

ICKES RESIGNS AS SECRETARY OF INTERIOR

Action Due to Testimony in Pauley Case

ICKES Challenges Truman's Right to Pass Judgment On Truth of His Story

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—(AP)—Harold L. Ickes, original New Dealer, resigned as Secretary of Interior today bluntly challenging President Truman's right to pass judgment on his "veracity."

"I cannot stay on when you, in effect, have expressed lack of confidence in me," Ickes said in a lengthy letter to the President which he made public after the White House announced his resignation.

The resignation of the "old curmudgeon," who took office with Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1933, grew out of Ickes' opposition to the nomination of Edward W. Pauley to be Undersecretary of the Navy, and the President's support of the California oil man.

Ickes asked to be relieved March 31, but Mr. Truman made the resignation effective Friday.

Feb. 15, The President's letter of acceptance was not made public. The President designated Oscar L. Chapman, a Coloradoan who has served 13 years as an assistant secretary, to take over Ickes' duties pending the appointment of a permanent secretary.

No Apologies to Make

Ickes in a 2,000-word letter of resignation said of his testimony in opposition to the nomination of Pauley:

"I cannot accept the theory that I should have told the Senate Naval affairs committee anything less than the truth. I have no apologies for having done so, although I did regret the unhappy personal position in which I have

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
THERE'S a thrilling story on the wires as this is written.

President Truman calls for a HUGE housing program—two million seven hundred thousand homes to be completed within the next two years, of which a million two hundred thousand will be STARTED THIS YEAR. Total cost to be around sixteen billion dollars.

(To get the JOLT of this vast program, we have to spell the totals out. Astronomical sums have been juggled before our eyes so long that we find it difficult to grasp mere FIGURES.)

THESE homes are to be built principally by private contractors, most of them to sell for no more than \$6,000 or to rent for \$50 a month or less. A part of the plan is financing the low cost homes by insured mortgages up to 90 PER CENT of their value based on necessary CURRENT COSTS.

The federal government is to spend \$850,000,000—how not described in detail, but presumably in assistance in financing and planning. There is so far no talk of outright government ownership and management of any of

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Statewide Plan to Put Vets in Jobs Considered

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 13.—(AP)—A proposal to promote a statewide "Jobs for Veterans" campaign patterned after wartime bond drives was made here to the state legislative interim committee on veterans affairs.

The committee asked cities, counties and state agencies owning lands not needed for public purposes to sell tracts to veterans for farm and home purposes as cheaply as possible. It also recommended building materials dealers give "voluntary preference" to ex-servicemen.

Foresters Plan Temporary Bridge at Steamboat Creek, Repair of Damaged Highway

An allotment of \$11,000 for repair of flood damages to the North Umpqua road in December has been made by the Forest Service, V. V. Harpham, supervisor of the Umpqua National Forest, said today. The allotment for repairs includes the replacement with a temporary span of the Steamboat Creek bridge, which was swept away December 28.

The bridge, Harpham stated, will be strictly temporary and utilize the existing concrete piers which supported the old span. The temporary bridge will not be built until late April or mid-May, when the danger of floods will have passed.

Definite specifications for a highway bridge across Steamboat Creek have not yet been worked out, Harpham said, but it is expected that a bridge will be constructed during the summer months, assuming that equipment and labor will be available to permit construction.

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The Weather

Light rain tonight and Thursday; warmer tonight.

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Philadelphia, Pittsburgh Strikes Settled

Wage Boost Granted Transit Workers; Mediation Agreed On In Power Union Dispute

N. Y. Harbor Tugboat Walkout Not Ended, but Closure Order Revoked; Strikers Turn Down GMC Offer

[By the Associated Press.]

The end of crippling strikes in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia and revocation of New York City's closure order brought some measure of relief today to the nation's industrial strife.

Settlement of the work stoppages by power and transit workers and lifting the shutdown edict in the world's greatest city came after a day of inconvenience and confusion to most of the millions living in the three large eastern cities, the most hectic day along the labor front in the post-war period.

While New York City resumed near normal operations of its commercial, industrial and amusement activities after 18 hours of paralysis, the labor dispute which was the cause of the shutdown remained unsettled.

And immediately, there were no indications of an end of the 10-day strike of 3,500 AFL tugboat workers, whose walkout caused a drastic fuel shortage and brought about Mayor O'Dwyer's restriction order. The union has agreed to submit the wage-hour dispute to arbitration but tugboat owners have not as yet reached agreement among themselves on procedure for arbitration of the issues that led to the walkout.

In Pittsburgh, 3,400 employees of the Duquesne Light Co. went back to their jobs after a 19-hour work stoppage in a dispute over wages. The strike, which threatened a complete power failure in the greater Pittsburgh industrial area, affected some 1,500,000 residents of nearly 100 communities. In Pittsburgh, street cars were halted, schools closed, homes darkened and thousands of workers kept idle.

The strike ended upon agreement to establish a three-man board to mediate the wage dispute. The strikers (independent) demanded a 20 per cent wage increase while the company offered a 7 1/2 per cent hike.

Transit service for Philadelphia's three million daily riders was resumed after being halted for 48 hours by a strike of 9,900 CIO employees of the Philadelphia Transportation Company. The strikers approved an agreement reached by union and management officials which will give them, among other things, a general wage increase of 12 cents an hour and a "preferential" union shop. They had demanded an hourly pay raise of 25 cents.

As the labor picture brightened somewhat by the end of the transit and power workers' walkouts, news from Detroit in the General Motors strike was not cheerful.

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GM Offer Rejected

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Condition of Oregon Highways Are Improved

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 13.—(AP)—Oregon highway conditions were generally improved today, with snow and ice cleared from the old Oregon trail and the Siskiyou summit on the Pacific Highway, the State Highway Commission said today.

Chains were still recommended for the passes on the Santiam and Willamette Highways, while the commission expects to reopen tomorrow the Columbia River Highway, which was closed last week by a slide near Multnomah Falls. A bridge is being built across the section of highway that was dug out by the slide.

British, Dutch Soldiers Killed in Java Clashes

BATAVIA, Feb. 13.—(AP)—Four British and Dutch soldiers were killed and three wounded today in fighting between search columns and Indonesians in the area of Belagasi and Batavia.

British tanks and two battalions of troops searched villages along the route from this capital to Bekassi and encountered 25 road blocks. Returning, a British officer and two men were ambushed and the enlisted men were killed. The officer was injured.

Dutch forces searching settlements arrested 50 suspects. A Dutch officer and a Dutch soldier were killed and two others were wounded.

Missing Man's Corpse Recovered From Lake

WALDPORF, Ore., Feb. 13.—(AP)—Recovery of the body of Walter Estes Blackstock, 37, Newport, from Howells Lake north of here was reported today by State Police.

Blackstock disappeared Feb. 5 when he left an auto in which he and A. A. Webster, Newport, were stranded by a storm between Waldport and Newport.

Ex-U. S. Scribe Nabbed As Nazi Propagandist

VIENNA, Feb. 13.—(AP)—Robert Beat, former American newspaper correspondent in Vienna who was indicted for treason on charges of broadcasting Nazi propaganda, has been arrested by British security police at Villach, Austria, an intelligence officer said today.

Why should the government pay the fares to Japan of the wives of U. S. soldiers stationed there?—as MacArthur suggests. Just announced that silk hosiery is again available in Japan and said wives will immediately swim over.



HAROLD L. ICKES Vacates Cabinet Job

Break With Argentina Is Expected Soon

Pro-Axis Character of Latin Nation Disclosed In American Blue Book

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—(AP)—The State Department's blast at key Argentine leaders as wartime pawns of Nazi Germany hastened a fresh crisis today in the already badly-strained relations between the United States and Argentina.

Whether a formal break in diplomatic ties will result remained an open question. Secretary of State Byrnes told reporters the United States does not intend to follow up its "Blue Book" attack on the military rulers of Buenos Aires with any single nation action against Argentina. But at least two members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee indicated they expect further diplomatic steps eventually.

Dispatches from the Argentine capital disclosed that at least part of the Blue Book indictment disclosed here yesterday, had been published there, and these dispatches speculated on the likelihood of curtailed relations.

Peron Chief Target

Col. Juan Peron, Argentina's strong man and current presidential candidate, refrained in a campaign speech last night from mentioning the "Blue Book" which included assertions that the Nazis had been allowed to set

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Roseburg Gives \$3,977 to Dimes March Campaign

Total of \$3,977.11 was collected in Roseburg during the March of Dimes campaign, Chairman R. H. Franks reports.

Nearly \$800 was collected from patrons at the Indian Star and Rose theaters, Mrs. Donn Radabaugh, manager said. Other contributions came from schools, civic organizations, sports events and coin collection boxes throughout the city.

The Roseburg schools contributed \$480. Del McKay, KRNR announcer, sponsored the campaign in the Junior and Senior High Schools. The total also included contributions from the grade schools.

Sports events brought in \$225. From the Kiwanis, Rotary, Lions Club, and other special groups, came \$1,147.07. The Elks Club gave \$100. The Veterans' Facility donated \$50.12.

"Everyone should be commended for taking part in the drive," Franks commented in a letter to the total. Fifty per cent of the funds collected remains in Douglas County, to aid the fight here against infantile paralysis.

Sonja Henie Divorced From Rich Sportsman

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—(AP)—Sonja Henie, ice skating motion picture star, who testified her husband told her to "go your way and I'll go mine," was granted a divorce today from Dan Topping, wealthy New York sportsman.

They were married here July 4, 1940, and she testified they separated January 11, 1945. They had no children. Miss Henie said a property settlement had been arranged and she waived all other rights, asking restoration of her maiden name.

22 Firms Fined Under Wage Stabilizing Act

SEATTLE, Feb. 13.—(AP)—Fines totaling \$42,000 were assessed against 22 firms in Washington, Oregon and Alaska today by the War Stabilization Board.

John McCourt, chairman of the board, said the fines accumulated during the war, were for violations of the wage stabilization act involving the paying of wages higher than allowed by the act.

Roy Jackson, enforcement attorney, said that 4,000 firms in this territory were fined a total of \$1,202,000 during the war.

Glide Parsonage Burns; Harry Turnbull, Small Daughter Hospitalized

Harry Turnbull and his four-year-old daughter, Susie, suffered serious burns this morning, when the parsonage of the Baptist Church at Glide was completely destroyed by fire. The family was awakened at 5 A. M. by the flames and escaped the building in their night clothes. Mrs. Turnbull and two of the children suffered no injury, but Mr. Turnbull was seriously burned in rescuing his four-year-old daughter from an upstairs bedroom.

The Roseburg Undertaking Company rushed two ambulances to the scene and Mr. Turnbull and Susie were brought to Mercy Hospital for treatment. Mrs. Turnbull accompanied them to Roseburg while her two other children were cared for at the home of neighbors.

Origin of the fire was unknown and the entire building was burned to the ground with loss of all household furnishings.

According to a report from the hospital this morning, Mr. Turnbull is suffering from shock in addition to his burns; his daughter is reported to be improving. Mrs. Turnbull is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Asam, for many years residents of Glide and now making their home on Little River.

Death by Shooting Relief to Homma; Feared Gallows

MANILA, Feb. 13.—(AP)—Lt. Gen. Homma, Bataan death march commander, was so relieved on learning that he would be shot instead of hanged that he relaxed and slept during the ride to prison where he awaits execution.

He had feared ignoble death on the gallows, like that decreed for Lt. Gen. Yamashita, reported Maj. Larry Hodgkin, the military police officer who rode with Homma from Manila to Luzon prison camp.

Homma evidently had not understood the sentence as it was read in court.

"He asked me, 'Major, what did they find me guilty of?'" Hodgkin told interviewers today. Hodgkin gave him a sealed envelope containing the court findings that he had condoned countless atrocities. Homma donned spectacles and read the copy from beginning to end.

"When he got down to the penalty, shooting," Hodgkin said, "he remarked:

"Oh, that's good. They're not going to hang me. That (shooting) is an honorable death."

Whereupon he put away his spectacles, leaned back in the car and went to sleep.

Bohemia District Timber Sale Being Prepared

Details of a proposed sale of timber from the Umpqua National Forest are being worked out in Roseburg this week by Forest Service officials from Portland. Walt Lund, of the division of timber management in the office of the Regional Forester, is conferring here with M. Nelson of the local office and with Ranger Rex Wakelied of the Bohemia Ranger District regarding the sale.

When Lund has planned the details of this sale, he will join two of the assistant regional foresters from Portland, A. R. Standing and Otto Lindh, for a tour to the coastal region of the Siskiyou National Forest. They will be accompanied from Roseburg by Hirschel Obeye, supervisor of the Siskiyou forest with headquarters at Grants Pass.

Visit From Empress Awes Jap School Girls

TOKYO, Feb. 13.—(AP)—Empress Naeko talked informally today with 50 normal (high) school girls who were "surveilled" to find her real human. We always regarded the empress as a mythical figure.

The girl visitors were cleaned up around a burned building in the imperial palace grounds when the empress appeared. She startled the girls by inquiring about their food and living conditions.

The awed students kept their eyes to the ground.

New Policy on Wages, Prices Slated Soon

Truman's Plan Expected To Ease Controls, Shape Flexible Cover on Pay

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—(AP)—A high government official predicted today President Truman's new wage-price policy aimed at restoring industrial peace will ease price controls without clamping a rigid lid on wages.

The formula, subject of day and night White House conferences, reportedly is "just about set." But the official, who could not be quoted by name, expressed some uncertainty as to the reaction it will receive from labor and industry—particularly labor—unless further revisions are made.

Part of the pressure for a quick decision on the long pending issue apparently stems from a purported refusal by Stabilization Administrator Collet to approve higher steel prices in the absence of the authority the new wage-price policy would give him.

A top-ranking Federal executive, regarded as a key figure in the national economic picture, said Collet will approve the steel

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Calcutta Riots Halted; 22 Slain, 200 Injured

CALCUTTA, Feb. 13.—(AP)—British troops quieted rioting Hindus and Muslims in Calcutta today as the city's second outbreak of destruction within two and a half months subsided after taking a toll of at least 22 dead and more than 200 injured. The soldiers were in control of the city.

Many of the city's shopping districts today were scenes of destruction. The transportation system remained paralyzed, but a few ricksha boys were appearing.

Business establishments and homes of Europeans bore the brunt of the rioters' attack.

The rioting was in protest against the seven-year sentence passed on an officer of the Japanese-sponsored "Indian National Army."

Yesterday's injured included 18 U. S. soldiers and 20 policemen.

GOP Head Says Country Needs Another Lincoln

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—(AP)—Herbert Brownell, Jr., chairman of the Republican National Committee, says President Truman's record was such that it was "not surprising" some had been led to believe reports Truman would not seek re-election in 1948.

Brownell added that "we are in another period of peril and uncertainty and it would be well if we had another Lincoln in the White House."

Possessor of Morphine Gets 2 Years in Prison

Charles Lawrence Shaw, 32, Fresno, Calif., was sentenced to not more than two years in the state penitentiary this week by Circuit Judge Carl E. Wingerly on the charge of unlawful possession of morphine. Shaw pleaded guilty on the district attorney's information and waived his right to wait two days before the imposition of a sentence.

Oregon Growers Urge That Surplus Poultry be Shipped To Hungry People in Europe

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—(AP)—Shipment of surplus turkey and chicken to starving people in Europe has been suggested by poultry growers of Oregon.

They told Senator Cordon of Oregon they were in a "dangerous position" because the government withdrew from the poultry market after it had encouraged maximum production of turkeys and chickens. They said there are 375,000,000 pounds of poultry in cold storage and if this is offered to civilians it will flood the market.

They also told Cordon reduced supplies of feed proteins and the proposed ban of use of wheat for livestock and poultry feed, to conserve it for man, was a dangerous threat to Oregon's \$18,000,000 turkey and chicken industry.



JUMP TEST — Demonstrating the strength of plastic glass, which will go into building of 10,000 low-priced homes to be constructed by his company in order to relieve the housing shortage, Henry J. Kaiser jumps on a section of the new material, at his Emeryville, Calif., experimental laboratory.

At least 25 frame houses were ripped apart and their wreckage scattered over a wide area. Fifty more were damaged. Some lost roofs, others windows and porches.

A 2-story brick building was demolished at the east end of the city's main thoroughfare. Plate glass windows in business buildings in the area of the brick structure were blown in. Signs were scattered over the section.

A search of most of the wrecked area indicated no lives were lost but the hunt for persons who might have been trapped continued.

Lights over the city went out and telephone communication was disrupted as the tornado snapped poles.

Trees were blown down or broken. Falling in the streets, they hampered rescue workers.

Snow Slides From Roof, Engulfed Aged Woman

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