

COAL STRIKE SETTLEMENT REPORTED NEAR

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Strike-Draft Plan Facing Defeat in Senate

20 Democrats Join G. O. P. In Adverse Stand

Sidney Hillman Latest Labor Chieftain to Blast Entire Truman Measure

WASHINGTON, May 29.—(AP)—President Truman's strike-draft plan faces almost certain defeat in the Senate if the coal dispute is settled quickly, an Associated Press poll showed today.

Of 63 senators willing to state their position, 45 said they are opposed to that section of the House-passed emergency bill which would empower the President to induct into the Army those who strike in government-seized industries. Eighteen senators announced their support of the proposal.

The Senate begins its second day of debate on the measure today. At the same time, the House Rules Committee was expected to clear the way for early action by that body on the Senate's version of the so-called Case Labor Disputes Bill.

The 45 senators lined up against the draft section of the emergency measure passed by a dramatic 306-to-13 House vote last Saturday include 20 Democrats, 24 Republicans and a Progressive. They represent a bloc and only three short of a 48 majority, now that there is one vacancy in the Senate.

Pacts Would Up Margin
Moreover, there seemed little doubt that if the coal dispute is settled and the industrial scene quiets even temporarily, the margin for defeat of the draft provision would be supplied from among 14 Democrats and 11 Republicans who decline to commit themselves publicly right now. In fact, five of these told reporters that if the proposal comes to a vote they will oppose it, while two said they will support it. Six Democrats and a Republican.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE railroad strike is over, and as these words are written the trains are rolling again. It is a great relief. Without railroads, this vast country is practically helpless.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN has revealed himself to the country as a man with the courage to act decisively when the time for action can no longer be deferred. In his radio speech Friday night, he said:

"This is no contest between labor and management. It is a contest between a small number of men and their government."

He added:

"The welfare of the country must come first."

THESE words were backed up by plans for the army to take over the trains and protect men who want to work.

Military police battalions in Washington were under orders to

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Memorial Services Set at Courthouse, Vets' Hospital To Honor County's War Dead

Services honoring Douglas county's war dead will start at 9 o'clock tomorrow at the courthouse square, where a tablet bearing the names of local men who fell in the recent war will be unveiled. Later in the morning, veterans will hold services and decorate graves at the Veterans Hospital.

The unveiling ceremonies have been planned by Dr. C. A. Edwards, working in cooperation with the selective service board. Names of almost 65 men who gave their lives will appear on the plaque.

All veterans of World War II are requested to appear at the ceremonies in uniform if possible. It was announced by Orrie A. Kennerly, Jr., president of the Roseburg Veterans Club. Bill and Mack Pyle will serve as a guard of honor for the laying of a wreath.

The Rev. Morris A. Roach, pastor of the First Presbyterian

Communism Not Wanted In Japan, Minority Groups Again Warned by America

TOKYO, May 29.—(AP)—The United States today bluntly warned minority groups which seek to undermine democracy against attempting to organize the Japanese. Just two weeks ago, it said just as bluntly it does not want communism in Japan.

Both warnings came from George Atcheson, Jr., American chairman of the Allied Council for Japan. He told the group:

28 Nazis Hang for Dachau Murders

LANDSBERG, Germany, May 29.—(AP)—Grimly methodical, the United States Army completed today the hanging of 28 Germans responsible for the deaths of 300,000 tortured inmates of the Dachau concentration camp.

The grisly drama of the gallows continued for four hours, in which 14 men dropped to quick deaths. Fourteen others were hanged yesterday.

All of 28 were convicted by a U. S. military war crimes court last December for murdering more than 300,000 men, women and children at Dachau, once a synonym in Germany for terror. The court heard testimony that men were burned alive at Dachau, that others were immersed in ice water for experimentation and that thousands were beaten.

Dr. Klaus Karl Schilling, 74-year-old physician who had gained wide renown in pre-Nazi days, shuffled to the gallows trembling but regained his composure as the hangman bound his feet in the shadow of the cell block where Adolf Hitler wrote "Mein Kampf."

Asked if he cared to make a last statement, Schilling lifted his bearded chin in a defiant attitude. "Nein," he snapped. "Schnell, bitte schnell." ("No. Hurry, please hurry.")

The hangman did. It was Schilling who used 1,200 unwilling inmates of Dachau to test his theories of malaria immunization. More than 400 of them, mostly Polish priests, died. He asked the court at his trial for time to conclude his malaria experiments.

Northwest Mills Get Army's Lumber Order

PORTLAND, Ore., May 29.—(AP)—The Army and Navy have placed priority orders for 90,000 board feet of lumber with Northwest fir and pine mills, R. L. Hennessy, Army-Navy purchasing agent reported today.

He said the orders represented about 3 per cent of the industry's output over a 10-week period and were parceled out to about 700 mills.

About 70 per cent is for one-inch sizes and 30 per cent two-inch boards or larger, he reported.

Co-Op Wants Milk Price Upped One Cent a Quart

PORTLAND, Ore., May 29.—(AP)—The Big Dairy Cooperative Association here today appealed for a full one cent per quart increase in milk for Oregon after learning that the state may get approval for only half-a-cent price hike because of an earlier half-cent price boost.

W. W. Henry, manager of the cooperative which supplies much of the city's milk, said a new price program on dairy products has been proposed by OPA and the Department of Agriculture.

M. E. Robb, secretary of Rose City Local 559, said the trainmen were joined by engineers here in the answer to Hannegan's plea to trainmen to repudiate their union leadership.

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church, will speak at the Memorial Day observance at the Veterans Hospital. The service will be at 9:30 in the recreation hall. At the conclusion of the indoor services, services at the Veterans Hospital bridge will be conducted by the United Spanish War Veterans Auxiliary and grave marking ceremonies by the American Legion Auxiliary.

Shortage of flags for the marking of graves was reported earlier this month by American Legion posts throughout the state, and some graves in the county may go unmarked this year.

U. S. Loan Goes To France For Rebuilding Aid

WASHINGTON, May 29.—(AP)—France turned with renewed vigor today to the job of getting back on her feet, backed by a loan of \$1,370,000,000 from the United States.

The two countries made a number of agreements in connection with the credit arrangement which President Truman and French President Gouin announced jointly last night. The loan talks began here 12 weeks ago.

French officials estimated the money would finance at least one year of their country's four-year rehabilitation plan.

In addition to the credit the United States promises these things:

1. To help France sell her goods here. This might mean an ultimate reduction in American tariffs on French goods.

2. An additional credit—of perhaps \$25,000,000—to buy about 750,000 tons of American shipping.

France, in turn, pledged itself not to raise its tariffs on American products and joined with the United States and Britain in their campaign to expand world trade through lowered tariffs everywhere.

Long Time to Repay

Of the \$1,370,000,000 total, France will get:

1. A direct loan of \$650,000,000. The interest is 3 percent; it must be repaid in 25 years.

2. Credit for \$720,000,000 more. The interest is 2 percent. This must be repaid in 35 years.

Repayment of the principal won't begin for the first five years.

If France has a year of "extraordinary and adverse economic conditions"—the U. S. will decide

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Ice-Caused Flood Covers Two Towns in Alaska

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, May 29.—(AP)—The northern Alaskan towns of Bethel and Akiaak and a Civil Aeronautics Administration airfield were under water today, flooded by water backed up by an ice jam in the Kuskokwim River.

Flood waters rose to a depth of four feet in the center of the small town of Bethel. Across the river from the airfield the water reached the first floor of the Northern Commercial Company's store and similarly flooded the Catholic Church.

Three hundred residents were forced to take to the rooftops with whatever possessions they could carry at Akiaak, 40 miles north of Bethel. The residents were reported in no danger.

The floodwaters were reported to have reached their crest last night and today were slowly receding.

'Arms Limitation,' U. S. Objective, Byrnes Says

WASHINGTON, May 29.—(AP)—Secretary of State Byrnes told Congress today that the United States is going to work for "limitation of arms" among the nations of the world.

Byrnes enunciated this policy in testimony before the House foreign affairs committee.

He made the statement, without further elaboration, after urging Congressional approval of legislation providing for a broad program of "military cooperation" with other American nations. This program was contained in a bill proposed to Congress May 6 by President Truman.

It would permit transfer of arms to the other American republics for defense in event of attack.

The United States to help train military and naval personnel in those countries and to help repair their equipment.

AFL Disregards CIO Pickets in B. C. Strike

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 29.—(AP)—A. F. L. unionists at Powell River, B. C., pulp and paper mill will disregard CIO International Woodworkers of America picket lines placed on log booms at the plant.

The I. W. A. claim that the booms are "hot" was challenged today by John Sherman, of Tacoma, international fifth vice-president of the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers, representing employees at the mill.

The AFL decision means that the Powell River mill, which supplies many western United States newspapers with newsprint, will continue to function as long as lumber already cut lasts.

Newspaper Staff to Fall Timber to Get Needed Newsprint

WENATCHEE, Wash., May 29.—(AP)—Reporters, printers, stereotypers and even the publisher, Rufus Woods, will cut pulp timber the next two days to help keep the Wenatchee World appearing during the newsprint shortage.

Under a deal worked out with the Inland Empire Paper Co., Spokane, the World's staff of about 15 will go to Lake Wenatchee, 40 miles northwest of here in the Cascades, and fall timber obtained from the United States Forest Service.

"We expect to log and deliver to the Great Northern Railroad at Peshastin four carloads of logs," Woods said. "They will be good for about 40 tons of newsprint."

A small crew of men from the Peshastin Lumber Co. will truck needed logging equipment into the woods and supervise the work. Wives and friends of staff members of the World will go along to cook meals and furnish the food. The logs will be hauled 35 miles by truck to Peshastin.

A skeleton crew will be left to get out tomorrow's paper, Woods said.

"Some of us have worked in the woods, so we won't all be amateurs," Karl Stoffel, one of the men who will make the trip, said.

Mergers Issues at School Elections

Consolidation of the Roseburg and Sylmar Valley School districts will be voted upon at the annual school election June 17.

Mrs. Lula C. Gorrell, county school superintendent, announced today.

Mrs. Gorrell urges that all Douglas County citizens participate in the annual school meeting, which are set for the third Monday in June, throughout the state, by the legislature. Election of new school directors will take place as well as discussion of the budget and other matters of public interest.

"Costs have gone up generally," she said, "in the administration of the schools. In many cases the budgets have exceeded the six per cent tax limitation, which brings the necessity of special elections in almost all districts."

The June 17 meeting, to be held in the schoolhouses in the various districts, will serve as a public hearing for the budget in second and third class districts.

In addition to the Sylmar Valley-Roseburg consolidation, consolidations of other districts may also be voted upon in special elections, either June 17 or at a time specified by local school boards.

The proposed consolidation of Yoncalla and Pleasant Valley School districts was defeated in a recent special vote, Mrs. Gorrell said.

Other consolidation elections pending are: Happy Valley and Green; Buck Creek and Curtin; and Fir Grove, Day, Millwood, Wilbur, Fair Oaks, Nottmarch, Oakland and Sutherland. The latter eight districts would become a first class district if merged.

Equipment Lack Delays Logging Road Building

PORTLAND, Ore., May 29.—(AP)—Delay in release of surplus road equipment to Northwest loggers has hampered road building into logging areas and will result in shortage of logs next fall and winter, the West Coast Lumbermen's Association reported today.

"While acres of tractors, power shovels and hoists are rusting" in Government storage lots in the west, the association declared, lumbermen have been unable to get delivery on equipment for which they hold certificates of purchase.

With Roseburg's March of Progress



—Photo by Paul Jenkins

MOTOR FIRM'S NEW UNIT—The building above, occupied last winter, houses the parts department and the paint shop of the St. Dillard Motor Company. Its location is on Stephens street, near Washington. The Dillard company is agent for Dodge and Plymouth cars, its headquarters, where it long has been, across Douglas street from the courthouse.

Flood Deaths Reach 10; Loss In Millions

(By The Associated Press)
Leaving death and destruction in its wake through north-central Pennsylvania and southern New York, the rampaging Susquehanna river flood crest surged southward today after overflowing its banks into cities and rich farmlands.

At least 10 persons drowned and four others were missing in the muddy waters, which started rising rapidly Monday night after four days of almost continuous rains. Estimates of damage exceeded \$3,000,000. Thousands were homeless.

The U. S. weather bureau in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania's capital, announced a crest of 31.7 feet—more than nine feet above flood—was reached at Wilkes-Barre and said the waters were near their peak in Sunbury, miles downstream. There the river was seven feet over its banks and had cut the community of 14,000 practically in two.

A level of 22.5 feet was predicted for Harrisburg sometime tonight. Streets there were already flooded in low lying areas and more than 100 families have been evacuated. Some arterial highways have been cut by rising waters.

Williamsport Worst Hit

The swirling waters of the Susquehanna river raced virtually out of control, striking hardest at Williamsport. Eyewitnesses said this central Pennsylvania community of 43,000 lay helpless today in the most crippling flood since 1936.

The raging river crested at 31 feet five inches at Williamsport late last night, 8.5 feet above flood level. Eighty percent of the city's industries are flood-bound, 60 percent of the residential areas are awash in several feet of water.

Elmira, N. Y., looked old man river—the Chemung, a Susquehanna tributary—right in the face. One third of the community, 60,000 residents, battling the racing torrents at every turn, was under more than five feet of water. Utilities were disrupted. All roads but one closed. The flood in New York centered here.

Hundreds of volunteers, in heavy trucks and rowboats equipped with radios, helped throughout the flooded areas.

Athens Inundated

The Susquehanna crashed through a sandbag-reinforced 23-foot dike at Athens, Pa., at 2 A. M. today. One quarter of the 4,000 residents were evacuated to higher ground as torrents of rushing water—as high as nine feet—reached first floor windows of homes. The entire business section of the town was inundated.

All agencies in the three-state area Pennsylvania, New York—and even in nearby Maryland—

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Oregon Meat Inspection Faulty, Health Assn. Told

PORTLAND, May 29.—(AP)—Charges of a general breakdown in Oregon's meat inspection and sanitation enforcement will be brought before the Oregon Association of Public Health Workers here today.

Dr. F. Sydney Hansen, Multnomah County health officer, said twenty health officers of the state reported the state's meat inspection system had virtually ceased to operate and that in some instances sick cattle were sold for slaughter and went into the retail trade.

Dr. M. J. Belton, director of the State Department of Agriculture's Division of Animal Industry, explained Oregon does not have salaried meat inspectors, but authorizes veterinarians to approve meat slaughtered outside federally inspected plants.

Man Dumb for 62 Years Regains Speech From Shock of Fall

SEATTLE, May 28.—(AP)—Claude Berger, a deaf-mute for 62 of his 65 years, could talk today and could hear the sound of his own voice—and to a man who had "prayed and prayed and prayed for this" it was nothing short of a "miracle."

Berger took a tumble yesterday while at work in the Army service forces depot. He said later he "just let out a yell" of fright and when a supervisor ran over to ask if he was all right, Berger said "I feel fine."

Capt. Rosario Sacco, surgeon at the Army forces depot, said there was no doubt about Berger's former muteness. He suggested a childhood shock probably caused the defect, disagreeing with Berger's report that scarlet fever had robbed him of speech and hearing. The shock of the fall, the surgeon said, undoubtedly caused the restoration.

"I've always been able to hear loud noises," Berger said, "but I couldn't speak a word. I learned to form words by talking to myself."

"I've been a lonely man."

Maritime Strike Threat in Parley

(By The Associated Press)
Major attention was focused on Secretary of Labor Schwelb's efforts to avert a shipping tieup for June 15. Schwelb summoned shipowners and representatives of the United States CIO Unions to a conference today.

That strike, if it comes off, would cripple America's merchant marine, halt shipping from Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf ports and prevent the export of relief supplies for famine areas abroad.

Six other unions have joined the Maritime Union in demanding a 30 per cent wage increase, an eight-hour day, overtime adjustments and retroactive pay. The seven unions claim about 200,000 members on 3,100 ships, more than two-thirds of them owned by the government. All are CIO affiliates.

Figuring in the situation is a fact-finding board report of May 13 covering the dispute between Bridges' Longshoremen Union and the Waterfront Employers Association of the Pacific Coast. This report called for a 20 per cent wage increase—less one cent—with the boost retroactive to Oct. 1, 1945.

At Rochester, N. Y., a work holiday by 30,000 unionists was ended when city officials agreed to meet with organized city employees. Yesterday's city-wide shutdown developed after City Manager Louis B. Cartwright had abolished 489 jobs in the public works department. The AFL Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees had been trying to organize the department.

Surplus Good Buying Blanks Available to Vets

SALEM, Ore., May 29.—(AP)—State Veterans Director Hugh E. Rosson said today that veterans' application blanks to buy surplus property for their personal use have been distributed to every local selective service board in the state.

The items set aside for veterans' personal use include typewriters, new and used passenger cars, dental and medical equipment, light trucks, jeeps, tractors, plows and machinery for construction, mining and excavating.

Army Paper Staff Claims Forced News Distortion

MANILA, May 29.—(AP)—The entire staff of the Daily Pacifican, an Army newspaper, today requested transfer to other duties, charging they were required by superior to "twist, omit, bury and deceptively present news" so that the Pacifican no longer was a "free and honest" newspaper.

Directives of the War Department relating to Army newspapers consistently have been violated by the Army forces, Western Pacific command, the Pacifican staff charged.

Crater Lake Highways Will Be Opened June 15

SALEM, May 29.—(AP)—The Crater Lake and the Crater Lake-Diamond Lake Highways will be opened June 15, while the east and west Diamond Lake route will be cleared June 5, State Highway Engineer Baldoek said today. No opening dates were set for the opening of the Sand Creek-Crater Lake, and Century Drive Highways.

Agreement on Major Terms Said Reached

Lewis Compromises on Welfare Fund, Miners Get Reduction of Jobs Time

WASHINGTON, May 29.—(AP)—Senator Lucas (D-Ill.) told the Senate today the coal strike will be settled at 3 P. M. (EST). In a floor speech asking support of the President's emergency labor legislation, Lucas said the Truman request for the settlement of the rail strike "has the coal strike, which I understand will be settled at 3:00 this afternoon."

(By The Associated Press)
Indications piled up today that settlement of the crippling soft coal strike was at hand.

The United Mine Workers Ohio district said "we think the strike is over" on the basis of a telephone call from a union official in Washington.

John L. Lewis met with the union's 250-man policy committee—the group to which he would report any agreement reached with government negotiators.

A government official who declined to permit use of his name said he saw "practically no chance" the day would pass without a settlement.

District 6 headquarters at Columbus, Ohio, said the message that the end of the strike was at hand was telephoned from Washington by T. J. Price, secretary-treasurer of the district.

"We will get \$1.85 a day raise, five cents a ton for our health fund and \$100 vacation pay," the announcement said.

Major Terms Agreed On

With John L. Lewis slated to meet again this morning with Secretary of the Interior Krug, Lewis and the government were reported in agreement on major terms for ending the strike.

These were said to call for a wage increase that would net the miners \$39.25 for a 45-hour week compared to the previous \$63.50 for 54 hours, and a compromise of Lewis' key demand for a health and welfare fund to be administered by the union.

Actually there would be two such funds—one administered jointly by the union and the operators and the other administered solely by the unions. The fund administered jointly would be financed by the operators from a five cent a ton levy on coal produced. The other fund would be made up of present payroll deductions for medical care.

As the talks continued in the capital, coal production in the United States virtually had ceased. The Solid Fuels Administration, as a precautionary measure, "froze" for essential use the few thousand cars of coal available after the recent coal strike truce expired.

Expert Planning Urged by Devaney

Roseburg's development should not be permitted to proceed without expert planning, Leo J. Devaney, state director of aeronautics, told members of the Roseburg Kiwanis Club at the regular Tuesday luncheon program. Devaney, who, with Wm. C. Hill, state airport engineer, met Monday evening with the Chamber of Commerce aviation committee to discuss plans for improved airport facilities, spoke to the Kiwanians from his experiences as a resident of Roseburg for many years prior to the first World War. He recounted early-day history and told how failures to take advantage of opportunity had resulted in many civic losses, urging that current development be guided and coordinated under definite plans. He explained the program for airport construction throughout Oregon through local, state and national financing, and urged active consideration of airport development for the Roseburg area.

April Gas Consumption Sets New Oregon High

SALEM, Ore., May 29.—(AP)—Oregon's gasoline consumption in April was the highest for any month in history, Secretary of State Farrell said today.

The April total was 30,757,961 gallons, a 56 per cent increase over April, 1945. The previous record for any month was August, 1941, when it totaled 30,737,874 gallons.

Farrell predicted that gasoline consumption this summer would far surpass the April figure.

Gasoline taxes paid in April totaled \$1,537,898, a gain of \$549,603 over April, 1945.

Loity Fact Rant

By L. F. Rasmussen

Mr. Truman's settlement of the railway strike seems to have been a two-way operation. He shunted the trains back onto the main lines of the U. S. A., and switched a lot of votes to the G. O. P.