

MISSOURI RAILROAD STRIKE SET FOR TODAY



TOW CHAIN KID—Frederick Moxley Francis IV—called Ricky—is recuperating at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hill of Roseburg, following an operation in Portland for what doctors at first thought was a mild case of pneumonia. The doctors examined more closely when he failed to respond to the pneumonia treatment and were amazed to discover the trouble was an inch-long piece of steel tow chain, lodged in his throat. Ricky is shown here holding his "pneumonia bug" in a glass jar, an apparently very healthy little boy. (Picture by Paul Jenkins.)

The Weather
Mostly cloudy with showers today, becoming widely scattered Saturday.
Sunset today 6:34 p. m.
Sunrise tomorrow 5:47 a. m.

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Severe Lightning Storm Starts Many Fires

34 Outbreaks Are Reported In Forests

Most Blazes Believed Small But Fighters Are Handicapped In Efforts

Douglas county's first big storm since spring hit the Roseburg area at approximately 4:35 p.m. yesterday and passed on to the north, leaving a string of power line outages, telephone service interruptions and forest fires in its path.

M. M. Nelson, Umpqua National forest supervisor, reported a total of 19 lightning-set fires on forest lands, scattered from the south boundary north beyond the Steamboat district. An average of half an inch of rain gave fire fighters some relief but Nelson said only three of the blazes were considered "controlled" by 9 a.m. today. In many cases, fire crews had not had time to reach fires reported by forest service lookouts, he said.

Dispatcher U. F. McLaughlin, of the Douglas Forest Protective association told the News-Review that his office had reports of 15 fires "fall over the place last night—from one end of the county to the other."

Fires Not Large
Although he reported no big fires or considerable amount of damage, fire crews were aided by the rain and handicapped by power and telephone line interruptions and radio damage.

Both Nelson and McLaughlin reported that planes would fly over their respective areas as soon as weather permits. They voiced the fear that "leaper" fires, held in check by the rain, would break out anew when the weather cleared.

California-Oregon Power company and Douglas Electric Co-op officials reported many line interruptions, although estimates

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Vacationists Turn Fire Fighters At Actor's Resort

KING CITY, Calif., Sept. 9.—Forty vacationists, turned fire fighters when trapped at beautiful Tassa Jara Hot Springs resort, were safe today.

The wind-blown fire last night periled inhabitants of the scenic mountain valley 20 miles west of here and destroyed a two-story stone hotel building and about 15 of the 35 cabins.

Several hours after a caretaker reported the flames yesterday, the fate of the hotel occupants was in doubt.

Late last night Forest Ranger Henry Branagh and Jack Curran, a U. S. fire control officer, reached the resort. They drove through a half a mile of still burning woodland. Stopped at a burned out bridge, they walked the rest of the way through smoldering brush and reported by radio all were safe.

Curran said Actor Phil Terry, owner of the resort, had organized vacationists into a volunteer brigade to fight the flames.

The vacationists may have to remain at the hot springs until late today. Curran said the kitchen had not burned and could be used to feed them and hundreds of others being brought to battle the flames.

Evacuation of some of the guests may be attempted by helicopter today. A helicopter was being trucked from Palo Alto, Calif., to the resort area last night.

With Terry—former husband of Joan Crawford, Oscar winning movie actress—were his wife, the former Helen Meyers, and her three children, two sons and a daughter.

The flames blackened some 1200 acres in the Los Padres National forest. The scene is between King City and the Pacific, about 100 miles south of San Francisco.

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Legal Matters Are Argued In Vicky's Trial

'Attitude Of Mind' Of Mother Big Issue As Jury Is Excluded

Admissibility of a statement by Ralph Majonnier to his sister by Ralph Majonnier to his sister and attitude of mind," was argued by attorneys for the state and defense in Victoria Sanders' murder trial this morning.

"It is the purpose of the state to show from the time this relationship (between Victoria and Ralph) commenced, the aggressor was the woman," District Attorney Robert G. Davis argued before Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly.

The legal argument which took up almost an hour, concerned testimony which Ralph's sister, Mrs. Sylvia M. Gleason, was about to give on the stand yesterday afternoon, when Defense Attorney Paul E. Geddes objected to the district attorney's question.

During the argument over legal points this morning, the jury was excluded from the courtroom. Both the defense and the state cited precedents established in similar cases in the past. Geddes' objection concerned the admissibility of hearsay evidence.

Judge Wimberly ruled that Mrs. Gleason could answer the question. When she took the stand, she told the jury that Ralph had told her in March, 1947, seven months before his death, that he "did not want to live with Victoria," that she was a poor housekeeper and "neglected the baby."

Mrs. Gleason told the court that her brother had said, "One of these days I'll have to take her out."

In a visit in June, 1947, to the Majonnier home, Mrs. Gleason

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SALE OF GOODS NEEDED

Sir Stafford Cripps Says Britain Must Sell Enough Goods To Be Self Sustaining

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—(AP)—Sir Stafford Cripps declared today that the "only satisfactory solution" for Britain's economic plight is to sell enough goods for dollars to become self-supporting.

Britain's chancellor of the exchequer made that statement in a speech prepared for a national press club luncheon.

Indicating British acceptance of American advice to streamline selling techniques, he said that "on the question of exports to dollar markets, I believe that there is a most urgent need for more intensive salesmanship."

Sir Stafford pictured the solution of his country's economic crisis as essential for the coordinated political and military strength of the West in its struggle with Communism.

Make Progress
He said that Secretary of State Acheson and British Foreign Minister Bevin have made "a remarkable progress" toward building the western political and defense structure but added:

"All this progress will be in vain if we fail to provide a sound economic basis for these combined efforts of the free democracies."

The twin themes of Cripps' address were hard work for the British people in their struggle to live on their income and hope for success in the British-American-Canadian financial talks which opened here Wednesday.

These talks, Cripps reported, "have opened in an atmosphere of mutual determination to bring some more permanent solution so as to avoid these recurring

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5,000 Workers Are Expected To Quit Jobs

Many Thousand More Employees Will Be Affected By Shutdown

President Truman made last minute attempts today to avert a strike set for 1 p.m. (PDT) on the 7,200 mile Missouri Pacific railroad.

However, all indications pointed to the scheduled walkout of 5,000 operating employees. The strike is expected to force the laying off of some 25,000 other workers and affect industries in 11 states served by the Missouri Pacific.

Mr. Truman, who also said he may ask for another 10 day truce to delay a steel strike scheduled next Wednesday, said he was making every effort to avert the MOPAC strike. He said the government had exhausted nearly all its authority in the dispute.

The Missouri Pacific was ready to halt all operations. The four brotherhoods involved in the dispute went ahead with their strike plans.

Freight Service Stopped
Freight service stopped yesterday. Early today an embargo was placed on passenger, mail and baggage service. However, trains in operation at the strike deadline will finish their runs.

The chief issue in the dispute is the manner in which various operating rules should be interpreted. Wages and hours were not involved in the dispute.

Unions involved are the Locomotive Engineers, Railway Trainmen, Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, and the Order of Railway Conductors. The carrier is the nation's ninth largest.

President Truman also was concerned with the CIO steel dispute which threatens a strike of some 1,000,000 members of the CIO United Steelworkers. But he told a news conference yesterday he was awaiting a report on the presidential fact-finding board's report tomorrow before deciding his future action. Neither side in the dispute is required to accept the board's recommendations.

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LABOR PICTURE BETTER

Unemployment Lists Show Improvement, Indicating Slump May Have Passed

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—(AP)—Further improvement in the unemployment picture is expected this month. This would reinforce August's 400,000 decline in the number of jobless men and women.

Officials predicted also that the July setback in industrial production will be wiped out completely when the federal reserve board issues its August index.

Government economists were cautiously optimistic in appraising yesterday's report of the Census bureau. It showed that civilian employment rose to 59,947,000 last month.

That was tops for 1949, although almost 1,300,000 below the record total of a year ago.

The tally of jobless meantime dropped to 3,689,000 as mills, mines, stores and business houses absorbed workers. In July unemployment was 4,095,000, highest since 1942.

Upward Trend
One highly placed economist said the significance of this showing "should not be exaggerated, but we have certainly pulled away from the downward spiral"

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
If you read the papers discriminatingly, you are aware that our country will produce an immense crop this year—and, barring improbable convulsions of nature, will harvest, process and store it.

Also (if you read the papers even more discriminatingly) you are aware that our upper bracket officials are acutely worried as to what the Sam Hill we are going to do with it after we get it harvested, processed and stored.

In an earlier and simpler society, there would have been no such worries.

Among other things, the law of supply and demand would have taken charge of the situation. Because of ample supply, prices of food would have fallen. Strangely enough, that would NOT have been regarded as a calamity. Because of lower prices, people would have been able to buy and consume more food. As a result of this increased consumption, the surplus would soon have been eaten up.

It is true that in that simpler (Continued on Page Four)

8 Submarine Survivors Arrive By Airplane

ESTOVER AIR FORCE BASE, Mass., Sept. 9.—(AP)—Eight navy men—survivors of a double submarine tragedy in Arctic waters—arrived here Thursday aboard a military air transport.

Four of the group were crewmen of the explosion-sunk Cochino. They included T. Tupaz, San Pedro, Calif.

The other four were among those washed overboard from the Tusk as it moved to rescue the Cochino's crew. They included Norman Thomas, Olympia, Wash.

They left immediately for New London, Conn.

Barber Shop Quartet Will Hold Its Charter Ceremony In KP Hall Saturday Night

To most people, the words "barber shop" convey an impression of lather and shaves, clippers and haircuts. To others they mean a place to drop in once in awhile and pass the time of day. But to an increasing number of Roseburg men, the words denote a particular type of singing, harmony which is at its best only when close, and the closer the better.

Oakland School Board Accepts New High School

Oakland's school board accompanied architects on a final inspection tour of the city's new \$190,000 high school building Thursday, in preparation for opening day Sept. 12, City School Superintendent Millard Gilbreath announced today.

The ultra-modern building will house an expected 100 students during the coming year. Gilbreath said. Although built to house 150 pupils at full capacity, the new school is designed to care for a total of 500 students, if city growth increases, with the addition of more classrooms.

The old high school building, constructed nearly 30 years ago, will be taken over as the city's expanded elementary grade school, Gilbreath said.

He announced that high school students will not attend classes the entire day Monday. Students will be run through an abbreviated schedule, covering all classes offered in a regular day, will be dismissed early after receiving assignments and book lists. The customary class schedule will be followed Tuesday.

No special ceremony was held yesterday. Gilbreath said. Board members and architects merely looked over the school in a sort of informal "business session," he said. The school district does plan, however, to hold a regular open house at the new high school, sometime in the next few weeks.

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Oregon State Fair Continues To Draw Crowds

SALEM, Sept. 9.—(AP)—They keep on pouring into the Oregon State Fair in record numbers. Yesterday's attendance, 33,273, was an all-time record for the day. It was 3,000 more than on the same day last year.

New betting records are being made every day at the horse races.

Yesterday was a day of spills for the horses. U. S. Sen. Wayne L. Morse was thrown head first to the floor of the horse show pavilion when his horse, Sir Laurel Guy, bolted during a roadster event.

The horse ran wildly around the ring and upset another driver to the ground. After order was restored, Morse's horse went on to win the event.

In the featured horse race yesterday, two horses fell and sent their jockeys to the hospital. Both were slightly injured.

A pair of blondes were chosen the highlight 4-H club boy and girl in the state. They are Harold Brost, 11, Portland, and Barbara Brown, 14, Corvallis.

Southern Cal Relaxes But New Storm Brewing

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 9.—(AP)—Southern Californians relaxed some today as the weather experts reported that a tropical storm, originally of hurricane proportions, was apparently dissipating off the coast of Mexico.

However the U. S. weather bureau here reported that another tropical storm has been sighted 160 miles southwest of Manzanillo, Mexico. Meager reports give the new storm 60 mph winds within 100 miles of the center. It is moving northwest at eight miles per hour.

The original storm was 450 miles southwest of San Diego and was moving out into the Pacific. Sizzling temperatures also appeared to be abating. Los Angeles had a high of 103 Wednesday but yesterday the maximum was 96.

Two Negroes Sentenced In Florida Rape Case

TAVARES, Fla., Sept. 9.—(AP)—Charging the defense with trying to inject the racial question into the trial, Circuit Judge T. G. Futch yesterday sentenced two Negroes to die in the electric chair for raping a young farm wife last July.

He condemned Samuel Sheppard and Walter Irvin, both 22, to death for the rape that stirred white night riders to terrorist activity against Negro communities in Lake county.

An all-white jury convicted the pair and Charles Greenlee, 16, last Saturday; but it recommended mercy for Greenlee. Judge Futch sentenced Greenlee to life imprisonment.

A fourth suspect, Ernest Thomas, was killed by a posse 10 days after the rape.

Man Dies From Injuries After Car Accident

Cressy Elton Finch, 54, injured in an automobile accident at Temple Sunday evening, died yesterday in the same accident. He also leaves a brother, Frank Finch, Los Angeles, and a sister, Mrs. Bernard Hansen, Dixonville.

Funeral services will be held in The Chapel of The Roses, Roseburg Funeral home, Monday, Sept. 12, 2 p. m. with Rev. H. P. Scone officiating. The body will be shipped to Los Angeles for entombment in the Inglewood Park Mausoleum.

Roseburg Rent Control Office To Be Closed

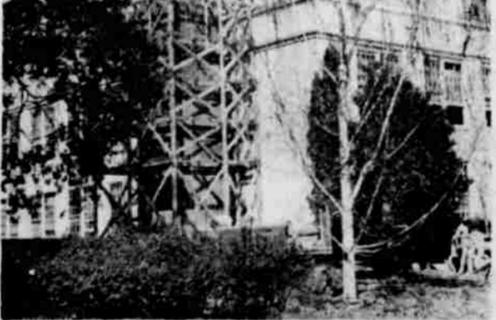
SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 9.—(AP)—Twenty-one branch offices of the regional housing expediter, in six western states, will be closed Sept. 15. About 60 persons will be cut from the payroll.

Some have been announced previously in the Pacific Northwest.

Rent control business, heretofore handled by those offices, will be cleared through area rent offices, Ward Cox, regional director, said today.

He added that the consolidations would not represent any weakening of rent control in the area.

Oregon offices to be closed include:
Astoria, Longview-Kelso, Klamath Falls, Corvallis and Roseburg to be closed and served by Portland; Pendleton to be served by Walla Walla.



HEATING PLANT STACK—Pictured above are workmen adding the finishing touches to the smoke stack, located next to the senior high school at the site of the newly-constructed central heating plant. The plant will furnish heat for the high school and Fullerton grade school and will be completed before cold weather sets in.—(Picture by Paul Jenkins.)

Russia May Not Settle Yugoslav Incident Easily

By ALEX SINGLETON
BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Sept. 9.—(AP)—Diplomatic observers here saluted today with a liberal dose of caution today the prediction by the Italian pro-Communist socialist leader, Pietro Nenni, that Russia would stop short of war in her anti-Yugoslav campaign.

Any analysis of Yugoslavia's unique position—halfway between east and west—should underscore this: that the prospects for a peaceful settlement of the dispute with Russia should be regarded as warily as the possibility of a shooting war.

Remember last spring. Then, largely inspired by rumors in Washington and Paris, reports were circulated that Russia had begun a peace offensive to patch up her differences with Premier Marshal Tito—differences which began with the expulsion of Tito's Communists from the Communist International Information Bureau (Cominform) 16 months ago. The peace offensive did not materialize.

On the contrary, the Balkan war of nerves was intensified, marked by Russian-imposed economic sanctions, spying sabotage and frontier incidents.

The Balkan people might naturally look upon the Nenni statement as a trap to lull Yugoslavia into a feeling of false security. But there seems little possibility now that the Yugoslavs will nibble at the bait. Nenni made his statement yesterday after his return from a "peace congress" in Moscow.

Nenni knows well that before there is any peace between Tito and Stalin, certain questions must be answered, among them:

Will Tito's success in getting help from the United States spread "Titoism" elsewhere in the Communist orbit?

This last is the point which probably has Moscow most worried. Signs of Titoism have developed outside Yugoslavia.

Grand Jury Criticizes Brother Of Mike Elliott

OREGON CITY, Sept. 9.—(AP)—A grand jury report yesterday criticized Policeman B. L. Naeger, a brother-in-law of Sheriff Marion Le Roy (Mike) Elliott of Multnomah county.

The report said Naeger "erred in attempting an arrest and particularly in drawing his revolver" here Aug. 12.

Naeger has been under suspension since the incident, in which he was beaten by several persons after he attempted to arrest David Lloyd Thomas on a minor traffic charge.

The grand jury also censured those who beat Naeger. They were unnamed.

Naeger has submitted a resignation, effective Sept. 5. He said he has entered business in Portland. City Manager R. A. Finlayson has not yet acted on the resignation.

Weather Man Talks About—The Weather

"The Roseburg Lions had an appropriate speaker Thursday night—the weather man."

Thomas J. Hill, manager of the Roseburg office of the U. S. Weather Bureau, disclosed that, until the recent storm, this community has just experienced the driest summer since 1883. That summer measured a rainfall of only .05, which was one-hundredth less than that of the current year.

Hill traced the causes and developments of storms, referring to "fronts" which develop in temperate zones, as the result of warm and cold currents coming together.

He further differentiated between cyclones, system of winds; hurricanes, any wind over 75 miles an hour; and tornadoes, a small system of wind which touches the ground and is only 75 to 100 feet wide. A typhoon, he explained, is merely a geographical term applied to a hurricane in the south Pacific or oriental waters.

Barometers in Roseburg aren't of too much value, because Roseburg weather does not follow a true pattern. Frequently, when the barometer drops and calls for a storm, the clouds pass over this vicinity, which lies in a pocket, and the rain falls in the mountains or beyond.

Formations of clouds, lightning excites and other matters pertaining to weather were described. Hill discussed the lightning bolt, which rocked the city and woke local residents Wednesday night, struck Mount Nebo, putting out the beacon light, then jumped across to the State Police radio aerial.

Guests were J. S. Murphy, Pomona, Cal., and John Purvis, Reedsport attorney.

The club plans 100 percent attendance night Thursday of next week.

Traction Co. Workers Granted 4 Cent Raise

PORTLAND, Sept. 9.—(AP)—A 4-cent hourly increase for operating employees of the Portland Traction company, except those in the mechanical departments, was awarded by an arbitration board.

The AFL streetcarman's union had asked a 12 1/2-cent boost with mechanical departments limited to 8 cents. The company asked that all workers be cut 10 cents in their hourly pay.

The award of the five-man arbitration board, announced by J. L. Jennings, chairman, called for equivalent increases for employees covered in the agreement and receiving monthly rather than hourly pay. The increase is retroactive to last April 1.

A vacation award gives one week for service up to five years, two weeks up to 20 years, and three weeks for employees with more than 20 years service.