SOFT COAL WALKOUT SETTLED

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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

AS these words are written (there seems always to be a crisis coming up about noon these days) the coal strike appears to be nearing a settlement.

That would be encouraging.

ANYTHING that promotes production is encouraging.

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THE stock market is still behaving in a reassuring manner.

Stocks generally continue to advance, but there is considerable PROFIT TAKING (meaning that quite a lot of people are selling on the rise and enjoying the thrill of jingling the money in their pockets.)

If everybody believed that disastrous inflation is unavoidable (as it will be if production is seriously hampered) everybody would want to buy and nobody would want to sell—for PAPER profits would then be certain.

The point is that people are still acting NATURALLY in the stock market. There is no PANIC.

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THE Associated Press has just polled the senate on the Truman draft-strikers plan. The poll shows that the plan faces almost certain defeat IF the coal dispute is settled quickly, but that any new flare-up in the coal controversy will be likely to change the situation.

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THAT is to say, as long as there is HOPE OF IMPROVEMENT in the present critical situation the senate is unwilling to take the drastic step of drafting workers into the armed services, thus setting up the military chain of command which has at its ultimate end the possibility of a firing squad.

BUT—

If there is NO hope of improvement, if the situation goes from bad to worse, if the AUTHORITY OF GOVERNMENT continues to be definitely challenged (which would be rebellion), then the senate may be willing to take whatever extreme steps the emergency may call for.

That is the clear implication of the AP poll.

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BACK of the coal strike stands the threatening maritime strike, whose present deadline is June 15.

Senator Radcliffe of Maryland comes from the White House this morning and tells reporters that the shipping strike will NOT prevent operation of the nation's merchant ships.

"The ships are going to run," he says. "You can bet on that."

Asked if the government is going to run them, he answers:

"Somebody is going to run them."

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IN Rochester (N.Y.) a city-wide labor shutdown (called as a demonstration of labor's power) ends this morning when a joint AFL-CIO committee accepts a city administration promise (the general strike had been called in support of a strike of municipal employees) to negotiate with organized employees so long as the "union is loyal to the United States and does not claim the right to STRIKE AGAINST THE PUBLIC."

That, again, is evidence of clearer and calmer thinking.

If we can all learn to think a little more calmly and a little more clearly, this present menacing emergency can pass and the hope of a better day can dawn.

That is what we ALL want.

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JUST a thought in passing:

Oregon's gasoline consumption in April was the highest for any month in history, State Secretary Farrell reports from Salem this morning.

The gasoline industry is reconverted and GOING. You can buy all the gasoline you want (transportation permitting.) You feel better to that extent.

If we can get ALL industry reconverted and going, we'll all feel much better about everything.

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THIS writer, who feels often in these disturbed days that his has been a small voice crying in the wilderness, would like to repeat again his conviction that if only we had the sound common sense to accept the principle of the Golden Rule as the guide for our conduct in our dealings with each other, we would all be better off.

Wages would be better.
Profits would be better.
Life would be fuller.

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THE principle of the Golden Rule isn't silly, idealistic nonsense. It is GOOD BUSINESS.

Boy Chasing Ball Injured By Auto

Little Richard Eagan, 9, son of Jack Eagan, 123 Martin, received a broken shoulder early last night when he ran into the rear of a passing car on East Main driven by Mrs. Evelyn D. Smith, 1985 Auburn.

Mrs. Smith reported that she was driving down East Main about 6:20 p. m., when the little boy chased a ball into the street and ran into her car. She picked him up and took him to Hillside hospital where he was treated.

U. S. Wants Arms Limit Says Byrnes

WASHINGTON, May 29 (AP)—Secretary of State Byrnes told a congressional committee today that the United States is going to work for "limitation of arms" among the nations of the world.

"We desire to see the world free from the fears and burdens which unnecessarily large armed forces would impose on the peoples of the world," Byrnes declared.

He made the statement, without further elaboration, after urging congressional approval of legislation providing for a broad program of "military cooperation" with other American nations.

As he went before the committee, American officials looked to Moscow for Russian reaction to Byrnes' denial yesterday of Foreign Minister Molotov's charges against him and the United States growing out of the foreign ministers conference in Paris.

No Accusation Made

Byrnes, at a 40-minute news conference, refrained from accusing Russia directly of acting in bad faith.

But, reading directly from the stenographic record of international conferences at London, Moscow and Paris, he made these main points:

There is no British-American "bloc" against Russia.

Generalissimo Stalin agreed at Moscow last December to support the American plan for a Big Four treaty to keep Germany disarmed for 25 years.

Molotov at Paris May 16 acknowledged that Stalin had agreed to the treaty idea. (Molotov denied this Monday.)

Russia backed out of a plan to which Molotov had agreed earlier for a thorough investigation, in all four German occupation zones, of the disarmament of the German army and the dismantling of war plants.

Flood Leaves Dismal Wake

By The Associated Press

Leaving death and destruction in its wake through north-central Pennsylvania and southern New York, the rampaging Susquehanna river flood crest surged southward today after overflowing its banks into cities and rich farmlands.

At least 10 persons drowned and four others were missing in the muddy waters, which started rising rapidly Monday night after four days of almost continuous rains. Estimates of damage exceeded $3,000,000. Thousands were homeless.

The U. S. weather bureau in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania's capital, announced a crest of 31.7 feet—more than nine feet above floor—was reached at Wilkes-Barre and said the brown, churning waters were near this peak in Sunbury, miles downstream. There the river was seven feet over its banks and had cut the community of 14,000 practically in two.

The level of 22.5 feet was predicted for Harrisburg some time tonight. Streets there were already flooded in low-lying areas and more than 100 families have been evacuated. Some arterial highways have been cut by rising waters.

The swirling waters of the Susquehanna river raced virtually out of control, striking hardest at Williamsport. Eyewitnesses said this central Pennsylvania community of 43,000 lay helpless today in the most crippling flood since 1936.

Jury Holds Man In Chicago Kill

CHICAGO, May 29 (AP)—A coroner's jury today recommended that Donald R. Murray be held to the grand jury on a charge of murdering his "best friend," Maj. John R. Fletcher, when he found the officer in a hotel room with Mrs. Murray.

Police Capt. Jerome Looney testified at the inquest that Murray had said after the shooting "what would you do if you found your best friend in a hotel room with your wife?"

Murray and his wife sat together at the inquest. Both declined to testify.

NO PAPER THURSDAY

The Herald and News will not publish an edition on Thursday, Memorial Day.

Mighty Elms Bow To S. 6th Street Highway Progress

Many huge, old elm trees which have cast their shade over S. 6th street for years, toppled to the ground this past week as the first step in the four-lane highway project got under way. These elms were standing on the Bunnell property and are being bucked into logs to be carted away.

South Sixth Street Work To Ease Arterial Traffic

By LOIS STEWART

Klamath county and the city of Klamath Falls came in for one of the biggest postwar jobs on the Oregon state highway's 1946 program with the one million dollar widening project of South Sixth street leading out of town.

The project, which was well under way this week, runs from the OC&E tracks just beyond the viaduct to some 500 feet east of the USBR canal near Etna street.

The six-lane highway, including four lanes for traffic and two for parking, is due for completion December 31, 1946, if all materials are available for the numerous jobs which make up the project.

Motorists driving out S. 6th this past weekend were startled to see the destruction of many fine old elms which have shaded that stretch for many years. This is the initial step in clearing the right-of-way and the rest of the work goes on from there.

Warren Northwest, Inc., holds the major contract with the Oregon state highway department for $362,000. This is for actual construction. An additional 10% engineering expense. The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company anticipates spending around $105,000, and the California Oregon Power company, approximately $100,000. In addition there is a $9000 expenditure for a lighting project and other lesser amounts.

The right-of-way figure, a $14,500 bridge job, and other miscellaneous expense make up the balance of the million dollar estimate.

Street Will Not Be Closed

Perry Whitmore, resident engineer of the Oregon state highway department, said today that taking everything into consideration, the widening project should be ready to turn over to the state by the first of the year and that at no time will it be necessary to completely close any section of S. 6th to traffic.

Warren Northwest put material on the ground here May 20. Work of clearing the right-of-way started with removal of trees which was done with tractors and a guy line. Trees were still being removed this week. Clearing of buildings and moving structures back from the new line is the next step and following this clearance, Northwest will follow with installation of all underground pipe drains, culverts and sewers.

Grading is next on the agenda along with making necessary excavations and fills. Sixteen inches of crushed rock for surfacing purposes will be laid on either side of the existing pavement and the crews will also pave on top the present highway with an asphaltic concrete mix, putting this same material on the crushed rock base.

Additional work, as set forth in Northwest's contract, is for construction of concrete islands, traffic separators, sidewalks, curbs and gutters.

Whitmore said he expected a continual flow of traffic over S. 6th, despite the heavy construction program. He said that work would be done on one side at a time and that traffic would necessarily be slowed down.

"We would like to have at least part of the traffic detour over Shasta way, but the street will not be closed at any time along its full width," Whitmore advised.

Eugene Man Has Contracts

Harry Hamilton of Eugene holds a sub-contract with Warren Northwest and will do approximately 37 per cent of the work including all concrete and pipe jobs. Hamilton also holds a big contract for Pacific Tel's job.

Northwest's superintendent is Bob Batie of Portland. Batie is getting as much local labor as he can and when he reaches the

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Siamese Plaint Gets Deaf Ear

NEW YORK, May 29 (AP)—A spokesman for Trygve Lie, United Nations secretary general, said today Lie would not put before the UN security council a Siamese allegation that French soldiers have seized Siamese territory in "unjustified aggression."

The spokesman pointed out that the case could be brought up by any member of the security council who desired to do so but there had been no word from any council member that such action would be taken.

It was recalled, however, that a British foreign office spokesman said in London yesterday that Britain would support Siam in placing the border dispute before the security council.

The United Nations spokesman explained that the Siamese telegram called attention to French "attacks" and asked Lie's "sympathy, your assistance and cooperation" but did not invoke the United Nations charter. Therefore, he went on, Lie did not regard the letter as officially asking the council to take action.

It was the first time that a non-member of the United Nations had appealed to the world peace keeping agency, and the complaint thus was given an odd twist by the fact that Siam is a former enemy nation as well as a non-member, while France is not only a member but was an ally in the war against the axis.

Grand Jury Hits Portland Jail

PORTLAND, May 29 (AP)—Multnomah county's grand jury reported today that the Portland city jail needs improvement.

Similar reports have been made almost monthly since late fall. Today's criticism was on the women's quarters which the grand jury called "abominably congested and unsanitary."

City To Honor Its War Dead

Men who went down to the sea in ships, men who died on the sands of Pacific islands, on the beachheads of Anzio and Normandy, those who gave their lives in the air—will receive tribute Thursday, Memorial Day, as Klamath citizens bow their heads in memory of the dead of this nation's wars.

The courthouse lawn, where the white memorial shaft casts its shadow and the perpetual light burns in memory of heroes of World War II, will be the scene of a ceremony at 10 a. m. Thursday as hundreds are expected to gather on the lawn where white crosses and a tomb commemorating the "unknown soldier" bring vividly to mind the sacrifice of more than 175 Klamath war dead.

Business will cease throughout the city on that day and in fitting fashion Klamath county will be expected to take part in the program outlined by veterans committees.

Marching units are asked to gather on S. Riverside west of Link river at 9:15 a. m. Following is the program:

9:45 a. m. Naval ceremonies at Link river bridge conducted by E. V. Zell, commander of VFW post and group of marines from Marine Barracks.

10 a. m. Parade to memorial shaft. Massing of colors by veterans groups. Singing of the national anthem. Invocation, The Rev. Victor Phillips. Address, D. E. Van Vactor. Placing of wreaths at the base of the memorial shaft and on the tomb of the unknown soldier, commanders of veterans organizations. Placing of flowers at shaft by individuals and representatives of other organizations. Thirty seconds of silence requested by the Rev. Father Raymond Beard and benediction by Father Beard. Firing squad, Marine Barracks. Taps.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, veterans groups will proceed to Linkville cemetery where services will be conducted by the Veterans of Foreign Wars,

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House OK's Case Labor Curb Bill

WASHINGTON, May 29 (AP)—The house today passed and sent to President Truman the senate's version of the Case strike-control bill.

Passage was by a roll call vote of 230 to 106, slightly more than the two-thirds majority required to override a veto if the president rejects the measure.

WASHINGTON, May 29 (AP) Following is the Oregon roll call on the senate version of the Case labor bill, sent to President Truman today:

Republicans for: Ellsworth, Norblad and Stockman.

Republican against: Angell of Oregon.

The senate voted 49 to 29 for the bill last Saturday.

The party breakdown on the roll call vote: 98 democrats and 132 republicans for the measure; 91 democrats, 13 republicans and 2 minor party members against it.

As rewritten by the senate, the measure contains a prohibition against employer contributions to union-administered welfare funds, and provides for a 60-day pre-strike cooling off period.

Veto Possibility

Amid veiled hints that its action would bring veto, the house rammed the legislation through by a roll-call vote after two hours of debate.

Congressional action on the controversial Case bill was completed as the senate neared a vote (2 p. m. PST) on the president's request for emergency legislation to draft strikers who refuse to work for the government.

Senator Ellender (D-La) told reporters after a White House call that Mr. Truman was determined on having the emergency powers he requested in a speech before congress last Saturday.

On his own part, Ellender said he felt the president should have "sufficient power to protect the country from internal enemies, and from uncontrollable labor leaders."

He declared that a nation which can draft men to fight "enemies on the outside" should be able to "protect itself" from situations at home.

U. S. Demands Jap Democracy

TOKYO, May 29 (AP) — The United States today bluntly warned minority groups which seek to undermine democracy against attempting to organize the Japanese. Just two weeks ago, it said just as bluntly it does not want communism in Japan.

Both warnings came from George Atcheson Jr., American chairman of the allied council for Japan. He told the group:

"We do not want to see the Japanese people once more lined up in columns, clothed in uniforms and regimented in any kind of totalitarianism thought."

His statement came as he explained to the council that he was unable to substantiate allegations made in an unsigned Japanese May Day message which charged that "reactionary elements" had interfered in the April elections and that some of General MacArthur's directives had been flouted.

U. S. Loan Will Aid France In Repairing War Damages

WASHINGTON, May 29 (AP)—France turned with renewed vigor today to the job of getting back on her feet, backed by a loan of $1,370,000,000 from the United States.

The two countries made a number of agreements in connection with the credit arrangement which President Truman and French President Felix Gouin announced jointly last night. The loan talks began here 12 weeks ago.

French officials estimated the money would finance at least one year of their country's four-year rehabilitation plan.

In addition to the credit the United States promises these things:

1. To help France sell her goods here. This might mean an ultimate reduction in American tariffs on French goods.

2. An additional credit—of perhaps $25,000,000—to buy about 750,000 tons of American shipping.

Tariff Pledge

France, in turn, pledged itself not to raise its tariffs on American products and joined with the United States and Britain in their campaign to expand world trade through lowered tariffs everywhere.

Of the $1,370,000,000 total, France will get:

1. A direct loan of $650,000,000. The interest is 3 per cent. It must be repaid in 25 years.

2. Credit for $720,000,000 more. The interest is 2 per cent. This must be repaid in 35 years.

Repayment of the principal won't begin for the first five years.

If France has a year of "extraordinary and adverse economic conditions"—the U. S. will decide on this—France in that year can defer repayment completely.

As a result of the agreement, the U. S. wrote off $266,000,000 in lend-lease supplied to France during the war. France's reverse lend-lease to the United States was about $800,000,000.

France will use about $300,000,000 of the American credit to buy American surplus equipment in France and French territories. For example:

Trucks, rolling stock, communications equipment and airfields which the United States built on French territory.

Baseball Scores

NATIONAL

	R	H	E
St. Louis	5	6	1
Chicago	2	10	2

Brecheen and Rice; Meer, Kush (2), Bithorn (8) and McCullough.

New York	1	5	2
Brooklyn	5	7	2

Kennedy, Budnick (1) Trinkle (2) Thompson (4) Voiselle (7) and Warren; Lombardi and Anderson.

AMERICAN

Washington	0	3	0
New York	4	8	1

Harder, Hudson (8) and Evans; Ruffing and Silvestri.

Philadelphia	0	6	1
Boston	2	5	0

Marchildon and Rusar; Ferriss and Wagner.

Lewis And Krug Sign Agreement To Reopen Pits

WASHINGTON, May 29 (AP)—Interior Secretary Krug announced today an agreement ending the coal strike.

Krug told newsmen he and John L. Lewis had signed the contract and that Lewis indicated he would order the United Mine Workers back to work immediately.

The announcement was made at the White House after the signing in the presence of President Truman.

Krug said the agreement "settles matters between the government as operator of the bituminous coal mines and the United Mine Workers." He added:

"Mr. Lewis has just indicated he will order the miners back to work immediately."

Volume Production Monday

Lewis, who had stood silent during Krug's announcement, said volume production could not be achieved until Monday.

Almost simultaneously with the emergence of Lewis and Krug from the president's office, the solid fuels administration released the terms in general. They are:

1. Wages, a basic hourly increase of 18½ cents, which with overtime makes a daily increase of $1.85.

2. A welfare and retirement fund financed by 5 cents a ton on coal produced—unofficially estimated as yielding $25,000,000 to $30,000,000 annually. This fund is to be used for sickness, disability, death or retirement benefits, and to be managed by a three-man board of trustees of which one would be appointed by the union, one by Krug, and a third by the first two appointees.

3. A medical and hospital fund financed from deductions now made from miners' pay for those purposes and to be administered by trustees appointed by Lewis.

Complementary Fund

The two funds mentioned in 2 and 3 would complement each other.

4. The wage increase is coupled with a provision for overtime after seven hours each day. The official release of the coal mines administration set up by Krug made no mention of the number of days a week.

5. A federal mine safety code to be issued by the bureau of mines director with periodic inspections by federal inspectors and with local unions to select mine safety committees at each mine to report violations.

6. Krug, as mines administrator would be guided by national labor relations board decisions concerning unionization of supervisory workers not hitherto included in the union.

7. A comprehensive survey of hospital and medical facilities, medical treatment, sanitary and housing conditions in coal mining areas to determine what improvements are necessary "to bring these up to recognized American standards."

8. On Lewis' demand for compliance with workmen's compensation and occupational disease laws, Krug will direct his mine managers to comply with state laws whether elective or compulsory.

Federal Court Dockets Cases

Five prisoners will be up for sentence, one of them Willard Williams who was convicted of second degree murder in the stabbing of Egbert Hugo Smith, during the session of federal court here beginning next Tuesday, June 4.

Three civil cases are set for trial during the session, and Judge James Alger Fee of Portland, assigned to the court, has ordered federal jurors to report June 6.

The civil cases are reported by the clerk's office in Portland as Chester Bowles, OPA administrator, against M. T. Bratton and others; Alma F. Hall against Sears Roebuck and company, and Ernest Newcomb against the Southern Pacific company.

New Year's Stabbing

Willard Williams was convicted of stabbing Smith in the throat with a pocketknife during a New Year's celebration at Beatty early in the morning of January 1. Both are Klamath Indians.

Osborn Lee "Beegie" Ball, Klamath Indian, is also up for sentence on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon. He pleaded guilty to stabbing Lola Gallagher, February 9. Lawrence Dale Jackson, who pleaded guilty to assault with a dangerous weapon, and two juveniles are also to be sentenced.

Accompanying Judge Fee to Klamath Falls for the first regular term of federal court here will be Esther Davis, the judge's secretary; Lowell Mundorff, clerk; Hal Kenyon, deputy clerk; Edward D. Twining, deputy district attorney, and Jack Caufield, marshal.

No grand jury has been called for this session.

Bread Famine Hits Klamath

Many a Klamath housewife whipped out a pan of biscuits for her family last night after she shopped late for bread and found the bakery shelves empty.

With local bakeries cutting their production approximately 25 per cent, supplies ran out about 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Customers, as a rule, are taking the shortage with apparent good grace, bakery attendants said today although a few were "put out."

Starting with Saturday morning's delivery, the federal order reducing the weight of bread 10 per cent will go into effect. This is supposed to take care of the normal waste and will, in turn, supply tons of flour to be diverted into other channels including the feeding of the world's starving millions.

Klamath bakeries, checked this afternoon, said they were cooperating to the best of their ability and had cut down a lot of the fancy stuff which usually decked their showcases. One bakery said "no more hard rolls, no special pastries and no wedding cakes, no pies except to restaurants, and just a couple of kinds of bread." Another bakery advised sandwich bread, tea biscuits, packaged buns and pies were limited to restaurants. Cakes were kept up on a 75 per cent average.

The new flour, which lacks the whiteness of the old type, has brought praise from consumers and not complaints, one bakery manager said today. The flour, which is slightly brown in color, produces a tastier loaf in the opinion of many.

As far as pastry is concerned, if the housewife can keep enough sugar in the bin, there will be a return of cakes, pies, turnovers and apple pan dowdy to the table as the commercial source is cut.

Chiang Blamed By China Reds

NANKING, May 29 (AP)—Gen. Chou En-lai, China's No. 2 communist, today asserted that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek personally had taken over direction of the government's Manchurian campaign.

He asserted the situation in civil war-ravaged Manchuria had taken a "critical turn."

The topflight communist made his statement to The Associated Press a few hours later after the government's Central News agency reported that national troops had captured the important city of Kirin (Yungki) from communists.

Chou's assertion was the first jarring note to disturb the hopeful atmosphere that prevaded China the past few days. The communist leader is his party's negotiator in peace discussions with government officials and General Marshall, U. S. envoy.

OPA Increases Prices On Lead

WASHINGTON, May 29 (AP)—OPA today announced increases in maximum base prices for copper, lead, secondary lead, lead scrap materials and primary and secondary antimonial lead, effective June 3.

The price hikes were granted to offset what OPA termed "steady increases in costs, both labor and material, in the copper mining and lead mining industries."

Senate Line-Up

WASHINGTON, May 29 (AP) Here is how Washington, Oregon and California senators line up on the strike-draft provision of President Truman's emergency labor bill:

Democrats against: Magnuson, Mitchell and Downey.

Republicans against: Morse, Knowland.

Republicans for: Cordon.

Hard Coal Strike Call Threatened

NEW YORK, May 29 (AP)—The AFL United Mine Workers today notified anthracite operators that they would not agree to an extension of the present contract, which ends midnight tomorrow, and that a work stoppage of 76,000 hard coal miners would be called.

The action was announced by Thomas Kennedy, UMW secretary-treasurer, at a news conference following the negotiating session within the two groups.

Kennedy added that maintenance workers would be permitted to remain on the job with the understanding that any wage increases agreed upon later would be applied to them on a retroactive basis. The operators agreed to this, Kennedy said.