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MEDCO PLANT TO OPEN WEDNESDAY, STRIKE SETTLED

Wage Increase 15c Per Hour Granted — Mill Closed Since Sept. 24

Medford Corporation sawmill will resume operations Wednesday as a result of a wage agreement reached Friday night with the Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union, AFL Local 2715.

Under terms of the settlement a wage increase of 15 cents per hour is granted all employees. According to the agreement drawn up, it is the intention of both parties that the wage increase shall solve general wage problems for 1946.

The agreement further stated that a fair latitude of time will be allowed for certain employees to return to work after the date that production is again resumed.

The agreement was signed by Thomas M. Gray, president of AFL Local 2715, Ivan Gay, recording secretary, and B. L. Nutting, Medco manager.

Nutting said it was proposed to start the sawmill day shift at 8 a. m. Wednesday with the night shift to report at 6 p. m.

The company's logging operations, under jurisdiction of the CIO, were not affected by the strike.

Shipping and dry kiln stacking crews are to report for work at 8 a. m. Wednesday with the dry kiln unstacking and planing mill crews to report at 8 a. m.

Ada, Okla., Jan. 5 — (U.P.) — George Rodanz of Toronto, Canada, today paid \$51,000 for a Hereford bull—Del Zento, the pride of the Lazy D ranch.

LAZY D BULL IS SOLD FOR \$51,000

The offering of Del Zento was a surprise which highlighted the annual auction sale at the Lazy D, owned by W. A. (Gus) Delaney, Ada oil man.

GOV. SNELL FLIES EAST FOR SPEECH

Salem, Ore., Jan. 5 — (U.P.) — Gov. Earl Snell left by plane today for New York where he will be principal speaker at a dinner Monday night honoring Ted Gammie, Portland, who has resigned as war finance chairman.

Two Millionth Returnee



Two millionth serviceman to return from the Pacific, S-Sgt. Irving Feldman, Worcester, Mass., of 77th Tank Battalion, is carried on shoulders of celebrating Yanks, T-4 Jake G. Millbauer, Baribou, Wis., and Cpl. Adam C. Korpen, Rochester, N. Y., at San Francisco, Calif., pier as Navy transport Garrard docks.

UNCERTAINTY NOW CHIEF WORRY OF JEALOUS SLAYER

San Francisco, Jan. 5 — (U.P.) — Mrs. Annie Irene Mansfeld, widowed socialite mother of three children, tonight prepared for her transfer Monday from the county jail to the state institution for women at Tehachapi where she begins serving a one to ten year sentence for shooting and killing Nurse Vada Martin.

She was found sane yesterday on her secondary plea of not guilty by reason of insanity. The verdict automatically sustained the conviction of manslaughter voted earlier by the same jury of six men and six women who found her sane after eight hours and 30 minutes of deliberation and four ballots.

The exact length of Mrs. Mansfeld's sentence will be set by the California adult authority after she has served a year.

Hallinan said the twin verdicts would not be appealed because the legal technicalities involved would take at least a year.

Mrs. Mansfeld, who maintained a remarkable composure during the verdict and subsequent sentencing, broke down and sobbed as she was returned to her cell yesterday.

DOMESTIC PRICE FOR LUMBER HIT

Portland, Ore., Jan. 5 — (U.P.) — Multnomah county commissioners have sent a letter to President Truman protesting the ceiling price on lumber sold in the United States while there is none on exports.

The letter claims that home builders are unable to get lumber for new construction because of the ceiling price on domestic use while there is no ceiling on export lumber.

The commissioners suggest in the letter that President Truman use his influence to bring about necessary changes to provide an adequate supply of lumber to home builders.

RATIONING'S END SEES LESS HELP

Portland, Ore., Jan. 5 — (U.P.) — Curtailment of rationing has resulted in an appreciable cut in personnel of war price and rationing boards in the Portland district, McDannell Brown, district OPA chief, said today.

Boards have been cut from 84 to 25 and number of paid employees from 439 to 103, according to Brown.

FOUR BREAK JAIL EARLY SATURDAY, TWO RECAPTURED

A police dragnet is out in northern California for Calvin Leach Burtis, 19, and Bobby John Nelson, 19, two of four men who escaped from the Jackson county jail about 1:30 a. m. Saturday.

The other escapees, Roger Clair Chapman, 19, and Edward D. Mackey, 17, both Negroes, were captured yesterday morning.

According to the sheriff's office, Burtis and Nelson sawed through a bar of the jail bull pen window and utilized the flagpole rope to lower themselves from the courthouse roof.

The two men were awaiting shipment to the Oregon state penitentiary to serve 18 month sentences for car theft here. It is thought that the saw was slipped into the jail by a visitor.

Two men, answering the description of Burtis and Nelson, accompanied by a woman, were said by California authorities to have crossed the state line in a 1937 black Ford coach, yesterday morning, Harold Sutton, Oregonian agent, 203 N. Peach St., reported yesterday that his car matching the Ford's description had been stolen from in front of his residence early in the morning.

The two Negroes made their way from the building shortly after the other men had escaped. Chapman, discovered prowling around the courthouse about 1:45 a. m., was picked up and jailed by city police. He was identified by sheriff's officers later in the morning, as one of the escapees. Mackey was apprehended five miles south of Ashland about 10:30 a. m. yesterday by state police. The Negroes were serving 15-day vagrancy sentences.

STATE BLANKS IN MAIL THIS WEEK

Salem, Ore., Jan. 5 — (U.P.) — State income tax forms will be in the mail by the middle of next week, State Tax Commissioner Earl Fisher, announced today.

Printing of tax blanks was delayed pending court action determining status of the so-called short form income tax blank law. The law was declared void by the state supreme court two weeks ago.

SYRACUSE GETS MUNN

Ann Arbor, Mich., Jan. 5 — (U.P.) — Clarence (Biggie) Munn, line coach at the University of Michigan, tonight accepted a contract to become head football coach at Syracuse university, Syracuse, N. Y.

NOT INTERESTED

Cleveland, Jan. 5 — (U.P.) — The Cleveland Indians are not interested in either Pitcher Paul Derringer or Outfielder Bob Johnson, Vice President Roger Peckinpaugh disclosed today.

MACARTHUR ACTS TO END RULE OF NIP WAR LORDS

Premier Ill, Cabinet Due to Resign As Result of Directive

Tokyo, Sunday, Jan. 6 — (U.P.) — The Japanese cabinet met in extraordinary session today to consider Gen. Douglas MacArthur's political purge order, but Premier Kijuro Shidehara was unable to attend because of illness.

The cabinet considered imperial ordinances necessary to carry out MacArthur's purge directive, but apparently it did not discuss the matter of cabinet resignations which were expected to result from the supreme commander's sweeping order.

A spokesman said that "no important decision" was reached at the morning session. He indicated that the matter of resignations might be considered when the cabinet met again in the afternoon.

The ordinances discussed concerned dismissals from the government, replacements, membership in the house of peers, pensions and elections.

Home Minister Zenjiro Hirokiri, arriving for the meeting, was asked if the cabinet would resign. He replied smilingly: "I don't know."

New York, Jan. 5 — (U.P.) — General Douglas MacArthur's occupation of Japan is resulting in one of the greatest and speediest changes in the way of life of a whole people in modern history.

Hugh Baillie, president of the United Press, said today. Addressing a meeting of the University club, Baillie said that MacArthur's plan for dismantling the Japanese government, separating church and state, reorienting its system of education all were making terrific strides.

Baillie described conditions in the orient as he found them on a recent trip in the course of which he interviewed General MacArthur, Emperor Hirohito and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek.

"When I was there," he said, "Japan was like a vast concentration camp run by its inmates. At that time, MacArthur had no plans for seeing that the Japanese got any food other than that which they could produce themselves. His recent report on the occupation, however, indicates that we are going to have to give some thought to sending them food in order to prevent a catastrophe which would make the military-police job even more difficult."

"MacArthur is moving in more strongly on the Japanese all the time. When the occupation began he declined, even when asked, to indicate whether or not he would approve certain leaders for cabinet posts. Now he has ordered the cabinet purged of all those who in the past had anything to do with Japanese militarism."

No 'Hamstringing' of G.I. Bill Legion Aim

Washington, Jan. 6 — (U.P.) — Commander John Steele of the American Legion today appointed a three-man "watch dog" committee to prevent any government agency from hamstringing the new, streamlined G.I. Bill of Rights.

"In the past there has been a tendency to hamstringing legislation by tying it up with a lot of red tape in the form of rules and regulations," he said. He said that "things were done" which prevented the original G. I. bill from being satisfactory.

NEW COAST STORM

San Francisco, Jan. 5 — (U.P.) — Small craft storm warnings flew today along the Pacific coast from Pt. Conception, Calif., to Tatoosh, Wash., and into the Columbia river as the weather bureau reported fresh to strong northwest winds in the area.

R. F. C. BUSY

Washington, Jan. 5 — (U.P.) — The Reconstruction Finance Corp. is working with private industry in its efforts to convert surplus airplane and tank engines to peacetime use.

PAPAL APPEAL

Vatican City, Jan. 5 — (U.P.) — Pope Pius XII, in an encyclical letter to all bishops throughout the world, called upon them today to increase aid to war-stricken children.

CHINA CIVIL WAR CEASES; MARSHALL NAMED DIRECTOR

Guns Silenced for First Time in Ten Years As Factions Agree

Chungking, Jan. 5 — (U.P.) — Chinese nationalist and communist leaders have agreed to a cease-fire order halting China's civil war and Gen. George C. Marshall has agreed to arbitrate their differences, it was announced today.

The agreement established a three-man commission, with Marshall, the American ambassador and former U. S. chief of staff, as director, to issue the orders which will silence the guns in north China for the first time in 10 years.

Gen. Chang Chun, nationalist governor of Szechwan province, will be the central government member of the committee. Gen. Chou En-Lai, ranking communist delegate to the peoples consultative council, will represent the communists.

The swift success of Marshall's special mission to China as President Truman's personal envoy raised high hopes in American circles that the agreement may permit Chinese troops to take over the duties of the American marine garrisons in north China.

Gen. Chou told Chinese reporters that the agreement on restoring communications included the opening of railways, highways, waterways, airways, and postal service.

Meanwhile, these other developments marked the situation: 1. Central News Agency said the first units of airborne nationalist troops left Peiping and landed in the Manchurian capital of Changchun today.

2. Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer announced in Shanghai that 26,000 nationalist troops of the Chinese 6th army will be moved in American ships from Shanghai to southern Manchuria, starting within 10 days.

3. The nationalist army newspaper, Peace Daily, said nationalist troops in southern Manchuria have captured three more railway towns in eastern Jehol province—Chaoyang, Pehpiang and Koupeiyingsie—in a drive from Fusin to the provincial capital of Chengteh.

Bulletin

Corvallis, Ore., Jan. 5 — (U.P.) — For a second time in as many years the Oregon State Beavers polished off a hard fighting Idaho Vandal quint here tonight, the home forces sweeping their first set of the season in northern division play in the Pacific coast conference by dint of a 49 to 45 conquest.

The two teams put on a titanic tussle in the first half, the lead changing hands 16 times before the Beavers got in sufficient licks to pack a 26-20 bulge at halftime.

Eugene, Ore., Jan. 5 — Jake Leicht, University of Oregon halfback, was enroute back to college tonight from California despite flattering offers to play professional ball.

The grid star's brothers, George Leicht, confirmed by telephone from Stockton, Calif., that Jake had been sought by various professional scouts after his outstanding work in the East-West Shrine game New Year's Day in San Francisco, but he was certain he had not signed.

Seattle, Jan. 5 — (U.P.) — With a last-second howitzer shot by forward Jack Pomfret, Washington Huskies took the second game of their northern divisional basketball series with Washington State college 46 to 44 before 9,500 fans here tonight. The Huskies won last night's game 35-32. A determined Washington State five led all the way until the final two minutes when the Huskies forged ahead 42-40.

Los Angeles, Jan. 5 — (U.P.) — The University of Southern California swept its two-game basketball series with Stanford university here tonight 43-32.

RUSSIA STALLS

Washington, Jan. 5 — (U.P.) — The Soviet Union tonight appeared to be waiting for clarification of some major world economic and political situations before determining its own economic path and signing the Bretton Woods monetary agreement.

GOVERNMENT ACTS TO END PACKERS, STEEL WALKOUTS

Fact Finding Board Moves To Find Wage-Price Formulas

Washington, Jan. 5 — (U.P.) — The government's steel fact-finding board tonight called on the U. S. Steel Corp. and the United Steelworkers (CIO) to resume collective bargaining on the union's demand for a \$2-a-day wage increase.

Meanwhile, federal Labor Conciliator Edgar L. Warren said he hoped current discussions here would clarify the government wage-price formula for the meat packing industry sufficiently to aid a quick settlement of that dispute at Chicago mediation conferences next week.

These developments came as the labor department revealed that prices resumed their upward trend at the end of the war but that the average wage earner finds himself with \$4.43 less a week to meet this rising cost of living.

In both the meat packing and steel industries, government agencies worked against strike deadlines. The steel union walk-out is scheduled for Jan. 14, involving 700,000 workers and the 300,000 meat packing union workers plan to strike two days later.

Nathan P. Feinsinger, chairman of the steel panel, said he had telegraphed company and union heads asking them to resume the steel negotiations and report to the panel. No date for resumption of collective bargaining was set.

The labor department's wage-price report came from the bureau of labor statistics and the OPA and the agriculture department began studies to determine how much producer prices for meat and steel can be raised without increasing retail prices of the commodities further.

STUDY OF ATOMIC ENERGY GOES ON

Los Alamos, N. M., Jan. 5 — (U.P.) — The study of atomic energy "and its military applications" will continue indefinitely at the Los Alamos atom bomb project, Maj. Leslie R. Groves, head of the project, said tonight.

"The work at the Los Alamos laboratories is still just as important as ever," General Groves said at a conference of project officers. Groves is head of the Manhattan atomic bomb project.

"The laboratory forms a key part of the whole Manhattan project which is devoted to the study of atomic energy and its military applications," he said.

WILLAMETTE RISES, NO FLOOD FEARED

Portland, Ore., Jan. 5 — (U.P.) — The Willamette river was rising again today after heavy rains in the upper valley and mountains over a 24 hour period spilled 1.07 inches of rain in the Eugene area.

Although the river at Eugene was up five feet, officials do not look for another serious flood. While the river was up all along the way, it took a 1.8 foot drop at Portland.

R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, reported traffic open on all but the McKenzie highway although heavy snows fell in the Cascades overnight.

ARMY THEFT CHARGED

Shanghai, Jan. 5 — (U.P.) — Army authorities announced today that about 25 United States military personnel, including several officers, had been arrested on charges of stealing and selling more than \$50,000 in government property.

TROOPSHIP UNDER TOW

San Francisco, Jan. 5 — (U.P.) — The USS St. Mary's navy troopship carrying 1,800 returning veterans, will stand off the Golden Gate under tow by the cruiser Nashville until dawn tomorrow because of extremely heavy seas. 12th naval district headquarters said tonight.

Local Fault: Parking

Salem, Ore., Jan. 5 — (U.P.) — Twenty per cent of Medford traffic accidents are caused by parking maneuvers, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., disclosed today.

Farrell said a study of urban accidents for first half of 1945 disclosed other percentages in the six largest Oregon cities excluding Portland: Klamath Falls, 20 per cent; Eugene, 21 per cent; Bend, 28 per cent; Salem, 24 per cent, and Astoria, 16 per cent.

HERO BOYINGTON WILL WED NURSE HE MET IN INDIA

Ceremony Coming Week At Reno After Bride Gets Final Divorce

Reno, Nev., Jan. 5 — (U.P.) — Culminating a romance that began in a Bombay canteen in 1942, Mrs. Lucy Malcolmson, 34, of New York city said tonight she plans to marry Lt. Col. Gregory (Pappy) Boyington of U. S. marine war flying fame when she obtains a divorce here early next week from her General Motors executive husband.

The tall, attractive brunette said she met Boyington when he tripped over a rug in a Bombay canteen.

The marriage, Mrs. Malcolmson said, will take place in Reno Tuesday or Wednesday of next week when she expects to obtain a divorce from Stewart Malcolmson, who she said was production manager for General Motors in Australia.

Mrs. Malcolmson said at the time she and Boyington met he had just resigned from Maj. Gen. Claire Chennault's "Flying Tigers" and was on his way back to the United States to join the marine corps. She was with the St. John's ambulance service moving wounded men aboard ships.

"I was in the canteen when I heard what sounded like a wolf call," she laughed. "Boyington came toward me and tripped on a rug. He grabbed me by the knees to break his fall and after that no introduction was necessary."

"They became good friends, she said, were evacuated to this country aboard the same ship—by accident — and later met again on the same train en route to his home in Washington. Again it was an accident, she said.

Marine Air Depot, Miramar, Cal., Jan. 5 — (U.P.) — Marine flying ace Lt. Col. Gregory (Pappy) Boyington, here awaiting results of a medical survey, said tonight he will leave by plane for Reno, Monday, to marry Mrs. Lucy Malcolmson, 34, of New York city, "when her divorce is final."

Col. Boyington arrived here yesterday from the Long Beach naval hospital where he has been recuperating after 20 months a prisoner of the Japanese.

ARGENTINA HELD DEMOCRACY EVIL

Washington, Jan. 5 — (U.P.) — Assistant Secretary of State Spruille Braden said tonight "powerful and dangerous axis elements" in Argentina still menace democracy in the Americas.

"All through the war, the axis forces in this hemisphere used Argentina as a base of operations; these axis forces still constitute a danger to the Americas," he said. "Nothing has been done against the most powerful and therefore the most dangerous axis elements."

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Georgia Will Keep Little White House

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 5 — (U.P.) — Basil O'Connor, president of the national foundation for infantile paralysis, assured Gov. Ellis Arnall here today that the little white house at Warm Springs would be turned over to the state of Georgia as a national shrine honoring the late Franklin D. Roosevelt.

"Any thought of moving the little white house from the state of Georgia is ridiculous," O'Connor, who is also president of the Georgia Warm Springs Foundation, said.

TRUMAN TO GO ON STUMP IN EVENT CONGRESS BALKS

Middle of Road Strategy Urged — President to Lean to New Deal

Washington, Jan. 5 — (U.P.) — President Truman will continue his aggressive pressure on congress to enact his domestic legislation program and may take the stump in mid-session if delays persist.

The president's advisers are convinced such over-all strategy would pay off in results and prestige for the administration. They feel, also, that Mr. Truman has found a satisfactory middle-of the road course toward democratic political success in next November's congressional elections — provided the democratic house and senate will travel the same path.

Telegraphic response to Mr. Truman's Friday night appeal to the public to goad congress to action has been good, white house secretary Charles G. Ross said today. He estimated that favorable messages were in a ratio of about five to one which was unfavorable.

Sen. Robert A. Taft, R., O., in a broadcast reply to Mr. Truman described some of his program as "communist" and "left wing." The communist newspaper "Daily Worker," published in New York, however, complained that Mr. Truman had failed to "denounce" what the publication regards as the refusal of business to "negotiate with labor or quit its sit-down against reconversion."

Instead, the "Worker" lamented, the president had "called for congress to pass his anti-labor cooling-off bill banning strikes for 30 days in labor disputes."

After 48-hour study, the Washington consensus is that Mr. Truman is following closely the New Deal pattern of the late Franklin D. Roosevelt's policies, but with somewhat more sympathy for the moderately conservative wing of the Democratic party than the late president possessed. That, in any event, is substantially the course Mr. Truman's advisors are urging him to chart and to follow.

There is considerable evidence that any important deviation from that course toward the more conservative point of view would put unbearable strains on the New Deal-Democratic coalition. Maintenance of that coalition is essential to democratic control of the federal government, Mr. Truman will keep it intact if he can. If he goes too far to the right, the least penalty he can expect will be a chilling of the enthusiasm with which organized labor and the left wing would support him in 1948. If organized labor gives him only half-hearted support, his political future shortly will be behind him. If the Truman administration and the left wing of the coalition formally parted there might be a third party movement in 1948 which would make election of a Democratic president next to impossible.

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