

LUMBER STRIKE TRUCE REACHED

Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
As all intelligent readers of the news have known from the start, the immensely important meeting of the American, British and Russian foreign ministers must be judged by what is done following it rather than by what was SAID for publication at Moscow.

The record of DEEDS is getting under way quickly, and in general it is encouraging.
WITHIN 48 hours after the conference ends, representatives of the U. S., Russia and Britain leave for Bucharest to carry out the agreements in regard to Romania. They are authorized to consult with King Mihai on "broadening" the present Romanian government and holding FREE elections.

AMERICANS in general are not greatly concerned with peace settlements in the Balkans, but RUSSIA IS. The Balkans are as much a part of Russia's sphere of influence as the Western Hemisphere is of ours. If that problem can be settled, the way will be opened for the settlement of other problems.

FROM London comes a significant statement that a five-power meeting of military leaders is expected to take place in JANUARY to discuss establishment of the international PEACE PRESERVATION FORCE contemplated by the United Nations charter. The United Nations charter, formed at San Francisco, has been almost forgotten in recent months.

GENERAL WEDEMEYER, U. S. commander in China, says today:
Plans for moving more Chinese government armies into Manchuria are under consideration. Additional American troops (maybe 3000 to 4000) will be needed to transport and supply them.

THE speed with which these developments are beginning to get under way suggests that the whole program of reorganizing the world was held up by lack of agreement among the United States, Britain and Russia and that FULL AGREEMENT was finally reached at Moscow.

THE world is moving forward in JAPAN, where the "New Japan Women's Party" has just been formed. It is small in numbers, but expects to have some candidates in the forthcoming Japanese elections.

IN Portland, some 4500 Japanese men, women and children sail for Japan aboard an American ship. Most of them had requested repatriation (return of their Jap citizenship). A few were being deported.

A considerable number of them, the dispatches tell us, "sailed in the FIRM belief that they are going back to a VICTORIOUS homeland." One of the repatriates, a Jap from Stockton, told the reporters: "The majority of these people really think Japan WON THE WAR. They think what they read in the papers is just propaganda and that Japan is actually FORCING the United States to return us as a part of the peace conditions."

GI Brides Due To Arrive Soon
LONDON, Dec. 29 (AP)—U. S. army base headquarters announced tonight that plans for transporting GI brides to the United States are "complete down to the last safety pin" and that the first group already has been notified to be ready to travel "on very short notice."
The announcement followed closely President Truman's signature of legislation to speed up the entry into the United States of brides of American soldiers.

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1000 EVACUEES LEFT IN WAKE OF VALLEY FLOOD

Families Flee From Rogue Rise

High Water Begins To Recede Rapidly At Grants Pass

GRANTS PASS, Dec. 29 (AP)—High water that closed highways and moved families from their homes reached its peak here at 3 a. m. today than began receding rapidly.

Sunshine from clearing skies greeted Grants Pass this morning as reports from the state highway department indicated that highways might soon be reopened to traffic.

Several families along Rogue river had to move from their homes during the night as the river continued its rapid rise of Friday until it reached a top of 23.25 feet this morning.

In the Illinois valley loggers manned boats to rescue several families in the low areas west of Kerby and south of Cave Junction. The sheriff's office here was asked to stand by with more boats in case additional families became endangered.

The Pacific highway south, at Savage Rapids dam and at Rogue View auto camp near Rogue river, was closed during the night and the highway department still had a flagman turning drivers onto detours this morning.

The Redwood highway was still closed this morning one mile north of Kerby and also at Patrick's creek.

Flood stage on the Rogue is considered as 20 feet and the high mark last night was believed the highest since 1927 when it went to 27 feet.

Usherette Hit By Young Boy

Two juvenile offenders, 14- and 15-year-old boys, are waiting court action on a charge of assault and battery on the person of a 16-year-old usherette employed by Pine Tree theatre.

The boys have admitted causing the disturbance in the theatre last Wednesday when one of the youths hit the girl in the face and knocked her down, according to juvenile officials.

The complaint against them, charging assault and battery, was filed by the girl's mother and the boys identified by the juvenile office and the usherette. Both boys have been previously known by the juvenile office.

The boys were creating a disturbance in the theatre, the girl told the juvenile officer, and she asked them to quiet down they began cursing her and one of the boys struck her.

Japanese Line Up For Trip To Japan



Young mothers, their younger children slung on their backs, wait patiently to board transport in Portland on which they will be returned to Japan. (AP wirephoto).

4500 Nips, Many Confident Japan Won War, Slated To Leave Today For Homeland

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 29 (AP)—Some 4500 Japanese—many confident Japan won the war; others eager to escape racial prejudice—were scheduled to leave on the General W. H. Gordon today for their homeland.

Several Nisei youth, showing mixed emotions at leaving America, were more talkative than their stoic elders. Kazuhiro Yoshida, 22, Stockton, Calif., was his family spokesman.

"The majority of these people really think Japan won the war," he declared. "They think what they read in the papers is just propaganda and that Japan is actually forcing the United States to return us as a part of the peace conditions."

The Yoshida family—five in all—knows better, he said, they've had letters from Japan since the war's end.

Some Japanese oldsters, sure Japan had won the war, were "pretty arrogant," reported immigration officials who accompanied them from internment centers in New Mexico, California, and North Dakota. In contrast, many younger children were plainly unhappy.

They want to return and "be Americans again" when they grow up, they said.

A young Fresno, Calif. farmer, Maso Watarida, said "Japanese haven't got an equal chance with Caucasians" because of race prejudice in America. "I know

it's going to be tough," he declared. "But I think in the long run we'll be better off in Japan."

A Nisei woman with a baby strapped to her back was more flippant. Arriving in the States only in 1940, she said she was "glad to go" back to Japan. Asked if she knew conditions were bad there, she scoffed, "that's what I hear."

Most of the repatriates wouldn't tell why they wished to return. "We wouldn't know," they said with a smile.

Eugene Area Crowded By Homeless

Oregon Roads Closed By Slides And Floodwater

EUGENE, Dec. 29 (AP)—The Willamette river flood, outdoing its 1942 predecessor, spewed angrily over valley areas today leaving more than 1000 evacuees in its wake.

Hundreds moved from low-lying Glenwood and West Springfield districts crowded into the Eugene armory. Red Cross workers found coats and blankets requisitioned from Camp Adair and Vancouver barracks wouldn't go around. Army engineers tried frantically to obtain more.

Major highways throughout western Oregon were closed by slides and floodwaters. Officials expressed fear that U. S. highway 99 West, only main link still open to Eugene, would be inundated by noon. Portland to California travel was being routed by the eastward Wapinitia and Dalles-California routes.

"No highway is safe," reported R. H. Baldock, Oregon state highway engineer. He urged travelers to stay put until conditions improve.

The Willamette river reached a crest of 18.4 here today—1.7 feet above the peak of the disastrous flood three years ago. The torrent of water began receding rapidly here, and moving down through the Willamette valley. Cities further along the river's course began preparing for the flood crest.

At Lebanon, a dike was washed out by the raging Santiam river, and others were weakening. Water poured four feet deep into the Davis and McDonald sawmill and endangered several thousand feet of sawed lumber and machinery. Two 10,000-gallon underground storage tanks were torn out of the flooded General Petroleum plant at Lebanon. Fifteen families were moved from homes where water washed through living rooms.

The Santiam crested at Jefferson, where six families were marooned at 5 this morning, and began to fall.

Rising waters, fed by heavy rain and melting snow, washed away barns and small structures in the low country near river banks. Here and there only the top of a parked car showed above the water. A man here tossed tiling into his newly-built cabin to weight it down and prevent its floating away.

The coast guard sent power surf boats to the flood area and held an airplane ready to drop supplies or life rafts if needed. Army engineers' boats were patrolling the river at Newberg, Lambert slough, Wheatland, Independence, Salem and Buena Vista veterans' organizations pitched in to help care for evacuees.

Lowell isolated
Lowell, tiny community on the upper Willamette, was isolated last night when the road to Fallbrook was washed out and a bridge approach was under water for half a mile. Several families were moved to homes of other valley residents. Temporary quarters for refugees were set up in the Springfield high school gymnasium and the Albany USO club.

Three men nearly drowned near Foster when their boat upset as they tried to rescue sheep stranded on an island.

In southern Oregon, Kerby and Cave Junction families were evacuated as the Illinois river rose.

WEATHER
(December 29)
Max. (Dec. 28) . . . 55 Min. . . 40
Precipitation last 24 hours05
Stream year to date 7.11
Normal 4.38 Last year . . . 4.08
Forecast: Light rain Sunday with snow in mountains.
Sunday Shooting Hours
Klamath-Tulelake
Open 7:30 a. m. Close 4:34 p. m.

15-Cent Increase In Wages Agreed At Session Here

Negotiators for operators and AFL lumber worker unionists of the Klamath basin area today announced an agreement for a 15-cent-across-the-board wage increase which is expected to break the three-month-old strike in this section of the pine belt.

The agreement will be recommended to locals for 19 operations and 14 companies, involving about 2500 men. It was reached in sessions between union representatives and the Pine Industrial Relations committee, which is the largest operator representative organization in the pine belt.

The 15-cent increase provides a sawmill minimum of \$1.02½ an hour and retains the area differential of 2½ cents between pine and fir, as well as remanufacturing differentials within the area. Original union demand was for \$1.10, and the operators had been holding out for \$1.

The settlement reached here was stated to be in full satisfaction of all past and present unsatisfied union general wage demands, with the understanding that some or all employers may now or in the future reduce the work week to 40 hours. Negotiators said it was their intention that the settlement would take care of the wage problems for 1946 unless there are substantial changes in marketing or operating conditions of employers.

The union agreed to cooperate in increasing work force efficiency. It was also agreed that any increase in price ceilings granted by the OPA to compensate employers for this wage increase would not be considered a reason for initiating wage discussions.

The strike began at 12:01 a. m., September 24. It was estimated that approximately 3500 men were out at one time in the AFL strike in the Klamath basin district.

Nixon Charges US Pampering Nazi Tycoons

By CHARLES CHAMBERLAIN
BERLIN, Dec. 29 (AP)—Rus-

sell A. Nixon, deputy director of the division of investigation of cartels and external assets of the American military government, asserted today that military authorities in the American zone were "pampering" German industrialists.

Nixon, former instructor in the economics department at Harvard university and later CIO Washington representative for the United Electrical Workers, declared in an interview that German industrialists were not being destroyed and that industrialists were not being arrested as he believed they would under a directive of the joint chiefs of staff.

He also declared that "pressure" forced his division to release from jail a number of leaders of the I. G. Farben industry, gigantic German chemical, after they had been interrogated.

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Slide, High Water Halt Train Service

Klamath Falls was without train service today and all rail operations were being routed through the valley due to a huge slide at the bridge just north of Dunsuir, Calif.

Southern Pacific officials announced this afternoon. Lines from Portland to California were operating on a curtailed basis.

Train No. 16 from the south, due in here Friday at 10:50 p. m., was the first Southern Pacific northbound held up by the slide which covered the track area in the canyon section late yesterday. Local residents expecting passengers here this morning, drove to Dunsuir to pick up friends and relatives as No. 16, due here at 7:40 a. m. Saturday, was held up.

Southern Pacific officials said high water in the valley to the north prevents train service from Klamath Falls to Portland by way of Springfield, James A. Ormandy, general passenger agent at Portland, said pilings were out of one approach, forced out of line by the flood's force.

Shuttle Service
A shuttle service was being employed at Dunsuir today as passengers were moved from the train to Black Butte by bus and there placed on trains routed through Ashland and Medford.

The Cascade, due out of Portland tonight at 5:20, and the Oregonian, No. 17, due out at 10 p. m., will leave for the south on time, SP reported, but both trains will be routed through the valley and not through Klamath Falls. The West Coast, No. 15, due out of Portland at 7 p. m., will be held up temporarily.

The Klamath Falls ticket office reported as busy a day as they'd had in a long time as hundreds of telephone calls besieged the company clerks and tickets were being refunded which had been sold in the past two weeks for this weekend's holiday travel.

Byrnes Returns From Moscow
WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (AP)—Secretary of State Byrnes arrived from Moscow shortly after noon today at Washington National airport.

The four-motored transport plane bringing Byrnes and his party home from the 11-day conference of Big Three foreign ministers in the Soviet capital landed safely after battling winds and rain which prevented it from making a scheduled stop at Portland, Me.

The plane came in at 12:09 p. m.
Byrnes took off from the snow-covered airport at Moscow Thursday morning.

A large crowd, including Undersecretary of State Dean Acheson and the Earl of Halifax, British ambassador to the United States, applauded the secretary as he stepped from the plane, wearing the same lightweight grey topcoat and hat in which he arrived at Moscow in a snowstorm Dec. 15.

"We had good luck and are glad to be home," he said.

Arriving In United States
By Associated Press
Joseph A. Riggs, PFC, Klamath Falls, arriving on Hampton Sydney Victory due in New York December 30.

Theodore Dreiser, Famed Novelist, Taken By Death

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 29 (AP)—Theodore Dreiser, one of America's leading modern novelists, is dead.

A heart attack last night claimed the 74-year-old writer, an outstanding realist who came in with the present century and rose to literary eminence through critical derision after abandoning a newspaper career, which he claimed was "too brutal."

Physicians said the writer, whose novel, "An American Tragedy," published 20 years ago, was one of his greatest literary works, appeared to rally after the first attack early yesterday, but succumbed to the second, 15 hours later.

At his bedside was his second wife, Helen. His first wife, the former Sarah Osborne White of St. Louis, died in 1942 at the age of 63. There were no children.

Born at Terre Haute, Ind., in 1871, the son of a German couple, John and Sarah Dreiser, Theodore began early to brood over the "brutalities" of everyday life—a despair that soon etched itself early in his writings, which consistently ran to tragedies.

Journalistic Career
Beginning in Chicago about 1890 a journalistic career he once said he hoped would "crystallize my vague dreamings and imaginings," he worked on newspapers and magazines in St. Louis and New York before he wrote "Sister Carrie," a tragedy of a village maiden. Suppressed by publishers at first, it later became one of his greatest works.

Later he turned out dozens of volumes of stories, long and short; plays and essays. Reflecting his obsession with the "brutal cruelty" of life, many were met by a public chorus of adverse criticism.

Others of his works included "Jennie Gerhardt," "The Genius," "A Hoosier Holiday," "A Book About Myself," "Moods,

Cadenced and Declaimed," "Dreiser Looks At Russia" and "A Gallery of Women."

Since he established his home here 10 years ago, Dreiser remained in semi-seclusion, but recently completed two more novels, "The Bulwark," and "The Stoic," which are not yet off the press.

Three years ago he openly criticized Great Britain's war effort and for a while was barred from making speeches in Canada because of his utterances. Later he branded as a misquotation, a declaration credited to him that he would rather see the Germans, instead of English aristocracy, in Britain.

A brother, Edward, and a niece, Vera Dreiser, both of New York City, are among his survivors.
Dreiser's late brother, Paul Dresser, was the composer of many song hits around the turn of the century, "My Gal Sal," "On the Banks of the Wabash" among them.



THEODORE DREISER