

End of Strikes May Snap Back Industrial Production

By SAM DAWSON

New York, Nov. 11 (AP)—Peace in the coal fields and steel towns should lay the spectre of a sorry Christmas for countless citizens. But how far into the new year the happy days will last is another question.

Men who feared they would be laid off before Thanksgiving now rest easier. Many now out of work expect soon to be drawing pay again—already the trek back to the railroad shops and yards has started.

Pay rates edge a little higher in many industries. In others labor seems to be winning its fight for pensions. In some, workers will be taking home a little less money, as they contribute toward their future security. In general, however, total purchasing power should be high.

Industrial production should snap back from the low to which the strikes brought it—the federal reserve board says its industrial production index hit around 162 per cent of the 1935-39 average in October, down from 172 in September. Weekly earnings (as distinguished from mere hourly wage rates) will rise again, therefore, in time for the Christmas shopping.

Prices will be under pressure from increasing production costs in some industries. Steel men are predicting higher prices "unless demand goes to pieces," although labor insists that pension costs could be met out of profits without having to hike prices.

But there is great drag on prices, too—all but a few products are in plentiful supply. Only the cutback early this year in manufacturing and in purchasing by retailers has held supply and demand in balance.

Profits for business and industry as a whole will be lower this year than last, and most companies seem reconciled to the prospect of slightly lower earnings next year than this. (That Whopping General Motors profit it was not typical.) But most companies are well over the line into the black. They aren't having it so good as in record-setting 1948, perhaps, but they aren't exactly in the soup line either.

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Water Supply Need Discussed

Albany—Feasibility of supplying city water to Sweet Home, Lebanon and Albany from the reservoir of the proposed Wiley Creek dam was discussed by a committee of representatives of these cities at a luncheon meeting here.

Due to the absence of Chairman Max Landon of Sweet Home, the group made no recommendations, but the trend of the discussion by those present indicated that while the source itself was feasible, expense involved rendered it impractical.

It was concluded that the city of Sweet Home, where the need for increased water supply is greatest, could probably solve its problem more quickly and with less expense by expanding existing facilities for using water from the Santiam river. As for carrying the water to Lebanon and Albany, it was pointed out that the cost for constructing the line alone would run about \$20,000 a mile.

Use of the dammed-up waters, it was emphasized, would necessitate extensive filtering and chlorination plants, despite pledges by logging operators who will continue to cut over the area of the proposed dam for the next ten or 15 years that they would exercise every sanitary measure.

Ivan Oakes, secretary of the Willamette Valley Basin committee was present as were the following representatives: Ralph Reeves and Harold Irvine, Lebanon; Charles Fox, Portland of the Cascade Plywood Corporation; Ray Barrett, Robert Sipe, F. L. "Cap" Thompson, Fred McMullin, Walter Underwood and R. R. Cronise, Albany.

Testimonial Dinner
Portland, Nov. 11 (AP)—Six hundred Oregonians, including Gov. Douglas McKay, turned out last night for a testimonial banquet in honor of former Portland Police Chief Leon V. Jenkins, who is ill in a hospital.

May Lose Eye from Shot by Hunter

Baker, Nov. 11 (AP)—A stray piece of shot from a pheasant hunter's gun may have cost Dale Cherry, Baker, the sight of one of his eyes, it was reported here today.

The accidental shot, fired from approximately 60 yards by Mike Hoff, also Baker, struck Cherry in the left eye. The men were hunting over the week-end near Ontario. Cherry is hospitalized here.

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Gatch Coming For Conference

Reserves of the armed forces of the United States, their importance and the contributions of each reservist will be discussed by Vice Adm. Thomas L. Gatch at a meeting to be held here the night of Wednesday, November 16.

The meeting, being arranged by members of the aviation volunteer air unit, headed by Ernest Eldridge, is to be held at the Naval and Marine Corps Reserve training center at 8 p.m.

Adm. Gatch will discuss, not just the importance of the naval reserves, but of the reserves of all branches of the armed forces and invitations have been extended to all reservists to attend, whether they are members of the reserves of the navy, marines, seabees, army or air force. It also is being emphasized that enlisted men, as well as officers are urged to attend the meeting.

Says Russia Using Atom for Peace

Lake Success, Nov. 11 (AP)—Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Y. Vishinsky told the United Nations today that "we in the Soviet union are utilizing atomic energy—but not to stockpile atomic bombs."

Red faced and emphatic, Vishinsky shouted: "If we wanted to, we could stockpile as many atomic bombs as we would need."

"We in the Soviet union are utilizing atomic energy for our own economic needs."

"We are razing mountains, we are irrigating deserts. We are cutting through jungles."

Vishinsky contended Russia is using atomic energy to overcome difficulties put in her path by nature.

Astoria Buys Hospital Site
Astoria, Nov. 11 (AP)—The 54-acre site of the former Naval hospital here was formally in the hands of the city today Astoria bought the acreage from the war assets division for \$20,466, and authorized the city manager to sell tracts of it for residential purposes.

New Look Superfortress—Looking at first glance like a six-engine bomber, the new Boeing B-50D Superfortress (above) now is equipped with two huge 700-gallon streamlined external fuel tanks. The same fittings can accommodate 4000-pound bombs. Developed at Boeing's Seattle plant from the war-proved B-29 Superfort, the new look B-50 has a speed of more than 400 miles an hour, bomb capacity of 28,000 pounds and a normal range of more than 6000 miles. Boeing Superforts—B-29's and the new B-50's—now form the backbone of all U.S. air force medium bombardment and strategic reconnaissance squadrons. (Acme Telephoto.)

How Do Arctic 'Lows' Affect Human Body? Tests to Tell

Seattle, Nov. 11 (AP)—University of Washington scientists were enroute to Alaska today with equipment sensitive enough to measure the skin temperature of 38 parts of the human body or that of a single toe.

The intricate apparatus, constructed on the campus, will be used to study the effects of Arctic temperatures on the human body.

The complicated machine, which is a maze of levers, knobs and electrical circuits, is connected by wires to a specially constructed, hooded suit worn by a "human guinea pig." The suit has built-in tubes and wires with terminals connecting with 38 points of the body.

Working like a telephone switchboard, the scientist simply dials to find out cold a certain portion of the "guinea pig" frame is. The answer comes back over the wires where it is recorded on a graph.

Readings may be acquired simultaneously from 38 points on the body or any number that the operator desires.

Dr. Loren D. Carlson, associate professor of physiology and biophysics, will head the Alaskan expedition. He will be accompanied by Wayne Quinton, an electronic engineer, and Henry Burns, a consulting engineer.

Members of the group will take turns wearing the apparatus during the month of tests. The expedition will make its headquarters at Ladd field near Fairbanks.

Temperatures and their effects on the human frame will be tested down to 40 degrees below zero.

Dr. Carlson said the objectives of the expedition were to find the limits of body reactions under conditions of extreme cold and to estimate the adaptability of men working under those conditions.

"When these factors have been determined, we should know what physical characteristics make men best suited for life in the Arctic," Dr. Carlson explained.

They have a daughter, 2½-year old Barbara. They were married in 1945.

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