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Wage Issue Accord Returns Railways to Owners

Roads' Yearly Payroll Hiked 350 Million

Problem of Manpower Created by Draft Still Faced, Senator Warns

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—(AP)—The nation's rail transportation system was back in the hands of private operators today but Senator Wheeler warned that it still faces a critical manpower problem.

President Roosevelt announced settlement of the wage dispute, with raises all around, yesterday, and War Secretary Stimson thereupon ordered the seized railroads returned to their owners, effective at midnight.

The roads, once threatened by labor disputes of the 350,000 members of five operating unions and of 1,100,000 non-operating workers, including shippers, clerks and others, were taken over by the government on Dec. 27, three days before a strike call deadline.

The settlement and some earlier agreements, which labor and management sources estimated would cost the roads more than \$350,000,000 annually, plus retroactive pay awards, provide generally for increases of nine cents an hour to the operating workers and increases of from nine to 11 cents for the non-ops.

The 15 non-op unions originally has asked for 20 cents an hour more and the operating brotherhoods a 30 per cent hike, or \$3 a day, whichever might be greater.

Wheeler Sounds Warning
Senator Wheeler, who is chairman of the senate interstate commerce committee, said the military draft and the lure of higher wages in war industry are thinning personnel ranks to dangerous levels.

"If something isn't done to relieve this situation," the Montana said, "we are in for serious trouble."

"Railroad men are being drafted."

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German Loses Plea to Halt Eviction Order

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 19.—(AP)—German-born Carl Labedz lost a plea in federal court yesterday to restrain the western defense command from evicting him from the coastal zone.

Labedz, a naturalized citizen, was ordered out last March on grounds his presence was a threat to national security.

Federal Judge McCulloch held that Labedz could not attack the validity of the WDC order as the notice was on penalty of criminal action and not a threat of bodily removal. He added, however, that he was not impressed with evidence against Labedz.

Lone American Flier Outfights 30 German Planes in Protecting Unit Of Flying Fortresses in Big Battle

LONDON, Jan. 19.—(AP)—Maj. James H. Howard of St. Louis, a former "Flying Tiger" who outfought 30 Nazi fighters in a flaming half-hour over Oscherleben last Tuesday to protect a formation of Flying Fortresses, was hailed by his Mustang pilot-mates today as a "one-man air force," but he merely said facetiously, "I just seen what looked like my duty and I done it."

The 30-year-old, six-foot-four Missourian buzzsawed devastatingly into the swarm of Nazis during one of history's greatest air battles to become America's first air-hero veteran of both the Pacific and European theaters.

Howard was credited officially with two Nazi planes destroyed, two probables and one damaged in reports compiled after the raid, but bomber crews insisted they had seen the lone American fighter shoot down six enemy aircraft.

The spectacular dogfight began just as Howard's group was leaving the target. Corkscrewing

Courage Wins Silver Star for Roseburg Soldier



Sergeant Cecil D. Pierce, above, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Pierce, 420 East First Ave., Roseburg, has been cited for gallantry in action and has been awarded the Silver Star medal, according to an official notice received by his parents from the War department. The award was made, it was stated, for bravery shown in action at New Georgia, Solomon Islands, while saving the life of a wounded soldier by advancing in the face of hostile fire and evacuating him from danger. The action occurred July 31, 1943.

Sergeant Pierce was a member of the Roseburg National guard company, serving with Company D, 162nd Infantry. He has since been transferred to another unit.

Vivien Kellems Urges Withholding of Taxes

PORTLAND, Jan. 19.—(AP)—Miss Vivien Kellems, Connecticut industrialist who yesterday urged business men to withhold part of their taxes for postwar reserves, is a member of a Eugene family of ministers and a university of Oregon graduate.

She built a small business making cable grips into a thriving war industry. She has been chosen as one of America's best dressed women and vied with Clara Boothe Luce for a Connecticut nomination for congress.

Miss Kellems, speaking in Kansas City yesterday, called upon "all business, both big and small, to follow my example and put aside postwar reserves out of their taxes."

She asserted that present tax rates violate the constitution and amount to "unreasonable seizure."

At Washington Rep. Coffee of Washington state called on the Department of Justice to prosecute Miss Kellems.

In and out of clouds and over and under bombers at 400 miles an hour, Howard burned out three of his four 50-caliber machine guns in the furious action. Not one of the bombers he was protecting was lost and his own plane was marked by only a single bullet-hole.

While a member of the famous "Flying Tigers" over Burma and China, Howard shot down 6 1-3 Japanese planes, sharing one with two other pilots, and was decorated by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek. Since coming to Britain, he has destroyed another German plane, thus bringing his total score of confirmed and probables to 13 1-3.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Jan. 19.—(AP)—Lance C. Wade, RAF squadron leader from Tucson, Ariz., and top-ranking ace of this theater, met death in a flying accident in Italy Jan. 12, it was announced today.

Wade, regarded by many as this war's greatest fighter pilot, had shot down 25 enemy planes in combat.

Reds Strike to Smash Siege Of Leningrad

Twin Thrusts Force Foe To Give Ground; Peace Feeler Rumor Revived

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—(AP)—David Anderson, NBS reporter in Stockholm, said today that Stockholm newspapers are carrying a story to the effect that Adolf Hitler had dispatched semi-official representatives to Ankara to discuss separate peace terms with Russia. The story was credited to the Geneva newspaper La Suisse.

MOSCOW, Jan. 19.—(AP)—Red army forces on the Leningrad and Volkhov fronts in northern Russia sprang forward today in a new offensive calculated to end the German siege of Leningrad, second city of the Soviet Union.

Two neighboring army groups, it was disclosed, launched simultaneous assaults several days ago to break through strong German defense lines and are now developing their drives on a large scale.

The blockade of Leningrad was broken a year ago by a Red army thrust through the fortress town of Shlessburg, which opened a narrow corridor to the east. The Germans, however, dug in close to the western and southern sides of the city, constructing an elaborate system of fortifications.

(Berlin broadcasts acknowledged) reversed on both fronts and said the Russians were continuing their attacks with waves of tanks and strong infantry forces.)

Third Drive Besets Nazis.
The double offensive aimed at relieving Leningrad added to the difficulties of the Germans in north Russia, already sorely harassed by another Soviet drive toward the rear of their positions south of Leningrad.

A Russian war bulletin said that these troops, yesterday captured 40 more towns in their slow but steady advance.

As the frozen north flared into activity, front dispatches reported

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5th Army Battles Its Way Across Garigliano River

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Jan. 19.—(AP)—British troops of Lt. Gen. Mark Clark's Fifth army, advancing under intense mortar and machine-gun fire, have crossed the lower Garigliano river at three points converging on the ancient Apulian way, for centuries the main coastal highway to Rome, 80 miles southeast.

The attack was launched at 9 p. m. Monday, allied headquarters announced today, and all three bridgeheads were secured despite violent enemy resistance which included a rain of fire on the river itself, 80 miles southeast of Rome.

Naval action continued in the Adriatic during the past week, the communique said, destroyers shelling Rovigno on the Istrian peninsula; Durazzo in Albania, and Drenovik, Vala and Korcula on the Dalmatian coast.

An American coastal force attacked lighters off Spezia, without damage to themselves, while British units torpedoed a small ship in Sumartin harbor of Brac Island.

In the air bombers blasted key communications targets in Tuscany province yesterday.

LONDON, Jan. 19.—(AP)—Yugoslav partisans have trapped a German motorized division of 400 vehicles near Lipovac in western Bosnia and wild fighting now is progressing through rugged hill country against the encircled Nazis, and a second division rushed to its assistance, Marshal Broz (Tito) announced today.

Foundrymen Ignore Order To End Strike

Northwest War-Vital Plants Still Idled by Dispute Over Wages

SEATTLE, Jan. 19.—(AP)—The Regional War Labor board announced union officials and government representatives would meet here today to seek solution of the strike of foundry workers.

SEATTLE, Jan. 19.—(AP)—Government agencies, war industries and workers waited tensely today for any developments which might lead to a break in the strike of 6,000 war-vital foundry workers in Oregon and Washington.

Shipbuilding officials expressed acute concern over the effect of the shutdown on shipyard construction and repairs. Denzil Halley, spokesman for the employers, asserted that "the most serious blow is probably to landing tank ships, which are the highest priority item in the area."

A WLB official's telegraphed order to locals of the Molders and Foundry Workers' union (AFL) that the walkout, which started yesterday, "must be ended immediately," brought from union leaders in Portland and Seattle a prediction that the appeal would have no effect. The strike was voted in protest against a regional WLB wage increase decision.

The national WLB also appealed to AFL President William Green and the AFL executive council, now in session at Miami, to intercede in support of labor's "no strike" pledge. The board said the back-to-work order had the support of Henry Stevenson of Cincinnati, the union's international president.

Picketing by the union kept an estimated 4,000 additional members of other unions from adjoining machine shops and other plants yesterday, but the immediate fears of a stoppage of wing spars for Boeing Flying Fortresses was dispelled by the foundry workers' vote to grant access to Aeronautics union (AFL) workers at the Pacific

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Vets Will Again Sponsor Schools' Oratory Contest

Umpqua post of the American Legion will sponsor again this year the annual oratorical contest for high school students. It was decided at the regular meeting of the post last night. Legionnaires also pledged financial support for the "March of Dimes" and voted to participate in an advertising campaign in behalf of the Fourth War Loan campaign.

The oratorical contest, which concerns subjects relating to the Constitution of the United States, is a national affair. Local winners participate in a state contest. State winners go to regional eliminations and the regional winners take part in the national contest where the top prize is a \$5,000 scholarship. An Oregon contestant won third place in the national contest last year.

The local post is offering a \$25 war bond as first prize for the Douglas county winner, with second and third prizes of \$10 and \$5 in war stamps. The contest is open to all high school students. Instructions and material will be furnished high school principals.

Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly was appointed as oratorical contest chairman and students desiring special information are invited to contact him.

The post, in its business session, transacted routine matters and later joined with the auxiliary for a social session and refreshments.

\$100 Billion Victory Budget Pictograph

MONEY GOES TO:
WAR EXPENDITURES: \$88,200,000,000 ALL OTHERS: \$11,569,236,900 TOTAL: \$99,769,236,900



MONEY COMES FROM:
INCOME: \$40,769,000,000 EXPENDITURES: \$99,769,236,900 DEFICIT: \$59,000,236,900



Free Shows Here Tonight to Launch War Loan Drive

The travelling entertainment unit from Camp White, Medford, was scheduled to arrive in Roseburg early this evening to present two free shows at Hunt's Indian theater tonight to aid the Douglas County War Savings staff in the "kick-off" for the Fourth War Loan drive.

The first show will start at 7 p. m. The committee urges all who can do so to attend the first show and to be on hand by curtain time as the house will be cleared at 9 o'clock and late comers will be forced to miss a part of the performance. Children will be admitted only if accompanied by adults.

The program will be in the form of a diversified vaudeville bill with an "all-army" cast. Preceding the entertainment, the Camp White band will play a street concert.

A section will be reserved at the second show, starting at 9:15 p. m., for the members of the war bond sales staff.

The use of the theater is being donated by Donn Radabaugh, manager.

Admission will be absolutely free, with no purchase of bonds required, nor will there be any direct solicitation.

Blood Test May Decide Custody of Child

OREGON CITY, Ore., Jan. 19.—(AP)—The custody of a four-year-old boy, central figure in a divorce action, may be determined by a blood test.

Circuit Judge Latourette ordered the test after three days of testimony and photograph comparisons failed to satisfy him as to which litigant was entitled to custody of the child.

Francis Lee Elkins says he is the boy's father. Mrs. Elkins, who seeks a divorce on grounds of cruelty, claims the child is the son of her former husband.

Parents of Four Fire Victims Get Jail Term

SANTA CRUZ, Calif., Jan. 19.—(AP)—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wesley Martin, whose four children died when the Martin house burned January 6 during the parents' absence, were sentenced to 120 days in jail after Police Judge Scopettone convicted them of endangering the life and limbs of children in their care. A manslaughter charge against the Martins is pending in superior court.

License Fees Heavily Upped by Marshfield

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Jan. 19.—(AP)—Sharp increases in franchise taxes and license fees has been voted by the city council.

4th WAR LOAN BRIEFS

The first Douglas county war bond sales team to report a complete canvass of its assigned territory brought in total cash sales of \$1,243.75 Tuesday. The team members were Mrs. Nellie Myers and Mrs. Effie Hungerford, who were assigned a section of the Melrose district. They have contacted every family in the area.

The Joelson Lumber company mill east of Roseburg will close at noon Saturday and will not resume operations until the plant's war bond quota has been reached, the management has informed the Roseburg committee. Work will start again just as soon as the quota has been subscribed.

James W. Mess, chamber of commerce president and member of the 4th War Loan executive committee for Douglas county, has constructed an attractive, large-sized barometer which will be placed at bond headquarters to show progress of the bond drive.

American Indians Master Japs In Jungle Fighting

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea, Jan. 19.—(AP)—Knife-wielding American Indians of 20 tribes, backed by such modern components of war as tanks and bombing planes, are stalking Japanese in the tropical jungles of New Britain.

These skilled tribesmen of Arizona and New Mexico ended a stalemate Sunday at invaded Arave on the southwest coast by breaking through main enemy defenses to such depth that field guns were captured.

Each equipped with several knives as well as pistol and rifle, these Indians, forming part of the 158th regiment of "Bushmasters," penetrated 1,000 yards through enemy lines while the Japanese still were groggy from an 87-ton air bombardment.

On northeastern New Guinea, up the coast beyond Invasion-menaced Madang, Japanese supply dumps and anti-aircraft positions at Hansa bay were attacked with 120 tons of explosives by bombers.

Other planes set fire to an enemy cargo vessel at the former Dutch canal naval base of Ambon on the island of Amboina.

Wage Raises Ordered In Lumber Industries

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—(AP)—About 175,000 low-wage workers in four major industries will receive pay raises February 7 under orders issued yesterday by Administrator Walling of the Labor department's wage and hour division.

Walling ordered the industries to pay a minimum of 40 cents an hour to all their workers. He said that meant raises for \$5,000 in the logging, timber, lumber and related industries.

Sedate Met Rocks With Jazz to Hike War Bond Sale

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—(AP)—The sedate Metropolitan opera house blew its top from cellar to chandelier as it rocked to the red hot rhythms of barrelhouse, boogie-woogie and the blues.

Jazz invaded the Met's hallowed portals last night for the first time and if Mozart, Wagner and Verdi did turns in their respective graves, it must have been in swiftness.

The lowdown music was beat out by Trumpeter Louis Armstrong, sax-playing Coleman Hawkins, Jack Teagarden and his slip horn, and a dozen more jive-minded musicians selected in an Esquire magazine poll as the top jazz artists of 1944.

Some 3,500 hep-cats paid \$650, 000 in war bonds to witness the precedent-shattering event, a part of the Fourth War Loan drive. Admission was by war bond only.

There was no claque. It wasn't needed. The audience whistled, squealed, stamped and clapped in synch.

Jive-educated toes tapped in unison as Mildred Bailey sang "Squeeze Me," Red Vorvo swung out "I Got Rhythm" on his Xylophone, and Lionel Hampton and Sidney Catlett thumped a torrid drum duet.

The audience was really in the groove when Benny Goodman, the king of swing, was piped in from Hollywood.

Said one conservative looking, middle-aged usher as he bit his lip: "If I said what I think of this, I'd be jailed."

Load Limits on Logging Trucks to Be Enforced

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 19.—(AP)—An agreement on enforcement of load limits for logging trucks operating on state highways was reached here yesterday at a conference including Governor Snell, the state highway commission, State Police Superintendent Pray, Public Utilities Commissioner Flagg, and representatives of the federal office of defense transportation and OPA.

T. H. Banfield, chairman of the highway commission, said the commission would issue a formal statement in a few days. He said, however, that some changes in enforcement methods will be made. He said 85 per cent of logging operators are not overloading their trucks.

SEATTLE, Jan. 19.—(AP)—The body of Mrs. Evelyn Pritchow, 39-year-old mother of a soldier overseas, was found yesterday in a clump of brush a short distance from her South Seattle home. She had been strangled by her own head kerchief, noosed about her head.

Floor Battle On Bankhead Bill Impends

Committee, Reversing Former Action, Votes to End Subsidies in 1944

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—(AP)—The senate banking committee today rejected the administration's request for use of \$1,500,000,000 on food subsidies in 1944, acted favorably on the Bankhead bill to terminate all such subsidies by June 30 of this year, and sent the whole explosive issue to the senate floor for debate.

The committee reversed itself in taking these actions against the subsidy system which administration officials have described as the cornerstone of their program for controlling retail food prices. President Roosevelt has made vigorous representations to congress on behalf of the system.

The favorable report on the bill by Senator Bankhead to end food subsidies on June 30, 1944, was voted 10 to 9, although such a report had been rejected a month ago.

The administration's proposal to authorize the expenditure of \$1,500,000,000 for subsidies in 1944, was rejected also on a 9-10 division.

A bitter and perhaps lengthy fight on the senate floor loomed. Senator Maloney (D-Conn.) said he would introduce on the floor the \$1,500,000,000 amendment which the committee turned down.

The Bankhead bill is substantially similar to the anti-subsidy legislation passed by the house in November.

National Draft Urged
War Secretary Stimson urged a civilian labor draft on congress today, declaring the men on the fighting fronts are "demanding that all Americans accept the same liability which a soldier must accept for service to country."

"To me it appears to be the plain duty of the congress to give our troops this all-out necessary backing," he told the senate military committee as it reopened hearings on national service legislation requested by President Roosevelt to prevent strikes and make virtually all able-bodied men and women subject to assignment to essential tasks.

Appearing as the first administration witness before a committee which includes many senators hostile to the idea of labor conscription, Stimson said national service would hasten victory, and asserted:

"Every month the war is prolonged will be measured in the lives of thousands of young men, in billions of dollars."

Republicans Of Pennsylvania Win 2 Congress Seats

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 19.—(AP)—Republicans held two additional seats in the house of representatives today after scoring victories in special elections in Pennsylvania's 2nd and 17th congressional districts.

Joseph M. Pratt (R.) led his opponent William A. Barrett (D.) by 5581 votes in returns from 163 of 164 divisions in the 2nd district. He will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of James P. McGranery (D.), now assistant to Attorney General Biddle.

In the 17th district Samuel K. McConnell (R.) decisively defeated Marvin B. Brunner (D.). He will succeed J. William Ditter (R.), who was killed in an airplane crash last November 21.

The election of Pratt and McConnell gives the republicans a total of 209 seats in the house, with five vacancies to be filled. The democrats still hold numerical superiority with 217 seats. Four seats are held by minor party representatives.

Aircraft Program for '44 Calls for 50 Pct. Boost

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—(AP)—The nation's 1944 aircraft production program calls for a 50 per cent increase in manufacture of combat planes on top of the record-smashing 1943 output, C. E. Wilson, chairman of the Aircraft Production board, disclosed today.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Rosensteel

The two distressing extremes of our economic system seem to be the super-abundance of steel pennies and the scarcity of living quarters.