

TRAINS ROLL AGAIN

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By FRANK JENKINS
AS these words are written (about noon) the striking engineers and trainmen have offered to end their strike IF President Truman will let them negotiate further WITH HIM for wage increases.

(Before the offer was made, he had already broken off relations with the strikers.)
THE two striking unions offered to go back to work for 16 cents an hour increase PLUS the seven rule changes recommended by the president's fact-finding board last month.

THIS morning the 18 non-striking rail unions ACCEPTED the president's mediation offer of 18 1/2 cents an hour increase with changes in working rules to be deferred for one year.

THAT is how the situation stands at noon.
At 1 o'clock (Coast time) the president is scheduled to go before congress to ask for special strike legislation. Speaker Rayburn has told him that the house is ready to pass such legislation in 40 minutes.

MEANWHILE President Truman has revealed himself to the country as a man with the courage to act decisively when the time for action can no longer be deferred.
In his radio speech last night, he said:
"This is no contest between labor and management. It is a contest between a small number of men and their government."
He added:
"The welfare of the country must come first."

THESE words were backed up by plans for the army to take over the trains and protect the men who want to work.
Military police battalions in Washington were under orders to move on five minutes notice. The railroad managements were told by the office of defense transportation to recruit new men and call on the army to protect the roads and throw pickets off company property if need be.

BACK of these stern orders lies the principle that the rights of ALL must be kept superior to the right of the FEW. Organized society is built upon that principle. If it is permitted to be destroyed, organized society will disappear and anarchy will prevail.
The robber barons of the Middle Ages denied that the rights of all are superior to the rights of the few and insisted upon GETTING THEIRS by the power of the strong arm.
If that principle can be denied, you and I and our organized friends (if we are STRONG enough) can defy the police here in Oregon and California and ENFORCE OUR WILL on everybody else. If that can be done, organized government is OUT and we are back to the days of the robber barons.

LET us not forget (because it is fundamental) that in the background of all this industrial trouble that is plaguing us is the grim specter of INFLATION—inflation in a form that is rapidly developing fangs and claws.
If inflation can be stopped before it gets loose, EVERYONE will benefit—wage workers most of all, for it is the history of runaway inflation that next after those with fixed incomes wage workers suffer most of all because prices tend to go up so much faster than wages.
We must never forget that production is the only cure for inflation.

INFLATION is a form of hysteria.
Nearly everyone knows of or has heard of cases of hysterical persons brought out of it by a sharp slap in the face.
If President Truman has seemed to slap the striking engineers and trainmen, it is for their own good—as time will inevitably tell.

Baseball Scores
AMERICAN
New York 4 8 0
Boston 7 14 1
Chandler, Gumpert (5), Hiller (7) and Dickey, Drescher (6), Silvestri (8), Ferriss, Johnson (7) and H. Wagner.
First game—
Philadelphia 1 8 1
Washington 4 10 1
Newsom and Rosar; Haefner and Evans.
NATIONAL
Boston 3 3 1
New York 5 7 2
Wallace, Si Johnson (3), Roser (7) and Hoffert; Kennedy, Trinkle (6) and Warren.
Brooklyn 7 10 0
Philadelphia 1 5 3
Lombardi and Anderson; T. Hughes, Mulcahy (3), Hoerst (6) and Semnick.
Chicago at Pittsburgh, postponed, rain and wet grounds.

Senate OK's Strike Curb Legislation

WASHINGTON, May 25 (AP)—By top-heavy majorities, the senate voted today to impose a 60-day cooling off period to prevent "quickie" strikes and then swiftly accepted President Truman's long-standing suggestion for creation of fact-finding boards in labor disputes.
The vote on the cooling off amendment, by roll call, was 54 to 26.
Approval of the fact-finding board proposal came on a roll call vote of 59 to 19.
Both amendments apply to pending legislation to curb strikes.

The senate acted while awaiting a 4 p. m. appearance by President Truman.
Senator Byrd (D-Va.), speaking in the senate said that a half dozen labor leaders "can destroy the economy of the country" and demanded that congress work tonight and tomorrow to legislate this power out of their hands.
The amendment, by Senator Ball, directs that any time the federal mediation board intervenes on its own motion or at the request of either party, workers shall stay on the job and employers shall not lock out their work force for 60 days after the first attempt at collective bargaining.

Heavy Penalties
The penalties for failure to observe these requirements would be denial to striking workers of their right to reemployment under the Wagner act and to hold employers who closed their plants guilty of unfair labor practices under that act.
Ball said the effect of the amendment would be to require collective bargaining by unions as well as employers, a provision he said is not now in the Wagner act.

He termed it a "very mild" restriction upon the "right to strike."
The senate also wrote into the bill by a 48 to 30 vote a proposal by Senator Ellender (D-La.), denying the benefits of the Wagner act to unions of supervisory employees. Ellender said this would prohibit effective unionization of foremen.

Merchants Refuse To Sell Strikers

PERRY, Fla., May 25 (AP)—Merchants here refused to sell food, gasoline or other commodities to railroad employees unless they could prove they were not on strike, President Joe H. Seales of the Taylor County chamber of commerce said.
It was unanimously agreed among merchants here to discourage sales to striking railway employees.

"These merchants feel that those strikers who are contributing to the already-serious food shortage are not themselves entitled to portions of the small remaining supply," Seales said.

Lewis Delays Reply

WASHINGTON, May 25 (AP)—John L. Lewis delayed until 5 p. m. today his reply to tentative proposals handed him by the government for a new coal agreement, thus allowing him time to hear President Truman's special message to congress.
No official reason for the delay was made by Krug, who disclosed the postponement.

Whitney-Johnson 'Challenge' Climaxes Long Struggle In Behalf Of Rail Labor

By Harold C. McKinley
CLEVELAND, May 25 (AP)—The two men singled out by President Truman as having challenged the government "as it has seldom before been challenged in all our history" began battling for railroad labor a half-century ago.
Upon the heads of the two striking rail brotherhoods—President A. F. Whitney of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and Alvanley Johnston, grand chief engineer of the locomotive engineers—the president placed responsibility for the "terrible havoc" and "suffering" resulting from the nationwide rail tie-up.
Whitney, now 73, has directed the wealthy and powerful Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen since 1928. Johnston was elected head of the engineers 21 years ago. This is the first general strike called by these brotherhoods during their tenure.
Whitney's rise to the trainmen's presidency was a 38-year

Merlon Albrecht Phi Beta Kappa

Merlon Albrecht, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Albrecht, 319 Pacific Terrace, was one of the 82 students at Stanford university, Palo Alto, Calif., elected to Phi Beta Kappa, national scholastic fraternity.
Miss Albrecht, member of the class of 1946, was graduated in international economics at Stanford this spring. Initiation ceremony is scheduled May 27, with Dr. Beadle, renowned geneticist, as the speaker. He will also be initiated as an honorary member of Beta chapter, Phi Beta Kappa.

M. B. Disposal Terms On Way

Klamath Falls Marine Barracks has moved one step further toward possible use as a temporary veterans' college. It was learned today that Senator Guy Cordon had wired George Aiken, state budget director, advising him the war assets administration had approved transfer of the big plant on the hill.
Aiken, who met in Portland Friday with regional WAA officials and state board of higher education representatives, said the rail strike apparently had delayed terms of the transfer.
Governor Snell has supported the transfer, already approved by the board.

Aiken advised The Herald and News this morning that disposal of the plant will be handled by the Portland office of WAA and E. W. Barnes of that office would be in charge. Cordon had wired Aiken previously that a letter of instruction of disposal, mailed in Washington Thursday to the WAA in Portland, would probably reach him Monday and final details of the matter should be known on that day.
Up to now, final terms of the disposition are en route from Washington and nothing definite could be given out.

R. C. Groesbeck of Klamath Falls, member of the board of higher education, said today that the board had a meeting slated for June 10 at Portland, but if an emergency meeting is called in connection with the barracks, he would attend.
"I have received no advice of any kind that is definite as to the disposition of the barracks," Groesbeck said today. He added that secretary of the board, Dr. C. D. Byrnes of Eugene, was now in Portland receiving details of the transfer and that Byrnes would report findings to other members of the board.

Klamath Falls Marine Barracks, declared surplus by the navy on May 1, were turned over to the Portland WAA Wednesday as the first step in possible acquisition by the state of Oregon as a veterans college.
The barracks, which cost \$6,500,000 to build, have been considered by the state board of higher education as a potential college to ease the load in other Oregon schools.
Governor Snell favored the project when he said, "5000 World War II veterans will be knocking on the doors of already crowded Oregon schools of higher education next fall."

Chicago Grain Receipts Drop

CHICAGO, May 25 (AP)—Sharp reductions in grain receipts here today were attributed to the railroad strike. Arrivals of wheat totaled 3000 bushels against 11,000 a week ago, corn 164,000 against 600,000 and oats 23,000 against 28,000.

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climb. Born at Cedar Rapids, Ia., April 12, 1873, he gained much of his learning at the side of his Canadian-born father, the Rev. J. L. Whitney, a circuit-riding minister. A farmhand at 15, Whitney was attracted to railroading and made his own opportunity to start as a "candy butcher."
Johnston had disapproved, declaring "I'm not a banker," and after his election began putting the brotherhood on the basis where he believed it belonged—working for the interest of its members.
His strength among the engineers' 78,000 members partly lies in the wage fights he has won in their behalf, beginning with a 7 1/2 per cent increase in 1927, the year he was confronted with liquidation of the engineers' various holdings.
Johnston, stocky at 71, is factually and statements made during the weeks preceding the rail strike usually came from Whitney with Johnston concurring.

Junior Chamber Officers Here For Convention



Junior chamber of commerce officials here for the annual state convention this weekend include (left to right) Carl Helm, La Grande; Ray Ward, Klamath chapter president; Marvin Hixon, Salem; Lee Stidd, Portland, state president; Merle Nash, Eugene; Lofton Tatum, Portland and Bruce Gilbert of Bend.

President Calls On U. N. To Make Peace A Reality

NEW YORK, May 25 (AP)—President Truman told the United Nations economic and social council today it can make the peace a reality for the common people all over the world.
In a message to the council at its first meeting in the United States, the nation's chief executive said the council's task "is to achieve freedom from want, to encourage production, help to open up transport and clear communications and to assure higher standards of living."
The president's message was read by John G. Winant, United States delegate to the council, shortly after the 18-nation body convened in the chamber used by the United Nations security council at the UN interim headquarters at Hunter College.

The delegates found a globe-full of problems besetting the peoples of the world awaiting them. This council first met in London last winter.
"The opening of this second session of the economic and social council stirs the hearts of the common people all over the world," Mr. Truman's message said. "You can make the peace a reality for them."
Welcoming the council for the American people, Mr. Truman said:
"While the security council stands guard against new threats to peace, the economic and social council mobilizes the constructive forces of mankind for the victories of peace."
"We did not struggle to prevent the domination of the world by the axis powers only to accept hunger, disease, poverty and insecurity in a world made free by brave men."

Federal Court To Meet Here

The first regular term of federal court for Klamath Falls will convene in the county court-house Tuesday, June 4, with Judge James Alger Fee of Portland on the bench, it was learned today.
A federal court for this area was approved last fall and sessions will be held here regularly. In the past there have been several special federal court terms in Klamath Falls.
None of the local court officers will have anything to do with the federal session as a federal bailiff, marshal, clerk and reporter will come with Judge Fee.

Algoma Marsh Lease Wanted

C. A. Dunn, Klamath Falls contractor, who made application to the bureau of reclamation for possible lease of a section of marshland immediately south of Algoma, today was advised by the USBR that the matter was being taken into consideration and would be included in investigation of similar projects in the territory for leasing.
The section includes approximately 1000 acres north of Klamath Falls and west of the SP tracks near Algoma. Dunn explained in a recent letter to the bureau that the land was not productive in its present state "and in this condition for many years and no attempt has been made to reclaim it," he considered the time ripe for bringing this land into production.
Dunn, in his application, said he would accept the land on a 20-year lease, during which time he would build a dike around the land and install water control so that it would readily be farmed. At the end of 20 years the land is to revert to the U. S. government, Dunn agreed.

If these terms were not agreeable, Dunn advised in his letter, he suggested the land be put up for bids on a long term lease.
If the government does not see fit to lease the land under any circumstances, Dunn said, he thought it only fair to the public, to the Klamath county district, and to the returning war veterans, that the land be immediately reclaimed by the U. S. government and thrown open to entry.
It was Dunn's opinion that anything less than 20 years would be too short a period in which to reclaim the land and get it into satisfactory production, and if substantial structures were demanded by the government, additional time would be required as there is "considerable difference between the minimum necessary and maximum requirements possible in reclaiming this land."

Strikers Return As Truman Asks Draft Authority

WASHINGTON, May 25 (AP)—John R. Steelman, labor consultant to President Truman announced today the railroad strike has been settled.
Steelman made his announcement to reporters at a downtown hotel as Mr. Truman personally asked a joint session of congress for emergency strike legislation.
The agreement, he said, was for a 16 cent an hour increase as recommended by a fact-finding board, to be retroactive to January 1, 1946, plus an additional 2 1/2 cents an hour effective May 22, 1946, or a total of 18 1/2 cents an hour increase.
Steelman said "memoranda of agreement" had been signed between all the carriers and brotherhoods.
Presidents A. F. Whitney and Alvanley Johnston of the striking unions told reporters the engineers and trainmen will be ordered back to work.

S. P. Rails Hum In Short Order

Within a matter of minutes after the 45-hour nationwide strike ended, the Klamath Falls Southern Pacific office announced a 38-car train of perishables grinding over the rails north bound for Portland. The time of departure was 1:30 p. m.
Lloyd S. Stitt, SP district freight and passenger agent, said news of the strike break was received with great relief at his office.
Southbound No. 19, the passenger train which was halted here early Thursday evening when the crew completed its run under strike conditions, was being prepared today to leave at the normal time, 6:50 tonight. Seven passengers had remained in Klamath Falls, including two newlywed couples, and they would continue their journey south.

Operating the perishable train, held over here from its journey north, were A. C. Schoupe, road foreman of engines serving as engineer on the run, and trainmen W. C. Hughes and H. C. Chase, brakeman. Conductors, not on strike, were also called into service.
Normal traffic is expected to be resumed here within 24 hours, Stitt said.
First freight through Klamath Falls was due in around 3 p. m. today, northbound from Gerber and loaded with perishables. This was a 40-car train manned by a volunteer crew and officials.

The first passenger to go over the rails will probably be the Cascade due out of Portland at 4 p. m. this afternoon, southbound. It will reach here shortly after midnight, Stitt advised.
The nation-wide strike, pictured locally, was conducted without violence of any kind and no pickets were visible at any time. Stitt said that the strike had long range repercussions as far as the local yards were concerned. Some 60-odd clerical positions in the freight and yard office were eliminated and abolished as of Monday at 8 a. m. had the strike continued. He said that with the end of the strike he could "not say off hand" whether these positions would be reestablished but it is probable that they would be returned with no loss of time or money to the employee.

State Jaycees Open Meetings

The annual state Junior chamber of commerce convention got under way here last night with the first social event of the calendar, a stag party, at the armory. The confab will run for three days, with a full schedule of business and social meetings under the direction of Ray Ward, president and general chairman of the local chapter.
Convention headquarters is at the Willard hotel, where about 100 out-of-town members have registered. This morning was taken up with various committee meetings, following completion of which elections were held for the various state offices.

During the business session, the Jayceettes have several events planned for the wives of delegates, and tonight all will get together with a dinner dance and installation ceremonies at the armory, with music by Evans' band. The new state officers will be introduced over the regular half hour broadcast over KFJI at 10 p. m. A cocktail hour will precede the dinner at 6:30.
Lee Stidd, of Oswego, state president, arrived here yesterday and is presiding at all meetings.

Knife Killer Still Alive

John 'Tex' Ainsworth is still alive and reported "resting well" at the Klamath Valley hospital, although his condition remains critical.
The 46-year-old man has been too weak to undergo an operation and the five 22-caliber slugs which sent him to the hospital Thursday afternoon are still in his stomach and chest. He was given blood plasma Thursday.

Because there was no eye witness to the knife and pistol duel between Ainsworth and Glen Harris, 38, in a wooded back of the Avalon rooms, 9th and Walnut, Thursday, police investigation has failed to determine which man started the fight, and Sheriff Lloyd Low said today that it would probably be a matter for the grand jury to decide.
In two statements to the police before he died, one branded as false, Harris said that Ainsworth struck the first blow and that he fired in self-defense. Harris' first statement was that Ainsworth stabbed him while he was on a bed in the rooming house, but Mrs. Rose Lapham, who heard the shots, said the fight started in the woodshed.

Ainsworth has maintained that at least two bullets hit his body before he swung his pocket knife at Harris.
In reconstructing the fight from evidence on the ground and from Mrs. Lapham's story, officials are unable to say for sure which man was the aggressor.
By Oregon law concerning self-defense, a person may use "whatever force necessary" to defend himself from attack.
Harris died of his stab wounds Thursday night, almost nine hours after the fight. He was a native of Salem, Mo., and had been in Klamath Falls about three years.



Postmaster J. C. Casey of Beatty yesterday received this sack of mail from Pilot Al Cummings, Klamath Agency, as "the shortest aerial line in the world" went into operation at the start of the nationwide rail strike. The line runs from Klamath Agency to Beatty, Klamath Falls and Medford. Superintendent B. G. Courtright of the Agency, said the route was inaugurated Friday and would continue for the duration of the strike. Approval of postmasters was granted. The Agency patrol plane, a Piper Cub, was pressed into service and one flight was made Friday, a second Saturday.