

STRIKE CRIPPLES PHONE SYSTEM

Telephone Service Near Normal Here

Local telephone service continued on a near-normal basis here today despite the nationwide strike, with smoothly-working dial equipment transmitting local calls automatically.

Barring a mechanical breakdown, this condition is expected to continue through the duration of the strike. Long distance calling from Klamath Falls was restricted to emergency messages. All but supervisory employees remained off the job at the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company plant, with pickets appearing before the building at Eighth and Pine streets at 6 a. m. There was no attempt to go through the two-person picket line.

Pickets Out
Many of the company's 100 local employees showed up on Eighth street to talk with the pickets, and under a union arrangement, employees went into the building to get their paychecks. Monday being pay-day for the company. An atmosphere of good nature prevailed between pickets and managerial and supervisory personnel. Up on the second floor, several supervisory employees were working at the switchboard, handling emergency calls. These included Manager Charles Seavey, Wire Chief Ernest Howell, Post Board Chief L. W. Miles, and Chief Operator Gladys Brodie.

Flood Of Calls
There was a flood of calls just before 8 a. m., with many of the callers asking the time of day. This swamped the understaffed board momentarily and Seavey put out a public request to people not to call operator for any purpose but emergencies. Construction work on the addition to the telephone company building was stopped, with the construction workers refraining from going to work under an apparent pre-arrangement.

Klamath Falls was cut off from surrounding towns by the long distance tie-up. Local service in most of those towns, however, continued at normal pace. Merrill, Malin and Tulelake systems are owned by the Columbia-Utilities and the Oregon-California company, and Chiloquin's system is operated by the West Coast Telephone Company. These firms are unaffected by the strike.

Co-Ed Held In Jail

SANTA ANA, Calif., April 7 (AP)—Jail routine resumed today for Louise Overell, 17, coed held awaiting trial May 26 on a charge of murdering her parents.

Her attorney, Otto Jacobs, said \$50,000 bail set by the superior court would not be posted immediately. Miss Overell could be freed on bond because she was a minor at the time her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Overell, wealthy socialites, were slain aboard their dynamited yacht March 15.

But her husband, respected finance and codependent, George R. Collum, was held without bail. He is 21. Both have pleaded innocent.

Eleven Hurt In Train Derailment

GRANGER, Colo., April 7 (AP)—Four cars of the Union Pacific eastbound streamliner City of Portland were derailed here yesterday in a collision with a freight train. Officials said 11 passengers suffered minor injuries.

The injured included Mrs. Rosie B. Aplin, Vancouver, Wash., bruised hip; Mrs. C. L. Carsot, Vancouver, Wash., bruised wrists and legs.

Floods Drive Thousands Out Of Homes In Midwest

By The Associated Press
Floods which forced thousands of persons from their homes in a throbbing of wintry weather over the Easter week-end were receding or cresting today with continued "quite cool" temperatures forecast for most of the stricken areas.

The Herald and News

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Reds Demand U. S. Scrap Bombs

Smiling Pickets At Phone Plant



The first shift of picketing at the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company offices here found Ida Melchiori, office staff worker, and Francis E. Aufranc, installer, marching with conservative signs and smiling faces on Eighth street.

Bevin Bemoans Lack Of Accomplishment At Meet

MOSCOW, April 7 (AP)—Britain's Ernest Bevin told the foreign ministers council tonight "we have been here for four weeks and have accomplished absolutely nothing."

Jacklin Faces Life Sentence

Norman Jacklin, San Quentin prison escapee who was captured here after a gun battle just one week ago tonight, returned to the California institution today to face a mandatory confinement in the prison for the rest of his natural life.

Gotham Limited Jumps Tracks

COLUMBIA CITY, Ind., April 7 (AP)—The Pennsylvania railroad's Gotham Limited, en route from Chicago to New York, left the rails as it sped through Columbia City at 12:12 a. m. (Central Standard Time) this morning and about 40 of its 300 passengers were injured. No one was killed.

Five Easter Babies Born In Klamath

The Easter rabbit gave the stork a day off Sunday and offered to distribute the little bundles of happiness which he did with a lavish hand. Five babies, four girls and one boy, arrived Easter Sunday at Klamath Valley hospital.

De Gaulle Calls For New Party

STRASBOURG, France, April 7 (AP)—Gen. Charles de Gaulle called on the French people today to organize themselves into what would amount to a political party supporting him and his ideas. He said this would prevent a dictatorship, anarchy or overthrow of "the independence of the state."

Moisture Situation Held Spotty

The water picture for Klamath basin was termed "spotty" by W. T. Frost, soil conservationist, here from Medford to conduct a snow survey meeting held at the chamber of commerce this morning.

Recreation Head Arrives

Samuel H. Smith, new city recreation director, arrived in Klamath Falls Saturday and this morning was on hand to begin his duties.

World Flight Held Up Again

NEWARK, N. J., April 7 (AP)—Newark airport officials said today that the proposed around-the-world flight by Chicago pen manufacturer Milton Reynolds would get off probably tonight, but the plane's radio operator—faced with several short circuits in the communications equipment—estimated it would take at least two days to correct the electrical difficulties.

Icebreaker Back In Port

SEATTLE, April 7 (AP)—Built for patrol in the North Pacific but never yet in Alaska waters, the coast guard cutter Northwind lay tied up at its home port for the first time in nearly a year today after battling the huge ice floes of the Antarctic.

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Disease Free Gem Experiment Aim

MADRAS, April 7 (AP)—An eye has been removed from 500 selected potatoes here in an attempt to develop a disease-free seed stock of Nette Gem potatoes in central Oregon.

Man Strangled By Veranda Posts

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 7 (CP)—Wedged between two veranda posts, the body of Edward L. Birchard, 29, was found at his home early Sunday, police reported today.

Arms Slash Plan Junked By Gromyko

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., April 7 (AP)—Andrie A. Gromyko today renewed Russia's demand that the United States scrap its atomic bombs immediately. The Soviet deputy foreign minister declared that such a step plus a general slash in armaments would "remove mutual suspicion and lack of confidence" throughout the world.

Director

Samuel H. Smith of Salt Lake City, U. S. new city recreation director, took over duties of his position at the city hall this morning. Smith replaces E. E. Hambrick, who resigned several months ago.

Easter Crowds Fill Churches

Despite weather bureau predictions of snow and rain, Easter Sunday in the basin area was bright and clear with a breath of springtime to greet churchgoers who turned out in their best finery for services on the most important day of the Christian year.

Youth Admits Hammer Slaying

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., April 7 (AP) Chief of Police J. Croy Keller said today 16-year-old Stuart Allen, son of the rector of Christ Episcopal church, had admitted the slaying of John Frank, the church sexton, who was bludgeoned to death last Tuesday.

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Car Kills Boy

ASTORIA, Ore., April 7 (AP)—David Martin, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Mancey Martin, Westport, was fatally injured last night by a car. Sheriff Paul Kearney said the driver was Bob York, Wauna, Ore.

WEATHER
Max. (April 6).....51 Min.38
Precipitation last 24 hours......00
Stream year to date.....7.00
Last year.....11.25 Normal.....5.40
Forecast: Partly cloudy today, tomorrow.

Union Heads Refuse Last Minute Appeal

WASHINGTON, April 7 (AP)—A strike by an estimated 340,000 workers today crippled the nation's telephone system after union leaders spurned a dramatic, last minute government plea for a 48-hour postponement.

The tieup—first of its kind in American history—was complete when west coast workers left their jobs to back up demands for \$12 a week pay increases and nine other contract demands on the far-flung Bell Telephone System.

Despite rejection of the postponement plea, the government kept up its efforts to end the dispute.

A negotiating session involving long distance setup of the Bell System broke up here at 10 a. m. (EST), after 23 1/2 hours continuous meeting. But William Margolis, U. S. conciliator, said the group only recessed for a half hour "to get some coffee and orange juice."

Keeping At It
"We're keeping right at it," Margolis told a reporter. "We're plugging hard."

A long-lines agreement a year ago provided the basis for a settlement for the entire system.

The government seemed to be concentrating on the long lines phase again, involving directly the American Telephone and Telegraph, Bell System parent firm, and the American Union of Telephone Workers, NFWA affiliate.

Separate talks affecting 33,000 southwestern Bell Telephone workers were scheduled to resume at the labor department.

Morse Asks 'Good Faith'

WASHINGTON, April 7 (AP)—Senator Morse (R-Ore.), former member of the war labor board, said today the responsibility for the telephone strike "must be placed upon both the company and the union."

"The companies are at fault for having restricted their proposals for arbitration to such narrow terms of reference as to make it impossible for a board of arbitration to render a fair decision on causes of the dispute," Morse said in a statement.

"The union has shown bad faith by trying to force a nationwide arbitration of many issues that should be arbitrated on local or regional basis."

He suggested both sides "show good faith" by allowing Secretary of Labor Schwechenbach to draft an arbitration agreement and submit all issues to arbitration.

Easter Drains Egg Market

There was quite a drain on the egg market this past week-end as thousands of youngsters spilled red, green, yellow and blue dye all over the kitchen despite the one-cent advance in the wholesale price. Large eggs remained at 55 cents wholesale, 51 for mediums, according to the Monday morning report.

Butter, which took a series of steady today, selling wholesale at 70 cents.

Pilot Saves Life Of Passenger

PORTLAND, April 7 (AP)—An airplane passenger fell part way out of the cockpit while stunting at 3000 feet elevation over Portland Saturday but was pulled back to his seat by the pilot.

Henry T. Troh, pilot and operator of a suburban airport, said Tom Wallace, 43, slipped from the rear seat when his safety belt became uncoupled during an outside flip. Wallace's leg hooked in the cockpit and he was suspended momentarily while Troh righted the plane and pulled him back into the cockpit.

Wallace was treated at a hospital for a wrenched leg.



It's 9 o'clock, and Elmer Harnden, Star Drug operator, puts away the wet hose with which he has been washing down the sidewalk and prepares to open up for the day's business.