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Striking Cal Miners Return to Their Jobs

'Courtesy' to Roosevelt's Edict Shown

Demands for Higher Wages, Opposition to Dues Hoist Remain

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Jan. 21.—(AP)—A three-week old wildcat strike in the Pennsylvania anthracite fields—the nation's coalfield in man hours lost since Pearl Harbor—apparently ended today a few hours before a back-to-work deadline set by President Roosevelt.

Enthusiastic miners by the thousands trooped back to their jobs in all major strike-closed collieries in what one strike leader described as "a courtesy to the president" rather than an acceptance of defeat.

Of the 24,000 who once participated in the revolt against United Mine Workers' leadership, barely 3,000 were known still to be idle as the crowds of over-alled workers rode down colliery shafts to their pits, many for the first time since Dec. 30.

Two of the four small UMW locals still out announced meetings for later today and many members believed back-to-work votes would result.

Only one of the four was committed to "wait out" Mr. Roosevelt's zero hour sometime this afternoon when, he has said, the "necessary steps" would be taken if necessary to "end this strike which is doing serious damage to the war effort."

Strikers and others took the president's warning to mean that troops would be sent to take over any collieries still strike-bound at the end of the 48-hour grace he allowed when his order was telegraphed Tuesday.

"There is nothing to gain by staying out," said Hugh Cavanaugh, president of the South Wilkes-Barre colliery local of Glen Alden Coal company, the world's largest anthracite producer.

Demands Still Pend
"We do not want to embarrass the president," he added. "But we will continue to fight against the 50-cent a month union dues increase and also for an increase in wages."

The dues issue started the wave of walkouts December 30, demands for a \$2 a day cost-of-living bonus followed.

It was evident before starting whistles sounded at 7 a. m. today that the back of the strike had been broken.

Strikers returned to the South Wilkes-Barre, Woodward, Huber and Lance collieries of the Glen Alden company and the Prospect-Henry colliery of the Lehigh Valley Coal company.

David Cummings, president of the United Mine Workers' Lance

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Author-Soldier Crash Casualty

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 21.—(AP)—A member of the family of Maj. Eric Knight, popular author who recently re-entered army service, said today the war department had notified the family that Knight was on an army plane which crashed in South America en route to Africa.

Mrs. Edward Brylawski, Knight's mother-in-law, said the family "believed" he had been killed.

Best known for his novels "This Above All" and "The Flying Yorkshireman," Knight was born in Yorkshire, Eng., and after the death of his father in the Boer war was taken to Russia, where his mother became governess to Princess Xenia's children.

Coming to the United States as a youth, he became a newspaper copy boy, later attending Cambridge, Mass., Latin school and several art schools. After serving in the Canadian army in the world war he became a newspaper cartoonist and writer in Philadelphia.

In recent years Knight has lived on a Bucks county, Pa., farm.

BRITISH, FRENCH UNITE IN PRESSURE ON ROMMEL IN RACE FOR PORT OF TRIPOLI

Evacuation of City by Nazis Held Likely

Axis Force in Tunisia Tries to Create Path For Rommel's Army

LONDON, Jan. 21.—(AP)—The British eighth army, with a Fighting French desert column on its left flank, pushed Marshal Rommel's hard-pressed rear guard down the coastward slope from Nefusa ridge to probably within 35 miles of Tripoli today in a continuing advance past the hill village of Tarhuna and the coastal road town of Homs.

The occupation of the towns, one 40 miles southeast and the other 56 miles east of Tripoli, yesterday was announced in today's Cairo communique which said Gen. Montgomery's forces pushed on "in close contact with the enemy retreating to the west."

Between Homs and Tripoli enemy troops were reported dug in along the coastal road. They were under attack by allied planes. To the south and west streams of axis motor transport were kept under almost constant strafing.

A United States communique said Liberators raided Tripoli in two separate attacks without the loss of a plane.

Under steadily mounting aerial assault, the axis withdrawal showed signs of disorganization, but informed sources said there was no authoritative indication that bomb-battered Tripoli was being evacuated.

Victory in Time Foreseen
The occupation of the port by the British was regarded, however, as simply a matter of time, perhaps a few days. The eighth army's main objective now is the stiffer task of preventing the bulk of Marshal Rommel's remaining army from joining the forces of Col. Gen. Von Arnim in Tunisia.

Rommel's rear guards have retreated into a semicircular fringe of hills east and southeast of Tripoli. Informed London sources said they saw no route by which General Montgomery could swing swiftly to the left to intercept the forward columns streaming westward out of Tripoli toward the Tunisian frontier, 100 miles away.

Looking beyond the windup on the Libyan offensive, British sources declared the Tunisian campaign should be concluded by April if the allies hope to take full advantage of the North African springboard this summer for a real European second front.

Axis Gains in Tunisia
On the Tunisian land front, where it was suggested that new axis offensive thrusts might be

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Purchase of Gasoline On Credit Prohibited

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—(AP)—The petroleum administration today prohibited all credit buying of gasoline and other petroleum products for private motor cars, effective February 1.

The order provides that retail gasoline marketers or suppliers may not "grant, accept or participate in the granting or accepting, directly or indirectly, of credit in connection with the sale of any petroleum product," but makes exceptions for sale to federal, state or local governments, for commercial use of motor boats, and motor vehicles displaying "T" ration stickers.

Peanut Inhaled in Lung In 1941 Fatal to Child

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 21.—(AP)—Ann Botzger, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Botzger, Philomath, died in a Portland hospital last night from a lung ailment caused by a peanut she inhaled in 1941.

Five Axis Subs Bagged in Month In South Atlantic

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 21.—Rear Admiral Jonas H. Ingram, commander of the United States naval forces in the south Atlantic, announced today that five axis submarines have been sunk in the last month in the south Atlantic.

Ingram said a German surface raider had been intercepted in these waters and scuttled by her crew in the same period.

"There have been comparatively few sinkings of allied ships in the south Atlantic," Ingram said. "And we've gotten a high percentage of enemy craft—higher, I believe, than in other zones."

"We can account for five submarines within the last month. Our success is due largely to the fine air forces of the United States and Brazil, which are doing a magnificent job operating from bases extending from Bahia northward."

The newspaper O Globo published a dispatch from Recife which quoted the Brazilian air minister, Salgado, as saying:

"I am almost sure that within two months the African continent will be free of axis armies."

"The North American air forces will throw them out of the Mediterranean, and we are giving this victory full hearted cooperation."

The dispatch said that Salgado, referring to the day and night movement of planes through the big air base at Natal en route to the war theaters, praised United States preparedness and organizing ability.

"Humanity does not yet know how much we will owe them (the United States) for this victory," Salgado was quoted as saying.

Uniform Divorce Law Bill Is Reintroduced

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Senator Capper (R-Kas.), today reintroduced in the senate his 20-year-old proposal that congress be empowered to enact a uniform marriage and divorce law, with the assertion that a supreme court decision last month made it "highly necessary" to eliminate conflicting state laws.

In the decision, the court held that divorcees obtained in Nevada are valid in other states, even though their own divorce laws differ in requirements.

Transport Plane Crash Kills All 35 on Board

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—(AP)—The crash of a transport plane under contract to the army, with all its 26 passengers and nine crew members killed January 15 near the coast of Dutch Guiana in South America, was announced today by Major General Harold L. George.

The plane left this country about a week ago, George said, and all those aboard were on their way overseas, some probably going to North Africa.

Nazi Efforts To Check Red Advance Fail

Caucasus Trap Tightens, Capture of Kharkov and Rostov Not Far Off

LONDON, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Reuters quoted a Moscow radio broadcast today as saying that German casualties on the Soviet Russian front in the past six weeks totaled 750,000 men, including 250,000 dead.

MOSCOW, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Russian shock troops were reported pouring westward across the Manch river today 15 miles from the rail junction of Salsk in the drive to isolate the axis army of the Caucasus and clamp an arc of steel about Rostov.

Fervish German efforts to fix a stable line along the left bank of the Manch, a placid, lake-fed stream which flows into the Don 30 miles east of Rostov, are failing, field dispatches said.

Red Star announced that soviet detachments were capturing point after point while the Germans were blowing up bridges and trying to lay more mines in a rapid retreat. They already have been driven from a number of positions on the Salsk side of the Manch, it said.

There and elsewhere on the long front the Russians were declared moving ever westward in the 10th week of their winter offensive, with Rostov, the steel city of Kharkov, the industrially important Donets basin center of Voroshilovgrad and the Maikop oil fields of the Caucasus among their objectives.

The German communique said there was "continuous hard fighting south of Lake Ladoga," where the Russians are battling to widen their supply corridor to

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Workers Needed To Build Road to Nickel Mountain

A call for road construction workers to be used in building approximately eight miles of new road from the city of Riddle to Nickel mountain, where development of nickel deposits is being studied as a part of the war production effort, was issued today by the Roseburg office of the U. S. Employment service.

The task will require the services of 12 dump trucks with drivers, power grader operators, tractor operators, pulled grader operators and common laborers for from two to three months, F. W. Chase, manager of the employment service here, advises. Work is expected to start during the coming week and any persons interested in securing work on this project is urged to contact the employment office in the courthouse immediately.

The road is to be constructed under the supervision of the U. S. bureau of public roads.

The nickel deposits near Riddle have been explored for several months by the Freeport Sulphur company, which is endeavoring to determine the amount and quality of the ore, as nickel is urgently needed for war production.

The road, it is stated, will permit more extensive operation and provide a means of transporting ore and machinery in the event large-scale operation is authorized.

Jap Mop-Up In New Guinea Nears Finish

Remnants Try to Reach Jungles; Nip Destroyer Hit, 8 Planes Downed

(By the Associated Press)
Trapped survivors of a 15,000 man Japanese army making desperate attempts to break out of dwindling pockets in the Papuan coastal jungles of New Guinea today, but Gen. MacArthur's headquarters announced that American and Australian fighters "further reduced the enemy's remaining positions."

Heavy fighting was reported as the Japanese, half starved and in imminent danger of annihilation, sought to escape into the jungle.

"The whole thing is crumbling," an allied spokesman said. In the Solomon islands, the navy reported that U. S. Flying Fortresses scored a bomb hit on a Japanese destroyer off Bougainville island and shot down eight enemy planes during an attack on two Japanese cargo ships and two destroyers in the Shortland island group.

The navy's communique said American planes twice bombed Japanese positions on Munda island, 200 miles north of Guadalcanal, where the enemy has been constructing a new air field.

Marines Are Replaced
Simultaneously, Undersecretary of War Robert Patterson disclosed in Washington that U. S. army ground troops have replaced the marines in the Solomon islands campaign, under command of Maj. Gen. Alexander Patch.

Gen. Patch has moved his headquarters from New Caledonia to Guadalcanal island, it was announced.

The famed "leathernecks" led the united nations' first counter-attack in the southwest Pacific last Aug. 7 and drove the Japanese

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Salem Nurse Victim Of Strange Stabber

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 21.—Mrs. Dale Moon, 21, nurse at the Salem General hospital, was stabbed by a strange man last night as she waited for a bus at the hospital entrance. She was a patient in the hospital today, but her condition was good.

Police had two suspects in jail. She said a man stepped out of the darkness, knife in hand, and told her he would stab her unless she submitted to him. She slapped him, and he then stabbed her in the abdomen. She then ran in to the hospital.

Jobless Pay Bills Given Legislators

Proposals Copied From Other States; Pay Hike For State Cops Sought

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 21.—The house taxation and revenue committee today recommended passage of a memorial asking congress to adopt the Ruml plan, or pay-as-you-go system, of paying federal income taxes.

The committee recommended against passage of a resolution providing for joint senate and house hearings on tax matters.

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR.
SALEM, Ore., Jan. 21.—(AP)—Employers and labor submitted their workmen's compensation programs to the legislature today, and both groups were not very far apart in their requests.

The labor bill, introduced by the senate industries committee, would give compensation to employees in hazardous industries who are stricken with occupational diseases, which have increased at a tremendous rate because of the coming war industries to Oregon. Employees have offered no opposition to the plan.

The measure is similar to laws of 25 other states.

The two groups, however, each had their own bills to compel all employers to be covered by industrial accident insurance.

The employer bill would allow employers to insure with private companies, to self-insure, or to take out insurance with the state industrial accident commission, but would force them to be covered by one of the three systems.

This measure would create a board, under the accident commission, to fix rates and to police the private companies and the self-insurers. A bad risk fund would be set up, the cost to be borne by the state, the self-insurers and the private insurance companies.

The labor bill, however, would compel all employers to be covered under the state system, labor leaders believing the state system will break down unless there is universal coverage by the state industrial accident system. They said the state gets all the bad

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Berlin Reports 110 Dead From RAF Raid

LONDON, Jan. 21.—(AP)—A DNB dispatch broadcast by the German radio said today the death list of the RAF raid upon Berlin Saturday night had risen to 110.

Power Failures Frequent, Schools Forced to Suspend; Tragedy Strikes Near Eugene

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 21.—(AP)—Snow covered almost all sections of Oregon today but in spots freakish weather changes cleared it off in a hurry.

There was considerable snow on the ground here, transportation was hampered and some defense workers—living in outlying sections—were unable to get to the job.

The weather bureau said it had not been authorized to issue any warnings or forecasts.

Highway Travel Very Difficult in Southern Oregon

The Pacific highway north of Roseburg was open to travel today, but considerable difficulty was being encountered in the southern part of the state, according to a report by K. D. Lytle, division highway engineer, in charge of the district office here.

The highway was reported under water at Tolo overhead crossing north of Medford and at Phoenix. Several trucks were reported to have skidded across the Siskiyou section effectively blocking traffic temporarily but it was expected to have the route open later today. Snow depth on the Siskiyou was reported at from three to four feet and drifted badly by high winds. South of the state line the road was reported open to Weed, but closed south of that place.

The Roseburg-Coos Bay highway was open throughout its length, but motorists were warned to watch for slides.

Snow depths in the Eugene area were reported to be from six to ten inches, with depths up to 10 feet on the Cascade summit.

The Willamette highway was reported to be open to within four miles of the connection with the Dalles-California highway, but was blocked there by a stalled truck. Traffic, however, was expected to be re-established today. The McKenzie route was reported closed east of Belknap springs.

Industry was operating at slow hell in most sections. Shipyards and other factories here had not suspended but almost all of them ran with only partial crews. Some yards reported all outside operations temporarily closed. Klamath Falls mill operations were curtailed heavily. The same was true of mills around Eugene and elsewhere in the Willamette valley.

Power Failures Frequent
Power failures were commonplace. Wet snow on trees and power lines out of Eugene's connections with Bonneville and its two hydro plants on the McKenzie river, Half of Grants Pass was without electricity for a time early this morning. The wind blew down several billboards and trees around Grants Pass.

School attendance was low. Most Portland schools were open—except the high schools which were suspended because of the semester end—but attendance was off. Corbett and Gresham schools were closed. Schools operated at The Dalles, Salem and most other cities. Two grade schools were closed at Eugene because of power failure. No schools opened at Klamath Falls, Corvallis high and one grade school expected to suspend during the day.

People were requested at almost every point in the state to

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Half-Month War Bond Sales Exceed \$68,000

War bond sales for Roseburg by various issuing agencies, under sponsorship of the Roseburg Rotary club for the second week of January, amounted to \$37,024, H. O. Pargeter, chairman of the county war savings staff, reported today. Coupled with sales of more than \$31,000 for the first week of the month, the total for the two weeks period is in excess of \$68,000, Mr. Pargeter stated.

However, the county's quota for January is \$130,000, and sustained effort will be required to reach the goal. The chairman urges that all persons engaged in filling stamp books make extra endeavor to complete the month and exchange the books for bonds, early next week, if possible, as stamp sales are not counted until they have been exchanged for bonds.

23 Barracks Buildings Destroyed by Flames

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Jan. 21.—(AP)—Fire destroyed 23 barracks buildings today in an internment camp adjoining Camp Carson, army training camp.

Army officers in charge said no one was injured.

Firemen from Colorado Springs prevented the blaze from reaching warehouses, but were unable to check the blaze before the barracks were destroyed.

Cause of the fire and damage estimates were not made by camp officials.

Rising Prices, Stronger Local Control of Rationing Envisioned by New Price Czar

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Given a free hand to make or break himself, Prentiss M. Brown set sail on stormy OPA seas today with a bid for consumer support of a program envisioning gradually rising prices, increased local controls over rationing and fever cold homes next winter.

The nation's new price administrator, a Great Lakes boatman of no mean nautical ability, tacked smartly to catch the wind of public and congressional approval in a press conference declaration yesterday that he was taking over OPA with the primary objective of protecting the American consumer.

Isolating himself for a 10-day look-see at the inner operations of OPA, Brown went to work on several pressing problems. These included the imminent necessity of going to congress for a \$20,000,000 deficiency appropriation, the need for additional transportation subsidy money and the possibility of a shakeup in his agency's top personnel.

Brown, 53-year-old former senator from Michigan, took over formally from Leon Henderson

with the reputed understanding that he would be given a free hand by his immediate boss, James F. Byrnes, the economic stabilization director, to work out the country's supply and demand problems with the consuming public, congress and the farmers.

Money Chances Good
His first contact with congress in his new role probably will come when he petitions for more money to operate the OPA until the end of this fiscal year. His 10 years of membership in the house and senate, which ended in defeat for re-election last November, was being counted upon by the administration to smooth the way for this request—a request which leaders feared might have been rejected if hard-riding Henderson had remained in office.

Next in the order of business for the new administrator may be indirect sponsorship of a reconstruction finance corporation plea for an additional \$5,000,000,000 in borrowing and lending authority, a share of which would be used to pay subsidies on the transportation of coal and gaso-

line in the eastern states. Brown said flatly he favored transportation subsidies.

This may bring up the larger question of subsidies to support price ceilings and Brown is reported determined to let congress make the final decision without interference.

The personnel problem is relatively minor and few changes are expected, except that Brown probably will make a place in his organization for two defeated colleagues, former Senator Clyde Herring (D-Iowa) and former Rep. Frank E. Hook (D-Mich.).

Opposed Parity Boost
Farm organization leaders are known to have protested privately to some senators that they would have preferred to have Henderson remain in the price control post rather than to see Brown take over.

Their opposition was repressed as stemming from the successful fight made by Brown in the senate to prevent adoption of an amendment to the price-wage-salary stabilization bill which would have boosted agricultural parity price standards by taking into account farm labor costs.