

Old Jnebug
The people of Taylorsville lost their only railroad in December, so they went out and bought one themselves. The story of the eighteen-mile Alexander Railroad, on which the old Jnebug runs again, is on Page 5-B.

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Presidential Rebuff Stirrs Ickes Resignation Talk



IT'S BEEN A LONG, LONG TIME!—Waiting husband loses his as he embraces British wife on her arrival by bus at Red Cross Chapter House in New York. Two other ex-servicemen peer anxiously into bus. USS Argentina brought 150 British wives of U. S. war veterans and 170 babies from England to this country. (Acme Photo.)

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FEELING THE FIREWOD—Two women, bundled up in coat, scarfs, and gloves, kneel down by the curbing in the American sector of Berlin to saw away at a blasted tree stump. Another woman in rear struggles through rubble heap for firewood, but anything that will burn has already been stripped from the rubble heaps and wrecked cars, as a cold and hungry Berlin struggles for existence. Acme photo by Eric Reynolds. Acme photo by (Acme Photo.)

President's Journey To Florida Is Called Off

End Of Steel Strike Sought

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman today cancelled his planned vacation in Florida as Government and labor officials strove to bring a quick end to the nineteen-day-old steel strike.

A formal White House statement mentioned only "the immediate critical situation involving problems requiring his personal attention as the reason for the cancellation."

White House aides, however, told reporters that the labor crisis and the related wage-price policy question were involved in the decision.

The statement read:

"The President has cancelled his trip to Florida and the cruise he had planned to take in Southern waters because of the immediate critical situation involving problems requiring his personal attention."

The President has decided not to leave Washington at this time.

"The President particularly regrets that he must discontinue the President and governing body of Rollins College, Winter Park, Fla., which had arranged to confer an honorary degree upon him.

"He also regrets that this change in his plans will necessitate a postponement of his meeting with Mr. Winston Churchill. He feels, however, that unusual circumstances justify his actions. The trip is therefore abandoned."

Earlier in the day the President had resumed his personal efforts to quickly end the steel strike.

PLANS CHANGED QUICKLY

The announcement came on the heels of President Truman's report at his news conference yesterday that he would proceed to Florida next week even if the steel and other strikes had not been settled by then.

He said at the time that he could do business by telephone.

The labor situation continued to occupy much of the President's morning callers.

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Housing Bill Is Approved

WASHINGTON — The House Banking Committee approved today emergency housing legislation providing for new homes on new lots and for continuation of Government allocation of scarce building materials.

The committee struck from the bill all provisions for new price ceilings on apartment existing structures and removed a section specifically providing for stimulus to new production of building materials.

The vote was 13 to 9.

Rep. Patman, Democratic Texas, author of the bill said elimination of the provision for control prices on existing houses "pulled the teeth" from the measure. This action, he said, was "a serious blow" to the bill, the new Housing Administrator.

The bill creates a new overall ceiling of Administration of Housing, and sets up preferences for veterans in obtaining new houses.

Although the subsidy provision was stricken from the bill, Committee Chairman Sprue, Democrat, Kentucky, told reporters the Government already has power under another law to use such subsidies.

Dutch Offer Peace

UNO Halts Talk On Indies Crisis

LONDON — (AP) — The United Nations Security Council interrupted debate on the Indonesian dispute today to study statements of the interested nations, including a Dutch declaration that a "very liberal" settlement of Indonesian independence aspirations was hoped for shortly.

The council will meet tomorrow to try to arrive at a solution satisfactory to the Soviet Union, which charged that British troops in Indonesia were endangering world peace, and at the same time acceptable to Great Britain and The Netherlands.

Dutch Foreign Minister Eelco Van Kleffens told the Council that he backed authority to intervene because international peace was not endangered. He added that the Dutch were trying to put their house in order on a very liberal basis, and that every body will soon be able to see.

TO SEEK ACCORD

Van Kleffens apparently was referring to proposed talks between Dr. Sukarno, Javanese leader, and the Dutch, with Indonesian leaders on the one side, and the British, on the other.

Manmohar Singh, Indian representative, said the British were separating the peace and solving the suppression of the national movement of the Indonesian people.

British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin termed Manmohar's allegations "a lie."

Manmohar said British troops remain in Indonesia with the consent of the United Nations to disarm the Japanese and accept their surrender, and added that he was not asking their withdrawal.

He proposed, however, that the Council send a commission to investigate and establish peace.

Truman Bread-For-Europe Plan Meets Criticism In Congress

WASHINGTON — President Truman's bread-for-Europe program touched off ruminations of opposition in Congress today, and it led Alf M. Landon to contend the Roosevelt administration was partly responsible for the food shortage abroad.

First tangible hint of disapproval was the introduction of a bill by Rep. Edwin A. Hall, Republican, New York, to ban the export of foodstuffs in temporary quantities if it is determined that American consumers will be assured "the present amount of white bread."

Mr. Truman's plan for cutting American wheat consumption also drew questioning comment from other lawmakers. Unenthusiastic about the plan formulated by Landon, he said it would mean "continue to feed Germany, reverse our policy, or be a modern-day Genghis Khan."

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Three Killed At Crossing

CONOVER — Three women were injured fatally and another seriously hurt about noon today in the collision of a Southern Railway passenger train with a trolley at a grade crossing here.

The dead: Miss Lily Spencer, Miss Eloy Gilbert and Mrs. Bill Perry, all of Conover.

Mrs. Eloy Prestwood was taken to a Newton hospital for treatment of injuries.

Sunspots Disrupt Communications

NEW YORK — Radio communications with Europe and Asia were disrupted early today by the effects of two large sunspots.

Maxwell Radio & Telegraph Co. reported its east-west channel to Europe was "blacked out" shortly after midnight and, that it had "very bad contact" with the South American points.

Press Wireless also reported it communications with Europe were disrupted.

A virtually complete "blackout" from New York to Europe and from San Francisco to Manila, Chungking, and Tokyo was reported by RCA. The firm said its communications north and south were "blacked out" by the effects of sunspots. It said, "we're in the worst in some years."

The spots were detected last Friday for the first time.

Pay Raise Offered

U. S. Seeks Peace In Meat Strike

By WILLIAM NEEDHAM
WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Government today offered a 15-cent an hour wage boost—tightly tied to larger subsidies or higher meat prices—as its prescription for settling the meat industry's wage dispute.

The plan proposed last month by a Federal Fair Funding Board immediately into the industry opposition approval by the AFL-CIO union, and a non-unionist attitude by the CIO.

Under its terms five major packer companies were asked to raise the wages of 90,000 production workers 15 cents an hour, absent from the industry's pay scale, and receive added Federal subsidies of price relief to cover the cost.

In Chicago, the American Meat Institute, a trade organization, termed the fact-finders' recommendation "unfair to the industry" and said the companies were unable to absorb any part of the proposed wage increase.

Officers of the Amalgamated Butchers announced that the wage proposal did not meet their demands but that workers' acceptance would be urged at a meeting of his national wage and policy conference in Chicago to act on the proposal.

"In the interim," Clark said, "we will watch with interest what action the Government takes in order to implement the recommendations."

Under the fact-finding plan, the meat packers would pay 7.5 cents an hour for the first 10 hours of work.

Committee Okays Allen

WASHINGTON — The Senate Banking Committee voted 14 to 5 today to give a favorable report on President Truman's nomination of George E. Allen, a presidential adviser, as a director of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

The nomination of the former secretary of the Democratic National Committee now goes to the Senate, where administration lieutenants said they are confident of eventual confirmation.

The committee action came after a one-day hearing in which Allen, 50-year-old former District of Columbia commissioner, told the committee that it confirmed he would give up his \$28,000 job as vice president and secretary of the Home Life Insurance Co. New York to take the \$30,000 Government post for a two-year term.

KEEPING OTHER JOBS

The nominee who said President Truman often had asked him to "double check" on suggested appointments, planned to retain directorships in 23 corporations which he testified boosted his annual income to about \$50,000.

He promised, however, that he would give up the other jobs.

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End In Sight For Ickes

'Honest Harold' Holds Record For Long Time In Cabinet Job

By BERTRAM BENEDICT
WASHINGTON — One aftermath of the fight on the Pauley nomination may well be the departure of Secretary Ickes from the Truman Cabinet. If the nomination is rejected, the praise or blame will be laid primarily at the door of the man who has held the post since the late President's death.

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WEATHER

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Asked whether the President had a rigid formula in mind, Green replied:

"He didn't advise me that he has."

"Did you detect any hope the present industrial situation will clear up in a day or so?" a reporter asked.

"I didn't get any impression that it was immediately clearing up," Green said. "Generalissimo."

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Temperature at 7:30 today, 60 High and low last 24 hours, 64 Sunday, 62 Sunrise tomorrow, 6:30

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