

ARMY-NAVY BUDGET CUT FOUGHT

In The Day's News

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IN England cold weather, striking reserves of coal have been reduced to a state of misery not exceeded during the blitz. Danger to life and limb, of course, is less, but it seems likely that general suffering is greater.

TO save coal, factories have been shut down, and as these words are written the total of unemployed has risen to more than four millions.

The total population of Britain is around 40 millions, or less than a third of ours. A comparable situation in this country would mean throwing 12 millions out of work.

REMEMBER that this grave situation arises solely out of LACK OF COAL, plus whatever minor disturbances may be due to the storms. It ISN'T a depression, Britain's factories are swamped with orders, as are ours.

Britain's people are short of essential goods, as are ours. They have the money with which to pay for what they want and need—as do we. On top of all that, Britain's very life as a nation depends upon producing finished goods in large volume for export in order to finance necessary imports of food and raw materials.

Without exports (which must be provided by her factories) Britain's economic life will bog down and she will go bankrupt.

HER situation, you see, is graver than any situation in this country COULD be, for we have food and raw materials of our own. Britain has to buy the bulk of her food and raw materials. She can pay for them ONLY with exports of manufactured products.

It takes COAL to make things for export—for Britain has very little hydro-electric power.

BRITAIN has plenty of coal—enough, according to the latest figures this writer has seen, to last her for a couple of hundred years.

But it is UNDER THE GROUND. Before it can be used, it has to be mined. Since the war, Britain's people have been unwilling to mine enough coal to meet her needs.

That is the situation in a nutshell.

WHY are the British people unwilling to mine enough coal to meet their needs? That is a question that is easily asked, but not so easily answered.

We can brush it off glibly by saying that SOCIALISM has failed as an expedient of production. That is true enough. But, after all, socialism hasn't been given much of a trial in Britain. While the socialist-committed Labor government has been in power in Britain for more than a year and a half, the mines have been actually under government ownership and operation only a little more than a month.

That isn't very long.

THIS writer is offering no apologies for socialism, and doesn't think it will work. History offers us an interesting example of socialism's failure to stimulate production on the part of Anglo-Saxon people. Back in the beginnings of the 17th century, it was tried in the Jamestown colony. Under POOLED production, the colonists were reduced to starvation. So, the socialist experiment was dropped, and each colonist got what he himself produced—and no more. Immediately, production picked up and starvation was averted.

When people shared alike, regardless of whether they had PRODUCED ALIKE, there was little incentive for production. When each benefited by his OWN efforts, plenty came out of hiding.

BUT at least Britain's experience brings out for us with startling clarity the fact that what we HAVE depends wholly (Continued on Page 2, Column 1)

General and News

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KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1947

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WEATHER	
Max. (Feb. 15) 44	Min. 34
Precipitation last 24 hours 0.0	
Stream year to date 8.35	
Normal 7.57	Last year 9.65
Forecast Sunday fair.	

Soviets Will Ask Atom Bomb Ban

Basin Spud Acreage Cut 15 Per Cent

A 15 per cent reduction in Klamath county potato acreage for 1947 has been announced by the department of agriculture, and the county AAA committee has asked that all growers file estimates of their planting intentions for the season.

The 1947 goal will be 12,742 acres, (15 per cent less than the 1946 potato production goal) for growers with a production history during any of the last four years.

County Agent C. A. Henderson said that special notice had been sent to all growers who have not filed their planting intentions, listing an alternative of having a zero acreage allocation or filing immediately the 1947 planting plans.

The county AAA committee stresses that all growers should make known their potato-planting plans, whether they have raised spuds for the past four years or not, as individual goals must be established at once. Where no requests for potato acreage are made, and those farmers will be allowed to plant only 2.5 acres or less and qualify for price support.

The purpose of goals, as explained by the department of agriculture, is to prevent costly expenditure of government funds for the purchase of an over-supply of potatoes, as happened in 1946.

Polio Fund Totals \$7629

A fund of \$7629.32 has been built up by Klamath county to fight the scourge of infantile paralysis, in the 1947 March of Dimes campaign.

Half of this amount will be retained in the county which has access to the national fund when emergency arises.

Schools, both city and county, contributed \$389.77 toward the fund. Athletic activities throughout the county grossed \$683.18, while outlying communities turned in \$249.72. Collection from the coin boxes distributed throughout the city netted \$995.37, and proceeds from benefit dances in the city and county totaled \$750.76.

Special gift contributions amounted to \$4088.52.

Contributions are still dribbling in by mail, Mrs. Dena D. Backes, Klamath county chapter chairman, advised, and a final final contributions are expected to reach very close to \$8000, a commendable response for a worthy cause.

Babe Ruth Leaves Hospital Today

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 (AP)—Babe Ruth went home today. The former home-run king, physically wasted by three months in a French hospital where he underwent a serious operation, said, "I want to look at the river from my apartment window."

He was operated on January 6. An artery in his neck was tied off to relieve excruciating head pain. Now he weighs only 189 of his former 225 pounds, his wife said.

Buffalo Cow Killed By Error



RAWLINS, Wyo., Feb. 15 — Archers stalking a buffalo herd in Wyoming's first one-shot bow-and-arrow hunt fatally wounded a cow by mistake. Cowboys are shown cutting the animal's throat after a rifleman finished her off.

King's Visit Huge Holiday

CAPTOWN, Feb. 15 (AP)—The nationalist newspaper Die Burger said today King George VI might find it necessary to cut short his visit to South Africa because of the economic crisis in Britain and "return to his people in their hour of need."

In the first public comment on hitherto private speculation about the king's role in Britain's coal problems, the newspaper said "the luxury in which the royal family will be received in South Africa is in sharp contrast to the misery in which the British people are living."

Capetown's residents, in a holiday mood, are paying little attention to such reports. South Africans are spending a fortune to extend an unprecedented welcome to the royal family, due here Monday aboard the battleship Vanguard. Yielding to public pressure, authorities decreed the closing of Capetown schools Monday, making the day a 100 per cent holiday.

Robert Bosworth Wins Award

Robert Bosworth, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan P. Bosworth of Conger avenue, Fremont Junior high school student, won a gold key award at the annual scholastic award contest held in Portland this week-end.

Young Bosworth, one of 2250 entries, received the award following the entry of his oil painting, an ice skating scene painted in his back yard this winter. The picture will be on display at Meier and Frank in Portland for the remainder of the month.

The oil painting will go to the finals in Pittsburgh, Pa., this spring. The oil was entered by Albert Downs, art instructor at Fremont.

Three entries of Klamath Union high school students have gone into the final round of judging in the senior scholarship. Entries were made by Andy Bergloff, Wesley Robinson and Norma Jo Smith.

Week-End Skiing Good At Lake

Overcast skies are reported at Crater Lake national park today, Saturday, with a temperature at 8:30 a. m. of 30 degrees. It is not storming and skiing conditions are excellent with 107 inches of packed snow.

Yesterday's maximum temperature was 37 degrees and the minimum 28.

Roads are in good shape and curves and hills have been sanded for week-end travel. Chains are not required today but motorists are advised to have them along as a little snow might change the present picture.

"Camera Shooting" Victim Sues Police For \$200,000

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 (AP)—Mrs. Olga Rocco, alleging that the police "refused and neglected" to protect her from her husband, has made a \$200,000 claim on the city for the leg she lost in the bizarre "camera gun" shooting in a Times Square subway station on New Year's eve.

The pretty 28-year-old woman, now recovering in a hospital, charges the police were negligent in not providing protection after an earlier attempt on her life, when she was shot through a window of her home last November 1.

Her lawyers filed a petition for damages with Mayor William O'Dwyer, it was revealed yesterday.

Her estranged husband, Alphonse, whom she blamed for master-minding the shooting in the subway station, later was shot to death by police in an upstate manhunt.

Mrs. Rocco was hit by a shotgun blast, fired by 19-year-old Pearl Lusk who told police she believed she was using a camera. Miss Lusk, who was exonerated by authorities, said Rocco employed her, telling her he was an insurance investigator, that the "camera" could take X-ray pictures and that the woman he wanted photographed was carrying stolen jewels.

One of Mrs. Rocco's lawyers, Samuel Douglas, said the petition for damages was not a court action. He said the city owed her "a moral obligation to compensate her for the serious injuries resulting directly from its neglect to provide her with protection."

Wheat Soars To New Market High

CHICAGO, Feb. 15 (AP)—In a wild market with prices fluctuating sharply, wheat soared 10 cents a bushel today on the Chicago board of trade.

A new 27 year high for any wheat future was scored by the March contract at \$2.36 a few minutes before the close as "shorts" rushed to cover their commitment and found a scarcity of offerings.

Within the next minute, the March contract broke more than 2 cents a bushel. The final price was \$2.33, up 74 cents from yesterday's finish.

It was the sharpest single day's upturn since early in the war when a limit of 5 cents was put over price movements in a single session. The present limit is 10 cents a bushel.

50 Injured When Crack Streamliner Jumps Rails

MAXVILLE, Fla., Feb. 15 (AP)—An estimated 50 persons received injuries, mostly minor, when the Seaboard Air Line's northbound "Orange Blossom Special," Miami to New York streamliner, was derailed on the main line about a mile south of here last night.

Six sleeping cars and a diner left the tracks. State highway patrolmen said about 30 persons were given first aid treatment at the scene of the wreck and 20 or more were taken to Jacksonville, 22 miles northwest of here, for medical attention.

Hospital attendants at Jacksonville said only two of the persons admitted were believed injured seriously. Several were given emergency treatment and released.

The diner was the most severely damaged of the derailed cars. Robert Johnson of New York City, a passenger who escaped unhurt, said he was entering the diner when the accident occurred.

There was a "terrific thumping and bumping," he said, "and plates and glasses started flying every way. Most people were thrown out of their seats."

The cars did not overturn, but were tilted at an angle of about 45 degrees.

U. S. Atomic Production Draws Blast

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Feb. 15 (AP)—Russia was expected today to propose formally that the United Nations security council ban immediately any further production of atom bombs.

There was a possibility that Soviet Delegate Andrei A. Gromyko would make his formal motion when the council reconvenes Tuesday to debate the whole atomic question.

In an address to the council yesterday, Gromyko demanded that the United Nations ban production of the atom bomb as the first step toward an international atomic control system, but made no move upon which the council would be required to act.

Sharp Criticism

The Russian diplomat sharply criticized the United States for continued manufacture of mass-destruction weapons.

Categorically rejecting the American control plan, Gromyko announced he would make public the text of Soviet proposals, additions and amendments at the next council session.

These were the principal points Gromyko made:

1. That a convention outlawing the atom bomb must be the first step in any program.
2. That control machinery must operate under the security council where the power of veto holds.
3. That the American plan violates the U. N. charter and contradicts the assembly resolutions on arms reduction.
4. That despite "serious defects" of the report, Russia would accept it for a working paper and would offer "proposals, additions and amendments" in due course.

Surgeons Save Babies' Lives

Skill of Klamath Falls surgeons has saved the lives of three infants within the past several months, one of these babies released Friday, St. Valentine's Day, from Hillsdale hospital after just such type of delicate surgery.

The operations have been made necessary due, in each case, to closures at the lower end of the stomach which makes it impossible for the infants to retain food. In order to save the life of a child, born with an obstruction in the pyloric portion of the stomach, immediate surgery is necessary.

In each case the infants have survived and last word—"all are doing nicely."

Latest operation was performed on Bernard, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Kovacs of the homoia housing unit. The child, born at Klamath Valley hospital January 12, 1947, was never able to retain food and the operation 10 days ago, was a decided success as evidenced by the picture at the left. When Baby Bernard left Hillsdale hospital yesterday, he tipped the scales at 6 pounds 10 ounces.

According to medical history, the obstruction occurs 85 per cent in male babies. This does not mean that 85 per cent of the babies born have the obstruction but based on the number of operations performed, it is the ratio of male vs. female infants.

A local anesthesia was given in the case of Baby Bernard as the little fellow lay on the operating table. Bernard is the first child born to the Kovacs. His father operates the Army store.

Navy Men Rescue Freighter's Crew

PEARL HARBOR, Feb. 15 (AP)—The 39 officers and men of the American freighter Lake Sapor, aground on Little Miami island 50 miles south of Iwo Jima, have been rescued by an LST ship, the navy announced Friday night.

The navy said the LST, which reached the Lake Sapor Friday afternoon, had messaged that all members of the freighter's crew were safe.

The crew was being taken to Iwo Jima, the navy said. The 3389-ton Lake Sapor was reported to be in a sinking condition.

Coal Miners End 60-Hour Sitdown Strike Today

LANSDOWN, Pa., Feb. 15 (AP)—Thirteen Pennsylvania anthracite miners today ended a 60-hour sitdown strike 800 feet underground.

Bedraggled and unshaven, the diggers emerged from the Lehigh Navigation Coal company's Lansford colliery at 10:30 a. m. (EST).

United Mine Workers officials said the sitdown was terminated on a promise from the company to pay wage deductions which prompted the protest strike.

The 13 had refused to leave the mine since Wednesday night because the company withheld pay for failure to work a full seven-hour day.

Approximately 8000 miners in surrounding Panther valley collieries had walked out in sympathy with the sitdowners. UMW heads said attempts would be made immediately to end the general work stoppage.

Rent Battle Ends In Death

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15 (AP)—A 63-year-old landlord, Jacob Watson, said the noise made by two of his tenants became unbearable.

The two, Estelle Lincoln, 33, and Harold Collins, 40, stayed up late at night in their rooms directly above his apartment, walked around heavily and dropped things on the floor, he told police.

Rose, his 51-year-old wife who is ill with diabetes, had her rest continually disturbed.

Around February 1, after months of bickering, he filed eviction proceedings and refused to take their rent for the month.

Yesterday, said Homicide Inspector Thomas J. Cahill, he took matters in his own hands and shot both to death after waiting all day long with a loaded .22 rifle for them to come home from work.

"You may gas me, or hang me, or do what you like," Cahill said Watson told him and Inspector Frank Ahern. "They drove me to it."

Assistant District Attorney Harding Maguire charged Watson with murder.

NAM Outlines Peace Plan

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (AP)—The National Association of Manufacturers said today that congress can help assure an era of unprecedented industrial peace if it:

1. Prohibits industry-wide bargaining, closed shops, secondary boycotts, "unjustified" strikes, and removing what the NAM called other "external interferences to good labor relations."
2. Gives collective bargaining by individual plants or companies "an opportunity to prove that it can function effectively."

The program was outlined to the senate labor committee by NAM's executive committee. He said:

"The real danger which the country faces in its first serious effort to establish a sound and equitable national labor policy will be a reluctance on the part of congress to grapple with the vital issues involved, or in yielding to those who urge further study and investigation of the whole problem, or who see in the current developments on the nation's labor front (the waning number strikes) a reason for doing nothing at all."

Tobey Backs Lillenthal

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (AP)—Senator Tobey (R-N. H.) announced today he will vote to confirm David E. Lillenthal as chairman of the new atomic energy control commission.

Tobey said in a statement that he is supporting Lillenthal "unqualifiedly."

Mother Is All Smiles!



Mrs. Morris Kovacs, (left), beams on her month-old son, Bernard, as she prepares to leave Hillsdale hospital Friday following delicate surgery performed on the infant. Nurse Ruth Brasuell turns the baby over to his mother.

Planes Search Holdout Japs In Desolate Palawan

PALAWAN, P. I., Feb. 15 (AP)—A war crimes investigator and a group of observers aboard a 13th airforce Mitchell search plane today cruised over desolate jungles of the west coast of Palawan in search of a reputedly hidden 200 Japanese stragglers hiding out in this forsaken outpost of the Philippines.

We were on a needle-in-the-haystack mission and realized it full well after covering an area 30 miles north, 50 miles south and 30 miles east of iridescent Mayday bay.

Dipping down barely to coconut treetop level, we sighted some clearings and a few village shacks. Several appeared well-kept, but there was no one visible.

"That's an indication they are Japs," exclaimed Private "Pete" Miles of West Frankfort, Ill., owner of a lumber mill near Mayday bay.

It was Pete who first spotted Japanese barracks believed to contain the remnants of the garrison which slaughtered 150 American prisoners of war at Puerto Princesa, December 14, 1944, in one of the worst atrocities of the war.

To date, none has been found. None, at least, until reports reached Prewitt from Pete Miles and from Filipinos who said this northwestern tip of Palawan like a plague.

Maj. Albert T. Haviland, chief of the flight control section of 13th airforce headquarters, remarked as the fruitless search went on that he knew "a lot of ex-combat fliers who would enjoy a go at them."

The search is not over. Major Prewitt plans to keep on the job and call on the holdouts to surrender. If they fail to, force will be used.

But first they must be found.