

# 25 Million Workers Face Layoff if Coal Strike Continues; Steel Mills Cut Production as Fuel Pinch Takes Effect

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shut down two blast furnaces, one at Indiana Harbor and another at South Chicago.

Company officials said five of seven blast furnaces and 14 of 22 open hearths would be closed by the end of the week.

Reynolds Metal Co., Gary, Ind., said it would suspend operations by

the end of next week if steel production was reduced further.

The automobile industry, one of the biggest of steel consumers, also faced a drastic reduction in output when present stocks of coal and steel are used up.

Henry Ford II, president of the Ford Motor Co., said his firm had only a 21-day supply of coal on hand and would be forced to halt production "if there is an extended

coal strike." Ford already had cut production because of a shortage of sheet steel.

George T. Christopher, president of the Packard Motor Co., said the strike would force most automobile industries to shut down within 10 days or two weeks.

Meanwhile, the civilian production administration was prepared to issue orders and recommendations today for conservation of coal by public utilities.

One order would require coal consuming electrical plants to pool their power. State power commissions would be asked to enforce any feasible conservation measures, such as dimouts of advertising signs.

Cutbacks Requested

OPA also expected to ask manufacturers of gas to conserve by halting distribution to consumers whose contracts did not forbid such cutbacks.

It was expected that eastern gas

# 4 STATE STEEL FURNACES COOL

Pennsy, NYC Cut Service Through Indianapolis.

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ville; the 7:30 p. m. from Louisville to Indianapolis, and the 7:05 a. m. from Indianapolis to Columbus.

The discontinuance of the Louisville to Indianapolis train will mean discontinuance of a Pittsburgh sleeper on this train.

From Indiana Harbor came reports that Inland Steel Co. had banked two of its furnaces there, a 16 per cent curtailment of operations. Five furnaces will remain in operation, plant spokesmen announced. And though no immediate layoffs were anticipated, working hours were scheduled to be reduced.

# Dr. Ewing Named RCA Researcher

Appointment of Dr. Douglas Ewing, former bassoonist in the Indianapolis Symphony orchestra, to the post of chief telegraph engineer of the RCA-Engineering Products department was announced today.

Dr. Ewing, Butler university graduate and son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Ewing, 2842 Park ave., will head a group co-operating on television-radar, air navigation research at RCA laboratories at Princeton, N. J.

Dr. Ewing, who received his bachelor's degree from Butler and master's and Ph.D. in physics from the University of Rochester, formerly served as a member of the physics faculty at Smith college. During the war he was assistant to the director of the radiation laboratory at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and chairman of the laboratory's activities overseas.

# Lewis Served Papers for Court Appearance Monday

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nition for immediate use against the coal strike beyond the legal pressure it was putting on Mr. Lewis.

Following through on Monday's restraining order, which Mr. Lewis ignored, the justice department yesterday persuaded Judge Goldsborough to cite the U. M. W. president for contempt.

The restraining order had required Mr. Lewis to revoke the contract termination notice he had served on the government. The government contended that the union's wage contract with the government was not subject to termination and that the termination notice was in effect a strike call.

After Mr. Lewis let the strike deadline pass without action, Assistant Attorney General John F. Sonnett went before Judge Goldsborough to ask that Mr. Lewis be cited for contempt. He filed a petition charging that Mr. Lewis had deliberately disobeyed the restraining order.

New Legal Attack Planned

Judge Goldsborough ordered Mr. Lewis into court Monday to show cause why he should not be punished for contempt. If he fails to convince the judge then, he will go on trial Wednesday before the judge and an "advisory" jury.

The trial time was set for the same hour Judge Goldsborough had fixed for a hearing on the government petition for an injunction against the U. M. W. for alleged breach of contract. Justice department officials expected the two proceedings to be combined.

The government was prepared for a legal attack on Mr. Lewis along still another path.

It already has charged that his contract termination notice violated criminal provisions of the Smith-Connally anti-strike law. Convic-

tion under that law carries a maximum penalty of a \$5000 fine and one year's imprisonment.

The government's contempt petition included an affidavit from navy Capt. N. H. Collison reporting that "substantially all" the soft coal miners had struck.

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THE MOVE to purchase new equipment followed an appeal by a taxpayers committee last month to improve trash collections in the city.

MILLING FIRM MIXES CORN COBS AND COAL

MT. VERNON, Ind., Nov. 22 (U. P.)—A large corn milling plant operated today on a fuel mixture of coal and corn cobs.

The Mt. Vernon Milling Co. found it had only 10 days' supply of coal in its stockpiles. Manager Nelson E. Kelley ordered engineers to mix the cobs with the coal to supplement the dwindling fuel supply in firing the mill's boilers.

Mr. Kelley said the cobs normally were burned as waste in a specially constructed corn burner.

ERECT MEMORIAL TO U. S. SYDNEY, Nov. 22 (U. P.)—A "suitable" memorial will be erected on Gilebe Island to commemorate America's prompt aid to Australia in its hour of crisis.

Provincial Premier William J. McKell, New South Wales, announced today.

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# ECLIPSE OF SUN VISIBLE TOMORROW

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—The sun will be partially eclipsed by the moon tomorrow for people in the United States and Canada. Although the moon already has partially hidden the sun three times this year, this is the first eclipse visible from this area.

The eclipse can be seen in all of Canada and in most of the United States, except parts of California and Arizona. Mid-eclipse occurs about 11 a. m. tomorrow morning in Indianapolis.

The greatest eclipse will occur near the Arctic circle in Greenland. There, 78 per cent of the sun's disk will be hidden. The eclipse will be less as you move westward and southward. Whereas 63 per cent of the sun will be obscured for observers in Augusta, Me., calculations of the U. S. naval observatory show that only 8 per cent of its bright disk will be hidden for observers in Portland, Ore., and Santa Fe, N. M.

Caution should always be used in looking at an eclipse. Do not look directly at the sun—always use smoked glass or dense photographic negatives to watch the moon glide across the sun's face.

DR. DILLEY DIES AT BRAZIL

BRAZIL, Ind., Nov. 22 (U. P.)—Final rites were arranged today for Dr. Frederick C. Dilley, 70, past grand president of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, who died of a heart attack at his home last night.

Dr. Dilley was elected president at the Eagles' 1936 national convention, previously serving as grand trustee and grand medical examiner.

Rationing Possible

The solid fuels administration already is enforcing tight controls on coal mined this week, or in transit between mines and consumers.

Retailers may sell only to householders, utilities, railroads, laundries, hospitals, food processing and refrigeration plants, ships and tugboats with less than a 10-day supply.

Rationing to domestic users was a possibility.

On still another tack, the office of defense transportation was preparing of drastic order for the embargoing of non-essential railroad freight.

The railroads already had announced huge reductions in passenger trains beginning Sunday night.

Circus and other special trains have been banned.

Mobilization of motor carriers was a prospect.

The ODT was having difficulty determining which commodities should receive priority in rail shipment.

"It is no easy thing to determine what freight is absolutely essential," a railroad traffic official said. "You might not think of putting chlorine on the list, but it's used everywhere to purify drinking water."

Mills Bank Furnaces

Also in the Calumet section, Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. shut down two furnaces yesterday, one at Indiana Harbor and another in South Chicago. Reynolds Metal Co., Gary, reported operations might have to be suspended next week if steel production suffers further cuts.

Elsewhere in the state, industries were reporting growing difficulties in the face of the coal shutdown.

In Indianapolis the coal supplies on hand were reported adequate for more than a month. Citizens' Gas and Coke utility reported stock piles for 24 days or more. Indianapolis Power & Light Co. supplies were reported adequate for nearly 60 days, of normal operation.

Stocks of coal in the hands of retailers—stocks which will keep residential furnaces going—were variously estimated at from six weeks to two months supply. Cuts in the usage of coal by utilities and residential consumers presumably could stretch this supply somewhat farther.

# SCHOOLS MAY BUY SURPLUS OPA GEAR

The Indiana district office of price administration will surrender \$37,468 worth of office equipment as surplus material, and schools will be given first chance to buy it.

OPA Director James D. Strickland announced today that the equipment would come from 46 local price-control board offices which no longer operate after the middle of December.

# TO ADDRESS CLUB

The Sciencetech club of Indianapolis will meet at noon Monday at the Y. M. C. A. to hear a talk by Harold B. Hood, Mr. Hood will speak on "Effects of Recent Changes in Federal Trade Mark Legislation."



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