

# WRECK TIES UP O.C. & E. TRAFFIC

## In The Day's News

**POSTMASTER GENERAL HANNEGAN**, addressing the Association of Postmasters in St. Louis, reads a sermon on inflation that is at least interesting in these disturbed days.

"PRICE inflation," he told his hearers, "is the symptom of a nation that has become afflicted with 'give-me.' It is this disease that has brought on our labor troubles. And the give-me (more often referred to as the 'sinners') is an economic virus that feeds upon itself."

HE then proceeds to diagram the pattern of the gimmies. "In the beginning, as we emerge into the post-war world, we find that producers are operating at high rates of profit, as shown by their income statements. They have come out of the war with a bad case of give-me."

"To maintain that high rate of profit, they raise the necessities of life to set beyond the working-man's reach. He can not pay those prices and keep his family housed and clothed and fed. He needs higher wages."

"The leaders of his union then make demands for higher wages. But they make their demands excessive. They, too, have come down with a case of give-me."

THERE will be disagreement with Hannegan, of course, as to which is the hen and which is the egg—and as to which comes first, the hen or the egg. But in general his diagnosis is accurate enough. It is a race to keep up with the other fellow.

HE closes his dissertation on inflation with a questionable statement. "Give-me," he tells his Missouri postmasters, "never ends."

IT DOES end. Always. Either as Germany finally ended after the last war, when it finally took a wheelbarrow-load of marks to buy a postage stamp, and as France ended a century earlier after the Mississippi Bubble episode, OR by the rise of production to the point where competition takes over.

THE first is fatal. The second is wholesome. THE trouble is that when (because of lack of production) demand fantastically exceeds supply and COMPETITION ENDS, government has to take over (price control, etc.)

Government then becomes the Great White Father—the dispenser of all favors. Business goes hat in hand to government with pleas for higher prices. Labor goes to government with pleas for higher wages.

Government, lacking the courage to act decisively to end the inflationary cycle before it reaches the point of disaster, seeks to please both sides, grants higher prices, which in turn call for higher wages, which then call for STILL HIGHER prices.

And so on. Or it starts by granting higher wages, which call for higher prices, which then call for higher wages.

It works the same either way. It results in disaster either way, unless the cycle is STOPPED somewhere along the line.

THIS writer (speaking from personal observation) doubts if anybody is hurt YET. Business generally is showing good profits (as measured in paper dollars.) If there is WIDESPREAD want or poverty or actual deprivation anywhere in America (as yet) this writer has failed to see it.

BUT—There IS widespread fear, bordering at times almost on panic, of WHAT WILL HAPPEN if we go on as we are going. People are generally willing to admit that so far they aren't so bad off, but they are afraid of what will happen next week or next month.

We are all jumpy. In a time when everybody is jumpy, ANYTHING can happen. History leaves us no room for doubt on that point.

**Gen. Rilea Wed At Fort Lewis**  
PORTLAND, June 7 (AP)—The recent marriage at Fort Lewis, Wash., of Brig. Gen. Thomas E. Rilea, former 41st division assistant commander, and Helen Coe of Portland, was disclosed today.

Rilea, former commander of a Sidney, Australia, base, is Oregon's adjutant general. His bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Judson Dana Webster, Portland.

## Hard Coal Walkout Settled

NEW YORK, June 7 (AP)—The AFL United Mine Workers today announced settlement of their week-old strike against anthracite coal operators on the basis of an 184 cents an hour wage increase and a health and welfare fund which operators estimate will cost between \$50,000,000 and \$60,000,000 a year.

Thomas J. Kennedy, UMW secretary-treasurer, announced the new contract at a news conference. He said the miners would be directed to return to work on Monday.

Approximately 75,000 have been idle in the Pennsylvania hard coal pits.

The agreement as announced by Kennedy closely parallels the contract the UMW signed in Washington with the government for 400,000 bituminous coal miners recently.

**Wage Boost Approved**  
An 184 cents an hour wage boost and health and welfare fund were won by the union in the soft coal negotiations.

The UMW, however, won a concession from hard coal operators in the health and welfare fund which it did not obtain from the government. Under the agreement the fund will be administered by three trustees—two of whom will be named by UMW President John L. Lewis and a third by the operators.

The soft coal agreement provided for one trustee selected by the UMW, one by the government and a third selected by the first two.

Also included in the new contract is a provision for vacation pay of \$100 instead of the present \$75 for 10 days' time off.

## Peron Renews Red Relations

BUENOS AIRES, June 7 (AP)—Russia and Argentina have re-established diplomatic relations, severed in 1917 after the overthrow of the czarist regime.

Announcement of the termination of the 20-year-old diplomatic rift between the powers was made here by President Juan D. Peron at his first press conference since taking office last Tuesday.

Simultaneously, the Moscow radio, heard in London, said the two governments, "inspired by the high principles of collaboration and understanding between peoples, declare they have decided to establish from today complete diplomatic, consular and trade relations."

## Crash Blamed On Rules Violation

LA GRANDE, Ore., June 7 (AP)—G. J. Mulick, Union Pacific northwest division superintendent, said today the collision yesterday between the streamliner "City of Portland" and the "Idahoan" seemed "a direct result of a violation of operating rules."

No equipment failure was involved, he said. The Idahoan, running six minutes late, should have entered the siding 682.5 feet before the point where the trains collided, he reported. Its speed was estimated at 15 miles an hour.

Although the streamliner was standing still with the brakes set, the impact pushed it back about 50 feet.

# Herald and News

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## West Coast Ship Owners Make Offer

WASHINGTON, June 7 (AP)—West coast ship owners agreed today to make an offer to three of the maritime unions threatening an all-coast shipping strike June 15.

This development coincided with a White House cabinet meeting at which the strike situation was considered. Attorney General Tom Clark said Reconversion Director John W. Snyder termed the outlook "pretty bad."

A council of war by top men of the big CIO National Maritime union. Its leaders from 40 ports assembled to talk strategy.

The unions to which the west coast operator proposals will go are the cooks and stewards, marine firemen, and engineers. A long discussion at the labor department resulted in agreement to tender the offer at noon PST.

In addition, a meeting was arranged for the first time in more than a week between Harry Bridges, president of the CIO-International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's union and Frank P. Foisie, president of the Waterfront Employers' association of the Pacific.

**AFL Seamen Return**  
As AFL seamen filtered back to their ships still talking of expanding their struggle into a full-dress walkout, members of the NMU's national council from 40 ports convened for a strike strategy session here.

They possess a \$1,000,000 strike chest, the support of six other unions allied in the committee for maritime unit (CMU) —and the signs were ominous.

And reminders of the bitter, sometimes violent rivalry between CIO and AFL for control of the waterfronts surged up in the wake of AFL's stop-work meetings in 30 cities yesterday.

In New York members of the AFL Seafarers' International union and its chief affiliate, the Sailors Union of the Pacific, voted to conduct a strike poll at once. They denounced the CIO-dominated CMU as "communist-dominated."

In most cities the men returned to work, but in San Francisco, Los Angeles and Seattle, for instance, they decided to hold daily meetings and accompanying work stoppages until employers open wage talks.

## Wrong Way Doug Runs For Senate

LOS ANGELES, June 7 (AP)—On the election roster, he's listed as plain Douglas Corrigan, occupation: aviation.

But the one-time hero of a wrong-way transatlantic flight will be on the November California ballot as the prohibition party's candidate for United States senator.

Corrigan's primary total in his home county was 1203 votes, out of nearly 750,000 cast for candidates of all parties in the senatorial race.



Log, Pile-up Damages Steel Bridge at Altamont



The upper picture shows logs in a twisted mass in the steel bridge at Altamont on the O. C. and E. this morning, after a stake-chain broke and logs on several cars piled up. Below, view along the side of the bridge, showing the damage to the steel superstructure.

## Greece Passes Drastic Laws

ATHENS, Greece, June 7 (AP)—A drastic emergency decree establishing summary courts without recourse and providing death sentences among the penalties, was invoked today as the royalist government opened a drive to crush disorder in Greece.

Police and military personnel throughout Macedonia were alerted officially to meet any possible subversive action by communist bands and Macedonian autonomists.

Six articles of the constitution relating to courts were suspended. Police and troops were given wide authority. The decree gave police the right to enter premises at any hour without a search warrant. The death penalty was stipulated for persons using arms in action against the government.

## Problem Faces Klamath Youth

PORTLAND, June 7 (AP)—Clarence James, 11, Portland, and George Hill, 12, Klamath Falls, wrestled with a problem today.

They are patients at the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children and yesterday Queen Lloyde I of the Rose Festival autographed the casts they wear. Today they wondered what to do to save the royal signature when the casts come off.

The queen and her court were greeted at the hospital yesterday by the children's own royalty—chosen for the occasion—including Susan Hanson, 3, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hanson of Salem, as crown bearer.

## Wac Captain Admits Theft

WASHINGTON, June 7 (AP)—The war department today announced the arrest and confession of a Wac captain who was seized with her colonel husband in the theft of \$1,500,000 worth of jewelry from Kronberg castle, Germany.

Two other suspects, a major still on active duty and a former corporal, are under surveillance, the department stated.

Col. A. C. Miller of the provost marshal general's office told reporters the Wac captain and her husband were arrested by military authorities early Monday in the La Salle hotel, Chicago. This is the same hotel that was swept by fire less than 48 hours later with a loss of 59 lives.

### WEATHER NEWS

June 7, 1946  
Max. (June 6) 65 Min. 38  
Precipitation last 24 hours 0.00  
Normal year to date 11.61  
Normal 11.32 Last year 13.96  
Forecast: Partly cloudy.

## Logs Smash Rail Bridge At Altamont

A log train accident smashed the superstructure of a steel bridge near here this morning, tying up the Oregon California and Eastern railroad for at least four or five days.

The incident occurred at the Altamont steel bridge near Summers lane at about 5 a. m. Consisting mostly of flats loaded with logs for the Weyerhaeuser Timber company mill, the 37-car train was moving toward Klamath Falls as about 10 miles an hour.

As it approached the bridge, a stake chain on the 16th car broke. This chain held up a log which in turn held up the logs. A big log fell partially off, the front end of the log striking the steel girders on the side of the bridge.

The rear end of this log then rammed the logs on the succeeding car, and logs on several cars were tossed around like match sticks before the train was brought to a stop. A number of the cars were partially derailed. Several logs fell off both sides as the cars were pulled through the bridge. Some of these logs broke the steel girders and fell into the government A canal under the span.

The bridge superstructure was badly wrecked. One girder disappeared entirely, apparently falling into the canal.

None of the members of the six-man train crew was on the part of the train involved in the wreck, and no one was hurt. Engineer Ray Terrill stopped the train as soon as he felt the jerk as the first long struck the bridge.

Logs were pushed up so high that they hit the top of the bridge, 25 or 30 feet above the rails.

A crew was called out to clean up the mess, but railroad officials said it would be several days before operations could be resumed. Lloyd Stitt, district agent of the Southern Pacific, said that it may be necessary to drive piling under the bridge and remove the wrecked superstructure.

The O. C. and E. operates two trains a day to Bly in eastern Klamath county. The Weyerhaeuser cars are picked up at Sycan, near Beatty, coming to that point on the Weyerhaeuser line.

Railroad officials said that the damage to the bridge and cars would run into thousands of dollars. The bridge was first put together in 1898, somewhere in the Sacramento canyon, according to railroaders. It was moved about 1934 to the Altamont crossing over the canal.

The O. C. and E. is owned jointly by the Southern Pacific and Great Northern, and is currently operated by the Southern Pacific.

## Indian Given Life Sentence

Willard Williams, 30-year-old Klamath Indian from Beatty, was sentenced to spend the rest of his natural life in a federal penitentiary this morning by Judge James Alger Fee in federal court, the second time Judge Fee has sent Williams up for killing.

He was convicted by a jury in Portland a month ago of second degree murder in the slaying of Robert Hugo Smith, young Klamath Indian, at the climax of a New Year's Day celebration at Beatty.

Smith was stabbed in the throat with a pocketknife and died almost immediately. The killing took place on the porch of Hazel Hecock's house about 1:30 a. m. last January 1 and was the first Oregon killing of the new year. Williams was arrested at the scene and told officials that Smith "had been picking on him."

Back in 1934, when Willard Williams was only 19 years old, he was involved in the death of a stab wound of Charlie Cowan, a Modoc Indian, and after conviction on a manslaughter count he was sentenced by Judge Fee to seven years in a federal prison.

After serving part of that time he was paroled, then shortly afterward violated the parole and was returned to serve out his sentence. In sentencing Williams today Judge Fee pointed out that the Indian had been almost constantly in trouble and had been charged with seven different offenses in the year preceding the murder of Smith.

Williams stood before a desk (Continued on Page 7, Column 3)

## OPA Ups Milk By Half Cent

The OPA today raised milk prices half a cent a quart in Klamath Falls.

Many sections of the country were affected by OPA milk raises announced in Washington. In most places, the price advanced a full cent. Here, the half-cent raise was attributed to the fact that some time ago milk prices were boosted a half-cent here.

Today's increase brings the price up a cent over that of a few months ago.

The present price here is 14 cents. The increase, effective immediately, will make it 14½ cents.

Local dairymen said the boost "will help" but that feed prices have gone "out of sight" and the dairy business hereabouts is in a "terrible mess."

Increases in butter and cheese prices were predicted for next Monday.

## Moslem Approval Believed Favorable Omen For India

NEW DELHI, June 7 (AP)—The belief grew throughout India today that the Moslem league by its acceptance of the British cabinet mission's plan for a Federated Union of India, had removed the most formidable barrier to solving India's 150-year-long quest for independence.

Typical of the press comments on last night's Moslem league council action in approving the cabinet proposals—while reiterating the league's "unalterable" insistence for eventual establishment of a separate Moslem state of Pakistan—appeared to be that in the British-owned New Delhi Statesman this morning.

Captioned "Moving Forward," the paper's leading editorial enumerated several recent events which it termed fresh advances toward a compromise settlement, and then said: "Now the greatest and most positive encouragement of all, the council of the Moslem league, the parliament of the Moslem league as Mr. (Mahomed

All) Jinnah proudly calls it, has in a decisive manner agreed to accept the proposals."

Jinnah, the league's president, was directed by the council last night to negotiate at once with Viceroy Lord Wavell for Moslem participation in the interim central government suggested in the British plan.

Jinnah, silver-haired, militant founder of the league, provided a tipoff ten days ago to last night's vote when he told a group in Simla: "We must stop quarreling."

He re-emphasized that point again Wednesday in his opening day address before the council and in the same speech he reminded the 400-plus delegates that "delay is not going to benefit either the British or the Hindus."

### Baseball Scores

NATIONAL	R	H	E
Brooklyn	0	4	2
Chicago	2	6	1
Hatten and Anderson; Passeur and McCullough.			

### AMERICAN

R	H	E	
Cleveland	5	9	3
New York	6	11	0
Embree, V. Johnson (9), Center (11), Kravakuskas (11) and Hayes; Bevins, Russo (6), Gumbert (8), Murphy (10) and Robinson. (11 innings)			