Coal Miners Out, Lewis Lets Deadline Pass

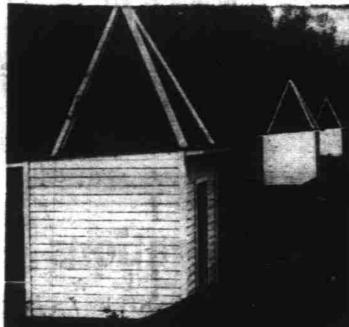
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City Water Supply Sources Figure in Court Suit Starting Today Storms







Industrial relations remain the most acute problem in the domestic politico-economic field. Tensions remain. Fears are general that fresh demands for stiff wage advances will result in another wave of strikes to tie up production. Naturally people are turning to the new congress for some relief from the country's "labor pains." The expectation is that congress will enact legislation to curb the powers of labor unions.

Some industrialists look for congress to repeal the Wagner act and put labor in its place by other drastic legislation. More practicalminded men anticipate no such erasure of labor's gains. President Truman remains an important factor in any fresh legislation because of his power of veto. It is timely to take a look at the present situation both as to law and as to evils which fresh lawmaking might seek to cure.

Foundations of organized labor's present security are the Clayton act exempting unions from provisions of the Sherman act banning conspiracies in restraint of trade; the Norris-LaGuardia act clipping the authority of judges in granting injunctions in labor disputes; the Wagner labor relations act enforcing collective bargaining and invoking punishment on employers for "unfair" labor practices; the Wages and Hours act governing minimum wages and length of the work-week. To these may be added the opinion of Justice Murphy in a picketing case which gives constitutional immunity to picketing as an exercise or freedom of speech. It hardly

(Contined on editorial page) **Parking Meters**

Due in 65 Days

Parking meters will be installed in Salem within 65 days, according to the contract which Mayor I. M. Doughton nad City Recorder Alfred Mundt Wednes- after being struck by an auto as that. Ky. The contract was signed by reports. the two city officials on order of

the city council. October 15, 1945, execution of the shock and Mrs. Tibbits incurred contract was delayed by the a compound fracture of her right Henry E. Morris injunction suit leg, below the knee, hospital ofattacking its validity. The state ficials said. Tibbits incurred a dissupreme court last week, in over- located shoulder and a minor cut ruling a Marion county circuit on the back of head. court opinion upholding the injunction, ruled that the city of st., driver of the car which struck Salem was authorized to sign the couple, was cited to apepar in

Animal Crackers By WARREN GOODRICH



"Never mind what I use it for-just build that nest some place else!"



Pictured are some of the installations at Minto Island, a few miles north of Stayton on the Santiam river, which figure in the suit brought by Gardner Bennett, Stayton, against the city of Salem to restrain the diversion of water from the river, the first hearing of which will be held in Marion county circuit court today. (Story on page 7.) At upper left the three pump houses over the 60-foot wells which augment the regular water supply of the city from seepage wells. The dam shown on the upper right belongs to Bennett and diverts water to the Bennett power canal which supplies Stayton utilities and mills. Lower photo pictures the settling basins and screening house where Salem's water is cleaned before being piped to the city water works in Salem. (Photos by Don Dill, Statesman Staff Photographer.)

Boy Arsonist Admits Setting Costly Blazes

FRESNO, Calif., Nov. -(AP)-District Attorney James M. Thuesen said today that a 14-year-old boy has admitted setting a \$15,000,000 bonded- brandy warehouse fire south of Fresno August 28, as well as a series of other incendiary blazes here and elsewhere on the Pacific coast.

Thuesen said three arson charges would be filed against the boy here.

The boy, who gave his name as Billy Williams, was arrested by Undersheriff Ross Cochrane and Deputy Sheriff William Gann of Tulare county.

Thuesen said that fires which the youth admitted setting included a lumberyard in Sacramento, a theatre in Chico, a structure in Phoenix, Ariz., three houses near Portland, Ore., a grocery store in Vancouver, B.C., a warehouse in Los Angeles, a residence in Stockton and a brush fire in Gerber

Auto Strikes Elderly Couple

An elderly couple were in Saday signed with the Michaels Art they crossed 12th street near Lee Bronze company of Covington, street, according to Salem police

Both John Tibbits, 76, and his wife, Fannie, 69, of 897 S. 12th Authorized by the council on st., were reported suffering from

Walter S. Frederick, 1170 Hines municipal court at 10 o'clock this morning on a charge of failure to give right of way to pedestrians.

85% Polk County **Tax Roll Collected**

DALLAS, Nov. 20-Eighty-five per cent of the Polk county tax roll was collected or in the mail at the end of the period, November 15, Sheriff T. B. Hooker, tax collector, has announced. Cash received totaled \$595,598.60 out of the 1946-47 tax roll of \$789.-005.70 or 75 per cent of the balance was in the unworked mail in the tax collector's office.

Camera Photographs

U. S. from 65 Miles Up WASHINGTON, Nov. 20 -(AP)-Scientists who sent a motion picture camera aloft in a German V-2 rocket obtained photos of earth at an altitude of 65 miles, they disclosed today.

At this altitude more than onehalf of the United States theoretically would have been visible to an observer with unlimited eyesight and unobstructed vision.

Clouds May Screen 22 Houses for **Eclipse Saturday**

PORTLAND, Nov. 20-(A)-A partial eclipse of the sun is due astronomers fear it is going to be rained out.

The semi-annual eclipse will be most clearly visible in the east, with 56 per cent of the sun hidden in the New York area. In this section, only about 8 per cent of the sun will be covered by the moon

And that part will probably take place behind clouds, any-

Seamen Strike To Continue Over Weekend

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 20-(A) AFL picket lines kept all hands bound ships in the San Francisco houses to sell at \$6,750. bay today, and even the most optimistic mediators conceded it would be at least Monday before Jack Mann Given the seven-week west-coast tieup Stayed Sentence could be fully broken.

Some longshore work, however, is expected to be resumed before

The new pickets were placed early this morning-two hours before the scheduled return to work of CIO unions-by the AFL masters, mates and pilots. The MMP officers said they were "protecting our interests" until they had time to vote upon acceptance of a contract proposal by shipowners.

Omar Hoskins, federal conciliation commissioner, said he would bring the MMP and the Pacific American Shipowners association expected by Saturday.

Salem Okehed

Veterans' priorities for 22 houses in Salem were approved by the federal housing administration in Portland yesterday and 35 were approved for Lebanon according to The Associated Press.

The civilian production administration also announced approval of a permit to Reinholdt & Lewis company, Salem venetian blind manufacturers, to construct a \$12,000 custom lumber manfacturing plant here, but rejected the local Izaac Walton league's request to build a \$21,500 clubhouse and turned down a request by Evelyn Sowa to build a \$2,000 beauty shop at Brooks.

The veterans' housing priorities approved for Salem went to A. W. Hill for six houses to sell at \$7,-750 each; Lee Ohmart for six houses to sell at \$7,000, Ralph C. in operation. Still snowing lightly Lee, for five houses to sell at Wednesday. except security crews from strike- \$9,400, and Less E. Lowe, five

ALBANY, Ore., Nov. 20 +(AP)-Jack Orville Mann, held in the Linn county jail for 11 months awaiting disposition of a burglary charge, today was given a three years stayed sentence which Judge Victor Olliver said was issued pending Mann's good behavior.

Mann pleaded guilty to burglary of an Albany confectionery store prior to a Brownsville safe cracking job in which he was involved as a suspect and held since December, 1945.

Roy Moore, Portland, was later convicted by a Linn county jury in the Brownsville case after Mann together as soon as the MMP turned state's evidence against votes were counted. A count is Moore and Douglas Day, who died while the trial was in progress.

Fine, Jail Term Held Possible Rent Non-Registration Penalty

one year in jail, or both, face injunction suits for treble damthose landlords who failed to register with the Salem OPA rent rent control was established in control office within the specified this area and registration of Mar-45-day period which ended No- ion county and West Salem landvember 14, Francis E. Harrington, OPA enforcement attorney in Portland, declared yesterday.

in section 7 of the rent control third of the landlords unregisregulation, constitutes a violation. Such violations subject the landto the criminal penalties, enforcement actions, and for treble damages, pro-

Possibility of a \$5000 fine and violators may be the subject of

Since October 1, when federal lords began, up to the deadline on November 14, approximately 5000 of the estimated 7600 landlords "Failure to register, as provided had registered, leaving about one-

tered. Figuring strongly in the local rent control situation was an injunction suit brought against vided in the act," Harrington said. Henry B. Koehler, a local landtrol act fixes a maximum penalty Monday by Circuit Judge George violations of the act. In addition tion in the matter.

Continue In West

Salem experienced rain and a few flakes of hardly-noticed snow while the worst November storms in a quarter of a century continued in other parts of the northwest Wednesday.

Washington, British Columbia, and other northwestern points as partment manager, said. far east as Salt Lake City and ing temperatures were recorded as low as 19 degrees above zero in some parts of Washington. Winds varied from 45 to 55 miles entitled to continued service. per hour. Washington storm fatalities rose to five.

in Portland's rural areas. An inch under which plan they could ob-

Trains Delayed Storm conditions were reported ager. from all parts of the northwest stalled, buses slowed, schools clohampered, plane flights cancelled and thousands of telephones in Seattle, Tacoma and other cities were put out of commission.

At Lakebay, across the bay from Tacoma, the phone company initiated wireless voicepath service after that area had been without inter-city service since Monday, Associated Press reports

The University of Washington in Seattle was closed "indefiritebecause of a coal shortage, due to a power failure at a coal mine. Snow kept Seattle public schools closed. Travel Hazardous

Travel conditions continued hazardous in the mountain districts of eastern and central Oregon and the northern section of the Oregon coast highway, R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer

Motorists were warned not to By FHA Board use the McKenzie highway because of a blizzard and use of chains in the LaGranda district use the McKenzie highway bechains in the LaGrande district was advised. The highway engineer said weather over the state was expected to clear Thursday, when snow crews would have a chance to clear the roads.

Wednesday's road report: Santiam summit - 24 degrees. Snowing intermittently. 14 inches new snow with total of 25 inches. Highways plowed but slippery. Chains required. No sanding until storm ends.

Odell lake, Willamette highway -15 degrees. 7 inches new snow with total of 21 inches. Packed snow throughout district. Chains said. Siskiyou summit, Pacific high-

way-4 inches new snow. Road plowed, but chains required. The Dalles - Snow throughout district in depth of 4 to 8 inches. Snow plows and sanding trucks

Grange Urges **Labor Courts**

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 20-(AP) Special courts to handle labor disputes and empowered to order government seizure were recommended today by the National Grange convention as an aid toward industrial peace.

peace-time production.

proposed special courts to which either party of a labor dispute might appeal for a prompt public hearing. The resolution advocated that these tribunals be empowered to order state or federal seizure of a company if strike or lockout should endanger public health or safety.

Boy Receives Cut In Auto Accident

hospital last night for a cut on his left temple incurred in an auto accident at High and Chemeketa streets at about 9 o'clock

The boy was riding in a car driven by Harvey Finn, route 2 box 4, Salem, which collided with an auto operated by Theodore R. Rappe, 1820 Cross st.

RETIREMENT COMPULSORY Employes subject to the state OPA rent control in Salem by retirement law must retire from their state positions when they "Section 205B of the price con- lord. The suit was dismissed reach the retirement age, Attorney General George Neuner ruled of \$5000 fine and one year in jail, R. Duncan on grounds that the here Wednesday, The opinion was or both, for wilful and deliberate state of Oregon has no jurisdic- asked by the state retirement

Set Jan. 1

Salem's water or sewer systems had notices today restating the city council's action of last August 5 ordering discontinuance of such services effective January 1.

The notices, sent out by the water department, said the only exceptions would be users who constitute government agencies, public utilities or whose property is crossed by the main water line of the Stayton island water main. Also excepted are the Vista Heights and Morningside water districts, which now obtain water

from the city. Districts especially effected by the council's action include those south-east and north-west of Salem. Carl Guenther, water de-

The city council's order once south to Medford, Ore., with-stood heavy snowfall and freez-the 100 users now affected, but applied to considerably more than since its issuance seven adjacent territories have been annaxed to Salem proper and therefore are

The 100 homes affected under Flurries of snow were reported the formations of water districts, or two of snow was reported at tain city water for 25 per cent Klamath Falls, Grants Pass and more than is paid by city residents, it was pointed out by Carl Guenther, water department man-

There was no indication that Trains were delayed, private cars the city government-elect which takes office January 1 would alsed, long distance telephone calls ter the council's original order.

VA Suspends Cuts, Funds to 500,000 Vets

Veterans administration officials said today more than half a million veterans in school or job training will find their monthly government checks reduced, eliminated or temporarily held up.

They include: 1. More than 150,000 trainees payments have been suspended because they neglected to report ed at the door was told by the houseman: their outside earnings by Novem"Mr. Lewis is not to be disturbed." their outside earnings by Novem-

2. About 300,000 whose subsistence will be reduced under the G. I. bill limiting amounts in accordance with size of earnings. 3. About 119,000 whose payments will be chopped off for the same reason. The next pay date is

November 30. The VA also disclosed it is spending \$1,800,000 on a survey and regular inspection of schools and establishments offering job training. In most cases, the states will do the work.

As soon as delinquent veterans turn in their reports, the checks will be mailed to them if they qualify for payments, the VA

Those feeling the pinch come under the GI bill which stipulates that if a veteran's subsistence payments and job earning exceed \$175 a month, without dependents, or \$200 with dependents. his allowance must be cut to come within that maximum.

These restrictions do not apply to the 159,389 disabled veterans in job training and educational institutions under public law 16.

Communists Win Romania Election

BUCHAREST, Thursday, Nov. 21 -(AP)- Romania's communistdominated government bloc rolled up an immense lead today over opposition parties in Tuesday's parliamentary elections.

Results from 22 of 58 election Delegates also called for a districts, including Bucharest, gave labor-industry-agricultural con- Premier Petru Groza's bloc 1,535,ference to draft a program for 512 votes. The opposition vote included: national peasants, 255,183; The powerful farm group, tak- independent socialists, 528,901, and ing a stand on the labor situation, national peasant democrats, 544,-

Trucks Hired to Gather Leaves

City Engineer J. H. Davis has hired two of the trucks which the city council Monday night authorized him to employ to aid in removing leaves from Salem streets. At least two more dump trucks will be used if they can be obtained, Davis said.

Hiring of the additional trucks Richard Bagger, 13, of route 2, is Davis' and the council's ansbox 6, Salem, was treated by first wer to complaints registered by aid men and at Salem Deaconess citizens against lack of leaf removal in some parts of Salem. Leaves are being raked into piles by a sweeper, then hauled away in trucks.

OPA Files Rent Ceiling Cases in Portland

PORTLAND, Nov. 20.-(A)-The alleged overcharges were filed in federal court today.
In line with a U. S.

court decision authorizing such restitution, the OPA brought suit against three Portland landlords, Tuesday. asking that they pay treble dam-ages—one third to the tenants, aboard the plane which came two-thirds to the government.

Out-City Truman Urges Water Cut Contempt Case **Pressed Today**

to-face with another crippling soft coal walkout today and the gov-ernment girded for an attempt to punish allently-defiant John L. Lewis on contempt of court charges.

Lewis, who had served notice that his contract with the govern-ment would be void last midnight, let the deadline come and go without another word, although Federal Judge T. Alan Goldsborough had issued a restraining order calling on him to cancel the notice. . With no word from Lewis that he was retreating from his posi-tion, his miners apparently began a general walkout. Nearly a third of the 400,000 miners already were idle before last midnight and

field reports early today indicated many more mines were closing.

Operators in the Pittsburg and Johnstown areas said thousands of workers failed to show up for midnight shifts. President Truman, vacationing at Key West, Fla., swiftly instructed Attorney General Clark to press today for a contempt citation against the United Mine Workers chief-a citation which could

But there was little doubt that Lewis intended to fight the charge the hilt, in a historic showdown between he government and one

the most powerful labor leaders in the world. Under the procedure, as outlined by a high authority at Key West, a subordinate of Clark's will go into the federal district court

General Coal Mine Walkout Begins

PITTSBURG, Nov. 21-(Thursday)-(A)-A general walkout began today in the soft coal fields with the expiration of the contract deadline given to the government by the United Mine

Mines that had been operating steadily until last night be-gan "going down" in the Pittsburg and Johnstown areas of the Pennsylvania bituminous coal fields. Operators reported night shifts with several thousand work-

ers failing to report for work at the time they were scheduled to start before Wednesday midnight. Already work stoppages in the fields had idled approximately 140,000 miners in 13 states prior to the Lewis deadline. This represented more than one-third of the nation's 400,000 UMW

Operator reports from West Virginia also told of failure of workers to show up on the night shifts. In the Illinois coal fields, an 11 p.m. shift did not start work

at the United Electric company's fidelity mine at Duquoin. The mine, employing 300, was the last major operation to close in a southern Illinois area employing 18,000 UMW workers. Reports from other far western states, indicated a similar

here today. He will argue that Lewis' silence amounts to a strike call-the miners do not work in the absence of a contract-and that therefore Lewis is in contempt of court Even before the midnight deadline, 139,710 of the 400,000 bitumin-

miners had quit work. President Truman, it was stated, was not budging one inch from determination to fight the strike threat every inch of the way. Lewis' defense was not outlined in advance, but the CIO and AFL, in rallying to his support, gave a hint of its possible nature.

They called the restraining order illegal under the Norris-LaGuardia.

which curbed the use of injunctions in labor disputes. Lewis himself was not available for comment on Presiden throughout the country whose Truman's signal for the great court battle. He had retired to a bi white frame house in nearby Alexandria, Va. A reporter who knock

Earlier Lewis had staiked away from his UMW headquarters in Washington without a word about his intentions. Previously, in a manner reminiscent of football team play President William Green of the AFL, another old mine worker

took the ball himself. Green, in a statement which was made available to reporters a Lewis' headquarters, predicted that miners who have walked ou will "voluntarily refuse" to return until a new contract is signed. Green did not urge them to stay out. The Smith-Connally as forbids anyone to promote a strike in a government-seized industry He merely expressed the opinion that they would stay out.

U. S. Readies Freight Embargo Plan A new development came with the report that the governmen readying an embargo on all freight shipments by rail except for

essential commodities. A transportaion official who withheld the use of his name told reporter that the order will be invoked "in a day or two if the strike comes off."

All commodities except food, clothing, medicines, fuel, etc., would kept from the trains. Another government official speaking privately said he feared the possibility of a general demonstration by union members

Worried as they were at other possible effects of a coal mine strike alone, government officials appeared to be giving little present concern to the possibility of a general strike of organized labor. The coal strike alone could stop steel mills, shut down the nowresurgent automobile industry, stall transportation of thousands of necessities, dim the lights of millions of people and deprive people

of fuel with severe winter weather ahead. Lewis obviously is out for more pay. The commonly accepted guess is that he wants pay for a 40-hour week equivalent to what miners now get for a 54-hour week. The top now is \$75,25.

Big 4 Agree on 3 Hurt in Wreck Trieste Points

Lewis should be jailed.

NEW YORK, Nov. 20 -(AP)- The foreign ministers council reached agreement tonight on all but two ly injured in an automobile acmajor points in their long dispute over Trieste-The removal of foreign troops, and the economic administration of the free Adriatic

Persons present at the deliberations said that Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov had now agreed to practically everything in the plans for Trieste as the result of two new compromises to-

Settling their dispute on the city's foreign affairs, the ministers agreed that the governor should have power to prevent enforcement of treaties in conflict with the laws of Trieste, but ruled that they must be signed jointly by the governor and a representative of the U.N. security council.

The ministers' argument the judiciary was settled by a clause providing that the governor can appoint candidates offered by the council, or from among other persons after consultation with the

Signals Flash From Plane Crash

PARIS, Nov. 20 -(AP)- Reports that the crew of a British transfirst OPA rental ceiling cases here port plane had seen light signals asking restitution to tenants of flashed from a mountain ridge in the French-Italian border region spurred new hopes tonight for the rescue of survivors of a disabled U.S. army C-35 transport which crash-landed in the wintry Alps

Near Woodburn

SILVERTON, Nov. 20-(/P)-Nina Schaefer, 18, of the Marquam district near Woodburn, was serious cident on the Silver Creek road early today and two other pers sons were hurt. Anton Pfeifer, route 2, Silverton, incurred a frace tured jaw. Francis Pfeifer was treated for cuts and bruises.

Miss Schaefer suffered a skull fracture. She an Anton Pfeifer remain in a hospital here. Also in the car were Robert Pfeifer and Joseph Ehli.

Their car overturned in a ditch when a tire blew out.

CIO Opposes Coal Strike Injunction

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Nos. 20-(A)-CIO convention delegates gave indirect support to John L. Lewis' AFL mineworkers today and then heard Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower plead for steady production as a major factor for world peace.

A resolution passed unanimously blasted the government for a court injunction against a walkout by the nation's soft coal miners.

DOG OWNERS WARNED

WEST SALEM, Nov. 20.-Chief of Police W. H. Porter said today that he had received numerous complaints that dogs were being allowed to run at large, and that officers would be in-structed to enforce strictly the ordinance providing that dogs