New Strikes Hit Transportation and Supplies of Food

Weather

FORECAST: Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday with snow flurries in higher mountains. Morning fog. Little change in temperature.

	Temp.
Highest Yesterday	43
Lowest this Morning	24
Prec. To 4:30 a.m. Today	.14

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Minnesotans Get the Drift

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Motorists view 18-foot snow drift on highway near Morris, Minn., after blizzard broke down communications and stalled road and rail traffic in the Dakotas and western Minnesota.

Three in Miraculous Escape When Car Plunges Into Swirling Rogue

Gold Hill, Feb. 11 — Three Californians miraculously escaped death yesterday morning when the sedan in which they were riding slid out of control on slick pavement and plunged backward from the Pacific highway over a 30-foot embankment into the Rogue river about five miles west of here.

According to reports none of the three were injured. Driver of the car was James A. Randolph, 38, of the Nazarene church. He was en route from Spokane to his home near San Francisco. Passengers were Fred Nichols, recently discharged serviceman, and his wife, Betty, also traveling to San Francisco and whom Randolph had given a ride from Portland.

Reports state that Randolph was unable to explain his escape. Mrs. Nichols, who had been sleeping on the rear seat, was pulled from the wreckage by her husband who fought his way to shore. Randolph declares that he found his Bible lying face open on the bank when he climed from the water.

The car was washed 100 yards on down the river where it was resting, with top still visible, this morning. Randolph, an overnight guest of Rev. and Mrs. D. D. Randall of Medford, proceded to Grants Pass this morning to arrange for removal of his vehicle from the stream. Mr. and Mrs. Nichols are staying at the Norman Gail ranch near Gold Hill pending attempts to locate and recover their baggage from the river.

RALPH BILLINGS FILES CANDIDACY FOR JUDGESHIP

Former County Commissioner Ralph Billings, Ashland, filed today as a candidate for the office of county judge on the republican ticket. This brings to three the number of republican candidates, the present judge, J. B. Coleman, having declared his intention of being a candidate and County Clerk George R. Carter having already filed. As yet no democrats have filed as candidates for the judge's office.

Billings, who served as county commissioner from 1933 to 1940, stated this morning that as a citizen, taxpayer and former commissioner he was keenly interested in the progress of the county and in a program of postwar building and development. When in office before, Billings served on a number of state committees as well as carrying on his county duties as commissioner. Billings gave as his filing slogan "I will endeavor to give courteous and efficient service."

The candidate is a native son of Jackson county, a member of one of the county's oldest pioneer families, the Billings having settled in the vally nearly 100 years ago.

'WINDS' MESSAGE SEEN BY ADMIRAL

Washington, Feb. 11— (U.P.) — Adm. R. E. Ingersoll said today he saw a "winds" message concerning U. S.-Japanese relations in 1941 but that it merely confirmed what already was known about Japan's decision for war.

Ingersoll, then assistant chief of naval operations, wasn't sure whether he saw the winds message before or after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941.

He told congress' Pearl Harbor investigating committee it wasn't important anyhow because this government already knew Japan was burning codes as a prelude to war.

AUTO ACCIDENTS TAKE HIGH TOLL

By United Press

Nine people were killed and 13 seriously injured in northern California automobile accidents over the week-end.

Most serious of the accidents was a collision between a crowded automobile and a troop train at a crossing two miles north of Salinas Saturday. Seven people lost their lives and two children were seriously injured.

The dead were Charles Palmer, 38; Richard Palmer, 11; Mrs. Katherine Smith, 20; Pfc. Hugh T. Smith, 23; Barbara Ann Smith, three weeks old; Hayward Smith, 16, and Charles R. Wright, 10, of Salinas. Injured were Dixie Lee Palmer, 11, and Patricia Wright, seven.

Palmer was driving the Smiths and the children home from a movie matinee when his car moved directly in front of a train at an unobstructed crossing and was dragged for more than 200 yards, trainmen said.

VENEER PLANT WORKER PINNED TO WALL BY LOG

Thomas White, 32, of 24 South Peach street, was injured about 8:15 a. m. today when a log pinned him to a wall while he was working at Timber Products veneer plant on McAndrews Road.

He was taken to the Community hospital in the Conger-Morris ambulance where his condition was reported as fair. The attending physician said White was suffering from a chest injury but could not be moved this morning for x-rays.

MOTORISTS! SAVE A LIFE— KNOW YOUR TRAFFIC LAWS

Here is a law for today. Somewhere in the state of Oregon, failure to observe this law will cost someone his life, or serious injury:

PEDESTRIANS ON ROAD

Pedestrians, when using any highway outside of incorporated cities or towns, shall use the left-hand side of the roadway, so as to leave the right-hand side of the highway free for vehicles passing in the same direction and for safety in meeting vehicles proceeding in the opposite direction. (Section 115-344 Oregon Motor Vehicle Code).

Homma Convicted in Bataan Atrocities; Sentenced to Die Before Rifle Squad

VERDICT PLACES RESPONSIBILITY ON JAP GENERAL

Doomed Man Hears Finding Without Emotion—Commission Thanked

Washington, Feb. 11 — (U.P.) The Supreme court today refused to intervene in the war crimes trial of Japanese Gen. Masaharu Homma, who was sentenced a few hours ago to be shot for his part in the death of thousands of U. S. and Philippine war prisoners.

Manila, Feb. 11 — (U.P.) — Lt. Gen. Masaharu Homma, conqueror of Bataan and Corregidor, was convicted by a U. S. military commission today of permitting his troops to commit atrocities and was sentenced to be "shot to death with musketry."

The verdict held Homma directly responsible for 80,735 killings and tortures including those on the Bataan Death March and in the bombing of Manila after it was declared an open city, Dec. 26, 1941.

Acquitted In One

He was acquitted of a charge in a second indictment that he refused to grant quarter to American troops in Manila Bay when Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright offered to surrender May 6, 1942.

The courtroom was jammed with spectators when Homma, dressed in a white business suit and brown necktie, was led before the commission. The crowd had been warned previously that the verdict must be received in silence.

Homma, who speaks English fluently, listened intently as Donovan read the verdict. Although he had wept three times when defense witnesses described him as kind-hearted and a peace-maker he showed no emotion as he heard the death sentence pronounced.

Commission Thanked

Homma glanced about the court room and then thanked the commisson for the "courteous ways of the people who conducted the trial."

He was escorted immediately back to prison.

The conviction and sentence, as in the case of Lt. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita, who previously was sentenced to death by hanging for war crimes in the Philippines, are subject to review by Lt. Gen. W. D. Styer, commander of Western Pacific forces.

LEGION CONCLAVE SET FOR 'FRISCO

San Francisco, Feb. 11—(U.P.) The American Legion will hold its 1946 national convention in San Francisco Sept. 29 to Oct. 4, Edward Sharkey, convention manager, announced today.

Sharkey predicted more than 100,000 veterans of both world wars would attend the gathering.

Frank Belgrano, San Francisco businessman, was chosen president of the convention corporation to handle program and housing details.

GOLD STAR HEAD DIES

Philadelphia, Feb. 11—(U.P.)—Mrs. Mary Frances Hill, 75, national president of the Gold Star Mothers of America, died at a private nursing home here yesterday after a seven-weeks illness.

Subscribers

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Stalin Elected Unanimously— Sans Opposition

Moscow, Feb. 11—(U.P.)—Premier Stalin was elected unanimously to the Supreme Soviet, according to preliminary returns today from the Russian general election in which 96 per cent of the qualified voters went to the polls.

The "Stalin district" of Moscow returned Stalin to the Supreme Soviet. Final results of the election were expected tomorrow.

Voters had no choice of candidates, as only one person had been nominated for every seat in the two chambers of the Supreme Soviet, or national parliament.

$27,400 FIXED AS JACKSON COUNTY RED CROSS QUOTA

The Jackson county quota for the 1946 Red Cross fund campaign has been set by national Red Cross at $27,400. Of the funds raised in this campaign which starts March 1, 34.3 per cent will be allotted to national Red Cross and 65.7 per cent will be retained for Red Cross work in Jackson county.

In making the announcement, Seth Bullis, chairman of Jackson county chapter, called attention to the fact that while this quota represents a lesser financial requirement than last year, it still indicates a continuing need for Red Cross services, both to men in service and to returning veterans, together with the fulfillment of Red Cross service to civilians. He emphasized that the quota is the minimum in that requirements of Red Cross service, particularly in connection with Camp White, are still undetermined.

The fund campaign will be directed by F. L. Brewer.

OLD HOUSE CEILING HELD VITAL NEED

Washington, Feb. 11 — (U.P.) — Housing Expediter Wilson W. Wyatt said today price ceilings on old houses and subsidy payments to builders are vital to his plan to build 2,700,000 homes for veterans within two years.

"I am a congenital optimist," Wyatt said. "I believe the necessary legislation will move rapidly."

The house banking committee Friday removed from the Patman housing bill a proposal to put price ceilings on homes already built. The committee met today however, to consider revising its bill to conform more closely with Wyatt's recommendation.

KLAMATH LAKE ICE SPARES FIVE LIVES

Klamath Falls, Ore., Feb. 11 (U.P.)—Five members of a Portland airplane party resumed their journey to Phoenix, Ariz., today after a narrow escape Sunday on the ice of Upper Klamath lake.

Developing engine trouble near Klamath Falls, the plane, piloted by Dan Frink of Portland, was forced to crash land with its five passengers on the ice. The ice held for a few moments, giving the occupants time to leap out and walk about 50 yards to shore. A few moments later the plane broke through and sank.

The party was enroute from Portland to Phoenix, Ariz., to ferry back three army planes.

STETTINIUS RAPS REDS' CLAIM OF WAR IN INDONESIA

United States UNO Delegate Criticizes Ukrainian Attack On Great Britain

London, Feb. 11—(U.P.)—United States Delegate Edward R. Stettinius today challenged the Russian contention that a state of war exists in Indonesia and flatly opposed creation of a special UNO commission to investigate British military intervention in that Dutch colony.

Stettinius indirectly criticized the Soviet Ukrainian Delegate Dmitri Manuilski for questioning Britain's good faith in moving troops into Java.

Supports Britain

He told the UNO security council that the United States supported Britain's position that there is no need for a special council investigation of the situation.

The American delegate announced the American stand after listening to an impassioned argument by Manuilski in which the Ukrainian charged that Britain was waging war against the Indonesian people — "war with all its consequences."

FARM LENDING CHANGE BACKED

Washington, Feb. 11—(U.P.)—The house agriculture committee today recommended passage of a bill to transfer all farm lending functions of the agriculture department to a new, independent agency.

In a report on the bill, the committee said the action would put farm lending on a business basis and prevent "communistic crackpot projects taat cost the taxpayers untold millions."

The bill would set up a new agricultural credit agency to take over functions of the farm credit administration and the farm security administration.

ICKES CANCELS TRIP TO WESTERN COAST

Washington, Feb. 11 — (U.P.) — Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes has cancelled a combined inspection-and-speaking visit he had planned to make to the west coast, the department announced today.

Ickes was to have left last night for San Francisco, Berkeley, Fresno and Los Angeles.

The Interior department said "no reason announced" when asked why the trip was cancelled.

KURILES PRICE OF REDS ENTRY IN WAR ON JAPS

Secret Agreement Made At Yalta Between F. R., Churchill and Stalin

Washington, Feb. 11 — (U.P.) — Russian possession of the Kurile islands — which stretch northeastward from Japan toward the Aleutians — was revealed today to have been part of the price of Russian entry into the war against Japan.

This was disclosed with publication of the text of a secret agreement made at Yalta a year ago today by President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Generalissimo Josef Stalin.

Other Benefits

It also gave the Russians the southern part of Sakhalin island (they already had the northern half) and other benefits.

Existence of the agreement was disclosed some time ago. Not until today, however, was the text of the agreement announced. The Russians are now fully established in the Kuriles.

The "top secret" agreement began with these words:

"The leaders of the three great powers—the Soviet Union, the United States of America and Great Britain—have agreed that in two or three months after the war in Europe has terminated, the Soviet Union shall enter into the war against Japan on the side of the Allies on condition that":

China Not Party

Then followed a listing of the conditions, including that "the Kurile islands shall be handed over to the Soviet Union." The agreement also provided for recognition of the People's Republic in outer Mongolia. In the agreement, Stalin pledged that China should retain full sovereignty in Manchuria.

In publishing the text belatedly today Secretary Byrnes emphasized that the Chinese government was not a party to the Yalta agreement and that relations between China and the Soviet Union are governed by an agreement signed between them in Moscow on Aug. 14, 1945, and not by the Yalta concessions.

War Brides, Babes Start For Homes

New York, Feb. 11—(U.P.)—Another 1,719 British war brides and 615 babies who arrived yesterday aboard the liner Queen Mary took off today in special trains for their new homes.

Some 500 of the brides were reunited last night with impatient husbands who had been waiting at the Seventh avenue armory since noon.

Churchill and Truman Plan Trip to Fulton, Mo., College

Washington, Feb. 11—(U.P.)—Winston Churchill, Britain's great war-time leader who had a 90-minute talk last night with President Truman, today postponed his return flight to Florida until tomorrow.

A spokesman at the British embassy, where Churchill was staying, said the former British prime minister would leave here "early tomorrow.' He originally intended to take off today, but delayed the trip after a storm left the capital area under five inches of snow.

The talk between President Truman and Churchill, White House Secretary Charles G. Ross said, was "concerned almost entirely with arrangements" for their trip next month to Fulton, Mo. The conversation "did not concern the British loan or any political matters," Ross emphasized.

At Fulton, Mr. Truman will introduce Churchill for his address to the student body of Westminster college on the night of March 5. According to the plans agreed upon last night, Churchill, Mrs. Churchill and their daughter, Mrs. Sarah Oliver, will return to Washington March 4.

The speech in Missouri will signal the end of Churchill's stay in this country. After the flight to Westminister college, it was learned, Churchill will return to Washington, probably remain here for a few days and then go to New York to await the ship which will take him back to England.

A large throng gave him a tumultous welcome at the Washington National airport. Military police tried to hold the spectators back but when Churchill appeared, hundreds ducked under guard roaps and swarmed about him. He tickled the crowd by holding his fingers up in his famous V-for-victory sign.

Survivor

(Acme Telephoto)

Murmuring "Sure glad I'm here," S-Sgt. Jack Reinhold comes through door of Seward, Alaska, hospital wearing borrowed clothing and army blanket after 30 minutes overboard from SS Yukon in icy waters with others who were washed overboard before ship broke up.

RUSSIAN WITNESS PUTS FINGER ON HERMANN GOERING

Nuernberg, Feb. 11 — (U.P.) — Field Marshal Friedrich von Paulus, commander of the captured German 6th army at Stalingrad, took the witness stand at the war crimes trial today to put the finger on Hermann Goering as a prime instigator of the nazi attack on Russia.

Paulus, who led the Moscow-sponsored free German committee after his capture, was called by the Russian prosecution staff as a surprise witness against the nazi defendants.

Co-Movers Named

The witness, dressed in a blue civilian suit, named Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel and Col. Gen. Alfred Jodl of the German staff as the co-movers with Goering in planning the invasion of Russia.

Under direct questioning by Soviet Prosecutor Rudensko, Paulus testified that he was assigned to the German high command on Sept. 3, 1940, and found that the operational plan for the Russian invasion already had begun.

Rudenko led the witness through a detailed summary of the nazi preparations for war with Russia and then asked him:

"Who was instrumental in the war against the Soviet Union?"

Goering and his fellow-defendants jerked upright in their seats as the witness replied:

"The military advisers to Hitler."

Then he named Goering, Keitel and Jodl as the men who advised Hitler to launch the war in the east.

COUNTY OFFICES, BANKS TO CLOSE

All county offices and departments and both Medford banks will be closed tomorrow in celebration of Lincoln's birthday, the day being a legal holiday. City offices in the city hall will not be open for business, but the Selective Service boards and the Office of Price Administration will both be open.

All offices in the federal building will be open as usual, and the postoffice will give the regular daily service.

While not observing Lincoln's birthday as a holiday, the federal bureaus and agencies are permitted Washington's birthday, Feb. 22, as a holiday.

TRANSIT WALKOUT IS HARDSHIP FOR PHILADELPHIANS

Decision on Steel Prices Awaited—N. Y. Tugboat Strikers, Operators Meet

By United Press

New strikes hit transportation and food supplies in two big eastern cities today and raised the number of strike-idled Americans to 1,470,000.

At New York, however, a serious threat to the city's fuel supply was alleviated when striking tugboatmen agreed to return to work while awaiting arbitration of their dispute. The tug boat workers' strike, which started seven days ago, had paralyzed the port of New York and cut the city's fuel supply to a perilous level.

Warehousemen Strike

A strike of 700 AFL warehousemen at 21 warehouses on the port of Boston today curtailed movement of perishable foods and stopped the unloading of 23 ships carrying wool.

All bus, trolley and subway services for Philadelphia's 2,000,000 residents was cut off early today when the city's CIO transit workers quit over demands for a union shop and an improved pension plan.

The Philadelphia walkout came as official Washington awaited a decision on steel prices, expected to end the 22-day-old steel strike and ease the overall labor situation. An announcement on prices was expected momentarily.

G. M. Agreement

A wage agreement reached between General Motors and CIO electrical workers was looked to for a settlement of the company's dispute with 175,000 striking auto workers and a strike in two other electrical appliance firms.

Employes of the Duquesne light and affiliated companies went ahead with plans for a strike tomorrow which would black out 330,000 Pittsburgh homes and halt most business operations in two western Pennsylvania counties.

Leaders of the United Automobile Workers (CIO), whose members have been on strike for 83 days against the General Motors Corp. said last night they would not settle for the 18½ cent increase offered by the company to strikers in its electrical appliance plants.

UAW President R. J. Thomas and Vice-President Walter P. Reuther said G.M. would have to do better than the 18½ cent offer to compensate workers for the loss of pay during the strike.

CIO DENOUNCES STRIKE CONTROL

Washington, Feb. 11—(U.P.)—The CIO today denounced the Case strike-control bill as a "punitive expedition" against organized labor.

CIO General Counsel Lee Pressman told the senate labor committee that the bill, under the guise of trying to prevent violence, sought to destroy labor but remained "strangely silent concerning the conspiracy of American industry to defy the government . . . and its laws."

Pressman's testimony expanded on a statement by CIO President Philip Murray on Saturday that the organization opposed any labor legislation at this time. The committee originally intended to start writing its own labor bill this weekend, but scheduled new testimony on the Case bill, which was approved by the house last week.

It would make labor unions and their members subject to injunction and civil suit for breech of contract or violence in strikes.

YUGOSLAVS SEEK TRIAL FOR GEN. MIKHAILOVITCH

Nuernberg, Feb. 11—(U.P.)—A Yugoslav war crimes commission filed formal charges of treason against Gen. Draja Mikhailovitch today, accusing the former Royal army commander of leading his forces into a Nazi camp to fight against Marshal Tito's communist - supported Yugoslav Partisans.

The Yugoslav charges were filed with the United Nations war crimes tribunal to support Tito's contention that Mikhailovitch should be arrested and tried as a war criminal.

Star Valley, Wyoming, was colonized about 1885 by Mormon settlers from Salt Lake City.