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(Fulton Oursler)

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The steel strike is on. A couple of hours ago C.I.O. President Philip Murray ordered the walk-out to begin at one minute past midnight. But, really, it had already begun. All day long the steel workers left the job in advance, and the great plants closed down. By nightfall, in Pittsburgh, the buildings were dark, the tall chimneys dead -- though they usually spurt fire through the night. Federal mediators worked until the last minute to bring about a settlement of the dispute over a pension-insurance program, but it was no use -- and half a million steel workers are out.

In the world of coal, the word tonight is that John L. Lewis was influenced by heavy pressure from business and the public -- in ordering the hard coal miners of Pennsylvania and the soft coal miners west of the Mississippi River to return to work Monday. But the great majority of miners are concentrated in the soft coal areas

of the east and they are staying out on strike -- in the dispute over the refusal of the companies to make their payments into the Union Welfare Fund.

ATOMIC

In Washington the Atomic Energy Commission split wide open tonight -- when Chairman Brian MacMahon of Connecticut issued a report clearing Chairman Lilienthal of all charges against him. Republican Senator Knowland of California immediately protested that the Democratic Chairman had acted without consulting other members of the Committee. He was joined in the complaint by Senator Hickenlooper of Iowa, who started the atomic investigation by charging that Chairman Lilienthal was guilty of what he called -- "incredible mismanagement."

HUNGARY

Red Hungary has renounced its treaty with Yugoslavia.

Which comes in quick fulfillment of the prediction we had last night - that the Soviet satellites would follow the example of Moscow in breaking treaty connections with Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia, the Red rebel behind the Iron Curtain.

Still later - Red Poland has also renounced its treaty with Yugoslavia. The rush of the satellites is on!

BACK TAXES

Today in New York, an eighty year old woman walked into a federal court, and presented a check for two million dollars. Which must have made some sort of record for the payment of overdue income tax.

She was Mrs. Eleanor Louise Patenotre, heiress of a wealthy Philadelphia family and the widow of a former French Ambassador to the United States. Her income tax case began eighteen years ago, when she sold ^a ~~the~~ newspaper she had inherited, the Philadelphia Inquirer. The price - ten million, five hundred thousand dollars. Which raised her income tax for the year to something like two million. But it was never paid, and the affair started on its way through the courts - ending with ^a ~~the~~ decision that made the eighty year old woman liable to five years in prison.

So today she appeared in court, and asked if she'd be allowed to settle. In her hand she had a certified check for two million dollars drawn on J.P.Morgan and Company. The federal attorney ~~said~~ said that this would be acceptable

to the Attorney General of the United States, and the judge
suspended sentence - taking the check for two million.

LAW STUDENT

At the University of Oklahoma Law School today, a student took his examination for the bar - as remarkable an examination as you will find in the history of the law. He is James L. Powell, Junior, of Muskogee - determined to qualify for his profession, before going blind.

He has already lost the sight of one eye, and cataracts are closing in on the other. There is hope that surgery may save him from blindness - but the operation may make the darkness complete and final. So, before he takes that chance, James Powell wants to have passed his bar examination.

But the sight of his remaining eye is dim -- so they provided him with two powerful magnifying glasses and special flourescent light for final study. Moreover, he is permitted to dictate his answers to questions, instead of writing them. The State Bar Association made arrangements for waiving the usual rules, and the Oklahoma Supreme Court gave its permission.

James Powell is determined to qualify in the profession he selected. He wants to work at what he feels to be his job. But those who have helped him so much - they, too, are doing a job. Their second job.

This expression "Second" comes from a talk I had with a remarkable man - Dr. Albert Schweitzer, scholar of world renown, who for thirty-five years has been a missionary in the African jungle. I had an interview with him, published in the current Readers Digest, and he told me that each one of us has really two jobs - the work he does, and his Second Job.

"In helpfulness to others," he said, "every man can find on his own doorstep adventures for the soul - our surest source of true peace and lifelong satisfaction." So that's our Second Job - doing good to our fellow man.

He related all this to the forgiveness of injuries, and said: "The moment we understand and feel sorry for the next man and forgive him, we wash ourselves - and it is a cleaner world." A great phrase from a great Christian.

PRECEDE RECORDING

Tonight's broadcast from Lowell Thomas was made in the crossing of Karo Pass, seventeen thousand feet high - on his way into Tibet. Karo Pass is the place where, on the return journey, Lowell had his mishap - his horse making a false step on the perilous trail, and throwing the rider. Lowell narrowly escaped with his life, saved by his son - and the ~~danger~~ danger of the trail is pictured vividly in this recorded broadcast by Lowell Thomas.

END

Well, I wonder if Lowell Thomas, on his way back, got the story of the glittering porker. He was injured at just about this place, and it's difficult to figure. We'll have to wait for his own account of what happened. Meanwhile here is Nelson Case.