

# MISSOURI PACIFIC STRIKE IN FULL SWING



**CHIN SCRAPERS**, the "professional" name for the above quartet, gathered at Barnes' barber shop yesterday to get in a few licks before their talents are put to the test during tonight's charter-granting ceremony. This group and 23 other barber shop harmonizers will be feted at the Knights of Pythias hall at 8 tonight when they become bonafide members of the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America. The group above includes, from left, J. D. Gorthy, tenor; R. E. Meek, lead; N. V. C. Kinch, bass; and Dick Meek, baritone.—(Picture by Paul Jenkins.)

## BARBERSHOP QUARTET

### Charter Granting Affair Scheduled In K. P. Hall Tonight; Visitors Coming

Members, invited guests and delegates from five Oregon cities will gather at the Knights of Pythias hall at 8 o'clock tonight to witness the charter-granting ceremony of the local chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America.

## In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

**THIS** pregnant paragraph leads off a dispatch from Washington:

"The United States, Britain and Canada began momentous talks today on the financial disaster which threatens Britain."

**WHAT** is this financial disaster? And **WHY** is it?

**LET'S** put it as simply as we can: The need of the British for things produced in America is greater than their ability to PRODUCE THINGS TO SWAP FOR THE THINGS THEY GET FROM US.

That's all there is to it. But the Lord knows it's plenty tough. If, in this modern world, you can't produce enough to swap to others for what they produce, only ONE THING can be in store for you:

**YOUR STANDARD OF LIV- THING** can be in store for you. The same thing happens inevitably to nations.

**WHY** did it happen to Britain?

That is a long story—far too long to be gone into here. Too

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## Portland Real Estate Man Is Forum Speaker

H. Clay Myers Jr., Portland real estate man, will speak on the Columbia Valley authority on the first Chamber of Commerce forum luncheon of the winter season, scheduled for Monday noon at the Umpqua hotel, according to Publicity Chairman George Luoma.

Myers remarks will be directed against establishment of the CVA, Luoma said.

## CONGRESSMAN DIES

**NEEDLES**, Calif., Sept. 10.—(AP)—Congressman Richard J. Welch (R., Calif.) died in a hospital today after suffering a heart attack while enroute east by train with his wife.

## Annexed Area Would Not Be Appreciably Affected By City Official Powers

Official powers of the city would have no appreciable effect upon persons living in newly annexed areas, City Manager M. W. Slankard said today.

In reviewing some of the objections and misunderstandings connected with proposed annexation, Slankard said it was not true that persons living in areas affected would "have to change their present way of living." Although police protection would be extended to these areas, the people would not be interfered with, nor would many practices, such as parking of trucks on residential streets, be changed. **Citizens Make Laws**

He said changes in the city's policy and laws governing the city, or areas to become a part of the city, are made by the citizens themselves. Changes also are made by the people's own representatives, the city council. Slankard said the city administration is not made up of a select few. Elected officials, in-

cluding councilmen, are approved by the citizens with each person voting for the candidates from his ward. When new areas are admitted to the city, the residents are represented on the city council by one of their own number, perhaps a neighbor. On many occasions, Slankard said, the councilmen have been re-elected because the people felt they were doing an outstanding job of representing them while in office.

**Outlines Policy** Slankard outlined the policy and regulations followed regarding city improvements by declaring that improvements cannot be made by the city administration merely on demand of the citizens. Instead, improvements are made in line with popular opinion. (Continued on Page Two)

**The Weather**  
Mostly cloudy today and Sunday; little change in temperature.  
Sunset today 4:33 p. m.  
Sunrise tomorrow 5:48 a. m.

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# The News-Review

## President Truman Asks 10-Day Steel Truce

### Fact Finding Board Report Not Released

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—(AP)—President Truman today asked the steel industry and CIO Steelworkers union for a 10-day extension of the industry's strike truce. The President's three-man fact-finding board today filed its recommendations for settling the crucial dispute with Mr. Truman. Contents of the board's report were kept secret but the White House promised to make them available for publication at 3 p.m. (Pacific Daylight Time) today.

The President asked that the present truce be extended at least until Sept. 25, while the parties continue bargaining on the basis of the fact-finder's report.

He expressed hopes that the findings can become the basis for an agreement to avert a crippling steel industry strike next week.

The report had added importance because industry and labor alike look for any steel settlement to become a guide in other industries facing fights over a fourth round of postwar wage increases.

The recommendations were kept secret. However, reports circulated among the parties in advance that they called for no wage increase, but approximately 10 cents an hour for each worker in pension and insurance benefits.

**Ask 30 Cent Raise** The CIO Steelworkers union had asked a 30-cent increase including 12.5 cents in added wages an hour, 11.23 for pensions, and 6.27 for insurance. The union's million members now get an average of 18 cents an hour.

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### Quebec Air Crash Kills 23 Persons; Millionaire Dies

SAULT AU COCHON, Quebec, Sept. 10.—(AP)—A Canadian airliner exploded and crashed here yesterday killing 23 persons including an American mining millionaire and his top two aides.

Dead in the crash—third worst in Canadian history—were E. Tappan Stannard, president of the Kennecott Copper corporation, and a director of J. P. Morgan company, and two of his top executives—Vice President R. J. Parker and Arthur D. Storke, president-designate of the \$600,000,000 Kennecott concern.

All three men, from New York City, were reported enroute to northeast Quebec where deposits of titanium ore have been discovered. Titanium is a medium weight ore expected to bridge the gap between aluminum and steel.

The sixteen other passengers, including three children, and crew of four—all Canadians—died instantly.

Witnesses said the plane, a DC-3 turned suddenly in the air and plummeted toward a rocky bluff which rises several hundred feet from the St. Lawrence river at this town 40 miles east of Quebec city.

**Sheriff Elliott Predicts Recall Will Not Carry**

PORTLAND, Sept. 10.—(AP)—Sheriff Marion Le Roy (Mike) Elliott of Multnomah county predicted today he would hold onto his office and unleash a vitriolic attack on his detractors.

In the mildest passage of a prepared statement he referred to the "fair weather friends" who now are attempting to oust him by (A) a recall and (B) having his security bond cancelled.

Elliott predicted the \$110,000 bond would not be cancelled. He said he was just back from a talk with officials of the Maryland Casualty company in Baltimore and he announced:

"I was assured there was no reason for my bond to be cancelled."

Then his statement went on to call his opponents "would-be tyrants, ex-criminals and grafters... leeches and parasites... bigots." He asserted they were using "every foul, dirty, dictatorial method in an effort to smear me."

**2 Of 11 Persons Rescued After Cruiser Sinks**

NANTUCKET ISLAND, Mass., Sept. 10.—(AP)—Nine bodies were picked up by coast guard boats today after a 38-foot cabin cruiser swamped in heavy seas last night during a violent thunderstorm. Two others of the cruiser's passengers swam ashore.

One of the survivors, Russell Palmer, 24, skipper of the ill-fated cruiser Constance, swam ashore here.

The name of the second survivor was not learned.

Those aboard the craft included a protestant minister, the Rev. Hubert A. Allenby, and his family, who chartered the vessel, Constance, for a trip to Nantucket yesterday.

Palmer was carried to the home of Mrs. Stanley C. H. Fitch after he was found exhausted on the beach.

Mrs. Fitch quoted Palmer as saying he started the long swim to Nantucket after banding to other members of the party floating in life jackets.

The yacht skipper was barely able to speak, Mrs. Fitch said, but mumbled something about 11 persons—three of them children—struggling in the water. He also placed the time of the sinking at about five o'clock last night.

**Greyhound Lines Resume Service**

SEATTLE, Sept. 10.—(AP)—Main line buses rolled again today between Portland and the Canadian border.

An end to the 82-day north coast Greyhound lines strike was announced last night, and service started on the midnight schedule six hours later. A company official said service was being restored more rapidly than expected this morning.

William G. Hosie, federal labor conciliator, announced the end of the long tie-up. He said the union and company agreed to arbitrate five issues on their stale-mated dispute. Numerous other issues were settled in conferences in recent days.

### Vicky 'Clean' Girl Catholic Sister States

Defense Witness Takes Stand As Special Fair As Trial Is Continued

That Victoria Sanders was "always a neat girl and clean about her personal habits," was attested to by a Catholic sister who took the stand in the murder trial this morning.

She was Sister Ann Bernadette, of the Catholic teaching order of Holy Names, who knew Victoria at Christie home for dependent girls in 1941.

"Victoria has always regarded me as a big sister," she told the jury, "and asked counselling on numerous problems. She always confided in me."

The sister was a special witness for the defense, who was allowed to testify because she had made a special trip to Roseburg for the trial. The state is not yet through with its case.

**Written Many Times** Sister Bernadette said that Victoria had written to her many times after she went to California. She knew that Victoria was living with Ralph Mojonier.

The state's witness on the stand this morning was Sgt. Jack H. Beers, assistant director of the State Police Crime Detection Laboratory, who described his experiments with bullets fired through the 22 caliber rifle that was found beside Mojonier's body.

Defense Attorney Paul E. Geddes objected to much of his testimony, because its relevancy to the case was not established.

From a clip of shells in the gun, he had taken one bullet.

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### KIDNAPPED GIRL FOUND

#### Police Nab Man With Child After Being Gone Over Night; Charges Are Filed

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 10.—(AP)—A five-year-old girl reported kidnapped yesterday at Trenton, N. J., was found alive and well here today with a man companion, Lieut. Francis Deegan of the Fairmount Park guards reported.

Sergeant Morris Zweig said the man identified himself as Gerald A. Hutt, 35, of Bridgeport, Conn., and said he was enroute to a job as cook at a Philadelphia hospital.

The girl and man arrived at Park Guard headquarters and police at once placed him in a cell. He was held without bail on charges of kidnapping and indecent assault.

A small dark man of medium build, wearing a gabardine sport suit, he was smoking a cigarette and appeared exceedingly nervous.

In contrast the girl was bright and cheerful, chatting gaily with reporters and police.

**Child Hungry** Park Guard Phillip Cella said she "wolfed" a breakfast of corn flakes, milk and toast at the first police station stop. He added she had no supper the night before.

A federal bureau of investigation agent arrived at the station with police and went into conference with Magistrate Thomas E. Costello.

The federal "Lindbergh law" makes interstate transportation of a kidnapped person a federal crime fixes the maximum penalty at death in the electric chair.

Sergeant Zweig quoted Hutt as saying the little girl had been in his car throughout the night but was not harmed.

Janie, only child of Mr. and Mrs. John Franz, of Trenton, was reported missing late yesterday. Two of her playmates told police a man dragged her into his shabby car on a Trenton street and drove away.

**Miss America Finals Tonight At Atlantic City**

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Sept. 10.—(AP)—Who is Miss America of 1949?

That's the \$25,000 question tonight for 52 of the nation's most beautiful girls.

But the contestants, who have come through three grueling days of preliminaries, won't even know whether they've reached the finals until the curtain goes up on the huge convention hall stage at 8 p. m.

18-year-old Jacqueline Mercer "Miss Arizona," can feel pretty hopeful about her chances at the \$5,000 Miss America scholarship and new automobile, or at least part of the \$20,000 in additional scholarships for the finalists.

The lovely brunette from Litchfield, Ariz., braced a second victory last night in the talent division. On Wednesday night Miss Mercer shared top honors in the bathing suit division with "Miss California."

Last night's triumph was one of the few times in the 25-year history of the Miss America pageant that a dramatic sketch has won a talent preliminary. Miss Mercer acted part of "Romeo and Juliet."

"Miss Illinois," a green-eyed blonde bombshell from Chicago, won last night in the bathing suit class. She is Trudy Germi, 18.

### Hawaiian Strike Nears Showdown

NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—(AP)—Peace talks aimed at settling the Hawaiian dock strike moved into the showdown stage today.

U. S. Mediation Chief Cyrus S. Ching met separately with Harry Bridges, president of the CIO Longshoremen and Warehousemen's union and representatives of the Hawaiian employers council preparatory to a joint session later in the day.

Bridges, breaking his silence for the first time since the talks began last Wednesday, said he saw no chance for a settlement unless the employers changed their position.

Their attitude on wages alone precludes any possibility of a settlement," Bridges declared.

"They insist that any wage increase must be less than 14 cents an hour, and 14 cents won't settle it."

### Former Communists Are Accused By Hungarians

BUDAPEST, Hungary, Sept. 10.—(AP)—The Hungarian government accused eight former government ranking communists today of treason and of trying to overthrow the government "with the armed help of Tito and the other present leaders of Yugoslavia."

## Cotton Belt Train Stopped By Pickets

### Incident Said Mistake; Midwest Paralyzed By Walkout Of Trainmen

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 10.—(AP)—Service on the Cotton Belt railroad's main line to the southwest was halted for several hours today by trainmen on strike against the Missouri Pacific railroad.

Union officials announced after a conference that interruption of Cotton Belt traffic resulted from a misunderstanding on the part of the strikers. They instructed strike directors to permit the Cotton Belt to resume full service.

Meanwhile traffic on the far-flung Missouri Pacific system came to a standstill. "We're not even trying to run a handcar," a spokesman for the road said. Five thousand trainmen were on strike and 25,500 other employes were laid off.

**Stopped By Pickets** Several Cotton Belt trains were stopped by a picket line of Missouri Pacific strikers near Dupou, Ill., just southeast of St. Louis, early today.

The Cotton Belt uses Missouri Pacific tracks between Dupou and Illinois.

R. E. Davidson, speaking for the four brotherhoods on strike, said:

"This thing that happened at Dupou was without a doubt caused through an error—a misunderstanding of what the trains consisted of. Our men presumed that was an attempt to run a Missouri Pacific train. That wasn't so."

**Few Trains Run** A few Missouri Pacific trains completed their runs yesterday after the strike deadline passed but all traffic was at a standstill today.

Other railroads and bus and truck companies struggled to move the 12,000 passengers and 250,000 tons of freight that the "Mo Pac"—the country's ninth largest rail system—carries daily in its 10-state territory.

The strike began at 3 p. m. (EST) yesterday as engineers, firemen, conductors and other trainmen left their posts in a dispute over interpretation of operating rules. However, those trains still rolling when the strike deadline came finished their runs. Others had stopped earlier.

**No Compromise Seen** As the strike began, there was no sign of a compromise move by either the railroad or the four unions involved, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Locomotive Enginemen and Firemen, Railroad Trainmen and the Order of Railway Conductors.

Paul J. Neff, chief operating officer of the line, who called the strike "One of the most unjustifiable in American railroad history," repeated that he is ready to let arbitrators settle the issues in dispute.

R. E. Davidson, assistant grand chief of the Locomotive Engineers, speaking for the brotherhoods, said arbitration wouldn't end the strike. The union's stand is that the issues in dispute are not subject to arbitration.

## Two Generals In 5 Per Cent Quiz Will Be Retired

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—(AP)—The army said today that one of two generals who figured in the Senate's "five percenter" investigation will be restored to active duty and the other will be retired.

Secretary of the Army Gray announced these actions.

The application of Maj. Gen. Alben H. Waitt, suspended chief of the army's chemical corps, for retirement will be approved.

Maj. Gen. Herman Feldman will be restored to his post as quartermaster general of the army effective today.

Gray suspended the two officers on July 16 pending outcome of a Senate subcommittee investigation of the charges of influence in government buying.

Both men subsequently testified before the committee with regard to reports linking their names with that of James V. Hunt, a key figure in the inquiry into activities of five percenter—persons who collect a fee for helping businessmen obtain government contracts.

As for Waitt, Gray said: "I have found no evidence of dishonesty or conduct justifying trial by court martial."

Gray said Feldman had committed "errors of judgment which I do not condone," but he added that Feldman has "convinced me that there will be no repetition of this lapse of judgment."

## Nation Wide Alarm Out For Five Missing Boys

DANBURY, Conn., Sept. 10.—(AP)—Connecticut state police broadcast a nation-wide missing persons alarm last night for five students overdue on a trip home from Alaska.

State Police Lieut. Carlton Klocker identified the five as Howard M. Colley Jr., 21, his 18-year-old brother, Ralph, John Miller, 21, and Alfred Adler, 19, all of Danbury, and Richard Hollingsworth, 21, of Yardley, Pa.

The youths went to Alaska this summer to earn money for school by working in a logging camp. They began the trip home in mid-August.



**GOVERNOR GETS THE AXE**—Gov. Douglas McKay, picture above surrounded by Roseburg Paul Bunyan members, was literally given the axe Thursday in special ceremonies at Salem's state fair race track. Charged with "sanctioning a so-called horse race without permission of the Paul Bunyans," the governor took his medicine smilingly, much to the delight of the crowd. He was granted the title "Keeper of the Bang-tails." Pictured above are, from left, Don Gum, Wayne Drosch, Chuck Williamson, Gov. McKay, Frank Moore, Bill Tipton and Cecil Doty. The seventh member of the group, L. B. Hicks, took the picture.

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