

RAIL STRIKES MAY IDLE 130,000

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

If you read the papers discriminatingly, you are aware that our country will produce an immense crop this year—and, barring improbable convulsions of nature, will harvest, process and store it.

Also if you read the papers even more discriminatingly you are aware that our upper bracket officials are acutely worried as to what the Sam Hill we are going to do with it after we get it harvested, processed and stored.

In an earlier and simpler society, there would have been no such worries.

Among other things, the law of supply and demand would have taken charge of the situation. Because of ample supply, prices of food would have fallen. Strangely enough, that would NOT have been regarded as a calamity.

It is true that in that simpler society the farmer would have had less money to spend during the period of lower prices and so would have worn his old clothes, would have postponed the building of his new barn and in many other ways would have curtailed his spending.

As a result of this increased consumption, the surplus would soon have been eaten up.

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Special groups were also assigned to work on the following three problems:

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2. Customs Procedure: Both Britain and Canada have repeatedly complained to the American government that its customs procedures are so cumbersome and old-fashioned that foreign exporters are discouraged from trying to get goods into this country for sale here, and that American buyers are discouraged from seeking foreign goods.

3. Overseas Investments: British and Canadian conferees are reported to have taken the position that the United States, as the world's greatest creditor nation, must find new ways to put dollars to work by encouraging heavier American investments in foreign countries.

By keeping the prices up (this keeps the producers voting the Democratic ticket) they've wrecked the good old system under which the people ATE MORE OF IT WHEN THE PRICE WAS LOW and thus got rid of the surplus.

I'm so old-fashioned that I can't help thinking it was better all around in the old days when people ATE IT when the price got low and kept their belts tight and the wrinkles out of their faces and most everybody was fat and zassy because he had a lot to eat.

I realize, of course, that such thinking is as out of date as the dodo. But every time the government does things like selling surplus potatoes for 10 cents a hundred to feed to animals but WON'T sell 'em for the same price to feed to humans it appears to my befuddled mind that things are getting out of kilter.

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Rain Fails To Curb Fire Danger

WEATHER
Klamath Falls and vicinity: Partly cloudy with thunderstorms in nearby mountains today and Friday. High today 75. Low tonight 48. High Friday 80. Precipitation last 24 hours 1.41.

British Push ECA Funds Freedom Bid

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8 (AP)—The three-power conference on the British financial crisis today set up a special committee to go into Britain's request for more freedom in spending ECA dollars outside the United States.

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Hurricanes Threatening East, West

The center of a huge Atlantic hurricane edged past Bermuda today, missing those honey-moon isles just enough to spare them a fearful beating by winds up to 140 miles an hour.

Grady Norton, chief storm forecaster at Miami, said the great tropical storm's center was 60 miles east of Bermuda at 9 a. m. (EST).

"This places the islands on the weaker west side of the storm," said Norton. "Heaviest winds reach only 40 miles from the center on that side."

The Mexican hurricane, with 100 miles an hour winds, was expected to be centered about 20 miles south of San Diego by midnight tonight.

The hurricane, off Baja, Calif., was moving northward about 13 miles an hour from its center about 70 miles west of Cedros island.

Shriners Announce Big Circus

Klamath kids will have the chance to see a circus after all, with a year gone by since sawdust rings were set up here.

Loren Palmerton, president of the Klamath Shrine club, today announced a three-day appearance of Polack Brothers circus, scheduled at the armory September 22, 23, and 24.



RAIN OR SHINE?—Pretty Toni Brown is undecided whether today's weather calls for an umbrella and rain jacket or not. A light sprinkle was reported throughout the Klamath area, first rain since August 1.

Democrats' 'Statism' Hit By Republicans; Wherry Calls For All-Out Fight

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8 (AP)—Republicans are picking up the word "statism" as the party's unofficial battle-cry against the Democrats' "fair deal" program.

Some republicans want their party to make the fight against "statism" one of several "strapped state" issues in all major elections. They charge that what President Truman calls his "fair deal" program is leading the country toward greater and greater state control over every man, woman and child.

Republican Floor Leader Wherry of Nebraska has asked GOP party makers to take an official party stand on this issue.

"We've got to fight statism, the social welfare government, or whatever you wish to call it," Wherry told a reporter. "Government economy and opposition to statism are two issues every republican can agree on."

Other republicans agreed with Wherry. But democratic leaders hooted at the idea that "statism" be made a political campaign issue.

President Truman in a speech last Monday called the cry of "statism" one of several "strapped state" slogans fostered by those who would frighten people in higher income groups.

Democratic Leader Lucas of Illinois said: "It's just another slogan. The republicans originate a new one every campaign. But they can't win on a slogan. The people want something constructive as we have given them."

Top Composer, Strauss, Dead

GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN, Germany, Sept. 8 (AP)—Richard Strauss, one of the world's greatest contemporary composers, died today. He was 85.

His genius ran the gamut of musical expression from simple songs and chamber music to symphonic poems, symphonies and operas. "Der Rosenkavalier" and his impressionistic opera "Salome" are among his most popular works.

He was a musical prodigy at the age of four and began composing when he was six. At 12 his opus No. 1, a "Pestmarsch" for orchestra was before the public.

"Tod und Verklärung," Death and Transfiguration, a tone poem written in 1889 is regarded by many critics as one of his greatest works.

STRIKES IDLE 2466

WALLACE, Idaho, Sept. 8 (AP)—The ranks of the jobless stood at 2466 in the Coeur D'Alene mining district today as 550 workers struck the famous Sunshine silver and lead mine. It was the fourth property struck by the CIO International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter workers since Aug. 20.

'Falsies' OK But The Gals Don't Need 'Em

ASBURY PARK, N. J., Sept. 8 (AP)—Mrs. America contestants can wear "falsies" if they want to, but some of them need them according to Contest Director Bert Nevins.

In the Miss America pageant in nearby Atlantic City, falsies are taboo.

Nevins said bust, waist and hip measurements of the 24 contestants already selected for the 11th annual Mrs. America event here Saturday prove beyond a doubt that no padding is necessary.

He said the bust-waist-hip statistics range from a 33-25-34 minimum to a 38-28-38 maximum.

Dewey Asked For Milita Strike Guard

BUFFALO, N. Y., Sept. 8 (AP)—Governor Dewey was asked today to send the state militia as violence flared in the 13-week-old Bell Aircraft strike for the second successive day.

The request was made by District Attorney William E. Miller of Niagara county as flying squads of unionists attacked work-bound non-strikers.

Shortly after at least 14 were reported injured in two attacks this morning, Miller said he telephoned Lawrence Walsh, Governor Dewey's assistant counsel.

Miller said: "I told him that no amount of local police coordination, including the three municipal police departments and Niagara county sheriff's office, would possibly cope with the local scene."

"I informed him that nothing short of the state militia could prevent further bloodshed."

Miller said he was convinced that "the responsible labor leaders no longer are in control of the situation and that all activities were being led by influences foreign to the local scene and unquestionably communistically dominated."

The strike began June 13. Members of CIO United Auto Workers local 501 are seeking a 10-cent hourly wage increase and pension benefits. The company says the average hourly wage is \$17.8.

Grain Buyer Collapses On Street, Dies

Lindley M. Bowles, 51, grain buyer for the Ontario Feed and Milling company of Ontario, Calif., collapsed early Wednesday night at the corner of 6th and Main and was declared dead on arrival at Klamath Valley hospital.

City police officers, waiting in a patrol car for the lights at 6th and Main, observed Bowles slump to the sidewalk and bowle immediately called to the hospital but he expired before reaching Klamath Valley.

Death was attributed to coronary thrombosis.

Bowles had arrived here by plane at 6 p. m., registered at a local hotel and was apparently en route to a restaurant for his dinner. He is a former resident of Dallas, Ore., and member of an old Willamette family. A son in Portland, and his wife in Arcadia, Calif., survive. Ward's have charge of arrangements.

Another Crosswalk Traffic Victim Felled By Motorist

The city's non-fatality accident record is in danger of being marred by drivers failing to yield the right of way to pedestrians at crosswalks, Police Chief Hamilton observed today.

Two persons have been struck while crossing the street in crosswalks in the past two days.

First Local Rainfall In 38 Days

Forest service men greeted a light shower here early this morning, first rain since last August 1.

The rain was not sufficient to bring relief to the tinder-dry forests, nor did it halt harvest to any degree.

In some parts of the county it remained dry but an overcast sky, a moderate temperature of 65 degrees at 11:30 a. m., and a forecast of "cloudy with thunderstorms in the mountains," promised some relief as far as the forests go.

R. L. Cooper, district ranger of the U. S. national forest, said today he hoped for a good rain to end the long weeks of hot, dry weather which have created a hazard throughout the wooded area.

However, Cooper observed, humidity is high and any mountain storm might bring with it lightning flashes which would create an additional headache for the forest service in the way of fire.

CA's official tabulation on the early morning drizzle was 31 inches at 10:30 a. m. In no location was the rain considered heavy enough to dampen the forests to a degree where lightning fires would cause little or no effect.

Temperature forecasts for Friday low, 40 degrees; high, 80.

County Agent C. A. Henderson said the grain harvest might be halted in some places and the humidity might hold up clover threshing for a day or two. All depended on the weather and what change it might take.

Lightning storms struck in the Medford area Wednesday.

Probation Broken; Man Prison Bound

After less than two days of freedom, James Wilson Havens Jr., 37, was back in the county jail today and on his way to a five-year prison sentence.

Havens was placed on probation Tuesday after pleading guilty to passing bad checks, the probation to run three years.

This morning he was back in custody again and his probation revoked on grounds that he violated the court order by visiting at least two taverns last night. The probation order included provisions that he stay out of taverns and refrain from drinking.

Havens admitted in court he went into a local poolroom to play poker and that he drank ale in a second tavern. He at first denied the drinking but admitted it after Mrs. Dick Wolters identified him as having been in her husband's place of business last night.

Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg revoked Havens' probation and sentenced him to five years in prison.

Also in court this morning was Richard Bartelle Wilham, 35, who pleaded guilty to possession of a false instrument with intent to pass. He assertedly had two forged checks, one for \$100 and another for \$175 in his possession when arrested July 25.

Wilham, without a previous criminal record, was placed on probation for five years.

BULLETINS

PRISON PROBE—The state board of control announced today it would investigate the entire state penitentiary with a view toward reorganizing it. The board's statement was made in connection with its report that Oran Brownlee, convict who committed suicide on last March 17, died partially because of carelessness and an error of judgment on the part of the guards in charge.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8 (AP)—President Truman declined to say at a press conference today whether he would give former Gov. Men C. Wallgren of Washington a recess appointment as chairman of the national securities resources board. He withdrew Wallgren's nomination for that post after it was tabled by the senate armed services committee.



THUMB TACK TIDBIT—Billy Butler, 2, of Grass Valley, Calif., holds tight to his father, Master Sgt. Allen Butler, after a police escorted ride of 150 miles. Billy was rushed to Letterman General hospital in San Francisco after it was discovered he had swallowed a thumb tack. X-rays show the tack has passed into his intestines and it is anticipated he will naturally expel it.

Jobs Hit '49 Peak In August

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8 (AP)—The number of jobholders hit a 1949 peak of 69,947,000 in August, while the total of idle workers dropped more than 400,000, the census bureau said today.

The bureau's report showed that unemployment dipped to 3,685,000, the highest level since 1942.

The report, eagerly awaited as a clue to improving economic conditions, had risen in July to 4,095,000, in factory and other non-farm employment.

Secretary of Commerce Sawyer saw in the figures "evidence of a leveling-off of the recent downward trend, revealed a marked increase adjustment in our economy." He added in a statement:

"We are in a fundamentally sound condition for continuing our economic advance."

The rise in non-farm employment amounted to 1,368,000. Agricultural employment, on the other hand, declined by a like amount as farming operations entered the normal mid-summer slack period.

The total increase in civilian employment, therefore, was comparatively slight—227,000 workers.

The drop in the number of jobless was attributed by the bureau partly to the fact that many job hunting youngsters either found work or left the labor market.

The rise in non-farm employment—a particularly important clue to business conditions, was described by the agency as "one of the largest recorded for a single month in the past several years."

Murphy Gets Ambassador Nod From HST

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8 (AP)—Robert D. Murphy of Wisconsin, head of the German and Austrian affairs division of the state department, was nominated by President Truman today to be ambassador to Belgium.

The president also nominated Lt. Gen. Howard Arnold Craig to be inspector general of the U. S. air force. His permanent rank has been major general but today's appointment carries with it the predated rank of lieutenant general as of October 1, 1947.

Maj. Gen. Kenneth Bonner Wolfe, U. S. air force, was nominated to be deputy chief of staff for materiel, with the rank of lieutenant general.

Snake Bite Victim Out Of Hospital

Snake bite serum which was flown from Medford for Richard Lawrence did his job well, and the small boy was discharged from Klamath Valley hospital Wednesday afternoon.

Richard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lawrence of Tulelake, was bitten by a rattlesnake Monday, and a widespread search for antivenom resulted when none was located here.

WANDERING ELK

PORTLAND, Sept. 8 (AP)—An antlered elk walked into the city's northwest suburbs yesterday morning, then disappeared into MacLeay park wooded areas. A search failed to find him.

MORE STUDENTS—NEWBERG, Sept. 8 (AP)—An increased school population—probably more than 1200—is expected here when classes open next Monday.

Stoppages Would Close Steel Plants

By The Associated Press
Three of the nation's railroads were threatened with strikes today, making possible the idling of more than 130,000 rail and steel workers.

Some 30,000 workers are set to quit their jobs on the Missouri Pacific railroad at 1 p. m. (PDT) tomorrow. Union officials, who rejected an arbitration proposal yesterday, went ahead with strike plans in the dispute over some 232 unsettled claims involving about \$5,000,000.

In Pittsburgh, rail brotherhood officials have called strikes on two inter-plant connection carriers which serve scores of plants, principally in the steel industry. One walkout is set for Saturday and the second for next Tuesday. The work stoppages on the lines would make idle some 100,000 steelworkers.

Wages are not involved in any of the rail disputes.

In Washington, Frank Douglas, member of the mediation board, said the board has "given up entirely" in its efforts to avert the strike against the Missouri Pacific line. The road reported in St. Louis that it has stopped accepting freight that cannot be delivered before the strike deadline.

Four rail unions are involved in the dispute. They are the locomotive engineers, enginemen and firemen, railroad trainmen and railway conductors. In Cleveland yesterday brotherhood spokesmen said they had decided to make "no change whatsoever" in their strike plans.

The strike calls in Pittsburgh by the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen stemmed from disputes involving technical interpretation of various rules.

The walkout of about 600 trainmen of the Monongahela connecting railroad is set for Saturday and the one calling out 1200 brakemen and conductors on the union line is scheduled for Tuesday. The union road is the inter-plant connection all mills of U. S. Steel corporation subsidiaries in the Pittsburgh district.

OTI Student Killed; Cycle Crashed Car

A 21-year-old Oregon Tech student was fatally injured when his motorcycle smashed into a car on highway 395, seven miles south of Herlong, Calif., late Wednesday.

Dead is Kenneth Weber, a retail business management student at OTI, from Oakridge. He was a former Klamath Falls resident, leaving here for navy service and later moving with his family to Oakridge.

Weber died en route to the Herlong hospital.

California state patrolmen who investigated said that Weber struck an automobile driven by Leonard L. Dobbs of Herlong as the latter turned from the highway onto the Herlong road. Patrolmen said the speedometer of Weber's motorcycle was stuck at 72 miles an hour.

Dobbs and his 3-year-old daughter received minor hurts, and his wife, also a passenger in the car, is suffering from several broken ribs.

It is not known where Weber was coming from at the time of the accident.

He is survived by his wife, Lois Ann, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bryon F. Weber, of Oakridge, who are en route to Herlong.

Pound Keeper Kills Coyote

A half-grown coyote, after a brush with civilization this morning, was killed by Larry Mueller, city dog pound keeper.

The animal, believed to have been kept as a pet by an unidentified Broad street resident, apparently broke away and went roaming over town this morning until he was hit by a car on S. 6th at the Lombard Motor company.

Injured, the coyote crawled under a car and stayed there until Mueller arrived to dispose of him.

Visitor Scans KF Planning

A Whitney Murphy, representing the American Institute of Architects and Yale university, is spending a few days in Klamath Falls checking over city planning here.

Murphy is making a survey of cities of less than 50,000 population regarding the status of city planning and the part played in planning projects by local architects.