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Strikes Continue;
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Weather

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Maximum 85
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LA GRANDE, OREGON, FRIDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 28, 1945

FIVE CENTS

Army, Navy Row on Weapons Seen



TRANSPORTATION STRIKE HITS LANCASTER CAR BARN—Automobile containing six trolley car operators, is upset at car barn in new outbreak of disorder in strike at Lancaster, Pa., of 200 employees of Consoga Transport company. Occupants of car were bruised, machine was righted and entered car barn under police protection.

New Strike by Coal Miners Threatened

Threat of new strikes in the nation's coal mines was raised today by President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers as oil workers and refiners took their wage dispute to Washington for further negotiations.

At Washington, Lewis notified the soft coal industry he is out to organize supervisory employees in the nation's mines. He asked the negotiating committee of the mine operators to meet with UMW representatives Monday "to settle" the question. And he implied the UMW will support current strikes by supervisory workers with sympathy walkouts, if necessary.

"Failure on the part of you and your associates to accept this invitation will leave the UMW to take such independent action as may be required," Lewis said in a telegram to Ezra Van Horn, chairman of the national bituminous coal operators negotiating committee.

20 Held in Death Of 38 Mexicans In Border Cities

Murdered, Robbed On Return From Work in U. S.

NUEVO LAREDO, Mex., Sept. 28 (UP)—Twenty persons were held in the Nuevo Laredo jail today, charged with wholesale slaughter of Mexican workers.

The heavy toll of victims, believed slain for their money as they crossed the Rio Grande en route back to Mexico after working in the United States, stood at 38 known dead, but federal prosecutor Emilio Villalobos said there may be others.

He said further details are awaiting from authorities at Reynosa and Matamoros, along the lower reaches of the border, where the suspects were arrested. Villalobos said American and Mexican federal officials had been working on the cases for several months since the bodies found in the Rio Grande showed violence as the cause of death.

He said all of the murdered persons, including one woman, had crossed into Texas from Mexico illegally and on their return had been waylaid and murdered. Nineteen bodies have been taken from the river near Brownsville, Tex., 13 near Hidalgo, Tex., and six near Mission, Tex.

Among the bodies found near Brownsville was that of a woman, horribly mutilated, with gaping holes in her hands and feet, leading officials to conclude she had been crucified in an effort to learn where she kept her money. The bodies started turning up during the latter part of July and in August when the number reached alarming proportions a thorough investigation was launched, both in Mexico and the United States.

Peavy Emphasizes Problems Touching Rotary Members

Problems touching members of Rotary International were emphasized by George Peavy, district governor of Rotary for this area, during the weekly meeting of the organization today noon.

Peavy outlined the fast pace of the world during the last 50 years in comparison with centuries before, in his discussion of "Rotary in a changing world" and pointed out the current social confusion, particularly in congested centers.

Rotary thinking is demanded on problems of labor and government, youth, the distribution of wealth, international peace as reflected in the San Francisco charter and in international understanding, he said.

Guests were John Kopp and Paul Hyde, both in military service. Chairman of the day was H. E. Dixon and Roben Maaske presided.

A club assembly will be held this evening with the committees reporting.

Mackenzie King Asks for 'Voice'

OTTAWA, Sept. 28 (UP)—Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King has demanded Canada be given an effective voice in allied peace deliberations. King told parliament yesterday he believed the five world powers—United States, Great Britain, Russia, France and China—should not continue their wartime practice of alone directing world policy.



LEADS INQUIRY—William DeWitt Mitchell, 71, New York City, former attorney general, chosen by congressional Pearl Harbor investigating committee as chief counsel for its inquiry into Japanese attack of Dec. 7, 1941.

MacArthur May Testify About Pearl Harbor

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28 (UP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur may be a witness when congress Pearl Harbor investigating committee goes to the Pacific, it was learned today.

The committee already has decided it will visit Pearl Harbor. Stops at Manila and Tokyo are also possible. The suggestion to hear MacArthur during the Pacific trip arose as a result of President Truman's statement he does not expect the general back in the United States soon.

Might Help There is some belief MacArthur, commander in the Philippines when the Japanese struck at Pearl Harbor, might be able to contribute something to the committee's full-scale investigation of the circumstances surrounding blow Dec. 7, 1941.

The committee decided to visit Pearl Harbor to hear witnesses who wouldn't be readily available in Washington, as well as to get a picture of the physical layout at the Hawaiian base.

Members indicated their desire to keep flexible the schedule of future activity.

Willing To Go Sen. Homer Ferguson, R., Mich., said he is willing to go any place and hear any witnesses that would contribute to assembling all the facts.

Definite decisions on the course of action were deferred, however, pending a study by former attorney general William D. Mitchell of all available records of the attack.

Mitchell, the committee's newly selected counsel, obtained working quarters yesterday in the supreme court building and began looking around for staff assistants.

Pulley Breaks, Man Suffers Eye Injury

John Hogg is recovering today from injuries received Tuesday evening.

Hogg, who lives at Lane's motel, was repairing the generator of an automobile when the generator pulley wheel broke, and a piece hit him in the right eye, causing severe injuries.

He was taken to the hospital immediately where, according to his physician, he is "doing very well."

Senate Votes Compromise In Jobs Bill

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28 (UP)—The senate today adopted by voice vote a compromise amendment to the administration's jobs-for-all bill, directing federal spending to defeat depressions be "consistent with other government obligations."

The amendment, offered by Sen. Carl A. Hatch, D., N. M., changed the wording of the most controversial provision of the bill.

The compromise swept away what had been the biggest obstacle to passage of the measure designed to set up machinery for government planning against depressions and unemployment and listed as a must by President Truman.

As amended, the bill now asserts any economic program undertaken by the government shall "provide, consistent with the needs and obligations of the federal government and other essential considerations of national policy, such volume of federal investment and expenditure by private enterprises, consumers, and state and local governments, to achieve the objective of continuing full employment."

Heretofore, it had provided simply that when the government had done everything else it could, it would step in with whatever "volume of federal investment and expenditure" was needed to "assure" enough job opportunities to go around.

Cemetery Urn Falls On Leg of Boy, 5; Leg Is Fractured

Alvin Richard Bennett, 5½-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bennett of 1912 H avenue, is convalescing from a broken leg, sustained a few days ago while playing in the Catholic cemetery.

In the company of two small friends he entered the gate to the property and while trying to climb atop one of the urns on Father Driscoll's grave, pulled the large urn off its base, splitting the bone in his leg, Chief of Police Lund said after investigation.

Fritz Wiedemann Reaches Capital

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28 (UP)—Fritz Wiedemann, former Hitler confidant and consul general in San Francisco, was flown into Washington shortly after 1 p.m. today for cross examination by the army.

The -54 Skymaster in which Wiedemann arrived under army guard carried 31 other passengers, but all were given strict instructions not to discuss the Nazi with the press under a war department "no talking" order.

The one-time German consul general was the last to leave the plane after it landed at the National airport here. Two army counter intelligence officers in civilian clothes were waiting for him and quickly took him away. Wiedemann grinned weakly and shook his head as he walked down the steps of the plane.

Bulletin

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28 (UP)—The four-motored plane "Globster" took off at 4:58 p.m. (EWT) today on the first leg of a 23,147-mile flight around the world in six and a quarter days.

But Delay Plans for Defenses

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28 (UP)—Members of the U. S. joint chiefs of staff appear today to be in cahoots to delay publication of important official observations on the post-war organization of our national defense.

While this report remains in the joint chiefs' secret files, the house naval affairs committee has hurried to the house floor a project to authorize a post-war navy of 1,079 ships.

Their statement said there would be thorough hearings which are expected to show congress what changes it will "be necessary to make in the structure and organization of the navy due to probable emergence of new weapons employing the principle of the robot and atomic bombs."

A question raised here today is whether the study of atomic bombs and rocket and jet propulsion is complete. The armed services apparently are moving toward an upheaval of dispute over reorganization of national defense and the use and development of new weapons. It looks like it will develop into a row between the army and navy.

Meantime, joint chiefs of staff are sitting on recommendations, which are understood to support the argument for consolidation of the armed services.

Two Union County Nurses With Army Occupying Japan

First Lt. Marjorie Gore of La Grande and First Lt. Mae H. Griep of Union were among the first group of American army nurses to reach Tokyo bay. When the army hospital ship, Marigold, veteran of both the European and Pacific theaters, dropped anchor in Tokyo harbor, the doctors and nurses aboard her were the first complete army medical unit to arrive at that long-awaited destination.

Lieutenant Gore is the daughter of J. H. Gore of La Grande, and is a graduate of Virginia Mason hospital, Seattle. Lieutenant Griep is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Halling, and is a graduate of Tacoma General hospital.

Aboard the Marigold, the 37 nurses of the hospital ship complement, eagerly awaited "the last job of the war." Nurses of this unit who are members of the originally assigned personnel are among the most widely-travelled members of the A.N.C. Since the Marigold's commissioning in June of 1944, these nurses have travelled more than 65,000 miles, serving in the invasion of southern France, in the Philippines, and at New Guinea, as well as carrying patients back to the United States between campaigns.

Twenty-nine of the 37 nurses now on duty have been assigned throughout the Marigold's career as a hospital ship.

Scientist Declares Earth Not Likely to Blow Any Time Soon

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Sept. 28 (UP)—Take it from Geologist Kirtley E. Mather of Harvard university, the earth will keep going for billions of years despite the forecast of a California clergyman who looks forward to meeting the Lord Sunday.

"From the physical point of view, there is nothing in the offing that would destroy the earth," the professor said. "The lurid pictures of a sudden debacle such as that painted by the Rev. Charles Long are products of a vivid imagination."

When the earth failed to explode at 10:30 a. m. Friday as had predicted, 72-year-old Rev. Mr. Long explained he had talked the Lord into granting a nine-day reprieve. However, as Mather sees it, We-day (world's end day) will not come Sunday as scheduled, nor will it come during the lifetime of any of the Rev. Mr. Long's 50 faithful followers in the remnant church of God in Pasadena.

Saturday Classes Open at College

Saturday classes commence tomorrow at Eastern Oregon college with four special classes offered.

The first is school organization, which includes Oregon school law and is from 8 till 10 a.m. in room 14, with John Miller, director of teacher training, the instructor. The second is Oregon history from 10 till 12 m. in room 23, under direction of Dr. Joseph Gaiser, professor of sociology.

Both subjects are required to obtain permanent certification to teach in this state, and Lyle Johnson, registrar, stated any emergency teachers should take the courses if they intend to receive permanent certification.

In addition, the college is offering teaching of art from 8 to 100 a.m. in room 21, under the direction of George Nightingale, and geography of South America from 10 a.m. until noon in room 2, with Ralph Badgley instructing.

A special evening course in music appreciation will start at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in room 11, under the supervision of Dr. Henry Ehlers. Twelve persons have already signed for this course, and indications are a large group of townspeople will enroll. The course can be taken either with or without credit.

Meat, Shoes Off Rationing by End Of Year Promised

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18 (UP)—The public received its first flat guarantee today all meat and shoe rationing will be over by the end of the year.

The promise was made by Prices Chief Chester Bowles in a letter to members of OPA's industry advisory committees asking their advice on when price controls should be eliminated.

Noting that gasoline, fuel oil, processed foods, oil stoves, tractor tires and cheese had already been removed from rationing, Bowles said:

"Shoes and meat will come off the list by the end of 1945—perhaps sooner. Tires and fats and oil will probably come off early 1946. That will leave only sugar from a three year rationing program affecting the lives of every American citizen."

He did not indicate when sugar would be taken off rationing except it would be "when it catches up with demand."

Mer Debus to Practice Here

Debus, who will be with Dr. C. L. Gilchrist in La Grande in his duties next week, announced today he is coming here from

Chest of Rare Coins Found In Fantastic Treasure Hunt

By HERBERT RICHARDSON

CHATHAM, Mass., Sept. 28 (UP)—Experts today checked the rare-coin value of about \$2,000 worth of ancient gold and silver coins found in a murderer's treasure chest unearthed from the sands of Nauset beach after nearly 100 years.

The discovery climaxed a hunt combining all the ingredients of a storybook treasure search—a coded message hidden in the musty pages of an old Italian volume, the mysterious slaying of a pelegged seaman, an abandoned house and the wreck of a family fortune.

Deciphered The small copper chest was un-

Aerial Survey of Valley Completed

Aerial photographers have completed their survey of Grande Ronde valley and this morning left the vicinity. Aerial photographs were taken for the army engineers out of Portland, in connection with a proposed dam for flood control. The pilot, photographer and engineer, flying a Beechcraft, had been here since Sept. 8.

Bolo Knife Killer 'Guilty' of Murder

SEATTLE, Sept. 28 (UP)—A superior court jury of 11 men and one woman today convicted Victor Hartley, 47, of the bolo knife slaying of his wife. The verdict carries a mandatory death penalty.

The jury returned the verdict at noon after 10 hours' deliberation last night and this morning. Hartley heard his fate without visible emotion.

Yank Lovers Haven't Lost Technique --

Movie Queens Declare They are Good

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 28 (UP)—Movie queens wondered today if the army nurse who claimed GIs were "lousy lovers"—exponents of a proposition with every candy bar—hadn't better look to her own technique.

What's more, they said, they had yet to see any signs American soldiers are slipping in the romance department.

The international controversy started yesterday when an unidentified army nurse, in an indignant letter to the army newspaper Stars and Stripes, branded all American soldiers "lousy lovers."

The ones she dated, the nurse added, offered her a chocolate bar or a stick of gum, made a pass, and then propositioned her—in one.

"Is that dame kiddin'?" screamed bouncer Betty Hutton. "Sounds to me like she missed her man. And what's this about preferring gallant and subtle Britishers or Frenchmen?" That, said the irrepressible blonde Hutton married just two bars either.

weeks ago, was too much.

"I found myself a big, gorgeous he-person right in Chicago," she said. "And if he's a fair sample of American manhood—wham!"

Joan Fontaine, beautiful blond academy award winner, agreed with Miss Hutton.

"That nurse can't be talking about any of the men I know," she said. "They don't need any candy bars or chewing gum!"

Linda Darnell said she thought every other nurse and Red Cross girl stationed overseas should be fighting mad.

"That nurse is giving the world the impression that's all it takes to get an American girl," Miss Darnell protested.

Frances Langford, the tiny songstress who has made USO trips to every battle area in the world, said this was the first complaint on GI technique she had heard.

"I watched the boys in action," Miss Langford said with a smile. "They were doing all right. And they weren't using chocolate