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The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
Portland today, H. V. Simpson, executive vice president of West Coast Lumbermen's association, asserts that cutting American lumber exports to the U. S. is being held up by shortages of plumbing and electrical equipment even more than by lumber shortages. He contends that if we refuse to buy lumber from war-torn Europe ANYBODY ELSE will sell it at all that will happen at that we will lose markets that day we may need.

AT conflicts with present scarcity thinking to the effect that the more we sell the more we will buy for ourselves, but in long run whatever interferes with the flow of goods hurts everybody. Simpson is probably right—though there will be few who believe him NOW.

Washington, Labor Secretary Schweilenbach tells the senate the case bill is "hodge-podge legislation" and "ill-considered." He is taking the long view, and is probably right. The case is only a pain-killer for a temporary national stomach ache.

have an industrial stomach ache because labor at the moment has too much power and responsibility. THAT is about as a reaction against much power and too little responsibility in the hands of labor. ANYBODY too much power without corresponding responsibility and trouble follow.

ERE was a time when NEWSPAPERS had too much power—or thought they did. They better be off now that they are coming to realize that they power they have lies in not INTELLIGENT public opinion.

RTORN Bombay is "quiet" today, with the British military control. Mahatma Gandhi is now just a statesman and spiritual leader. He is to investigate the cause of the rioting. The army announces that military courts of inquiry have been ordered to look into the BOMBAY INCIDENTS of the past.

will tell whether the outcome of this investigating is a factual truth or mere justification of what is wanted. general, throughout the world, we have too much justification and too little truth.

Argentine election yesterday was "quiet"—as Bombay today. Perhaps in the same way the election was "superficially supervised" by the army.

army announced that it was to see that the voting was conducted in a "fair and orderly manner" and it seems to have made a reasonably good job. This writer, however, has little faith in the fundamental democracy of an election "supervised" by an army.

ERE is an odd and quite unexpected development in the agreement between the Central Government (Chungking) and the COMINTERN armed forces into one NATIONAL CHINESE army has been signed.

The signing ceremony was presided over by General Marshall, U. S. envoy, who says "This agreement represents the hope of China. I can hope that its pages will not be filled by small groups of unscrupulous who for a selfish purpose would defeat the Chinese in their overwhelming desire for the right to live and prosper."

all hope that—for much of what happens in western China is bound up with what happens in China. We are all that General Marshall is the job for us there—or in the failure to come clear on the inside story of the Harbor we HAVE FAITH.

BRINER ECCLES, chairman of the federal reserve bank, tells the house banking committee in Washington today that increases are justified when paid out of increased production and profits; otherwise they are inflationary. Important billworks against inflation on page 2, column 3.

M. B. PLAN GAINS

Labor Chief Denounces Case Bill

Schwellenbach States House-Passed Act Ill Advised

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (AP)—Secretary of Labor Schweilenbach told senators today that the Case labor disputes bill passed by the house is "hodge-podge legislation" and "ill-advised."

Calling attention to "many strikes" and "hundreds of thousands of workers' off jobs today," the cabinet member told the senate labor committee this is no time for any measure that "could possibly upset our established system of dealing with labor relationships."

The secretary's prepared statement said the house measure has two principal objectives: "(1) It sets up new machinery for the mediation of labor disputes; (2) It attempts to restrict the organized activities of workers by amending the national labor relations act and the Norris-LaGuardia act of 1932."

Part of the measure, he said, "is an open invitation to complete nullification of all remedial legislation affecting labor standards and labor relations."

Then, in a detailed examination of present labor laws and practices, Schweilenbach declared the Case bill "is definitely inferior."

"I do not think congress will follow the national policy set forth in these protective laws to be frustrated in this manner."

Instead of promoting industrial peace, the secretary said the Case bill "may well initiate an era of industrial warfare with the power of government used to destroy labor unions."

Before the secretary testified, Senator Smith (R-N.J.) said "people are impatient" with production lags. He said labor and management "must substitute something else for name-calling."

The court ruled on appeals by two civilians who were sentenced by military courts to prison terms. It held that both are not entitled to be released from custody.

One of the civilians was a ship-fitter employed at the Pearl Harbor navy yard. He was accused of assaulting two marine sentries, in violation of a general order issued by the military governor of Hawaii.

The other civilian, a Honolulu stock broker, was accused of embezzling funds of a customer, in violation of a 1935 law of the territory.

The pianist, a 45-year-old man whose name Hospital Psychiatric Ira M. Altschuler withheld, was a well-known musician nine years ago, the doctor said. He is still "a genius," in the opinion of Dr. Howard Hanson, noted conductor and composer of the Eastman School of Music at Rochester, N. Y.

Money Can Be Found For Project

U. S. Grant Of Plant Without Strings Key To Issue

Operation of the Marine Barracks as a state educational center, principally for veterans, appeared closer to realization today following inspections and conferences held here over the weekend by the state board of higher education, state emergency board, and Governor Earl Snel.

Out of the weekend formal and informal discussions came definite indications that if the state can get the plant from the federal government—lock, stock and barrel, without strings—the money can be found and made available for the operation.

While the external picture, at the close of the meetings, was that finding the money is the key to the problem, there were evidences that the officials knew the money could be provided if the state would ask for and obtain outright the whole plant with the exception of the dispensary, which the veterans administration will operate.

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The board member will be Chester W. Bowles, director of economic stabilization, as chairman, and the secretaries of treasury, agriculture, commerce, and labor, the federal loan administrator, the chairman of the federal reserve board of governors, the budget director, Price Administrator Paul A. Porter, the security exchange commission chairman, the housing administrator, and the chairman of the wage stabilization board.

The president will name two representatives each of labor, management and agriculture also to serve on the board.

Youngster Yearns For Missing Cat

Has anyone seen Cat? Cat is a five-month-old black Persian kitten with a wisp of white under the chin, missing from the residence of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Jenkins at 215 East Main street. It creates quite a situation to have Cat gone from home because her young master, seven-year-old Michael Jenkins, came home from the hospital Saturday his little heart yearning for Cat and her friendly little ways.

Michael has been very ill at Hillside with an ear infection. That wonder drug, penicillin, pulled him through. He has long days in bed ahead of him and now that Cat is missing he's very lonesome. If someone knows where Cat is, please return the little animal to his master. It will speed Michael's recovery. There is a reward offered by the little fellow's parents.

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\$1,500,000 Blaze



General view during height of blaze at Muskegon, Mich., which swept through two-thirds of a downtown block shown at right. A total of eight stores was destroyed. —AP wirephoto.

Both Peron and Tamborini Claim Victory In Argentina Presidential Election But Official Count May Be Delayed 30 Days

By LAURANCE F. STUNTZ
BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 25 (AP)—Opposing political leaders expressed satisfaction today with the orderly conduct of yesterday's presidential election and indicated they would regard the outcome as a true expression of the will of the Argentine people.

Both sides voiced confidence of victory, but it appeared that it might be 30 or 40 days before Argentina learns whether her next president will be Col. Juan D. Peron, "Iron man" candidate of the labor party, or Jose P. Tamborini, representing the democratic union.

Under Argentine law all ballot boxes must be transported to provincial capitals for tabulation of the vote. Because of the distances involved, poor transportation and the time required to count the paper ballots, an early indication of the outcome is unlikely—barring a veritable landslide.

The tabulation will be watched eagerly not only in Argentina but in the outside world because of the bearing the outcome may have on this country's future relations with the United States.

Peron was roundly denounced by the U. S. state department recently in a "blue book" accusing him of collaborating with the nazis. Followers of Tamborini, on the other hand, feel that his election would do much to repair Argentina's strained relations with Washington and to cement western hemisphere friendship.

The Argentine army, which had promised to see that the presidential voting was conducted in a fair and orderly manner, emerged from the elections with its reputation much enhanced. Political observers described the elections as the most orderly in

both ends of the broken Russian tanker Donbass were in tow by rescue ships today and many tugs had turned back to Adak after their offers of assistance were refused, the commander of the Alaska Frontier announced. The navy still was without details of the shipwreck southeast of Adak.

The fleet tugs Sarsi and Gear reported the bow end of the Donbass, found by the Russian Steamship Belgorod, was in tow of that vessel and in no apparent danger. The after section was in tow of the American tanker Puente Hills. She messaged she will tow it to Seattle or Portland.

The navy said "no estimate of the possible loss of life can be made from the facts reported up to this time." It said that when the navy tugs arrived at the scene the survivors of the Donbass were busy unloading stores into a boat belonging to one of the three Russian ships present. It said the master of the Belgorod had not replied to inquiries as to whether all personnel of the Donbass had been accounted for.

BOSTON, Feb. 25 (AP)—Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle, asserting planes now building "will fly very shortly" at speeds approaching 1000 miles per hour, forecast today that "the air weapons of the future" would be atomic-propelled, long-range stratosphere rockets speeding faster than sound—probably with atom bomb warheads.

"Pilotless, wingless, gyro-stabilized, rocket-propelled air weapons already have achieved speeds of around 2500 miles per hour and we may anticipate that the air weapons of the future will also be radio-controlled and radar-directed," the one-time Tokyo raid leader said in a speech prepared for Massachusetts Institute of Technology's commencement.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (AP) Senator Brewster (R-Me.) said today he expects the hearing into Edwin W. Pauley's nomination for undersecretary of the navy to take on entirely new aspects.

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Mayor Asks Murray To Avert Strike

Union Leader Confers With Top CIO Officials

By The Associated Press
CIO President Philip Murray today conferred with top CIO officials, but declined to say whether the strike threat to New York City's transit system would be discussed.

One union official, however, told reporters the threatened tie-up "presumably" would come up for discussion. New York City's mayor, William O'Dwyer, telegraphed Murray last night, asking him to use his "position and influence" to avert the strike which CIO transport workers have threatened for "any hour after Tuesday midnight." The strike would tie up the metropolis' subways, street cars and buses.

Murray declined comment on the mayor's appeal, but he previously had expressed willingness to explore the possibilities of preventing a strike.

Bargaining Agent Referring to the union's principal demand, O'Dwyer declared "We cannot and will not recognize any organization as sole and exclusive bargaining agent for all civil service employees. He notified the TWU state law forbids such recognition.

O'Dwyer said he considered a wage increase asked by the TWU a "just cause."

New York was not the only city that had labor troubles. Detroit's bread and milk supplies were threatened by strikes. Pittsburgh's second power strike in two weeks is set for 12:01 a. m. tomorrow. A walk-out of AFL city employees in Houston left garbage piled in the streets and interfered with repair work on vital city services.

A strike of 7000 employees of 18 American Smelting and Refining company plants in 18 cities began today when members of the CIO Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers union walked off the job in a wage dispute. Edgar L. Warren, U. S. conciliation director, said the strike would seriously interfere with production of copper and lead needed for reconversion.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (AP) Marriner S. Eccles, chairman of the federal reserve board, said today that Truman's new wage-price policy might result in another 10 per cent increase in the cost of living over prewar levels.

"There is some possibility," he said, that living costs might go to 40 per cent over prewar costs, pointing out that OPA now estimates living costs are up 30 per cent. He added:

"If we can hold there we will have done a pretty good job, in view of the large public financing."

This country, he said, has done a better job than any other nation in curbing wartime inflation, with the possible exception of Canada.

He proposed a substantial increase in the capital gains tax, as a means of putting brakes on speculative buying.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (AP)—Seeking to increase supplies of men's suits, OPA today revised its maximum average price regulation covering worsted fabrics. OPA said it could not estimate by how much production of worsted fabrics for suits might be increased under the revised price.

"The purpose of the order," an OPA spokesman said, "is simply to remove any production impediment that might have been caused by MAP."

This will be accomplished, he added, by freeing fabric producers of the requirement that the average price of their total production be no greater than it was in the base period. Under the new order, only the amount of material produced during the base period must be calculated in determining an allowable average price.

CONFERS WITH TRUMAN
WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (AP) Governor Ernest H. Gruening of Alaska conferred today with President Truman.

Arriving In United States
By The Associated Press
Howard G. Walker, PFC, Klamath Falls, arrived on George Washington due in New York February 21.
Tom J. Rink, PFC, Klamath Falls, arrived on Fair Isle due in New York February 20.

WEATHER
February 25
Max. (Feb. 24) 42 Min. 23
Precipitation last 24 hours .16
Stream year to date 9.94
Normal 8.33 Last year 6.88
Forecast: Overcast but warmer.