

Billion Dollar Defense Work Plant Slowed at Bethlehem By Steelworkers' Strike

Detroit Also Feels Pinch of Shortage in Steel Auto Frames; Fords Called Before Labor Board on Elections

BETHLEHEM, Pa., March 24 (AP)—A strike was called late Monday at the huge Bethlehem Steel company plant where 18,000 employees have been working on defense contracts aggregating more than \$1,000,000,000.

An hour after members of the CIO's steel workers organizing committee were ordered out, groups of pickets began marching outside each of the plant's six main gates. Chief of Police Ernest Stocker said there was "no trouble and everything is very quiet." The pickets made no attempt to prevent anyone from crossing their line.

The strike was called at 5:30 p. m. by Howard Curtis, SWOC district supervisor in a dispute over an election by an independent union.

Curtis said the "billet" and several other departments have been "closed." But that he would be unable to determine until later how many employees left their jobs or would leave.

The CIO union had announced that it would withdraw its members unless the Employees Representative Plan, an independent organization of employees, decided not to go through with an announced election of its own collective bargaining representatives.

The ERP announced earlier that the voting began as scheduled.

Curtis said the strike was ordered when SWOC committee members working on a late shift, reported they saw "evidence of voting."

DETROIT, March 24 (AP)—Henry Ford and his son, Edsel Ford, founder and president, respectively, of the Ford Motor company, were named Monday in subpoenas calling for their appearance Tuesday at a national relations board hearing on a CIO union's petition for an employee election in two Ford plants here.

DETROIT, March 24 (AP)—A "mystery" truck blockade by AFI teamsters union members halted operations at the Detroit Union Produce terminal Monday, interrupting movement of perishable foodstuffs valued at \$250,000 to small wholesalers and retailers in parts of Michigan, Ontario and Ohio.

Trucks blocked all entrances and exits of the terminal. Officials withheld comment on why the blockade was started.

DETROIT, March 24 (AP)—Closing of the Ford Motor company's Lincoln plant because of a shortage of automobile frames Monday spurred efforts of federal conciliators to settle a strike that has halted operations at the Midland Steel Products corporation plant here.

The Midland unit supplies frames not only to Lincoln, but also to Hudson, Chrysler and to several General Motors divisions.

Conference Continues At Nazarene Church

Crowds attended the "Spiritual Life Conference" Sunday at the Church of the Nazarene, Thirtieth and Center streets. The conference, in progress for two weeks will continue an extra week.

Rev. and Mrs. Earl F. Wilde, evangelists of Los Angeles are bringing messages in sermon and song. The meetings continue each week except Saturday at 7:30 p. m. The public is invited, says the pastor, Rev. L. W. Collar.

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GENERAL STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF THE STATE OF OREGON, on the 31st day of December, 1940, as required by the laws of the State of Oregon.

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| Amount of capital stock paid up | \$50,000.00 |
| Total premium income for the year | \$2,206,015.99 |
| Interest on investments and rents received during the year | \$27,345.83 |
| Income from other sources received during the year | \$167,865.84 |
| Total income | \$2,401,227.66 |
| Disbursements: Paid for losses, claims, annuities and surrenders during the year | \$53,114.84 |
| Dividends paid to policyholders during the year | \$158,206.59 |
| Dividends paid on surplus stock during the year | \$20,000.00 |
| Commissions and salaries paid during the year | \$114,625.84 |
| Taxes, license and fees paid during the year | \$6,416.91 |
| Amount of all other expenditures | \$72,826.71 |
| Total expenditures | \$325,190.99 |
| Value of real estate owned (market value) | \$1,243,841.47 |
| Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc. | \$222,718.94 |
| Value of bonds, stocks and other securities owned (market or amortized) | \$7,257,456.78 |
| Value of other investments (market value) | \$123,948.58 |
| Profits from life insurance contracts | \$282,181.34 |
| Cash | \$20,356.29 |
| Interest and taxes on hand and accrued | \$114,143.51 |
| Net uncollected and accrued premiums | \$24,847.89 |
| Other assets (net) | \$629.12 |
| Total assets | \$12,981,964.95 |
| Less: Reserves for losses, claims and annuities | \$12,911,951.99 |
| Net surplus | \$70,012.96 |
| All other liabilities | \$60,000.00 |
| Total liabilities, except capital paid up | \$1,440,413.29 |
| Total surplus | \$1,140,413.29 |

Assets in Oregon: \$1,140,413.29

Liabilities in Oregon: \$1,140,413.29

Nazis, Greeks In Border Row

Soviet Confirms Pact With Turks; Germans Worried Over Deal

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France to the Baltic sea, and with Japan's superior fleet in command of the Pacific side of the Russian sea.

Embittered Yugoslavian nationalists cried "traitor" at their government leaders and threatened them with death as the Yugoslav emissaries of capitulation were dispatched to Vienna to sign with Adolf Hitler.

Last Preparations Made For Opening Balkan War

Perhaps the last preparations for a major Balkan war were being made. Germany was set for a smash at the stubborn Greeks, but it appeared that the triumph in signing up Yugoslavia would not have consequences as quick and as easy as the Nazis had in Bulgaria and Rumania, now overrun by German troops.

There were seemingly authentic stories that certain High Yugoslav officers—four generals among them, and three officers of the royal guard—had gone over the frontier to offer their help to the Greeks.

Disapproval in Belgrade was bitter and open and there was a strong suggestion that an armed revolt was in preparation. The streets were littered with manifestos accusing the Yugoslavian leaders of a traitorous sell-out; of bringing "certain, shameful death for our country."

"These traitors," the leaflets challenged, "must be prepared to face the fate of those who have betrayed Yugoslavia in the past . . . we are resolved that we shall not be sold out. . . . Yugoslavia: do everything for honor and liberty, and nothing for our deadly enemies."

The enigmatic Russians were apparently alarmed at the developing threat to the Dardanelles and made the treaty which appeared to mean that if the Turks were assaulted by the Germans they would get from the Soviet side the same sort of aid in supplies now being given to China against the Japanese.

Russia Pledges Neutrality To Turks on "Aggression"

Specifically, Russia pledged that if Turkey had to fight against "aggression" she need fear no attack from Soviet forces themselves; such a second attack—although this was not mentioned—was Poland suffered from the red army after the Germans had driven in from the west.

Turkey promised to the Russians a similar "neutrality" if the occasion for it should arise.

Another and equally interesting Moscow action was reported by Balkan diplomats, but not confirmed. They said that it had now been disclosed that since March 1—the day Bulgaria joined the axis and opened her soil to German troops — the Russians had cut off the export of oil to the Germans.

On the existing military fronts in Africa and the west, there were the chief developments:

In Africa: The British announced that infantry transported by the Germans—were being successfully distributed about Italian Somaliland and Ethiopia in the campaign to clean up the last fascist resistance in those areas.

The battle in Albania: The Greeks claimed early this (Tuesday) morning that the Italians had lost two-thirds of the troops they had thrown into attacks Sunday in the region of the Viosa river.

Yugoslavia's full entry into the axis pact would involve cooperation at least to the extent of letting the Germans take the easy Vardar river valley—perhaps in conjunction with the Struma route in occupied Bulgaria—against the Greeks.

And so in Greece, to help brace against the now imminently expected shock, British imperial troops by the best available estimates stood in the hundreds of thousands, having had time to make certain consolidations while the reluctant Yugoslavs wrangled with the Germans.

To Protest Layoffs

Called by the Workers Alliance of America, a meeting to protest the works progress administration layoffs will be held tonight at 7:45 o'clock at the courthouse. The notice given by Ray C. Thomas, financial secretary of Salem local G-844, said the protest is "due to the fact that there is no seasonal work at a living wage."

Scene of Desolation in Scotland After Terrible Nazi Air Raids



This radiophoto from London shows destruction wrought during the German air attack on Glasgow, Scotland, shipbuilding center. Two double-decker tramcars stand shattered in the center of the picture, with wreckage of buildings all around. More than 1000 persons were killed in less than a week in bombings of Glasgow, Liverpool and Hull. (Special IIN Radiophoto to The Statesman.)

Senate Okehs Big Aid Fund

Final Vote on Seven Billions 67 to 9; Act to Roosevelt

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administering the act. Beyond this breakdown, the details were withheld from congress. Adams said in the course of the debate that to make such things public would "adversely Britain's needs."

WASHINGTON, March 24 (AP)—Representative Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts, agreed Monday to remain as chairman of the republican national committee after the committee had voted unanimously to reject his resignation.

Because of his duties as house minority leader, however, Martin said he would need a salaried assistant or executive director to do the main chores at the committee. He added he already had the power to name such a man and probably would do so in a few weeks, although he had no one in mind at this time.

Harrison E. Spangler, national committeeman from Iowa, and State Chairmen Arch M. Bobbitt of Indiana and Kenneth Wherry of Nebraska, were mentioned, among others, for the post.

ABOARD USS BENSON, March 24 (AP)—All in theory and just for practice, the USS destroyer Monday "snark" President Roosevelt's yacht *Polomac* with imaginary torpedoes.

While the president was busy reeling the record catch of fish for the day, gunnery crews aboard the destroyer launched imaginary projectiles and also popped a number of target balloons with anti-aircraft machine gun fire.

Secretary Hopkins scored the biggest single catch to date with a 25-pound, four-foot kingfish.

TORONTO, March 24 (AP)—Wendell L. Willkie received a thunderous ovation from 15,000 Canadians here Monday night when, in urging all-out aid to Britain, he declared that the United States should "give every ship, and more than every ship, that is free and unnecessary, give ships until it hurts, keep them going and victory then is sure."

His emphasis on American ships for Britain was a departure from his prepared speech and it caused a prolonged burst of applause and cheers.

WASHINGTON, March 24 (AP)—In a new step to speed naval building, the United States and Canada announced the lifting Monday of a 124-year-old ban against the building of warships in the Great Lakes area.

They agreed on a new interpretation of an 1817 pact which would permit either country to construct naval vessels with full armaments in Great Lakes shipyards.

Silverton Asks Bridge Check

SILVERTON—Manager Elgin McCleary Saturday asked state engineers to make a further check on the recently collapsed James street bridge, and also on the Main street bridge. The check will be a precautionary measure. Arrangement has been made so pedestrians may cross the James street span. Logging trucks are being routed over the Bethany road and across Fudding river bridge.

"There is no use to take any unnecessary chances on heavy loads now that one of our bridges are down," McCleary said Saturday.

"However, we have no reason to believe there is any danger in the Main street bridge. The suggested check is just a precaution and we thought it might be as well to check it now when the condition of the other one is being investigated."

Lawyers Urge Judge Retire Bill Signing

Operation of a bill of the 1941 legislature providing a retirement system for supreme court and circuit court judges would save the state a substantial amount of money rather than add to the obligations of the taxpayers, John Riley, Portland attorney, told Governor Charles A. Sprague at a hearing here Monday afternoon.

Among other attorneys who urged Governor Sprague to sign the measure were Oscar Hayter, Dallas; Lawrence T. Harris, Eugene; Arthur McMahon, Albany; Lamar Toole, Portland, and Allan Carson, Salem.

Governor Sprague later heard a protest from Carl Haberlach and other Tillamook county dairymen against a house bill authorizing the dairymen of Oregon to tax themselves on a butterfat production basis for a sales promotion and advertising campaign.

Strike Peace Board Meets

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Radio Dial To Change

PORTLAND, March 24 (AP)—All but two Oregon radio stations will change frequencies March 29, in compliance with a nation-wide federal communications commission order.

KOAC, Corvallis, 550 kilocycles, and KGW, Portland, 620 kilocycles, will retain their wave lengths.

Those changing include:

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| KEX, Portland | Old 1180 | New 1190 |
| KXL, Portland | 1420 | 1450 |
| KOIN, Portland | 940 | 970 |
| KWJ, Portland | 1090 | 1080 |
| KBPS, Portland | 1420 | 1450 |
| KALE, Portland | 1380 | 1350 |
| KWIL, Albany | 1210 | 1240 |
| Kast, Astoria | 1200 | 1230 |
| KBRB, Baker | 1250 | 1480 |
| KBNB, Bend | 1310 | 1340 |
| KODL, The Dalles | 1200 | 1230 |
| KORE, Eugene | 1420 | 1450 |
| KOUL, Grants Pass | 1310 | 1340 |
| KPJL, Klamath Falls | 1210 | 1240 |
| KLEW, La Grande | 1420 | 1450 |
| KOOS, Marshfield | 1200 | 1230 |
| KMED, Medford | 1410 | 1440 |
| KRNR, Roseburg | 1580 | 1480 |
| KSLM, Salem | 1260 | 1290 |

Court Demands Case Issues

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present instance was to test the validity of the ordinance by making an arrest in cases of violation.

The plaintiff's attorney, Guy O. Smith, replied that the ordinance was invalid on its face.

The court overruled two motions of the defense to strike portions of the complaint and to make it more definite and certain, and gave the defendant five days in which to answer.

He indicated that the matter would be brought to trial at the earliest opportunity as soon as attorneys could show that issues had been made clear.

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Small Girl Routs Thief

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to reach the window level; the ladder, it developed, had been "borrowed" from next door. On the lawn lay the window screen which had been methodically removed. Police arrived and there was a quest for clues.

Dolores, still calm, was able to give a clear account of what she had seen—but that was meagre. The police made further investigation on Monday but if they had made any progress in solving this and other recent stick burglar depredations, they were not ready to announce it.

For once the stick burglar had been routed—but he was still at liberty, free to pay "social" calls at other residences where a congregation of automobiles suggests that a party is going on; where, more likely than not, there is a first-floor bedroom and a bed upon which have been tossed ladies' wraps—and purses.

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Morrill and Sturgeon Lumber Co., Portland, lumber and Douglas fir decking, \$23,401; Douglas fir marlin pieces lumber, \$47,984.

Patric Lumber Co., Portland, Douglas fir timber and lumber, \$31,446.

E. C. Robbins Lumber Co., Eugene, Douglas fir lumber, \$15,954.

Daugherty Lumber Co., Cottage Grove, lumber, \$16,160.

The war department awarded a \$10,337 contract to the Albina and Machine Works, Inc., Portland, for repairs to the US Dredge Pacific.

ASTORIA, Ore., March 24 (AP)—Joe M. Dyer, owner of the Astoria Marine Construction company, estimated Monday that keels would be laid in about two months for four minesweepers which the firm will construct for the US navy.

Dyer has just returned from Washington, where he signed a \$1,320,000 contract with the navy. He said the ships would be built on

Salem for many years and was well known in the city.

Survivors are son, Dr. J. H. Garnjobst; daughter, Mrs. Lillian Tourlet, both of Salem; four brothers, Dr. Sila Hoff, Dr. Julius Hoff, Dr. Emanuel Hoff and Arnold Hoff, all of South Dakota; two sisters, Mrs. Lena Noble and Mrs. Sarah Seeger, both of California; grandchildren, Miss Ruth Jean Garnjobst of New York City and Miss Sylvia Tourlet of Salem.

The Clough-Barrick company is in charge of funeral arrangements.

Film Director Sued

LOS ANGELES, March 24 (AP)—Mrs. Natalie H. Scott sued Film Director Aubrey Scott for divorce Monday, charging he had had improper relations with Marion Talley, opera singer.

Call Board

GRAND

Today—"Tobacco Road" held over. Wednesday—Virginia Gilmore in "Jennie." Marjorie Weaver in "Murder Among Friends."

Saturday—Ingrid Bergman, Warner Baxter, Fay Wray in "Adam Had Four Sons."

ELLSINORE

Today—Carole Lombard, Robert Montgomery in "Mr. and Mrs. Smith." John Wayne, Frances Dee, Edward Ellis in "A Man Betrayed."

Wednesday—Lionel Barrymore, Edward Arnold in "The Penalty." Robert Cummings and Ruth Hussey in "Free and Easy."

Saturday—Fred MacMurray, Madeline Carroll in "Virginia." Tommy Dorsey's orchestra in "Las Vegas Nights."

CAPITOL

Today—Basil Rathbone, Ellen Drew, John Howard, Barbara Allen in "The Mad Doctor." Ellen Drew, Paul Lukas in "The Monster and the Girl."

Wednesday—Marjorie Rameau, Alan Hale in "Tugboat Annie Sails Again." Tim Holt in "Wagon Train."

Saturday—Guy Kibbee, Carol Hughes in "Scattergood Baines." Bob Steele in "The Great Train Robbery."

STATE

Today—Norma Shearer, Robert Taylor in "Escape." John Howard, Ellen Drew, Akim Tamiroff in "The Texas Rangers Ride Again."

Thursday—John Garfield, Frances Farmer, Pat O'Brien in "Flowing Gold." Edward G. Robinson in "A Dispatch From Reuters."

Saturday midnight—Henry Fonda, Dorothy Lamour, Linda Darnell in "Chad Hanna."

HOLLYWOOD

Today—Gene Autry, Ann Milner and Jimmy Durante in "Melody Ranch." John Hubbard, Wendy Barrie in "Who Killed Aunt Maggie?"

Thursday—Richard Arlen, Andy Devine in "Lucky Devils." Dennis O'Keefe, Claire Carleton in "Giri From Havana."

LIBERTY

Today—Loretta Young, Ray Milland in "The Doctor Takes a Wife." Fieda Inescourt in "Woman Doctor."

Wednesday—Billie Stewart in "One Crowded Night," plus "Orphans of the Street."

Friday—Roy Rogers in "Wall Street Cowboy." Bob Livingston in "Federal Man Hunt."

SALEM'S NEWEST THEATRE

LIBERTY

Last Times Today

Loretta Young Ray Milland

"THE DOCTOR TAKES A WIFE"

AND

"WOMAN DOCTOR"

Always

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Plus Comedy "March of Time"

Study of Two Eastern Oregon Projects Planned as Guide To Farmers Migrating West

Federal and Oregon Bureaus Conclude Settlers Would Lack Capital and Propose Plan; Other Oregon Work

WASHINGTON, March 24 (AP)—A report, expected to guide resettlement of farmers migrating to the west, has been issued by the agriculture department after a study of the Vale and Owyhee reclamation projects in eastern Oregon.

The information is expected to guide resettlement on the Black canyon project in Idaho, the Roze division of the Yakima project in the Columbia river valley in Washington, and the East Mesa unit of the Imperial valley project in California.

Opportunities to settle on reclamation projects have declined because most of the easily accessible irrigable land has been taken, but the Coulee project is expected to open up new lands in the future, the report said.

Lack of Capital Seen

The bureau of agricultural economics, which conducted the study along with the Oregon agricultural experiment station and the farm security administration, concluded that most settlers on new land would not have enough capital.

Men with capital prefer to buy farms in established areas, it was pointed out.

The report said that adequate capital or credit was needed, and that a settler must choose between a small farm with small income possibilities and small debt, or a large farm that will produce more but might necessitate heavier indebtedness.

"One approach in dealing with this problem would be for public credit agencies to advance enough credit to permit rapid development of the farm and to provide adequate living facilities for the family during the development period as well as later," the study said.

"For an 80-acre farm this might require a \$6000 investment distributed approximately as follows: \$1800 for a dwelling; \$250 for a well and pump; \$600 for outbuildings; \$800 for land; \$750 for clearing, leveling, ditching