

RAIL STRIKE PARALYZES NATION

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May 24
Max. (May 23) 41 Min. 38
Precipitation last 24 hours .09
Stream year to date 12.23
Normal 10.86 Last year 10.59
Forecast: Partly cloudy, showers.

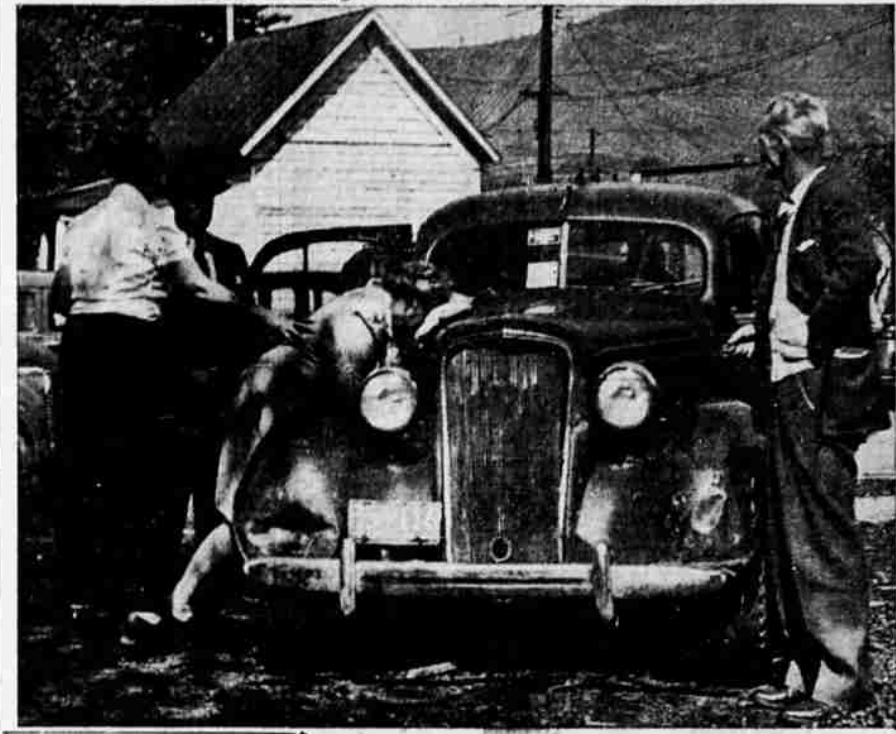
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KNIFE VICTIM DIES FROM WOUNDS

United May Open Line This Year

A possibility that United Air Line service will be in operation through Klamath Falls late this year was expressed today by Harvey Hancock, assistant to the president of United Air Lines. The date will depend entirely upon construction of facilities, Hancock said, and stated that erection of ground facilities, communications and a passenger terminal will be commenced as soon as possible. Klamath Falls will be serviced from the formal naval air station which will be sufficient to meet the demand. Hancock called The Herald and News from Los Angeles today to express his appreciation of the cooperation received from Klamath Falls in obtaining action and expressed sincere pleasure in the result. "We have long hoped that Klamath Falls would be on the main trunk," he said. City Pleasid Klamath residents yesterday and today expressed great satisfaction over the entrance of United Air Lines into this city. First application for air service to this point was made in 1939, when United applied to CAB for permission to serve Klamath Falls on a main line. This application was turned down after approximately two years of controversy. A new case came up in 1944, when United and Western Air Lines applied for main line service to Klamath Falls and four companies also applied to furnish feeder service. At the time of the applications the Klamath County chamber of commerce furnished a great deal of data to CAB showing the need of air service to this point. From the beginning the chamber at no time took sides between the companies, but concerned itself only with the obtaining of main line service. The next step was the examiner's report which favored only feeder service to Klamath Falls. The matter of a final hearing in (Continued on Page 3, Column 2)

Officers Investigate Scene Of Pistol-Knife Duel



Soviets Oust U. S. Writer

BUCHAREST, May 24 (AP)—Reuben Markham, correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor, has been ordered by the Soviet military command to leave Romania not later than 4 p. m. Sunday. The United States member of the allied control commission, Brig. Gen. Courtland V. R. Schuyler, tried unsuccessfully to have the decision revoked or delayed. Markham apparently will not be permitted to work anywhere in the Russian-controlled Balkans, an area upon which he has long specialized. Red army and leftist Romanian publications asserted Markham had been hostile to the red army, meddled in Rumanian politics and had declared in a political speech that war between the United States and Russia was inevitable. He made this statement in reply: "I never made any speech of any kind at any political meeting anywhere in Romania. I've visited government meetings as well as opposition meetings, in fact, repeatedly made my own requests to visit government meetings. My report on the action of Russian soldiers was made after the most careful investigation on the spot and was based largely on reports by local government authorities and conformed to reports from other American sources."

Second Man In Critical Condition

Glen Harris, 38, died at 10:50 last night in Klamath Valley hospital of stab wounds which city police said he received in a pistol and pocketknife duel with John "Tex" Ainsworth, 46, in a wooded back of the Avalon rooms at 9th and Walnut yesterday afternoon. Ainsworth, hit five times in the stomach and chest by .22 calibre pistol slugs, is in a critical condition at the hospital. He was barely conscious this afternoon. An investigation of the physical facts of the case is still being made by city police and the sheriff's office to determine who was the aggressor in the case. There were no eye witnesses to the actual fight. Mrs. Rose Lapham, waitress, who occupies a cabin adjoining the shed where the alleged quarrel took place, told officers the two men were arguing in her room and went outside into the shed, slamming her door. She did not see what followed, she said, but heard five shots fired. "Target Shooting" In Harris' statement, made to police before he died, he said that he had the gun with him yesterday afternoon and was going out in the country to do some target shooting. He went out to the cabin and shed and met Ainsworth who told him, Harris said, to keep away from Mrs. (Continued on Page 3, Column 5)

Food Shortages And Industrial Standstill Loom

The greatest railroad strike in history struck a paralyzing blow today at the nation's transportation, its industry and its food supply. The effects were almost instantaneous. The post office department declared a mail embargo limiting service to local deliveries and to first class and air mail out of town items. A weight limitation of 16 ounces was placed on first class (letter) mail and air mail. Senator Byrd (D-Va.) said after a White House call that President Truman was considering an appeal to a joint session of congress for additional authority to prevent further nationwide strikes. Livestock receipts dropped off as much as 60 per cent at a dozen leading markets. Although most receipts are delivered by truck, the packers said, farmers held back their offerings because of a probable drop in prices due to the lack of shipping facilities out of the packing plants. Motor Industry Hard Hit Sources in the motorcar industry predicted the entire output of automobiles and trucks would be halted if the rail strike continues over the weekend. Most manufacturers were confronted with a critical shortage of parts and materials. The major cities faced the prospects of food shortages within days and industries, large and small, were threatened with shutdowns or sharp curtailment of production. A few smaller mines quit operations and a shutdown of virtually all mining appeared imminent because of a shortage of cars. Most major cities were virtually isolated, depending on rail transportation for delivery of the bulk of their food supplies. As government labor specialists went into new negotiation conferences today with representatives of the carriers and Brotherhoods of Railroad Trainmen and Locomotive Engineers, the nation's railroads were almost at a complete standstill. Some lines managed to keep skeleton operations going but they amounted to hardly more than a dribble in the overall picture. Marines Called Marine corps headquarters in Washington announced all honorably discharged marines and inactive reservists "may volunteer" for duty in the transportation emergency. The army took no similar action, immediately, and a war department spokesman said he had not been informed that any such move was contemplated. The tieup of service on virtually every railroad ensued quickly after 4 p. m. local standard time yesterday as 250,000 engineers and trainmen left their jobs in obedience to a strike call of last April 29. Made idle by the walkout were most of the 1,200,000 members of the 18 other rail brotherhoods not included in the strike call.

Churchill Hits Egypt Decision

LONDON, May 24 (AP)—Winston Churchill told the house of commons today he feared the British plan to withdraw from Egypt would seriously prejudice "the hope of gaining the aid of America in the Palestine question." Churchill said if the government continued to pursue its present course "it would ruin our interests in the middle east, destroy our communications in the Indian and Pacific oceans and sever the lifeline of the British empire." Efforts to find other bases to substitute for Egypt, he declared, would bring complaints of imperialism and "Russia would renew and reinforce her demands for a base or bases in the eastern Mediterranean." The former prime minister said depending on the use of Palestine "as a jumping off ground for reoccupation of the Suez canal zone in an emergency would leave ourselves without American aid and would leave us with the most profitless task that can be imagined." As an alternative to the labor government's plans to evacuate Egypt Churchill proposed: "We should rest for the next five or six years on the 1936 treaty in the hope that the United Nations will grow up and become an organization which would put so many of these strategic dangers and nightmares back into the limbo of a vanished past."

Lewis Defers Coal Meeting

WASHINGTON, May 24 (AP)—John L. Lewis today deferred a meeting of his 250-man policy committee, empowered to call off the soft coal strike, "until further clarification" of the miners' status under the Smith-Connally labor disputes act. A notice to this effect was posted at United Mine Workers headquarters as the government renewed attempts to avert a new walkout at the end of a strike truce tomorrow. The union policy committee unanimously authorized the truce and would have to ratify any new contract or, presumably, any further extension of the truce. The Smith-Connally act prohibits any person from inciting a strike or conspiring to strike in a government-seized mine. Lewis' notice at union quarters said: "Notice to members, policy committee, UMWA: "Government seizure of mines invokes the punitive provisions of the infamous Smith-Connally slave statute. "This imperils legally the liberty of individual members of the union. Until further clarification, there will be no meeting of the national policy committee. Lewis."

Voters Pass School Funds

Klamath Falls voters cast approval almost four-to-one in the special budget elections held in School Districts 1 and 2, and for the special serial levy which gives the go-ahead for a \$100,000 auditorium at Mills school, when ballots were counted following Thursday's vote. Polling places were at Fremont and Klamath Union high schools. Following is the vote: Special budget election, School District 1, increase of tax levy for fiscal year exceeding 6 per cent limitation. Yes: 223. No: 51. Total 274. Vote on the budget. Yes: 232. No: 42. Total 274. Special levy for Mills auditorium. Yes: 231. No: 41. Total 272. District No. 2. Increase of tax levy for fiscal year exceeding 6 per cent limitation. Yes: 155. No: 33. Total 188. Vote on the budget. Yes: 156. No: 32. Total 188.

Prefab Factory At Modoc Point

J. M. Fleishman today announced the opening of a prefabricating plant at Modoc Point, to be known as the Klamath Prefabricating company. The plant, operating on the site of the old Lamm Lumber company, will prefabricate small houses as well as a number of other items. Present plans call for the plant to be in production not later than June 15, and additional facilities will be added as equipment becomes available. Prefabrication of small houses will be conducted in connection with the Timmerman Manufacturing company, of Hibbing, Minn. Lumber used in the houses will be partially processed at the Southwest Oregon Lumber company's Modoc Point planing mill, adjoining the prefab plant. Botchek Superintendent Heinie A. Botchek will be general superintendent. He has previously been associated with the Oregon Woodworking company, Portland; Kinzua Pine Mills, Kinzua, and Biles-Coleman Lumber company, Omak, Wash. C. W. Kemper, formerly general sales manager for Shaw Lumber company, has joined the organization and will be in charge of distribution and procurement of raw materials in the Klamath Falls area. C. K. Rose of the Portland office of Fleishman Lumber company, will be general sales manager. J. H. Moore, Redding, Calif., will devote part of his time to securing lumber for the prefab plant. Fleishman said he plans to purchase lumber on the local market for the new operation.

Rail Strike Sidelights

NEW YORK, May 24 (AP)—The New York Central railroad's 125th street station was empty today except for train announcers and porters who whined away the time shouting at each other. "All aboard." NEW YORK, May 24 (AP)—There was one railroad operating in New York City today, but passenger travel was barred. In a toy shop window a miniature electric train whizzed around a track, uninterrupted. A sign reads: "No rail strike here. Trains here run for hours."

Truman On Radio

WASHINGTON, May 24 (AP)—President Truman will speak to the nation on the strike crisis tonight at 10 p. m. (EST) and to congress tomorrow at 4 p. m.

Navy Extends Leave Passes

PORTLAND, May 24 (AP)—The navy public relations office here said today that all naval personnel on leave were to report to the nearest navy station to obtain a leave extension. An automatic extension until five days after the end of the rail strike will be on, the office here said. Personnel now on duty may not go on leave except in emergencies when private transportation is available. Personnel likewise were ordered to use commercial transportation only for trips of less than 15 miles.

Wheels Silent—Passengers Wait



No 19, the last passenger train into Klamath Falls, stands on the SP rails, grim reminder that this is a common sight today as the country entered the second day of the nation-wide rail strike. Above, Jean Clark of Oakland, Calif., sits on her suitcase, waiting for a bus to take her home. She has been on vacation in Jamestown, N. D. Right, The Herald and News photographer found the same expression on scores of faces in the day coaches, folks who were trying to figure out whether they should get back home as fast as they could, or take a chance on the buses provided by the SP to continue on their way.

