

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS FROM Pittsburgh today comes this interesting dispatch: "Top officials of the CIO United Steel Workers and the U. S. Steel Corp. will put their signatures today to a new pact which Union President Murray declares 'assures peace in the industry for two years'."

ALL isn't yet sweetness and light. Murray, in a statement issued in Pittsburgh, says the Big Steel agreement is "an answer to all congressional labor baiters hell-bent on destruction of labor unions in America."

That is HEAT, not light, on the situation. Congress isn't "hell-bent on destruction of labor unions." It is trying to provide a workable law to keep them from becoming TOO powerful. Too much power in too few hands is always dangerous. In the past year wages have had a clear look at some of these dangers. It is doubtful if the Big Steel agreement could have been reached if congress hadn't begun to move.

SENATOR TAFT (Republican, Ohio) and Senator Lucas (Democrat, Illinois) pitch in a few brackets on their own account. Taft comments: "The agreement of U. S. Steel with CIO has probably tossed out of the window any real chance to bring prices down. He adds: "This agreement is likely to set a pattern for similar wage increases that will prevent any substantial reduction in prices of manufactured products."

LET'S let that pass. What we want is a workable system of labor-business relations. We probably can't get it without a few hard words here and there. It seems reasonable that if we can get labor PEACE and efficient, big-scale mass production again we ought to be able to reduce prices and still hold wages at their present high level.

FROM Ellensburg, far up in Washington, near the Canadian line, comes news of a labor-business agreement that is far MORE interesting than the new steel wage agreement.

It came out of arbitration of a wage dispute between the Ellensburg carpenters union and the Kittitas County Associated Contractors. It went far beyond settlement of the wage issue and resulted in a program, accepted by the union, the contractors and leading building materials dealers, to check rising building costs in the Ellensburg community.

THE Ellensburg agreement, as announced by the five-man arbitration board, provides: 1. The carpenters union withdraw its request for a basic wage scale of \$1.80 an hour and double time on Saturdays and accept the contractors' offer of \$1.75 an hour and time and a half the old scale was \$1.62 and time and a half was \$1.50. 2. The contractors agree to reduce their profit figure on cost-plus contracts by 5 per cent. 3. The materials dealers agree to reduce the prices of building materials by 3 per cent.

STATE SENATOR BUTLER (of Washington), chairman of the arbitration board, says: "All three groups acted in the public interest and their voluntary adoption of this joint course of action shows what can be done in every community through CO-OPERATION to halt the rise in living costs and the threat of inflation."

TOLERANT, friendly co-operation such as that GETS US SOMEWHERE along the road we all want to travel.

Ankeny Trial Set June 16

Lewis H. Ankeny, former local stockbroker, yesterday pleaded not guilty to indictments charging him with embezzlement and larceny by false check. He was ordered to stand trial on June 16. Demurrers to both indictments, argued by Ben Anderson of Portland, Ankeny's attorney, were denied by Judge David R. Vandenberg before Ankeny was arraigned. Both charges involve Ankeny's now-bankrupt stock brokerage business. He is free on \$10,000 bond.

Terrorists Blow Up Troop Train In Holy Land Attack

JERUSALEM, April 22 (AP)—Terrorists blew up a British troop train southeast of Tel Aviv today, killing at least eight persons, and then machine-gunned the wreckage. The attack was made two hours after two condemned Jews committed suicide with explosives just before they were to have mounted the gallows. Army sources said they believed the "Egypt Express" bringing soldiers from that country had been attacked by members of the Jewish underground group, Irgun Zvai Leumi. Four coaches were demolished apparently by electrically detonated mines under the rails. Shots Exchanged Troops and guards were reported to have exchanged fire with the attackers, but no one was captured. One of the dead was a child, two civilians and five were soldiers. Those at the scene reported seeing arms, legs and other parts of mu-

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Income Tax Cut Attacked Today

Conciliators Up Efforts In Strike

WASHINGTON, April 22 (AP)—The government's top conciliators stepped up their efforts today to kill the 16-day-old telephone strike today by summoning union leaders to a private afternoon conference. Edgar L. Warren, conciliation director, invited the three-man top strategy committee of the National Federation of Telephone Workers; Joseph A. Beirne, NFTW president; John J. Moran, vice president, and Chairman John L. Grull of the national bargaining committee. It was believed that another possible government formula to end the strike would be discussed. The National Federation of Telephone Workers spurred its local negotiating committees over the country today to seek "money offers" from Bell System companies. The instruction was sent out after a mix-up last night in which: (A) the NFTW policy committee announced that the New Jersey Bell Telephone company had offered a 7 1/2 cent hourly wage increase to its workers, and (B) the company said there was "nothing to it."

Steel Peace Pact Signed

PITTSBURGH, April 22 (AP)—Top officials of the CIO-United Steelworkers and the U. S. Steel corporation today put their signatures to a new pact which Union President Philip Murray declared "assures peace in the industry for two years." The signing will climax more than three months of negotiations and will make official the agreement providing a \$1-per-day increase for 140,000 employees of five U. S. Steel subsidiaries. The Steelworkers' executive board approved the agreement Sunday and the union's 175-man wage policy committee added its unanimous endorsement yesterday. Murray termed the wage pact "an answer to all congressional labor baiters hell-bent on destruction of labor unions in America." With its major task of signing "Big Steel" completed, the CIO's biggest union turned to the job of winning similar wage contracts for the remainder of the basic and laboring steel industry which employs 853,000 men.

Nine Die In Plane Pileup

COLUMBUS, Ga., April 22 (AP)—Nine persons were killed today when a special Delta Airlines plane carrying eight employees of the company and one pilot, crashed into a field, collided with a civilian plane and both crashed onto the airport here where they were enveloped in flames. The Delta plane was coming into the airport for a landing when, airline officials said, the civilian plane "came down from overhead and struck the tail of our ship." Both planes plunked 30 feet to the ground, the civilian plane falling underneath the tail of the Delta ship which had broken in half. The two planes burned for more than an hour after the crash. Flames made it impossible to rescue any of the victims.

B-29 Explodes, Kills Sixteen

HONOLULU, April 22 (AP)—A B-29 bomber in which 16 American airmen were taking off from Guam rose from Kwajalein island's narrow airfield Sunday, flashed fire from one engine, exploded into a flaming ball and crashed into the sea, killing all aboard, U. S. seventh air force headquarters reported last night. The dead included Lt. Keith H. Green, 2719 1/2 St., Longview, Wash.



Apple trees along Link river present a colorful spring picture here as caught by The Herald and News photographer, Wes Guderian. The picture was taken from the river side of the Howard Barnhisel home on the river, and looks across the lily pond to the house.

Collins Probe Two Way Affair

SACRAMENTO, April 22 (AP)—New instructions given the state assembly's special investigation committee have made a two-way affair out of Appellate Judge William C. Doran's charges against Speaker Sam L. Collins. The committee, Chairman Richard J. Dolwig, South San Francisco, announced, will hold its organization meeting today. But under an amended resolution adopted by the house late yesterday the 20-man group is to inquire into more than just the accusation made by the Los Angeles judge in a letter that Collins sought to halt raids by state parole officers on gambling joints. It is also to ascertain whether "in the writing of said letter there has been any interference with the legislative process." Thus both Collins and Judge Doran's acts are to be looked into.

Additional Fire Threatens Texas City Buildings

TEXAS CITY, Tex., April 22 (AP)—Trigger-tense Texas City was thrown into frightened excitement today when a warehouse containing 1000 tons of ammonium nitrate caught fire and burned for two hours. It was extinguished at 11:25 a. m. (CST). The fire broke out in the already damaged warehouse of the Texas City Terminal Railway company, packed with tons of the same chemical that other workers, almost to the minute, exploded aboard the Grandcamp and killed an estimated 875 persons, and doing untold damage. Following orange smoke, the type Texas City residents have learned to fear, swept over the city.

Spencer Creek Bridge Repaired

Motorists wishing to cross Spencer creek will not be able to use the Spencer bridge for a few days and must go farther south, near the hatchery. The bridge is being repaired by a Klamath Forest Protective association crew and the deck was removed Monday. Until lumber is available to replace the old, rotted planks, which will be a few days yet, KFPFA advised motorists will have to use other crossings. The bridge work is a minor part of the spring repair program conducted each spring by the association.

Cornett Takes Governor's Chair In Snell's Absence

Marshall Cornett of Klamath county will become acting governor of Oregon tomorrow. Cornett, first in succession by virtue of his position as president of the state senate, will take the governor's chair as Gov. Earl Snell moves out of the state on a trip to San Francisco. Cornett will hold the job until Snell returns. Senator Cornett left this afternoon for Salem. He said that he knew of no matters of great importance likely to develop while he holds down the state's No. 1 job, but that it is possible he may be urged to issue a proclamation on daylight savings. There has been considerable agitation in Portland for daylight savings time for Oregon. Cornett indicated that he is not favorable to the daylight savings idea, and probably would turn down the request if it is made to him. Under Oregon's constitution, the succession to the governorship begins with the president of the senate, followed by the speaker of the house of representatives, secretary of state and state treasurer. Cornett, who served as senate presiding officer in the 1947 legislative session will take over as acting governor for the first time tomorrow. It will not be the first time, however, that a Klamath man has served as acting governor. In 1937 Harry Bolvin, Klamath attorney and then state legislator and speaker of the house of representatives, occupied the governor's chair for about 10 days. Gov. Charles H. Martin, ind. President Frank Francovich of the state senate were both out of the state at the time.

State CIO Backs Phoners

PORTLAND, April 22 (AP)—The Oregon CIO was pledged today to support the strike of independent telephone workers throughout the state and CIO Executive Secretary Stanley Earl said longshoremen may join switchboard girls on the picket lines. Earl told a mass meeting of 1400 phone workers last night that CIO President Philip Murray had ordered the state organization to offer "financial, physical and moral assistance" to the phone strikers. "All our longshoremen aren't working all the time," he declared in promising help on the picket lines. Daniel Johnson, San Francisco, chief negotiator for the Coast unions, accused the company of strike-breaking practices. C. M. Bisker, president of the Oregon union, said he would ask city authorities today whether the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company is violating city ordinances in maintaining a "company hotel" at the main offices. He said menials were served there and cots set up for non-strikers.

Cancer Fund Containers Out

The Klamath Falls 20-30 club, sponsoring the 1947 cancer fund drive, has placed milk bottle containers with placards in business houses about town for voluntary contributions and others will be distributed throughout the business section of town on Wednesday. Members will receive their supplies at the meeting which will be held at the main offices. He said menials were served there and cots set up for non-strikers. Details of the 1947 track meet to be held at Modoc field Saturday, April 26, will be completed also at the meeting tonight.

WEATHER Max. (Apr. 21) 51 Min. 34 Precipitation last 24 hours .98 Street year to date 7.13 Last year 11.25 Normal 9.85 Forecast: Fair today, tomorrow



Held Felite Mrs. Dorothy Smith, 18, signs a statement at Pittsburgh, Pa., in which Police Lt. Peter Connors said the girl admitted strangling her baby girl because she "didn't want her." The baby was 3 months old. —AP wirephoto.

Snyder Asks Review For Later Action

WASHINGTON, April 22 (AP)—Secretary of the Treasury Snyder urged the senate today to kill the bill—passed overwhelmingly by the house—to cut income taxes from 20 per cent at the bottom to 10.5 per cent at the top. Snyder renewed the Truman administration's opposition to any tax cut for at least another 14 months, but suggested that congress take help from the treasury, "review the whole tax system in anticipation of later tax reductions." Cut Not Necessary Declaring that a general cut now is "either necessary or appropriate," the first witness before the senate finance committee hearing on the house-passed bill marshalled these arguments: 1. Employment is high, national income at record peacetime level, and "under these favorable economic conditions present taxes do not impose an excessive hardship on the American people." 2. "Inflationary pressures have still not subsided. So long as inflationary pressures exist, there is good economic reason for maintaining high taxes." 3. The current budgetary situation calls for the maintenance of existing taxes. He said there is no clear evidence that expenditures in the next fiscal year can be reduced below the president's budget figures of \$37,500,000,000. 4. It would be "sound financial policy" to achieve as large a budget surplus as possible and apply it against the \$258,000,000,000 public debt. 5. By concentrating a large reduction in the individual income tax alone, later well-balanced tax revision would be made more difficult "and perhaps impossible." 6. The house bill, he contended, is inequitable, and would complicate the individual income tax.

Syria Joins In Holy Land Move

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., April 22 (AP)—Syria joined Egypt today in a formal Arab move to force immediate consideration of Palestine's independence at the special session of the United Nations general assembly opening in New York next Monday. The proposals asked the assembly to broaden its Palestine discussions to include action for immediate ending of Britain's 29-year-old mandate. A preliminary survey indicated the United States and Britain could muster enough support to block the move. They insist that the agenda be confined to the original question submitted by Britain: the establishing of a fact-finding committee to prepare for final action at the regular assembly meeting in September.

Authorities Say Brownfield Not Klamath Man

Authorities here are unable to identify the John Owen Brownfield, 48, who was found dead near Grass Valley, Calif., yesterday, and who supposedly was a former resident of Klamath Falls and Portland. Sheriff John Bower of Marysville has reported no further developments in the search for Brownfield. His body, wrapped in a bright-colored Indian blanket, was found hidden in a thicket near the highway 11 miles west of Grass Valley by two motorists who had run out of gas on the highway. The man had been reported missing from his Marysville home by his wife on April 16, and the Yuba county coroner determined that he had been dead about 24 hours when the body was found. The body was found in Nevada county, but a short investigation showed that the wreck probably took place over the line in Yuba county. Mrs. Brownfield told officers that her husband had \$700 when he disappeared and she believed the man was saying that her husband had gambled considerably in Portland and Klamath Falls. Frank L. Rhodes, Tullake police chief today said that he believed the man killed near Grass Valley was known as "Jack the Sap" Brownfield, a card dealer, when he lived in this country. Rhodes said that the Brownfield he remembers had been in trouble several times and carried an illegible stab wound in his back, inflicted by a Redding woman several years ago. He was seen in Klamath Falls about a year ago. When word of the death first reached Klamath Falls this morning there was some conjecture on the similarity of names of the Marysville blowing victim and James H. (Brownie) Brownfield, owner of El Rancho Tub near Tullake, but the Tullake Brownfield is alive and well, and unacquainted with the other man.

Treaty Talks Still Stalled

MOSCOW, April 22 (AP)—The council of foreign ministers went into a second secret session today this afternoon in an effort to reach an accord on the Austrian peace treaty. It was the third such meeting, but no conclusive results were announced on the apparently stale-mated issues. While official spokesmen were silent on the meeting, reliable informants said vital questions and territorial claims remained deadlocked. It was understood the lineup on these questions remained where it was, with the three western powers standing against Russia. Some reports said a report expected at least one more secret session would be held before a final decision was reached on whether any of the key deadlocks can be broken during the Moscow conference. It was understood the lineup on these questions remained where it was, with the three western powers standing against Russia. Some reports said a report expected at least one more secret session would be held before a final decision was reached on whether any of the key deadlocks can be broken during the Moscow conference.

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23,607 Pennies Go Into Park Meters In 3 Days Here

It takes a lot of small change to make a big sum. That figure represents 23,607 pennies, 6575 nickels, 30 dimes, and 10 mutilated coins, but doesn't count the 46 slugs slipped into the slots by less conscientious citizens. The total amount taken in by the meters for the week was \$1053. The accident apparently occurred some time between 3 and 7 a. m. Police said a ditch walker reported there was no car in the ditch at 3 o'clock when he made his rounds. The wreck was discovered at 7 o'clock. No identification marks were found on the driver, police said.

Truman Urges More Rural Electrification Programs

SPOKANE, April 22 (AP)—President Truman today urged the National Rural Electric Cooperative association today that it cannot consider its job done, "as long as this country has rural people still living and working without the benefit of electricity." In a message read at the association's fifth annual convention, Mr. Truman said, "I have confidence in the ability of rural people to work cooperatively toward the goal of complete electrification and I want to assure you of my support and best wishes for success in this endeavor." He said it would take "purpose of mind as well as ingenuity to push out beyond the densely settled areas" and provide electricity for all rural residents. "There will be those who say it cannot be done or should not be done, as they have in the past. What you can do for the development of rural America in terms of new wealth constitutes great potential contribution to the national well-being." Mr. Truman said more than half the nation's farms now receive central station light and power. "That is a splendid record," he said, "and all of you who have contributed to it can take pride in the progress achieved and in the sound and business-like manner in which you have moved ahead during the relatively short time since the rural electrification program was inaugurated." Secretary of Agriculture Anderson, in another message read to the convention, also urged the cooperation of all of our nation. "America needs the farm efficiency that comes from rural electrification," Anderson said, "and America needs the sound communities that develop where people have this modern tool—the farmer-owned, locally controlled rural electric cooperatives have been an effective means of helping to equip the family type farm to hold its own in our national economy."

Long Delay On Western Work Feared

WASHINGTON, April 22 (AP)—Rep. Taber (R-N.Y.) today described protests against a 47 per cent cut in the interior department's budget as "the squeal of a stuck pig." Secretary Krug declared the slash, if upheld by congress would cause "a tremendous setback in the nation's economy and perhaps the start of a major business depression." The committee recommended yesterday that congress give the department \$156,638,413 for the fiscal year starting next July 1. This is \$138,881,907 less than President Truman's budget estimate. Krug said in a news conference the cut, which would fall mainly on the reclamation bureau, would lead the nation into "bankruptcy of its natural resources."

Snell Finishes Signing Bills

SALEM, April 22 (AP)—Governor Earl Snell completed action today on all bills sent to his office by the legislature, and then left for California for a conference in San Francisco and a rest in San Diego. He signed 355 house bills and 256 senate bills. Two bills did not require his signature since they were referred to the people. They are the 3 per cent sales tax measure and the bill to create a boys' camp at Timber in Washington county. The governor vetoed 12 bills, including eight house bills and four senate bills. The governor finished his job today, a week earlier than required by the constitution.

Three Die In Canal Plunge

ECHO, Ore., April 22 (AP)—Three men died early today when their car plunged into the Stanfield irrigation canal near here, state police reported. The car, a coupe driven by the unidentified man, was demolished. Police pried open a door to take out the bodies. The accident apparently occurred some time between 3 and 7 a. m. Police said a ditch walker reported there was no car in the ditch at 3 o'clock when he made his rounds. The wreck was discovered at 7 o'clock. No identification marks were found on the driver, police said.

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