 13.—(AP)—Charging "wilful desertion," Newspaper Columnist Dorothy Thompson has filed suit for divorce from Sinclair Lewis, novelist and playwright.

The columnist asked custody of their child, Michael Lewis, a school student. She said in her petition that Lewis, a former Nobel prize winner, deserted her in 1936. They were married in London in 1928.

Both had been married before. Her marriage to Joseph Bard terminated in divorce in Budapest in 1928 and Lewis' to Grace Hegger ended with a Reno divorce in 1926.

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Portland's Food Strike Extended

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 13.—(AP)—Portland's food troubles spread to fruits and vegetables as well as meat today with the picketing of the Pacific Fruit and Produce company.

Thirteen meat markets have been closed for nearly two weeks and 16 other large meat markets posted notices that they would close Friday night.

The fruit and vegetable impasse was caused by the appearance of Yakima, Wash., teamsters' union pickets at the produce company. One hundred and 25 AFL employees refused to pass the line and the plant closed.

Company officials made no comment. For many weeks, however, teamsters' union members have been striking against Yakima apple growers and packers.

Union meat cutters are seeking wage increases from \$40 to \$47.50 for a 48-hour week. The employers, members of the Oregon meat council, have offered \$45 for a 49-hour week.

Sprague Acts to Protect Oregon Lumber Industry

SALEM, Nov. 13.—(AP)—Governor Sprague, who met here yesterday with the Oregon economic council and lumbermen to consider effects of a government order prohibiting non-defense construction, said he would ask Governor Langley of Washington to join him in a request for modification of the order.

James Bryant, chairman of the regional labor supply board, San Francisco, said he would ask the office of production management to send two representatives in Oregon to survey the lumber industry.

Lumbermen said the government order would throw 28,500 men out of work by March 1.

Roosevelt's Appeal Sent At 11th Hour

Action Permits Arming Of Merchant Vessels, Entry Into War Zones

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—(AP)—After eleventh hour intervention by President Roosevelt the house dramatically gave congressional approval today by a vote of 212 to 194 to legislation scrapping the neutrality act bans against arming American merchant ships and sending them into combat zones.

The momentous vote came after Speaker Rayburn, in a supreme effort to avert a major defeat for the administration's foreign policy, descended to the well of the house and read a letter from the chief executive stating that failure of the house to approve the neutrality act changes would "bolster aggressive steps and intentions in Germany" and weaken the positions of Britain, Russia and China.

Immediately after the voting, Rayburn signed the bill, clearing the way for its dispatch to the white house for President Roosevelt's signature.

The president in his letter, Mr. Rayburn also said:

"Judging by all recent experience, we could, all of us, look forward to enthusiastic applause in those three nations based on the claim that the United States is disunited as they have so often prophesied."

Home Strength Also Periled.

The president took the opportunity of mentioning, too, that failure of the house to take favorable action on the senate amendments would also weaken our domestic situation.

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Youths Paroled On Burglary Charges

Paroles from penitentiary sentences were granted in circuit court here today to Clyde L. Yarbrough, 20, and Walter G. Landerking, 19, both of Reedsport, upon their promises to accept proffered employment and refrain from future law violations. Pleading guilty to charges of burglary not in a dwelling, Yarbrough was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary, and Landerking to one year. Both had records of previous conviction, District Attorney J. V. Long told the court.

Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly heard the statements of the pair that they had offers of employment in the logging woods near Sweet Home, and he granted paroles, conditioned upon their acceptance of the jobs and also with the provision that they remain away from Reedsport, where they were accused of burglarizing the Standard Oil company marine station.

Chicken Thief-Slayer Slated to Die Tonight

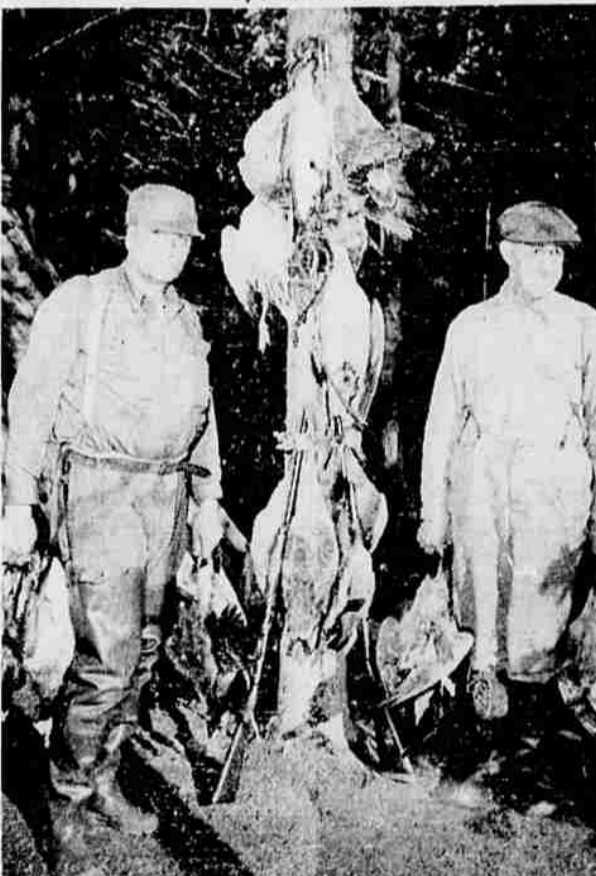
WALLA WALLA, Wash., Nov. 13.—(AP)—Calmly, after preparing an itemized list of his personal effects, John Bruce Anderson awaited in state prison here today his execution shortly after midnight tonight for the "hen-house murder" of a Spokane valley neighbor.

The 58-year-old condemned man must hang for the killing of David Johnson when the latter caught Anderson raiding his chicken house more than a year ago.

Prison authorities said Anderson seemed more concerned last night about a misplaced fountain pen and two straight edge razors than about his approaching doom.

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By Paul Jenkins



VERNE HARPHAM, supervisor of the Umpqua national forest, standing at the left in the photograph above, and Ed Payton, engineer on the S. P. here for the past fifty-three years, together with a limit bag of geese and ducks for everyone concerned. Both the geese and picture were taken at Diamond Lake—plus a few birds. I guess shot a day or so previously at Klamath lake; but very few there—the weather hadn't been auspicious at Klamath for hunting.

The three of us pulled in at Diamond Sunday evening, and early the next morning struck out for the south shore. Here in a fringe of meadowland, we kicked out enough Brant to give us all the shooting the law allowed us, at least, if not as much as

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we would have preferred. Geese, that is; we didn't get enough ducks to flag a kid's toy express.

Weather at the lake had been clear, dry and balmy, with no snow in evidence except on the very high ridges of Bailey and Thielsen. Burn weather for goose hunting, but, sure enough, as soon as we pulled out from the lake and marsh country it changed—at least it did over here. Tuesday night the geese made the air discordant with their honking. Of course we figured they were heading for the country we had just left, and perhaps they were.

I don't know for sure, but I think as soon as the clouds began rolling up, Ed headed right back for Tule lake. The rest of us wish we could have done the same.

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