

PANHANDLE TORNADO KILLS 152

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
HENRY FORD dies, at the age of 83, after a long and useful life. His passing is generally regretted.

Despite the fact that he was a VERY RICH man.

BEGINNING around the age of 40 Henry Ford ran an IDEA and \$28,000 (largely put up by his friends) into one of the world's biggest fortunes. He did it quickly. Some three decades after his original venture, he is said to have refused a cash offer of a billion dollars for his holdings.

It is worth noting that his idea was a CHEAP automobile. Because it was cheap, millions could buy it. That created an immense market. An immense market made possible huge mass production, with all its accompanying economies.

Because his idea made it possible for millions to own automobiles, the automobile revolutionized America. If its ownership had been confined to a very few very rich people, the effect of the automobile on American life would have been very small.

HENRY FORD'S Model T gave Americans more than a new gadget. It gave them a new INTEREST. Thus it relieved their boredom. This writer has a notion that at this not too promising moment in history we are suffering as much from boredom as anything else. Something that would give us ANOTHER NEW INTEREST as fascinating as the automobile would do wonders for us all.

It is just possible that we have too much time on our hands in which to get the jitters over what MIGHT happen to us.

IN these early days of it, there is an interesting angle to the telephone strike. A lot of people express relief over the fact that they can't be reached by phone. They say it gives them A LOT MORE TIME.

WELL, at the moment, it does. The trouble is that the saving of time won't continue. Soon we'll be back to fiddling our time away with a round of petty errands, running here and running there, to TELL people by word of mouth all the things we now tell them, at vastly less expenditure of time and effort, by phone.

That will mean that we will be LESS PRODUCTIVE.

HENRY FORD'S Model T automobile revolutionized American life BECAUSE IT SAVED AMERICANS' TIME. It enabled them to do in a few minutes or a few hours errands and jobs that formerly took hours or days.

In this modern world, time is both capital and raw material. Whatever saves time makes us more effective. Whatever wastes time makes us less effective.

WELL get along without telephones for a while without conscious loss. But if the strike continues indefinitely, we will be far less effective than we were before.

Because we will be producing less, we will HAVE LESS.

PALMER HOYT, now publisher of the Denver Post, formerly publisher of the Portland Oregonian, advises Americans in an address in Salt Lake City to (Continued on Page 2, Column 4)

Four Missing After Boat Wreck
PORT TOWNSEND, April 10 (AP)—Four employees of the Puget Sound Bridge and Dredging Co., Seattle, were missing after a dredge capsized in a storm last night.

The steam dredge, an oil barge, lumber saw and other equipment left here yesterday afternoon in the tow of the tug "Jim," headed up Puget sound. The accident happened about 10 p. m., the coast guard was notified.

Nine o'clock is also parking meter time. Leo Hyde 1532 Summers lane, is shown here putting the first pennies of the day in a meter on Eighth street preparatory to an extended session with his state income tax.

Agreement Reached In Phone Strike

WASHINGTON, April 10 (AP)—Company and union officials met today to initial a proposed settlement of long distance lines phases of the nationwide telephone strike.

They rechecked a draft of the proposed agreement before its submission to the long lines union's executive board and then to the policy committee of the National Federation of Telephone Workers.

An understanding for settling the long distance end of the strike was reached by negotiators last night, but it had to be put into writing and initialed before further action.

One of those familiar with the proposed settlement said it calls for arbitration of four wage issues on a nationwide level, with six other major points involved to be settled on a local basis.

He said the national issues involved are a general pay increase, differential pay, progression to higher pay scales, and classifications.

Issues which he said would be left to settlement by local units of the long distance workers are vacations, leaves of absence for union officials, definition of duties of assistants to traffic operator, pensions, union shop and check off, and jurisdiction over work.

Super Chief Piles Up

RATON, N. M., April 10 (AP)—The Santa Fe railway Super Chief, luxury all-pullman train, piled up in northern New Mexico late yesterday, injuring 15 persons and blocking the Santa Fe's northern main line.

The accident was the seventh in as many days on the nation's railroads.

Among the injured at Miners hospital here are Mrs. Rosika Netcher, one of the famous Dolly sisters of the theatre, and her husband, Irving, of New York and Chicago.

Attending physicians said none of the wreck injured was in serious condition.

Equipment failure was indicated as a possible cause of the wreck. Santa Fe officials early today announced findings of a loose piece of steel used to fasten rails to the ties. The piece was found where the first car jumped the rails a half mile from the crash.

The wreck happened near Otero, siding five miles south of here, as the fast diesel-powered train rolled across tablelands 240 miles out of Albuquerque on a run from Los Angeles to Chicago. The scene is about 12 miles south of famed Raton pass.

R. Van Meter Jr. Killed In Wreck

A valiant two-year fight ended late Wednesday when Ray Van Meter Jr., Malin, war-handicapped marine corps corporal, was killed in a highway accident south of Bakersfield on the ridge route while en route to his home.

Also killed in the crash was Eulalia Rose Hellman, 26, a nurse at Birmingham hospital at Van Nuys, Calif. Van Meter was driving a specially equipped car, operated entirely by hand controls because both legs were paralyzed. The car crashed into the rear of a truck-trailer driven by Albert Kurgh, Bakersfield.

Young Van Meter, 26, was killed outright. Miss Hellman died today. The marine was struck in the back by a Jap bullet in the closing days of the Okinawa campaign which started Easter Sunday, April 1, 1945. He was paralyzed from the wound and spent months in Oak Knoll hospital, Oakland, and more recently was at Birmingham hospital. He was en route home after his discharge several days ago.

The ex-marine was a native of Malin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray F. Van Meter, prominent residents of that community. They survive as does a son Jimmie, two sisters, Mrs. Marie Vacknitz and Mrs. Rose Spolek, Malin, and one brother, John, of Trill, Ore.

Final rites will be announced by Whitlocks. Members of the family said the Merrill-Malin chapter of Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Moose lodge would assist.

PHONE SERVICE TURNED DOWN

ST. LOUIS, April 10 (AP)—The Southwestern Bell Telephone company today rejected a union offer to send striking operators and repair crews back to their jobs in the Oklahoma-Texas tornado area because of "conditions on the offer."

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HIGGINS, Tex., April 10 (AP)—This picture, taken from the air, shows the town of Higgins, Tex., after a record breaking tornado swept over it yesterday afternoon demolishing the business section completely. The tornado ripped and slashed across the Panhandle, creating havoc in one of the richest cattle and wheat lands in the nation. This picture was rushed to The Herald and News by AP wirephoto with the aid of local telephone officials despite the crippling telephone strike. —AP wirephoto.

Indians Ask Citizenship

WASHINGTON, April 10 (AP)—Oregon and California Indian representatives told a house committee yesterday that full citizenship should be granted Indians.

Boyd Jackson, Klamath tribal delegate, said Indians should not have to go "through the rooves as an alien" to get citizenship rights. He suggested that Indians who obtain citizenship, be given their share in tribal property and thereafter be barred from participating in tribal assets.

Wade Crawford, also of the Klamath tribe, proposed that 6000 Indians on government payrolls be required to become full citizens and he argued that courts should have exclusive jurisdiction in determining an Indian's competency.

Crawford declared that the Indian office program has been "communist."

Both the democratic and republican parties have promised full citizenship rights for Indians. Adam Castillo of the California Indian mission federation said, adding "now is the time to do it."

Tragedy Follows Tornado's Wake

WOODWARD, Okla., April 10 (AP)—A 17-year-old youth entered a funeral home in this tornado-stricken city today.

"Have you got my daddy?" he asked the attendant. They looked and found daddy — A. J. Warriner — among the dead.

The lad straightened his shoulders. "Thanks," he said, "now all I've got to do is find my mother."

Anxiety For Relatives In Storm Path Reflected Here

Anxiety for friends and relatives living in the path of the Oklahoma-Texas tornado which struck late yesterday, was reflected here today with The Herald and News receiving a flood of telephone inquiries throughout the morning.

No casualty lists had been received over the Associated Press wire but names of persons living in the struck communities were taken in order to aid those unable to obtain word otherwise from the tornado area should the list be available.

Despite the current telephone strike, more than a dozen long distance calls were attempted to Oklahoma and Texas, according to C. C. Seavey, telephone company manager, but only a few calls to Oklahoma City were completed due to the havoc in the south.

French Win Saar Debate

MOSCOW, April 10 (AP)—The United States and Britain agreed tonight to French demands for detachment of the Saar from Germany and economic integration of the Saar area with France.

U. S. Secretary of State Marshall proposed that initial steps to that end be taken by the council of foreign ministers immediately.

Both Marshall and British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin opposed, however, a French proposal that the industrial Ruhr be detached from Germany.

They also rejected the idea of creating special regimes, international ownership or international management of basic German resources in the area.

French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault also asked for the political and economic separation of the Rhineland from Germany. He said "adequate military forces should be stationed there permanently," adding that the Rhineland might be organized politically as one or several states enjoying complete autonomy.

Phone Strike Issues Told

Manager Charles Seavey of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company here said today that there appears to be some public misunderstanding of all the issues involved in the current telephone strike, and emphasized that wages are not alone the question that is keeping workers off the telephone company jobs.

Seavey said that other issues are union shop; a check-off of all dues; fines and assessments, increase of vacations to two, three and four weeks instead of one; triple time for holidays, and \$100 minimum pensions.

The company official said that the telephone company has a fair wage policy, but has been willing to submit the wage question to arbitration throughout the current dispute. The company wants to settle the differences on the west coast by arbitrators selected from a panel named by the U. S. department of labor.

Lumber Price Drop Coming

PORTLAND, Ore., April 10 (AP)—Lumber industry spokesmen here said prices of low grade lumber items probably will begin falling soon but that quality boards and building sizes will remain unchanged for some months.

Jack Huddleston, president of the Western Retail Lumbermen's association, said, "I think the peak has been reached. Prices can't go any higher. In fact, some common lumber items are beginning to drop now."

He cited the recent announcement of 10 per cent price cuts by the lumber division of Oregon Pulp and Paper company, and the E. K. Wood Lumber company and predicted retail prices would drop to about the level existing at the end of the OPA.

J. W. Copeland, operator of 38 northwest lumber yards, said "Lumber prices have reached the top and are going down, mostly in common grades.

Greek Move Seen As Step Toward Third World War

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., April 10 (AP)—Senator Revercomb (R-W.Va.) said today the United States will be taking "a definite step toward a third world war" if it approves the proposed \$400,000,000 aid program for Greece and Turkey.

In an address prepared for a meeting sponsored by civic clubs, Revercomb declared: "If such action were directed at us, I know that war would be inevitable and immediate. Can you expect anything other than that from Russia?"

No Casualties In Loop Hotel Fire

CHICAGO, April 10 (AP)—An early morning fire in the 23-story Sherman hotel in Chicago's loop caused little disturbance among guests as firemen struggled an hour and a half to put it out.

Michael Cody, deputy fire marshal, who estimated smoke and water damage at \$10,000, said the blaze apparently originated in a 15th floor storeroom.

Quake Rocks California, But Little Damage Evident

LOS ANGELES, April 10 (AP)—A deep-seated earthquake, sharp in some sections but causing no serious damage in heavily-populated areas, rocked more than 60,000 square miles of California, Arizona and Nevada at 7:59 a. m. (PST) today.

A few broken windows and dishes were reported, but no injuries. The tremor was felt here with some sharpness, but subsided quickly into a long, rolling motion lasting nearly a minute.

A shattered bank window in Glendale apparently was the most severe loss, although there were indications that some damage might have occurred in remote communities in the Mojave desert, which seemed in initial checks to have been the center of the shock.

Woodward Hardest Hit By Big Wind

WOODWARD, Okla., April 10 (AP)—The worst tornado in panhandle history cut a 100-mile path of death and destruction through the world's richest wheat and cattle country, killing an estimated 152 and injuring more than 1000.

Property damage soared into the millions.

The Texas state highway patrol, quoting a Red Cross estimate, said at least 152 were believed dead. More bodies were said to be buried under twisted buildings, rubble and debris.

Hardest hit was Woodward, Okla., where 100 were estimated to be dead and between 800 and 1000 injured. Approximately 100 blocks of buildings were destroyed in this city of 5500 population.

Death Toll
Other Red Cross estimates included Shattuck, Okla., 20 dead; Higgins, Tex., 24, and Glazier, Tex., 8. Earlier, two were reported dead at Gage, Okla., which would bring the total to 154.

The storm did not strike Shattuck, but the dead there are believed to be from nearby stricken areas.

The storm first struck late yesterday afternoon near White Deer, Tex., 80 miles from Amarillo, then slashed north-eastward through Glazier, population 200, Woodward, and Gage, population 800.

Disaster crews were rushed to the stricken areas, and peace officers and hastily formed vigilante crews guarded against looting after early reports of vandalism.

Roads Blocked
Highways in some areas were blocked and traffic detoured through wheat fields. Highway construction crews were clearing knotted barbed wire, crushed automobiles and shattered buildings from roads and highways today.

Clearing skies aided rescue and repair efforts.

Governor Beauford H. Jester of Texas said all state facilities were being put at the disposal of the damaged cities. These included the state department of public safety, the state department of health and others. Precautions were being taken to prevent a possible outbreak of disease following the breakdown of water and sewage systems.

Communication with the storm-ravaged areas was poor both because of damaged equipment and the telephone strike.

The state police at Austin, Tex., said communications were "very bad."

Storm Worst
J. L. Swingle, editor of the Panhandle Daily News said the storm was the worst in panhandle history.

Nine Killed In Mine Blast

EXETER, Pa., April 10 (AP)—Nine men were killed and nine others injured today in an anthracite mine explosion 350 feet underground.

Only two victims were found soon after the early morning blast ripped through the Knox Coal company operation. Rescue workers digging through the debris several hours later found additional bodies.

Assistant Police Chief Ed Petrillo said the explosion, which rocked the workers soon after the men went on the job, was caused by gas. There was no comment from the company.

WASHINGTON, April 10 (AP)—Secretary of Interior J. A. Krug declared today that the record of John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers on safety in the coal pits is one of "almost unbroken neglect."

He told a senate public lands subcommittee the union had failed to take advantage of the creation of mine safety committees under the Krug-Lewis coal contract.