

SIX THOUSAND MINERS WALK OUT

In The Day's News

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ON the day this is written, it is Black Monday in Britain. At 9 a. m. power was cut off from all the factories in 44 of the 64 counties in England and Wales, throwing millions of workers out of their jobs.

From 9 a. m. until noon and from 2 p. m. until 4, in millions of homes, stores, restaurants, business establishments and schools, electric current will be off each day. During these hours, lights will go off, refrigerators will defrost, such electric heaters as the people can afford will go cold, elevators will stop, etc.

You know what a nuisance it is when your electric current stops for even a half hour. Each day for an indefinite period, in the greater part of England, everybody must get along without electricity for five hours a day.

WHY?
The answer is simple. In England, electric power is made with coal, and there isn't enough to go around. What is available will have to be used to keep people from freezing to death.

THIS suggests another question.
Why isn't there coal enough in coal-rich England?

AGAIN the answer is simple. There is coal enough in the ground. But PEOPLE DON'T WANT TO DIG IT.
Hence the scarcity.

OUR own coal troubles, which have been numerous and costly, have arisen out of disputes between the miners and the owners of the mines.

But in England the coal industry is NATIONALIZED. That is to say, it is OWNED BY THE PEOPLE, including the coal miners. They took the coal mines over from their private owners, paying for them with public bonds.

So the coal shortage in England can hardly be charged up to disagreements between the miners and the owners.

WHAT, then, is the trouble?
That question isn't an easy one to answer. But this much, at least, appears to be plain: Socialism isn't the solution to the problems of the coal industry, for in England coal has been socialized and STILL production lags.

It lags at a time when lack of production brings great hardship to EVERYBODY. This is England's hardest winter in years. It is bitter cold, going at times to zero, and snowfall has been abnormally heavy. The only way to keep warm in England is by burning coal. When there isn't enough coal to go around, suffering is acute.

But England's great experiment in socialism hasn't been able to get enough coal mined to keep people warm.

LET'S end this dissertation with another question.
What is the answer to the problem of keeping this modern industrial civilization producing enough so that standards of living can go on constantly rising?

This writer doesn't know, but suspects that it lies in making people WANT to produce more. This much is fairly certain: People CAN do almost anything they WANT to do. If we can find the way to make them want to produce more they WILL produce more.

That is one reason why INCENTIVE payment systems are getting so much thoughtful study in this country.

Seven Die In Army Plane Crash

MACON, Ga., Feb. 14 (AP)—A search party which beat its way through a swamp today to reach the wreckage of an army plane which crashed after a takeoff from Robins field reported that the seven persons aboard were dead.

Capt. H. R. Daniels, public relations officer at the field, said all seven persons apparently were killed instantly. Army officials did not release the names of those aboard.

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Compromise Budget Proposal Out

End Seen For British Fuel Ration

LONDON, Feb. 14 (AP)—Prime Minister Attlee and his "coal cabinet" sought today to fix an approximate date for ending the industrial shutdown in Britain.

The coal cabinet conference was the first indication for the island's 49,000,000 browned-out and shivering inhabitants that the end of the fuel crisis might be in sight.

As drastic electricity restrictions were maintained into the fifth day, government sources said the return to normal might be gradual. A source close to the prime minister's office said an important statement on the situation probably would be issued tonight.

Slight Fuel Gain
However, with only slight gains registered in coal stocks at power stations, the British gas council alerted the country's 1100 gas plants to be ready to shut off gas supplies to non-essential industries.

Government sources said that purchase of American coal offered by President Truman was under consideration. However, the fact that delivery would require at least two weeks was understood to be a barrier. If the industrial blackout is to be lifted gradually, Britain's task would be to step up her domestic production.

French Strike Ties Up Paris

PARIS, Feb. 14 (AP)—Police joined government, transportation and communications workers today in a general strike which paralyzed Paris for two hours.

Policemen left their posts and joined in a massive demonstration which surged through the streets for a distance of a mile in the vicinity of the Arc de Triomphe.

The capital's automatic telephone system ceased operation. Subways and buses stood where their operators left them at 4 p. m. Telegraph and postal communications ended at the same time.

No Parisian newspapers appeared during the day. All print shops in town were tied up by a strike of typographical workers. Buses and subways began operation again after two hours.

Papers affected by the newspaper strike included the European edition of the New York Herald Tribune.

Greek Firms Hit By Yugoslavians

ATHENS, Feb. 14 (AP)—Yugoslavia accuses "Greek imperialists" today of financing and giving haven to armed bands opposing the Yugoslav regime as part of a plan to "destroy the basis of this (Yugoslav) democratic government."

A statement read by Vrieta Krulj, counselor of the Yugoslav foreign ministry, to the United Nations commission investigating Greek complaints against her Balkan neighbors said Greek authorities had given haven to "several hundred" Yugoslavs whom the statement called quills, bandits and war criminals.

It was the first official disclosure that any armed opposition to the government of Premier Marshal Tito existed in Yugoslavia.

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County Hoop Teams In Tourney Action Today



The top picture shows a flash of the action during the Gilchrist-Bly basketball game on Altamont court this morning, with Herbert Baty (10) and Willard Cline (12) checking on an unidentified Gilchrist player. The Grizzlies defeated Bly 47-22 to move into the second round of championship play. Pictures below are of Billy Fagan, Bly captain (left), and Junior Jacobs, Gilchrist floor leader.

KUHS Octet Honored

Klamath Union High school was accorded a singular honor when it was learned today that the KUHS boys octet had been chosen to appear at the Northwest Conference of Music Educators at Seattle, Wash., March 19 to 22. The honor is considered especially significant of work done in the music department here, in that just one or two small ensembles are chosen every two years from the entire northwest region to sing at these conferences.

Members of the octet are: Charles Martin, Jim Mitchell, Gerald Pales, Gordon Robinson, Bill Keese, Wilbur Elliott, Orville Cunningham and Bill Evans. Barbara Zinn is the accompanist and the octet is coached by Mrs. Patricia Hunt of the city school music department.

Jack O'Connor of the music department said today that applications have also gone in for band, orchestra and chorus people from KUHS to appear but word has not been returned. The conference embraces Oregon, Washington, Montana and part of Idaho.

Freak Accident Kills Trucker

ILWACO, Wash., Feb. 14 (AP)—Herbert Fleschman, 22, Castle Rock, was killed yesterday by a heavy rock which bounced from his rock-loaded truck atop the cab where he sat.

The freak accident occurred as Fleschman drove over a bump in the road, which jolted the truck load of rocks. Fleschman was hauling rocks for Strong and McDonald, contractors who were repairing a jetty at Fort Canby.

The widow and two children survive at Castle Rock.

Gilchrist, Chiloquin Win Initial Rounds In Tourney

Gilchrist and Chiloquin moved into the second round of the county high school basketball tourney's championship bracket on Altamont court this morning, scoring wins over Bly and Sacred Heart.

The Gilchrist Grizzlies easily took Bly into camp, 47 to 22, after holding a 28-11 bulge at halftime. Milo Chamberlain rang up 14 points for the boys.

Court Upholds Sugar Decision

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (AP)—The U. S. court of appeals today upheld a district court decision which OPA officials say may upset the entire sugar rationing program.

The appeals court's 2 to 1 decision was given on OPA's appeal from a ruling January 28 by District Judge F. Dickinson Lettis. In that, Lettis held invalid the agency's "historical use" system of allocating sugar to producers of bulk sweetened condensed milk.

Lettis' ruling was issued in a suit brought by the Moberly Milk company of Moberly, Mo., which contended that the OPA allocation formula—based on the amount of sugar used by a company in previous years—is illegal under the war mobilization and reconversion act of 1944.

Attorneys for the milk company argued this act permitted "discrimination" against small businesses in the allocating of materials for peacetime use. They asserted that after the formula was put into effect last November 1 for condensed milk producers, the Moberly company had been unable to obtain sufficient sugar to meet its needs.

WEATHER	
Max. (Feb. 13) — 54	Min. — 32
Precipitation last 24 hours — .20	
Normal year to date — 5.25	
Normal — 7.77	Last year — 6.65
Forecast: Cloudy, little change in temperature.	

Gets Advice



Actress Diana Reed (above), 18, appears in superior court in Los Angeles as she obtained a divorce from Donald Mahin, 23, film cutter. She told the court Mahin started "getting mean" and that she had known him only two months before they were married. "You got exactly what you asked for," the judge told her. —AP wirephoto.

Beeson Named Dorris Mayor

DORRIS, Calif., Feb. 14 — Harry Siemann, Dorris mayor, resigned his office this week and Howard Beeson, former councilman, was elected to the office of mayor. Beeson, native of Oregon, formerly resided in Eugene. He is the local distributor of the Standard of California products and has been with that firm for the past 10 years. He has lived in Dorris four years.

Beeson's first official act was appointment of G. P. "Barney" Kelton, mill employee, as councilman. Kelton has been active in civic affairs including Boy Scouts of America, and also served as fire chief at one time. D. R. Grace, cashier of the Butte Valley bank, was named as commissioner, and Bart Goldbar as police commissioner.

Basin Matron Passes Today

Mrs. Thomas (Imogene) Hampton, for more than 40 years a resident of Klamath Falls, died at 4:10 a. m. today at her home, 39 High street. Death came to the prominent Klamath matron following a brief illness although she had not been in good health for a number of years.

Mrs. Hampton came here in the early years of the century and her husband, the late Thomas Hampton, was prominently identified with the lumber industry. For quite some time they resided at the Baldwin hotel before buying their present home. Mr. Hampton died July 28, 1921.

Prominent in affairs of her church, St. Paul's Episcopal, Mrs. Hampton also was active in various groups including Eulalia chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, of which she is a past regent; Aloha chapter, Order of the Eastern Star; Prosperity chapter, Rebekah lodge, and several social groups.

Britain Turns Down Coal Offer

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (AP)—President Truman made public today a message from Prime Minister Attlee declining an American offer of aid in the British coal crisis.

Attlee's message to the president asserted that the need for coal in Europe is "no less pressing" than that of the British Isles and added, "We could not ask that cargoes should be diverted from Europe to the United Kingdom."

Legislature Warned That National Guard Imperative

SALEM, Feb. 14 (AP)—The Oregon house of representatives was advised today that the world situation is "extremely tense" and that the state must keep its national guard in fighting trim.

The statement was made on the house floor by Rep. Harvey Wells, Portland, member of the house military and veterans affairs committee, who said the committee obtained its information from the war department.

"We were advised," Wells said, "that our country is skating on thin ice and that things are extremely tense. The army is sending troops into the Pacific, and Seattle and Portland

Vast Mine Operations Shut Down

LANSFORD, Pa., Feb. 14 (AP)—Six thousand miners today quit work in sympathy with 13 hard coal diggers on a sidestrike 800 feet below the surface of the earth.

The Panther valley committee of the AFL United Mine Workers voted to halt work beginning with today's first shift in a sympathy move for the coal diggers who are protesting docking of pay.

Meanwhile, miners went to work supplying the sidestrike strikers with food, blankets, newspapers and other comforts. "It's going to be a fight to the finish," declared a committee spokesman.

Two Emerge
Fifteen miners refused to leave the Lansford workings of the Lehigh Navigation Coal company Wednesday night, but two emerged later, one because of illness and the other because he was a bridegroom and he had promised to help his wife set up a new home.

As for the others, Chairman Fred Gallagher of the Lansford UMW local said, "Everybody is happy and comfortable, but they are very serious minded. They are not kids—the average age is 45—and don't think it is a joke."

"The men are huddled together in a mine shanty on the fifth level," he reported. "There is an electric stove in the place. We took them plenty of blankets, newspapers and magazines and other things."

The 1200 others working at the colliery refused to go to work yesterday and emptied their lunch pails, lowering enough food to the men to last for several days.

Today's shutdown brings a complete halt to the vast Lehigh Navigation operations at Lansford, Coaldale, Nesquehoning and Tamaqua.

Death Ruling Confirmed

JERUSALEM, Feb. 14 (AP)—The government announced tonight the confirmation of death sentences imposed upon three Jewish terrorists convicted of participation in the flogging of a British major and three British sergeants.

The government rejected numerous appeals from the Jewish leadership for commutation of the sentences, which had spurred the Jewish underground organization Irgun Zvai Leumi to threats of violence.

The life sentence of a fourth defendant, 17, charged with possession of arms and whips, also was confirmed. The decisions were made Wednesday by Gen. Sir Evelyn Barker before his replacement by Maj. Gen. G. H. A. MacMillan as commander of British forces in Palestine and Trans-Jordan. Gen. MacMillan took over the command yesterday.

Marshall Says World In Very Critical Period

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (AP)—Secretary of State Marshall reported "the world is in a very critical condition" in his first meeting today with the senate foreign relations committee.

The new secretary of state gave this word to newsmen as he left the closed committee session.

Chairman Vandenberg (R-Mich.) said that he found Marshall's report on the world affairs "encouraging in many respects."

Marshall declined to elaborate on his hour and a half talk. He told reporters on leaving that the recall of Ambassador Arthur Bliss Lane to report on conditions in Poland does not mean a rupture in diplomatic relations. He declined to say, however, whether Lane later would return to his post in Warsaw.

Asked specifically whether he made a "hopeful" or "encouraging" report to the senators on international conditions, Marshall replied:

"I told them the world is in a very critical condition."

Soviets Fight US Atom Plan

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Feb. 14 (AP)—The bitter conflict between the United States and Soviet Russia over atomic control was brought into the open again today by a new Soviet demand that atomic weapons must be outlawed before any control system is set up.

Soviet Delegate Andrei A. Gromyko disclosed his position as the United Nations security council prepared to meet at 3 p. m. (EST) to resume debate on a blueprint for atomic control, based on American proposals and approved by the U. N. atomic energy commission last December 30, with Russia and Poland abstaining.

Since the Soviet proposal already had been rejected by the atomic commission last summer, the move to raise the issue again was interpreted as an indication that Gromyko was prepared to make a last-ditch fight against the U. S. plan.

Holy Land Issue To Go To UN

LONDON, Feb. 14 (AP)—Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin said today Britain would take the Palestine issue to the United Nations.

Bevin made the announcement to Arab delegates in the final session of the British-Arab conference which attempted unsuccessfully to solve the Holy Land problem by agreement.

A communiqué said Bevin told the Arabs that, since no proposal put forward by Britain had proved acceptable as a basis for further discussion, Britain decided to refer the whole problem to the United Nations.

The communiqué did not say when the appeal would be made.

Pipelines Sold To Texas Firm

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (AP)—The war assets administration today sold the government-owned big and little line pipelines to the Texas Eastern transmission corporation of Houston, Tex., for \$143,127,000.

The firm's bid was the highest of 11 opened at a public session last Monday. It is only \$2,700,000 lower than the government spent to build the lines during the war to transport oil and petroleum products from Texas to the Philadelphia-New York area.

Eight Houses To Be Built Here

The local contracting firm of Perry and Day today received approval from the federal housing authority for the construction of eight new houses, according to Lloyd Day, co-owner of the firm. Day said that the eight houses were to be built off Summers lane in the 3806 block. The houses will be medium-priced residences. Excavation is expected to start on them as soon as the frost is off the ground, Day added.