

# LEWIS CALLS COAL STRIKE TRUCE

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### In The Day's News

**By FRANK JENKINS**

AS these words are written, there is a break in the long and costly coal strike. John L. Lewis has just called for a 12-day truce, during which coal will be mined while the wage negotiations go on.

That, at least, is some progress. We need coal.

**LEWIS** lets go this typical blast:

"This action (the truce) is the contribution of the United Mine Workers of America to our nation's economy which is being imperiled by the stupidity and selfish greed of the coal operators and associated financial interests and by demagogues who have tried to lash the public mind into a state of hysteria rather than grant justice and fair treatment to the men who mine the nation's coal."

**THAT** is a fast one, in the best Lewis style, but it is hard to escape the conclusion that it is an offensive-defensive maneuver designed to mask the fact that the situation was rapidly getting too hot to handle. The coal burning railroads were practically shutting up shop today, and when the railroads stop nearly EVERYTHING stops in this country, whose industries are built on transportation.

**IF** you want to be well-informed, remember that the coal strike has been called off. What we have is a two-week "truce" during which coal will be mined while the wage negotiating goes on.

But, with the country all stirred up, it is going to be hard to stop mining coal again.

**THE** thing to keep in mind is that whatever settlement is arrived at will doubtless include higher wages for the miners, to be followed by higher prices for coal—which is a basic raw material for nearly everything, so that ALL prices will ultimately rise as a result.

What the miners gain in wages will then be taken away from them, and in the long run they will merely have put money into one pocket to be later taken out of another pocket, in an equal or greater amount.

**THAT** is what we call the inflationary spiral, which is already beginning to function with terrifying speed. If unchecked, its result will be ruin. What makes us nervous is the knowledge that the more speed a runaway train gains as it careens down a steep grade the harder it is to STOP. And the worse the crash at the bottom of the hill.

**HERE** in Oregon we have an interesting, half-humorous, but by no means reassuring development in the news.

Governor Snell recently declined to call a special session of the legislature to fix up existing law so that the Portland school district can levy more money, including money for recreation and sports. There has been a "strike" of Portland pupils. School officials estimate that 2000 to 3000 were absent from classes yesterday.

The "strikers" swarmed, laughing, through the streets, chanting "we want sports." They hang an effigy of the governor on a pole. A Republican candidate for state senator from Multnomah county joins in the disturbance, seeking to garner all the VOTES he can out of the ruckus.

**THERE** is such a thing, even in these days, as discipline. A wholly undisciplined people simply CAN'T be an efficient people.

That is why the Portland de-

### Wheat Output Big For 1946

**WASHINGTON, May 10 (AP)—**Despite loss of nearly 80,000,000 bushels of wheat to dry weather in April, the agriculture department today predicted an overall 1946 crop of at least a billion bushels.

Such a crop would enable the United States to supply foreign areas with at least 300,000,000 bushels of wheat during the marketing year beginning July 1.

While trailing earlier commitments, shipments to famine areas this season are expected to approach 400,000,000 bushels.

The department today forecast a winter wheat crop of 742,887,000 bushels compared with approximately 830,636,000 estimated a month ago, and with 823,000,000 harvested last year.

No forecast was made on spring wheat production, inasmuch as seeding of this crop has just been completed. However, on the basis of acreage planted and yields equal to the 1937-44 average, the spring crop would total at least 260,000,000 bushels. Last year it was 299,000,000 bushels.

### U. S. Court Dismisses Cotton Margin Suit

**WASHINGTON, May 10 (AP)—**Saying it lacked jurisdiction, the federal district court today dismissed a suit to void a government regulation which raised margin requirements for trading in cotton futures.

"This court is without jurisdiction to pass on the validity or invalidity of the regulation involved in this suit," said Justice Jennings Bailey in a memorandum accompanying the dismissal action.

of whom had their families with them, and added that the atmosphere of the housing area was "kind of like that of an old fashioned lumber camp."

Chairman Mead (D-N.Y.) read into the record that Vice Admiral D. W. Bagley was commandant of the naval district at that time.

"Was there any rake-off?" Mead wanted to know.

"I would prefer not to go into that at this time, as we are still investigating the case," Doyle replied.

When pressed by Senator Ferguson (R-Mich.), Doyle conceded that "we are very suspicious there was some rake-off."

He testified at a hearing called to investigate charges of widespread theft and mismanagement of naval property in Hawaii during war time.

### Senate Investigates Tale Of Pearl Harbor Gambling

**WASHINGTON, May 10 (AP)—**An account of a navy-supervised gambling hall at Pearl Harbor specializing in no-limit craps, blackjack and poker was laid before the senate war investigating committee today by Rear Admiral Austin K. Doyle, deputy inspector general.

Doyle said a chief boat-swain's mate was stationed in the hall "to keep order, regulate the gambling and see that only the proper persons were admitted."

The sky-the-limit games were played in the recreation hall of civilian housing area No. 3, adjacent to the navy yard, during 1943 and 1944, Doyle said.

**Lumber Camp Atmosphere**

He testified the organized gambling was permitted as the lesser of two evils. He described the civilian employees of the yard as "a rough element," few

## Solons Defy CIO

### Union Purge Will Be Met In Primaries

**WASHINGTON, May 10 (AP)—**Members of congress marked for a purge by the CIO's political action committee generally challenged the labor-political organization today to do its worst against them in forthcoming primaries.

While seven of the 10 senators are democrats, only five of the representatives are members of that party. Among these Rep. Pace (D-Ga.), author of an anti-union proposal; farm party (D-Miss.), strong opponent of CIO proposals, and Rep. Slaughter (D-Mo.), from President Truman's home district, stood out.

The names were made public at Atlantic City by Thomas Burns PAC chairman, at the CIO Amalgamated Clothing Workers' convention.

Most of the 10 senators named at Atlantic City said they had not expected CIO-PAC support. And several added that they had met similar opposition in previous races and were ready to do so again.

As named by Burns, the ten are Senators Bilbo (D-Miss.), Byrd (D-Va.), Wheeler (D-Mont.), Carville (D-Nev.), McKellar (D-Tenn.), Radcliffe (D-Md.), Gerry (D-R.I.), Shipstead (R-Minn.), Smith (R-N.J.), and Langer (R-N.D.).

## Fremont Battled Indians On Upper Klamath Shores In Century-Ago Campaign

**By MALCOLM EPLEY**

A short-lived Indian war was fought 100 years ago this week around the northern shores of Upper Klamath lake.

The hostilities began on the night of May 9, 1846, when Indians attacked the camp of John C. Fremont, on Denny creek on the west side of the lake.

Fremont, as was recounted in this historical series yesterday, had returned to Denny creek from a camp farther north, to meet Lt. A. H. Gillespie of the marine corps, out from Washington with messages for him. Fremont on the evening of May 9, after hearing Gillespie's story, decided to throw off the role of explorer, and return to California as a U. S. army officer to help take that then Mexican province for the U. S.

Perhaps because of his preoccupation with that matter, Fremont failed to post a guard that night. It was the second time in all his wanderings in Indian country that he had not done so.

Kit Carson, famed border scout, aroused the camp with a shout of "Indians!" Carson had been awakened by a loud thud—the sound of an axe crushing the head of one of Fremont's men, Basil.

Basil and a half-breed, Denny, were killed instantly. Crane, one of Fremont's Delaware Indian scouts, was killed in the ensuing fight. The Indians poured arrows into the Fremont camp. In a hand to hand fight, Crane killed the Klamath Indian chief, but was himself fatally wounded by arrows. The Indians then withdrew.

### Punitive Expedition

Fremont and his men raised blanket defenses against the arrows, and lay behind them for the night. The next day, after giving Denny's name to the creek, Fremont, Gillespie and the men moved out of camp with their dead, going north toward the main Fremont camp on Wood river. Fremont was determined to punish the Klamaths. En route north, they turned off the lake and buried their dead under some laurels.

Without encountering other Indians, they camped the night of May 10 on either Cherry or Seven Mile creek, scene of a previous camp on the night of May 7.

The next morning they moved out of camp, but left the Delawares behind in ambush. When Klamaths came into the deserted camp, the Delawares killed two of them.

The night of May 11 Fremont camped beside a stream—probably Wood river—and built a strong corral for defense against attack.

### Fight On Williamson

The next day, May 12, with Carson and others scouting ahead, the Fremont party moved toward Williamson river, where there was a large Indian fishery and village. A fight ensued. Beside the river, and 14 Indians were killed.

The Indians fell back from sagebrush behind which they had been fighting. When Fremont reached this sagebrush defense, he found many arrows the Indians had been forced to abandon. Fremont said the Klamath arrows were excellent—and Carson called them the most beautiful and warlike arrows he had ever seen. They were all headed with a lance-like piece of iron or steel—probably obtained from Hudson Bay company's traders on the Umpqua. They were poisoned for about six inches. They could be driven that depth into a pine tree, Fremont says in his memoirs.

Fremont and his men destroyed the Indian village, and made a short march to camp for the night. Next day they moved south along the lake, probably to Barkley springs, where they made their last camp on Klamath lake.

### Rough Work

His punitive expedition against the Indians completed, Fremont's thoughts were turning to California and the work he planned there.

Gillespie, the marine, was on hand through this excitement. He visited Fremont in camp at night, and said:

"By heaven, this is rough work. I'll take care to let them know in Washington about this."

From Barkley springs, Fremont moved south—possibly through the valley in which the Marine Barracks is now located—and went on into California to new and exciting experiences.

(This concludes the anniversary series on Fremont's expedition around Upper Klamath lake in 1846).

## State Not Badly Affected By Strike Complications

**By HALE SCARBROUGH**

The coal strike has hit Oregon more gently than almost any state in the Union, since this state is dependent mainly on oil, wood and hydroelectric power, but the freight embargo beginning last night is generally expected to bring the state pressure to bear on Oregon's lumber industry and building.

The embargo on non-essential freight may not actually come to the pinching point now that John L. Lewis has about decided to let his miners go back to work.

Since midnight last night the railroads here have not been allowed to accept for shipment any material not on the "excepted" list released by the office of defense transportation that was billed out after midnight.

**Parcel Post Restricted**

The local post office has also been ordered not to accept for parcel post shipment any package weighing more than 11 pounds and with a combined length or girth of more than 60 inches which contains material not on the excepted list. Exceptions for both freight

and parcel post include food for human consumption, oils and oil products, fuels, medicines, drugs and other necessities.

Lumber milled locally can still move out on either of the two railroads here, the Southern Pacific and Great Northern, which are oil-burning lines. Those roads, and connecting oil-burning roads, can still handle shipments going back east as far as St. Paul, Chicago, New Orleans, and cover most points in the west.

**Passenger Trains Not Hit**

The SP passenger service will not be affected by the embargo since the SP uses oil-burners over the entire route from Portland to New Orleans.

For travel beyond the SP lines, connecting railroads are planning to continue operation of through trains originating on the coast to Chicago and St. Louis.

Between Chicago and St. Louis the eastern roads, which are principally coal-burning, will continue to run their leading trains. Second sections of some trains in the east will be curtailed and therefore decrease returning capacity back there.

**Return Reservations Advocated**

Persons planning a rail trip to the east are requested by the SP to make return reservations in advance whenever possible.

If the miners go back to work, just how long the embargo will remain in effect is still a debatable question but it is generally expected that it will be lifted as soon as the railroads get enough coal to resume normal traffic.

Few of Oregon's industries depend on coal for fuel and there have been no plant closures or layoffs reported as a result of the coal strike.

### Airline Employees Vote Strike Notice

**SPOKANE, Wash., May 10 (AP)—**Maintenance and service workers of Northwest Airlines yesterday voted to give notice to strike, joining employees at Portland, Seattle and St. Paul.

C. F. West, Seattle, international representative of the AFL International Association of Machinists, said last night the workers favored strike notices by a vote of 26 to 1 in Spokane, 12 to 0 in Portland, 56 to 1 in Seattle and 275 to 4 in St. Paul.

### WEATHER NEWS

May 10  
Max. (May 9) — 64 Min. — 44  
Retard. last 24 hours — .06  
Stream year to date — 11.77  
Normal — 18.61 Last year — 8.38  
Forecast: Clear Saturday.

## Meters Up At Council On Monday

The city's recurring headache, the proposed installation of parking meters, will be officially introduced at the next meeting of the city council Monday night.

The troublesome matter of the parking gadgets, which brought to a head a domestic row in the city's official family early this week, will be presented by Mayor Ed Ostendorf, and it is expected that a large number of retailers will again be on hand to register their opposition to the proposal.

At last Monday's session the merchants were present to state their case, but found that they had nothing to object to since the recommendation from the traffic safety council regarding the meters did not appear on the council docket.

**Mayor Vs. Council**

Indignant because neither the recommendation nor the mayor, whom they considered responsible, were present, the council verbally raked Mayor Ostendorf over the coals. A special meeting with the mayor was called the following day. The verbal battering continued when the council and mayor met, with little reached in the way of a final decision.

The traffic safety council will meet in regular session tonight, but according to the mayor, no further developments on the parking meter question will arise.

## U. S. Holds Up Polish Fund

**WASHINGTON, May 10 (AP)—**The state department held up \$90,000,000 in credits for the Polish government today while reviewing whether the Poles have failed to meet U. S. conditions.

The department would say officially only that the credits had not been cancelled.

However, diplomatic officials disclosed the question has been raised whether Warsaw had met these commitments:

1. To guarantee free elections.
2. To inform the Polish people of the loan agreements.
3. To exchange with the U. S. full information on treaties and agreements each nation makes with other governments.

The officials said Washington has been advised the Polish government has not yet told its people anything about the loan or the commitments, nor informed the U. S. of its other outside agreements—specifically, it was presumed, from Russia.

## Congress Quiz On Gen. Devers

**WASHINGTON, May 10 (AP)—**Chairman May (D-Ky.) announced today the house military committee will "investigate immediately" a report, since denied, that General Jacob L. Devers referred to congress as a group of "cowards."

In a statement last night, Devers said "I did not use the word 'coward'."

The announcement came after several members had assailed Devers. They said they based their criticism on a news story in which Devers was quoted as referring to congress as a group of "cowards, afraid to tackle the controversial draft bill."

Devers also was quoted as saying congress "is afraid to make a decision" and that if one of his divisional commanders acted likewise "I'd fire him."

## Man Drops Dead In Medford Drill

**MEDFORD, May 10 (AP)—**Harison Warren Skinner, 50, owner of a Wilderville store, died suddenly while participating in Shrine patrol drum corps practice here last night.

Skinner suddenly slumped down on the Medford high school tennis court where the corps was practicing. Deputy Coroner Carlos Morris said, and died a few minutes later.

## Baseball Scores

**NEW YORK, May 10 (AP)—**The torrid Boston Red Sox stretched their consecutive game winning streak to 15 today and their American league lead to five and one-half games by defeating the runner-up New York Yankees 5-4, before a total attendance of 62,645 fans.

Joe DiMaggio temporarily overcame a 3-0 Red Sox lead in the fifth inning when he belted a grand slam home run.

### Accuses British



Lt. Col. Fred Eldridge, now discharged, is author of book "Wrath in Burma," containing sensational charges against British and Chinese during Stilwell CBI campaign.

## Bride Debate Stirs Commons

**LONDON, May 10 (AP)—**The house of commons today disputed whether "40 per cent of the girls under 20 in England are pregnant on their wedding day."

Laborite T. C. Skeffington-Lodge said they were. He cited figures from the Marriage Guidance council, a private social agency.

Attorney General Sir Hartley Shawcross replied: "I won't for a moment accept these figures. But I am afraid that the state of morals in the country are not what it should be."

Beverly Baxter, a conservative and novelist, asked Sir Hartley to denounce the figures "more strongly," asserting: "If this is published without considerable repudiation, it will shock the people of the dominions and of the United States."

## Murder Verdict In Prison Riot

**SAN FRANCISCO, May 10 (AP)—**A coroner's jury today held that the two guards killed in the recent Alcatraz prison uprising were "murdered," and that the three convicts slain in the revolt "and others" were responsible.

The jury also decided that the killing of the three prisoners by guards was justifiable homicide.

## Roseburg Injured To Fly To Seattle

**SEATTLE, May 10 (AP)—**Pilot Don Burkhard will make a mercy flight today to Roseburg, Oregon, to bring back to Seattle Mr. and Mrs. Edward K. Browne of Port Angeles, who were critically injured Sunday in an automobile accident.

Dr. Ralph Edgar Allen said Browne is being brought here for bone surgery. His wife, Mildred, suffered leg fractures and other hurts. The plane, making two trips, will carry one of the injured persons at a time, along with a nurse and a pilot.

## Jaycees Install New President

**SEATTLE, May 10 (AP)—**The Jaycees today installed their new president, Dr. Ralph Edgar Allen, at a banquet here.



## Miners Return To Pits Under 12-Day Truce

**By The Associated Press**

A 12-day truce in the soft coal strike, to take effect Monday, was called by John L. Lewis, United Mine Workers president, today.

Subordinate leaders of 400,000 striking coal miners were instructed to get their local memberships back in the pits as soon as the local mine managements agreed to make retroactive during the truce any pay increase negotiated later.

Lewis called his action "the contribution" of his union "to our nation's economy."

He said the nation's economy was being "imperilled by the stupidity and selfish greed of the coal operators and associated financial interests and by demagogues who have tried to lash the public mind into a state of hysteria rather than grant justice and fair treatment" to miners.

The action came shortly after President Truman invited Lewis and a representative of the soft coal industry to a White House

## Top Generals Meet In Tokyo

**TOKYO, May 10 (AP)—**The top commanders of victorious allied armies in Europe and the Pacific met today for the first time since hostilities began.

"We never thought we'd be getting together again out here," exclaimed General Eisenhower, whose leadership brought victory in the European theater, to General MacArthur, supreme commander in the Pacific.

They had not met since 1939, when Eisenhower as a lieutenant colonel left the staff of MacArthur, then commander in the Philippines.

"Well, Mac, how are you?" was the chief of staff's first words as he greeted MacArthur's hands.

"It's good to see you again," exclaimed MacArthur as he slapped Eisenhower on the shoulder.

After a quick word with Lt. Gen. Robert L. Eichelberger, eighth army commander who accompanied MacArthur to Atsugi airport, the two top commanders departed for lunch at the American embassy.

Eisenhower's plane landed with the aid of radar because of a 500 foot ceiling and a drizzling rain.

## Army And Navy To Buy Lumber

**PORTLAND, May 10 (AP)—**The army and navy will begin buying huge supplies of northwest lumber next week for the first time since the war ended, an official said today.

R. L. Hennessey, Portland representative of the army-navy purchasing agency, said priority orders for 60,000,000 board feet needed by Portland and Seattle offices would be placed with six and pine mills.

The priority system was adopted after the last attempt to obtain lumber by auction resulted in only 750,000 feet being offered by mills.

Hennessey said most of the lumber needed is small sizes for crating and packing—the same sized lumber as needed in housing. Since 40 per cent of lumber production is set aside for housing construction, military buyers expect to take a large share of larger sized lumber and ship it to resaw plants.

## House Delays Draft Action

**WASHINGTON, May 10 (AP)—**An objection by Rep. Sheridan (D-Pa.) blocked immediate house action today on stop-gap legislation extending the draft law until July 1.

Sheridan, a member of the military committee, objected to a request of Chairman May (D-Ky) for unanimous consent for immediate action on the measure, passed yesterday by the senate.

However, there was no objection to a later request for house consideration next Monday, two days before the present draft law expires.

Discussion indicated that an attempt will be made Monday to write into the stop-gap legislation a ban against induction of teen-agers.

The house passed the draft-in of 18 and 19-year-olds when it passed last month a separate bill extending the draft law until next February 15. The senate has not acted on that bill.

## Nazi V2 Rocket Flies 72 Miles

**ALBUQUERQUE, May 10 (AP)—**A German V-2 rocket soared 127,000 yards or slightly better than 72 miles, into the stratosphere in a flight test at the White Sands proving grounds, radio station KOB reported today in a remote control broadcast.

## Phi Beta Kappa For 2 KF Girls

**EUGENE, May 10 (AP)—**Twenty-five University of Oregon students have been elected to Phi Beta Kappa, national scholastic honorary. They include:

Margaret Murphy and Mary Corrigan, both of Klamath Falls. Only six of the 25 were men.

## Portland Budget Will Not Balance

**PORTLAND, Ore., May 10 (AP)—**Portland's city budget, after weeks of study, is still \$1,125,400 short of balancing.

The proposed 1946-47 budget shows \$8,527,378 expenditures, and only \$7,401,978 anticipated revenue. Proposed occupational and amusement taxes and increased license fees would just about even the ledger.

## Bowles Raises Window Shades

**WASHINGTON, May 10 (AP)—**OPA today raised retail price ceilings for window shades by from two to 12 cents.

"Manufacturers' ceilings are being increased 15 to 20 per cent, effective immediately, to offset higher wage and material costs. Dealers may not charge the higher retail prices until notified by manufacturers of the increase, OPA said.

## Arriving In U. S.

**By The Associated Press**

Ray Switzer, vice admiral, arrived on Admiral Sims due in San Francisco May 7.

John Sandmeyer, retiring president of the Klamath Falls Junior chamber of commerce, pins the emblem of his office on the lapel of Ray Ward, new head of the local chapter, at the installation banquet held Monday night, May 6, at Molotore's.