

Herald and News

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Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY THE strike situation in the lumber industry in this area gets worse rather than better.



EPLEY

Production Off

INCIDENTALLY, pine production is already off. Latest reports from the Western Pine association show that 1945 production has reached 1,642,404,000 feet, or 8.7 per cent under the 1944 production of the same period of 1,798,242,000 feet.

At the close of the week of July 28, there were on orders 14,338 cars of pine lumber. Shipments for that week totaled 1793 carloads.

Klamath Falls is one of the world's major shipping points of pine lumber. It can be seen that a substantial cut in local production, such as is threatened here, will make serious inroads on the supply of this critical war material.

Public Interest

MOST of us like to see local matters handled locally. The increasingly frequent appearance of federal officials to intervene in local situations is a not-too-pleasant indication that we can't take care of our own affairs.

But this is a war situation, and lumber production is a matter of vital general importance in the prosecution of the war.

Hence, it becomes apparent that the strike situation here is in the category calling for government attention. There is a definite public interest involved here that goes beyond local bounds.

The War Today

By DeWITT MacKENZIE Associated Press Foreign Affairs Analyst JAPAN'S day is rapidly drawing to a close.



MacKENZIE

Moscow's declaration of war represents a masterly psychological coup. First came the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, destroying that great city and, as the Japs themselves say, killed every living thing.

Two Choices

THERE'S nothing for Japan to do but surrender—or commit national hara-kiri. Now that we have the facts before us, it is clear that these events are the result of careful and astute planning over a considerable period.

Of course Japan was well on the road to defeat before the atomic bomb was brought into action. It was only a question of how much time it would take to finish the job.

Jap Position

HOWEVER, there always has been the possibility that the madness of the Japanese war-lords might impel them to try to continue the war on the continent even after Tokyo had surrendered.

Japs Ready

SO far as Russia is concerned, the Japs of course were expecting this development and were ready for it. They have for many weeks been moving troops from southern China northward for the very obvious purpose of getting ready for a possible red attack on Manchuria.

The Japanese have formidable forces pitted against the enemy. They have in Manchuria their Kwangtung army of some 750,000 men, representing the finest troops they possess.

Besides the troops on the continent, the Japs

have about 1,700,000 in the home islands, perhaps 300,000 more in the islands to the north of Japan proper, and 600,000 in southeast Asia and on the by-passed Pacific islands.

Nips Surrounded

WITH Russia in the war, Japan now is surrounded, creating a position of which General MacArthur says: "This will make possible a great pincer movement which cannot fail to end in the destruction of the enemy."

News Behind The News

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9 — A lively fuss is being raised against the government failure to provide for reconversion. The Mead committee said only half what it thought about the job being bungled, the senators privately conceding they were just trying to prod Mr. Truman gently into more forceful action.

Behind the failure to make a plan (and this is apparent, if it has not been fully reported) is the scrapping between the various government departments. The army has never forgotten its scare at prematurely anticipating the end of the European war, and has been hard-headed against releasing men or materials for even such near-war industries as coal, for which Mr. Ickes is howling, railroads, lumber, textiles and steel, for which no one is howling much.

The army is keeping its production going at a terrific pace, and told the Mead committee (although this was not published in the report) that it is drafting 3000 men a month while discharging 4000 a month for a net discharge of only 1000 a month.

CIO Agitates

TO add fury to this plain muddle, the CIO, New Dealers and some others have been increasingly agitating for a vaster government spending program, like the old WPA, to take up a slack in employment, which has not yet developed, and is not immediately forecast in view of the national starvation for consumers goods and services, unless perchance chaotic management of the problem disrupts production.

To the problem, Mr. Truman put his best new man, John W. Snyder, who found it to be a nest of economic and political booby-traps, and his grappling so far has not indicated whether he will throw them or they him.

So we have had such a condition as this following incident discloses:

A business man came to Washington seeking authority to build a plant to supply parts for the automobile industry, admittedly the key in reconversion. He was told he could go ahead as his effort was immediately desirable.

Major Threat

THIS, as I say, is a known condition, but behind it is a truly major threat to reconversion, in the relationship of the unions and management, a fact not observed by the Mead committee, or fully reported. The administration has detected the importance of this all-controlling phase, as if evident in Labor Secretary Schwelben's promotion of a labor-management conference to plan a workable substitute for the no-strike pledge and perhaps a new labor board setup or at least to provide a sensible agreement, under which men may work and the nation produce in the brave new world.

Show-Down Coming

A SHOW-DOWN between labor and management is coming, I am sure, before much reconversion can take place. I think it is planned. With the threat, publicly brandished by CIO leaders for a wave of strikes, the key automobile and other industries which CIO controls, can hardly go far with much reconversion, even if the government requires the army to be reasonable and loosen up on men and materials.

Involved legitimately are the problems of prices and wages. These related problems are in a far worse muddle than the Washington reconversion machinery.

The union war worker is the man who made the biggest wage increase during the war. The little steel formula was shot a full of holes by the unions (upgrading pay devices, vacations, pay for portals to portals and back again to portals, etc.) that it stands only as a sieve against the largest group of the people, the middle class non-factory workers.

There are only 15 millions of people in the unions and 45 millions outside the unions. Their wages were rather effectively frozen by the government formula, while the unions went on up. But prices went on up also, through the sieve of the OPA (black markets, and especially deteriorated goods and services).

In my non-factory town, for instance, the last bond drive could not meet its baby bond quota because the average man just did not have anything left after buying his family the necessities of life and paying his taxes. Those prices will not come down until reconversion has proceeded to the point where competition is restored in both goods and services. Not until quality of goods and work are restored, and both become readily available, can the government do anything effective on price control, which is the essence of economic control.

But if wages are now increased for the special union class, prices must go higher to the average man and if a general wage increase is allowed everyone, the economists say there will surely be inflation which will destroy still further the value of everyone's wages.

Threat To Nation

CLEARLY then, this is not a problem to be handled by political panaceas such as a spending program, or even by straightening out the government's muddle of bureaucratic conflicts, the adoption of the Mead recommendations or a mild success for the labor-management conference.

SIDE GLANCES



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"She'll be famous some day, watch and see—every time I start singing to her she joins in and harmonizes perfectly!"

Klamath's Yesterdays From the files—40 years ago and 10 years ago.

From the Klamath Republican August 10, 1905 The Klamath County Agricultural association will hold its annual fair and horse races the last week in September.

From the Klamath Herald August 8, 1935 Shaw-Bertram's mill at Tionesta, Calif., was a heap of smoldering ruins today after fire destroyed the entire plant.

MIRAMAR, Calif., Aug. 9 (AP) For nearly two years overseas Marine Corp. Douglas F. Denny, 20, Athens, Ga., had dreamed of eating a sirloin steak.

Finally on his return to the marine depot here he got his first liberty in nearby San Diego. It was meatless Friday.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD By William Ferguson

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 9 (AP-WPA) Salable cattle total 250, calves 75, market active, steady, common-medium grass steers largely \$12.00-14.50; cutters down to \$10.00-11.00; canners and cutters \$7.00-9.00; calves 10, steady; few medium calves \$10.00-13.50.

KWIZ KORNOR THE ADVICE "GO WEST YOUNG MAN" WAS GIVEN BY HORACE GREELY JOHN BURROUGHS BRIGHAM YOUNG

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Telling The Editor

Letters printed here must not be more than 50 words in length, must be written legibly on ONE SIDE of the paper only, and must be signed. Contributions following these rules, are warmly welcomed.

THANK YOU PIONEER, Ore. (To the Editor)—I would like to express to the court of Klamath county my thanks and great appreciation for the work that they have done on the Topsy grade road.

Market Quotations NEW YORK, Aug. 9 (AP)—The first dealings since Russia's entry into the Pacific war produced only a minimum of selling orders in the stock market today with leaders falling fractions to

Potatoes CHICAGO, Aug. 9 (AP-WFA)—Potatoes: arrivals 114, on track 307. New stocks supplies fairly liberal demand fair for best stocks, rather slow for others.

LIVESTOCK DENVER, Aug. 9 (AP-WFA)—Sheep receipts 100; market active, classes steady; load medium good 77 lb. Colorado spring lambs \$14.00, sorted 25 head at \$12.75; good-choice native truck-loads \$14.00-15.00; medium-good \$13.00-14.00; best ewes \$6.75; good lot \$6.50-8.50; common-medium \$6.25 down.

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 9 (AP-USA)—Cattle: salable 75, Active, fully steady, common-medium to good steers quoted \$15.00-16.25; medium to good heifers \$13.00-14.50; two cars range cows offered, held about \$12.00; Common cow \$10.00-11.00; canners and cutters \$7.00-9.00; calves 10, steady; few medium calves \$10.00-13.50.

WASHINGTON and Oregon—Scattered cloudiness today, long light on Friday, fog on the coast; slightly cooler west portion today, with moderate westerly winds off the coast.

Courthouse Records Oliver Leviner Franklin, failure to obey highway intersection stop signal. Fine, \$5.00. Oliver Leviner Franklin, failing to procure operator's license. Fine, \$5.00. Harry Arnold Peer, overloading truck and auto. Fine, \$5.00. Clarence William Randall, no 1945 license. Fine, \$5.00. Monroe Ellis Noblin, exceeding speed limit. Fine, \$10.

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OBITUARY DORA BELLE HENSON Dora Belle Henson, a resident of Klamath county for the past 20 years, passed away in Spokane, Wash., Monday, August 6, 1945, at 8 p. m. She was a native of Tennessee and was aged 67 years, 1 month and 11 days at the time of her passing.

VITAL STATISTICS TEDDER, Born at Klamath Valley hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., on August 9, 1945, to Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Tedder, Tionesta, a boy. Weight: 10 pounds 3 ounces. PETERS, Born at Klamath Valley hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., on August 7, 1945, to Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Peters, 2143 Blohm, a boy. Weight: 6 pounds 13 ounces.

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