

Business, Industry Whizzed Along This Week; Records Set

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NEW YORK, Nov. 26 (AP)—Business and industrial activity set a sizzling pace this week as additional firms ironed out the last remaining kinks caused by the recent steel and coal strikes.

A number of important business barometers hit their highest points since late last winter or early spring. Others moved within close distance of levels prevailing before the first crippling major strikes hit industry on September 19. Retail trade was above last week but again slower than at this time last year.

Jeweler's Quick Wits Foil Bandits

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 26 (AP)—One man is in jail today on armed robbery charges and police are looking for his confederate, who may be wounded — thanks to the quick thinking and shooting of a Pittsburgh jeweler.

The two gunmen walked into the home of Jeweler Irving Schiffman, 39, last night and forced him and his wife to hand over \$170 in cash and \$150 from a safe.

Girls Held
While they were collecting the money the Schiffmans' two daughters, Shirley, 17, and Barbara, 12, came home. One man held the women and their maid, Caroline Dragich, at gun point while his companion forced Schiffman outside.

Schiffman told this story: His two cars were parked in the driveway and the bandit headed for one of them. Schiffman protested that it was out of gasoline and he would have to drive the other.

"I carry a loaded revolver in my business car," he explained to a reporter.

The gunman directed Schiffman to drive to his jewelry store.

"I told him 'You'll never get away with this, there's a night watchman on duty there and we have protective service.'"

Threat
He quoted the gunman as saying: "I'll take care of the watchman. I'll kill him if necessary."

"That's when I got panicky and when he pulled up to the curb near my store I kicked him out of the car, pulled my gun out of the compartment and fired one shot at him. He ran and I ran after him and fired three more bullets. I think I hit him."

Patrolman Martin Lappe, who was off duty, came to Schiffman's aid. He alerted police who sent a swarm of squad cars to the Schiffman home.

Meanwhile Lappe telephoned Schiffman's home and posed as a friend of the family.

The alleged robber talked to the patrolman but apparently became frightened and hung up.

Captured
As he rushed from the house police captured him without a struggle.

Police identified him as Philip Garner, 22, of South Greensburg, Pa., and charged him with armed robbery.

Schiffman said a third man may have been involved in the attempted burglary. He said he saw a man standing beside a car parked near his home when he was forced to drive downtown. He said the car followed him out disappeared when he started shooting.

Vanport Flood Cases Slated

PORTLAND, Nov. 26 (AP)—Vanport flood damage cases will come in federal court again Tuesday with Judge James A. Fee attempting to arrange pre-trial conferences.

To date, 478 persons have filed damage suits totaling about \$4,000,000 as the result of the 1948 flood.

Fee said it would be necessary to group together suits of similar complaints.

BIG ELEVATOR

VICTORIA, B.C., Nov. 26 (AP)—The city council has accepted a \$200,000 offer by Kerr Gifford and company, Portland, for a 1,000,000 bushel grain elevator here.

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Death Takes 'Gargantua' The Great

MIAMI, Fla., Nov. 26 (AP)—Gargantua the Great has tramped his last season.

The giant, snarling gorilla—star of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey circus for 12 years—died on the same day the "Greatest Show on Earth" folded its tents for the last time on its 1949 tour of the nation.

His powerful, 550 pound body was flown to Baltimore, Md., to undergo an autopsy to determine the cause of death. It is generally believed that pneumonia brought death to the huge beast.

To Museum
Press agents said the body will be mounted and presented to the Peabody museum at Yale university when Prof. Adolph Schultz at Johns Hopkins medical school has completed the autopsy.

The lifeless form of "Gargy" was found early yesterday by his keeper in the corner of his \$20,000 air conditioned cage.

His much publicized mate, Toto, toyed with an orange in the adjoining section of the rubberized den, apparently oblivious to the passing of her ferocious spouse.

Well Known
Gargantua's career as a circus attraction is unparalleled—with the possible exception of P. T. Barnum's famed elephant, Jumbo.

From the day the still growing gorilla was obtained by John Ringling North, circus president, until his death, the name of Gargantua was a household word. His twisted, snarling face has been pasted on untold thousands of barns and bill boards across the country.

Gargantua crashed the nation's headlines when North first acquired him from Mrs. Gertrude Linz of Brooklyn, N. Y. He immediately was renamed from the "Buddy" Mrs. Linz called him.

Amazing Strength
His strength was a never ending source of amazement to both circus people and patrons. He could rip a burlap bag like a wet paper napkin and tear an automobile tire into shreds.

When North bought a female gorilla, Toto, to be Gargantua's bride, the pending nuptials were widely publicized. The "marriage," however, never was consummated.

It is estimated that 40,000,000 circus goers stared at the ugly animal in its 12 years of tramping.

His value as a circus attraction was enhanced years before North bought him when an angry attendant tossed a can of lye in his face, distorting it into a twisted snarl.

Big Doubt
There is little doubt that "Gargy" was one of the principal factors in helping to set the circus back on its financial feet in the mid-thirties.

Gargantua was not insured, but North and his brother, Henry Ringling North, vice president of the show, said many times the big ape was worth a million dollars to the circus. They were unable to place a dollar and cents loss on Gargy's death.

Woman Slain In Assault; Suspect Held

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 26 (AP)—Police today questioned an unidentified suspect a few hours after the discovery of the battered body of a 38-year-old woman in Pittsburgh's East end.

The body of Jean Brusco was found grotesquely sprawled in the rear of a house across the street from her home. Police said evidence indicated she had been raped.

The grisly discovery followed a police search of the area spurred by a report that she had been slugged and taken away in a car by a strange man.

Evidence
Police said the suspect was picked up at the murder scene. They said there was blood under the man's fingernails and on his shirt. He insisted he was injured in a fall.

No charges have been placed against the man, they said.

The attractive sales girl's head was crushed, her eyes blacked and her clothing disarranged. Officers said repeated blows by a blunt instrument probably caused her death.

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TRAFFIC DEATH

EUGENE, Nov. 26 (AP)—A truck slipped off a soft shoulder on a road construction job at Marcola yesterday, fatally crushing the driver, Robert E. Stewart, 41, Marcola.

As usual, major attention today was centered on the nation's junior farmers and their baby beavers.

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DREAM OF EVERY Boy Scout in America, is attending the 1950 Jamboree at Valley Forge Park, Pennsylvania. Ken Pearson, field Scout executive, points out the lay of the land to Charles Cuptill, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cuptill, 2501 Eberlein. Charles is a member of troop 42.

Scouts Ready Journey To Valley Forge

A long-to-be-remembered trip is offered 60 to 65 Boy Scouts from the Modoc council next summer.

On their journey across the nation to attend the national jamboree at Valley Forge, Pa., June 30 to July 6, some 16 way-points will be visited.

The route of travel was decided at a meeting recently in Eugene of the Salem, Eugene, Medford and Modoc area council executives.

Itinerary
The itinerary to Valley Forge by way of the southern states will include stops at Los Angeles and Hollywood, Grand Canyon, Albuquerque, N. M., Denver (the U. S. mint), Kansas City or St. Louis, Cincinnati, and Washington, D. C.

After the jamboree the boys will return via New York and West Point, Niagara Falls, through Canada to Detroit, then on to Chicago, Omaha, Spokane and home.

Cost of this journey which will include transportation, meals, entertainment, side trips and guide service is estimated at \$300 per boy. Each Scouting unit in the area will raise the funds to send a representative.

Applications
Chet Hamaker, chairman of the jamboree committee, urges that parents of prospective representatives and Scout unit heads make sure that their application is returned to the Modoc council office as soon as possible.

Scoutmasters are now being selected to supervise the trip.

A total of 250 Scouts will travel from the four councils in the Northwest area.

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Senator's Talking Blamed In Defense Secrecy Order

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26 (AP)—A high government official said privately today that a senator's television discussion of atomic weapons helped to trigger off a presidential crackdown on talk about defense secrets.

But the senator—Edwin C. Johnson (D-Colo.)—denied emphatically that the broadcast had any part in President Truman's action late yesterday. And Johnson reiterated that he thinks there has been too little secrecy—not too much—about the atomic energy program.

Tighten Up
The president late yesterday directed Attorney General McGrath to tighten up the safeguarding of atomic and other national security information. McGrath and Senator McMahon (D-Conn.), chairman of the senate-house atomic energy committee, told newsmen about the order after conferring with Truman for more than an hour.

Neither McGrath nor McMahon would say what prompted the directive. They declined to answer questions about Johnson.

But an official entirely familiar with the reasons for the crackdown order told a reporter:

"There has been a series of incidents endangering security which disturbed the president, but it is safe to say that the whole thing was brought to a head by the Johnson election."

Video Program
The television program to which he referred originated in New York on November 1. The subject of the panel discussion was: "Is There Too Much Secrecy in our Atomic Program?"

Johnson, a member of the joint atomic committee, argued that there is not enough secrecy. But during the debate he asserted that:

1. This country's scientists have developed an A-bomb which has six times the effectiveness of the bomb dropped at Nagasaki in 1945.

2. The United States is working—

and has made considerable progress — on an A-bomb 1000 times more powerful than the Nagasaki weapon.

3. American scientists have gone far toward finding a way to explode an enemy bomb before it reaches its target.

Johnson said later that he disclosed nothing that was not already public information. And he said that in referring to the data during the telecast as "top secret" he was talking about "know-how"—knowledge of how to manufacture the things he discussed.

Denial
Johnson said he was told by a White House conferee that the telecast in which he participated was in no way responsible for Truman's order.

But the official who reported that the telecast did play a big part in the order said Johnson's remarks "were the culmination of events" which caused Truman to take action.

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Tough-Luck Marine Hero Finally Gets Good Break

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Nov. 26 (AP)—Things are looking up for Marine Hero Earl J. Mowery and his family—and it's high time.

Mowery, his wife and two youngsters, 6 and 2 had such a wonderful Thanksgiving Thursday he says he'll just make it an everyday observance. For the Mowerys have had a run of hard luck that began in 1942.

Earl won the Navy Cross by hitching his tank to a disabled one amid heavy Japanese fire on Guadalcanal. He lost his left leg and received some 40 wounds.

After the war Mowery bought a 30-acre farm near Johnstown. A furnace explosion destroyed his little frame house.

He built another home. Flames swept through it last May, leaving the Mowerys with only their garage.

Then Andrew B. Crichton, Jr., of Johnstown sent a letter to a newspaper suggesting Memorial Day be

set aside to honor living as well as deceased veterans. He cited Mowery's case.

The idea caught on. Contributions poured in. Skilled and unskilled laborers and volunteers donated their services.

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