

CANADIAN HOTEL FIRE KILLS 11

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
The coal strike was called off. We don't know why. It was called off for Lewis hasn't told us—and only Lewis knows why he did what he did. For that matter, we don't know why the strike was called in the first place. Only Lewis knew why, and he kept silent as to his reasons.

Both the calling of the strike and the calling off of the strike were ONE-MAN decisions.

ANYWAY, the coal strike is off. The trains are running again. The lights are shining again in the cities. Factories that had expected to be closed down are operating. People who had expected to be out of work are working. Families that had looked forward shudderingly to living in cold houses now have the assurance of staying warm. Wealth (which consists of things) is again being created instead of being destroyed.

Because of what has happened, everyone's outlook is immeasurably brighter.

THIS brighter outlook is reflected dramatically in the behavior of the stock market.

The ending of the strike came late Saturday, after the exchange had closed at noon. The market opened this morning on a note of high hope. More people wanted to buy than wanted to sell. The ticker tape soon fell behind.

In the upswing, which is described in the dispatches as one of the fastest of the past several months, gains ran from one to three or more points. This buying spurge lasted until about noon before it began to level off.

Even then, it only leveled off. Buyers remained in a hopeful mood, and there was no tail spin, as so often has been the case in recent months.

WHY did the end of the coal strike so greatly encourage investors? The answer is quite simple. It indicated that there is now a possibility that people can again work and earn.

Only by working and earning can wealth be created. Only by the creation of wealth, in the form of things, can standards of living be raised.

AFTER ALL—
The only way to get the things we all want is to work for them and earn them. They CAN'T be created by the waving of wands. Out of the travail of industrial unrest and dispute, we are slowly learning that basic lesson.

To that extent, we are making progress.

WE can only speculate as to why John L. Lewis called the coal strike off. Similarly, we can only speculate as to why he called it ON in the first place.

It seems to this writer that Lewis must have reached the point that has been reached by so many other men who have gathered into their own single pair of hands TOO MUCH POWER.

ALEXANDER reached that point when along the eastern shores of the Mediterranean he had destroyed the armies of Persia. By doing so, he had made not only his Kingdom of Macedonia but all of Greece safe. He could then have gone home and told all the Greeks to go to work at the pleasant tasks of peace, free from the menace of grasping Persian power.

But he didn't. He was dazzled by the power he held in his own two hands. This instrument of unbacked personal power was so fascinating that he simply couldn't resist the temptation to use it. So he went on and tried to conquer the world. He failed. Greece failed with him.

Napoleon faced that same moment. Hitler faced it. SO MANY men, holding in their hands too much power, have faced it.

WE should at least face this lesson that history has taught us: TOO MUCH POWER IS ALWAYS DANGEROUS.

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Supreme Court Takes Lewis Case

U. S. Labor Picture Brightens

By The Associated Press
The nation's labor picture today was the brightest in months. Most of John L. Lewis' 400,000 United Mine Workers were digging soft coal again after the dramatic ending of their 17-day walkout which threatened collapse of the national economy.

In Rockford, Ill., 900 workmen at the J. I. Case Co., idle for nearly a year, started back to work. Russell King, president of the CIO United Auto Workers local at the farm equipment plant, said the union agreed to a general 18 cents an hour increase. Of four Case plants struck last Dec. 26, only the dispute at Racine, Wis., was still on.

The Allis-Chalmers' Boston plant was in production for the first time since April 30 following an agreement reached with the CIO United Electrical Workers.

Packers to Sign
The CIO United Packinghouse Workers and the Cudahy Packing company were expected to sign a new work contract in Chicago today. Previously the union had laid plans for strike action against Cudahy and other major packers.

Puget Sound's 69-day maritime tie-up ended.

But the labor picture had some dark spots, including:

Threat of a repetition of the toughest strike which earlier this year had laid plans for strike action against Cudahy and other major packers.

Closing of all public schools in Pawtucket, R. I. following a strike threat by most of city's 430 teachers.

U. S. Man Here On Strike

Commissioner Louis Ziman of Eugene, representative of the United States reconciliation service, arrived in Klamath Falls late Sunday to attempt a settlement in the week-old strike of plumbers and steamfitters, members of local 191, Klamath Falls.

At noon today neither the plumbers nor master plumbers had met but a meeting was hoped for some time during the day, according to spokesmen. The plumbers failed to come to work last Monday, December 2, when their demand of an increase of 371 cents per hour was refused by master plumbers.

Lutheran College Gets Money

TACOMA, Dec. 9 (AP)—A gift to the school of \$73,888.50 has been received from the estate of Mrs. J. P. (Sophie J.) Munson of Ellensburg, Dr. S. C. Eastvold, president of Pacific Lutheran college has announced.

Mrs. Munson, wife of the late Dr. J. P. Munson, one time professor of zoology at Central Washington College of Education, died November 14, 1944. Dr. Eastvold said a similar amount had been bequeathed Central for use in scholarships but no use was designated for the money willed Pacific Lutheran.

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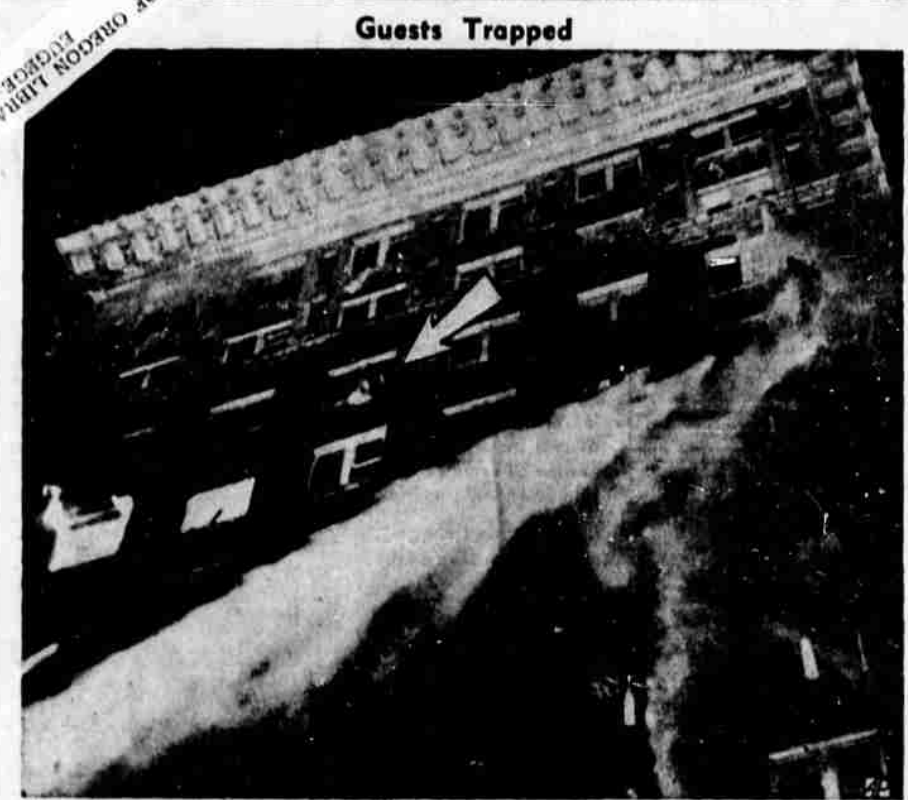
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Two guests at the Wincoff hotel in Atlanta hang out of an upper story window as flames leap from windows directly below them. Water from fire hoses stream up the side of the blazing building.—AP wirephoto.

Freak Accident Injures One

Mrs. John A. Penny of 2250 Garden was slightly injured about 10:15 this morning in a spectacular automobile accident at the intersection of Martin and Garden involving her car, a heavy truck, the residence of the Rev. Godfrey Matthews and the Community Congregational church building.

The truck, driven by Walter Albert Schreiber, 28, of 1006 Madison, came into the intersection on Martin and collided with the car driven by Mrs. Penny, knocking the vehicle 90 feet to within inches of the church building.

Schreiber was jarred out of his truck cab onto the pavement and the truck careened off about 70 feet into the side of the Rev. Matthews' house.

Both vehicles were badly damaged. Mrs. Penny was taken to Hillside hospital for treatment of a shoulder injury and was dismissed after treatment.

Schreiber was uninjured, except for a rough shaking up, and was arrested by city police for driving with a void foreign license. The truck carried Illinois license plates.

Utility Strike Issues Talked

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (AP)—The government sought advice from executives and unions in the public utility field today in an effort to avert a repetition of the recent crippling Pittsburgh tieup.

The conference was called by Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach at the behest of the labor-management advisory committee set up by the labor department, consisting of representatives of the National Association of Manufacturers, U. S. chamber of commerce, AFL and CIO.

Conciliation Director Edgar L. Warren refrained from asking the union conferees for a no strike pledge and said he had no "preconceived solution to sell you."

Warren told the representatives of three CIO and AFL unions that "the government's policy is one of free collective bargaining."

Speed Urged In Labor Legislation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (AP)—Senator Taft (R-O.) told reporters today he sees no reason for congress to hold up action on labor legislation until the supreme court hands down a decision on the John L. Lewis case.

The Ohio senator, who returned to his office today from a Central American vacation, said it is up to the court to say what the law is and up to congress to say what it should be.

Meanwhile, Senator Lucas (D-Ill.) proposed a congressional investigation of labor organizations to determine whether any of their leaders wield "autocratic power."

Champion Steer Roper Wins Again

TUCSON, Ariz., Dec. 9 (AP)—Carl Arnold of Buckeye, Ariz., 1945 world steer roping champion, roped and tied 12 steers in 412.2 seconds yesterday afternoon to win a \$10,000 match from Ike Rude of Buffalo, Okla. Rude failed to rope his last steer. His time for 11 steers was 395 seconds.

Troop Withdrawal Proposition Made

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Dec. 9 (AP)—A United Nations political subcommittee today wrote into its proposed arms reduction program a recommendation that member governments commence a balanced withdrawal of forces outside home borders and institute a general demobilization of all troops.

Investigation To Be Held In Atlanta Hotel Burning

ATLANTA, Dec. 9 (AP)—The Wincoff hotel fire death toll climbed to 120 today as multiple investigations were ordered into Saturday's disaster which was the nation's most costly hotel conflagration.

Fire Chief C. C. Styron said most of the deaths resulted from asphyxiation because smoke and fumes had no way to escape from the building.

Styron said carbon dioxide gas pressure in the corridors and rooms prevented to some extent the spread of flames but took a terrific toll of life by smothering guests in their rooms.

The fire chief said safety vents in the elevator shaft, the staircase and from the halls would have allowed the gas to escape. However, he added, the open passageways would have to be fireproof to prevent the spread of flames.

City, county and national probes were ordered. They included with demands for more stringent safeguards against such tragedies.

Solicitor Gen. E. E. Andrews arranged conferences with the city fire marshal, firemen, fire underwriters and grand jury foreman Henry Chandler. He said a Fulton county (Atlanta) grand jury would study Saturday's pre-dawn fire to determine if there had been criminal negligences. The jury will meet tomorrow.

Andrews said that for the guidance of the grand jury he and the foreman would seek to determine facts from "men who know" in contrast to "hasty conclusions and strong emotional reactions that always accompany a great catastrophe such as this."

"If the hotel management is free of fault and negligence," he added, "it has the right to have this passed upon by an official investigation. If there was some fatal oversight, the public has a right to know it."

A state law requiring all Georgia hotels to install automatic sprinkler systems was asked by Taylor T. Carstaphen, chairman of the Macon city council's fire committee. The Wincoff had neither sprinklers nor fire escapes. The hotel passed a city fire inspection only recently.

Governor Ellis Arnall criticized the hotel's rating as "fire resistant" and asked legislation against such a claim.

Sheet shreds still flapped from upper windows in mute testimony of many attempts to flee.

Coal Production Slow At Start

NEW YORK, Dec. 9 (AP)—The stock market boomed today on the strength of the coal truce, with gains of \$1 to more than \$5 a share recorded up and down the "big board."

Profit-taking dulled some of the individual advances, but at the close many issues had absorbed this type of selling and then advanced to new high marks for the day.

Among the leaders when the market closed were Eastman Kodak, up \$5.50 a share; Johns Mansville, up \$3; Bethlehem Steel, up \$4.25; Santa Fe, above \$5.50, and Union Pacific, up \$3.75.

Coal Truce Booms Stock Market

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (AP)—The solid fuels administration estimated soft coal production will total about 1,500,000 tons today, the first day of operation since the miners' strike ended. This is about 68 per cent of the normal daily output of 2,200,000 tons.

SFA officials said that in the case of most of the mines still idle, miners reported they had not yet received official notices to resume work.

Normal production was not expected before mid-week.

President John P. Buserello of MW district, embracing Pittsburgh, said 92 per cent of his 28,000 miners voted to return.

"They're plenty sore over the raw deal we got from the government," Buserello said, "but they are going back because Lewis requested them to go back."

Reds Protest Stalin Rumor

LONDON, Dec. 9 (AP)—Describing as "dirty speculation" rumors published here and elsewhere that Prime Minister Stalin was dead or dying, a spokesman for the Russian embassy declared that the Soviet leader "is in the best of health."

Reports about Stalin's health reached the banner headline stage in some London papers over the week-end.

WEATHER	
Max. (Dec. 9) — 41	Min. — 39
Precipitation last 24 hours — .01	
Stream year to date — 3.43	
Last year — 4.48	Normal — 3.78
Forecast: fairly cloudy today, tonight and Tuesday.	

Decision In Coal Ruckus Accelerated

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (AP)—With a last most unprecedented speed, the supreme court today took over for final decision the John L. Lewis contempt case only five days after he and his union were fined \$5,310,000.

The justices agreed to bypass the U. S. court of appeals and set Tuesday, January 14, for hearing arguments. Lewis and the United Mine Workers were held in contempt for ignoring a district court order intended to prevent the 17-day coal strike.

Today's action means a final decision can be expected a month or two earlier than if the issues involved had been decided first by the court of appeals.

Important Decisions

In a session marked by important decisions, the court also:

1. Upheld, in effect, the right of foremen to become union members and bargain collectively with employers. It did so by refusing to hear an appeal from a lower court decision that foremen are covered by the national labor relations act.
2. Held 5 to 4 that exclusion of women from the jury invalidated the indictment against two leaders of the "I Am" religious organization in California.
3. Refused 8 to 0 to disturb decision of the federal communications commission in refusing a license for station WOKO at Albany. It held that the court's judgment should not be substituted for the administrative authority of the FCC.

Six Youths Die In Crash

SOOKE, B. C., Dec. 9 (AP)—A saddened community today prepared to give burial to six of its sons — victims of one of the worst traffic accidents in British Columbia's history.

The six youths, ranging in age from 14 to 18 years, were killed late Saturday when their car ripped off 40 feet of guard rail and plunged 95 feet into Jacobs creek as they were returning from a basketball game in Jordan River, 20 miles west of Sooke.

The six were in a party of nine Sooke Athletic club basketball players who made a trip to Jordan River and teamed with another player to stage an exhibition game. Three of the nine players remained behind at Jordan River and did not make the trip with their ill-fated teammates.

Sooke is 20 miles west of Victoria.

Alaska Relief Ship Due To Sail

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 9 (AP) Cargo for the Alaskan relief ship Reef Knot, due to sail for the northern territory Saturday, was being piled up on the dock today.

LI. Cmdr. E. P. Chester, the Alaskan governor's aide, who came here to arrange the relief shipment, said that loading would begin as soon as sufficient cargo is ready on the docks. Some freight cars are still expected in.

With the Seattle maritime strike settled, this ship will be the only one to sail from here to Alaska. Chester said it should be loaded and ready to depart by Saturday. It will stop at Cordova, Valdez, Seward, Selkirk and Kodiak.

"Royal Romance" Rumors Aired

LONDON, Dec. 9 (AP)—A weekend deluge of publicity for Prince Philip of Greece and Denmark today whetted the British people's expectation that the handsome, 25-year-old court favorite soon would become engaged to Britain's Princess Elizabeth in the "royal romance" of the year.

Three nationally-circulated newspapers devoted considerable space Sunday to Prince Philip, and a blessing on the reported engagement came from an unexpected source — Tom Driberg, left wing labor member of parliament, no admirer of the Greek royal family, who described the prince as "intelligent and broad-minded, fair and good-looking."

Missing



Paula Welden (above), 18-year-old Bennington, Vt., college sophomore, who has been missing from the campus several days, is being sought in a New England-wide search. She is the daughter of a Stamford, Conn., industrial engineer. —AP wirephoto.

Sunday Travel Heavy In Basin

Highways leading out of Klamath Falls were filled with cars, some carrying ski parties to Crater Lake national park, but more to the woods where a veritable harvest of Christmas trees and greens was carried out.

Hundreds of cars returned to town late in the afternoon, fire trees sticking out of bumpers and fenders. Several cars were stuck in the mud as warmer weather thawed the ground.

Many greens hunters reported a dearth of pine cones this year, and in the Keno district the juniper trees were devoid of their blue berries, much prized for wreaths and package trim.

A number of juniper trees with a wealth of berries may be found on the Keno-Worden road, searchers report.

The Crater Lake park report by radio early Monday morning advised 71 cars checked in at the rim Sunday, carrying 283 passengers, most of them skiers.

The weather was reported good and skiing conditions excellent. Roads were in fine shape and depth of the snow was reported at 54 inches. It was cloudy but not snowing today at the lake. Minimum temperature was 19 degrees, maximum 26.

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Judge Vandenberg used no names in reporting to the jury instances of alleged misconduct by police officers, and says that he intended for the jury to make a full investigation, getting both sides of the story, before taking any action.

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Gasoline Can In Kitchen Starts Blaze

SASKATOON, Sask., Dec. 9 (AP)—Gasoline flames which the fire chief said "moved like a solid wall" swiftly turned the Barry hotel into an inferno before dawn Sunday, killing 11 persons and injuring 18.

The fire was the worst in Saskatchewan history, and the worst in Canada since the Queen's hotel fire in Halifax in 1939 when 28 died.

A can of gasoline, inexplicably placed beside the kitchen range, appeared to have caused the holocaust. Fred Fries, a waiter, said the cook called him to the kitchen where he found the gas range blazing and the can of gasoline shooting flames eight feet high.

Can Upset
Fries grabbed the gasoline can and tried to run into the street with it but bumped into a frightened customer. The can fell and rolled into the hotel lobby. Someone else tried to kick it out through the door, but the draft from a large electric fan sent the flames spiraling inward. Fries said within a minute of the last fumble "all hell broke loose" and the fire was beyond control.

Acting Fire Chief E. Clark ordered fighters to "forget the building; there are lives to be saved."

Guests Dazed
Firemen visited every one of the 87 rooms while the blaze still burned and found "four or five people wandering around in dazed condition." Some guests jumped safely from the second and top third floors in scanty attire. The weather was mild.

Others made escape ropes of sheets and blankets. Some jumped through the rotunda skylight.

One man, taking a bath on the third floor, reached the bathroom window and hung from it by his hands until firemen reached him. George Hunter, the night porter, said the 36-year-old hotel's alarm system did not work and that he shouted the alarm in the upper halls.

The hotel was sold for \$120,000 a week ago.

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