

ATOM STRIKE DEADLINE NEARS

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
IN Paris this morning, a two-day strike of subway and bus workers called by the communist-dominated General Confederation of Labor collapsed and is called off.

AT the same time, a five-day "warning strike" called by the Confederation in an effort to pull a million and a quarter government workers off their jobs (thus paralyzing government) doesn't seem to be working too well.

The strike was started on a "creeping paralysis" basis last Friday, when employees in some government departments were ordered out. It was due to extend to ALL departments by this morning.

Again it appears that too many Frenchmen went on working. At least government officials in Paris are quoted in today's dispatches as asserting that their offices are functioning "normally."

If we are not to go seriously astray in our thinking, we must keep clearly in mind what all the shooting is about in France. The communists there are attempting to use labor as a pry with which to upset the government and thus get into power.

If there were ENOUGH communists in France, they could CALL AN ELECTION and get in that way. Apparently they are not numerous enough to make that possible.

So they are using strikes as an INSTRUMENT OF FORCE.

If they fail, it will be because too many Frenchmen DON'T WANT COMMUNISM and so stand ready to back up their government in the use of force TO MEET FORCE.

After all, that is how government came into being in the first place. Long centuries ago, people realized that the reasonable majority must at times use force in order to impose its will upon the UNREASONABLE minority.

Overwise government, whose basic job is to maintain law and order, can't be made to work.

THAT, as nearly as we can gather from all we can hear, is the principle that is being tested out in these disturbed and dangerous days in France. It is a principle of the utmost importance to the future of mankind.

That is why what is happening in France is so significant.

WE learn from a Washington dispatch this morning that the United States, determined "not to be lack of an agreement with Russia," has printed new currency for use in the American zones of both those occupied countries.

That is to say, back in 1944 we knew we were pretty likely to lick the Germans and so we got ready to print our own money when we got there. In an excess of generosity, we supplied the Russians with the plates so they could do likewise.

The Russians, not at all averse to using capitalistic devices in such a situation, quit paying their troops in the German border until such a time as they could pay them in invasion marks printed from these plates. The resulting flood of marks was staggering, and did much to upset the German economy.

On our part it seems to have been another case of misplaced confidence.

THIS much can be said for GOLD AS MONEY.

You can't create it by running paper through a printing press. The only way to get gold is to GO OUT AND DIG IT. That takes toll and sweat.

But we are slowly learning again the fundamental lesson of economics, which is that ONLY that which is created by the sweat of somebody's brow has real value.

WEATHER
Max. (Dec. 7) 34 Min. 24
Precipitation last 24 hours 0.05
Stream year to date 7.19
Last year 3.37 Normal 3.16
Forecast: Cloudy tonight, Tuesday

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Dynamite Cap Blast Razes Office

Exploding Dynamite Reduces Klamath Structure to Rubble



A cup of coffee saved the life of Dean Johnson, bookkeeper for the Klamath Concrete Pipe company at 805 Market. Johnson drove away from the company office Sunday morning just a few minutes before more than 900 exploding dynamite caps reduced the sturdy office building to the pile of rubble above.

Building Demolished On Sunday

Dynamite caps were definitely named today by investigating officers for an explosion that wrecked a concrete tile office building Sunday morning at the plant of the Klamath Concrete Pipe company at 805 Market street.

City Fire Marshall Roy Rowe said that more than 900 caps were stored in the vault in the building, and it was explosion of these caps that razed the structure at 7 a. m. Sunday.

Rowe said that the caps may have been detonated when an iron rod fell from a shelf above them in the vault. Company officials and employees recalled that the rod was on the shelf, and it is possible vibration from a passing train caused it to drop on the caps.

The building was completely razed, causing a loss of many thousands of dollars to the company. In addition to reducing the structure to rubble, the explosion destroyed office equipment and records.

There were no casualties, but Dean Johnson, 1818 Birch street, the company bookkeeper, probably owes his life to a desire for a cup of coffee.

Johnson left his home about 6:30 a. m. Sunday to go to the office to work. He drove up to the place, but decided it was so early he would go for a cup of coffee first.

Johnson drove into the yard, but pulled out and drove to the Diner near the Southern Pacific depot for coffee. It was on his way back to the office when he saw black smoke shoot up from the building.

His first thought was that the building was on fire from an oil stove and he turned around immediately and drove to the fire department to give an alarm.

There was no fire, however, and evidently what Johnson saw was soot from the chimney and smoke from the concussion. Johnson could not possibly have survived had he been in the building when the blast occurred, officers said.

F. L. Somers, head of the concrete pipe company, was called immediately. He said he could not immediately estimate the damage, but that it was substantial.

The scene of the blast was reminiscent of bombing pictures during the war. The L-shaped building was a pile of broken concrete and splintered wood. A wooden roof lay on top of the pile. Bits of wood, concrete, and other objects were found across Market street. A window in a house across the street at 805 Market was broken.

The incident brought another warning from the fire department officials about the storage of dynamite or dynamite caps in the city. Last year, the fire department discovered a quantity of dynamite stored in the same area, and ordered its removal.

French Call Off Strike In Subways

PARIS, Dec. 8 (AP)—The communist-dominated General Confederation of Labor (CGT) suffered a sharp setback today when a two-day strike of Paris subway and bus workers, scheduled to begin this morning, apparently collapsed.

At the same time a five-day "warning strike" of government workers, called by the CGT in an attempt to pull approximately 1,200,000 civil servants off their jobs, was meeting with dubious success.

The strike started for some groups of government employees last Friday and was due to extend to all departments this morning, but government officials declared their offices were functioning normally.

A spokesman for the Paris transport system said the subway and bus strike had been called off by the union because it was "a failure."

Headquarters of the CGT-affiliate which called the strike confirmed that it had been "annulled," but declined to give the reason.

The strike vote had been carried by a strong majority of union members at a closed meeting last night after a central strike committee composed of CGT members had rejected Premier Robert Schuman's offer of a cost-of-living money indemnity for workers.

Public transportation workers holding members in two other union groups had opposed the work stoppage, called by the strike committee to enforce demands for a general wage increase.

Despite statements by transport authorities that subway services were normal, subway riders noted that there seemed to be fewer trains than usual and that they did not seem to be running at their usual speed.

However, the management of the lines attributed the difficulties to funeral services for Gen. Philippe Leclerc. World War II hero, which drew thousands of Parisians to Notre Dame cathedral and congested traffic.

Two persons were injured, one of them seriously, in attempts to halt transport in the Paris area this morning. At three subway stations strikers tried to close the gates, but were prevented by police, who made several arrests.

Big Three Hold Confab

LONDON, Dec. 8 (AP)—U. S. Secretary of State George C. Marshall's office said today that he had conferred with both the British and French foreign ministers last night on the eve of today's showdown session with Russia over German economic unity.

Marshall said British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault in what apparently was an effort to consolidate the western position prior to meeting this afternoon with Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov.

Up to this point Marshall aides always have reported that he carefully avoided any evidence of behind the scenes collaboration among the three western powers.

Egg Price Upped Here

Housewives had to put another rubber gusset in their budget this morning with eggs taking another step toward the record peak.

Large AA eggs went up 2 cents to reach the wholesale price of 79 cents; medium AA, up 2 cents to 75 cents. Large A's, storage stock, was practically gone from the market, but if available they are selling at 70 cents wholesale.

Retail price on above quotations run between 5 to 6 cents higher. Although eggs were high, they still were not up to February, 1947 prices. A year ago today the wholesale market was 75 cents on large AA; 69 on mediums.

There was no increase in milk or butter, both remaining firm. Butter was 86 cents wholesale, selling for around 91 to 92 cents. This is below the all-time peak of \$1.10 reached shortly after OPA went out of existence.

Grocer Arraigned Here For Taking Shot At Customer

William J. Easter, 56-year-old California avenue grocer, was arraigned in justice court this morning on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon in connection with the shooting of a customer of the neighborhood store Saturday night.

The customer, Richard Gaskins, 58, of 1114 California, was only slightly wounded in the left side by a 32-20 calibre bullet allegedly fired by Easter in a dispute over some lemons.

The affair occurred at 6:20 p. m. Saturday at the California Cash grocery, and city police investigated.

Icy Streets Cause Falls

Slick sidewalks and highways resulted in several injuries, while numerous dented fenders and hooked bumpers were reported to city and state police alike as snow fell on an icy covering over the week-end.

Two patients in Klamath Valley hospital attributed their broken bones to falls on icy sidewalks. They were Mattie Rosecrans, 73, 419 N. 10th, who fell Sunday morning near the Klamath Temple. She was admitted to the hospital where X-ray showed a broken leg between the hip and knee.

Ernest Stephens, 59, 621 Washington, fell Sunday while on his way to work and he also has a fractured leg between the hip and knee.

No serious traffic accidents were reported to police but damage to cars was frequent as tires failed to hold on the pavement. Minimum temperature for the past 24 hours was reported at 24 degrees with precipitation chalked up to .05 of an inch.

Arab Leaders Gather At Cairo To Discuss Action

By The Associated Press
Arab leaders converged on Cairo today to decide how they will oppose the partition of Palestine, already stained with the blood of 90 persons killed in nine days of communal rioting over the United Nations decision. At least 216 had been killed in the Middle East.

The fiery battle of Tel Aviv was renewed during the morning and eight more Jews and an Arab were killed. Seven Arabs and a Jew were killed in other actions during the night.

Blotter even than Palestine was the little Arabian sea colony of Aden where British military forces controlled the situation after 124 persons had been killed, 79 of them Jews. Four other persons died earlier in Syria.

The British informed the United Nations they would abandon their mandate over Palestine May 15, making way for the Jewish state and its Arab counterpart. Great Britain has controlled the straitless place since the old Turkish empire crumbled in the First World War 30 years ago. There are nearly twice as many Arabs as Jews in Palestine, but the British have restricted immigration.

"When the sword speaks, everything else must be silent," said the

Newbry To Run In 1948

SALEM, Dec. 8 (AP)—Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry, Ashland republican, announced today he would run for reelection next year.

Newbry, who was appointed by Governor John H. Hall five weeks ago, said he would file his candidacy after January 1.

"I have seriously considered the obligations I owe to my state, my friends, and to myself. I feel there could be no other decision," Newbry said.

At the time he was appointed to the job, Newbry said he did not know if he would seek reelection because he first would have to find out if he liked the job. He succeeded Robert S. Farrell Jr., who was killed in the Lake county plane crash which also took the lives of Governor Earl Swock and Senate President Marshall E. Cornett.

Yule Mail Volume Up

Postmaster Burt E. Hawkins said today Christmas mailing is increasing daily and starting earlier each day at the Klamath Falls post office.

During normal periods, Hawkins said, cancellations at the post office average 14,500 letters and cards per day. They are now averaging 23,000, and during the peak of Christmas mailing they will likely reach 58,000 daily.

Normal number of outgoing parcels totals 470 per day. At present parcels are going out at the rate of 600 per day and the Christmas estimate is 4800.

Drafty Garrets Thing Of Past

TACOMA, Dec. 8 (AP)—The time-honored tradition of artists living in drafty garrets isn't so hot, the Tacoma Arts and Science club has concluded.

The club, sponsors of a free creative art school for Tacomaans, today appealed for a "medium sized oil heater" to warm up its stoveless classroom.

Sea Serpent Legend Dies When Remains of 'Caddy' Found On Rocks

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 8 (CP)—A legend of Canada's West Coast seems to have died yesterday when news seeped out of Port Alberni, B. C., that Caudorocaurus—better known as "Caddy"—the famous sea serpent was dead.

His remains had been discovered wedged between rocks at the water's edge between Effington and Useless inlets on the west coast of Vancouver island by four fishermen.

Bicycle Rider Fatally Injured

ONTARIO, Dec. 8 (AP)—James Franklin Staley, 15, was fatally injured by a car as he and a companion rode their bicycles down the old highway here Saturday night.

Henry Toothaker, Ontario, driver of the car, said he tried to swerve to avoid the youth, but could not turn out too sharply for fear of hitting the other young bicyclist at the other side of the road.

Staley, who died shortly after Toothaker hurried him to a hospital, was the son of Mrs. Ruth Elva Staley, an Ontario widow.

Farley To Back Truman For 1948

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 (AP)—If he is a candidate in next year's presidential campaign, President Truman will have the support of James A. Farley, who guided the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt through two successful campaigns for the presidency and then broke with him over the third term issue.

The former democratic national chairman gave his approval last night to the chief executive's possible candidacy with the statement "I want to see President Truman re-elected."

Farley added that "like everyone else in the democratic party, I'll take an active part in the 1948 campaign."

Military Ups Security Rule

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (AP)—The military services have barred, as "bad security risks" during the past year some 60 civilians from working on secret projects let to private contractors.

These cases are in addition to previously reported instances of federal worker dismissals for disloyalty or reasons of doubtful loyalty. Since 1942, when congress made provision for such action, about 55 persons have been fired from army or air force civilian jobs.

Both programs are designed to guard leaks of military information or other intelligence to foreign powers either intentionally or carelessly. Military men explain that a "bad security risk" is not necessarily disloyal—he may be given to talking too much or otherwise have habits likely to make secret-keeping difficult.

Although no specific projects were mentioned by authorities who disclosed the banning of some contract workers from jobs, the policy is understood to embrace all "classified" contracts.

Presumably contracts of this kind would include construction work for experimental or development projects including such items as atomic energy and weapons, rockets, new bases, and the recently announced plan to build an atomic weapons proving ground at Eniwetok atoll in the Pacific.

Truman Back In Washington

KEY WEST, Fla., Dec. 8 (AP)—President Truman ended a five-day Florida vacation today and departed at 10:30 a. m. (EST) for Washington aboard his official plane to complete a message to congress on plans for long-range European recovery.

Refreshed and sunbathed by five days of relaxation at his "Little White House" here, Mr. Truman appeared in excellent physical condition. He had shaken off the weariness displayed upon his arrival last Wednesday.

He swam in the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico, sunbathed on the beach, and even drove an automobile at a rapid clip from Everglades City to Naples, Fla. after a speech dedicating the Everglades national park.

Anti-Saloon Men Fight GI Ruling

BALTIMORE, Dec. 8 (AP)—The Anti-Saloon League of America has launched a campaign against the use of G. I. educational benefits to teach the bartending trade, Superintendent George W. Crabbe said at a Sunday service here.

Crabbe told the congregation of the Harlem Park Methodist church that "the liquor forces have read into the G. I. Bill of Rights their right to train bartenders at the federal government's expense." He said schools for that purpose were among the forms of education open to veterans, and asserted that "one of them is operating right here in Baltimore."

Wage Issue Discussed At Oak Ridge

OAK RIDGE, Tenn., Dec. 8 (AP)—With the strike deadline for 3000 CIO workers in one of the atomic bomb plants here little more than 24 hours distant, company and union negotiators took up today the top issue—the union's 25-cent an hour blanket wage demand.

"As yet, we're as far apart as the poles on that," said Clyde L. Terry, president of union local 288, as the negotiations between the Gas, Coke and Chemical Workers' union and Carbide and Carbon Chemicals corporation were resumed.

"The wage increase matter will be one of the first things taken up at today's meeting," Terry said, adding that the corporation, which operates the huge gaseous diffusion plant for the government, had "offered us a little in the way of an increase, but nothing that we would consider accepting."

Job Ratings
"Inequities in job ratings is another major issue still to be discussed," the union leader declared.

Clark Center, general manager of the plant, declined to say what, if any, wage increase had been offered the union.

"I can't go into that except to say that it is the top issue on our agenda today," he said. "I've felt all along we will reach agreement and I still feel that way."

Center said "We made a lot of progress" in yesterday's negotiations.

The union, Terry reported, has voted to walk out of the huge uranium-235 producing plant at midnight Tuesday unless an agreement has been reached by that time.

Meanwhile, atomic energy commission officials made no effort to hide their concern over the situation. One official, who withheld use of his name, said a strike would have a crippling effect on the plant—largest of three atomic energy plants at Oak Ridge.

Flames Raze Old Sawmill

PORTLAND, Dec. 8 (AP)—Three firemen were injured and a fire truck almost trapped by flames in a spectacular blaze that destroyed part of the abandoned Clark & Wilson company sawmill at Linnton yesterday.

Destroyed were two storage sheds, the boiler room, and the turbine room. All the buildings were about to be dismantled, the 40-year-old mill having ceased operations some time ago.

Rotting timbers gave way beneath one fire truck, but firemen managed to keep the flames from advancing over the stalled vehicle. S. M. Congdon, W. E. Bloomquist, and K. E. Parks suffered minor injuries.

The cause of the fire, which caused little financial loss, was not definitely determined, but a watchman reported that transients sometimes built bonfires in the old mill.

BULLETIN

It was "Klamath County Day" at the Monday noon Community Chest report luncheon at the Winema with \$53,372 of the \$66,000 quota chalked up today.

County workers were given a tip of the hat for their efforts which had gone over the top to the tune of \$18,764. The quota for the county is \$9000 and funds were still coming in.

A Hornet Is Brought to Earth



Clarence Adams, speedy Henley Hornet halfback, was floored in no uncertain terms by three Amity Warriors Saturday afternoon when he was heading for the goal line during the 12-12 game in which Amity won the state B school football championship on statistics. Shown putting the stopper on Adams are John Nauman (30), Mary DaRaevie (32) and an unidentified Warrior.