

GM-UAW TO RESUME WAGE TALKS

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
A NEW wrinkle in strikes bobs into the news.

Back in Nebraska and Oklahoma (Kansas seems to have been skipped so far) farmers are holding meetings and talking about holding their products off the market until labor troubles in industry are settled and the flow of production starts again. A speaker in a meeting in Nebraska says: "Farmers have their Irish up because they can't get farm tools, machinery, bathtubs, refrigerators or even overalls—all of which they want and need." He adds that it might be a good idea for the farmers to "go on strike against strikes."

It wouldn't be, of course. Taking products OFF the markets at a time when our great need is to get more products INTO the markets could work nothing but HARM.

But this tempest in the teapot in Nebraska and Oklahoma does illustrate interestingly how easy it is for unscrupulous thinking to get started.

THE trouble with this Nebraska-Oklahoma proposal (which probably doesn't amount to much) is that it is primarily DESTRUCTIVE. All it could hope to accomplish would be to make an already bad situation worse.

What we need is a CONSTRUCTIVE solution of our production troubles.

A NEW strike control bill makes its appearance in congress today, and is said to have rather heavy backing. Its general effect, if enacted into law, would be to take away from labor some of the legal privileges labor now possesses.

It does, however, contain one provision that seems to this writer to be an intelligent approach to the problem of making collective bargaining workable. It would provide CIVIL LIABILITY for unions or employers who VIOLATE contracts.

That is to say, if the employer violated the contract, he could be SUED FOR DAMAGES by the union. If the union violated the contract, it could be sued for damages by the employer.

AFTER all, collective bargaining contracts are nothing more than simple business agreements, setting forth what each party agrees to do in return for certain benefits—just like a lease, or a bill of sale, or a partnership agreement.

It is generally conceded that the stability of business rests largely upon the sanctity of contracts. Upon the security represented by sound, workable contracts with RESPONSIBLE parties, who in the event of violation or dispute can be sued with the reasonable prospect that the local civil courts will award damages, business men can and regularly do go to banks and other lenders and borrow money with which to carry on the operations outlined in the contracts.

In the present status of collective bargaining agreements no such thing is even remotely possible. A borrower who offered a collective bargaining agreement as security for a loan wouldn't get far.

THAT isn't a sound state of affairs, and it doesn't promote the healthy growth of collective bargaining.

Collective bargaining can't become wholly successful until collective bargaining contracts command the same respect and confidence as other business agreements.

Civil liability for failure to live up to their terms is a step in that direction.

WEATHER
(January 30)
Max. (Jan. 29) 28 Min. 0
Precipitation last 24 hours.... 0
Stream year to date 9.03
Normal 6.48. Last year, 4.84
Forecast: Clear Thursday.

Smithsonian Scientists Proud Of New Dodo Bird

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (AP)—A newly-constructed dodo roosts in the Smithsonian institution today.

And Smithsonian scientists, every bit as proud as Mama Dodo must have been when she laid the egg more than two centuries ago, say they reckon it's the most complete dodo specimen in America.

It's half real dodo (bones, that is) and half imagination helped along by careful research into descriptions written by early explorers.

The bird was put together once before, some years ago, but the scientists found later that that wasn't what the dodo really looked like, at all.

So they tore the specimen down and began all over again. They think they've got it right this time.

Dr. H. Friedmann, of the institution's bird division, told a reporter today he doesn't know why man has paid so much heed to the luckless dodo.

Why, in America alone, more

Strike Curb Bill Sent To House

Debate Scheduled To Start Tomorrow On Measure

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (AP)—A far-reaching strike control bill was sent to the house floor today by the rules committee.

Debate is scheduled to start tomorrow on the measure, proposed as a substitute for a watered down version of fact-finding legislation approved by the house labor committee.

The committee voted 8 to 3 to clear the bill for consideration as a substitute.

Two days of debate were ordered.

The rules group's recommendation controlling procedure for consideration of the legislation is subject to house approval. Chairman Sabath (D-Ill.), one of those who voted against it, said he would ask the house to reject the committee's action.

The bill cleared was introduced yesterday by Rep. Case (R-S.D.).

Mediation Board
Containing several restrictive provisions and calling for a national labor management mediation board, the bill was introduced by Rep. Case (R-S.D.) with backing from influential members of both parties.

Republican spokesmen told reporters nearly all their members will support the plan. And southern democratic leaders said in interviews that members from their section will back it nearly 100 per cent.

Most opposition came from those usually considered close friends of organized labor. Rep. Marcantonio (AL-N.Y.) termed the measure "a republican filibuster against labor." He acknowledged, however, that it had wide-spread backing.

Among restrictive sections of the Case bill are ones which would:

1. Provide civil liability for unions or employers violating contracts.
2. Deny collective bargaining or reemployment rights to individuals or unions using violence in picketing or organized boycotts to force management to come to terms.
3. Give no status to unions of supervisory employees, such as foremen; and
4. Repeal many of the present anti-injunction laws, by permitting issuance of injunctions in certain cases of labor unrest.

Crane Plant At Bly Sold

Sale of the Crane Mills, Inc., lumbering operations at Bly in eastern Klamath county to the Spangler Lumber company, a new name in the industry here, was announced today.

New owners of the mill are William Spangler and Loren Walmerston, well known local lumbermen, and Don Weidner, Chicago. These men are also interested in the Palmerton Lumber company and other operations here.

They purchased the mill, planer and a block of timber in the Bly country, and intend to operate the plant at Bly as long as timber is available. The mill, a six-foot single band semi-portable plant, was established in June, 1931.

Harold Crane, the head of Crane Mills, Inc. is understood to have shifted his interests to a northern California lumber operation, but was not here today for an interview.

Crane established both the Bly mill and another on the north fork of the Sprague near Bly in 1931. The north fork plant was sold to Ivory Pine company.

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Bevin Demands Iran In Dispute

Britain Charges Reds Conducted War Of Nerves

LONDON, Jan. 30 (AP)—Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin of Britain charged today that Russia had conducted what appeared to be a "war of nerves" in Iran and he endorsed the Iranian demand, opposed by Russia, for the security council to take control of the Soviet-Iranian dispute.

Edward R. Stettinius Jr., American member of the council, supported the British view as expressed by Bevin. Stettinius said he believed the council should keep the Iranian case on its agenda and retain jurisdiction over it.

"Cannot the council agree to admit the two parties to voluntary negotiations and (to have Iran and Russia) keep the council informed until a mutually satisfactory solution is found in accordance with justice?" Stettinius asked.

Previously, S. H. Taqizadeh, the Iranian delegate, had declared willingness to go into direct negotiations with Russia provided the security council made such a recommendation, but said the matter must not "go out of the hands of the council."

Denies Control
Speaking for the Soviet Union, Andrei Vishinsky told the council there was no objection to direct negotiations but "I emphatically deny that the Soviet government should be under control of the security council."

Bevin's "war of nerves" ascription came after the stocky British foreign secretary had recalled a Russian allegation, in a document filed with the council several days ago, that conditions in Iran threatened the Russian Azerbaijan and the Baku oil fields region.

"I cannot imagine an Iranian army as a danger of the Baku fields," Bevin said. "I really cannot. This looked to us like a war of nerves. It looks like Litvinoff's (Maxim Litvinoff, former Soviet foreign commissar) definition of what constituted aggression."

Army Training Period Sliced

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (AP)—The army today reduced the period of training to eight weeks for soldiers destined to be sent overseas as replacements.

The war department said the action followed consultation with overseas theater commanders on the "critical situation" regarding troops for occupation duty.

The training period previously had been reduced from 17 to 13 weeks by order by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, chief of staff.

Overseas commanders were asked whether the war department would be possible, with training overseas supplementing the drills in the United States.

The theater commanders concurred. The eight-week training period will be exclusive of time spent in the induction process.

The period will be devoted to schooling the recruit in military fundamentals.

Klamath Man Wins Bond Auto

"Jimminy Christmas!" That was all Hugh F. Tolley, engineer at the U. S. bureau of reclamation, could say for a few minutes after he was notified by L. L. Lombard that he was the winner of the 1946 Dodge car in the 7th Victory bond drive drawing for Oregon.

Direct word of the winner was received by Lombard, local Dodge distributor, at about noon today and it was nearly two hours before Tolley, who was out on the project, could be notified.

"I never won anything before in my life and didn't think it could be possible," said Tolley who lives with his wife and 12-year-old son Bill at 821 Mt. Whitney, when he was able to do more than stammer his surprise.

He forgot to inquire when he could expect delivery on the new car.

WITNESS TELLS STORY

Mother Stands By Daughter



As Virginia Rose Gibson, star witness against Earl Heuvel, walked up the courthouse steps, her mother, Mrs. Rose Hoffman of The Dalles, (right), walked arm in arm with her toward the courtroom door.

Enrollment Survey In City Schools Explodes Theory That KF Is Transient Town

A comprehensive enrollment survey in the city schools, prepared by Superintendent Arnold L. Gralapp, has exploded the theory that Klamath Falls is a transient town.

Of the 1877 students in the city system, grades one to seven, 1129 boys and girls have been in Klamath Falls schools since entering the first grade. Only 748 students have transferred here from other schools.

In this category, the border states of California and Washington lead in transfers. California has sent 160 students into the local schools, Washington, 42. In third place is Oklahoma; fourth, Idaho; fifth, Arkansas. A number of pre-California students are said to have come from the Oklahoma-Arkansas area prior to entering that state's schools.

In addition to transfers from other states, the Klamath county schools sent 166 students to town; 180 came in from other parts of the state of Oregon; the academy transfer was 20 students, and one came from the Adventist school.

There were no children listed from the following states: Delaware, Illinois, Kentucky, Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, Vermont or West Virginia. Alaska sent one child, Kansas, Texas and Arizona each sent 11.

KF Thermometers Sink To New Seasonal Low Of Zero

Old Man Winter stalked the state of Oregon today, sending the mercury in Klamath Falls to a seasonal low of zero, and at Lapine dropped the lowest temperature of all. It was 18 degrees below zero in that community and 12 below at Sun Mountain on The Dalles-California highway.

The state highway patrol on Greensprings mountain also reported a below zero reading with a minus one degree.

At 8:30 this morning CAA advised a zero reading, lowest of the year. It was 10 below on Quartz mountain leading to Lakeview. Snow fell fitfully over the mountain road areas and chains were advised on all highways which were said by the highway department to be hazardous.

At Odell lake the skies were clear, the thermometer read five degrees above zero, and sending crews were operating on the Willamette pass. The total snow at the summit was 14 1/2 inches, with 12 inches in a new fall. One-way traffic was in effect between Oakridge and the summit. Although no serious accidents were reported to state or city police, there were plenty of bumped fenders and smashed grills as cars slid into each other. There were no personal injuries in traffic accidents, the morning report showed.

Gibson Girl Points Out Earl Heuvel

19-Year-Old Brunette Gives Way To Tears Once On Stand

The state rested its case this afternoon in the trial of former Police Chief Earl Heuvel on sodomy charges.

Final direct evidence was swiftly presented by the prosecution following the key testimony given by Virginia Rose Gibson, the complaining witness, whose sensational story of her experiences as a city prisoner in November, 1944, was told yesterday afternoon.

A major bit of evidence today came from Policeman Odell Olson, who identified as the voice of Earl Heuvel a call which he received from Fresno, Calif., in February, 1945, asking him "what was cooking" in Klamath Falls. That was after Heuvel had left the city and authorities were looking for him.

Olson said he told Heuvel on the telephone that "plenty" was "cooking" and related the charges against him.

The complaining witness, Miss Gibson, was the first person called to the stand by the prosecution yesterday afternoon. The tall, slender 19-year-old brunette told her story in a straightforward, matter-of-fact way, giving way to tears only once.

At the outset of her testimony, she pointed to Heuvel, identifying him as the man she knew as chief of Klamath Falls police in November, 1944. Heuvel sat alone against the courtroom railing which divided the gallery from the bar. The spectators' gallery was filled to capacity.

Picked Up
Miss Gibson related how she and Bernice Huff were picked up by a police officer at the Metropolitan hotel about 8:30 p. m. November 8, and taken to the station, where they were told they had been in town "over 11 days without looking for work."

They were brought in as vagrants and that the sentence for vagrancy was \$100 and 30 days.

Virginia Rose Gibson said that they were denied the use of the telephone and that Heuvel told them he didn't want their money. After further conversation she and Bernice Huff were booked and locked up for the night.

Next morning, she said, both girls were taken back up to Heuvel's office where he told them they would "get off easier if they pleaded guilty" to vagrancy before the judge, in court. They did and Heuvel requested they be taken to the medical clinic for examination before sentence be passed.

Paid Bill
After the examination, Miss Gibson's testimony continued, they were driven back to the hotel where she paid their hotel bill and got their clothes. Under cross-examination later she said that Heuvel paid the hotel bill and they paid back the money to him.

Back at the city hall, she related, she stayed in the cell until about 8:30 that night. Then both she and Bernice were taken back to the chief's office. Both again offered to get money to pay their fines and, she declares, were told by Heuvel that he didn't want their money.

He asked them, she said, if (Continued on Page 2, Column 6)

Merchant Seaman Held For Forgery

A 19-year-old merchant marine, who told police he ran out of money when he reached Klamath Falls, was lodged in the county jail on a charge of forgery when he allegedly attempted to pass a \$31 check at the Safeway store, 12th and Main, last Saturday.

The youth, Thomas Gail Lund, en route from his home at Salt Lake City to Washington where he hoped to ship out, waived preliminary hearings in justice court and was placed in jail in lieu of \$500 cash bail set by Justice of the Peace J. A. Mahoney. Lund had attempted to pass the check to Roy Lee, the name of Back L. Sheppard of Brooklyn avenue, Klamath Falls, signed to the check. Lee, Safeway manager, called city police who arrested the man. The complaint was signed by Police Officer V. L. Wagner.

Conciliator Strives To End Strike

By The Associated Press
General Motors and the CIO United Auto Workers agreed to resume their long suspended wage negotiations this afternoon and in Washington the house rules committee sent a far-reaching strike control bill to the floor.

Special Federal Conciliator James F. Dewey, after morning conferences with management and labor executives in the General Motors wage dispute at Detroit, announced the parties had agreed to sit down across the table.

Dewey is seeking settlement of the strike which has kept 175,000 production workers idle more than 10 weeks. R. J. Thomas, UAW president, emerged from the conference room with Dewey in an extremely affable mood, but made no statement.

Meanwhile, the rules committee labor bill, which contains several restrictive provisions, will reach the debate stage in the house tomorrow.

The measure, proposed as a substitute for a watered down version of fact-finding legislation approved by the house labor committee, was reported out 8 to 3.

In the senate, Chairman Murray (D-Mont.) of the labor committee, expressed hope the committee would act on fact-finding legislation by the middle of next week. He said he would attempt to speed hearings, possibly holding both morning and afternoon sessions early next week.

An advance of approximately \$4 per ton has been reported to be the maximum the administration will approve but the U. S. Steel corporation has said a boost of much more would be necessary even to approximate its workers' demand for wage increases. The CIO United Steelworkers has accepted President Truman's recommendation of an 18 1/2-cent-an-hour wage hike, while the U. S. Steel's top offer is a pay boost of 15 cents an hour.

Beating Lands Man In Jail
Frank Elvins Bryant, 44, for whom law enforcement officers have been searching since a complaint charging assault and battery was signed October 20, 1945, by the late Tom Thompson of Bonanza, was in the county jail today serving a six months' sentence for disorderly conduct.

Thompson, at the time he signed the complaint, told Justice of the Peace J. A. Mahoney he had been struck by Bryant at his ranch house. Thompson entered Klamath Valley hospital on that day and died November 10, 1945. The cause of death was given as lobar pneumonia. Thompson was 70 years of age.

Arrested
On Saturday, state police were notified that a man was "beating up a woman at Worden." On investigation, officers arrested Bryant at the home of Mrs. Bertha Viola Cahill on the original assault warrant. Justice of the Peace J. A. Mahoney gave Bryant \$50 or 25 days in jail on this charge and when Mrs. Cahill signed the disorderly conduct charge, the court meted out the maximum of six months in jail.

Justice Mahoney said Mrs. Cahill showed evidence of the beating when she appeared in court against Bryant.

IMMIGRATION OK'D
JERUSALEM, Jan. 30 (AP)—The British government announced tonight in a special communique that Jewish immigration into Palestine would be allowed at the rate of 1500 monthly.

His first installment will be a double feature. First, he intends to trace the development, theory and technique of filibustering from its first appearance in 1789 to the present day. Then he plans to discuss the activities of the southern conference on human welfare, an organization which favors the FEPC.

"I am going to work on them from top to bottom," Bilbo said. "I will take up in detail the board of directors, vice presidents and other officers. That will cover them all because everybody in it has a title."

From Natchez to Gulfport, from the southern suburbs of Memphis to Meridian, Bilbo said the negroes of his state are opposed to the FEPC.

"They know it would just stir up race trouble," he asserted.

The bill would set up a permanent commission to police industry, labor unions and government against discrimination because of race, color, creed or ancestry.

Bilbo Bills Himself For World Premiere Filibuster

By FRANCIS J. KELLY
WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (AP)—Senator Theodore G. Bilbo billed himself for his world premiere matinee filibuster against the FEPC bill today.

Some of his southern colleagues were a little disappointed—they had hoped to save him as a night attraction.

It was all one to the Man. He can begin at high noon and talk right through to morning chortle time as easy as eating grits and spotted gravy.