



Business as Usual—While a steel strike grips the nation, workmen tap a small heat of molten iron at the lone foundry still perking in Chicago. Using a supply of pig and some scrap iron and coke, they are able to keep the foundry rolling. (Acme Telephoto)

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English Class to Open in YWCA

A class in conversational English, open to both men and women who may be new to this country, is planned by the Salem YWCA, starting next Wednesday, October 12.

The class will meet in the YW at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Lloyd L. Hockett, who teaches in the English department at Salem high school, is to direct the class, donating her time to assist foreign residents in learning English.

The need for the class came about with the visit by three Latvian women to the YWCA asking for some type of class to learn conversational English. They turned to the YWCA because they had belonged to the association in Latvia.

Standley Is Skeptical Of Russ A-Bombs

Coronado, Calif., Oct. 6 (AP)—Adm. William H. Standley, wartime ambassador to Russia, said today he was "very skeptical" of reports that Russia had developed an atomic bomb.

Standley said it was possible that the Soviets had developed an atomic explosion, but said he doubted they had the "know how" to produce the bomb.

25-Hour Strike Ends

Milwaukee, Wis., Oct. 6 (AP)—CIO Gas Workers' union officials agreed today to end a 25-hour strike which had deprived Milwaukee of its gas supplies and upset meal times throughout the city.

Smythe Wages War to Get Franklin Proper Place in U.S.

New York (AP)—J. Henry Smythe, Jr., writer of trade names and slogans, said there ought to be a law against the way Congress is mistreating the memory of Benjamin Franklin.

Someone is trying to get Congress to move Franklin's statue from a niche in the Senate wing of the Capitol, where hardly anyone looks at it. He wants to put it on a place of honor in the Capitol rotunda, where the likenesses of presidents and others are on display for all tourists to see.

But Congress has indicated that the big marble statue of Franklin by Hiram Powers will have to stay put. All remaining space in the rotunda is being saved for presidential busts.

"They tell me Franklin isn't big enough," Smythe said. "Why he's one of the three greatest men of all time. It is time for us to be frank about Franklin."

Smythe, an ardent Republican, resembles the late Democratic President Roosevelt, pincez and all. He has been self-appointed press agent to Franklin ever since he waved a flag in a Franklin Day parade in 1921.

Now, at 65, he's chairman of the Franklin Committee of the Sons of the American Revolution, which is waging a relentless campaign to unseat George Washington as the "father of our country" and give the title back to Franklin.

"Ben had it first," Smythe said. "Of course, I'd settle for 'forefather of our country,' if I had to."

As a slogan concocter, Smythe has made up more than 1,000 slogans for both world wars, including catchy phrases like "Ax the Axis" and "Smash the Axis with bombs and bombs."

Heavy Snows Close Crater Lake Entrances

Heavy snows have closed the east and north entrance to Crater Lake, the state highway department reported here today.

They were the first roads to be reported closed in Oregon because of snow this season.

Dorgna Dedication October 23
Portland, Oct. 6 (AP)—Dedication ceremonies for the \$14,000,000 Dorgna dam on the Row river will be held at the reservoir site October 23. The dam is six miles east of Cottage Grove.

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