

Greatest Steel Strike In History Now Underway

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with some plants closing down beforehand.

The strike, practically paralyzing the nation's postwar production effort, climaxed months of fruitless negotiation in which President Truman had recently tried without avail to act as peacemaker.

Philip Murray, president of the steelworkers and the CIO, drove from Washington to take over personal direction of the giant demonstration for his wage demands. He had no comment but planned radio address (ABC) to the nation Monday night at 10:30 P. M., Eastern Standard Time.

The union's 21-man negotiating committee for the United States Steel corporation, which announced all its operations had closed down hours ahead of the midnight deadline, arranged to meet with Murray Monday morning.

Both sides dug in for what they apparently expected will be a long deadlock. Almost 1,300 plants in 29 states were affected by the union strike call but workers stayed on temporarily in a 30th, Minnesota with its big iron ore mines, because of a state law requiring a waiting period.

Normally bustling steel mills in the Pittsburgh area, from which comes approximately a quarter of the nation's steel ingot production, cooled and ground to a stop. There was little activity at any except for skeleton crews of maintenance workers allowed to keep equipment in order.

Even before the deadline passed pickets had begun encircling some struck plants. Many in this mountainous western Pennsylvania area carried small cards bearing the single word "Picket" tucked in their hats. They improvised coal or wood-burning stoves and windbreaks to keep warm in the near-freezing weather. Some locals regularly delivered coffee and doughnuts to their pickets by truck.

Never before has there been a strike involving so many workers or such far-reaching effects. The closest one in size was the mass walkout of 450,000 coal miners in 1919. The biggest prior steel strike involved 365,000 men in 1919 in a dispute over union recognition and shorter hours.

SMALL FORECASTS CURTAILED OPERATIONS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—(AP)—A big share of the nation's factories will be shut down or curtailing operations within about two weeks if the steel strike is not settled by then. Production Administrator John D. Small forecast tonight. He said this will mean the laying off of thousands of workers.

Small, who characterized the CIO steelworkers strike as a "national disaster," has recommended against Federal seizure of the industry in the absence of any assurance that this would send workers back to the mills.

The civilian production administration prepared to issue, early tomorrow, an already-written order suspending all steel priorities—military, civilian and even emergency ratings.

Simultaneously, operators of steel warehouses will go under a voluntary rationing plan to channel their comparatively small supplies into public utility, fire, police, hospital, railroads, food processing and other uses related to public health and safety.

In Detroit, John L. Lovett, general manager of the Michigan Manufacturers Association, predicted 500,000 workers in that industrial state would be idle within a month.

"Nobody has more than a 30-day supply of steel on hand and some have a lot less," Lovett told reporters.

Small, who had key members of his OPA staff doing Sunday duty today for any emergency action needed, offered this forecast: "We'll see one factory after another close within two or three weeks, and even before that in many of the plants supplying parts and materials."

The maximum amount of steel which may be held by any manufacturer is 60 days' supply; for sheet steel, the type primarily needed for automobiles, refrigerators and most other important civilian products, the limit is 45 days.

"Because of the scarceness of sheet, I suspect that many plants have only about 15 days' supply—they've all been clamoring for more to get their reserves up to the legal maximum," Small said.

Only 30 to 40 days' inventory is usually carried by the makers of washing machines, vacuum cleaners and similar items, despite the larger allowance permitted. Auto manufacturers generally operate on only seven to 10 days' inventory. However, some firms have ordered heavily recently in anticipation of the strike.

The immediacy of shutdowns may depend, OPA officials noted, on whether plants choose to keep running and using up their supplies, or save them for the resumption of operations when the strike ends. A company with 15 days' supply, for instance, might decide to shut down at once, in the knowledge that it would take at least 15 days after the strike ends to get new supplies shipped in.

Small's aides have conferred with the union leadership and arranged for permission to get any unshipped stocks out of the mill yards which may be needed for emergency use, upon a certification by OPA that the public health and welfare is involved.

Because the outstanding priorities—"MM" for military orders, "GC" for civilian reconversion, and

"AAA" for emergencies—will automatically become meaningless with the start of the strike, OPA has announced it will suspend them all.

For the critical needs, new "AAA" priorities or special directives will be granted, to be served on steel warehouse operators.

The warehouse stocks, which consist mainly of the smaller items of sheet, strip, bars and tubing, would be depleted almost at once under normal demands. They should last several months under the voluntary rationing plan, small estimated.

The ration system provides that a warehouse dole out only such steel as is needed for immediate maintenance and repair use; then, when a warehouse's stocks are down to one-half normal, it may make deliveries only for emergency repair and maintenance uses essential to the public health and safety.

Small is convinced that compulsory rationing—which would involve much paper work and delay—will not be needed. OPA officials say that warehouses already have shown their willingness to cooperate by clamping down on deliveries during the last week while the wage negotiations were hanging in the balance.

BETHLEHEM STEEL CLOSES ALL PLANTS

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—(AP)—The Bethlehem Steel company announced tonight that its eight steel-making plants employing 73,000 workers had been shut down completely "in the interests of preserving peace," and added that it saw no occasion for picketing by striking steel workers.

A company statement issued here said: "Now that the strike is here, there is no steel production in our plants."

"We are making no attempt to produce steel or any steel products."

"The only persons working at the plant are those needed to maintain the plant."

"Since there will be no attempt to carry on production, there is no occasion for disorderly picketing or any picketing at all, for that matter."

"Our sole purpose during the strike is to maintain and protect our property which is essential to the future employment of our employees and the welfare of the community."

"We have issued this statement in the interests of preserving the peace. We hope that everyone concerned will cooperate to that end."

BETHLEHEM FLIES IN MILK, CIGARETTES

LACKAWANNA, N. Y., Jan. 20.—(AP)—The Bethlehem Steel Co. used planes today to fly supplies into its picketed plant here.

Small planes landed on the plant grounds with cigars, fresh milk and other items for maintenance workers in the strike-bound plant. The CIO Steelworkers called out 11,000 workers at the Bethlehem plant a week ago after charging the company with trying to pack the plant with "potential strike-breakers."

A company spokesman admitted the planes were being used. He wouldn't disclose where they took off for fear the airport would be picketed.

"We brought in some emergency personal items such as cigars and fresh milk," the spokesman said. "As far as basic food supplies are concerned, they are the least of our worries."

USW District Director Joseph P. Molony said he heard the planes were flying from Canada and were bringing in cheese, as well as cigars and milk.

"This is another example of inept management and possible misuse of corporate funds," Molony charged. "Bethlehem Steel Co. is the only company that finds itself obliged to resort to such extreme measures to maintain its plants."

HOUSING ACTION WILL BE SPEEDED

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high on the list of the administration's most urgent problems. Rep. Jesse P. Wolcott, Mich., ranking Republican member of the committee, said he thought the bill is useless. He does not believe it will meet the situation or that "it will ever reach the floor."

The War department recently made a survey of what the average veteran can afford to pay for housing. It amounts to \$30 to \$35 monthly.

A new civilian production administration regulation grants priorities to builders who construct homes not costing more than \$10,000. Many members of Congress fear that builders will be inclined to build only \$10,000 houses where as lower priced housing is needed. They argue that if a builder knows he can obtain more profit on the most expensive house he will not build the cheaper ones. Patman's bill authorizes the housing czar to determine what price homes shall be constructed in each critical locality.

Other members of the committee are agreed that "something should be done." Rep. A. S. Mike Monroney, D., Okla., said he believed "some action should be taken to remedy the situation" but was not sure where the answer lies.

There are 5,000,000 books and pamphlets in the Library of Congress.

Smiling Convalescents At Polio Hospital



These smiling convalescent victims of infantile paralysis, snapped in the Charlotte Memorial Hospital, are happy because, through funds raised by the March of Dimes, they are receiving the best possible treatment and are well on the way to recovery.

The current March of Dimes, which continues throughout the month, will benefit other North Carolina youngsters like these. Half of the funds raised are retained by the local county chapters of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and the other half is sent to headquarters of the Foundation to be used in research and in the emergency epidemic fund in all the states.

JERUSALEM UNDER IRON-CLAD CURFEW

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Palestine—English, Arabic and Hebrew. Regular broadcasts, however, still were cancelled.

The dead were a British army officer and an armed Jew whose body was found in a taxicab at the Hadassah hospital. A British policeman, earlier reported killed, was described by the communique as seriously but not dangerously wounded.

Military and police patrols this morning uncovered considerable quantities of firearms, bombs, explosives, ammunition and other material, the communique said.

UNION CALLS OFF CHEMICAL STRIKE

NAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Jan. 20.—(AP)—A strike involving 10,000 chemical workers, scheduled for 12:01 a. m. tomorrow, has been called off as a result of a wage increase agreement between the CIO United Gas, Coke and Chemical workers and 13 companies, a union spokesman announced tonight.

Stephen G. McMullen, president of the union's Local 12058, said a compromise was reached in the last three of four days on the union's original demand for a 30 per cent pay increase.

"Some companies and their locals agreed to a 15 per cent increase, and others to a 17 per cent increase," he said.

McMullen said that the strike had been called by a strategy committee of the union. "The agreements reached this week have averted a walkout," he said, adding that "preparations for the strike have been discontinued."

Charles Doyle, regional director of the union, told a mass meeting of the workers tonight that every effort was being made to prevent any increase in prices as a result of the wage boosts.

Companies, all of Niagara Falls, involved are: Carborundum Co., Matheson Alkali Workers, Inc., Niagara Alkali Co., Isco Chemical division of Innes Spiden & Co., Niacet Chemicals Corp., National Carbon Co., Inc., Republic Carbon Co., Acheson Graphite division of National Carbon Co., Inc., Chisholm-Ryder Co., Inc., General Abrasive Co., Lindle Air Products Co., Electro Metallurgical Co., and General Chemical Co.

Five sister ships of the Great Lakes fleet are each about an eighth of a mile long—the largest fresh water vessels afloat.

DRAGNET OUT

CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Police Commissioner John Pendergast tonight ordered an intensive search for 21-year-old Sidney Lester Sherman, wanted for questioning in the Suzanne Degnan kidnap-alaying. He revealed that pieces of the youth's clothing had been sent to the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington for analysis.

ELDERLY FARMER BATTLES POLICE

POSTVILLE, Ia., Jan. 20.—(AP)—An embattled, elderly farmer, who killed a sheriff rather than be served with an insanity warrant, finally was killed himself today after he held off for four hours a posse armed with tear gas and shotguns.

William Gerieke, 72, locked himself in his apartment over a local tavern and stood off all comers as long as he could. Neither shouted pleas, tear gas, nor frequent fusillades budged him.

Police roped off an area for a block around the tavern building, and evacuated a family of six in the apartment next to Gerieke's. Most of this town's population of 2,000 crowded into the streets to watch the attack.

When there had been no answering shots from Gerieke for some time, police broke into the building to find his body on the floor, a fully loaded shotgun beside it.

The shooting fray started last evening when Sheriff Leonard Bulman and his chief deputy, Peter Hendrickson, called to serve an insanity warrant on William Gerieke, 72.

Gerieke refused to unlock the door to his apartment and the two officers smashed in the door. Armed with a double barreled shotgun, the elderly man shot and killed the sheriff.

The deputy, his coat grazed by other bullets, fled to get reinforcements. The sheriff of nearby Fayette county, two Iowa State Highway patrolmen and a half dozen citizens, deputized on the scene, joined in the effort to make Gerieke surrender.

Highway patrolmen finally mounted ladders to the roof of an adjoining building and kept up the gunfire into the farmer's apartment for four hours.

Gerieke's body was found at the end of the siege in the hallway outside his living quarters. His shotgun had not been fired after it was reloaded. Officers were uncertain whether he had fired any bullets during the siege.

Hendrickson said an inquest would be held tomorrow at a Postville mortuary where Gerieke's body was taken. Bulman's body was taken to Waukon, Iowa, for burial.

UNO GROUP WILL TAKE UP PROBLEM

LONDON, Jan. 20.—(AP)—The United Nations Political and Security Commission starts consideration tomorrow of the momentous atomic energy control problem and it was forecast in well informed quarters that the Moscow resolution for creation of a UNO Atomic Energy Commission would be approved without amendment.

Senator Tom Connally, D., Tex., chairman of the Foreign Relations committee, will represent the United States on the Political and Security Commission.

Some delegates including those of Australia and New Zealand are expected to oppose the Moscow resolution and demand that the UNO Assembly as a whole take charge of the atomic energy control question. But there was no indication that a formal proposal for amendment of the Moscow procedure would be either offered or approved.

However, United States delegates are prepared to watch developments closely and Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, though he wants to return to Washington this week, is expected to remain here until the proposed atomic energy commission has been created.

In Moscow the Big Three Foreign Ministers agreed that, when created, the commission should make its reports and recommendations to the powerful Security Council on which the Big Five powers have the right of veto. Thus any recommendation which was regarded as violating security could be vetoed by the United States as well as by any other of the Big Five.

Australian President N. J. O. Makin of the Security Council conferred today with UNO Secretary Gladwyn Jebb on Iran's demand for an investigation of its dispute with Russia.

Makin delayed until tomorrow any attempt to reach a decision on the question. Two courses were open: to convoke an extraordinary meeting of the Security Council to consider the request or to take it up at the next regular meeting and put it on the council program for future discussion.

Well-informed quarters predicted that the second course probably would be chosen. This would mean that the question would be taken up after the council holds its next meeting, tentatively set for mid-week.

Though Iran's demand puts before the infant UNO its first dangerous problem, leaders seemed unworried. Iran's note to the UNO was carefully phrased. It accuses Russia of interference in its internal affairs. But it asks only an investigation of its complaint and recommendations for "appropriate terms of settlement," not action against Russia.

Also there are other factors. The present Iranian government is threatened by parliamentary opposition at home and Russian and other Allied troops are to be withdrawn from Iran by March 2. It is unlikely that the council would take any step of moment before that time.

It was learned that delegates of the big powers are now conferring informally on the difficult job of selecting a secretary general for

DEGAULLE RESIGNS FROM PRESIDENCY

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already have started in an attempt to find someone willing or able to head a new government.

One possibility is that the Communists, Socialists and Popular Republicans might attempt to reform the present big three coalition government under some other political personality, possibly a Socialist.

Another possibility is that the Communists, Socialists and Radical Socialists would attempt to form a purely Left Wing coalition. Edouard Herriot, pre-war premier and president of the Radical Socialist party, is being suggested as a possible head of such a government.

Herriot is believed willing to take the post, but his government could command only a slender majority in the Assembly. Furthermore, Herriot's own prestige suffered gravely in the crushing defeat of his party in the general elections last October.

The morning paper Combat, forecasting the possibility of a crisis such as developed today, warned that DeGaulle's retirement might mean that France would come under virtual domination of the Communists, who are numerically strongest and undoubtedly the most aggressive of all French parties.

CAPITAL SOUNDS TAPS FOR PATTON

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at San Mihiel in World War I. He went on to Patton's World War II triumphs in Africa, Sicily, Normandy, and finally in Germany with his "glorious Third Army."

"We think of our friend, the symbol of America," Semmes said. Mrs. Patton occupied a place of honor along with George S. Patton III, a West Point cadet, and the two Patton daughters and their husbands and children, Lt. Col. and Mrs. John K. Waters and Lt. Col. and Mrs. James W. Totten.

WEATHER

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Weather bureau report of temperature and rainfall for the 24 hours ending 8 p. m. in the principal cotton growing areas and elsewhere:

| Station | High | Low | Free. |
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| Alpena | 22 | 2 | 0.02 |
| Asheville | 35 | 20 | 0.00 |
| Atlanta | 45 | 41 | 0.02 |
| Atlantic City | 35 | 15 | 0.00 |
| Birmingham | 53 | 40 | 0.25 |
| Boston | 16 | -3 | 0.00 |
| Butte | 27 | -1 | 0.00 |
| Burlington | 37 | 27 | 0.01 |
| Chattanooga | 47 | 30 | 0.01 |
| Chicago | 27 | 22 | 0.05 |
| Cincinnati | 29 | 25 | 0.00 |
| Dallas | 41 | 26 | 0.00 |
| Denver | 29 | 17 | 0.00 |
| Des Moines | 32 | 16 | 0.00 |
| Duluth | 12 | 5 | 0.15 |
| El Paso | 55 | 33 | 0.00 |
| Galveston | 45 | 44 | 0.00 |
| Key West | 72 | 62 | 0.00 |
| Jacksonville | 74 | 42 | 0.05 |
| Kansas City | 32 | 30 | 0.00 |
| Key West | 72 | 62 | 0.00 |
| Knockville | 40 | 28 | 0.05 |
| Little Rock | 48 | 43 | 0.80 |
| Los Angeles | 64 | 43 | 0.00 |
| Louisville | 58 | 28 | 0.20 |
| Memphis | 48 | 42 | 0.82 |
| Meridian | 56 | 43 | 0.61 |
| Miami | 74 | 66 | 0.00 |
| Minneapolis | 69 | 48 | 0.62 |
| Mobile | 62 | 42 | 0.51 |
| Alpena | 69 | 51 | 0.52 |
| New Orleans | 69 | 51 | 0.00 |
| New York | 23 | 5 | 0.00 |
| Norfolk | 41 | 30 | 0.34 |
| Philadelphia | 21 | 11 | 0.01 |
| Phoenix | 62 | 38 | 0.00 |
| Pittsburgh | 37 | 14 | 0.00 |
| Portland, Me. | 39 | 9 | 0.00 |
| Richmond | 29 | 26 | 0.07 |
| St. Louis | 32 | 30 | 0.25 |
| St. Antonio | 69 | 43 | 0.16 |
| San Francisco | 57 | 38 | 0.00 |
| Savannah | 67 | 47 | 0.18 |
| Seattle | 60 | 40 | 0.05 |
| Tampa | 71 | 50 | 0.00 |
| Vicksburg | 57 | 47 | 0.12 |
| Washington | 22 | 20 | 0.07 |
| Wilmington | 48 | 41 | 0.00 |

MARINE MARRIED

GUAM, Jan. 19.—(Delayed)—(AP)—An entire native village turned out today to witness the marriage of an ex-marine from Philadelphia and a pretty native girl in the island's Catholic cathedral.

the UNO. Rivalry has narrowed to whether this key official shall be chosen from western or eastern Europe. There is considerable likelihood, according to informants, that a deadlock may result and that Lester B. Pearson, Canadian Ambassador at Washington, may be the compromise candidate.

Faces Charges

It was learned that delegates of the big powers are now conferring informally on the difficult job of selecting a secretary general for

WAR BRIDE, BABY ON WAY TO STATES; ARMY PLANE USED

HONOLULU, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Mrs. Rona Robison, 25 year old Australian war bride, and her two months old daughter will take off from Hickam Field today on the last leg of their emergency flight from Brisbane to San Francisco where the baby will be treated for a rare spinal disease.

Mrs. Robison, the wife of an ex-navy man, explained that her baby became ill a month ago and had failed to respond to a special calcium diet.

American authorities arranged for the flight in an army Skymaster transport plane after doctors recommended American treatment as the only means of saving the baby's life.

The pair had been three days on the flight which took them by way of the Fiji Islands and Canton before arrival in Oahu. The young mother said that she and the baby had occupied the crew's quarters of the plane and that the baby had been "no trouble at all."

HOMECOMING GI MEETS HIS 'MIMI'



IT WAS ARRANGED BY RADIO after the men aboard picked "Mimi" Kohler, 4, in a snapshot contest and named her their pin-up baby. Here you see the result: Sgt. Albert Kohler of Larchmont, N. Y., and his fellow GIs all being met by "Mimi" as Mrs. Kohler shared in greeting them when the Lake Champlain docked at New York. (International)

MINTED PENNIES WIN COIN RACE

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nearly every transaction is in odd cents. That's why during the war Uncle Sam had to turn out the zinc-steel penny. And that's why everyone was asked to toss penny collections back into circulation.

Materials were hard to get—and the demand for pennies, and other small change, had hit an all-time peak.

Added troubles: The Allies needed coin, too. Included in those 4,000,000,000 coins were 800,000,000 for other nations, minted by the U. S. at cost.

Moving up to folding money, did you ever wonder how much a \$20 bill actually is worth, aside from the promise printed on it?

The Treasury man had an answer for that, too. "Less than a penny," he said. "Or .0078, if you must be exact."

TWO MORE BODIES TAKEN FROM RIVER

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rescue the others. Eight of the students started out from the Durham campus for a Dover theater, according to police, and three hitch-hiking women students were picked up along the way. Police are investigating the possibility that a hit-run car might have been involved in the mishap.

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- American Slicing Machine
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- One 35-Ft. Electric Refrigerator
- 2 Large Pedestal Fans
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- Kitchen Knives and Cleavers
- 18 Dressers
- 60 Single Beds
- 2 Double Beds
- 60 Mattresses
- 60 Springs
- 127 Blankets (all laundered)
- 88 Sheets " "
- 60 Pillow Slips " "
- 7 Quilts " "
- 66 Spreads (bed) " "
- 80 Towels " "
- 15 Pillows " "
- 12 Small Mirrors
- Lot of Chairs
- Bedroom Tables
- Coat Hangers
- Rugs
- 2 Linoleum Rugs

A lot of other merchandise too numerous to mention. This is a complete liquidation of the entire restaurant and boarding house at No. 15 Princess Street. Will start selling all or any part of this merchandise

Beginning Monday, January 21st at 9 O'Clock—Lasting Through Tuesday