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(Given by Fulton Oursler)

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

As this broadcast begins, we are approaching -- the midnight deadline set for a strike against the Ford Motor Company. All day long the news seems to indicate that an agreement was near -- a contract providing for retirement pensions for workers. However, the Union went right ahead, making obvious preparations for a strike. So we are now left with only a brief space of time before we learn whether there will be a strike or not. The latest, just off the wire. The union has ordered the Ford Workers to stay on the job "at least a couple of hours." At the great Riva Rouge plant, the local union president said the union had ordered all men to report on regular shifts "until further notice." So there is still hope.

STEEL

The Steel Workers Union turns down the offer made by the industry. The United States Steel Corporation today proposed an insurance pension plan of the kind the Union wants, but insisted that the steel workers themselves must also make a contribution. That offer, made this afternoon, was immediately rejected. C.I.O. President Philip Murray called it a "disguised wage cut," and handed down an ultimatum insisting that five hundred thousand steel workers would strike at one minute past midnight Saturday morning, unless the Companies agree to pay the full cost of the welfare program.

ADD STRIKE

In the coal strike, the Governor of Virginia has declared a state of emergency. Governor Tuck says the tie-up of the coal mines is a national peril, and he says he'll put the state in the coal-mining business - "to keep Virginia warm."

The latest. The Mine Union has ordered fifteen thousand miners in Virginia to go back to work for the State -- if the state takes over.

PINEAPPLE

The violence appears to have died down in the Oregon strike disturbance. Today two hundred and fifty longshoremen, at The Dalles, Oregon, smashed through a police line swinging axes, sledge-hammers and throwing rocks. They assailed crews unloading pineapples from strike-ridden Hawaii - - a cargo blacklisted by the Union. It was an ugly disturbance -- but ^{all} ~~they~~ appears to have ~~gone~~ ^{ed down} quiet with the approach of nightfall.

BRITAIN

The world's great master of epigram and biting phrase, had his say today - Winston Churchill, taking the floor for the opposition in the House of Commons. Churchill's contention was that the British need a change in government to deal with the crisis brought about by the devaluation of the Pounds, and the situation created by the disclosure of an atomic explosion in Soviet Russia. So he called for an early general election, in

~~Great Britain. The wartime Prime Minister put it in these words: "It is high time for another Parliament. All our difficulties will have a better chance of being solved in a new House of Commons." Thereby expressing the hope that a general election would bring in a Conservative government to take the place of the Labor Party.~~


~~Churchill blasted the Socialist regime, all along the line, and the House of Commons was in an uproar - cheers from the Conservatives, protests from the Laborites. For his climax, he lashed out at the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, High Priest of British Socialism. He pointed out how~~

Cripps, yesterday, admitted the dangerous dilemma in which the British people find themselves. Churchill said it was a confession of Labor Party failure, and he rounded this off with a Churchilian epigram: "Confession," said he, "is good for the soul. But, after confession, comes repentance - not power." Winston Churchill calling upon the Labor Party to repent - and be defeated in a general election.

ATOMIC

A report from abroad tells of an atomic explosion in Soviet Russia - but not in the test of a bomb. A newspaper at Amsterdam, Holland, states that a great Russian atomic center blew up. The place is referred to as "Atom City", and the Dutch newspaper says it exploded (QUOTE) with tremendous force, killing all Russian, and non-Russian scientists (END QUOTE).

This is said to have happened last spring, but we have no further proof, ~~than the statement which the Amsterdam paper attributes to a correspondent.~~



BOYS

At Chicago, two boys who had a thrill, strange and wild - and tonight they are being told of the ghastly danger they were in. Heaven was good to those two lads - and now they know the kind of horror they missed.

A couple of Chicago detectives happened to notice two teen agers, sneaking up an embankment of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad. They saw the two boys go to the tracks, and squeeze themselves under the ties. The ground happened to be hollow there, a shallow trench -- and they lay looking up through the railroad ties. The detectives, utterly mystified, jumped in and grabbed them.

The lads were Raymond Salaman and Thomas Collins, aged sixteen and fifteen respectively. They said they were waiting for the trains to come roaring over. "We were doing it just for a kick," they explained. "We like to lie under the tracks and watch the trains go by." They had done this several times, while six fast suburban trains thundered over them. They ^{had} watched from below in the crashing noise and turmoil.

They didn't think there was any danger. But today they were told that a railroad train often lets out scalding steam and hot water from the boiler of the locomotive - and they were in danger of being cooked alive.

~~An example of how headless youth can be, taking risks that youth never suspects.~~

PRECEDE RECORDING

Here's a news dispatch from New Delhi, India, reading as follows: "The United States Embassy announced today that a rescue team would be sent immediately to the aid of Radio Commentator Lowell Thomas, hurt in a fall from a horse, and stranded in the Himalayan region of Tibet. A report from an Indian mission at Lhasa said that Thomas was suffering from 'some fever', but that his condition was not critical."

So states this United Press dispatch, with the further information that the rescue team consists of American ^{Vice} Consul Roy Bisbeen, Embassy nurse Emily Bateman, and a surgeon of the Indian Army. "They will have to travel," says the dispatch, "by plane, by road, and finally on foot, to reach Thomas in the rugged mountain region."

Word from Lowell himself indicates that the rescue team is likely to meet him as he travels in a sedan chair by Himalayan caravan.

Meanwhile, we have another ~~recorded~~ broadcast from the expedition, as it made its way to Lhasa - Lowell Thomas

having been in that Forbidden City and on his way out, when he was injured. The story, a radio recording, sent out by caravan, gives a graphic picture of the dangers along the trail, which finally led to the accident in which Lowell Thomas, Junior, apparently saved his father's life. Tonight's recorded broadcast from Tibet is by Lowell Thomas Junior.

FOLLOW RECORDING

That was Lowell Thomas, Junior, telling of the trip of peril and fantasy - and telling it well - and now the American Embassy in Delhi is sending a rescue team headed by a Vice-Consul, to bring out Lowell Thomas, injured in this Himalayan adventure. Tomorrow we'll have another broadcast from the expedition, as it was on its way to the capital city of the Dalai Lama. And finally an important piece of baseball news -- a tie again in the American League race! In the game tonight, Washington 2, Boston 1. And now, back to Nelson Case.