STEEL STRIKE SHOWDOWN APPROACHING

The Weather
Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday.

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Truman's Bread-for-Europe Plan Meeting Opposition in Congress

Ban on Export Of Foodstuffs Asked in Bill

Alf Landon Charges Food Shortage Abroad Due to Policy of Morgenthau

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—(AP)—President Truman's bread-for-Europe program touched off rumblings of opposition in Congress today, and it led Alf M. Landon to contend the Roosevelt administration was partly responsible for the food shortage abroad.

First tangible hint of disapproval was the introduction of a bill by Rep. Edwin A. Hall (R.-N. Y.) to ban the export of foodstuffs temporarily until it is determined that American consumers will be assured "the present amount of white bread."

Mr. Truman's plan for cutting American wheat consumption also drew questioning comment from other lawmakers unenthusiastic about the dark bread it will mean on the nation's menu.

Morgenthau Blamed

Landon ,1936 Republican nominee for President, stepped into the incipient debate by attributing the food situation in Germany, at least, to what he termed the "cruel and inhuman" plan formulated by former Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau for treatment of the conquered Reich.

Contending this country had

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HOUSING SHORTAGE BLAMED FOR "STRANGE" FAMLY—Housing shortage was blamed by Michael Prisco (extreme right) for the necessity of bringing his two wives and four children into one small apartment, at Pittsburg, Calif. The wives, Gertrude, 21, (left) holds her 11-day-old daughter and Anna, 40, the first Mrs. Prisco, holds one of two youngsters fathered by the ex-soldier. Anna is also mother of a 15-year-old daughter by a former marriage. Prisco explained to authorities that while he was in the Army, his first wife claimed she had obtained a divorce. After he had married Gertrude in Missouri Anna disclosed she had no divorce.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

AS THESE words are written, something is brewing in Washington. It seems to be a new wage-price policy aimed at ending the steel strike, as well as other major industrial disputes.

(A new wage-price policy would presumably involve a sufficient hike in prices to make it possible to pay higher wages without squeezing industry disastrously between rising floors and fixed ceilings.)

IT'S ALL very secret.

A "high official, not quotable by name," tells the reporters that a White House announcement of the "formula" may come later in the day. Another high official, also not quotable, adds that there were developments the day before that "could force another delay."

What these developments may be has not been made clear as this is written, but it is guessable that they are a flare-up in the bitter battle that has been raging (under cover) between OPA and the reconversion side of the

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Col. Chas. A. Lindbergh's Victorious Air Combat With Japanese Plane Described

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Col. Charles MacDonald relates in the current issue of Collier's Magazine how Charles A. Lindbergh, while a civilian aircraft observer, downed a Jap plane which had escaped destruction of four veteran American fighter pilots.

Lindbergh, the writer says, flew 50 fighter pilot missions against the Japanese while an observer for the United Aircraft Corp.

Recalling the events of the day Lindbergh scored his skill, MacDonald said that after two P-38s exhausted their ammunition trying to down a Sonia type Jap craft, he, Lindbergh and a Major Danny Miller, arrived at the scene.

MacDonald and Miller, also flying P-38s made "passes" at the enemy and missed.

The article then continues:

This was Lindbergh's first sight of a Jap plane in the air, and there he was, closing head-on, with their combined speeds close to 600 miles per hour. I could see the Jap in a slight climb and Lindbergh in a slight dive . . . their guns spitting bullets so fast the muzzles resembled so many acetylene torches.

Jap Fails in Crash Try

"For moments which seemed like years, the antagonists came at each other. Lindbergh's cannon and machine gun bullets jolted into the Jap. His slight advantage in height prompted him to try to go over the Jap. He pulled back the stick with all his strength. The badly-hit enemy tried for a crash.

"As Lindbergh's plane started up, the Jap, too, pulled up violently. He was too late. The two missed by a narrow margin. The Sonia rolled over like a broken toy and began a long dive that ended in the sea."

Filibuster's Foes Concede Defeat

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—(AP)—The success of the FEPC filibuster was conceded generally today.

Even ardent backers of the Fair Employment Practice Commission legislation acknowledged privately they had lost their fight to bring the measure to a final Senate vote.

The formal verdict will be forthcoming tomorrow. The Senate has agreed to vote then on a motion to limit FEPC debate, but supoprters of the bill admittedly cannot muster the two-thirds majority necessary to put across the so-called "gag-rule" and thus ensure a quick vote on the legislation.

Failure of the debate limitation move will mean that the bill will be returned to the Senate calendar, thus delaying action on it indefinitely.

But that will mean a victory of sorts for the band of southern senators who undertook four weeks ago to talk the bill to death, or at least prevent a showdown vote on it. Proponents of the measure have been claiming all along that they could roll up a majority for the bill if they ever get it to the final vote stage.

Jobless Payments Soar to New High

SALEM, Feb. 8. — (AP) — The State Unemployment Compensation Commission announced today it paid out $2,586,152 in benefits during January, approximately $1,000,000 more than in December, and more than double any previous month in the commission's history.

Checks totaling $1,859,802 went to laid-off war workers, and $726,350 was paid in readjustment allowances to discharged veterans under the GI Bill of Rights.

Veterans allowances in January were up 57 per cent from December, while the unemployed workers payments were up 53 per cent.

New claims now are coming to the commission at the rate of 3,000 a week.

Of the 70,000 veterans who had returned to Oregon by the end of January, 22,000 filed applications for benefit, and 15,000 of them got their allowances.

Liquor Rationing Return Held Unlikely in Oregon

PORTLAND, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Chairman George P. Lilley of the Liquor Control Commission said today he did not expect a return to liquor rationing in this state.

Despite the ban on wheat for whiskey-making and a liquor shortage on store shelves, there has been no indication that this state's supplies will dwindle, he reported. Rationing will not be imposed until stocks are reduced, he said.

Lilley reported state stores received additional supplies starting Feb. 2.

Berle Resigns at U. S. Ambassador to Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Adolf Berle, Jr., U. S. ambassador to Brazil, announced today he had submitted his resignation to President Truman.

Berle, a former assistant Secretary of State, presented his credentials as ambassador a little over a year ago, Jan. 30, 1945. He disclosed that President Truman had agreed to release him after the new government of President Dutra had been installed in office. Gaspar Dutra's inauguration took place Jan. 31.

Carson to Aid in Plans To Get Jobs for Veterans

PORTLAND, Feb. 8.—(AP)—John Carson, Oregon chairman of the American Legion's unemployment Committee, will leave for Washington, D. C., next week to draw up national plans to get jobs for veterans.

Unemployment problems were discussed at a meeting of Oregon Department Legion officials yesterday.

Fire Sweeps Idaho Hotel; Aged Resident Missing

ST. MARIES, Idaho, Feb. 8.—(AP)—One man was believed missing in a fire which swept the C. & M. Hotel early this morning.

Dave Aidukovic, one of the owners of the hotel, said a 70-year-old logger was missing after the blaze.

None of the residents saved their possessions and some were lightly clad as thy ran out into the freezing weather.

Gorge Slide Stops, But Peril Remains

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 8.—(AP)—The mountainside which has sent a million tons of earth, rocks, trees and debris over the Columbiar River highway and Union Pacific tracks appeared to have stopped skidding today.

Railroad officials estimated they would need at least 48 hours to dig through the gigantic slide even under the best of conditions. And the weather man wouldn't promise those.

The weather bureau forecast light rains tonight and Saturday, which might loosen more earth and start the hillside slipping again.

Highway crews were attempting to restore a broken log dike to dam up the mountain. Telephone crews repaired a broken cable, returning northwest telephone service to normal.

The slide, worst in the history of the gorge, has blocked the highway near Multnomah Falls and forced rerouting of Union Pacific trains since Tuesday.

Nilands, Not Nylons

PORTLAND, Feb. 8.—(AP)—A line began forming at pre-dawn in the East Side Farmers' Market for nylons.

Walters were very disappointed to discover that what was on sale was Nilands: Tomatoes grown in California's Niland district.

Truman Ignores Clemency Appeal of Gen. Yamashita in Last Effort to Dodge Noose

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—(AP)—The War Department announced today President Truman has decided to take no action on a clemency plea from Lt. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita, condemned Japanese leader.

President Truman's decision apparently had the effect of putting Yamashita's fate again in General MacArthur's hands.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Lt. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita staked his life today on a last-chance clemency plea to President Truman, commander-in-chief of his conquerors.

The erstwhile "Tiger of Malaya" is seeking to escape an ignominous death on the gallows as a war criminal, and his appeal to the White House won him at least a temporary reprieve.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur was instructed by the War Department to hold up execution of Yamashita's death sentence until further advised.

MacArthur earlier this week reviewed and affairmed Yamashita's recent conviction by a military tribunal on charges of responsibility for atrocities in the Philippines.

In upholding the sentence, MacArthur found Yamashita false to his duty as a professional soldier and not entitled to die as one. He therefore directed that before the sentence is carried out that Yamashita be "stripped of his uniform, decoration and other appurtances signifying membership in the military profession."

In Tokyo Col. A. C. Carpenter, chief of headquarters' legal prosecution section, emphasized:

"It is purely a clemency matter—not a review of the case. He (Mr. Truman) can grant clemacy if he desires, just as in the case of an American citizen."

It was Yamashita's second appeal to Washington. Before his conviction was upheld by MacArthur, he sought unsuccessfully to have the U. S. Supreme Court intervene in his case.

Ickes May Quit Cabinet in Row Over Pauley

Job Regarded Untenable In Truman's Decision to Stand by Navy Nominee

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—(AP)—The Senate Banking Committee voted 14 to 5 today to give a favorable report on President Truman's nomination of George E. Allen, a presidential adviser, as a director of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

The nomination of the former secretary of the Democratic National Committee now goes to the Senate, where administration lieutenants said they are confident of eventual confirmation.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—(AP)—President Truman's determination to stick to his choice of Edwin C. Pauley as No. 2 boss of the Navy spurred congressional speculation today that Secretary Ickes soon might quit.

A number of legislators wondered privately whether Ickes'

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Mountain Highways in State Still Hazardous

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 8.—(AP)—Oregon highway conditions were little changed today, with mountain highways hazardous because of snow and slides and traffic slowed by fog in the Willamette Valley, the State Highway Commission reported.

Coldest spot was 14 degrees below zero at Lapine on The Dalles-California Highway, but mountain temperatures plummeted to near the zero mark.

The daily road report included:

Siskiyou summit—22 degrees, packed snow, well sanded.

Upper Columbia River Highway—Closed by slide near Multnomah Falls, traffic detouring at Portland and Cascade Locks via Evergreen Highway on Washington side of river.

Eugene, Medford and Coquille, foggy.

Missing From Wrecked Liner Yukon Cut to 11

KETCHIKAN, Alaska, Feb. 8.—(AP)—The number of persons rescued from the wreck of the liner Yukon stood at 486 today and the Alaska Steamship Company said in Seattle its list of those unaccounted for totaled 11.

Spokesman for the line said those not yet accounted for were six military personnel, two crewmen and three civilian passengers.

He would not release names, he said, as long as the possibility remained that the people could be located among the survivors in Seward or that passenger and crew lists were larger than the number actually aboard when the Yukon sailed Sunday from Seward.

Columbia Net Fishing to Be Closed for Cixty Days

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 8.—(AP)—Oregon and Washington have ordered a 60-day closed period on commercial fishing for the Columbia River during March and April.

Last year's 10-day March test period will not be duplicated the Oregon Fish Commission and the Washington Department of Fisheries announced.

Case Bill Spells Increased Discord, Sen. Morse Claims

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Two Pacific Northwest senators, a Republican and a Democrat, sided today against the Case bill to regulate labor disputes.

Senator Magnuson (D., Wash.) told reporters he believes the Senate should "consider long and serious" before it decided to even bring up a bill with such "drastic provisions."

Senator Morse (R., Ore.), said he opposes the bill because it was "a hodge podge of restrictions that can cause more disruptions in our economy than the stabilizing effect."

"It is a manifestation of the same anti-labor hysteria which characterized public opinion following the First World War," Morse said.

"Instead of bringing labor and industry together in more harmonious labor relations, it will increase economic warfare in this country.

"It will intensify class conscious struggles both economically and politically. I do not believe that such class consious alignments are in the national interest."

Piling Shipments Halted at Drain By Steel Strike

Orders to halt all shipments of piling to creosoting mills pending settlement of the steel strike was received today by E. G. Whipple, Drain, one of the county's principal piling shippers. Whipple reports he has contracted to ship from 1,000 to 15,000 carloads of piling, and has made delivery to date of approximately 400 carloads.

Shipments are expected to be resumed as soon as the steel strike is settled, Whipple reports.

"This indicates," Whipple said, "the effect of a strike in one industry upon men employed in a related industry. The order to cease shipments will throw approximately 100 men out of work immediately, and will add another one or two hundred to the unemployed if it is necessary to pull out woods crews."

Army Horse Leads Five Others to Honey Binge

MEDFORD, Ore., Feb. 8.—(AP)—Six horses, one of which learned bad habits in the Army, were on a restricted diet today after staging a honey binge in the Claude Hoover ranch pasture yesterday.

The animals nosed up to a group of bee hives, tried a sample, then gobbled up 16 hives and a quantity of bewildered bees.

Hoover said the horses long had been pastured near the bees and until he added a horse bought from the Army, they had shown no interest in them.

The bees apparently were too chilled to defend themselves, Hoover said, and the horses were none the worse for their orgy.

Citizens Throng Beach to Get Jettisoned Lumber

HOQUIAM, Wash., Feb. 8.—(AP)—Thousands of feet of lumber jettisoned from the lumber schooner Whitney Olson when it was endangered off the Oregon coast during the recent storms, is washing up on the beaches around here, and scores of Grays Harbor citizens are thronging the sands, salvaging the precious boards for their own use.

One man alone has managed to pick up four truckloads.

Secy. Schwellenbach's Long Silence Strengthens Belief He' Waiting for Judgeship

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Lew Schwellenbach, the smiling, cigar-chewing federal judge who answered President Truman's plea for help and became Secretary of Labor, has lost his broad grin in less than eight months.

The once talkative, affable ex-Senator also has lost his "tongue" in the recurring labor crisis that have descended upon him since last July 1 when he took office.

He has "clammed up" completely to reporters, who now are forced to look everywhere but to the labor secretary for news of the day-to-day conferences in which he takes part.

The Labor Department itself currently is a dry well so far as news is concerned.

Schwellenbach's press chief, Leslie Eichel, says the White House has ruled that the principals in the all-important conference over labor matters must refrain from discussing them.

Schwellenbach, close friend and admirer of Mr. Truman, with whom he served in the Senate, is adhering rigidly to that "gag" whether or not imposed by Mr. Truman.

He has not held a news conference since October 4, when his oil conciliation efforts collapsed and he announced he was recommending Navy seizure of the strike-bound refineries.

Columnists have been using the Schwellenbach retirement from public prints as an indication that he is waiting for an appointment to the bench, possibly the Supreme Court, and is just biding his time.

The labor secretary in the past has hinted that he never had much relish for his present job. But he also has a stubborn streak which would make it hard for him to quit in the middle of the current strike crises.

Intercepted Jap Messages Given Hopkins

New Testimony in Probe Of Pearl Harbor Draws in Late Confidante of F.R.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Pearl Harbor investigators were told today the copies of highly secret intercetped Japanese messages were delivered to the late Harry Hopkins in 1941 while he was a patient in a hospital here.

Naval Capt. A. D. Kramer testified he took the so-called "magic" messages to Hopkins on instructions from Admiral Harold R. Stark, then chief of Naval operations.

He said Stark told him Hopkins had been seeing the messages at the White House and should get them in the hospital. Hopkins, President Roosevelt's confidante, was administering lend-lease aid at the time.

Kramer was the intelligence officer who distributed translations of intercepted Japanese messages to top officials in the days preceding Pearl Harbor attack December 7, 1941.

Another witness, Capt. L. F. Safford, has testified previously that an empty filing jacket, bearing file No. JD-7001 "could have" contained an intercepted "winds" message which he said was received three days before the Japanese struck. He has contended

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Veteran Flier Killed as He Clowns With Gun

TULELAKE, Calif., Feb. 8.—(AP)—A veteran air corps pilot who survived 17 months in a German prison camp was accidentally killed last night while clowning with a gun, his superior officer said today.

C. A. Gundersen, 29, a border patrolman stationed at the War Relocation Authority project here, died as he sat in a car with another patrolman and two young women.

The other three said Gundersen was joking with his gun and pulled the trigger, Ivan Williams, officer in charge for the Immigration Service at Tulelake, reported. Gundersen's companions rushed him to a Klamath Falls, hospital.

Gundersen, former resident of Everett, Wash., is survived by his mother, Mrs. G. E. Fisher, Portland.

Housewives Rush to Get Flour; Weevils Predicted

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 8.—(AP)—Moderate flour stocks on retail shelves melted today as housewives, alarmed by President Truman's order for mills to conserve wheat, rushed to buy all they could carry.

One chain store spokesman, however, predicted weevils would spoil hoarders' supplies. And B. R. Pooley, Crown Mills sales manager, said no flour shortage would result if wheat continued to move from grower areas.

The boxcar shortage already had prompted millers to carefully dole out stocks to dealers.

Fund Asked to Combat Oregon's Deadly Deer Fly

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Formulation of plans for combating the deer fly that breeds around the alkali lakes in Southeastern Oregon were urged upon the House Appropriations Committee today by Rep. Stockman (R.-Ore.).

The representative told the committee the flies are present in great numbers in irrigated sections of the West and transmit Tularemia. Their bites are so painful and they bring so much blood they cause losses among all classes of livestock.

National Cemetery Plan For Portland Rejected

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—(AP)—The House refused to approve a $605,240 appropriation for a national cemetery at Portland, Ore., proposed by Rep. Homer Angell (R.-Ore.) as an amendment to the War Department civil functions bill.

Angell contended a national cemetery was needed in the Northwest.

Man Dies When Gale Drives Pipe Stem in Spine

MELTON PARK, Surrey, England, Feb. 8.—(AP)—A terrific gale lashing Southern England caught 87-year-old James Mottram, hurled him flat on his face, and drove his pipe stem through the back of his throat into his spinal column.

The coroner's verdict today was accidental death.

Truman Plan Ties In Wage, Price Boosts

Picket Line in Transit Strike Smashed; End of Tugboat Strike Impends

(By the Associated Press)

A showdown in efforts to settle the vast steel and other major strikes appeared imminent today when President Truman canceled his planned Florida vacation because of "the immediate critical situation" requiring his attention.

At the same a mass meeting of 20,000 striking steelworkers was called in Baltimore Sunday, District USW Director Albert Atallah announced, because "we expect important developments and believe it will be necessary to call the membership together at that time."

White House aides said the labor crisis and related wage-price policy question were involved in the President's decision.

A settlement, if effected, was expected to be based on the President's recommendation of an hourly wage increase of 18½ cents with the government ready to offer the industry a price increase of approximately $5.25 a ton. The CIO union, on the eve of the strike, had accepted the 18½ cent pay boost but it was rejected by U. S. Steel.

Meanwhile, 18,000 steelworkers who had been barred from walking out earlir by Minnesota's 30-day strike notice law, today joined the 750,000 steelworkers already idle across the country.

As government and labor leaders sought to bring a quick end to the steel strike, telephone operators in Washington, D. C., voted 10 to 1 in favor of a strike for higher wages. The Independent Washington Telephone Traffic Union, whose members quit work twice recently, said the operators approved a strike within two weeks either over local issues or

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Price Tops on New Homes Given O. K.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—(AP)—The House Baking Committee approved today emergency housing legislation providing for price ceilings on new homes and for continuance of government allocation of scarce building materials.

The committee struck from the bill all authority to put price ceilings on 40,000,000 existing dwellings, and removed a section specifically providing for subsidies to spur production of building materials.

Rep. Patman (D.-Tex.), author of the bill, said elimination of the provision for control prices on existing houses "pulled the teeth" from the measure. This authority was requested by Wilson W. Wyatt, the new housing administrator.

The bill creates a new overall Office of Administrator of Housing, and sets up preferences for veterans in obtaining new houses.

Although the subsidy provision was stricken from the bill, Committee Chairman Spence told reporters the government already has power under another law to use such subsidies.

Rudolf Hess Taken Ill During War Crimes Trial

NUERNBERG, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Rudolf Hess, one of the defendants at the war crimes trial, was taken ill during the noon recess today and was removed to a cell for medical examination.

Hess was stirred to unsual excitement yesterday by the British presentation of the case against him. The British prosecutor said Hess flew to England in 1941 with the avowed purpose of overthrowing the Churchill government and paving the way for a German-dictated peace.

He read a book during most of this morning's court session while the Soviet chief prosecutor was making a 20,000-word statement.

Officials said Hess had suffered a minor attack of abdominal cramps.

"Bargain" Offer Proves to Be His Parents' Home

KANSAS City, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Edward Hamler, 20-year-old former sailor and a victim of the housing shortage, thought he had found a bargain.

A real estate agent told him, he knew of a real buy at $5,000 which would be available in about three months.

"I'll take you around to see it," the agent said. Then Hamler learned the address. It was the house of his parents, where he and his wife are visiting.

There was no sale.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reinenstein

In New York City's existing coal shortage, fuel for heat has been denied night clubs. This will probably heavily increase patronage by persons deprived of artificial heat and seeking substitution of the natural variety.