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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
 AS these words are written (in Rosburg) the President has just delivered a 25,000-word message to congress.
 His words are fair. His sentiments are pious.
 But—
 The dispatch from Washington summarizing the message is followed immediately on the wires by another one from New York relating that for the second day in a row the stock market has slipped materially in the face of bearish sentiment resulting in a wave of selling.

WE mustn't gauge our lives by the stock market.
 Still, it IS interesting, and more or less dependable, as an indication of what people are thinking.

They are obviously thinking that it might be better right now to sell than to buy. For months, the general run of people have been more eager to buy than to sell.

IF this current of slightly pessimistic thinking runs unchanged until next November, the results of the election that will then occur will be unpleasant to Mr. Truman.

When people are in an optimistic frame of mind, they are inclined to vote for the IN's, on the theory that when everything looks rosy WHY CHANGE?

When the public's thinking turns to the pessimistic side, look out! The theory then is that a change could do no harm and might do some good.

WE have been taught for years to look to Washington for everything. So, you see, whenever Washington fails to produce our natural thought is that a change of faces in Washington might be a good idea.

You may be quite sure that Mr. Truman and his advisers are watching anxiously this possible change in the public's thinking that may be signaled by these two days of falling prices in the stock market.

Everybody was happy with Mr. Hoover until the stock market stubbed its toe in 1929.

SO far as this writer is concerned, there are two slightly sour notes in Mr. Truman's message.

He tells us that by drawing on the treasury's CASH BALANCE the national debt can actually be reduced for the FIRST TIME in 17 years—from an expected 275 billion dollars next July to 271 billion dollars a year later.

That is true enough. Still, it presents the picture in a somewhat rosier light than the facts warrant. The treasury's cash balance simply represents money already appropriated (for war purposes) but not yet spent (because of the ending of the war).

What his statement really means is that we had previously OVERESTIMATED the national debt. What it IMPLIES is that we are already starting the processes of economy by which the national debt will have to be paid off.

This is no time to paint the financial picture in terms rosier than the facts justify.

THE other sour note is his request to congress to retain food subsidies as one means of combating inflation.

Food subsidies have been costing us about one and three-quarters billions a year. What they amount to is paying sellers out of the treasury to keep prices down—in other words, charging the difference to the government and adding it to the national debt.

That isn't a very sound way to keep inflation down.

Warm Rains Hit Klamath Area

Warm rains, which lent an almost spring like feel to the atmosphere, washed away the greater portion of the snow which covered the Klamath area and there was little evidence of winter in town today.

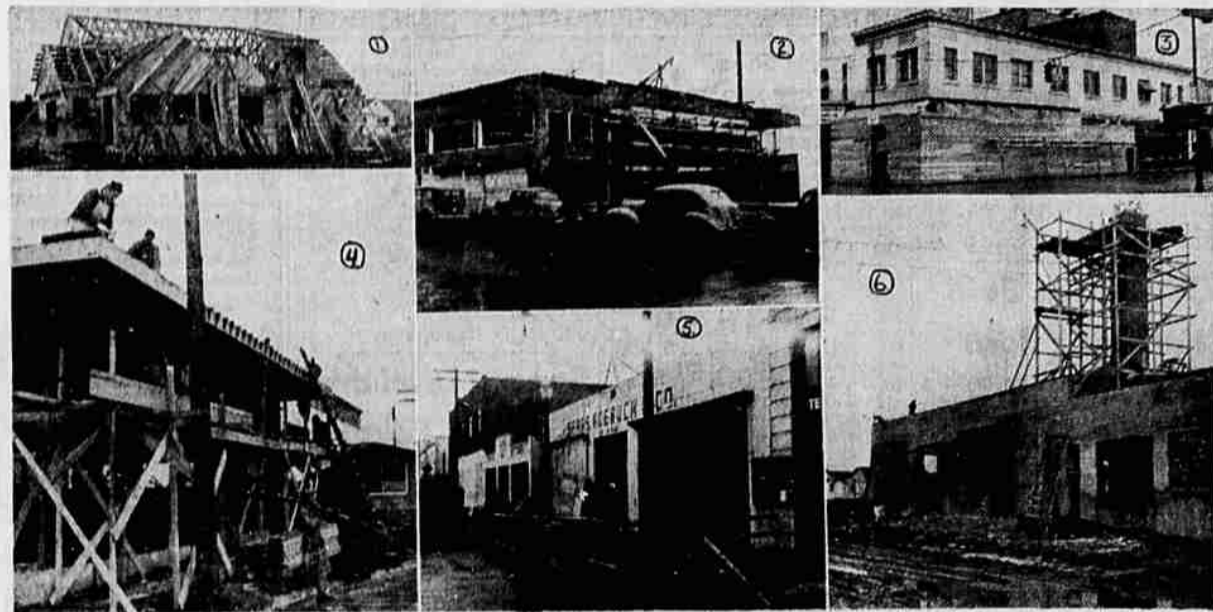
The city street department was flushing the winter debris from the business section but pedestrians opined that a few washed sidewalks would not be amiss.

Out at Moore park, where scores of coasters have used the winding roads for sledding purposes, the rains had cleared most of the pavement the caretaker reported today.

Forecast for the next 24 hours was "overcast" with a possibility of more rain. The maximum was 41, minimum, 34, the U. S. weatherman reported.

Kesterson Interests Sold

Midwinter Building Boom On In Klamath



These random construction shots indicate the extensive building program under way in Klamath Falls in this midwinter season. 1. House going up at 2110 Orchard, for Cecil Wilbur. 2. Anderson Auto Service company constructs automobile showrooms and additional service quarters on Walnut near Sixth. 3. Rickys jewelry goes into extensive remodeling program at 7th and Main. 4. Dick B. Miller is constructing a large truck service center at 11th and Klamath. 5. Sears Roebuck and company is extensively remodeling its big store at 8th and Klamath. 6. West-Hitchcock corporation is making rapid progress on its big contractors, logging and farm equipment plant, plus truck service, at 677 S. 7th. These are only a few of the current building projects.

Trainmen Call Strike Vote

CLEVELAND, Jan. 23 (AP)—A strike vote will be taken immediately among the 215,000 members of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, President A. F. Whitney said today, and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers has called a committee meeting for Feb. 1 at which time a similar vote may be authorized among the engineers.

Alvanley Joffton, grand chief engineer of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, said brotherhood chairmen from each railroad would meet here Feb. 1, "and it is a distinct possibility that they will authorize a strike vote among our 78,000 members."

Whitney said the membership strike vote would be taken on the question of two issues—a demand for a general wage increase of 25 per cent, and numerous changes in operating regulations to improve working conditions.

He estimated that about three weeks would be required to distribute, collect and count the ballots.

"Then we will serve notice on the railroads and if we get no offer, we will go into action," Whitney said.

Cloture Sought To End Debate

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (AP)—Senator Magnuson (D-Wash.), said today he would support a cloture rule, which limits debate, to end the filibuster in the senate against the fair employment practices committee bill.

"I would vote for cloture tomorrow if we could get it up," Magnuson said. "This debate is not going to change a vote and I do not think there is any chance of reaching any agreement with the opponents of the measure to set a time to vote upon it."

Magnuson, who voted for the measure when he was in the house said he saw no way of immediately breaking the filibuster.

Deputy Sheriff Booked In Ghastly Slaying Of Woman

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif., Jan. 23 (AP)—Deputy Sheriff Arthur L. Eggers of Temple City, 52-year-old son of a former San Francisco sheriff, was booked for investigation of murder today after hours of grilling about the mutilation slaying of a woman whose headless, handless body was found in a mountain canyon near here January 2.

Undersheriff Arthur Jewell of Los Angeles said the body had been tentatively identified as that of Mrs. Dorothy Eggers, 42, reported missing by her husband on the day the gruesome discovery was made.

Lions Propose Making Post Veterans' Training School

A proposal that the Marine Barracks plant be converted into a veterans' training school was advanced today by the Klamath Falls Lions club.

Appearing before chamber of commerce directors, Lions spokesmen declared their opinion that the handsome, well-equipped plant on the hill would lend itself admirably as an educational plant for veterans of west coast states.

They pointed to a serious lack of educational facilities throughout the country for returning GI's, and proposed that the veterans administration and the Oregon state department of education cooperate in administering a program at the Marine Barracks that would train veterans in specific trades and offer education on a two-year college level.

"The Marine Barracks as is, from a physical standpoint, is quite adequate," said Harold Shidler in presenting the Lions' proposal. "A few changes of a minor nature would make it immediately usable."

He pointed out that the gymnasium, swimming pool, dispensary, post exchange, hostess house, laundry and officers' club could be used virtually as they stand for various purposes in the training school program. The mess hall, while probably too large for mess purposes for the school, could be converted into large workshops. The barracks could be used for dormitories for single men and some of them could be converted into apartment quarters for married veterans. Others could be used for classrooms.

Equipment Available
 The Lions spokesman said that a large amount of equipment for training would be available from the recently discontinued war production training program.

Due to the four-year war period, it was pointed out, one complete generation of possible college men has been denied training. This has doubled the load in the country's educational institutions, and unbearable crowding is expected next fall.

"The Marine Barracks is a going institution and with minor changes could be put to a use that would save the taxpayers millions of dollars as well as perform an outstanding service to World War II veterans," Shidler said.

The Lions offered the opinion that the barracks would lend itself more suitably to such a program than as a site for the veterans administration hospital to be built in Klamath Falls, probably on another site.

This suggestion from the Lions club followed the recent disclosure that the marine corps plans to relinquish the post around March 1. President L. Orth Sismore of the chamber referred the matter to the veterans' committee for study.

Pickets Halt Army Trucks

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (AP) Chairman May (D-Ky.) today ordered an immediate house military committee investigation of charges that army truck drivers in the third service command have been ordered not to cross meat strikers' picket lines without union approval.

May said he had instructed H. Ralph Burton, committee counsel, to obtain all army data on the charge and have it ready for committee study Friday morning.

"We are going to the bottom of this," May told a reporter. The charge was made in the house by Rep. Howard Smith (D-Va.), who read a telegram from the commanding general (Maj. Gen. Manton S. Eddy) at Baltimore directing that "until further orders army trucks under your command will not be permitted to cross picket lines established by striking meat packing unions without agreement with local labor representatives concerned."

Woman Struck By Automobile

Mrs. Mary Donelson Frain, 54, 1522 Martin, is in the Klamath Valley hospital seriously injured today after she was hit by a car driven by James Herbert McCulloch, 20, route 3, on S. 6th at Martin late last night. McCulloch, a soldier home on leave, was arrested for reckless driving by city police and released on recognizance to appear in court this afternoon.

Hospital authorities said this afternoon that Mrs. Frain, who is an employee of the county tax collector's office, is suffering from multiple injuries and is bleeding internally.

Mrs. Frain has been given blood transfusions and the hospital is calling for blood donors this afternoon.

She was struck as she was crossing S. 6th on her way home about 10 o'clock last night. Investigating police said that the car driven by McCulloch was coming north on 6th at about 40 miles an hour. Mrs. Frain was carried on the front of the car about 48 feet before she dropped off onto the pavement and the

Curb Sought For Petrillo

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (AP)—Legislation which Chairman Lea (D-Calif.) said was designed to restrain powers of James C. Petrillo, head of the American Federation of Musicians, today was approved by a 14-5 vote of the house interstate commerce committee.

Lea is author of the bill which, according to its title, is aimed "to prohibit certain coercive practice affecting radio broadcasting."

Lea told newsmen the bill grew out of demands made upon broadcasters by Petrillo. Lea said he considered the demands "not within the legitimate rights of any organization" and added that "a self-respecting government cannot afford to permit" them.

The legislation would prohibit the use of threats or force to "coerce, compel or constrain" a radio station "to pay or agree to pay" tribute for the privilege of producing or using records, transcriptions or mechanical reproductions. A maximum penalty of a year's imprisonment and a \$1000 fine is provided for violations.

AFL Butchers To Return To Work

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 23 (AP) Striking AFL butchers will return to work at the Swift and Armour company packing plants here Saturday, J. D. McDonald, union secretary, said today.

Local action in compliance with orders from national union officials, he said, which were issued after the government announced it was seizing the plants on Saturday.

Long-Time Operation Said Sure

Plant Will Be Active Productive Unit For 10 Years

The Kesterson mill on Klamath river below town, one of the large lumber plants of this area, will continue in operation for at least several years, it was assured today with the announcement by Irving Kesterson that Kesterson Lumber corporation has sold its lumber interests here to the Klamath Basin Pine Mills, Inc.

The new owners of this operation now have timber and are negotiating for other timber which they expect will maintain the Kesterson plant as an active productive unit in this community for about 10 years.

H. J. O'Donnell, M. A. Wyman and L. McLellan, of the Puget Sound area are the owners of the Klamath Basin Pine Mills, Inc., a Washington corporation. Some time ago, these men took over the box operations at the big Kesterson plant, and have conducted this business under the name of Kesterson Box company.

Ivan Kesterson will be resident manager for the new owners and there will be no change in key personnel, it was announced.

Lease Transferred
 The deal announced today includes transfer from the Kesterson corporation to the Klamath Basin Pine Mills of the lease on the Klamath river plant, owned by a subsidiary of the Great Northern railroad.

Irving E. Kesterson, who has headed the Kesterson operations here and has long been a leader in the lumber industry in this area, said today that while he is retiring from operating activity here he will retain his interest in the welfare of the Klamath industry and hopes to serve it in many ways. He will serve the industry in an advisory capacity and is a member of important industry committees. He plans a trip to Washington soon in the interest of the industry.

Irving Kesterson has acquired substantial interests in California and makes his home at Redwood City.

The Kesterson family entered the lumbering field here in 1917, operating at that time a small mill known as the Burkhardt mill, at Ivan, two or three miles north of the Oregon-Klamath line near Warden. They then moved to a mill at Topsy, Klamath river canyon. In 1923, they began operations at a large plant at Dorris, sawing Klamath county timber. In 1929 they completed construction of the Kesterson plant on Klamath river near Klamath Falls, and have operated it since that time. They came here from Grants Pass. Present officers of the Kesterson corporation are G. H. Kesterson, Grants Pass, president; Irving Kesterson, vice president, and Ivan Kesterson, treasurer. Dan Farris is acting secretary.

AFL Orders Workers To End Strike

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (AP)—The White House announced today the department of agriculture will seize and operate strikebound meat packing plants on Saturday.

Meanwhile, the striking AFL union of meat workers ordered its men back to work in struck plants Saturday, the day set for government seizure of strikebound properties.

Earl Jimerson, president, and Patrick E. Gorman, secretary-treasurer of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of America, issued a statement saying as "loyal Americans" they had ordered their members in struck plants of Armour, Swift, Cudahy, Wilson, Kingan and Morrell companies back to work effective Saturday.

Press Secretary Charles C. Ross said the agriculture department will have the aid of the war department "if necessary" and that the agriculture department will conduct the operations.

Ross declined to answer questions concerning his terse announcement, made to a hurriedly called news conference. Ross made the following oral statement:

"The government will seize the closed meat packing plants on Saturday, January 25."

"The necessary order for the seizure is now being prepared by the secretary of labor."

The seizure will be made by the department of agriculture, with the aid of the war department if necessary. The plants will be operated by the department of agriculture.

"That's the whole of it at this time."

A few minutes earlier a government official, who declined to be quoted directly, had indicated the seizure would be made Saturday to allow further time to persuade striking CIO workers to return to their jobs under government operation. Labor department officials have said that striking AFL workers had agreed to return if the government took over.

No Plans
 The administration still has no immediate plans for further action on the steel strike, Ross said.

Asked whether there were any plans for Henry Kaiser to be brought into the picture to help settle the steel dispute, Ross replied:

"I know of no such plans." Last week Kaiser signed a contract with the CIO United Steel Workers union for his California steel plant.

Chester Bowles, OPA administrator, was scheduled to talk with President Truman shortly after noon and Labor Secretary Schwellenbach had an appointment later.

Seizure of the meat packing plants was the first such action in a major labor dispute since the current wave of big strikes started.

Mac Orders 48 Japs Arrested

TOKYO, Jan. 23 (AP)—General MacArthur today ordered the arrest of 48 more Japanese war criminal suspects and, in a renewed drive against the Nipponese military, included three lieutenant generals.

Ordered to report at Sugamo prison "at the earliest practicable date" were Lt. Gen. Yui-chiro Nagano, commander of the Osamu army groups in Batavia in June and July, 1945; Lt. Gen. Fusatara Teshima, who commanded the second army, and Lt. Gen. Seichi Yamada, commander of the fifth division.

The remainder of the suspects were military of lesser rank and civilians, including a number of guards at prisoner of war camps. Also named were a number of naval personnel who were stationed at Infanta, Luzon, including Capt. Takesu Furuse and two junior grade lieutenants.

Nightmare Of Atomic War Conjured Up By Analyst

atom-charged and propelled rockets—the one offensive and the other defensive. The first will be ranged on every great foreign city in the world, because before war is launched (to declare it would be sheer madness), no single nation will know who among the rest is its true enemy.

"The second organization will be directed by the radar sets, and as soon as they signal a flight of offensive rockets speeding toward them, the defensive rockets will automatically be released by radar to speed into the heavens and explode in whatever cubic space in the stratosphere radar decides the enemy's offensive rockets will enter at a calculated time.

"Then miles above the surface of the earth, noiseless battles will be fought between blast and counterblast. Now and again an invader will get through, and up will go London, Paris, or New York in a 40,000-foot-high mushroom of smoke and dust; and as nobody will know what is happening above or beyond or be certain who is fighting whom—let alone what for—the war will go on in a kind of bellicose perpetual motion until the last laboratory blows up."

Strike Curb Legislation Takes Shape

By CLAIR JOHNSON
 WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (AP)—A strong drive took shape in the house today to rewrite into broad new strike control legislation the watered down version of President Truman's fact-finding bill.

Leaders of a group composed largely of republicans and southern democrats told newsmen they will try to attach several amendments to the measure approved yesterday by the house labor committee.

Just how broad these proposals will be has not yet been agreed upon, and much of the decision may be fought out on the house floor. The battle probably will begin next week, after the rules committee acts on the fact-finding bill.

Wide Backing
 Regardless of the details, the coalition leaders claimed—and their opponents acknowledged—widespread backing for some type of stringent legislation aimed at curbing industrial strife.

Foes of such action told reporters privately their chief hopes lie in possible settlement of some of the major labor disputes before a vote is taken.

"We are just making a last ditch stand, otherwise," one of them said. "The house is raring to go. Most members believe they have to push through something to end the strikes."

The first test will come before the rules committee, probably Friday.

Tire Production Seen Suspended

AKRON, Ohio, Jan. 23 (AP)—A survey of executives in the major tire producing firms here drew predictions today that tire manufacture would be suspended within a few weeks for lack of steel wire used in the beads.

Nationally, tire production now is at the rate of 180,000 to 200,000 casings a day. Akron plants produce about 60,000 casings a day, the majority of them for passenger cars.

Congress Plan Would Hike Pay

By EUGENE B. DODSON
 WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (AP)—Congress heard from its ranks today how it should streamline itself, and the program includes pay raises, pensions and extra assistants.

From a parliamentary viewpoint, one of the key recommendations is that congress break the right control which the house rules committee now can exercise over pending legislation.

Arriving In United States

By Associated Press
 Duane B. Mathis, PFC, Klamath Falls, arrived on Waterbury Victory due in New York January 21.

James H. Harger, T/S, Klamath Falls, arrived on Kemp Battle due in New York January 21.

Robert E. Carr, PFC, Klamath Falls, arrived on Henry Connor due in New York January 20.