

Northwest Metal Industries In Scramble for New Power

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Pacific Northwest metal plants, faced by a cut off of interruptible power, were scrambling today to find new sources of power to remain in operation.

President Names Board to Investigate SP&S Strike

AUGUSTA, Ga., Dec. 5 (AP)—President Eisenhower today set up an emergency three-man board to investigate a labor dispute between the Spokane, Portland and Seattle Railroad and its striking employees.

Members of the board will be named later, the President's vacation headquarters said. The dispute, Eisenhower said in an executive order, threatens in the opinion of the National Mediation Board, "to deprive a section of the country of essential transportation service."

James C. Hagerty, White House press secretary, said the dispute is over proposed changes in work rules. The railroad employees are represented by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

The President's executive order specifies that the emergency board report its findings to him within 30 days.

The order further specifies that "from this date and for 30 days after the board has made its report to the President," there shall be no change except by agreement in the working conditions "out of which the said dispute arose."

At Portland, John M. Moore, SP&S vice president, said: "We will have to see what action is taken. I hope they (threshold members) will call the strike off at least for the 30-day period."

But A. F. Kummer, assistant head of the brotherhood, said: "We don't understand the order, but it looks to me like it orders the strike to continue for 30 days."

The strike, which started Saturday, has closed down the region's power reservoirs.

The Reynolds Metals Co., which has plants at Troutdale, Ore., and Longview, Wash., said Wednesday that it will "pay premium rates for supplemental power in order to keep our men on the payroll and continue full-scale operations."

A spokesman for the firm said that two-thirds of the company's power is "firm" and the other third is the interruptible supply "which is being replaced at considerably more than normal cost."

A total of 1,420 men are employed at the two Reynolds plants. The Aluminum Co. of America reported late Wednesday that it also had made arrangements with Bonneville for additional power, and hoped to remain at full force.

Earlier in the day the firm said that it planned layoffs of 200 production workers at its Vancouver and Wenatchee plants.

Bonneville said the additional power would come from Grand Coulee Dam, the California Oregon Power Co., and the Eugene Water and Electric Board.

At Spokane, the two big Kaiser Aluminum Co. plants planned to maintain production. Norman Krey, northwest operations manager for Kaiser, said that a source had been found to meet the plants' electrical needs and that the 6,000 workers would remain on the job.

Krey said the additional power purchased was high-cost steam power and some extra power from Bonneville.

This probably will result in the region's storage resources being short five per cent. Industries would have to replace it with high cost steam generation only if the pool utilities need the kilowatts later in the season, he said.

It was understood that the decision to re-adjust the reservoir schedule was prompted by uncertainty over available supplies of steam-generated electricity from plants using oil as fuel.

Several mills closed down Tuesday in the Eugene area and Sams Lumber Company's mill at Sweet Home also had to give up, laying off some 300 workers.

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The Weather

	Max.	Min.	Rain
Astoria	34	29	0.0
Baker	33	12	0.0
Medford	30	27	0.0
North Bend	30	22	0.0
Portland	30	20	0.0
Salem	30	21	0.0

Chicago 62 47 0.0
Denver 34 23 0.0
Fort Worth 48 30 0.0
Los Angeles 62 52 0.0
Miami 78 68 0.0
New York 48 30 0.0
San Francisco 54 41 0.0
Seattle 30 23 0.0
Spokane 32 16 0.0

Today's forecast (from U. S. Weather Bureau, McHenry Field, Salem): Partly cloudy with a few scattered showers today, tonight and Friday; a little cooler, the high today 30; low tonight 18.

Willamette River: -0.6 feet.
Temp. 12.01 a.m. today, 31.

Salem Precipitation
since start of weather year Sept. 1
To date 9.12
Last year 12.12
Normal 11.12

Police Halt Search for River Victim
Salem police gave up dragging for the body of Gaylon Amen Wednesday but relatives and friends continued to patrol the banks of Willamette River near Wheatland Ferry for the body of young man who drowned Sunday while hunting.

The search will continue today, according to Salem firefighter Glenn H. Hammond, a brother-in-law. Amen, 630 Highland Ave., drowned Sunday while attempting to swim to shore from a capsized boat near the ferry 10 miles north of Salem. Another brother-in-law, Roray Sandau, 2575 Maple Ave., clung to the boat and was saved.

Amen's father, Earl B. Amen, of 2320 S. 12th St., who was hospitalized Tuesday after a possible heart attack, was reportedly improved Wednesday, relatives said.

Scouting Unit Honors Two
Two of the organization's highest awards were presented at the annual Order of the Arrow dinner Wednesday in Izak Walton League clubhouse.

Sam Cairnes of Sweet Home and John Jensen of Albany received the seventh and eighth Vigil Honors ever awarded in the three-county lodge, which is a scout honorary organization.

Myron Stenrod of Albany was re-elected lodge chief at the dinner attended by 61 members and scouts. Jeff Witteman, Salem Troop 18, was elected vice chief; Dick Darr, Troop 18, treasurer; and Mick Campbell, Salem Troop 1, secretary.

The Vigil Honor is a national award given for outstanding service to a lodge. Others who have received the honor in the lodge comprising Marion, Polk and Linn counties are Lou Amort, W. W. McKinney Jr., George Strout Sr., George Strout Jr., Thomas Ulmer and the late Gordon Gilmore, who was Boy Scout executive for Cascade Area council until his death last month.

Arraignment of George Tennes, 24, and his sister, Miss Nancy Tennes, 18, both of 1604 N. Liberty St., was set for Friday. Bail was \$2,500 on each. Miss Tennes is charged with forgery. Her brother is charged with cashing a forged check.

Donald Douglas Cutsforth, 18, of 136 N. 23rd St., who gave himself up to police Tuesday after reading a newspaper story about the capture of the others, waived preliminary examination and was bound over to the grand jury. Charged with forgery, his bail was \$1,200.

The 17-year-old boy sent to juvenile court also was charged with forgery, with bail set at \$2,500. A 15-year-old girl was held by juvenile authorities in connection with the same series of bad checks.

Salem police said two other youths sought in the case are in California. Total amount of checks cashed by the "ring" over a period of at least three months is estimated by police between \$500 and \$600.

Mrs. Vincent Sullivan of Clifton, had asked for \$350,000 for herself and four children from 18 to 5 years of age.

Her husband was killed Aug. 27, 1954, when a truck he was driving for the Kerr Concrete Pipe Co. of East Paterson collided on Rt. 17, Mahwah, with a car driven by Edward Elmer, Jackson Heights, N.Y.

The load of 43-inch concrete pipes shifted forward and crushed Sullivan.

Mrs. Sullivan will get \$20,000 from Elmer and \$3,000 right away from the pipe company. In addition, company owner George Kerr said he would buy a truck in her name and give her the \$75-a-week rental, plus paying all maintenance and insurance charges.

Under that agreement, the total settlement would come to over \$30,000.

Chain Store Founder Dies
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 5 (AP)—Samuel A. Lerner, 72, founder of the nation-wide chain of Lerner apparel shops, died today at Cedars of Lebanon Hospital.

Lerner, a native of Philadelphia, retired from the board chairmanship of the organization in 1951 to devote himself mainly to the Lerner Foundation Inc., a charitable group which he founded.

Tanker Flips on Highway 99; Fire Blocks Traffic
ROSEBURG, Dec. 5 (AP)—A small local delivery tank truck, loaded with 2,000 gallons of gasoline, turned over on Highway 99 about a mile south of here Wednesday afternoon.

Highway traffic was blocked from both directions as the gasoline caught fire.

The driver, Joe Hiler of Roseburg, escaped injury. He said he lost control of the truck on wet pavement.

Firemen controlled the flames after arriving at the wreck. Traffic was blocked for about half an hour.

Summerfield Recovering



ANN ARBOR, Mich., Dec. 5 (AP)—Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield leaves University of Michigan Hospital after throat operation. He left for Flint, Mich., residence for rest period of few days before returning to Washington next week. (AP Wirephoto.)

U.S. Postal Chief Leaves Hospital After Operation
ANN ARBOR, Mich., Dec. 5 (AP)—Postmaster Gen. Arthur Summerfield left University of Michigan Hospital today after almost a month's confinement with the suggestion, "Mail your Christmas packages early."

The Cabinet official was in good humor as he stepped into the spring-type 52-degree temperature accompanied by his wife. He entered the hospital Nov. 12 for a throat operation.

"I'm making fine progress and feel well," Summerfield said. He motored to his home at Flint, Mich., for a recuperation period of a few days and will return to Washington next week.

The postmaster general laughed when asked if he was returning to the capital to oversee the heavy rush of Christmas mail.

"That would be a good suggestion," he declared.

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Tests in Gas Blast Remain Uncompleted

Tests reportedly had not yet been completed Wednesday on a gas pipe dug out of the yard of the Dennis Howarth home, 720 N. 20th St., which was demolished in a November gas explosion. There were unofficial reports that the line showed defects when unearthed.

There was a possibility results of the tests might be made known next Monday night when a special mayor's committee presents a report and possible recommendations to the mayor and City Council.

The committee, named to probe causes of the Nov. 21 explosion, did not itself order tests on the pipe. Rather, the tests were pushed by Portland Gas & Coke Co., in line with a State Public Utilities Commission requirement, according to the gas firm's district manager, Joseph Dodd.

The testing is being done by the Charlton laboratories in Portland.

Both Dodd and Robert DeArmond, chairman of the committee, refused to comment on unofficial reports that the pipe had noticeable defects when dug out of the ground.

DeArmond is drafting a report for presentation to the committee at a meeting Friday afternoon at City Hall. The report will carry recommendations when it goes to the council Monday night.

Among points discussed at a Tuesday meeting of the committee were need for a fulltime city gas inspector, provisions for regular inspection of facilities and permits and a set of qualifications for workers who install gas facilities.

Five-year-old DeAnn Howarth, one of three members of the Howarth family to suffer severe burns in the explosion, was discharged from Salem General Hospital Wednesday. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Howarth, "continued to show improvement," attendants said.

Tractor Overturns, Crushes Logger
WINTHROP, Wash., Dec. 5 (AP)—Ray Johnson, 21, Winthrop, was killed today when the logging tractor he was driving overturned.

Fellow workers said the heavy machine apparently became overbalanced on a steep slope.

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