

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles H. Sprague

DETROIT, Sept. 19.—It would be a mistake to conclude that Detroit's automobile manufacturing plants are all down because of labor troubles. Only a few plants are shut down—the Ford works being the largest. It is apprehension about the immediate future rather than present difficulties which bothers most of the industry.

Unstruck plants are working busily, but largely on reconversion and accumulating stocks of parts. Materials are not yet in full supply and some like chromic acid are lacking. The big task of moving machines out that were exclusively on war work and moving motor car machinery in is in full progress.

I got an eye full of reconversion today at the big gear, axle and forge division of Chevrolet. The plant was devoted almost wholly to war work. Tools for car-making were pulled up in 1941 and 1942, moved out, many into open air storage under tarpaulins or exposed to the weather. New tools were moved in, new assembly lines formed.

The reverse practice now under way is astounding. Here are great passes.

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### Dean Acheson Wins State Post Over Protests

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—(AP)—Dean G. Acheson's nomination as undersecretary of state got 69 to 1 approval from the Senate today after 3 1/2 hours debate on whether he had "rebutted" General Douglas MacArthur.

Senator Wherry (R-Neb.), who cast the lone opposition vote, said Acheson had. He lost 66 to 12 a move to send the nomination back to the foreign relations committee.

Majority leader Barkley (Ky) and Chairman Connally (D-Tex) of the foreign relations committee said Acheson hadn't.

Senator Edwin Johnson (D-Colo) said it looked to him "like a tempest in a teapot."

### Press Clamors For Constitution In Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 24.—(AP)—A plea by retired navy leaders that constitutional government be restored in Argentina won acclaim today from the powerful afternoon press and from political forces united in opposition to the military government of President Edelmiro Farrell.

A similar statement signed by high navy officers on active duty was expected to be published soon. A high military tribunal reprimanded Gen. Arturo Rawson for participating in uniform, at the "march of liberty and the constitution" in which 500,000 persons participated last Wednesday.

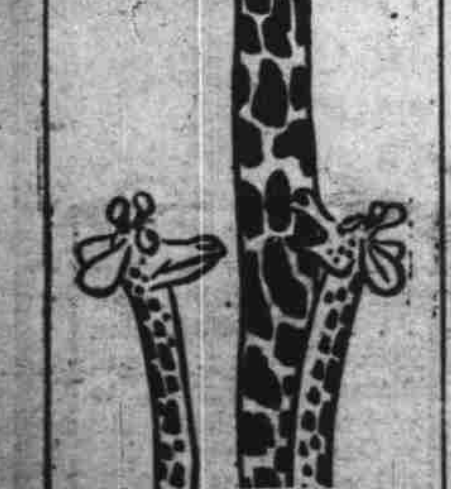
### Haile Selassie Asks Colonies

CAIRO, Sept. 24.—(AP)—Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia has sent the London conference of foreign ministers a demand that Eritrea and Italian Somaliland be turned over to Ethiopia, reports from Addis Ababa in the Egyptian press said today.

The "Lion of Judah" was quoted by one newspaper, Al Misri, as saying he sought the territories "not as a bonus because we have been fighting the axis 10 years, but because they belong to the Ethiopian empire and were stolen from us."

### Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Come down, papa—I want you to meet my friend!"

# HIROHITO MAY PAY VISIT TO MacARTHUR

## Nippon Ordered To Install Price Controls, Ration

TOKYO, Sept. 24.—(AP)—Emperor Hirohito—the latest abdication rumor vanishing into the thin air whence it came—was reported today to be arranging an unprecedented visit to General MacArthur.

Whether the emperor meets for the first time the alien boss of his smashed empire, as reliable Japanese sources say, a new series of drastic U. S. decrees showed that neither Hirohito nor his government now had much control over Japan's fate.

MacArthur ordered the Japanese government to install stringent wage and price controls and ration all critically-short commodities to head off wide hunger and suffering among Japan's 80,000,000 people.

MacArthur froze all Japan's trade abroad, except for approved exports or imports.

He forbade the import or export of bullion, currency and negotiable Japanese assets temporarily.

He prohibited any Japanese atomic bomb research or atom-splitting of any nature and placed all research laboratories of the empire under "close and continual" allied control.

MacArthur tore down all Japanese government news barriers, stripped the Domei agency of its monopolistic privileges and threw the news field open to all comers—foreign as well as Japanese.

## Jobless Pay Bill Rebuffed

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—(AP)—A movement developed in the house ways and means committee today to put the unemployment compensation bill on the shelf until men now idle because of strikes return to work.

The committee held a closed-door session and word circulated afterward that there was even strong sentiment for killing outright the measure calling for liberalized pay to the jobless. Such action would be the severest congressional rebuff to President Truman since he entered the White House.

The committee set showdown votes for tomorrow. When the committee adjourned its afternoon session Rep. Knutson of Minnesota, senior committee republican, told newspapermen: "The committee probably will take the position tomorrow that with thousands of workers out on strike it is impossible to tell what the unemployment situation is."

## Delano, Uhrig Plead Guilty to Robbery Count

Charles Delano and Joe Uhrig, who Monday pleaded guilty before Circuit Judge E. M. Page to a variety of charges growing out of the robbery of the Ernest Handy residence near Woodburn, will be sentenced Thursday morning.

Delano, whose attorney asked that he be treated as a juvenile since he declares himself to be only 16 years of age, was indicted on and pleaded guilty to the robbery of the Handy place of \$400 cash and \$1082 in checks, the larceny of Handy's automobile and the burglary of the Handy residence.

Uhrig, jointly indicted with Delano on the robbery charge, said he would make a showing Thursday morning as to extenuating circumstances.

## Battle Wounded Due Home Soon

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—(AP)—The war department said today most of the 3000 battle casualties still in the Pacific will be brought home in 60 days.

It added that all other transportable casualties in the area can be expected in this country by Christmas.

Most of the wounded will be brought home by hospital ship, although some will come by air. Both hospital ships and planes also are being used, Maj. Gen. C. P. Cross, chief of transportation, added in a statement, to bring back American prisoners of war who are in need of medical attention.

## 12 Prisoners Escape In Portland Break

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 24.—(AP)—Police tonight hunted 12 of 17 Multnomah county prisoners who escaped from a seventh floor jail cell block and dropped through a utilities shaft to the basement and freedom.

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## Strike Stills Saws in Near 500 Lumber Mills, Camps

### 3500 Men In, Around Salem Leave Woods, Mills at AFL's Behest

Thirty-five hundred men in the Salem trading area left their jobs in forest and mill Monday or will leave them when the AFL Lumber & Sawmill Workers' strike has been called at every AFL sawmill.

How far the "ripples from the pebble" tossed into the stream of the northwest's lumber industry might reach here was a matter for conjecture Monday among building trades workers.

Most of the residential building underway here will be halted shortly, some contractors said. Cabinet work at both Keith Brown Building Supply and Oregon Pulp and Paper plants (where the sawmill was down Monday) may continue for two weeks, but stock at either place will not guarantee further operation.

Garages Change Over Garages here which have done a heavy business in servicing logging trucks turned their attention to pleasure automobiles and oil companies checked off a big piece of business for the duration of the strike.

Unorganized and CIO mills (there are some of the former and none of the latter in the immediate Salem vicinity) continued to operate, but raftsmen who wear the AFL button left the river or remained only to fish.

Black Rock and Snow Peak logging operations in Polk county; Willamette Valley Lumber company, Dallas; Cobbs & Mitchell, Valsetz; Winlock Handle company, Silverton; Capital Lumber company (still operating Monday night); Oregon Pulp & Paper company's sawmill operations; Cascades Plywood, Lebanon; Albany Plywood; Santiam, E. H. Clarke, West Gate and Cascade Lumber companies and Oregon Plywood, Sweet Home, and the Corvallis Lumber company were listed Monday by Lumber & Sawmill Workers' offices in Portland as mid-valley mills affected by the strike.

### Michigan State To Investigate Detroit Strike

DETROIT, Sept. 24.—(AP)—The state of Michigan entered Detroit's troubled labor situation as a variety of disputes and layoffs continued to keep 90,000 persons idle.

Asserting he had reports that "not more than 25 per cent" of the strikers at the Kelsey-Hayes Wheel Co. plants in Detroit favor the month-old strike there, Gov. Harry F. Kelly ordered an investigation into efforts made to end it and the attitude of the 4500 idle workers.

Pointing out that the strike had been repudiated by the United Automobile Workers (CIO), Governor Kelly said: "I am interested in finding out if it really is the will and wish of the majority of the strikers."

### Under-Age Vets Given Status

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—(AP)—Boys and girls who fibbed about age to get in the navy, marines, coast guard and WAVES will be forgiven and paid off now.

President Truman today signed a congressional measure that will allow these underage patriots the same pay and treatment accorded honorably discharged veterans. The navy department previously had ruled that it lacked authority to pay the usual benefits.

Congress quickly authorized the payments. It was told that the army already overlooked false age statements in such cases.

### Anti-Japanese Acts Reported

WATSONVILLE, Calif., Sept. 24.—(AP)—This community had its first recorded case of hostility against returning Japanese before dawn today, when unidentified persons hurled a blazing flare toward the Buddhist temple, which is being used as a Japanese hotel.

### Elevator Walk-Out Hits N.Y.

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—(AP)—Fifteen thousand elevator operators and maintenance workers in some 1875 Manhattan buildings walked off their jobs today.

For hours the sidewalks outside some buildings were crowded with office workers who were undecided whether to tackle the stairways. They spilled into the streets and police had difficulty keeping the way clear for vehicles.

Finally, many workers went home. As the Empire State building's 72 elevators stood idle, long lines of office workers stood waiting for a chance to "phone upstairs."

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"We're prepared to stay three days," said Buzalski.

### CIO Asks Aid of Schwollenbach Over 'Lockout'

SPRINGFIELD, Sept. 24.—(AP)—Charging the halt of operations at the Springfield Plywood corporation plant is a "lockout on the company's part," CIO officials today wired Secretary of Labor Schwollenbach to intervene.

The CIO union has maintained it has enough men to operate the plant without AFL employees, who walked out in a jurisdictional dispute.

Defending the corporation's action, General Manager Frank L. Morris said, that "out of our 300-man crew, a maximum of 82 men reported to work since the walkout. We cannot run without a balanced crew of skilled workmen, but we are trying to find a solution to our problems."

Union and company officials met last week but made no settlement.

### Test Oil Well Proves Empty

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 24.—(AP)—Abandonment of its Clatskanie No. 1 test oil well and plans for drilling a second well about 15 miles west of here were announced today by the Texas company.

At 5650 feet there was "no showing of oil or gas" in the Clatskanie well, but although disappointed by the outcome, the company has not given up hope of finding oil in that area, an official said.

The new well, to be known as Cooper Mountain No. 1, will be located halfway between Tigard and Tillamook.

### 300 Iron Fireman Workers Ask Strike Vote

PORTLAND, Sept. 24.—(AP)—More than 300 workers at Iron Fireman Manufacturing company yesterday voted to petition the national labor relations board for a strike vote.

### Closure Moves Sans Violence; No Negotiations

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 24.—(AP)—Quiet replaced the usual hum of buzzsaws and cries of "timber!" today in nearly 500 sawmills, logging operations and woodworking plants hit by the AFL's northwest lumber strike.

The union, which listed 60,000 workers idle, declared the strike "100 per cent effective." An estimated 85 per cent of the lumber industry in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana was tied up. Other mills are CIO-affiliated.

Aimed at a minimum \$1.10 hourly wage, the strike began at 12:01 a. m. Monday. By mid-morning, pickets were stationed at plant gates, but watchmen and maintenance men were allowed to enter -- one to a shift. Union officials reported not the slightest hint of violence and said none was anticipated.

A 21-man strike policy committee will gather in Portland Thursday to consider possible requests and to watch the strike's progress. The AFL called the strike after a three-man conciliation commission named by Secretary of Labor Schwollenbach failed to iron out the wage dispute.

### Russians Ask Repatriation of Red Nationals

LONDON, Sept. 24.—(AP)—Russia tonight raised an entirely new issue — speeding the repatriation of soviet nationals — at the conference of big five foreign ministers, swinging discussion farther away from the main problems of European peace settlements.

This development apparently came as a surprise to American and British delegates, who earlier found themselves stymied by the Russians over the question of emergency control of Europe's inland waterways.

Diplomatic quarters were unable to explain immediately how the repatriation question was injected into the discussions at this state.

### Mrs. Glover Dies Yesterday

Remoh Holland Glover, wife of Ralph Glover, died unexpectedly at the family home, 1794 Court st., Monday night. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Holland, she was born at Oregon City. While she was a small child the family came to Salem where Mr. Holland became manager of the flouring mill. Her mother was widely known in this area as a singer.

She was married to Ralph Glover on Jan. 11, 1905. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star and the Episcopal church. Survivors, besides the widower, include a sister, Constance Thomp, a daughter, Maxine Hammond, and granddaughter, Constance Hammond, all of San Francisco. Funeral arrangements, in the care of Clough-Barrick Co., had not been completed this morning.

### Aluminum Co. Asks 4 Plants

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—(AP)—Reynolds Metal company has offered to immediately take over operations at three government owned aluminum reduction mills, including the Troutdale, Ore., plant and the huge Hurricane, Ark., alumina plant, it was revealed today.

W. Stuart Symington, surplus property administrator, told the senate Mead committee the Reynolds offer was for a temporary contract to continue production at mills now operated by the Aluminum Company of America. The Alcoa contracts expire Oct. 1 and the Reynolds company wants control to prevent dispersal of skilled personnel.

### AUTO LOOTINGS RISE

More than \$150 worth of automobile accessories, tools, and clothing disappeared from a half dozen automobiles on Salem streets Saturday night, city police were notified. Hollywood and the downtown area were scenes of the looting.

Weather table with columns for Max, Min, Rain and locations like San Francisco, Eugene, Salem, Portland, Seattle, Willamette River.

FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Cloudy in morning with warmer afternoon temperatures about 65 degrees.

### State Dept. to Sell Surpluses

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—(AP)—The state department will take over disposal of American war surpluses overseas with the dual assignment to aid stricken countries and gain trade concessions for the United States.

President Truman has decided to transfer disposal control to the state department "as soon as practicable," reconversion director John W. Snyder told the senate war investigation committee today.

Declaring "we can't expect dollars" from dollar-starved nations, Snyder said this country would be willing to swap surpluses for "commercial and military rights."

### LEBANON MAN LIBERATED

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—(Special)—PFC Charles M. Brown, son of Mrs. Delliah Brown of route 1, Lebanon, Ore., has been liberated from a prison camp of the Japanese, the war department announced today.

One, Dora Szafran, testified the SS woman guard Juana Borman set dogs on prisoners while another, blonde Irma Grese, beat them with riding crops.

Mrs. Litwinski said that beatings of prisoners by guards were "normal" and that there was no apparent system for administering punishment.

### Seniority Said Out of Control

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—(AP)—A veterans' leader said today selective service is running "hog-wild" in its interpretation of "super-seniority" for returning war veterans.

James W. Cannon, general counsel for the Veterans of Foreign Wars, declared in an interview: "Selective service now has gone far beyond what congress ever intended. It has mixed things up until neither business nor the labor union knows where it stands."

The American Legion, on the other hand, is going along with Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, selective service director.

### Discharges by Mail Proposed

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—(AP)—The CIO proposed today that soldiers eligible for discharge be sent home immediately and their formal release completed by mail.

Clinton S. Golden, chairman of the COI veterans committee, explaining the suggestion, said the paper processing could be completed while the man is at home.

### Jewess Tells How Thousands Were Slain in Nazi Gas Rooms

By William F. Frye

LUNEBERG, Germany, Sept. 24.—(AP)—A young Polish Jewess, implicitly reprieved at the last moment from death in the gas chamber of the notorious Oswiecim concentration camp, today dramatically accused one camp official with slaying "thousands of innocents."

The woman, Mrs. Sophie Litwinski, had testified before the British military court trying 45 Nazis for crimes at the Oswiecim and Belsen camps that woman inmates were forced to line up naked before camp officials making selections for the death chamber.

Asked by the prosecutor, Col. T. M. Backhouse, if she recognized any of the prisoners who took part in the selections, she leaped to her feet in the witness box and pointed straight at Franz Hessler, SS (elite guard) untersturmfuehrer and Oswiecim official.

"That is the murderer who destroyed thousands of innocents," she shouted.

Then she burst into tears, and had to be taken from the courtroom to regain her composure.

When she was able to resume, she related that she herself was sent to the gas chamber and "yellow fumes" were actually entering the room when her name was called and she was removed.

"Later Hessler covered me in a blanket and took me on a motorcycle to the hospital," she said.

### Skyscrapers Hit; Few Attempts to 'Walk Up' Noted

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### Truman Gives De Gaulle C-54, Who Gets Bill?

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—(AP)—President Truman gave Gen. Charles De Gaulle of France a C-54 transport plane, delivered in Paris today, but just what appropriation covers such a gift is a bookkeeper-and-lawyer mystery.

Said the White House: The gift was "in line with a precedent" set by the late President Roosevelt who gave planes to Winston Churchill, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and the king of Egypt.

The treasury: Not informed; it's a White House matter.

The army, through a press officer: "We don't know. They've a lot of funds over at the White House that we don't know anything about."

The state department: Ask the White House.

### Jews Fleeing Into Palestine

JERUSALEM, Sept. 24.—(AP)—Additional British troops were reported en route to Palestine tonight in an effort to intensify safeguards against the illegal entry of Jews from neighboring countries.

(In London, the Ailly Sketch reported Tuesday that strong British reinforcements already had reached Palestine. "They have been sent to enable the British government to keep a grip on public order, now gravely menaced by rival claims and agitation between Jews and Arabs," the Sketch said.)

### SALEM MAN ATTACKED

PORTLAND, Sept. 24.—(AP)—Charles H. Slade, 40, route 5, Salem, today told police he was attacked by an unidentified person who struck him on the head with a bottle and took his watch. Hospital attendants said Slade suffered a fractured skull.