

The Weather
Occasional light rain tonight
and Friday.

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Transit Men Still Idle But Parley Slated

G.M., Union Still Apart; Government Trying to Avert Telephone Tie-Up

LANCASTER, Pa., Feb. 21.—(AP)—Lancaster transit workers voted today to end their 16-day walkout which grew into a general AFL sympathy strike call.

Bus and trolley operators ratified a union-management agreement reached a little more than nine hours earlier which, they said, provided a 12-cent-an-hour wage increase. The workers asked 20 cents an hour.

(By the Associated Press.) A crippling strike of transit workers in Lancaster, Pa., appeared near settlement today but the spotlight on the nation's industrial strife again was centered on Detroit and the three months old General Motors work stoppage.

Union and management representatives reached an agreement in Lancaster today to end the 16-day transit strike which had seriously interfered with business in the Pennsylvania community of 60,000, but the agreement was to be submitted to the AFL union membership for ratification.

Terms of the settlement in the dispute involving wages and other issues were not immediately disclosed nor was it known definitely when the 250 strikers—trolley and bus workers of the Conestoga Transportation Company—would return to work. They struck on Feb. 6 for hourly wage increases of 20 cents and 25 other demands.

Outlook Not Bright
Special Federal Mediator James F. Dewey, although making no prediction, said he would not rule out possibility of a settlement today of the General Motors strike, the longest of the country's work stoppages. He reported "substantial" progress was made at yesterday's negotiations at Detroit.

However, Walter P. Reuther, UAW vice president, said the union and corporation "are as far apart as we were in days ago" on wages and seniority. "In addition to those issues," Reuther said, "local issues are still to be resolved and a number of other national issues."

The union has been holding out for an hourly wage hike of 19 cents (17 1/2 per cent) for the 175,000 workers who have been on strike since Nov. 21 after first demanding a 30 per cent increase. The corporation has offered 18 1/2 cents.

May Avert Phone Strike
Edgar L. Warren, director of the federal conciliation service, agreed today to seek settlement of grievances of 250,000 telephone workers threatening a strike.

Warren telegraphed Joseph A. Biernie, president of the National Federation of Telephone Workers—who last night requested government intervention—that the conciliation service "will render

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Fir, Hemlock Price Ceilings Increased

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—(AP)—OPA today announced an average increase of approximately \$2.10 a thousand board feet in mill price ceilings for Douglas fir, western hemlock and true fir lumber, effective March 6.

The agency ordered a readjustment of prices which it said will increase ceilings on some of these items and reduce them on others.

The readjustment, OPA added, will give mills a profit three per cent greater than at present, and an approximate average realization of \$40 per 1,000 board feet on Douglas fir.

OPA said the new price regulation is designed "primarily to stimulate production of lumber needed for home construction."

It added that the measure will not increase costs to builders and home owners, since "the margins of retail distributors are ample to absorb the increase to an extent which will hold the average level of price to that existing before the increase."

Crash Damages Auto Just Out of Repair Shop

Pete Mutschbacher's son, Elliott, home from college recently, had a little difficulty with the family car on slippery pavement, necessitating two new front fenders, radiator grill and headlamps. Fresh out of the repair shop yesterday, and shining with new paint, the car met a taxicab at an intersection. The damage? Yes, that's right, two front fenders, radiator grill and headlamps.

According to current news, a Russian military attache obtained secret data in Canada and relayed it to Moscow. That's once the vaunted Mounties failed to get their man.

Secret Data Obtained in Canada "Insignificant," Russia Asserts

Attache Who Got Details Withdrawn

Anti-Soviet Campaign For Political Purposes Waged, Moscow Charges

LONDON, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Russia said today its representatives had obtained "insignificant" secret data in Canada and its press accused the Canadian government of using the espionage expose for "an unbridled anti-Soviet campaign."

The Moscow newspaper Pravda, organ of the Communist party, charged editorially that Canada made the statement to distract attention from the "political failure" of British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin at the United Nations assembly meeting.

A Canadian spokesman commented in Ottawa: "The Soviet statement started out as an admission of guilt sufficient to cause the withdrawal of its military attache, and then proceeded to minimize the whole matter and sought to make political capital by impugning 'the motives of the Canadian government.'"

The Canadian government was under increasing pressure to lift the news blackout on the investigation into the alleged spy plot, U. S. Still Holds Secret

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

EX-OPA Boss Bowles, now boss of our newest industrial "stabilization" program, tells congress that "the nation faces an inflationary explosion, with pressure up to the bursting point."

HE ADDS: "It would be difficult to exaggerate the gravity of the inflationary crisis we face. Everywhere, men are betting on inflation."

"A SPECULATIVE fever has taken hold of the country. The pressure in the boiler is up to the bursting point... The lobbyists and the profiteers are licking their chops..."

And so on, in the general tone of "the hobgoblins will get us if we don't w-a-t-e-r-o-u-t!"

IT IS academically true enough that we are "facing an inflationary crisis." It is doubtless more or less true that inflationary pressures are increasing the "bursting point." What we need to know is WHY?

This is the BASIC answer: Because PRODUCTION is not sufficient to meet the demands of a goods-hungry public.

LET'S get it straight in LACK OF THINGS. We've always thought of it

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Six Marines Reduced in Rank For Circulating Petition in Protest of Discharge Delay

PEARL HARBOR, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Three Marine sergeants and three corporals were reduced to privates today because they circulated a petition which disapproved of Marine Corps discharge policy and demanded more information on leatherneck demobilization plans.

Announcing this as "the final action contemplated" in the week-old case, Lt. Gen. Roy S. Geiger, Pacific Fleet Marine commander, said the demotions were not punishment for the six men.

"The individuals concerned have demonstrated their unfitness to be non-commissioned officers," he declared. "They failed to display the qualities of leadership, judgment, loyalty and fidelity which are requisites of non-commissioned officers in the United States Marine Corps."



HIRT ESPIONAGE TRIAL OPENS—Sgt. Frank Hirt, Army Air Forces mechanic accused of conspiring to commit espionage, listens to Captain Gene Woroney, his defense attorney, at his general court-martial trial at Hamilton Field, Calif. It is asserted by the government that while living in Germany, Hirt joined the Nazi party and became a corporal in Hitler's storm troopers; that upon returning to the United States, he enlisted in the Army, after being instructed to commit espionage.

Red Cross Drive In Douglas County To Begin March 1

The annual campaign for funds by the American Red Cross will begin March 1, it was announced here today by Charles H. Carter, chairman. The national goal is \$100,000,000, half of which will be allotted to local chapters throughout the country.

Douglas county's goal will be slightly higher this year than last, due to the increase in rehabilitation work among returning veterans and their families, Carter said. This work, in cooperation with the Veterans Administration, under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1945 (GI Bill of Rights), is carried on in ever-increasing volume by the Douglas county chapter under direction of its manager, Orlie A. Kennerly, Jr.

These activities in behalf of the returned veteran are in addition to the increased home service work conducted by the local chapter.

Success of the drive, Carter said, depends upon servicemen and civilians alike realizing that for every dollar the Red Cross spends on a man in service, three dollars is spent upon his release from service.

Despite advancements in medical science, Carter said, four times as many men have been hospitalized as a result of this war than the first World War. The crest of convalescent and readjustment needs is not anticipated for at least three years, Carter declared.

Packing Company Faces Charge Under Food Law

PORTLAND, Feb. 21.—(AP)—A federal food, drug and cosmetic act violation was on file today against Hunt Brothers Packing Co., Salem, in federal court here.

The federal agency charged that the company transported canned cherries containing maggots from Salem to Seattle.

the knowledge or consent of their commanding officer and that they made no previous effort to obtain the information they desired through official channels.

The finality of General Geiger's statement indicated no action would be taken against any of the remainder of the 500 Marines which the American Veterans committee leaders at Oahu declared had signed the protest.

None of the men was from the Pacific Northwest.

More Cotton Clothing Due For Country

Government Prepares to Restore Controls, Grant Small Boost in Prices

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—(AP)—The government is ready to restore some wartime production controls—and grant higher prices—to ease the acute shortage of cotton clothing.

OPA and the Civilian Production Administration believe this double-barreled program eventually will boost by about 50 per cent the output of shirts, shorts, pajamas, dresses, work clothing and other scarce garments.

Officials of the two agencies told reporters yesterday that the price increases to be authorized, the program will not cost the public more for clothing in general.

They contended the plan will increase the supply of inexpensive garments, and that in the long run this will save money for many families.

To assure greater output of cheaper clothing, the Civilian Production Administration plans "soon" to reinvoke a wartime regulation which required textile mills to turn out certain types of cotton fabrics needed for essential garments.

This is the kind of measure Chester Bowles, the new stabilizer.

Five Slaughterers Enjoined to Obey OPA Price Edicts

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 21.—(AP)—Five Oregon slaughterers were under injunction today to obey OPA price regulations with which they said they were unable to comply.

Federal Judge McColloch declared that the price control act forced him to issue an injunction, "even though it is known at the time of issuance that non-willful violations are bound to occur."

Attorneys for the packing firms told the court they had paid market prices for cattle, varying from day to day, and admitted the monthly average was above that allowable on the quality of slaughtered beef obtained after grading. They said they were "helpless to prevent" the violation.

In signing the order, asked by the OPA Judge McColloch declared the court was in "a strange situation, previously unknown to our law" of being compelled to treat as valid a regulation, "even though they know it to be invalid."

He said the case should be carried to the supreme court to determine whether the courts have become mere rubber stamps for executive action.

Four Portland firms and Harry Levy, Midget Market, Salem, were listed as defendants.

Parents Who Leave Tots In Beer Parlor Sentenced

MEDFORD, Ore., Feb. 21.—(AP)—Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Haines, Grants Pass, accused of deserting their three youngsters in a beer parlor, were given three months' suspended sentences in Justice Court yesterday.

They pleaded guilty to a charge of contributing to the children's delinquency.

County Juvenile Officer R. M. Elder testified that the Haines left a two-month old baby in the tavern, while two other children—aged three and two—wandered from the tavern into the street.

Culprit Must Buy U. S. Bonds During 5-Year Probation

INSHVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 21.—(AP)—Isadore Alford, 54, was fined \$7,500, placed on five-year probation and directed to purchase \$25,000 worth of government bonds by U. S. District Judge Elmer Davis after he pleaded guilty to charges of violating the emergency price control act.

Alford was accused of charging two tenants 25 cents more a week than the OPA-fixed prices. One tenant was charged \$3.25, the indictment said, when the price had been fixed at \$3. Alford was charged \$3.75 and the price had been set at \$3.50.

Judge Davis yesterday directed that the bonds should be purchased during the five-year probation period and that Alford could not dispose of any of them pending termination of the period.

Truman Says He Won't Withdraw Pauley Nomination

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—(AP)—President Truman said today he intended to back Edwin W. Pauley to the limit in his fight for confirmation as Navy undersecretary.

The President told his news conference he usually backed any man he was for, when asked whether the suggestion of Senator Stewart (D-Ten.) that Pauley should withdraw would change his attitude.

Pauley, meanwhile, brushed aside demands that he ask Mr. Truman to withdraw his nomination.

President Truman also said today he has not yet chosen a successor to Harold L. Ickes as Interior secretary.

At the same time, he indicated O. Douglas of the Supreme Court would not get the nomination.

He also spiked rumors of a cabinet shift by saying secretaries Schwellenbach and Anderson will remain at their posts in labor and agriculture, respectively, as long as they care to do so.

Mr. Truman said he did not believe he should appoint two men from the same state to the cabinet when asked whether Gov. Mon C. Wallgren of Washington might be given the interior post. Schwellenbach is from Washington.

Portland Crime Wave Cut by 'Shotgun Squads'

PORTLAND, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Chief of Detectives James Fleming credited the new roving "shotgun squads" today with putting a crimp in the city's crime wave.

The squads, touring the city during night hours, "have simply made crime difficult," Fleming said. "The mental handicap alone of never knowing when one of these cruising squads might show up has been a strong deterrent to crime."

The best accomplishment, he said, has been preventing criminals from action by picking them up on charges of "after hours"—a city ordinance which enables police to arrest anyone out late at night.

Adorning in Absentia

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Feb. 21.—(AP)—The Army recruiting office had to take down its sign for brief repairs.

It was necessary to remove an accusation of lipstick women had deposited on the portrait of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, which adorns the poster.

British Face Naval Mutiny At Bombay

Striking Seamen, Troops Battling; Russia Target Of China Demonstrations

(By the Associated Press.) A pitched battle between striking seamen of the Royal Indian Navy, British Tommies and Indian troops in Bombay led British authorities today to proclaim "a state of open mutiny."

Vice Adm. Sir John Godfrey, flag officer of the Royal Indian Navy, notified the seamen he would use every force at his command to crush the revolt which started as a protest to alleged racial discrimination in the Naval service.

Fighting broke out when several hundred strikers attempted to break out of the Castle barracks into the streets from which they were ordered banned after a series of demonstrations earlier this week.

Other seamen meanwhile threatened to use guns aboard Naval vessels they had seized in the harbor if any attempt were made to dislodge them.

British reinforcements were called into the city and a long range gun battle with machine-guns and rifles continued between soldiers and the seamen barricaded inside the barracks.

In Cairo, other anti-British sentiment led to attacks by Egyptian students on the British barracks. They were driven off by gunfire.

Russia Also Target
Peaceable but growing anti-Russian demonstrations demanded attention of government officials in China, Japan and the

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Two Aluminum Plants Leased to Kaiser Firms

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—(AP)—The War Assets Corporation announced today the lease of two government aluminum plants at Spokane, Wash., to the Kaiser-Fraser Corporation and Kaiser Cargo, Inc., subject to approval by the attorney general.

The corporation said the Trentwood aluminum rolling mill will be leased to Kaiser-Fraser and the Mead aluminum reduction plant to Kaiser Cargo for five years on an annual rental basis at terms which give the two companies option to purchase.

Pearl Harbor Probe Ends; Report Due by June 1

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Ten members of Congress who have heard millions of words on the subject took a rest today before tackling the job of trying to decide who was to blame for Pearl Harbor.

After a week or so, Chairman Barkley told a reporter, there will be "numerous closed door meetings" and "we'll all be working on it." The report is due by June 1.

Public hearings ended yesterday after almost daily sessions since November 15.

Auto Kills Aged Man

PORTLAND, Feb. 21.—(AP)—George T. Harris, 79, Portland, was injured fatally last night when struck by a car police said was driven by Harland A. Juedes, 25.

Ex-President Ryti Of Finland, Aides Get Prison Terms

HELSINKI, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Former President Risto Ryti was sentenced today to 10 years at hard labor. A special tribunal convicted him of leading Finland into war with Russia.

Seven other defendants were sentenced to imprisonment as follows:

Former Minister of Finance Valno Tanner and former Premier Edwin Linkomies, five years and six months.

Former Minister of Education Antti Kukkonen and the former second Minister of Finance Tyko Reinikka, two years.

Partial Closing Of Willamette to Anglers Sought

ASTORIA, Ore., Feb. 21.—(AP)—Commercial fishing groups recommended today that the Willamette river be closed to all angling for three or four days a week to protect the salmon run.

Henry Niemela, secretary of the Columbia River Fishermen's Protective Union, and Anton Sorenson, manager of the Union Fishermen's Cooperative Packing Company, said they would ask a joint session of the Fish and Game Commissions to take the action as an emergency measure.

They declared that hundreds of salmon have been lost because of floods, and that sports fishing further inroads into fish numbers of the Columbia river to commercial fishing during March will be said, they asserted, unless the fish which pass through the Columbia that month are allowed to proceed up the Willamette.

The annual sportmen's catch in the Willamette, Sorenson said, ranges from 250 to 300 tons.

Oregon Farmers Union Urged to Support CVA

HILLSBORO, Ore., Feb. 21.—(AP)—The Oregon Farmer's Union was urged to support the proposed Columbia Valley Authority as a step toward unified development of the Northwest yesterday at the group's state convention.

Herbert Peet, executive secretary of the Columbia Valley Authority League, Seattle, declared CVA opponents sought to cloud the issue by claiming local and states' rights would be threatened. Peet said the CVA could be advanced with authority already possessed by the federal government.

Man Dies in Fire That Razes Rooming House

ABERDEEN, Wash., Feb. 21.—(AP)—One man was killed and nine others managed to escape flames which quickly consumed a three-story, frame rooming house used by old-age pensioners here last night. The victim, in whose room the fire originated about 11:30 P. M., was Elmer Anderson, 45, who has no known relatives.

Julia C. Allen, the proprietress, and others attempted to rescue Anderson but were thwarted by the raging flames.

Man's Death Points to Sluggard and Robbery

PORTLAND, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Claude Johnson, 54-year-old painter, died in a hospital today from injuries believed inflicted by a beating.

Porter Confirmed

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—(AP)—The Senate today, by unanimous consent, confirmed Paul A. Porter, the new chief of price controls.

Porter told senators that "every effort will be made to speed consideration" of cases in which there are complaints that OPA causes business men to lose money.

Oregon Elks to Meet

BAKER, Ore., Feb. 21.—(AP)—Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodges in Oregon will meet for the first state convention since 1941 at Baker, Ore. No. 338, announced today.

The dates were decided at a lodge meeting held in Corvallis Feb. 16.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

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