

STEEL STRIKE FEARS FADE FACT

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
FOR nearly a week, the upper bracket brass of Britain, the United States and Canada have been conferring in Washington on what to do to keep Britain solvent. Yesterday they reached an agreement on a ten-point program for dealing with the immediate problem. Boiled down, this is what the ten points amount to:

Enabling the British to SELL MORE GOODS TO US while at the same time BUYING LESS GOODS FROM US.

SO much for yesterday. This morning, in Washington, the international monetary fund (which is an organization that tries to keep international currencies somewhere near in balance) advises "dollar-short countries to devalue their currencies, if need be, to boost their dollar-earning exports."

LET'S take that one apart in an effort to see what it means. If the British (whose dollar shortage is the big worry of the moment) "devalue" their currency, it will mean that a given number of dollars will buy more pounds. For example: The British pound is now worth (in round numbers, for easy calculation) four paper dollars. That is to say, 12 paper dollars will now buy three paper pounds.

WHAT will that do? All right, let's get on with our rat-killing. At the present moment (right or wrong, moral or immoral) one of Britain's chief exports to this country is Scotch whisky. The present value of a fifth of Scotch is about a pound, which means that for \$12 you can now buy (in Britain) three bottles (fifths) of Scotch.

If the British cut the value of their pound to three dollars, it will mean that for \$12 you can buy (in Britain) FOUR bottles of Scotch. In other words, cutting the value of the British pound amounts to CUTTING THE PRICE OF British products sold in the United States.

THIS is the point you shouldn't miss: This arrangement we have been talking about will cause us to buy and use more British goods and LESS of our own. At the same time, it will cut down our sales in Britain.

Not Running, Says Wallace
NEW YORK, Sept. 13 (AP)—Henry A. Wallace has decided not to run for any office this year. His course has left the choice wide open for an American labor party candidate for U. S. senator in New York at the November election.

Reclamation and other government officials are expected in Klamath Falls shortly before noon Wednesday to participate in a tour of the Klamath project of the bureau of reclamation.

Heading the group will be Representative Michael J. Kirwan, (D), Ohio, chairman of the house appropriations committee, according to E. L. Stephens, Klamath project head.

'Lonely Hearts' Jury Hears Murder Story

DOVER, Del., Sept. 13 (AP)—A witness testified today that 16-year-old Robert Brennan killed an elderly Virginian and then returned to the living room of his farm home saying calmly: "I finished the old man—I shot his face off."

Yugos Dare Russ To UN Showdown

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Sept. 13 (AP)—Yugoslavia dared Russia today to take her complaints against this country to the United Nations. Moshe Pijade, one of Premier Marshal Tito's top-ranking spokesmen, said in an article in the official newspaper, Borba:

"Yugoslavia will have nothing to lose."

Pijade's blast, latest broadside in the war of words between the Kremlin and Tito's regime, was touched off by an article in the Russian foreign policy weekly, New Times, which had accused Yugoslavia of duplicity in her dealings with neighbor Albania.

Tito, has read Russia a lesson from her own history books, warning she intends to build socialism in one country without coaching from the Kremlin. "Socialism in one country" once was the announced goal of Premier Stalin.

Fire Damages Big Pier At Atlantic City

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., Sept. 13 (AP)—A \$200,000 fire ripped through 300 feet of the famed million dollar pier early today.

The well-known landmark, which juts 1900 feet into the ocean on the downtown section of the boardwalk, caught fire about 4:30 a.m. A north-east wind blew roaring flames down the beach away from boardwalk hotels.

The pier's huge ballroom, near the shore end, was destroyed. Twisted roof girders fell into the blaze. Fire Chief Rex Farley set the damage estimate at \$200,000.

Closed For Winter
The long pleasure palace was closed on Labor Day for the winter. No one was injured. Walter Merchant and his bride of three weeks, Florence, were helped down a ladder to the beach by police from their living quarters about midway out the pier.

The million dollar pier is the second largest in Atlantic City, next to the steel pier.

Built in 1906 by Capt. John L. Young, the pier once was a wonder for its size and construction. Through the years, it has remained a landmark of the resort.

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Car Hits Bicycle, Kills Girl

Judge Stalls FCC Ban Of Give-Aways

CHICAGO, Sept. 13 (AP)—Radio give-away programs got at least a temporary new lease on life today.

Federal Judge Michael L. Igoe issued a temporary order preventing interference with such programs until the issue is settled in the federal court of New York.

The federal communications commission had banned such programs effective October 1. Subsequently, the Columbia Broadcasting Company, the National Broadcasting Company and American Broadcasting Company filed suit in New York challenging the order.

New York Next
Judge Igoe's ruling puts the issue in the lap of the New York court. Until the point is settled there, the mushrooming give-away programs can go their lush way.

The injunction was obtained by Radio Features, incorporated, a Chicago firm that produces syndicated radio programs. The firm claimed the order would cause it "irreparable damage."

Klamath Rent Control Ends 'Officially'

The city of Klamath Falls and the area rent office received official confirmation today from E. Daryl Mabee, area rent director for the Klamath defense-rental district, that rent control in Klamath county was ended last Friday.

In the meantime, Mayor Robert A. Thompson announced that the mass meeting for discussion of rent control here has been cancelled.

The hearing was originally set for tomorrow night, Wednesday, but last night the city council moved the session up to September 21 to await government confirmation of the rubbing out of rent controls.

Chinese War Flareup Seen

CANTON, Sept. 13 (AP)—Big communist troop concentrations were reported building up today 140 miles from Canton. Elsewhere in South China and in the air over red territory the nationalists claimed success.

Army sources said Red Gen. Liu Po-Cheng's 14th army was moving into Kiennan, Lunnan and Tingnan which form a 35-mile arc 140 miles northeast of this refugee capital.



THE JOB OF LANDSCAPING Kit Carson way, known on the maps as the North Entrance, is well under way. Lou Freeman, state highway inspector, is measuring up the pipe job installed this week by C. S. Whitcomb, left, contractor on the landscaping project. Al Tussing, helper, is in the background. The pipes are a part of the sprinkler system which will insure ample water supply for the layout.

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The state is doing the preparatory work and landscaping, and later on, the park board will make the area into a recreation park with tennis courts and other facilities to be added eventually.

Right now, work is confined to laying pipe for the park's irrigation system and hauling in top soil.

A pump house has been built at the north end of the viaduct on Alameda, and pipe has been laid across the canal to furnish water for the entire strip's irrigation system.

Planting of grass, shrubs and trees will be held over until next year's good weather.

Dollar-Short Countries Advised To Up Earnings By Devaluing Currencies

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13 (AP)—The International Monetary fund today advised dollar-short countries to devalue their currencies to boost their dollar-earning exports.

Without singling out the British pound but with Britain's dollar crisis obviously in mind, the report was laid before the opening session today of the fourth annual meeting of the boards of governors of the multi-billion dollar fund and World Bank.

Shortly thereafter, (noon, PDT) the financial leaders of the 48 member nations were to hear an off-the-cuff address by President Truman.

The report was prepared by the fund's executive directors. Its advice on devaluation was underscored in addresses by Secretary of the Treasury Snyder and Eugene B. Black, president of the World Bank, at the opening session.

'Great Respect'
Snyder said: "The views expressed by the fund, as a consultant, are entitled to great respect."

Black said of the need for a revaluation: "I do not underestimate either the complexities or the far-reaching consequences of such action, but I fail to see how it can be avoided."

WEATHER
Klamath Falls and vicinity: Fair with considerable high cloudiness today and Wednesday. High both days 75. Low tonight 60.
Max. (Sept. 13) — 75 Min. — 60
Precipitation last 24 hours — 0.0

Child Dies In Crescent Road Crash

An 11-year-old girl, Barbara Jean Maynard, was fatally injured last night at Crescent in northern Klamath county, bringing the county's 1949 traffic death toll to nine.

The girl was pronounced dead at 7:20 p. m., about 25 minutes after the accident.

According to Deputy Coroner Clarence Ward, investigating the fatality, the girl was riding a bicycle north on the highway when she was struck from the rear by an old model car driven by Robert Paul Greenan, 1949 Auto-21.

Terrific Impact
The impact flung the child's body more than 80 feet and the smashed bicycle, caught under the car, was dragged some 250 feet. Greenan, told state police he did not see the girl in the dark and did not realize he had hit anything until he heard the bicycle dragging.

There were no eye-witnesses to the crash. State police said Greenan probably was driving between 30 and 35 miles an hour in a 25-mile zone, but no prosecution was planned today.

The accident occurred right in the town of Crescent, across the highway from the Crescent hotel.

Body Crushed
An unidentified physician passing through stopped at the scene of the accident and pronounced Barbara Jean dead. Deputy Coroner Ward said her body was crushed. The body was moved to Bend.

Barbara Jean was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Chester Maynard of Crescent, and the youth, Greenan, is also a resident of Crescent.

The automobile fatality, ninth in Klamath county this year, is the first since August 6.

\$3.25 Barley Price Still Average High

As barley harvest in the Klamath basin nears a close, price on the grain still is quoted at \$3.25 a hundred pounds for top grade Hannchen.

The price has remained more or less constant for three weeks, although some lots of grain have been sold slightly higher. Starting offers of buyers this season were around \$2.80, which was last year's top price.

Wheat prices quoted today ranged from \$3.10 to \$3.20 a hundred pounds, depending on quality of the grain. Rye was listed at \$1.50 a hundred generally and oats at \$2.10 to \$2.50, depending on quality.

Management And Labor Harmonize

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 13 (AP)—Big steel started lining up today behind the presidential board's formula for peace in America's basic industry.

There won't be any steel strike for the next 11 days — and maybe none at all. The wage dispute that threatened to tie the nation in economic knots apparently is headed for a happy solution.

President Truman is "highly gratified" about the whole thing. CIO United Steel Workers and six major steel producers agreed to extension of the strike truce at request of the chief executive. The truce expires at midnight tonight. It will continue to September 25.

Workers Conceded
The steel workers also accepted recommendations of the president's steel fact-finding board even though it meant giving up a fourth round wage increase.

"The president is naturally highly gratified," said the White House. "He is very much pleased with the way things have developed up to now."

Republic Steel corporation of Cleveland, the nation's No. 3 producer, was the first to announce willingness to bargain pensions as recommended by the presidential board in a 10-cent hourly package not including wages.

Then No. 4 producer — Jones and Laughlin Steel corporation of Pittsburgh — followed suit, accepting the peace plan "as a basis for collective bargaining."

Pension Study
J. and L. said it is prepared to undertake at once a joint study of pensions with the steel workers "in anticipation of bargaining on this subject beginning March 1 next."

"With respect to social insurance benefits," the statement added, "we will negotiate with the union for the purpose of reaching a mutually acceptable agreement."

The Wall Street Journal at the same time said only "a slight increase in labor costs will result if the recommended social insurance program is put into effect. The newspaper added that most steel companies now have some form of group life insurance but less than half have company financed accident, sickness and hospital and surgical benefits.

High Optimism
Maurice J. Tobin, secretary of labor, predicted the steel workers' acceptance of the board findings will result in "national prosperity such as this country has rarely known."

A top White House associate said President Truman regards the agreement as a forerunner of widespread peaceful settlements in other industrial disputes.

'Miss' Won't Match Curves With 'Mrs.'

NEW YORK, Sept. 13 (AP)—Eighteen-year-old "Miss America" said today she isn't going to match her curves against those of "Mrs. America."

Jacque Mercer, Litchfield Park, Ariz., wearer of the pulchritude crown awarded at Atlantic City, N.J., last week, told newsmen she isn't going to take up the challenge of Mrs. Frances L. Cloyd of San Diego, Calif.

Mrs. Cloyd, named "Mrs. America" at Asbury Park, N.J., last weekend, has said: "I'll match my shape against her's any day."

But Mrs. Mercer turned down the dare. "I'm not a misshapen yet, so I'm not going to compete with her."

Children Playing, Girl Killed

CORVALLIS, Sept. 13 (AP)—Childish play resulted today in the death from a skull fracture of three-year-old Patricia Diane Dodge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Dodge of Corvallis.

The child died in a local hospital without regaining consciousness after she was struck on the head by a row boat which had been propped against a tree. She, her brother Gary, 5, and other children were running up the keel of the boat when it toppled on the victim, striking her behind the ear.

City Council Ponders Pedestrians' Safety

Much concern was expressed by council members last night concerning safety of pedestrians on city streets. Discussion of the traffic problem was brought to a head when Councilman Alfred Cordway asked if there was not some way in which the city could assist local law enforcement officers in making the streets safe for pedestrians and school children.

Although some school districts have utilized school-boy patrols to assist children crossing streets, the local school board has hesitated in making use of this procedure, since by virtue of the Oregon law the individual heading any such organization is directly liable for any claims of damages arising from injuries or death.

Patrol Increased
Police Chief Orville Hamilton stated he has attempted to alleviate the situation by placing another

Fire Chief Akin Submits Resignation To Councilmen

Fire Chief Hank Akin, veteran of 22 years service with the department, Monday night advised the city council of his intention to resign from the office.

Chief Akin asked for relief of duties October 1. Mayor Robert A. Thompson said that appointment of a new chief would be withheld pending civil service examinations within the department. In the event examinations are not completed by October 1, Assistant Chief Jack Corkery will take over.

Still Blast Injures Two

PEORIA, Ill., Sept. 13 (AP)—An explosion in a six-story still at the Hiram Walker and Son distillery plant early today shook nearby buildings and caused damage estimated by company officials at \$500,000.

In critical condition at hospital are Louis Schrader, 33, of Peoria, and Oliver Thomas, 32, of Washington, Ill., both still workers.

With their clothing torn from their charred bodies, the two men staggered out of the still building into the arms of firemen. Their bodies were burned by steam.

FIRE CHIEF HANK AKIN

Sport Bulletin

RED SOX WIN
BOSTON, Sept. 13 (AP)—Boston's runnerup Red Sox gained a half game in the American league's leading New York Yankees today by overcoming the surging Detroit Tigers 7-4 before 10,229 chilled spectators.