

All Business Suffers From Two Big Strikes

By G. A. PHILLIPS
NEW YORK, Oct. 24 (AP)—Strikes in coal and steel took a heavy bite out of the national economy last week.

Curtailed operations in every phase of business and industry were the order of the day. And the nation appeared headed into one of the gravest economic crises in history.

"If the steel and coal strikes continue," this was the starting point of all thinking and acting on both day to day affairs and future planning.

Auto Trim
The booming automobile industry made ready to cut sail in part or in full, depending on the steel stocks of individual makers; the sprawling metal working industry developed the first faint signs of the creeping paralysis that is destined to overtake it unless it gets its daily ration of steel and iron; an uncertain future held the nation's railroads in suspense with some of its trunk lines suffering heavily from loss of traffic and faced with the possibility of reducing passenger schedules in order to conserve coal.

Dark Border
To paint a real dark border around this already gloomy picture, some economists thought they saw a faint wisp of inflationary smoke curl up from the current scenes of friction within the national economy.

Labor strife tends to distort whatever positive signs there are at the moment that another spin of the price wheel is in the works. But in case you haven't noticed it, things in the grocery store, hardware store, lumber yard and the like cost a little more lately.

Last week for instance there was the fourth round of price increases in retail coffee; an upward trend prevails in sugar; beef cattle hit 1949 peaks at Chicago twice this week; shoe manufacturers got together in New York and solemnly warned: "The outlook with respect to shoe prices is not as favorable from the standpoint of the buying public as it was a year ago."

Western Pine
Western pine saw mills have raised prices \$2 to \$5 a thousand board feet and nails are getting a little harder to pick up at going prices unless you are a big customer. Going prices, incidentally, means two to three times what they sold for before the war.

One prominent New York textile distributor put an interesting slant on the inflationary view in talking about a sudden upsurge in demand for all kinds of cloth goods. He said it appeared people valued goods more than they did money.

Retail trade last week was a sorry mess with volume sagging from that of a year ago in all areas. Trade was especially slack in areas where strike repercussions were the strongest. Wholesale orders were in Christmas buying for stores in the strike-affected regions.

Poor Comparison
Industrial production made poor comparison with the previous week and downright bad comparison with a year ago. As usual, steel and coal production were hit the hardest and railroads were a close second. Automobile output last week could be called steady but it may be the last week such a label will be in order until the labor question resolves itself. The big three will be out of the production picture on a sliding scale starting Monday and smaller makers already have started to cut back.

There were 145,132 cars and trucks turned out in this country and Canada, compared with 146,566 in the previous week and 123,067 a year ago.

Electricity
Electric power output recovered from the previous week but, contrary to seasonal expectations, fell below a year ago due to curtailed industrial activity. The figures were 5,460,735,000 kilowatt-hours against 5,449,897,000 and 4,482,030,000 respectively.

The stock market puffed and pawed in a big display of activity which gratified commission brokers but didn't get very far away from the place of beginning. The overall trend was to the upside with important deviations in the case of individual stocks.

Man Shoots Wife; Hunt Accident

Mrs. Marion Shulte, 29, of Prospect, Ore., was sprinkled with bird-shot yesterday morning and 24 pellets were removed from her legs last night at Klamath Valley hospital.

The shot was fired, Sheriff Jack Franey said, by her husband, William Shulte, a Prospect school teacher.

They were duck-hunting on the shore of Agency lake and the husband said he was going after a lone duck when his shotgun slipped from his wet hands and discharged.

U. S. Jet Pilot Dehydrated

LONDON, Oct. 24 (AP)—Lieut. Col. Patrick D. Fleming's U.S. airforce F-84 jet fighter gave him a hot ride over the Atlantic.

The cockpit heat control stuck after his takeoff from Iceland. For more than an hour Fleming baked at 170 degrees. Airforce officials said he was completely dehydrated when he landed at Prestwick, Scotland, yesterday.

Logger Killed At Salem

SALEM, Oct. 24 (AP)—A log being hauled from a mill pond fatally injured Fred A. Watt, 43, Aumsville, Saturday.

Marion County Coroner Lester Howell reported Watt died a few minutes after he was struck. He was employed by the Willamette Builders Supply company. His widow survives.

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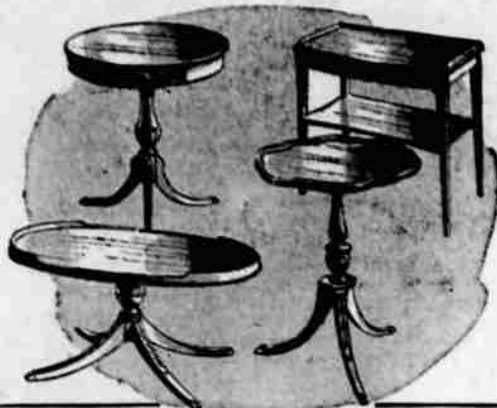
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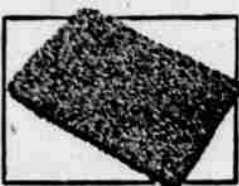
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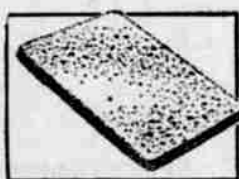
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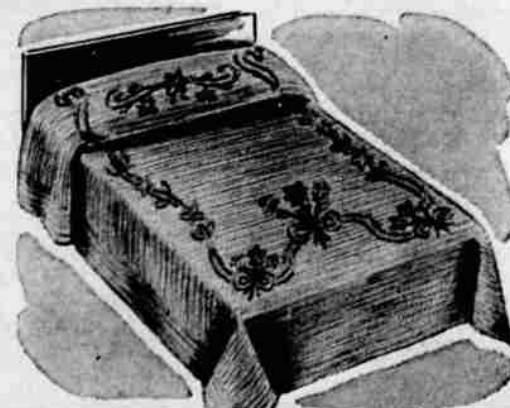
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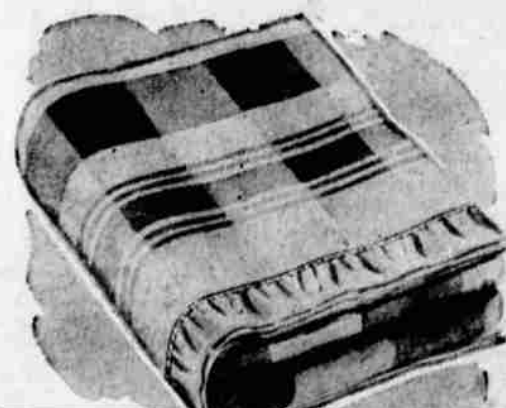
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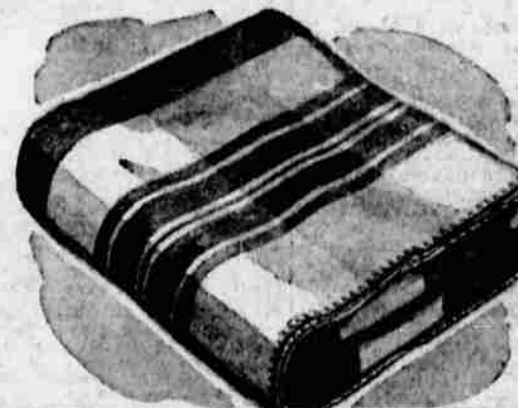
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