

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

In 1940 Portland Electric Power collateral trust income bonds were selling at 12 1/2 or 12 3/4 for a \$1000 bond. Yesterday's market was 154 or 154 1/4 for a \$1000 bond.

In 1940 Portland Electric Power prior preference stock was selling at \$2 a share. Yesterday the market was \$129 a share.

In 1940 there was no market for the Portland Electric Power first preferred. It was regarded as worthless. Now it has value estimated from \$8 to \$10 a share.

The company has been in bankruptcy since 1939. Its bonds have been in default since 1934. No dividends have been paid on the prior preference stock since 1933 and none on the first preferred since 1932. In the reorganization which is now being concluded the bondholders are to receive cash and new securities in value equivalent to principal and accrued interest. The holders of prior preference stock will get new securities in value equivalent to their full claim. The holders of first preferred will get securities worth around 10 per cent of par of their holdings. The second preferred and common stocks are left worthless.

This is the substance of the plan which has been approved by the Securities & Exchange commission, and which will be submitted to Judge James Alger Fee in Portland tomorrow, with every indication it will be (Continued on editorial page)

Four Corners To Offer Rural Fire Protection

FOUR CORNERS, Jan. 19—(Special)—The local fire department, owned cooperatively by the business men of this community, will become the nucleus of a rural fire protective district to provide protection for property within a radius of four miles. The project will be sponsored by the Four Corners-Business Men's association.

This was decided unanimously at a meeting of the Four Corners Business Men's association with representatives of the state fire marshal's office and other interested residents Friday night.

Vic Withrow is chairman of an organization committee named at the meeting. Other members are Dwight Ritchie, Waldo Miller, Ross Chrisman and W. W. McKinney.

Solons Weary Of Filibuster

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19—(AP)—The United States senate faces the dreary prospect of doing nothing next week and staying at it seven hours a day.

A southern filibuster against a bill to establish a permanent fair employment practice commission has the lawmakers marking time.

Some senators decided at a meeting today to insist that the senate stay in session next week until at least 6 o'clock.

A democratic spokesman said the majority would move to meet at 11 a.m. instead of the customary noon hour.

Senator Wayne Morse (R-Ore) insists that there should be continuous sessions until the filibuster is broken. He proposes 24-hour in stead of seven-hour meetings.

TO ASK OPA CONTINUATION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19—(AP)—Chairman Spence (D-Ky) of the house banking committee said today he will introduce legislation soon to provide for continuation of OPA beyond next June 30. Such legislation has been asked by President Truman.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"There she goes again—I never take her any place... I'm just an old stick-in-the-mud."

Fertilizer Output Stopped

Cordon Trying To Have RFC Order Revoked

An order from the Reconstruction Finance corporation halting ammonium sulphate production at the Salem alumina plant drew repercussions today from Sen. Guy Cordon and from Willamette valley farmers.

W. R. Seyfried, manager of the \$4,000,000 plant, Saturday night confirmed Associated Press reports to the effect that Cordon is attempting to have the order revoked. Seyfried said Cordon had talked the matter over with him, indicating he would work to have the plant permitted to fill the order for 5000 tons originally authorized by the RFC.

1600 Tons Delivered
Arthur S. King, Oregon State college extension soils specialist, said 1600 tons of the fertilizer had been delivered for distribution to farmers. That amount has fertilized 25,000 acres of grass seed and a sizeable acreage of early vegetables and berries, King reported.

The RFC was going to bear the loss on ammonium sulphate production as a justification for training personnel and testing equipment, King said. This testing purpose apparently was achieved with the smaller amount produced; hence the "stop production" order, he stated.

Used in Making Alumina
It was understood here that the question of making or not making ammonium sulphate at the Salem plant would have little to do with testing the formula for removal of alumina from clay. Ammonium sulphate is used in the clay reduction process, but the RFC has not ordered the plant to discontinue manufacture of the sulphate for its own use.

Farmers are principally affected by the order. Unable to secure the fertilizer from private manufacturers, they were highly benefited economically when the Salem plant provided it. Whether private production will be sufficient the coming season to care for demands and needs is a matter for supposition, it is understood.

Riots, Gunfire Leave 3 Dead In Jerusalem

JERUSALEM, Jan. 19—(AP)—Rioting, explosions and gunfire spread throughout Jerusalem tonight in a bloody outbreak of terrorism in which at least three persons were killed and five wounded, with casualties among both police and attackers.

The Palestine radio station went off the air after attacks on its building and bombing of an electric power station nearby in St. Pauls road.

The military radio station JCPA said police opened fire and attackers fired back after the bombing.

Part of the Jerusalem prison wall was wrecked in a subsequent bombing in which the military radio said one British police officer was killed and another wounded.

Soviet Traitors Commit Suicide Rather Than Return to Russia

By Don Doane

BAD TOLZ, Germany, Jan. 19—(AP)—Ten Russians who fought for the Germans on the eastern front committed suicide and 21 others slashed themselves in a flaming prisoners' barracks at Dachau today when American soldiers tried to force them to return to Russia, U. S. Third army headquarters announced.

The Russians at first had barricaded themselves in the barracks, set it afire, stripped off their clothes, linked arms and invited American soldiers and Polish guards to shoot them. Not a shot was fired by the Americans, who tossed tear gas into the barracks and rushed in armed only with billy clubs, headquarters said.

Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, commander-in-chief of the U. S. forces in Europe, said the only Russians forced to return home under the Yalta agreement on repatriation were those proved to have been soviet army deserters, to have served in German uniforms or to have aided enemies of the Soviet Union.

None is being forcibly repatriated merely from ordinary acts of ordinary employment in German industry or agriculture, or simply for preferring not to return, McNarney emphasized.

The wounded, prevented from killing themselves by the American guards, were taken to a hospital. All had slit their throats or

STEEL STRIKE DUE AT MIDNIGHT GLASS WORKERS END WALKOUT

10.7 Cent Increase Accepted

Plants Closed Since Oct. 19 To Open Monday

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 19—(AP)—A strike of approximately 15,000 CIO unionists employed at the Pittsburgh Plate Glass company and the Libbey-Owens Ford Glass company was settled tonight with a flat 10.7-cent an hour wage increase accepted by the union.

Plants which had been closed since Oct. 19 will open Monday, said company officials, in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Illinois, Missouri, Oklahoma and Louisiana.

The wage agreement was made retroactive to Oct. 2, 1945, and included an additional seven cents an hour for certain maintenance rates. A reopening clause will permit the union to petition for new wage rates and the company will be required to meet and discuss the petition within 20 days after its presentation.

Iran Asks UNO To Probe Soviet 'Interference'

LONDON, Jan. 19—(AP)—Iran appealed directly tonight to the UNO security council to investigate "interference of the soviet union, through the medium of their officials and armed forces, in the internal affairs of Iran," and announced that direct negotiations with Russia had failed.

The announcement presented the first thorny test to the 11-member council on which five major nations, including Russia, have veto power. The council, to which armed forces eventually will be assigned to maintain peace, was organized formally only last Thursday.

The Iranian delegation presented a letter to Acting Secretary General Gladwyn Jebb stating "the Iranian delegation, to the general assembly of the United Nations, on behalf of the Iranian government, have the honor to request to you, in accordance with the terms of article 35 (1) of the charter, to bring the matter to the attention of the security council so that the council may investigate the situation and recommend appropriate terms of settlement."

Electric Disputants Invited to Confer

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19—(AP)—The government took a hand in the electrical strike tonight to try to get it settled.

Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach invited heads of the union and General Electric and Westinghouse companies to meet him here at 10 a.m. Tuesday.

English May Advertise Religion

By Helen Camp

LONDON, Jan. 19—(AP)—This year may see British newspapers advertising Christianity, theatres flashing movie shorts on religion and radio broadcasts of church "commercial" as part of a five-year \$4,000,000 campaign for the "conversion of England."

Austere archbishops and bishops of the Church of England are considering a permanent organization for modernized evangelism.

A report submitted on a tentative "five-year development campaign" contemplates the use of "all modern propaganda agencies." A digitized sample newspaper advertisement presents the theme that "people matter" as "an idea powerful enough to build the world."

Provision of the money, the report says, would be a "matter for prayer and careful consideration from all points of view," and adds that "account naturally would be taken of the truth that necessary financial support is

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Cold Firemen Fight Hot Fire



BREWER, Me., Jan. 19—Ice-encrusted firemen struggle to uncouple a frozen hose during a \$100,000 fire which destroyed the Brewer municipal garage in below-zero weather. The fire, at the height of a blizzard, wiped out most of the city's snowplows. (AP Wirephoto)

Week's Payments by Oregon Unemployment Compensation Commission Breaks Record

A steady rise in Oregon veterans' readjustment compensation claims payments was revealed Saturday in figures released by Silas Gaiser, administrator of the State Unemployment Compensation Commission, which show that \$145 payments were made during the week ending January 19, the highest weekly total in the commission's history.

Korean Riot Ends in 2 Dead

SEOUL, Korea, Jan. 19—(AP)—Two Koreans were killed, many were injured and 120 were arrested today in rioting that raged throughout Seoul after demonstrations ostensibly against the proposed allied trusteeship erupted into a conflict between parties of the left and right.

Quiet was restored in the capital tonight after 24 hours of uproar and violence that spread to the back door of the governor general's palace, headquarters of Lt. Gen. John R. Hodge, U. S. occupation commander.

December Accidents Kill 44 Oregonians

Street and highway accidents in Oregon during December, 1945, resulted in 44 fatalities, as against 29 fatalities for the same month in 1944, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., reported Saturday. Nine fatal accidents were due to skidding and three to ice and snow.

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Rain
Salem	51	33	.01
Eugene	48	33	.02
Portland	49	36	Trace
Seattle	48	40	.00
San Francisco	57	46	Trace
Willamette river	3.1 ft.		

FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Mostly cloudy Sunday with occasional light rains. Highest temperature 52 degrees.

Counties Share In Tax Monies

Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., Saturday apportioned \$30,000 in amusement device tax monies, 60 per cent to the state public assistance fund and 40 per cent to the counties for old age assistance.

The last-quarter apportionment brought 1945's aggregate distribution to \$189,980.14, Farrell reported.

Among county shares in the last-quarter apportionments are: Marion, \$1009.64; Benton, \$136.97; Clackamas, \$784.53; Lane, \$634.96; Lincoln, \$180.67; Linn, \$387.11; Multnomah, \$4302.28; Polk, \$317.11; Yamhill, \$291.32.

Boy Scouts to Collect Old Clothing Today

Today is the day the clothing drive comes right to the door of Salem residents. Two hundred Boy Scouts will begin collecting at 12:30 p.m. Contributors are urged to bundle or box the clothes and place them on the curb or, if it rains, on the porch. (Additional details on Page 5.)

Strike Control Bill Planned

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19—(AP)—A majority of the house labor committee predicted today the group will approve a new strike control bill next week, probably Tuesday.

They agreed, in individual questioning by a reporter, that it will embody of the principle of fact-finding, but President Truman's recommendations on that point probably will be modified. Varying opinions were expressed as to the degree of compromise.

130 Salem Vets Register For Airport Houring

More than 130 local veterans have registered for housing units in the proposed city airport housing project at the office of H. C. "Hub" Saalfeld, Marion county service officer. Most of the men who have registered have one child or more and are in critical need of living quarters, Saalfeld said.

Army to Dress Up Enlistment Offers as Draft Future Clouds

By E. E. Bomar

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19—(AP)—With the future of the draft law clouded, the army today sought to make re-enlistments more attractive so as to assure itself a minimum force of 1,500,000 for its occupation and war liquidation roles.

The latest re-enlistment inducement, it was disclosed, will give soldiers returning to civil life 90 days, prior to July 1, in which to decide whether to re-enlist in the regular army with the privilege of retaining their present grade and pay. The present deadline is February 1.

With talk on Capitol hill of letting the selective service law expire without renewal after May 15, the size of the army by midsummer and continuation of the present occupation missions hinge largely on the success of the recruiting drive, officials said.

By February 1, or less than six months since the war ended, it is expected that more than 500,000 volunteers will have joined the

Probers Hear Of Lost Note

By William T. Peacock

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19—(AP)—The Pearl Harbor investigating committee today ran up against the question whether there was a "lost" navy warning message intended to go to the Pacific fleet the night before Japan's Dec. 7, 1941, attack.

Admiral Husband E. Kimmel related that the late Secretary of the Navy Knox, talking with him at Pearl Harbor five days after the attack, was "positive" a message was sent.

Knox flew to Hawaii to investigate the damage. Kimmel said that as he recalled Knox arrived on Dec. 12 "and almost the first thing he asked me was if we got the message Saturday night." The attack was on a Sunday morning.

Bogged Down
Kimmel, fleet commander at the time, said that if such a dispatch was prepared it must have gotten "bogged down in the navy department" for he never received it.

He told the committee he believed Lt. Gen. Walter C. Short, army commander in Hawaii, and Admirals C. C. Bloch and W. W. Smith were present when Knox referred to the supposed message.

Told of Destroying Code
The committee has received testimony that the only major dispatch sent to Kimmel after a Nov. 27 "war warning" was a Dec. 3 message advising that the Japanese were here and in London were destroying their code machines.

Kimmel made no reference to the nature of the reported Dec. 6 message but Senator Brewster (R-Maine), who had asked him about it, told reporters he was informed it was supposedly a warning.

Man Electrocuted By Power Line

LEBANON, Jan. 19—The steel tower of a mobile cement mixer caught in an overhead power line, carrying an 11,000-volt shock to kill James Henry Sylvester, 40, Lacombe, as he worked on the mixer.

Surviving are his widow; two sons, Theodore and Herbert in the armed forces in California; three brothers, Roy, Joseph and Riley, and one sister, Mrs. Harold Dibble of Portland.

Adm. Marc Mitscher Gets Fourth Star

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 19—(AP)—Marc A. Mitscher, recently appointed commander of the Eighth fleet, returned to his native Wisconsin today wearing the stripes of a full admiral.

Mitscher told a press conference prior to speaking before the mid-winter conference of the Wisconsin American Legion, that he had the "authority to wear the fourth star" by reason of his appointment as fleet commander which becomes effective March 1.

850,000 Ready To Quit Work

55,000 Already Off Jobs, Kaiser Accepts Increase

By the Associated Press
More than 55,000 steel workers were off their jobs at a few scattered mills Saturday in anticipation of the scheduled strike at midnight tonight of 850,000 CIO united steel workers.

Thousands of others also became idle as steel operations of 1292 companies in 30 states gradually halted.

The mammoth strike grew out of a 3 1/2 cents an hour difference between the 15 cents offered by the United States Steel corporation, industry bellwether, and the 18 1/2 cents sought by the union, which had been scaled down from its original 25 cents.

Meanwhile, Henry J. Kaiser's west coast steel plant expected to continue turning out ingots, regardless of the outcome of the steel dispute.

Accept 1 1/2 Cent Boost
Kaiser announced yesterday he had accepted a presidential proposal granting an 1 1/2 cent hourly wage increase to his steel plant employees, and had signed a contract with the CIO United Steelworkers whose 750,000 members have set Monday as the deadline for a strike in other steel plants throughout the nation.

Earlier the proposal was accepted by the CIO but was turned down by U. S. Steel.

"I can not conceive that a sum of three and a half cents (the difference between U. S. Steel's offer and the president's 18 1/2 cents proposal) should be permitted to retard or destroy the possibility of real peace and prosperity for the nation," Kaiser said.

At Fontana, Calif.
Kaiser's CIO contract covers the operation of "the largest steel plant on the Pacific coast," he said, estimating that his Fontana, Calif., operations employ approximately 3000 to 4000 persons.

The steel walkout, if fully effective, would be one of the biggest, if not the biggest, in the nation's history. The strike was originally set to begin Jan. 14 but was postponed for a week to permit last-minute conferences aimed at averting it. Hope of a settlement, however, faded when President Truman's proposal, accepted by the CIO, was rejected by Benjamin F. Fairless, U. S. Steel Corp. president.

The Disabled War Veterans' fund changed By State Board

An \$8300 appropriation for expenses of a national disabled war veterans' convention in Eugene was transferred to a fund for a similar convention in Portland Saturday by the state emergency board, which also approved emergency appropriations totaling \$55,000.

The Disabled War Veterans' appropriation originally was to be expended in the year 1941 but the convention at Eugene was cancelled because of the war.

Largest appropriation approved was for \$30,000 for costs of operating the state veterans affairs commission and the veterans loan act of the 1945 legislature. Hugh Rosson, commission chairman, said the additional appropriation was required because of expansion of service. The original legislative appropriation for administrative expenses was \$80,000. Rosson had asked for a deficiency appropriation of \$49,704.

Two other emergency appropriations, one of \$10,000 for combating oriental moth, and a similar amount for conducting the state agricultural experiment station, also were approved. Agricultural department officials said the oriental moth had been discovered in Malheur county and might spread to other parts of the state.

An additional appropriation of \$5000 was approved for the Oregon post-war development and readjustment commission. John W. Kelly, executive secretary, explained the money was needed to cover operations not contemplated when the original appropriation was approved by the 1945 legislature. He had asked for \$10,000.

SURPLUS PLANES SOLD

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19—(AP)—The war assets corporation said today that of 59,376 war surplus airplanes, it had sold 16,837 for \$37,637,204 at the end of 1945.