

Lewis Silent as 89,000 Miners Quit Jobs

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4 Buildings Sold At Adair of 587 Placed on Block

Veterans Offered Chance at Land

On the heels of an announcement of how war veterans might apply for surplus land at Camp Adair, word reached Salem last night that only four buildings will be sold to veterans of the 587 surplus Adair buildings recently put on sale.

Regional surplus administration headquarters in Portland announced that the bids for four buildings were the only bids accepted among 26 which covered 81 buildings. Others were rejected as too low, including a \$1 bid, the WAA statement explained.

Bidding now passes from HH priority to the general public, with terms remaining the same. Fixtures and plumbing are included with the buildings and all structures must be removed from the camp site. The offering to the public of some 300 buildings will be made November 22 or 23, it was said.

Procedure Outlined

The procedure under which veterans may bid for surplus land at Camp Adair was outlined yesterday by H. C. Saalfeld, Marion county service officer, in a letter of instructions from the Federal Land bank of Spokane, Wash.

The letter states that sale of Camp Adair property was opened November 7 to state and local governments, and November 17 to former owners and their tenants at the time the land was acquired. Any lands not purchased by the above groups of priority holders will be regrouped or subdivided into family-sized tracts for sale to veterans at the end of 90 days.

Until it is known which lands have been purchased by current priority groups, the agency will be unable to inform veterans as to what land is available. Veterans may keep priorities alive, however, by indicating in writing a desire to purchase some tract being offered for sale. At the end of the 90-day period veterans will then be advised what land is still available and then can make offers. Letters of intention to purchase or additional information may be addressed to the Spokane Federal Land bank or to the surplus property office at Camp Adair, according to the letter from the bank.

One veteran who has not previously used their land priority are eligible. Following veterans in priority are "owner-operators" or people who will make their homes on the land purchased. Wives or children of persons who died in active military service will have the same priority as veterans, and must follow the same procedure as a veteran in applying for surplus land.

First it was dolled up in gift packages to sell in sets with pencils at \$64, or even \$120. Then inventors took it in hand.

Frost Inquiry To Continue

Salem Police Chief Frank Min-to said last night that he expected investigations into the Sunday death of Russell Waterman Frost in his apartment at 602 N. Winter st. to continue for a few more days.

The coroner's office Monday returned a suicide verdict and said that an inquest was not anticipated.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the Clough-Barrick chapel.

CHON-EN-LAI BACK HOME

YENAN, Nov. 19. (AP)—Grim-faced Chon-en Lai, the Chinese communist chief negotiator, returned to this communist capital today from Nanking, his peace mission a failure after almost a year of conferences with government negotiators and U. S. Gen. George Marshall.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Okay, I got one—now what do I do?"

4 Killed in Laundry Explosion

Weatherman Offers No Relief For Storm-Swept Northwest

GREENVILLE, S. C., Nov. 19.—(AP)—Four persons were known to have been killed and over 100 injured in an explosion that demolished the Ideal Laundry plant and office building here tonight.

The fire was reported under control although workers were not yet able to search the wreckage for bodies of an undetermined number of workers believed to have lost their lives in the blast.

At least four dwellings bordering on the laundry were severely damaged and the occupants of some were among the injured.

While the cause of the explosion had not been officially determined, reports said officials of the laundry had found gas escaping from the plant's recently installed heating system shortly before the explosion.

One ambulance driver, who could not be immediately identified, reported to the Greenville News that he had brought out at least 11 bodies from the Ideal laundry.

British Columbia three days ago. Occasional rain and snow flurries and colder temperatures, were in prospect Wednesday. A murky overcast replaced the thaw and clear skies which early yesterday followed the almost unparalleled heavy snow and rain storm which hit Oregon and Washington and British Columbia three days ago.

The cold snap was borne on the wings of fresh easterly winds which may turn into a northeaster today weather observers said.

With the slush of yesterday's thaw still on the ground, the lowered temperatures threatened new perils to highway traffic in the Puget Sound area.

Schools to Reopen Seattle public schools, the University of Washington and Seattle college were to reopen today but King County Superintendent L. M. Demmitt advised rural schools to remain closed until country roads are opened.

Air lines were back on scheduled Tuesday, and many communities had power and light service restored. But it will be days, telephone officials said, before the 3500 phones in Seattle and 5000 in Tacoma put out of commission by the storm can be repaired.

Major Roads Open All major highways were open but the highway department cautioned drivers to exercise extreme care because of expected icing conditions.

night, Ernest Fitzjohn, 53, was found in a snowbank, presumably the victim of a heart attack while struggling through the storm near his home at Sellick. The body of Laura Davenport, 16, drowned Monday at her farm home near Kelso, was recovered Tuesday.

A November gale lashed the Oregon and northern California

coasts Tuesday, shrouding highways in a driving rain and causing storm warnings to be hoisted from Cape Blanco, Ore., as far south as Point Conception just north of Santa Barbara.

Northwest winds, building up to gale intensity, forced the freighter Webster Victory to call for tugs off the Humboldt county coast in northern California after its engines broke down. It was in tow to San Francisco.

The weather bureau said a large low pressure center off the Washington coast was heading southeast to northern California. Heavy rains caused extensive damage in San Francisco. Street cars were stalled as water-soaked motors failed, east bay power lines shorted out causing frequent power and light failures, while numerous highway accidents killed at least three persons and injured many more. Most serious was a bus-car collision north of Richmond.

Early Tuesday, high winds blew down three huge circus-type "big top" tents housing 1,000 head of prize cattle at the Grand National exposition in San Francisco. The cattle were housed in the arena.

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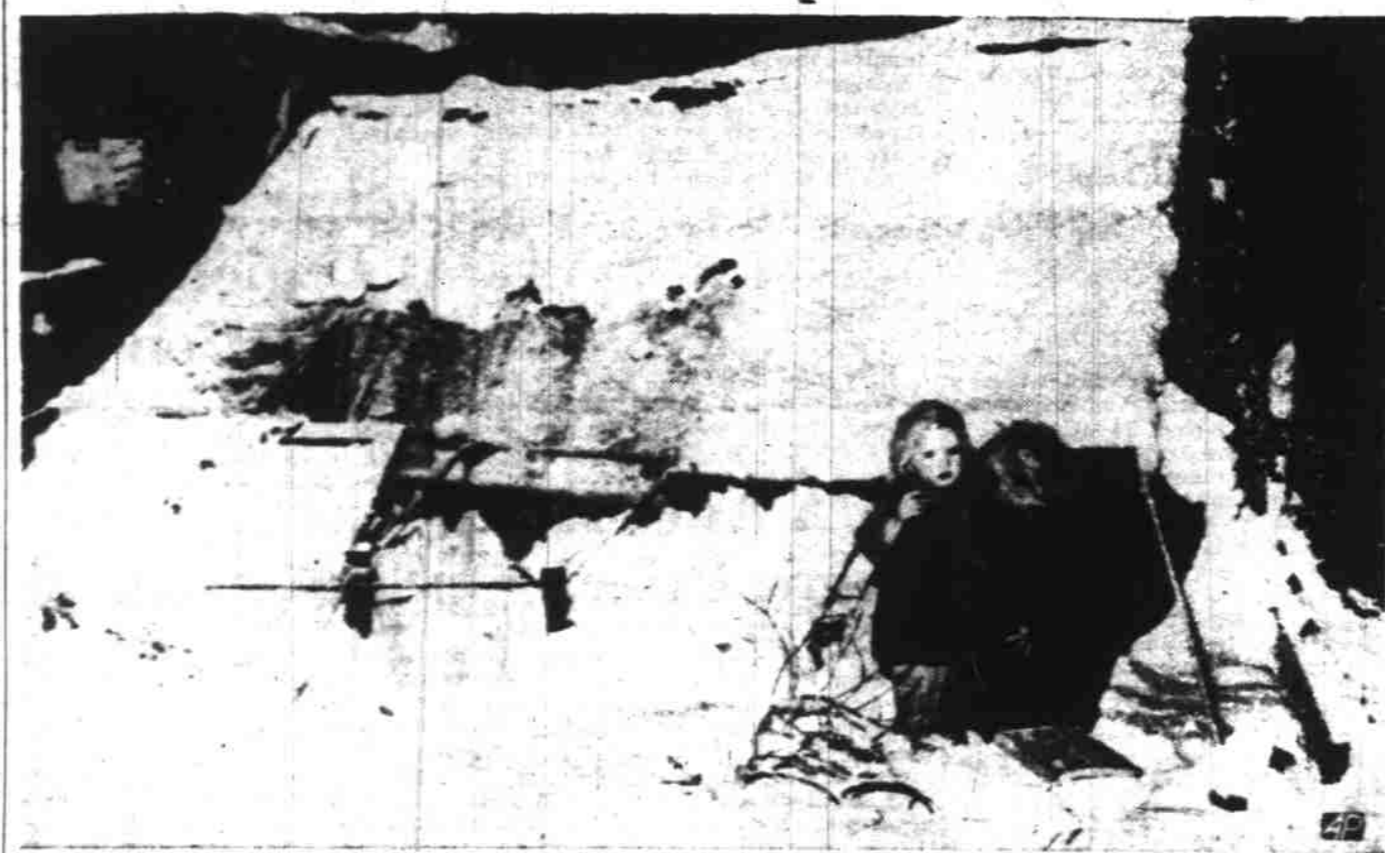
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SEATTLE, Nov. 19.—The heaviest snowstorm to hit Seattle in 15 years left Lellani, 35, and Roberts, 2, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. A. Felkey, with this wrecked tent their only living quarters. The father has only walls erected on a wooden house he is building. (AP Wirephoto)

Gale Pounds at Oregon, California Coastlines, Three Inches of Snow Reported in Tillamook

Second storm death in Washington state was reported last

Flood Danger Past, But Snow Expected

Lower temperatures in the Willamette valley today and tonight will relieve the danger of floods, but may bring a blanket of snow to the Salem area, the McNary field U. S. weather bureau reported early this morning.

The Santiam, at flood stage near the Willamette, is expected to begin falling today. No damage was reported. The Willamette at Salem is nearing a forecast crest of 12 1/2 feet. Flood stage is 19 feet.

Overcast and an east wind was the word from Mill City on the Santiam at 8 p. m. last night, and old timers were predicting snow. Most of the logging operations out from there were down Tuesday as the result of snow Monday night and early Tuesday but it did not last long here, but remained longer in the higher slopes, the Associated Press reporting 22 inches of snow.

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Indictments Charge Negligent Homicide DALLAS, Nov. 20.—Two indictments charging negligent homicide have been returned here by the Polk county grand jury against Roy McClellan Robertson of Portland, driver of the truck involved in a collision with an automobile at Valley Junction October 14.

The first indictment charges responsibility for the death of John Moe who was killed at the time, the second indictment charges responsibility for the death of Bessie Moe, who died October 28 as the result of injuries received in the accident.

MINES ROCK JERUSALEM JERUSALEM, Nov. 19.—(AP)—Two land mines, which apparently were intended to wreck an armored police car, rocked downtown Jerusalem tonight, but caused no casualties except slight injuries to a Jewish civilian.

Carlson Unimproved ASTORIA, Ore., Nov. 19.—(AP)—Naval hospital authorities said today that the condition of Brig. Gen. Evans Carlson had not improved in the ten days since he came here for treatment of a heart condition. They added that his condition is not considered serious, however.

U.S. Protest Interference in Registration for Romania Vote BUCHAREST, Wednesday, November 20.—(AP)—Brig. Gen. Courtland Van Rensselaer Schuyler, head of the U. S. military mission to Romania, protested to the Romanian government last night against the picketing of the American mission office by supporters of Premier Petru Groza's communist-dominated government.

The pickets ranged themselves around the mission building where approximately 5000 Romanian citizens who said they had not been able to register for yesterday's parliamentary elections came to complain.

Deadline Tonight On Strike Order, Army Prepared

More than 89,000 soft coal diggers -- one fifth of the country's entire mining force -- stayed away from their jobs Tuesday and the army announced it was prepared to take a hand in the threatened Wednesday midnight coal strike if requested.

John L. Lewis remained stonily silent as the government awaited his reaction to a court order designed to prevent a full scale mining shutdown, and prepared for possible "lighting" brownouts and gas and electricity rationing.

Lewis, chief of the country's 400,000 AFL United Mine Workers, gave not the slightest hint of his attitude to the federal court order, under which he risks jail unless he withdraws his notice that his contract with the government is cancelled Wednesday midnight.

However, his miners left the pits in a steadily growing stream, the solid fuels administration estimated 74,188 were idle and private surveys listed the number of idle several thousand higher.

The war department said in a statement it was prepared to "operate fully in meeting the requirements set" upon call from the federal coal administrator but added that no call had yet been received.

In the past, the United Mine Workers have argued, "You can't mine coal with bayonets."

May Tie Up Funds The justice department, meanwhile, declined to comment on published reports that government attorneys are exploring the possibility of tying up the mine union's funds and thus cutting off benefit payments to strikers.

A civilian production administration spokesman said that the government is preparing for lighting "brownouts" and for rationing of electricity and manufactured gas if the strike goes on.

The brownout proposals probably would be made to governors of all the states east of the Mississippi, plus Iowa, Wisconsin, Missouri and Minnesota. They would not be mandatory.

Lewis Lawyers Busy The always-aggressive Lewis—under pain of possible imprisonment should he defy the court order to call off his contract termination decree—had his lawyers busy on what to do next.

Labor lawyers here, not connected with the UMW, speculated that Lewis would go into court by tomorrow with the argument that the government's course violates the Norris-LaGuardia act which outlawed such an injunction to prevent strikes.

However, in getting the temporary restraining order against Lewis, Attorney General Tom Clark contended that this act cannot apply to the government. He cited arguments of its sponsors in congress to support his point.

Rejects Strike Notice The order issued by Federal Judge T. Alan Goldsborough forbids Lewis to permit his contract termination notice (which Lewis said would be effective at midnight tomorrow), to continue in effect.

The temporary injunction further calls for a hearing Nov. 27 on the labor dispute.

Although the order forbids injunction to strike it says nothing about compelling men to work. UMW aides recalled that when President Wilson got an injunction against Lewis in a 1919 coal strike, the miners failed to return to work for weeks.

"Don't Fash John L." Jailing Lewis would "just stir up trouble," declared Alex Derito, speaking for the miners at Ellsworth, Pa. "Something like that would just make the boys get wool in their eyes and try to bite the government."

Soft coal mines in states in the far west were continuing to operate normally, but operators reported walkouts at six mines in the Arkansas-Oklahoma area.

BELTON TAKE REINS

State Sen. Howard Belton, Canby, arrived in Salem Tuesday to serve as chief executive of the state during the absence of Gov. Earl Snell, who is now in San Francisco. Snell was not expected to return to Salem until November 26. Belton is president of the state senate.

Truman 'Very Pleased' Over Public Support of Lewis Fight

KEY WEST, Fla., Nov. 19.—(AP) President Truman was represented tonight as "very pleased" by what he was told was "vigorous" public support of his decision to fight John L. Lewis to a finish in the winter-ewe coal crisis.

Presidential Press Secretary Charles G. Ross said a presidential secretary, Matthew J. Connelley, telephoned from Washington, giving the president a report on editorial reaction and telegrams received at the White House.

Connelley talked with Ross, reporting not only on the coal situation, but on a number of other administration matters.

"The editorial reaction, as well as the telegrams," Ross said, "were strongly in support of what the government is doing. They indicated the people are vigorously supporting the president on this issue."

It was the only news on the threat of a coal strike from the president's vacation headquarters at the United States naval submarine base here.

Contract Starts With Coming Game Jan. 1

BERKELEY, Calif., Nov. 20.—(AP) The Pacific coast conference and the Big Nine conference agreed early today on a five-year contract binding their two football leagues in the annual Rose Bowl game effective Jan. 1 — eliminating Army from consideration for this year's eastern bid.

Victor and Schmidt of Los Angeles and Kenneth L. (Tug) Wilson of Chicago, commissioners of the Pacific coast conference and Big 9 respectively, made the announcement which did not mention the elimination of West Point as the eastern representative in the 1947 classic.

The effect of the announcement, however, which set the contract opening date at Jan. 1, 1947, barred Army from further consideration.

UCLA and USC, contenders for the western spot, are understood to have pressed for Jan. 2, 1947, as the starting date, thus making it possible for Army to play in this coming New Year's game.

(Earlier reports from the conference may be found on today's sports page.)

Hospital Says Courtz Couple Out of Danger

OAKLAND, Calif., Nov. 19.—(AP) Attendants at Permanente foundation hospital tonight described as "good the conditions of Mr. and Mrs. John Courtz, newly-married couple of 644 N. 20th st., Salem, Ore., who were injured late last night in an automobile-bus accident north of Richmond, Calif.

Hospital spokesmen said full details of their injuries were not available but that neither Courtz nor his bride was considered critically hurt.

Highway Patrolmen Gordon Campbell and Robert Lyons said the couple figured in an accident in which a car driven by George Cornelius, 27, of Rodeo, Calif., sideswiped a San Francisco-bound bus from Vallejo, and then rebounded head-on into the Courtz sedan.

Courtz, 24, suffered head and possible internal injuries and his bride, Margaret, 20, facial lacerations and chest injuries.

Mr. and Mrs. John Courtz, Salem newcomers who were injured in a California highway accident Monday night, had been married Saturday in Portland, it was learned here. Courtz, former Portland resident, has been employed by the state income tax division in Salem since his return from military service a year ago.

Goss Says Boom Of 1920 Back

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 19.—(AP)—It's 1920 all over again for the American farmer, Albert S. Goss, National Grange master, warned today.

Production is up 35 per cent while consumption is lagging with only a 12 per cent increase, he said, adding that the result will be a depression like the one in 1921, unless steps are taken at once.

As the grange's solution to this, Goss advocated a floor for farm prices, based on parity on diversion of surplus crops to glucose and alcohol manufacture or other secondary uses.

Spring Flowers in Bloom at Silverton

SILVERTON, Nov. 20.—It may not be spring at Silverton, but if not the flowers have their dates met. Mrs. J. H. McCullough, employed at the circulation desk of the city library is boasting forsythia in bloom, and Althea Meyer, from the city water office reports pussy willows out since Halloween. Besides this there are reports of violets, roses, stocks—the usual run of autumn blooms—yet uninjured by frost.