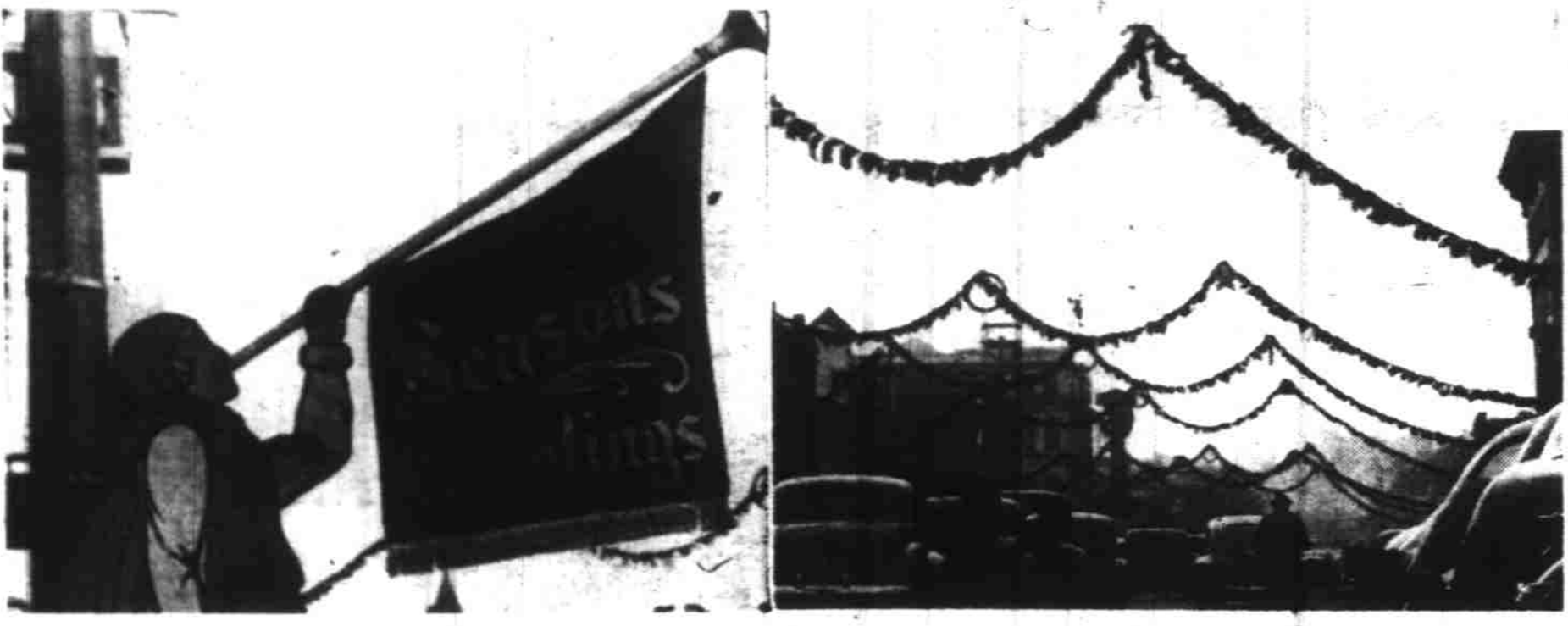


Coal Walkout Termed Menace to 5,000,000 Jobs

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Salem blossomed out in Christmas finery over the weekend, marking the official opening of the Yuletide shopping season. View above shows the festoons and garlands along Commercial street. Decorations were sponsored by the Salem Retail Trade Bureau, and were put up under the direction of R. M. Needham, president of the bureau, and Oscar D. Olson, local florist, who did the actual decorating. Below is pictured one of the trumpeters placed on the lamp posts of Commercial street. (Photo by Don Hill, Statesman staff photographer).

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Stroup

All divisions of organized labor have expressed support of the United Mine Workers in the present case in federal court in Washington, in resistance to use of the injunction in a labor dispute. They regard this exemption as established in the Norris-LaGuardia act as fundamental to labor's rights.

But what, I should like to inquire, does labor leadership offer as a solution to the impasse which has developed? Do the CIO, the railroad brotherhoods, other AFL unions believe that the government should capitulate and accept the terms to be laid down by John L. Lewis' Union leaders are quick to demand social action to meet social needs; and surely coal for fuel is a prime human need. How then do they propose that coal mining be resumed?

The answer may be, that the injunction is no way to get miners back into the pits. Very well; is the only way left to acquire in the conditions specified by John L. Lewis' If so, what becomes of the "collective" feature of bargaining? For as long as the mine workers are tightly organized in a single union, responsive to the lift of their leader's eyebrows, employers, whether private or the government, are helpless.

It is a mistake for workers to assume that the interests of all workers are identical, that they should always be on the side of other unions in wage controversies. In the present instance another wage increase for the miners means a wage cut for all other workers who use coal.

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Navy Vessels Start on Trek To Antarctic

ABOARD THE U. S. S. MT OLYMPUS, Dec. 2—(AP)—The lead ships of the navy's expedition to Antarctica steamed through the cold waters of Hampton Roads today and headed for the immensely colder realms of the South Pole.

The flagship Mt. Olympus, the icebreaker Northwind, the sea-plane tender Pine Island and the destroyer Brownson left Norfolk jammed with supplies enough to last eight months.

Four thousand men make up the amphibious navy expedition.

Rear Admiral Richard Byrd did not sail with the expedition today. At a news conference he said he would join the expedition "some time in January."

Atom Seen as Coal Competitor in 1955

PARIS, Dec. 2—(AP)—Dr. Arthur H. Compton, noted atom scientist, declared today that atomic power might become a serious competitor to the coal industry in the United States by about 1955, providing "political difficulties do not interfere."

Animal Crackers



"No, Son, I don't feel so good—in fact I'm sick as a man."

Courtesy Driving Campaign Opens; Valued Prizes Ready

Hundreds of dollars in prizes, ranging from wrist watches to nylon hose, awaited the most courteous drivers in Salem today—with no strings attached.

The prizes—110 of them—are the donations of merchants cooperating in the first Oregon Statesman-Warner Brothers Courtesy Driving campaign. They will be given to the drivers who noticeably cooperate in making Salem streets more safe for the throngs of Christmas shoppers, both afoot and in cars.

Gov. Earl Snell, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, jr., Mayor I. M. Doughton, Mayor-elect R. L. Elfstrom and the Salem chamber of commerce have given whole-hearted endorsement to the plan, and last night the Salem city council formally voted to approve it.

Courteous deeds are to be noted—starting today—and will be judged in the final listing of grand prizes to be awarded at the close of the campaign. The daily prizes are to be awarded starting Wednesday, December 11, and extending through Saturday, December 21.

Here's the plan: Salem police on routine rounds, and a Statesman "courtesy car," are to be constantly on the alert for courteous driving incidents. Each day the list of such incidents, starting Wednesday, December 11, will be taken to the state's traffic safety decision for judging. The top 10 each day will receive prizes—100 prizes for the 10 days between December 11 and 21.

Then, there will be 10 grand prizes judged in the same manner. But incidents to be listed for the grand prizes will start today in a pre-campaign move to lessen traffic hazards among the Yuletide crowds.

The good deeds will be listed beside the license number of the car involved. But even the license number will be omitted from the list given to the state for judging—no one will know to whom the good deed is ascribed. The list of license numbers noted, along with the good deeds attributed to them as well as the prize and the name of its donor, will appear in The Statesman. Owners of the cars merely call at The Statesman office with sufficient proof of ownership, and receive their prizes.

Among prizes offered, in addition to wrist watches and nylon hose, are floor lamps, blankets, umbrellas, car vacuums, angle flashlights, theatre tickets, photographs, sandwich grills, fishing rods and a host of others. The entire list, with their donors, will appear in subsequent issues of The Statesman, as will other details of the plan.

The courtesy campaign is on!

School Consolidation Plans Will Be Talked At Woodburn Tonight

WOODBURN, Dec. 2—Questions in regard to consolidation of school districts will be discussed here Tuesday when Agnes Booth, Marion county school superintendent, meets with interested board members at 8 p.m. in the Lincoln school.

Notices of the meeting have been mailed to board members in the Hill, West Woodburn, Belle Passi, Union and Johnston districts. Board members of any other areas interested in the discussion are invited to attend.

Due to overcrowded conditions in a number of schools in this area, many inquiries have been made to the county school superintendent concerning consolidation of districts rather than the construction of new buildings, Mrs. Booth explained.

Three Cars Involved In Highway Accident

ALBANY, Dec. 2—(Special)—D. J. Harris of Seattle, driving north on Highway 99 seven miles north of Albany collided with a car driven by George E. Oswell of Eugene, southbound, Monday morning, state police reported. Duane McClaslan of Newberg, northbound, crashed into the Harris and Oswell cars just after the wreck, it was stated. Mr. and Mrs. McClaslan were bruised and were taken to Albany General hospital where they were later released. All three cars were considerably damaged, state police reported.

Frank T. Wrightman, Pioneer Sheriff, Lawyer, Dies at Age 88

A former Marion county sheriff and resident of the county for 75 years, Frank T. Wrightman died Monday in a Salem hospital at the age of 88 years. He had been hospitalized two and a half months.

Retired at the time of his death, Wrightman at one time had been an attorney here and at another head of the corporation division of the Oregon secretary of state. He was the last surviving charter member of the Salem Elks lodge.

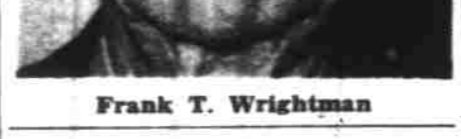
A native of Buffalo, N.Y., he came with his family, the Benjamin Wrightmans, to Oregon in 1871, settling near Sublimity. He was married July 15, 1891, to Josephine Glenn, who preceded him in death several years ago.

Wrightman was appointed deputy sheriff in 1888 and was elected sheriff for one term, beginning in 1896. He was graduated from the Willamette law school here and later was associated with the law firm of Brown, Wrightman and Myers. He was captain of the old national guard company A, during the 1880's.

Long active in the Elks lodge, Wrightman was the local lodge's third exalted ruler and later was a district deputy. He was one of 47 charter members of Salem Elksdom.

The funeral will be conducted by Dr. Charles Durden of Calvary Baptist church at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in the W. T. Rigdon chapel, followed by concluding service at Mt. Crest Abbey mausoleum. Ritualistic services will be conducted by the Elks lodge.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Fay Smith, San Francisco; two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Barbara Wrightman of Albany and Mrs. Jessie Minto of Tampa Fla.; two nephews, F. T. Wrightman and Joe Wrightman, both of Albany, and two nieces, Mrs. Ina Kizer and Mrs. Merle Longe of The Dalles.



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Brooks Man Suffocates in Home Tragedy

A. W. Blacksten, 37, was found dead in his smoke-blackened house on route 1, Brooks, Sunday morning.

Blacksten, according to reports from the Marion county sheriff's office Monday, apparently fell to sleep while smoking, awakened too late to escape the smoke and fumes from his burning mattress, and fell unconscious by his bed where his body was discovered by his sister-in-law, Mrs. Lynn Robertson. Death officially was ascribed to suffocation.

Reports by deputies called to the scene about 11:30 a. m. said the body was not burned, and a watch worn by the dead man was still running. Also suffocated was Blacksten's spaniel dog, which was sleeping in the kitchen of the two-room house. Damage by the fire was confined to the mattress, bed clothing, bed and the curtains of a window by the bed. The report placed the time of the death as sometime between noon Saturday when Blacksten was last seen, and the time of discovery of the body Sunday morning.

Blacksten is survived by his widow, Jewell, and his 13-year-old daughter, Lola, both of whom were in Salem visiting over the weekend. The body was taken in charge by the county coroner, and services will be announced later by Clough-Barrick company.

Water Service May Continue After Deadline

The possibility that severance of city water service beyond city limits may again be deferred pending annexation movements looms today, following city council discussion of the matter at last night's meeting.

Although the water office last month reiterated the city council's earlier decision that water users not in city territory would be cut off from the city water system on January 1, the council adopted last night a utilities committee recommendation that the city engineer and city attorney give further study to the matter, in view of new possibility of requests for annexation from areas adjacent to the city. The move was sparked by A. Jacobson's petition asking the city not to cut off water service to his home at 390 Taylor st.

The Weather

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	26	41	.00
Portland	23	43	.00
San Francisco	50	47	.00
Chicago	33	15	.00
New York	43	17	trace

Willamette river 8.9 feet. FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Mostly cloudy today and tonight with occasional light rain. Highest today 52, lowest 44.

City Zone Hearing Set Dec. 16

Salem citizens will have an opportunity to express their opinion of the city planning and zoning commission's plan for overall zoning changes in the city when the city council conducts a public hearing on the pending zoning ordinance bill 7:30 p.m. Monday, December 16, at city hall.

The hearing was set last night by the Salem city council which also ordered that the bill be referred jointly to the long range planning commission of the Salem Chamber of Commerce and the city zoning commission before the hearing.

New Lights Authorized Items will be lighter, too, as a result of last night's council meeting in city hall. Installation of 25 modern street lights on High street, between Trade and Center streets, at an estimated \$14,440 cost, was approved. Monthly upkeep of the lights and investment charges are expected to total between \$220 and \$240.

Alderman Forkner's proposed zoning ordinance calls for making Salem generally ready for the advent of new business and to rezone as business districts areas of the city which are primarily business in character. Although newly annexed areas in the eastern part of the city would be residential, areas annexed in the north and in the South 22nd street area would be primarily business zone. Valley packing company property would be zoned as industrial.

Business Zones Set Both sides of State street, between 12th and 18th streets, would be business zone and the Hollywood business zone would extend northward to Madison street and west to the present business zone. South Commercial street and Liberty road would make up a uniform business zone. This would include both sides of the street except in the present residential zone in Bishop's addition.

A proposal for one-way traffic on Capitol street, from Court to Union streets, was received and placed on file by the council. The traffic restriction in lieu of widening Capitol street is suggested by the state highway department, and was informed by the street committee.

Driving Campaign Endorsed The council unanimously carried endorsement motion by Alderman Kenneth C. Perry that the council "heartily endorse" the Oregon Statesman-Warner Brothers courtesy drivers campaign (details elsewhere on this page). "This is quite an unusual thing. We should be encouraged because, as a rule, the police department reports only poor driving," Perry said he was confident of the full cooperation of the Salem police, who will be asked to list deeds of courtesy in determining winners of prizes.

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Heiress Found



MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 2—Peggy Land, (above) 17, of Memphis, Tenn., daughter of a bank vice president, left her home and was the object of a wide search until she called her parents from Los Angeles several days later. She did not say why she left home. (AP Wirephoto).

Petrillo Wins Case; Lea Act Ruled Invalid

Overshadowed by the soft coal strike, an important labor ruling was issued in Chicago today by Federal Judge Walter J. LaBuy who held that the Lea act is unconstitutional.

The ruling was won by James C. Petrillo, president of the AFL American federation of musicians, in his fight to erase the legislation from the government's law books.

Judge LaBuy dismissed a criminal information which alleged Petrillo violated the act by calling a strike at a Chicago radio station. U. S. Attorney J. Albert Woll, who prosecuted the criminal case, said he would appeal.

Judge LaBuy declared the Lea act attempted to make musicians "a class separate and apart." Elsewhere on the nation's trouble labor scene: C. E. Boyer, president of the Minneapolis federation of teachers, (AFL), announced an agreement had been reached between the teachers' negotiating committee and school authorities on teachers' demands for increased pay.

In Los Angeles the Herald and Express resumed publication after having been closed since Sept. 4 by a strike of the CIO American newspaper guild. Editorial workers received increases raising salaries \$10 a week to a top minimum of \$80. They had asked a \$100 top.

U. S. Rests Contempt Case Against Lewis; Gas Lines to Be Used

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2—(AP)—With testimony that the national income rate will plunge \$20,000,000,000 and 5,000,000 persons will be out of work if the coal strike lasts 48 days longer, the government rested its contempt case today against John L. Lewis.

The end came quickly after Federal Judge T. Alan Goldsborough announced he would present evidence himself tomorrow which may determine the guilt or innocence of Lewis and the United Mine Workers.

Secretary of the Interior Krug was the final witness. He testified that the new demands Lewis had made would raise the cost of coal 50 cents a ton at the mine. Asked by the judge how that would affect the price consumers, Krug replied that it probably would cause an even greater increase to them.

Lewis' specific demands never have been officially revealed by him or the government. It has been reported, however, that Lewis demanded the same pay for 40 hours which miners now can earn in 54 hours, about \$75, and doubling of the five-cent a ton levy for the welfare fund.

The judge announced he himself will introduce tomorrow the pre-trial statement of Counsel Welly K. Hopkins which tends to show, he said, that Lewis and the United Mine Workers "did not obey" his restraining order and that the nationwide mine walk-out violates it.

Solution Seems Distant As the walkout of the 400,000 miners passed its 12th day, activity outside the court was widespread but there was nothing which promised any immediate solution.

Rep. Rankin (D-Miss), after a White House call, quoted President Truman as saying "He would present to congress the strongest message he knew how to prepare" for strike control legislation.

Senator-elect Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.) proposed that Lewis and the 400,000 idle miners be drafted into the army and ordered to produce coal under penalty of court martial.

Will Use Pipe Lines A finish fight with Lewis was indicated by the government as Interior Secretary J. A. Krug announced plans for emergency movement of natural gas within six days through the \$145,000,000 war-built big inch and the little inch pipe lines.

"In the next five or six days, Krug said, "We can be moving 50,000,000 cubic feet of natural gas through the lines daily. In two or three weeks this can be stepped up to 100,000,000 cubic feet daily and in 45 days, to around 150,000,000 daily."

However, he admonished that while "This gas can be a help, it is not the answer." He estimated that the gas would be equivalent to only about 6,000 tons of coal daily, while the normal coal production exceeds 2,000,000 tons daily.

Statement Barred The government suffered one temporary setback when Justice Goldsborough declined to permit the introduction of a statement Lewis made for the newsreels last May 29.

Lewis told reporters on the White House steps at that time that "A contract has just been executed in the White House covering the bituminous coal mines. This settles for the period of government operation of the mines all the questions at issue."

Chadwick Heads Hotel Association

CORVALLIS, Ore., Dec. 2—(AP)—W. W. Chadwick, Salem, was elected president of the Oregon State Hotel association here today as the group concluded a week-end convention. The association announced almost every hotel in the state has plans for expansion and remodeling.

Taxi Firm Resumes Service After Brief Row on Insurance

Passenger service of Salem Taxi Co., which operates 12 of Salem's 24 taxicabs, continues today after about two hours' interruption last night following action by the Salem city council.

When the council was informed at its meeting in city hall by a state public utilities commission letter that Salem Taxi's insurance had been terminated by Lloyds' of London, it instructed Police Chief Frank Minto to give notice of the discontinuance of taxi service by today. The action was taken in conformance with the city taxicab ordinance requiring taxis to be fully covered by liability insurance. The council voted to suspend Salem Taxi licenses until the firm could show such insurance coverage.

Robert L. Clark, Salem Taxi owner, ordered a halt on operations after he received notice from Chief Minto to cease service immediately, Clark's attorney, W. C. Winslow said.

Taxi service was resumed at about 11 p.m., a few minutes after Winslow told The Statesman that conditions specified by a Tacoma insurance firm had been complied with Monday afternoon and the taxi company's acceptance of the terms forwarded to Tacoma.

Winslow said last night that notification of discontinuance of the initial policy had been received on the day after a \$7,000 judgment was recently returned in Marion county circuit court in a suit by Lynch vs. Salem Taxi Co. The suit is now being appealed to the supreme court, Winslow said.

Where UN May Make Permanent Home



SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2.—The army has announced the historic presidio at San Francisco can be made available as the permanent home of the United Nations. The site was listed as topping proposed sites. The picture is of some of the officers' homes on the presidio. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman)

Philadelphia, San Francisco Choices of UN

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Dec. 2 (AP)—A special United Nations site committee announced tonight that it had agreed to recommend the Presidio at San Francisco and the Belmont Plateau - Roxborough areas of Philadelphia as most desirable sites for the permanent U. N. headquarters.

Second choice of the sub-committee, which will present its report to the full 54-nation headquarters committee on Wednesday, was the White Plains-Harrison site in Westchester county, N. Y.

It was understood that Russia and Yugoslavia still are supporting a site in the New York area as first choice.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2—(AP)—In the event the San Francisco Presidio should become the permanent home of the United Nations, the Sixth army command will be prepared to meet any deadline for moving. Maj. Gen. George P. Hays, Sixth army commander, told a news conference today.

Roads, Ferry Again Normal; River Recedes

Most Oregon roads returned to normal and the Willamette ferry resumed operation when the Willamette river receded there, the state highway department reported yesterday. Some slippery spots remain on mountain roads, the report added.

At the Santiam summit, roads are clear of ice and snow and in the government camp area icy pavement exists between Frog lake and Bear springs, according to the report. The following stretches of one-way traffic were noted: Short section five miles north of Gardiner, on Pacific highway near Leona, to the north of Coquille (due to mud slide), and at milepost 11.23 on Alsea highway (due to culvert washout).

Election Tactics Aired at Hearing Of Senator Bilbo

JACKSON, Miss., Dec. 2—(AP)—Senate investigators of Senator Thee G. Bilbo's primary campaign tactics heard today testimony by a negro veteran that he had been beaten after he was refused registration for voting.

Other negroes said that Bilbo's speeches had frightened many away from the registration offices and polls. Bilbo was re-nominated in the primary last July 2 for a third term.

Bilbo took no part in the questioning of witnesses.

Cherry Brining Plant For Salem Approved

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 2—(AP)—The civilian production administration today authorized construction of a \$28,021 cherry brining plant by the Willamette Cherry Growers, Inc., at the foot of Smith street, Salem. Other approvals: R. A. Newman, automobile building, McMinnville, \$19,000.

19 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT
BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS