

Pauley Confirmation Chance Believed Shattered by Ickes' Attack

Weather

FORECAST: Cloudy tonight and Friday with light rain late tonight and showers tomorrow. Slightly warmer tonight.

Highest Yesterday 52
Lowest this Morning 27

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'No Fuel—No Fun'



Pretty entertainers at Manhattan's Copacabana nightclub in New York City tell prospective customers they'll have to spend quiet evening at home as Mayor O'Dwyer closed bars and entertainment clubs in order to conserve fuel.

Oregon Asked For 9,784 Men In New National Guard Plan

Washington, Feb. 14—(U.P.)—State governors today were called upon to raise a national guard of 622,500 officers and men, more than twice as many as were in the pre-war organization.

Tentative allotments of guard personnel, as announced by the war department, provide for reactivation of all the national guard units existing before

World War II and the formation of many new ones. The proposed force would have 571,000 officers and men in the ground forces and 47,600 in the air forces. This compares with the pre-war strength of 295,000 in the ground forces and 5,000 in aviation.

The ground forces would comprise 29 infantry divisions, two armored divisions and 18 regimental combat teams.

The air force would have 12 wings, 27 groups and 84 squadrons, in addition to 12 control and warning groups.

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ASHLAND FUGITIVE NABBED IN SALEM

Salem, Ore., Feb. 14—(U.P.)—Andrew Jasper Stewart, 18, is being held in Marion county jail for Jackson county authorities on charge of larceny from a store building.

According to Sheriff Denver Young, Stewart has confessed to the theft in Ashland of three March of Dimes milk bottles containing nearly a total of \$10.

He was arrested here by city police and turned over to the sheriff yesterday.

Young said Stewart also admitted he had escaped from Ashland police last month. Bail was set at \$1,000. Jackson county sheriff's deputies are expected to return Stewart tomorrow.

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Snow Swirls Over Lower Lakes Area

By United Press

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65 Cent Minimum Wage Favored

MILLIONS MORE TO COME UNDER PROPOSED BILL

Committee Expects to Have Measure Ready for Senate Action by Next Monday.

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For Two Years

In its present form the bill provides for an immediate change in the wages and hour law to put the minimum wage at 65 cents per hour for two years. At the end of that time the minimum would rise to 70 cents an hour for the next two years, after which it would go to 75 cents, at the beginning of the fifth year following passage.

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Main Mystery in Pearl Attack Is Absence of Brass

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He called for a "common district attorney's investigation" to establish how Gen. George C. Marshall, 1941 army chief of staff, and Adm. Harold R. Stark, 1941 chief of naval operations, spent the evening hours of Dec. 7.

"This mystery has been going on for five years and no one has tried to make a common district attorney's investigation to try and help Gen. Marshall remember where he was," Gearhart said.

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Were Victims of Jap Atrocity



Before a U. S. military commission in Shanghai, a Chinese eyewitness identified Sgt. Henry W. Wheaton, left, Milwaukee, and 2nd Lt. Lester R. White, right, Slickville, Pa., as 3-29 crewmen burned alive by Japs in December, 1944, after their plane was shot down over Hankow, China, area.

Nationwide Labor Crisis Seen Due for Early End

By United Press

New York tugmen returned to their jobs today amid growing indications that the nationwide labor crisis which has idled 1,529,000 workers might ease within the next week.

The major labor developments:

1. New York harbor tugboat crewmen called off a 10-day strike which had brought the

city's 7,454,995 residents to the brink of a fuel famine.

2. The magazine Iron Age predicted that 750,000 CIO steelworkers would be back on their jobs by early next week.

3. Ford Motor Co. announced that it had laid off 40,000 U. S. workers because of steel shortages. Eight thousand Canadian workers were to be sent home at midnight tonight.

4. Twelve hundred AFL millworkers left their jobs at a Detroit Chrysler Corp. plant in a jurisdictional dispute.

5. The four major rubber companies and the United Rubber Workers union (CIO) agreed to meet in Washington, Feb. 18 to work out a settlement of their dispute on an industry-wide basis.

Mayor William O'Dwyer of New York announced the end of the tugboat strike last night. He said the 3,500 AFL crewmen and the 94 tug companies had agreed to arbitration of their wage dispute by a three-man board.

Iron Age, authoritative trade paper of the steel industry, said U. S. Steel Corp. and the CIO United Steel Workers had reached agreement on practically all points except retroactivity of a proposed wage increase.

Point scores for male commissioned and warrant officers will be reduced from 37 on April 2 to 36 on April 15 and to 35 on May 2. Enlisted men's scores reduced at 30 on April 2 will be pegged to 29 and 28 on the next control dates.

Point scores for navy nurses and wave officers will not change on April 15. They will be reduced one point on May 2 to 25. Scores for enlisted women will also drop one point on May 2 to 19.

Exceptions to the male officer point scores were made in the cases of doctors and naval aviators.

Two Convicts Make Getaway

Portland, Ore., Feb. 14—(U.P.)—Two convicts—one serving time for murder and another for burglary—escaped from the state prison at Salem today, Portland police were notified.

The fugitives were identified as Allen D. Brumfield, a lifer convicted of the 1939 Portland murder of Mrs. Hattie Hooker, and Harold W. Manning, 29, sentenced from Clackamas county for burglary. Police here were told the men escaped over the prison wall in a thick fog about 9:30 a. m. but were not missed until the noon check up.

Side Glances

By Tribune Reporters

Marian Fisher wishing "side glances" didn't write about the same people all the time.

Ernie Koford waiting patiently at the Holland coffee shop for his breakfast of ham and eggs only to find out a considerable time later that Waitress Thelma Andrews had forgotten him and hurried off home.

Democrats Violet Whittle and Ruth Morris remembering the good neighbor policy and presenting Earl Newbury with enough pineapple for the Lincoln club banquet, same having been secured after much trouble.

Next Civic Concert Scheduled for Feb. 19

Jackson county Civic Music association will present the LeRoy-Foster-Scholz ensemble as the next concert series attraction it was announced today, the concert to be Tuesday, Feb. 19 at the senior high school auditorium at 8:15 p. m. The concert was originally scheduled for Feb. 15.

Also announced was the appearance of the Markova-Dolin ballet troupe on Monday, Feb. 25.

WESTERNER MAY BE NEW CHOICE FOR SECRETARY

Capital Predictions Have Wallace on Way Out Also; Ickes' Future Indefinite.

Washington, Feb. 14—(U.P.)—The chances of Edwin W. Pauley being confirmed as undersecretary of navy apparently lay shattered today in the wake of the old curmudgeon's departure from the Truman cabinet. The old curmudgeon is Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes. He will cease to be secretary of interior tomorrow.

Doubt Pauley Chance

The immediate result was growing doubt that the senate would go along with the President and okay his controversial choice of Pauley for the navy post. It was Ickes' differences with Mr. Truman over Pauley's qualifications that led the old curmudgeon to resign in a huff.

After an exchange of letters adjusting the matter of resignation, and a press conference in which Ickes foresaw no future for Mr. Truman other than trouble, there were further developments. These consisted of the distribution by the retiring cabinet officer of an exchange of letters between himself and the President. Here they are, just as they came from the interior, department mimeograph: The White House Washington

February 13, 1946

My Dear Harold:

I have your letter of February twelfth tendering your resignation as secretary of the interior. The letter leaves me but one choice of action.

I therefore accept your resignation, effective at the close of business on Friday, February fifteenth next. I also consider that this terminates all of your other governmental activities.

Under the law Mr. Oscar L. Chapman, assistant secretary, will serve as acting secretary of the interior. With every good wish,

Very sincerely yours,

(Sgd) HARRY TRUMAN.

Washington February 13, 1946

My Dear Mr. President:

I deeply appreciate the generosity and graciousness displayed by your letter of February 13. What particularly appeals to me is your statement "I also consider that this (my resignation) terminates all of your other governmental activities."

You will pardon me if I remark that this is in the nature of supererogation. I assure you that I have had no secret design, having resigned as secretary of the interior to hold on to any other office under your jurisdiction.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) HAROLD L. ICKES, Secretary of the Interior.

Westerner Talked

Ickes told President Truman in an earlier 3,500 word letter he would quit on March 31, or sooner as the President wished. Mr. Truman said tomorrow would be about right. The town is speculating on Ickes' successor. Almost any western democrat in or out of office may expect to figure in the pre-nomination stakes.

There was speculation, too, about the future of Secretary of Commerce Henry A. Wallace. He and Ickes were the standout new dealers in the cabinet as Mr. Truman had reorganized it since Franklin D. Roosevelt died 10 months ago. There were predictions here that Wallace would be gone before the year is out.

Ickes' own future was indefinite. He has been asked to do a newspaper column. He is independently wealthy, lives in nearby Maryland with a pretty young wife and their family. Ickes does not have to work if he does not want to. But he is not one to retire at 71 years. There was speculation that Ickes would join the CIO's National Political Action committee in some way—possibly as its chief. Revenge is sweet to Ickes. That would be a good spot in which to get some.

Can't Commit Perjury

Ickes departed in a blast of prose and oratory in which he submitted his reasons for resigning to the President and to the press. To Mr. Truman he warned of the danger of submitting to the kind of political pressure which led to the Teapot Dome scandal in the Harding administration 25 years ago. He further said Mr. Truman has expressed "lack of confidence" in him in the Pauley affair. To the press the sharp-tongued cabinet member said he did not "care to stay in an administration where I am expected to commit perjury." He said the President had asked him to "go easy on Ed (Pauley)."