TRUMAN ASKS RESUMPTION OF COAL MINING MONDAY

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WEATHER

FORECAST: Increasing cloudiness tonight and Wednesday with some light snow Wednesday. Slightly warmer tonight and Wednesday.

Highest yesterday 40
Lowest this morning 13

(Acme Telephoto)

TRAPPED—Rescue workers unload sheet tin from truck flatbed as ambulance stewards stand by to extricate William Taylor (arrow), 32, trapped in the truck's crushed cab. The 2200-pound load of tin slid forward and crushed the cab when the truck crashed into support girders of a viaduct in San Francisco. Taylor suffered internal injuries and two broken legs.

SUPERBOMB ASKED

PRESIDENT GIVES OK SIGNAL FOR BUILDING HYDROGEN WEAPON

Washington Jan. 31—(UP)—President Truman ordered the atomic energy commission to go ahead with its work on the hydrogen superbomb.

The president said that this development program would continue "until a satisfactory plan for international control of atomic energy is achieved.

He said in a special statement that it is his responsibility to see that this country is able to defend itself "against any possible aggressor."

AEC Conducting Research On H-Bomb

The president's order came two hours after publication of an atomic energy commission report which disclosed that the AEC already has been pushing research into the nuclear processes for making a hydrogen bomb.

This research work has been carried out in large part at the Los Alamos bomb science laboratory in New Mexico, at the Argonne national laboratory near Chicago, at the University of California radiation laboratory in Berkeley, and at a host of other private and public research institutions.

There have been no official statements on how much more powerful than conventional atomic bombs the hydrogen weapon might be. Private scientists have made estimates ranging from 2 to 1,000 times more powerful. The more conservative ones believe, in view of all the technical factors involved, that the better guess would be 2 to 10 times.

Not That Much More Destructive

That does not mean the new weapon, if it can be made, would be that much more destructive. The AEC recently pointed out that doubling a bomb's power would increase the area of devastation only by about one-quarter.

Still, that much of a boost would have tremendous effects. The bombs which destroyed two to four square miles of Hiroshima and Nagasaki also killed more than 100,000 persons and injured about that many more.

Those bombs were officially described as comparable in blast power to more than 20,000 tons of TNT. Since they were dropped in 1945, the uranium-plutonium bombs have been stepped up in power 6 to 10 times.

Double their power and you would have a weapon equivalent to 120,000 to 200,000 tons of TNT.

May Turn Out To Be 'Absolute' Weapon

If the hydrogen bomb turns out to be many times more potent than "ordinary" atomic bombs, it may turn out to be the "absolute" weapon military men have talked about but hardly expected to see.

A hydrogen bomb, scientists have said, would use the multi-million degree heat of the fission bomb to set off an atomic chain reaction in some substance like lithium hybride. The form of hydrogen most likely to be used is the twice-as-heavy kind called deuterium. Deuterium, or heavy hydrogen, nuclei would react with each other and with the lithium to set off energy releasing reactions.

Normal Production For 70 Days Sought In Note To Lewis

Dispute To Be Put Up To Fact-Finders

Washington, Jan. 31 — (U.P.) — President Truman today called for resumption of normal coal production for at least 70 days beginning Monday.

During that time he would put the coal dispute before a fact-finding board named outside of the Taft-Hartley law.

The president telegraphed his proposal to John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, and leading coal operators.

National Policy

Mr. Truman stressed his belief in "voluntary action" rather than compulsion. He said this was not only his personal conviction "but the national policy."

"The government can no longer stand by, however, and permit the continuance of conditions which have now come to have such a serious effect upon the public interest," he said.

The president asked for assurances from both sides by noon Saturday that "normal production" would be resumed on Monday.

He said that if this assurance is not forthcoming by noon Saturday, he wanted a reply to his fact-finding board proposal by 5 p.m. Saturday.

Acceptance Urged

"I urge your acceptance in the national interest," the president concluded his telegram.

1. That normal production be maintained for period of 70 days beginning February 6 under the last contract agreed to by union and the employers.

2. That both sides cooperate with a fact-finding board which would be empowered to inquire into the current dispute and make findings and recommendations within 60 days after February 6.

He specified that each side in the coal dispute would be free to accept or reject the recommendations of the fact-finding board as it saw fit.

United States Steel Declares Dividend

New York, Jan. 31.—(U.P.)—United States Steel corporation today declared a dividend of 65 cents a share on the common stock, a rise of 15 cents over the payments made in the last two quarters.

Net income of the corporation was reported at a new high since 1929 at $165,958,806, equal after preferred dividends to $5.39 a share on common stock.

This income compared with $129,627,845 or $4 a share in 1948 on a comparable share basis.

Fourth quarter net income was whittled down sharply by the steel strike which idled big steel's plants for more than a month. It amounted to $32,735,397, or $1.01 a share on common stock, and compared with $39,171,144 or $1.26 a share in the third quarter and with $41,585,685 or $1.35 a share in the fourth quarter of 1948, calculated on current shares outstanding.

Carol Paight's Mother To Take Witness Stand

Bridgeport, Conn., Jan. 31—(U.P.)—A 51-year-old mother, who has said she would have done the same thing if she "had the courage," defends today her 21-year-old daughter, who killed her father because she couldn't bear to watch his suffering from an incurable cancer.

The mother, Mrs. Mary Nolan Paight of Stamford, Conn., was scheduled to be the second defense witness in the superior court murder trial of Carol Ann Paight. She was to be called after the state ends cross-examination of the Paight family doctor.

The blond, six-foot defendant killed her father, Stamford Police Sgt. Carl W. Paight, 52, as he lay in an anesthetic sleep on his hospital bed last September 23.

Brannan Plans To Dump Potato Stockpiles

Washington, Jan. 31.—(U.P.)—Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan told congress today that he plans to dump some of the government's swelling stocks of surplus potatoes and let them rot.

Sen. Clinton P. Anderson, (D., N.M.) replied that congress should do something "at once" to control the amount of potatoes produced, not just the number of acres planted.

FILES CANDIDACY

Salem, Ore., Jan. 31.—(U.P.)—Charles R. Smith of Baker, Ore., today filed his candidacy for state senator from the 23rd senatorial district comprising Baker county. He will seek the democratic nomination in the May 19 primary election.

Philadelphia, Jan. 31—(U.P.)—Michael F. Hanson, 82, retired newspaper publisher, died at his home yesterday after a long illness.

Road Conditions

Major highways leading from the Medford area were all open today and packed ice and snow in spots on the mountain routes is well-sanded, state police reported this morning. Chains should be carried although most traffic was moving without them.

Arctic Air Mass Drops Mercury To One Above Zero

Temperature Lowest In Thirteen Years Here

The weather ganged up on the Rogue valley last night, and sent the temperature plunging to the lowest mark recorded here for 13 years. The minimum last night was one degree above zero, the same as the 1937 low.

The bone-chilling minimum broke no records, however. The previous January minimum was a three below registered on Jan. 11, 1930, and the all-time low was 10 degrees below zero on Dec. 13, 1919.

The minimum came, oddly enough, after the sun was up, between 8 and 8:30 a.m. It was six above at 4:30 a.m.

Cold General

The cold was general throughout southern Oregon and northern California, as the south end of the arctic air mass over northern Oregon and Washington finally got this far south. Two degrees below was recorded at Ashland, where winter weather is usually a little more severe than in Medford. At Grants Pass, the minimum was five above. Klamath Falls had 14 below, Lakeview 18 below, and Montague, just over the Siskiyous to the south, nine below.

The Rogue valley has been protected against such chilling weather so far this winter by clouds, weather bureau officials explained. But clear weather last night, and the ground blanket of snow helped to radiate heat from the valley. Most recent comparable temperature was on Jan. 24, 1949, when a minimum of five above was noted.

May Be Warmer

It may be slightly warmer tonight, the bureau said, but not much. The forecast calls for minimum temperatures of five to fifteen degrees. Some light snow may fall tomorrow, the bureau predicted.

At Crater lake, the temperature during the past 24 hours ranged from 10 below to 12 above, with five and a half inches of new powdery snow. All roads are open.

Yesterday's snowfall in Medford brought the total amount which has fallen during the month up to 20.1 inches—the second greatest monthly snowfall on record here. The largest was during January, 1930, when 22.6 inches fell during the month.

This month was third wettest in the record books, with a total precipitation of 5.96 inches, compared to 6.67 in 1936, and 6.44 in 1943.

Cold Weather Marks Shattered In Oregon

By United Press

A band of Arctic air from the north cracked weather bureau records across the Pacific northwest Tuesday in a bitter cold wave.

Weathermen said little relief was in sight.

Seventeen reporting weather stations in Oregon had sub-zero temperatures, including a record-tying two degrees below at the Portland airport. This equalled the previous all-time cold recorded Jan. 15, 1888, for the Portland area.

Dakotas Cold

Only in the Dakotas were temperatures any colder than those of interior Oregon where thermometers dropped to the lowest official readings in 31 years for a 31 below at Madras and 30 below at Prineville. Baker reported 27 below, Bend 26 below and Pendleton 25 below.

The Willamette valley had its first minus readings in decades and in some instances broke all-time records. Salem's 10 below was the coldest on record for the Oregon capital. Forest Grove had minus 18 for a new mark.

Other readings under zero included Redmond with 22, The Dalles 18, La Grande 16, Lakeview 12, Ontario and Meacham 11, Klamath Falls 9, McMinnville 8, Eugene 2 and Oregon City 1.

Spokane Minus 19

Vancouver, Wash., had 15 below and Salmon creek station, six miles north of Vancouver, had 20 below. Spokane recorded minus 19 and Seattle had two above.

The extended cold froze the Columbia river solidly above the Vancouver railroad bridge. Previously, the solid freeze had extended only to Bonneville dam, 40 miles upstream.

Frequency of the northwest power pool dropped to 59.62 cycles from a normal 60 during the peak load late Monday, the Bonneville power administration announced. To conserve power, 88,000 kilowatts were dropped from the interruptible aluminum power load for about 43 minutes.

Highways Open

The absence of high winds and only light snow made the cold more tolerable in the Columbia gorge area where snow drifts had piled as high as 22 feet Monday. The Columbia River and Evergreen highways were opened to traffic for the first time in more than a week to permit regular bus schedules, but Union Pacific, Great Northern and Northern Pacific trains from the east continued to arrive hours late because of wintry midwestern weather.

Mao Tse-tung May Be Detained In Russia

Hong Kong, Jan. 31—(U.P.)—Informed sources said today that Mao Tse-tung's long stay in Moscow indicated he was taking an uncompromising stand against Soviet demands.

These sources said that Mao is a realist and knows the Chinese people would not accept any loss of sovereignty, especially after the Chinese communist regime's denunciation of "unequal treaties."

One observer believed that Mao's stay may have been extended so he could be put through an indoctrination course designed to convince him of Moscow's infallible omnipotence.

The conservative South China Morning Post expressed the opinion that the survival of both Mao and Chou will depend on the type of treaty they bring back to Peiping.

Two Children Die In Rear Seat Of Auto

Hiattville, Kan., Jan. 31—(U.P.) Joint funeral services were planned today for two small children who burned to death in the rear seat of their mother's automobile as she tried to save them.

The victims were Murrell Leon Koppa, six, and his sister, Thelma Nadine, five.

Mrs. Goldie Koppa, 22, the children's mother, was treated for serious burns and severe cuts on her hands but rescued her two other children, Billy Eugene, three, and Mary Ann, two.

Sheriff Carl Graham said Mrs. Koppa was driving from Fort Scott to her home near Hiattville when a five-gallon can spilled and poured gasoline on the exhaust pipe.

The car turned over in a ditch as she tried to stop.

Film Actress Charges Cruelty In Divorce

Hollywood, Jan. 31—(U.P.)—Motion Picture Actress Marguerite Chapman accuses Attorney G. Bentley Ryan of cruelty in her suit to end their one-year marriage.

The divorce action filed yesterday said they were married Dec. 29, 1948, and separated last December 18. Miss Chapman asked court approval of a property settlement.

Miss Bergman Denies Hospital Report

Rome, Jan. 31—(U.P.)—Actress Ingrid Bergman confirmed by telephone last night that she is at home in her Rome apartment and in fine health despite reports that she had been rushed to the hospital.

With her in her apartment was Italian Film Director Roberto Rossellini. It is understood that Rossellini and Miss Bergman will marry as soon as she has received her Mexican divorce from Dr. Peter Lindstrom of Hollywood.

Rossellini answered the telephone in Miss Bergman's apartment and said that she was in good health. The report said she was hospitalized presumably for the birth of a baby.

"But you do not have to take my word for it," Rossellini said. "I will ask Miss Bergman to tell you herself."

Miss Bergman came to the telephone. She laughed heartily when told of reports that she had entered a hospital and said: "That's crazy."

Lew Wallace Suggests Campaign Donations

Portland, Ore., Jan. 31.—(U.P.) Lew Wallace, twice-defeated democratic candidate for governor, has written a letter to State Party Chairman W. L. Josslin suggesting that all candidates for the nomination agree to support the winner and contribute $250 to the campaign.

"If I should become a candidate, I shall be happy to agree with the other candidates to support the successful candidate with all the vigor I have, and also with a contribution to his campaign of $250," Wallace wrote.

Wallace said his name, along with those of Josslin, Richard L. Neuberger, Walter J. Pearson and Austin Flegel, had been "mentioned in the press and otherwise" as possible candidates for governor.

Chrysler Corporation Strike Picture Gloomy

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 31—(U.P.)—Chances for settlement of the CIO United Auto Workers' strike against Chrysler corporation are "very black," labor conciliators admitted today.

Federal Conciliator E. Marvin Sconyers said that "Frankly, I'm gloomy." State Conciliator Philip Weiss said both sides were "stubborn."

"It looks very black," Sconyers said. "We're keeping close touch with the situation, but nothing has indicated that a new meeting would produce any results."

Woman's Suit Seeks To Recover Money Lost In Bingo Game

Vancouver, Wash., Jan. 31 (U.P.)—Mrs. Marie Young, 62-year-old widow, has filed suit to recover $72,000 in losses from the Hollywood Quizo, a bingo house here, it was announced today.

Owners of the game named as defendants were: Sonny Heath, John McGillivray, John Doe and Richard Roe. The last two, according to Mrs. Young's attorney, Walter Robinson, were included to take care of any undisclosed owners of the house.

Robinson said the suit filed in Clark county superior court, is based on a Washington state law which provides for the repayment of gambling losses.

He said Mrs. Young lost $72,000 over a period of several years, including property she sold in order to play "quizo."

Russians Hold Up Highway Traffic In West Germany

Berlin, Jan. 31 — (U.P.) — The Russians held up highway traffic between Berlin and west Germany again today and warned that railroad service might be cut "temporarily."

The possibility of reimposing of the full-fledged Berlin blockade, which forced west Berlin to depend on the airlift for a year, appeared stronger than ever.

May Halt Trains

Soviet controlled east German railway officials served notice that the railroads linking Berlin and the west might be put out of business for a time because they had been "sabotaged."

Repairs "will take some time," the warning said. The report sounded ominously like the one given by the Russians 18 months ago when they blocked off land communications with Berlin.

The restrictions on highway traffic were reimposed today as suddenly as they had been lifted yesterday.

To Search Cars

The Soviets announced they would search German railroad cars crossing into west Germany from Berlin for illegal shipment of furniture.

Job Priorities At Potash Plants Aired

Carlsbad, N. M., Jan. 31—(U.P.) Negotiators in a 74-day-old strike at three huge potash plants here today argued whether striking workers should be given job priority over non-union employees.

A spokesman for the International Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers' union (CIO) said after a meeting last night that the union agreed to waive wage increase demands, provided that new negotiations be opened next May.

Union representatives told management that no contract would be signed by them unless all of the 1,246 striking union members were guaranteed their old jobs, and that the new men who were hired in their stead two weeks ago were fired.

Yaquina Bay To Get Freighter Service

Washington, Jan. 31—(U.P.)—The interstate commerce commission announced today it has authorized the Isthmian Steamship company, New York, to extend its freighter service to Yaquina bay, Oregon, and Pensacola, Fla.

Russ Film Director Receives Suspension

Moscow, Jan. 31—(U.P.)—Soviet Film Director Y. M. Bliokh has been suspended for two years for an irresponsible and inaccurate production of a scientific documentary film, the communist party newspaper Pravda reported today.

Pravda said the ministry of cinematography charged the director with making a false portrayal of actual fishing in the film "Caspian Fishermen."

Bliokh was accused of filming previously caught sturgeon instead of actual fish as they were caught, thereby misleading the Soviet spectator, according to Pravda.

He also filmed only primitive manual methods of fishing, thereby failing to show the advanced state of mechanization in the fishing industry, Pravda said.

Premier Bidault Gets Votes Of Confidence

Paris, Jan. 31—(U.P.)—The national assembly gave Premier Georges Bidault three skimpy confidence votes today in tests on his 1950 budget, and on a fourth ballot deadlocked in an unprecedented tie.

The fifth and last of the scheduled votes on which the coalition cabinet staked its life was put off until late today.

The tie vote threw the assembly in confusion. Constitutionally it meant the assembly had rejected the motion setting total civil expenses for 1950 at $3,128,580,000. But experts said it did not mean that the assembly had voted misconfidence in the government.

Washington, Jan. 31 — (U.P.) — Henry A. Wallaces progressive party has scheduled a national convention in Chicago February 24-26 to map plans for the November congressional elections.

Mediators Seek To Avert Telephone Strike February 8

Workers Poised For Nationwide Walkout

Washington, Jan. 31.—(U.P.)—Federal Mediation Director Cyrus S. Ching hurried back to the capitol today to take over government peace efforts in the threatened February 8 nation-wide telephone strike.

Ching has been on a month-long tour of mediation service offices out west. His top aides, William N. Margolis and Peter Seitz, planned a meeting with President Joseph A. Beirne of the communication workers of America (CIO).

Contract Deadlock

Beirne announced yesterday that 100,000 phone workers who have been poised to strike for weeks will be called out eight days hence if there is no change in their contract deadlock with Bell system companies. The union expects another 150,000 workers to refuse to cross their picket lines.

The strike would start at 6 a.m., local time.

Immediately after Beirne's announcement, Margolis ordered mediators in the field to try to bring the union and companies together. In most cases, negotiations broke down long before the strike threat was raised.

Settlement Eyed

The government's strategy is believed to be aimed at arranging a settlement between the union and a company like Western Electric which is close to the parent American Telephone & Telegraph company. Such an agreement would be used as a pattern for the industry.

Beirne contends that individual companies are powerless to bargain with the union because A. T. & T. calls all the signals. A. T. & T. denies that it controls the entire system.

Medco Postpones Mill Reopening To Feb. 8

Medford corporation and planing mill and shipping department, which shut down on January 17, will not resume activity until Wednesday morning, February 8, General Manager B. L. Nutting said this morning.

He said it was previously planned to start up again on February 1.

Nutting reported that the two departments halted work because of ice and snow conditions. Logging stopped on January 13. The sawmill cut the logs on hand in the pond and on January 19 closed for general repairs.

The firm planned to start logging again yesterday, according to Nutting, but new snow prevented operations. He said the corporation hopes to open the sawmill again about February 20.

Container Corporation Will Build At Portland

Portland, Ore., Jan. 31—(U.P.) The Container Corporation of America today said it would would build a plant in Portland to produce paper cartons and corrugated shipping containers.

The announcement was made through a CCA subsidiary, the California Container corporation.

Plans for the Portland plant call for the employment of 100 men and women when the new plant is complete.

Since June 1, 1949, the company has manufactured folding cartons at a plant leased from the Columbia Paper Box company here.

Stuck-In-The-Mud Again Resists Removal Efforts

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 31—(U.P.)—The battleship Missouri resisted a tremendous attempt to refloat her today, and a few hours later a navy tug and a merchant ship also ran aground in Hampton Roads.

It was not ascertained immediately whether the tug was one of 14 which had tried in vain at dawn to pull the 45,000-ton battleship from the sandbar where she ran aground January 17.

In Dense Fog

The tug and merchantman came croppers while groping into Norfolk harbor through a dense fog.

The 7,886-ton United States Lines freighter Steel Navigator went on a shoal about three miles from the Missouri on the opposite side of the channel.

At about the same time, the tug ran up on a shoal near the navy's Norfolk piers.

Neither of the two freshly stuck vessels was believed in serious trouble.

The tug was expected to float clear unaided at high tide late today.

The freighter's master radioed for a commercial tug to help haul her off the shoal near Willoughby Spit.

The two latest groundings occurred after the navy failed again to yank the mighty Mo from her muddy trap. A navy official said that the battleship appeared to be partly "hung up on a rock."

Navy salvage crews gave up for the day after almost two hours of futile tugging and hauling by 14 powerful navy tugs on the early tide. The Mo refused to budge and another try was scheduled for tomorrow.

Plane Crash Victims Resting In Hospital

Whitehorse, Y. T., Jan. 31—(U.P.)—A crack mountain troop combat team guided by a painfully hurt pilot today returned his five injured companions from a wrecked United States air force C-47 search plane to the base here.

All six men, brought here by sled on stretchers, were in good condition in the hospital.

Survivors Named

Injured were Pilot 1st Lt. Charles R. Harden, Graham, N. C.; co-Pilot Capt. Peter Bury, Springfield, Mass.; Sgt. Eugene Cole of Centrahoma, Okla., assistant crew chief; Tech-Sgt. Forrest W. Hudson, 33, Three Rivers, Tex., crew chief; Sgt. Bruno Przydzial, 20, Philadelphia, Pa., and Jack Borges, 33, announcer for the Midnight Sun broadcasting station, representing radio station KENI of Anchorage.

The C-47, participating in the gigantic search for a missing C-54, crashed on a tree-studded slope of 6,610-foot Mount Lorne 20 miles south of Whitehorse.

Search Continues

While the rescue team pushed through waist-high snow drifts and thick brush to the crash scene, a two-nation air armada continued the far-flung search for the United States air force transport, lost with 44 persons aboard, including an expectant mother and her baby son.

Joint Chiefs Of Staff Meet With MacArthur

Tokyo, Japan, Jan. 31—(U.P.)—The joint chiefs of staff of the United States arrive here today to discuss with Gen. Douglas MacArthur many Far Eastern problems, including China, Formosa and the defense of occupied Japan in event of war.

MacArthur, supreme commander of allied powers in Japan, made one of his rare public appearances at Haneda airport at 11 p.m. (9 a.m. EST) to greet the four top-ranking United States military leaders.

The military planners are Gen. Omar N. Bradley, chairman; Gen. J. Lawton Collins, army; Gen Hoyt Vandenberg, air, and Adm. Forrest Sherman, navy.

Salem, Ore., Jan. 31 — (U.P.) — Merle A. Long of Albany, Ore. today filed his candidacy with the secretary of state's election bureau here for district attorney of Linn county.

CITY FIREMEN CALLED

A flue fire in the home of J. B. Doss, 845 West 12th street, called city firemen at 1:04 p.m. today.

Mental Home Escapee Located In Stockton

Stockton, Cal., Jan. 31—(U.P.) Marion Watson, 21-year-old escapee from the Oregon State hospital, was recaptured after a struggle with sheriff's deputies last night and held for Oregon authorities.

Undersheriff Mike Canlis said Watson was approached by officers while he worked in a garage of a Manteca, Cal., home. He apparently had been living there since his escape from the Oregon hospital last December, Canlis said.

On seeing the deputies, Watson fled the garage and officers gave chase. He finally was dragged from beneath an automobile in a nearby parking lot, officers said.

Watson was committed to the hospital as a "dangerous maniac" after a series of fights and burglaries, authorities said.

German Vessel Sinks Off North Sea Isle

Hamburg, Germany, Jan. 31—(U.P.) — The 740-ton German freighter Diamus sank near the North sea island of Langeroog today. Eight crew members were reported missing.

The Hamburg signal station said the British tug Rumania rescued an undetermined number of survivors.

The Diamus was en route from Wismar, Germany, to Antwerp, Belgium. Cause of the sinking was not determined immediately.