

MEAT WORKERS RETURN MONDAY

CIO Orders 200,000 Back;
U. S. Seizes Plants.

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Leaders in the 30-state steel walkout in which 750,000 C. I. O. steelworkers left their jobs over demands for more pay.

TWO: Movie studio carpenters struck in eight major studios in a flareup of a dispute that precipitated an eight-month film strike last year.

THREE: Negotiations were broken off in an attempt to avert a strike of 200 workers in two Virginia and Kentucky generating plants, scheduled for midnight tomorrow. Union officials said a strike would close mines in both states and idle 150,000 miners.

Steel Effect Widens

Meanwhile, more and more industries felt the impact of the steel strike. The Ford Motor Co. laid off 15,000 workers yesterday and said it would be forced to shut down completely within nine days if the walkout continued.

More than 50,000 miners, railroad workers and employees in allied industries were thrown out of work. Approximately 100,000 "white collar" workers in the steel mills were idle. Automobile tire production was threatened by a lack of lead wire for casings.

All the auto producers, however, were hit by shortages. A summary of planned layoffs indicated that between 250,000 and 300,000 production workers would be idle by Feb. 1.

Tracy Resigns

The national labor crisis was reflected in the official administration family in Washington, where Assistant Secretary of Labor Daniel W. Tracy reportedly had resigned to protest the "triple authority" over the labor department.

Sources close to Mr. Tracy said he was "discouraged and disheartened" because he felt White House advisers were able to exercise veto powers over Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach.

On the west coast, the Waterfront Employers' association moved to avert a coastwise strike of C. I. O. longshoremen scheduled "on or before April 1." Frank P. Folse, association president, suggested a meeting with union leaders to renew negotiations on a 1946 contract.

An electric power workers' strike that would affect 2,500,000 Ohio residents appeared virtually certain today after a local of the Utility Workers of America (C. I. O.) warned the Ohio Edison Co. to prepare for a work stoppage next Wednesday.

The strike would cut off power to most of the northeastern corner of Ohio except for Cleveland.

GOUIN GOVERNMENT FORMED IN FRANCE

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licans had approved M. Gouin's cabinet in writing. As reported by these sources, cabinet selections showed party representation in the ministries was about the same as under DeGaulle.

Ministers of army, armament, foreign and justice remained unchanged, according to unofficial listings which reported the personnel of the new cabinet as follows:

President and defense minister—Felix Gouin, Socialist; ministers of state without portfolio—Maurice Thorez, Communist; Francisque Gay, Popular Republican, and one Socialist not named; immediately, army—Edouard Michelin, Popular Republican; armaments—Charles Tillon, Communist; industrial production—Marcel Paul, Communist; justice—Pierre Henri Teitgen, Popular Republican; foreign—Georges Bidault, Popular Republican.

Population—Robert Prigent, Popular Republican; communications—Eugene Thomas, Socialist; war veterans—Laurent Casanova, Communist; labor—Ambroise Croizat, Communist; education—Marcel Naegelen, Socialist; food—Pierre Longchamp, non-party.

Reconstruction—Francois Billoux, Communist; finance and national economy—Andre Philip, Socialist; colonies—Marie Moutet, Communist; information—Gaston Defferre, Socialist, and agriculture—Pierre Tanguy, Fragment, Socialist.

SHORT SAYS HE WAS 'SCAPEGOATED'

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side as the top general in the war department. He said Garrow had "a direct responsibility to keep me informed" and Miles also was responsible as chief of military intelligence.

He said Stimson could not have been expected to know "the technical things" but "he would expect him to know the policy."

"Then as far as policy goes, he was in there," Ferguson suggested, "yes, sir." Short replied.

The war department prepared, but never filed, 11 charges against Short for the Pearl Harbor disaster, it was disclosed.

PUBLIC SERVICE CO. VOTES DIVIDENDS

Public Service Co. of Indiana, Inc., stockholders of record at the close of business Feb. 15, will be paid regular quarterly dividends in cash on March 1. P. A. Gallagher, president, announced.

The payment of quarterly dividends of \$1.25 per share on the company's 5 per cent cumulative preferred stock and 35 cents per share on common stock was authorized by directors of the company at a meeting of the board yesterday.

Promoted by Firm



'FEMALE FAGIN,' GANG CAUGHT

Loot of 'Butterknife Troupe'
Totals \$60,000.

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Coone, 39, described by police as the "female Fagin."

Arrested were Mrs. Coone's daughter Catherine, 16; Barbara Wais, 16; William Cooper, 17; Edmon Jones, 17, and William Merna, 17.

Police said the older members of the gang were Mrs. Coone, her daughter, Mrs. Virginia Lambertson, 24; the daughter's husband, Harry Lambertson, 31; Albert Varro, 21; Gennaro Rongo, 23, and Richard Emdard, 42. They also were seized in the raid.

Father Dead

Another daughter of Mrs. Coone's, a 14-year-old, was turned over to juvenile authorities. Police said she was "sent to the show" nightly and knew nothing of the burglaries.

"I'm glad daddy doesn't know," she sobbed to police. Seaman Albert Coone died two weeks ago of a heart attack. He had served two years in the Pacific.

The children, their faces smudged and their noses running, watched wide-eyed when the police swooped down.

Blond Bobby Lambertson, 6, grandson of the ringleader, told excitedly how he and his sister Anne, 2, watched the police come. The Lambertsons lived next door to Mrs. Coone.

Had No Supper

"We couldn't go to sleep because we were hungry," he said. "Anne and I didn't have any supper. The policemen said daddy had three guns."

Neighbors said there were drinking parties in either Mrs. Coone's apartment or that of the Lambertsons almost every night. Even youngsters of from 4 to 5 years old had their ration of liquor at these parties, they said. All the children smoked.

Some of the members of the gang were former war workers who lost their jobs when the war ended.

Police were tipped off to the gang by an anonymous call Thursday night. Twelve members were in the apartment when they raided it, but one, believed to be a "fence" for the gang, escaped.

The gang gained entrance to the apartments they robbed by prying open windows which opened on to fire escapes with butter knives.

Robberies Systematic

The male members of the gang handled the robbery end, police said. They worked in groups of from two to four and only robbed apartments in buildings six stories or higher. They never robbed an apartment below the sixth floor for fear of being seen from the street, police said.

Female members of the gang disposed of the loot, police alleged.

Neighbors of Mrs. Coone said that the young men of the gang often carried heavy valises up the stairs in the evening. Police believe this was the loot being delivered to Mrs. Coone's apartment, which was gang headquarters.

Ball set for members of the gang totalled \$130,500.

LUMBERMEN ELECT SWAIN PRESIDENT

Indiana Hardwood Lumberman's association elected Burton F. Swain, Seymour, president at their convention yesterday in Sevier hotel.

Other officers elected were Phillip Foley, Paris, Ill., first vice president; Walter Langhore, Columbia City, second vice president, and Roy G. Brundage, Lafayette, secretary-treasurer.

Three United Nations have notified the UNO that they will be unable to make their second contribution to UNRRA, which has been fixed at 1 per cent of each country's national income. The countries are Brazil, South Africa and Australia.

Dmitri Manuilski of the Ukraine said the secret ballot guaranteed freedom, and added that "real freedom calls for the free nomination of candidates for office."

The all-nation committee will receive the report of the sub-committee which has been examining possible sites in the New York, Boston and Princeton, N. J., areas. The subcommittee is expected back in London next week.

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Brail said her first contribution of \$30,000,000 was actually 10 per cent of her national income. Australia and South Africa begged off because of last year's droughts.

PRODUCE ONION SEED

WASHINGTON—Onion seed are produced in two processes, first the growing of the bulb, then the replanting of the bulbs to produce seed.

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