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Union Heads Order End To Phone Strike

Sympathy Walkouts Also Urged To End, WLB Is Told By Leaders

WHITE HOUSE CALLED

Some Settlement Promised In Dispute Originating In Ohio

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—(P)—The telephone strike was called off tonight. Leaders of Ohio and Washington unions told the War Labor Board they were asking striking members to go back to the job. They asked also that sympathy strikers, such as those at Detroit, go back.

Robert G. Pollock, president of the Ohio Federation of Telephone Workers, and Mrs. Mary E. Gannon, president of the Washington Telephone Union, advised the War Labor Board of their decision after the WLB turned the strike problem over to the White House, a step preliminary to seizure of struck war facilities. Nathan Feinsinger, public member of the War Labor Board, said both strike leaders walked into his office at 5:20 p. m. and voluntarily agreed to return to work. Feinsinger said he assured them that the strikers could return to their former jobs. "These people were impressed," Feinsinger said, "by the fact the War Labor Board and the Government meant business and seizure (of telephone exchanges) was imminent."

TIDE WATER POWER COMPANY TO MEET ON REORGANIZATION

A special meeting of stockholders of the Tide Water Power Co., will be held December 23 to act on a proposed merger of the concern's wholly-owned subsidiary, the Cape Fear Power corporation, with the company, officials announced yesterday. Call for the meeting was issued by L. D. Latta, secretary, under order of the board of directors. Formal notice of the session published today, shows its purposes, in addition to the merger, include authorization and issue of bonds in the principle amount of \$4,500,000, bearing interest at such rate as shall be determined by competitive bidding pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. In addition, the authorization of an issue of \$1,000,000 of serial debentures, bearing interest at such rate as shall be approved by the board of directors, and maturing serially within 10 years from date of issue, and to authorize execution and delivery on an indenture to secure payment of the bonds upon such conditions and terms as may be authorized, and to mortgage.

OPA OPENS DRIVE TO STOP RISE IN CLOTHING PRICES

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—(P)—The Office of Price Administration tonight launched a drive to nip a rise in clothing prices. Price Administrator Chester Bowles announced that "simple, easy-to-understand" dollar-and-cent ceiling prices will be fixed on low-cost infants' and children's garments for which the War Production Board allocated 40,000,000 yards of cloth. The second move was issuance of a regulation aimed at reduction of "over-finishing" and "fancying-up" of fabrics, a practice OPA said has "added greatly" to the cost of both cotton and rayon clothing. Both programs, described as the first of a series of moves to hold clothing prices in line, follow closely stabilization Director Vinson's dict that a recent slight but "disturbing" rise in living costs "must stop."

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BUY Christmas Seals

Canada Ends System Of Volunteer Army; Shakeup Is Sighted

OTTAWA, Nov. 23.—(P)—The Canadian government, after fighting five years of war by sending only volunteers to fight abroad, abandoned the policy today under a tidal wave of opposition which threatened to put the veteran Prime Minister W. L. MacKenzie King out of office. Before a tense House of Commons called together expressly to debate a nation-shaking crisis arising from an immediate need for reinforcements on the Western front, the prime minister announced that partial conscription for overseas service had been effected by an order-in-council and that 16,000 drafted men had been made available for service overseas. King disclosed yesterday that he had written earlier this month that he believed conscription for overseas duty almost inevitably would bring a general election and would risk national disension and perhaps weaken Canadian unity and strength "for generations to come." Today his government admitted, however, that the voluntary system had failed.

SOCIAL SECURITY BATTLE IS SEEN

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—(P)—After the traditional day of feast and pleasantries, Congress grapples again tomorrow with a pre-Christmas schedule loaded with issues that may blast leadership hopes for harmony. Focal point is the first post-election meeting of the House Ways and Means Committee, headed by Rep. Doughton (D-N.C.). When the committee breaks up, Congress probably will have a good idea whether there is to be one last 1944 battle between the White House and Capitol Hill—this time on whether the Social Security tax will be allowed to double on January 1, as provided in the basic Social Security law. A bloc of Republicans, aided by some Democrats, is intent on "freezing" the tax at its present level of one per cent each on employers and employees. Congress has done this three times before. Doughton said he wanted to avoid a fight if possible, and it appeared to be generally conceded on the hill that Mr. Roosevelt would veto another "freeze" bill. Meanwhile, the Senate had two brewing controversies of its own. The question of setting up a Missouri Valley Authority was tossed into its lap, as an amendment to the proposed billion-dollar flood control authorization. Waiting for it also was the explosive St. Lawrence waterway project. Senators Langer (R-ND) and Murray (D-Mont) dropped in the Missouri Valley Authority amendment. It proposes to create an MVA on the line of the TVA to foster flood control, navigation, hydroelectric power and related works, in line with Mr. Roosevelt's idea of seven agencies similar to TVA.

ACL TO PETITION NEW HEARING FOR FLORIDA PURCHASE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—(P)—The Atlantic Coast Line Railroad will petition the Interstate Commerce Commission to reopen the Florida East Coast Railway reorganization case, the ICC was informed today. John C. Donnelly of Washington, counsel for S. A. Lynch and Joseph van B. Wittmann, minority bondholders of the Florida East Coast, told the commission in a letter that the Atlantic Coast Line's petition would be in support of a Lynch-Wittmann petition that the case be reopened for consideration of a new reorganization plan. The Lynch and Wittmann petition filed earlier this month was accompanied by a proposed plan which would permit purchase by the Atlantic Coast Line of 60 per cent of the reorganized Florida East Coast stock. The petition said that Atlantic Coast Line had approved the proposal. However, the St. Joe Paper Co. of Florida, owner of approximately 40 per cent of the stock, (Continued on Page Five; Col. 8)

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Reds Resume Czech Push; Tokaj Falls

Petrov's Army Captures Csap And 30 Other Populated Areas

STRAIGHT FRONT SEEN

Moscow Fails To Mention New Details Of Battle For Budapest

LONDON, Nov. 23.—(P)—The Red army resumed its offensive in Czechoslovakia west of Ungvar today, grinding through rain and mud for gains of as much as 16 miles on a 25-mile front. At the same time the Soviets recaptured the famous wine center of Tokaj in northern Hungary. The operations by Marshal Ivan Petrov's fourth Ukrainian army in Slovakia and Marshal Rodion Malinovsky's Second Ukrainian army in Hungary gave the Russians a virtually continuous active front of about 55 miles stretching across the frontier northeast from Tokaj to Sobrance, a town ten miles northwest of Ungvar. In the fresh drive in Slovakia, Petrov's army again seized the railway junction of Csap (Cop), which has changed hands several times in recent weeks, and occupied more than 30 other populated places. The offensive apparently was aimed at the big highway and railway hub of Kassa (Kosice), approximately 40 miles west of the fighting today. A chain of hills about 800 feet high must be crossed to reach Kassa, but once this is accomplished the Russians would have a straight front from Miskolc, the northern Hungarian rail center, into Poland. In today's fighting, Soviet forces smashed west of Ngyvar 16 miles to Budyovce. The broadcast Russian communiqué said more than 3,000 Ger-

GOVERNOR PRAISES PRODUCTION RECORD OF LOCAL SHIPYARD

"I have been informed by the highest authority that when this war is over, no shipyard in the country will be able to show as fine a record as this one," Governor J. Melville Broughton declared at the launching of the U. S. S. Union at the North Carolina Shipbuilding Co., yesterday afternoon. His speech marked the yard's reception of the National Security Award from the Office of Civilian Defense for excellent safeguards against air attack, sabotage, fire and accidents. Recalling the launching of the yard's first vessel, the Liberty ship Zeblun B. Vance, on the eve of the Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor, the state's chief executive reviewed the yard's contributions to the war effort. The S. S. Vance, he added, is plying the seas today after many, many thousands of miles of service. "Not only have you built ships at the lowest cost but you have built good ships," he said. Referring to the award of the Maritime Commission's "M" pennant in the early days of the yard, he said presentation of the National Security Award was "another point in achievement" in the yard's program of advancement. "This award," (Continued on Page Five; Col. 4)

Fayetteville 20, NHHS 0; JV's Defeat Wallace, 40-6

(Special To The Star) FAYETTEVILLE, Nov. 23.—The Wilmington Wildcats, playing a strong defensive game, were defeated by the Fayetteville Bulldogs, 20-0, in a Thanksgiving night game here before a crowd of about 2,000 persons. Early in the second quarter, after a first period of see-saw battling, Fayetteville's Salley carried the ball across the Wildcats' scoring line for two touchdowns with Riddle kicking one extra point. In the fourth frame, Baskel, again pounding through the New Hanover line, romped across for the final score of the evening. Riddle's toe again gave the Bulldogs an extra mark. Fayetteville made seven first downs during the game with New Hanover racking up five. Sykes, Bannerman and Hobbs of Wilmington received credit for the major share of the local honors in the contest. While their big "brothers" were taking a shelling in Fayetteville, the New Hanover "Jayvees" had a field day (or night) at home. Tackling Wallace, the younger lads rolled up a score of 40-6 at Legion Stadium. The Jayvees scored in every

French Fighting In Strasbourg Yank Cutting Off Nazi Escape; Yank Infantrymen Seize Limon

JAP DIVISION BADLY BEATEN

Entire Yamashita Line In Danger Of Annihilation By U. S.

RAINS LASHING FRONT

Rolling Country Ahead Will Make Way Easier For Americans

GENERAL M'ARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, PHILIPPINES, Friday, Nov. 24.—(P)—Rain-pounded American infantrymen have captured the Japanese bastion of Limon and have driven 1,000 yards south in a sudden upsurge of a battle which has practically destroyed the enemy's first division.

Headquarters reported today the 32nd Division plunged through shell-battered Limon Wednesday, in the biggest advance in more than two weeks. The entire Yamashita line, upon which the Japanese depend to hold Leyte island, is in danger of being rolled up, the communique said. As heavy rains continued to lash the battle front, the Yank infantrymen drove through the mountain village to the nearby Leyte river. "The enemy," said the communique, "in his bitter defense of this (Continued on Page Two; Col. 4)

Nazis In Metz Give Up To The Yanks



Beaten in their own war, captured members of a German machine-gun crew under guard of Fifth Division fighters stumble through a street in Metz, on their way to the rear of Patton Third Army, U. S. Signal Corps Radiophoto. (International Soundphoto).

U.S. Apparently Opening Aerial Battle Of Japan

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—(P)—There are increasing signs that the real air battle of Japan now is beginning, with America's B-29 strategic bombing force undertaking the destruction of the Japanese air force. Along with the invasion of the Philippines this means crushing the Pacific enemy is going into full development—even though there may be 12 to 15 months more of fighting in the Pacific and Asia. This strategy has at least four main objectives:

CHINESE CAPTURE 10 TOWNS TO OPEN BURMA ROAD LINK

CHUNGKING, Nov. 23.—(P)—Chinese forces who captured the Japanese stronghold of Mangshih on the Burma road last week end have cleared long additional stretches of the road with the capture of 10 more towns south of the mouth of the Mangshih valley, the Chinese high command announced today. As a result of the spirited drive by Chinese troops in Yunnan province in collaboration with the American-Chinese campaign down the Ledo road from northern Burma, the China link of the Burma road virtually is ready to be reopened to military traffic, according to Chinese press. The stretch between Lungling and Tedehung already is open, these reports said. Mangshih airfield has been taken and repair work has begun on its landing strips and hangars. Mangshih itself was found to be saturated with mines and booby traps, which are being removed with the assistance of American liaison engineer personnel. (Mangshih is about 40 miles east (Continued on Page Two; Col. 3)

CHURCHILL HAILS AMERICAN POWER

LONDON, Nov. 23.—(P)—Prime Minister Churchill, in a surprise Thanksgiving speech to an Anglo-American audience tonight hailed the United States as the world's greatest military power and declared that together the Allies were moving irresistibly "and, perhaps, with God's aid, swiftly towards victorious peace." Nearly 8,000 people, including many hundreds of American servicemen, jammed huge Albert hall to hear a gala concert dedicated to the United States and its traditional holiday. The audience rose and cheered when Churchill entered a box to hear the program conducted by John Barbirolli, formerly conductor of the New York Philharmonic Symphony orchestra, and again when he mounted a flag-draped platform behind which hung a huge portrait of Abraham Lincoln. The prime minister said Americans never had more justification for thanksgiving than today "when we see that in three of four years the United States has, in sober fact, become the greatest military, naval and air power in the world. That, I say to you in this time (Continued on Page Two; Col. 4)

150 FORTS POUND GERMAN OIL PLANT AT GELSENKIRCHEN

LONDON, Nov. 23.—(P)—A detachment of 150 Fortresses of the U. S. Eighth Air Force, escorted by 75 Mustangs, jabbed the Nordstern synthetic oil plant at Gelsenkirchen—which normally produces 300,000 tons of fuel monthly—with 500 tons of bombs today and a few hours later RAF Lancasters followed up with another blow at the same target. The American attack was made under such adverse weather conditions that special instruments were used to aim the explosives. Only meager flak was encountered and no German planes were seen. All bombers returned safely but three fighters were missing. Meanwhile, a small force of Italy-based 15th Air Force Liberators hammered military targets in Austria and Yugoslavia. A narrow gauge rail route from Sarajevo to Brod—the only line open to the Germans fleeing from central Yugoslavia—was bombed. Poor weather for the second successive day limited operations against Germany's oil supplies after they were heavily pounded in a 24-hour attack by nearly 3,000 Allied bombers.

British And Poles Clear Many Nazis From Cosina Loop

ROME, Nov. 23.—(P)—British and Polish troops, slogging forward in the hills south of highway 9 between Forli and Faenza against strong German resistance, have captured a few more villages and ridges and cleared most of the Nazis out of the Cosina river loop southeast of Faenza. The Poles, after capturing Monte Piano, moved 500 yards east and took the village of San Mamante against bitter enemy resistance. They also captured Oriolo and San Biagio, northwest of Monte Piano. In fighting through these rugged hills at the edge of the Po valley and the Poles captured 140 prisoners and inflicted heavy casualties in killed and wounded on the Germans. American Fifth Army forces south of Bologna engaged only in patrol clashes, in one of which they ambushed and killed a party of nine Nazis. The Mediterranean air forces flew over 2,300 sorties yesterday, including sweeps into southern Germany, Austria, Yugoslavia and northern Italy.

100 Navy Men Have Turkey As Maffitt Village Guests

More than 100 sailors stationed in the Navy receiving barracks at Maffitt Village were entertained with a Thanksgiving dinner by residents of the community in the Hewes cafeteria yesterday, and turkey with all the trimmings was served by mothers of servicemen and others who did not have their families with them for the holiday feast. The dinner was given the service men, stationed here to form armed guard crews for vessels leaving the Port of Wilmington, from purchases by the tenants of the housing project. As it was impossible to invite the boys into their homes, because of conflicting working and dining hours, it was decided that the youths would enjoy themselves more if the holiday spirit was provided for them as a group. While the defense workers were at the shipyard, where no general holiday was observed, the women of the community, assisted by Girl Scouts, dispensed with the business of Thanksgiving dinner for the boys in service, many of whom were away from home the first time. Elsewhere in the city, homes were opened to visiting service men, but most of the military personnel remained at their stations, for the military bill of fare yesterday was superior to most of those offered by civilian hosts, hit by wartime shortages. A Thanksgiving Day dinner was served to members of the Salvation Army, (Continued on Page Five; Col. 6)

ENEMY PINNED AGAINST RIVER

Another Army Of France Takes Battenheim To The South

OPPOSITION IS BITTER

Germans Counterattack Repeatedly Near Hoven And Beck

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, PARIS, Nov. 23.—(P)—French armored forces fought their way toward the center of Strasbourg tonight after an 18-mile dash to the Rhine which sealed off the overland escape route for an estimated 70,000 troops of the German 19th army, now pinned against the almost bridgeless river. The second spectacular Rhine breakthrough in five days, imperiling nearly one-seventh of the forces the Germans are believed to have committed on the Western front, came as the bitterest battle since the invasion thundered into its seventh day far to the north on the Cologne plain. As the French Second Armored Division pressed into the outskirts of Strasbourg against light resistance, the First French Armored division more than 50 miles to the south seized Battenheim, four miles north of Mulhouse, and pushed on north up the Rhine. This was the southern jaw of a giant pincers reaching around (Continued on Page Two; Col. 7)

Tokyo Radio Claims U. S. Marines Are A Bunch Of Roughnecks

By The Associated Press The Japanese don't like the American Marines, the Tokyo radio said last night, which seems to make it mutual. The Marine Corps, the radio said in a broadcast recorded by the Federal Communications Commission, is composed of "a bunch of roughnecks" who "don't give a hang about their lives" in landing operations. The radio went on that "It is said in America 'Tell it to the Marines.' This has the same meaning as 'Don't be silly.' That is to say, the Marines are all so ignorant that they may believe you when the general public would not!"

THE LINEUPS

Pos. Fayetteville Wilmington
LE—Kelly Hanson
LT—Riddle Oshworth
LG—Buie Piner
C—Shuford Monk
RG—Berry Corbett
RT—Lutterloh Hobbs
RE—Moore Jones
QB—Salley Sykes
LH—Daskel Sutton
RB—Bryant Johnson
FB—Cheshire Bannerman

Score by periods: Fayetteville 0 13 0 7—20
Wilmington 0 0 0 0—0
Fayetteville scoring: Touchdowns—Daskel, Salley 2; punts after—Riddle 2; Officials R. Bauer, U. Crane, H. L. McCafferty, F. G. Vossler.

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