

Strikes Close 3 Chrysler Warplants

DETROIT, May 20 (AP)—Three warplants of the Chrysler Corporation were closed down Thursday in a wave of strikes which leave more than 21,000 employees without jobs and a corporation spokesman expressed fear that all 85,000 Chrysler workers in the country might be affected.

The stoppage was the most serious since Pearl Harbor. The walkout began at the Jefferson-Kercheval plant, with United Automobile Workers-CIO leaders claiming that collective bargaining had "completely broken down." Within a short time workers at the Dodge main plant and Dodge Lynch road plants joined the walkout.

Several thousand workers at the Dodge truck plant also were idle because of lack of materials.

A Chrysler spokesman said the tank arsenal might be forced to close Friday if the strikes continued. He estimated that a total of 129,000 man hours of work were lost today.

Carl Sheddler, deputy executive director of the national war labor board at Washington, late today telegraphed heads of the two local unions involved as follows: "The national interest demands that the strikers employed at the Jefferson-Kercheval and Dodge plants of Chrysler Corporation return to work immediately."

A union statement charged the strikes were a result of "agitation" by the management and constituted a "spontaneous demonstration." The company spokesman insisted that the strikes were planned and "undoubtedly authorized" by the union.

A dispute over a new company-union contract to replace an agreement which expired last November is in the hands of the war labor board. The strikes affected Chrysler's production of medium bomber planes, anti-aircraft guns, tank engines and other war material.

SCU Headquarters Gets New Leader

CAMP ADAIR, Oregon, May 20, 1943—Lt. Byron Wright, recently made Company Commander of Headquarters Company SCU 1911 has been promoted to the rank of captain, it was announced here today.

Captain Wright was a second lieutenant in the first world war. In 1930 he accepted a commission in the officers' reserve, and was made a first lieutenant in 1937. On March 11, 1942 he was called to active duty at which time he entered in that capacity.

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ON THE HOME FRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

"Some of them have never been on the other side of the city from that in which they were born," said the nice-looking soldier, and by "the city" he referred to the great American metropolis. New Yorkers, he maintained, who tell westerners they are living in the sticks do not know what broad living really means.

And I sometimes wonder if, when the war is over and the Victory parade is a spontaneous expression of the relief we all shall feel, if our service men and women will come home from Australia, New Caledonia, Africa, England, Germany, France and Italy and find us provincial because we could not travel during these years if we would. Occasionally, even in quiet all-American Salem, we have an opportunity to glimpse another world. The music of Russia "really takes you places," declares Mar-

Floods Cause High Losses

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conditions would be increasingly severe in Illinois along the Mississippi below St. Louis within the next 24 hours. The Illinois river, meantime, was reported at levee peak from Peoria south.

Red Cross officials said that in the inundated acreage in Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas and Oklahoma 26,812 families were affected and 16,692 persons were being cared for in 48 shelters.

More than 15,000 civilian defense members have been called out for flood duty in the midwest, OGD Director Landis said, and many additional thousands were reported standing by.

Lieut. Col. J. A. Adams, deputy district engineer, announced evacuation warnings had been issued for the Fort Charters, Stringtown, Ivy Landing and Grand Tower, Ill., levee areas. But engineers expressed the belief they could hold all other sea walls on the Illinois and Missouri sides of the Mississippi river if crests don't surpass expectations.

Two thousand soldiers from Jefferson Barracks, Mo., and Scott Field, Ill., were assigned to bolster levees at Prairie Du Pont, Ill., Claryville, Mo., and other nearby points.

A military force and volunteers also labored to build up the sea wall at Beardstown, Ill., where the Illinois river inched up to 26.6 feet, an all-time peak, and a little more than a foot from the top of the dike. The same river was only .8 of a foot under the record level of 27.3 feet at Peoria, where high water forced several plants to close.

A record-breaking crest of 47.5 to 49 feet was forecast for Muskogee, Okla., where the Arkansas river flood stage is 28 feet, two inches. The Oklahoma board of agriculture placed crop losses to date at \$25,000,000, while property, road and rail line damage was fixed at \$5,000,000. The army moved 1,800 from two threatened towns.

The Verdigris river levee broke at Coffeyville, Kas., driving 2,000 persons to higher ground.

The inundation kept 5,000 miners idle in the Kansas-Missouri-Oklahoma region.

Conditions improved, and many factories resumed operations in northern and central Indiana, but communities in the southwestern portion of the state braced to meet onswelling crests of the Wabash and White rivers.

Levee breaks sent the Wabash gushing across thousands of acres in the Terre Haute vicinity and over 22,000 acres around Vincennes. The breaches gave both cities at least temporary respites but struck hard at the towns of Montezuma and Clinton, on the Wabash above Terre Haute.

Army personnel were on duty in many Indiana communities. The Bunker Hill naval air base put a number of cadets and 1,000 enlisted men to work in the Peru district. Planes were used to spot marooned families.

Program to End

CORVALLIS, May 20 (AP)—The government's 1942 seed purchase program will close June 1, the state AAA office warned Thursday. The seed program will be continued for the 1943 crop on substantially the same basis as last year.

Taken by Death

PORTLAND, May 20 (AP)—Mrs. Arthur A. Goldsmith, a member of the state public welfare commission since 1939, died in a Portland hospital Wednesday night after a short illness. Survivors include her husband, a Portland lawyer, and three sons.

Shoe Stamp Dated

PORTLAND, Ore., May 20 (AP)—Stamp '18 in war ration book 1 will become valid June 16 for the purchase of one pair of shoes, the district OPA announced Thursday.

Named to Honorary

CORVALLIS, May 20 (AP)—Among five pledges initiated recently into the national sociology honorary, Alpha Kappa Delta, at the University of Oregon was Sally Spencer, Salem.

Much Maligned Taxing Relief Seen at Last

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of income tax surplus, there was no clear statement as to its approximate effect upon school district budgets. Rep. Carl Hill of Josephine county asked, but no one seemed to have a definite answer.

For that matter the mathematically exact answer is not yet available and will not be for more than a month. But the approximate answer, just as readily available in March as now, runs something like this:

Those \$5,000,000 are to be apportioned on the basis of total days of actual school attendance throughout the state. And if total attendance in the school year now ending did not differ greatly from that of the previous school year, your child and mine earned for your school district approximately 17 1/2 cents each day we went "creeping like snails, unwillingly" or distantly otherwise, to school. That 17 1/2 cent figure is the best available estimate, and school directors who already know the total number of days' attendance have a fairly accurate idea of the minimum amount their districts will receive from this source.

But the chances are that most districts will receive more. The fund is to be divided on the days' attendance basis among the counties, but those districts which levy no special taxes will not participate. Their pupils' share will go to those districts in the same county which do levy such taxes.

And contrary to one interpretation of a possibly ambiguous paragraph in the "new" bill, they will receive that additional income the first year.

Incidentally, the distribution is to be made in October and April, but since the state has a large amount of surplus income tax funds on hand, much more than half the total may be distributed on the earlier date.

If multiplying 17 1/2 cents by an obscure days' attendance figure is burdensome, it's possible to estimate the amount of tax relief in this way:

Total cost of public elementary and high schools in Oregon in the 1941-42 school year was a little over \$19,100,000. Thus the \$5,000,000 shifts more than one-fourth of the total cost to the income taxpayers. But—only about half of the total support of public schools was raised through special district taxes. So in a typical school district, the special tax will be just about halved.

As a matter of fact, by being back another year or so for a basis of comparison, it may be said that the income taxpayer is now assuming more than one-third, rather than one-fourth, of the school cost; for the 1941 elementary school tax which formerly raised about \$2,000,000, also has been absorbed by the income taxpayer.

Let's not permit anyone to say there has been no tax relief.

Tax Deadlock Break Seen In Order

WASHINGTON, May 20 (AP)

Hope for a break in the pay-as-you-go income tax deadlock was revived Thursday night, and it was disclosed that the treasury had ordered 120 carloads of paper to prepare forms for putting a current tax system into effect July 1.

A senate-house conference committee held its first meeting in an effort to iron out differences between the two chambers.

Democrats and republicans voiced optimism at the prospect that the committee would find a compromise between the senate's modified Ruml skip-a-year bill and the house-approved measure abating the 6 per cent normal and 1 per cent bracket surtax on all 1942 incomes.

Senators George (D-Ga.) chairman of the senate finance committee, said the treasury had advised him of its order for paper which would be used to install a 20 per cent withholding levy against the taxable portions of wages and salaries.

Treasury officials said payroll deductions could be started within two or three weeks after the president signs a bill, although they emphasized they would like more time if possible.

The Georgian told newspapermen he was hopeful the conferees could reach an agreement Friday.

15 Companies Called to Blaze

PORTLAND, Ore., May 20 (AP)—Fifteen fire companies were called out to extinguish a stubborn blaze in the L. C. Hansen Brown company plant Thursday night.

Fire Investigator Harry Heise said the flames apparently started in an overheated drier. He estimated damage at between \$8000 and \$10,000.

Too Late to Classify

Brown wood chiselator, med. size. Ex. cond. \$5 cash. Ph. 2-2775 or see Mr. Emery, R. 2, Box 21, N. Riv. Rd.

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'Nazi' Platoon Used to Bait US Trainees

FORT KNOX, Ky., May 20 (AP)

A platoon of goose-stepping, German-speaking, "dirty-tricking" soldiers dressed in Nazi uniforms is being organized at the armored force replacement training center here to make life miserable for trainees in Uncle Sam's tank units.

Maj. Willard Bass of Los Angeles, Calif., commander of the battle training department, said "the mission of the 'Germans' is to make the soldiers so mad at the Nazis that they will be anxious for combat."

The "Nazi" platoon will operate all over the battle training area of this huge army reservation and will capture as many trainees as possible, using all "dirty tricks" its members can concoct.

The captured trainees will be interned for an indefinite period in "Stalag" camps, a large "concentration camp" surrounded by a 16-foot barbed wire fence. They will be subjected to all kinds of hard labor and "insults."

It's all for the good of the trainees and it may save many lives, Major Bass explained. It is designed to make soldiers realize they must be alert so they will not be killed or captured by real Nazis.

British End Raid in Burma

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loyal Burma tribal fighters were surrounded in North Burma and threatened with annihilation by a Japanese punitive expedition.

But the man who led the expedition had a further end in view. He is Brigadier Charles Orde Wingate, 39, the man who, at the beginning of the Ethiopian campaign three years ago, led 2,000 Sudanese and 1,000 Ethiopian warriors in operations that resulted in the capture or disposal of 40,000 Italians.

Wingate wanted to demonstrate that he could take relatively second rate troops and turn them into jungle fighters who could beat the Japanese. Most of the troops had six months of preliminary jungle training, but others had as little as one month of preparation for the big raid.

The raiders entered the jungle with nearly 1,000 mules loaded with supplies. But once they reached central Burma the bulk of their supplies were dropped to them by a small squadron of American-built planes operated by British crews. The planes shuttled back and forth from a border base, defying Japanese fighters as they sought out their rendezvous with the raiding columns on the ground.

In eight columns the raiders crossed the Chinthein river and headed 150 miles through the jungle and over the mountains toward the Irrawaddy.

Before they returned they ate most of their mules and horses and came to look upon corned beef as manna when it was dropped from the supply planes.

They knew what it means to see Japanese troops in complete panic, firing machineguns in every direction and racing truckloads of troops up and down the highways, not knowing where or when they would meet the British.

For a short time the Japanese apparently thought the invasion of Burma had begun.

War Councils Continued as Bombing Eyed

WASHINGTON, May 20 (AP)

President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill of Great Britain, and Prime Minister MacKenzie King of Canada surveyed with members of the Pacific war council Thursday all the aspects of the World war, and one member said afterward that the picture looked "optimistic."

There was no evidence, however, that the president or Churchill disclosed any specific plans they may have for new blows against Japan.

Discussion of the war in the Pacific was in the most general terms, and the British Ambassador, Lord Halifax, pointed out that "as always, one of the main elements in the problem stands out: 'shipping'."

Polk County Farm Priced at \$22,000

PORTLAND, May 20 (AP)—The government must pay Jessie E. Hamilton \$22,000 for a 475-acre farm in Polk county condemned in the construction of Camp Adair, a federal jury ruled Thursday. The government offered that sum to Mrs. Hamilton but she asked \$30,000.

WU President Returns With Education Conference Plans

An increase of 63 students for Willamette university's naval training program which gets underway here the first week in July is not the only thing President G. Herbert Smith brought back to Salem with him Thursday from a conference on the war-educational setup held in New York City.

Enthusiasm, he declared, was taken home by the presidents of the more than 160 colleges throughout the United States selected as participants in the training system. "The navy has gone to great lengths to project a fine collegiate program," President Smith said.

The increase of the navy's share of the student body from 195 to 256 was approved while Smith was on the 11-day leave from campus duties here. Nine of those days, he added as an aside, were spent in travel, while the increased enrollment was on his request.

Participating in the two-day conference were navy office bureau personnel from Washington, DC, the officers now in training at Columbia university to act as commandants on the various college campuses and the presidents of all the selected schools.

No announcement as to the ships company officers has yet been made, he said, but added that a lieutenant (senior grade) would be in command, with a yet unnamed number of assistants. These men will be assigned to Willamette as soon after the June 1 completion of their Columbia training as possible and may be expected here before July 1. Under current plans, Willamette classes will start July 5, but those plans must be tentative to meet the navy's momentary needs.

Eighty percent of the navy trainees assigned to Willamette will be men now in that university's student body and/or those in V-1 and V-7 training at other institutions. The other 20 percent will be youths who passed the April 2 examinations, coming directly from high schools, Smith said.

The program calls for four 16-week semesters for all men except the pre-medics students, who will attend classes for five such semesters—and study, too, for the navy requires a scholastic record of such candidates for officers' training.

Pre-medics students take medical college work later, but the rest who meet naval requirements will be sent on to midshipman's school for officers' training.

Hobby Show To Feature Army Talent

The city-wide hobby show, scheduled for tonight in the gymnasium at the YMCA from 6 to 10 o'clock and sponsored by the Girl Reserves of the YWCA, will include a special floorshow at 7:30 o'clock. Entertainment is for adults as well as children.

Pvt. Irving Koster, a professional entertainer, will be master of ceremonies, and other soldiers from Camp Adair to appear are Cpl. Douglas Johnson, concert pianist, Cpl. John Barburak, accordionist, Pvt. Lewis Velarde, clown, Cpl. Herbert Hay, vocalist, and Sgt. Kenneth Woods, unicyclist.

"Eight Gorgeous Huskies," in which soldiers will appear as ballet dancers, will be under the leadership of Cpl. Rex Watson, assisted by Pvt. E. Emmons.

The remainder of the floorshow will include numbers by students of the Meisinger studios, a triple trio and mixed chorus from Parish and a tumbling act by Virginia Huston and Delia Sabby. The high school victory corps and a boys' quartet will complete the floorshow.

Other interesting features of the evening are motion pictures shown by James Loder, and a swimming exhibition by members of the Tri-Y club.

The hobby show proper, will include a large number of displays of collections, needlecraft and art work.

The public is invited to attend, proceeds from a small admission charge will be given to the Red Cross.

RAF Bombers Raid Berlin

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all clear sounded after an interval during which neither enemy planes nor gunfire were heard.

German planes dropped a few bombs in far-separated points in England Wednesday night and early Thursday but damage was reported to be slight, and a small number of persons were injured.

In London Wednesday night and early Thursday bombs were dropped at two places, but the raiders were driven off by intense gunfire before they could do any extensive damage.

The Netherlands news agency Aneta reported that the neutral-controlled Netherlands. Bilversum radio gave its regular daily report Thursday but for the second time avoided any mention of the Rhine water level, which heretofore had been a daily practice.

Aneta said it was pointed out in London that the floods released by the recent breaching by the RAF of the Eder and Moehne dams ultimately would reach the Rhine and raise the river's level.

McNary Fishery Bills Approved

WASHINGTON, May 20 (AP)

The senate passed and sent to the house Thursday two bills by Senator McNary (R-Ore) to provide for coordinated fishery management in the Pacific and a study of all crustacean food resources intended to conserve the supply of fish.

One bill (S74) would authorize the fisheries bureau to join with California, Oregon and Washington in a program for conservation of salmon through regulating offshore fishing. The other (SJR11) provides for a survey of carp, shrimps, common lobster, spiny lobster, clams and oyster resources in the Atlantic and Pacific oceans and the Gulf of Mexico.

Oregon Wage Hearings Set

SEATTLE, May 20 (AP)—A regional war labor board hearing on what constitutes "sub-standard" wage for Oregon workers will be held at Portland Saturday. Dr. George Bernard Noble, former Reed college professor and regional board chairman, will preside. A similar hearing was held in Seattle earlier this week.

The purpose of the hearings is to determine the minimum for a fair pay scale, below which would be classed as sub-standard.

Bomber Hits Chicago Gas Storage Tank

CHICAGO, May 20 (AP)—A B-24 army bomber rammed into the world's largest illuminating gas storage tank Thursday with a burst of flame that transformed the gigantic structure into a roaring inferno that consumed the 12 floors above.

The 500-foot tank surmounted by a 90-foot air beacon was destroyed in an inferno so intense that authorities feared the bodies in the wreckage never would be recovered.

The four-engined Liberator bomber left the Fort Worth Tex., army air field Thursday morning on a routine flight. Witnesses saw it flying low from the northwest, skimming over the office building of the Peoples Gas Light and Coke company office at 3622 West 73rd street, on the southwest side. It rose slightly, then crashed into the side of the 30-000,000 cubic foot tank.

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