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Temperature
Highest Yesterday 60
Lowest this Morning 41
Precipitation past 24 hours .08

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RAILROAD STRIKE ORDERED FOR DEC. 7

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon



Washington, Nov. 12.—Hitler's dare to the British just to try invading the continent caused no one here to start out in a rowboat yet. Britain has accumulated much war material and trained a good army since Dunkirk (while saying very little about it). Her production schedules are reported to be hitting unexpected heights. October was admittedly a record.

Yet the British generals do not hanker to go across the channel without complete superiority in the air. They raked the continent coast from Norway to Brindisi to see how many Nazi warbirds they could flush. Their unprecedented losses showed Hitler maintains a formidable air force on his western front. Consequently a certain sympathy with British hesitancy exists here in solid military quarters. Hitler himself did not dare invade England when he found the air too full of Spitfires.

BUT the question is when will the Nazi-British plane balance get much better? When will the time ever be ripe?

Hitler had over 10,000 planes when the war started. From then until the Russian campaign, his losses fell short of his new production in every month except one, September, 1940. Anglo-American production jointly may now exceed his in view of his losses in Russia, but not by a considerable margin.

The Nazis are supposed also to have had something like 25,000 tanks at the start of the conflict. The British had something under 600, most of which were left at Dunkirk. Every time their machines have met the Nazis, they have had to

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SIDE GLANCES

BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Little Bob Hawley's mama dog having a hard time keeping all her puppies in their wagon in the pet parade, spectators every once in a while having to restore one of the pups that had fallen overboard.

Ernest Reinking dropping out of the Legion parade to get things going at the dugout.

And the Odd Fellows drum corps from Crescent City making a big hit in the parade.

Mary Lou Gunther coming up with a smile and a scratched knee after her first tumble at the Ice Arena.

Carlos Morris revealing that his ice skating ability stems from an early manhood spent almost entirely on the tricky blades.

350,000 TO QUIT UNLESS PAY HIKE THIRTY PER CENT

Five Brotherhoods' Decision Comes As Others Meet To Decide Demands.

Washington, Nov. 12.—(P)—President Roosevelt, personally intervening again in an attempt to avert a crippling strike in captive coal mines, asked three leaders of the CIO and three officials of major steel companies today to confer with him at the White House Friday.

Invited to discuss the issue of a union shop were Philip Murray, CIO president; John L. Lewis, United Mine Workers president; Thomas Kennedy, U. M. W. secretary-treasurer; Frank Purnell of Youngstown Sheet and Tube corporation; Benjamin F. Fairless, of the United States Steel corporation; and Eugene G. Grace, of the Bethlehem Steel corporation.

By the Associated Press
Chief of the five operating brotherhoods in the railway industry today ordered their 350,000 members to strike beginning December 7 for a 30 percent increase in pay while defense mediation board machinery was stalled by failure of CIO board members to appear, adding a new complication to United States defense efforts already threatened by renewal of the captive coal mine strike.

The railroad men were directed to leave their jobs progressively on December 7, 8 and 9.

Small Raise Rejected
A residential fact-finding board has recommended a 7 1/2 cent rise in the operating workers' pay but the brotherhoods' heads rejected that earlier this week.

The recommendation of the fact-finding board was the last step in the regular mediation machinery for preventing railroad walkouts.

The strike order for the operating crafts came as representatives of 900,000 other workers in non-operating fields met to decide what they would do about their pay demands.

Unfavorable weather conditions in San Diego threatened to curtail the return of 164 AFL craftsmen to their jobs on \$25,000,000 in defense projects at noon today, the hour set for work resumption in an Armistice day strike settlement.

Contractors reported that an overnight rain would hamper construction work on the 10 navy and marine projects closed down by the strike.

CIO Heads Resign
A dramatic test of strength in the captive coal mine labor dispute today approached decision, and the result seemed sure to have far-reaching effects on the entire defense labor situation.

The stage was set in swift moves yesterday.

High CIO officials, one after another, resigned from the national defense mediation board in protest to that body's 9-to-2 recommendation against the union shop in the captive coal pits operated by the big steel companies.

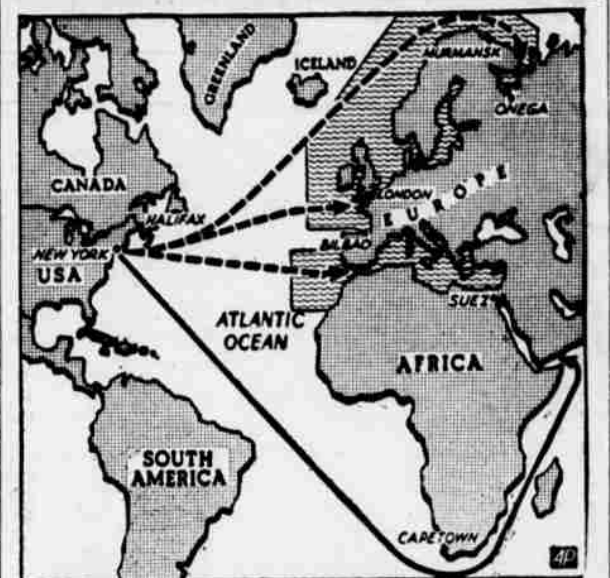
The army, in a precautionary action looking toward a possible emergency, established an intelligence center in Pittsburgh, where the coal from captive mines fuels steel mills essential to the government's defense plans.

Strike Ban Advocated
In Congress, some members were pressing hard for strike-detering legislation, and others were said to be reluctant to ease neutrality act restrictions unless steps were taken to avoid defense work stoppages at home.

The hitch in mediation proceedings was the first effect of the wholesale resignation of CIO members from the board and some members of Congress predicted that would serve to intensify the concern of Congress over defense production stoppages.

Another result of the resignations was announcement by the gas, coke and chemical di-

New Shipping Routes



Dotted lines indicate new routes for United States shipping which would be made possible under the neutrality revision measure passed by the senate. Solid line indicates present route used to provide materials to British in the Near East. Shaded area indicates forbidden zones under present neutrality act.

Dean Morse Says Rail Strike Call "Absolutely Unjustifiable" Action

Eugene, Ore., Nov. 12.—(P)—The call for a railway strike in Chicago is "absolutely unjustifiable," Dean Wayne L. Morse, who heads the president's emergency fact finding board, stated unofficially today.

"It is my judgment that a strike of railway labor at this time will jeopardize the very high place which railway labor as up to now enjoyed in public esteem, the University of Oregon law dean added.

Dean Morse pointed out that adherence to judicial processes in settling disputes is the only way in which any kind of major dispute may be settled.

"On the basis of the record made by the employees at the 31-day hearing held by the president's emergency board, the call for the railway strike is absolutely unjustifiable," he said.

"The officials of the union and their lawyers admitted on the record of the hearing that they had had a fair and judicial hearing. If they go through with their threat of strike, they will sacrifice the judicial processes guaranteed to them by the railway labor act—which will be much more costly to the future interest of railway labor than the temporary financial benefits which they seek to gain through a strike."

Pinball Proponents Withdraw Ordinance
Salem, Nov. 12.—(P)—The proposed city ordinance to legalize and license pinball games for amusement only was a dead letter today after sponsors decided to withdraw it.

Alderman L. F. LeGarie, who with Mayor W. W. Chadwick, introduced the measure, said they found opposition was too strong.

vision of the CIO United Mine Workers, also known as U. M. W. district 50, that it had withdrawn all cases involving the union from the board's jurisdiction and would no longer use the board's services.

President O. E. Gazaway of district 50 wrote Board Chairman William H. Davis that the union could not submit its dispute to a mediation agency "upon which there is no adequate representation of labor."

The three district 50 cases before the board involved a total of 3,850 workers at the Sloss-Sheffield company, Birmingham, Ala., United Gypsum company and Solvay Process, New Orleans.

U. M. W. sources also disclosed that in addition to the CIO board members, John Owens, CIO president in Ohio, had resigned from his defense job of labor relations consultant to the Office of Production Management.

A White House secretary, William D. Hassett, said meanwhile, that it was a fair assumption that President Roosevelt was going to see that the government's position was maintained in the captive coal case, in one way or another.

Failure to Starve Britain Out May Force Nazi Invasion Try

HITLERITES REACH BLACK SEA COAST IN CRIMEAN PUSH

Invaders Near Kerch, Gateway to Caucasus Oil Fields—Reds Hold Center

By the Associated Press
Adolf Hitler's Crimean armies were reported today to have reached the Black sea coast today just below Kerch, gateway to the Caucasus oil fields, while on the central front the Russians declared they had battled the Germans to a standstill with more than 70,000 Nazis killed and wounded in the 41-day-old drive on Moscow.

Red Star, the Soviet army newspaper, said Russian infantry, artillery and tanks smashing into the flank of two German divisions on the outskirts of Tula, 100 miles south of Moscow, had put the invaders to route and chased them for more than five miles.

Nazis Drop Arms
Red Star said the Nazis abandoned arms and ammunition in their flight, leaving more than 500 slain, many wounded and 25 burned-out tanks. Only the arrival of reinforcements rushed up in trucks enabled the Germans to restore "some kind of balance," the newspaper said.

On the southern (Ukraine) front, Soviet correspondents said the Donets river basin was engulfed in fire . . . conflagrations raging everywhere . . . pillars of flames and black smoke rising high in the skies . . .

On the whole, the Russians reflected growing confidence both in the Donets conflict and before Moscow.

Soviet dispatches admitted, however, that German troops had advanced to the vicinity of Narofominsk, 35 miles south-west of Moscow, but said the situation had been stabilized. The Germans said their advanced forces were within 31 miles of Moscow at one point.

Finland Turns Down Warning by America To Drop Soviet War

Helsinki, Finland, Nov. 12.—(P)—Finland today turned down a United States warning to withdraw from the war against Russia on pain of losing American friendship and insisted she was still fighting a defensive war against the Soviet.

The decision was made public in a note issued after a lengthy session of the government. It was this country's answer to the warning disclosed November 3 in Washington by U. S. Secretary of State Hull.

MURDER RING LEADER Dies in Escape Try

New York, Nov. 12.—(P)—Abe "Kid Twist" Reles, once a snarling leader of Murder Inc., Brooklyn gang accused of more than 80 murders, and lately a squealer singing away the lives of his former cronies, fell to his death today in trying to escape from a sixth floor room in the Half Moon hotel in Coney Island, where he was held under police surveillance.

Assistant District Attorney Edward Heffernan said Reles, 35, fell onto a concrete sun deck after leaving his sixth floor window on an improvised rope of wire and bed sheets.

IDAHO MINING
Boise, Idaho, Nov. 12.—(P)—Idaho's mineral output in 1939 was worth \$21,818,000, a census bureau report disclosed yesterday. The state ranked first in silver production, first in recovery of antimony and second in lead production.

SMITH SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS IN K. F. GIRL'S DEATH

Medford Service Station Operator Admits Leaving Injured Maid On Highway.

Klamath Falls, Nov. 12.—(P)—Eugene Hugh Smith, 29, Medford, today pleaded guilty to failure to stop at the scene of an accident and was sentenced to five years in prison by Circuit Judge David Vandenberg.

Smith was traced to Medford by a license number after Marie Russell, 17, was found lying unconscious on the highway north of here October 25.

Through his attorney, Smith told the court he had asked highway directions of the Russell girl and had offered to take her home as a return favor. She jumped from the car, according to Smith's statement.

Denies Attack
Attorney D. E. Van Vactor, speaking for Smith to the court, stated that there is nothing in the evidence or in Smith's story to show that he was guilty of any "ungentlemanly conduct" toward Miss Russell. Van Vactor expressed the opinion the girl became frightened because Smith was driving at an excessive speed and because he had been drinking.

When the girl started to leap from the car, according to Smith's story, he called "No! No!" and grasped her skirt, which came off in his hand as she went out of the machine. Smith, the attorney said, became panic stricken and drove on north on the highway.

District Attorney L. Orth Sisemore pointed out that the place where the girl was found was far beyond her home and beyond the road which turns off the highway leading to her home. Sisemore pointed out that Smith was on the Dalles-California highway leading out of town when he stopped to talk to the girl, and that the highway is well marked with signs and a yellow line.

No Reason For Leniency
"Only one person knows why that girl got in the car, and why she left it as the car sped on the highway," said Sisemore. "That person is the defendant."

Circuit Judge Vandenberg, after listening to the district attorney and defense attorneys Van Vactor and Walter Frohnmayer of Medford, declared:

"There is not a reason in the world for leniency in this case."

The five year sentence is the maximum punishment for the charge.

Woman Hits, Kills Husband With Car

San Jose, Calif., Nov. 12.—(P)—Mrs. Henry Merz drove to Sunnyvale last night to pick up her 65-year-old husband and take him home to dinner after he finished work in a cannery.

At an intersection, lights of another car blinded her and she felt her machine bump something. She collapsed when she saw the man crushed under the wheels of her car. It was her husband.

He died in the Santa Clara hospital today.

War Bulletins

Nairobi, Kenya Colony, Nov. 12.—(P)—The British East African command announced tonight that the British and native Ethiopian forces had completed the encirclement of Gondar in northern Ethiopia and had captured Gianda.

London, Nov. 12.—(P)—A lone daylight raider dropped high explosive bombs at a point on the northeast coast of England today. Two tenement houses were wrecked and three persons were taken to a hospital with minor injuries.

4 BELIEVED DEAD AFTER EXPLOSION IN POWDER PLANT

Peoria, Ill., Nov. 12.—(P)—Four men were reported missing and believed dead after the plant of the Western Powder company blew up today with an explosion heard 40 miles away.

No other casualties were reported.

Information from the plant, located in hilly country west of Peoria, was that every building but the administration building was destroyed in a double explosion. A small blast followed almost instantly by a mammoth roar.

The black powder mill was engaged in defense work and federal officials took charge.

Some Peorians thought broken windows and china were signs of an earthquake. In panic they put in calls for the fire department, jamming telephone lines.

The plant was composed of from 10 to 15 small buildings, widely scattered and with collapsible walls intended to localize damage.

Those reported missing were Arthur Kendall, Lloyd Dalton, Harold Honts and Harold Windish.

EFFORT TO HALT STRIKE SABOTAGE HELD FIRST NEED

Washington, Nov. 12.—(P)—Representative Smith (D-Va.), speaking directly to administration leaders working to keep party lines intact for neutrality revision, declared today that he would vote against the legislation unless the government "puts a stop to the labor dictatorship" he said was sabotaging the defense effort.

Smith, who said he had voted for all previous defense legislation, declared that because of the "unruly elements in our midst," he was not prepared to support the proposed revision to permit merchant ships to travel to belligerent ports.

Speaker Rayburn, however, told reporters he was confident of passage by a "substantial majority."

Meanwhile, it became known that Republican leaders at a morning conference, came to the conclusion that "we have this administration bill licked."

Public Wedding Will Bring Many Gifts for Local Pair

Medford merchants committee after a meeting at the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce this morning issued the following announcement:

"Wanted: Young couple to be married publicly Wednesday, November 26 at the merchants' Christmas opening. Many valuable gifts will be presented to the couple. Report at the Cran-

HITLER NERVING SELF FOR STEP, CHURCHILL SAYS

Prime Minister Cites Growing Strength In Shipping—Expanding War Hinted

Supplies From U. S.

London, Nov. 12.—(P)—King George, opening a new session of parliament today amid subdued luster and pomp, said "the United States is furnishing my people and my allies with war supplies of all kinds on a scale unexampled in history."

"My peoples are determined to meet to the utmost of their power the needs of the Soviet Union in its heroic conflict," said the king.

Accompanied by his smiling queen, the king appeared to deliver in person his address which was the apex of ceremony.

(By the Associated Press)
London, Nov. 12.—Prime minister Churchill declared today Adolf Hitler had failed to bring Britain to her knees through a starvation blockade and thus might be forced into attempting invasion as "soon as he can screw up his courage and make arrangements to take the plunge."

The prime minister told a cheering house of commons that it had been learned through Britain's No. 1 prisoner, Rudolf Hess, who flew from Germany to Scotland "that Hitler originally counted more on starvation of the British than on invasion."

Strength Growing
Any such hopes, Churchill declared, crumbled through an improvement in Britain's shipping situation. This was high-spotted by the prime minister's report that:

1—"In 1943 we shall have sufficient shipping to undertake overseas operations."

2—Almost 1,000,000 tons of axis shipping were sent to the bottom or damaged seriously in the four months ending in October.

3—"During that same period Britain's shipping losses dropped almost two-thirds."

Speaking with cautious confidence, Churchill promised that better food for Britain's workers would result from an improvement in exports and bigger crops at home but he added:

"Satisfactory as the results are there must be no relaxation of our efforts, not only because of the ever-present menace to importation from abroad but it may yet be that as the war develops military operations may make more extensive demands upon our shipping."

Expansion Unspecified
He did not elaborate that theme to explain whether such military operations be in Africa or in the movements of troops for action on the Russian front.

He avoided all mention of the government's frequently criticized aid to Russia.

During the speech, which followed the formal opening of the new session of parliament by King George, Churchill flatly told critics he did not intend to change his cabinet "at the present moment."

He promised, however, fullest facilities for war debate "not only this week but the whole of next week and into the week thereafter."

In one of the speeches following the king's address, Sir Percy Harris, liberal, said "the prime minister has the complete confidence of the country. His stock never was higher."

Bend, Nov. 12.—(P)—Two swans in the municipal Mirror Pond park have been shot by an unknown rifleman.