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The Post Office Department's more revenue for the Post Office from these sources:

- Post and postal cards, \$38,000,000;
- second class matter, \$13,000,000;
- third class, \$23,000,000;
- fourth class, \$40,000,000;
- registered mail, \$4,000,000.

The rest of the \$130,000,000 would come from services not extensively used.

Percentage-wise, the biggest increase is in the rate for post and postal cards. This would be doubled from one cent to three cents a card. The Post Office Department claims it now loses 18 cents on each of the 3,000,000,000 cards it handles annually.

The bill makes no change in the present free rural delivery service provided for small weekly and monthly publications. The rate of publication (Neither would there be any hikes over 10 cents on other publications delivered in the county of publication.)

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N. C. Woman Found Strangled

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—A 25-year-old blonde woman was found strangled with a brazeer in a small Magnolia St. apartment last night.

The woman apparently died a short time after she was last reported seen at 2:30 A. M. Monday.

Mrs. Gladys Kendrick, 25, who occupies an adjoining apartment, police are scuffling in the Gullitory apartment early Monday.

Shanghai Power, Docks Are Bombed

TAIPEI, Formosa—(AP)—Nationalist heavy bombers smashed the American-owned power plant and the Kiangnan docks yards in Shanghai today.

It was the third straight day of raids for Shanghai and the first of the mass attacks the Nationalists warned ten Chinese cities yesterday to expect.

Two ships in port received direct hits. One was a 5,000-ton freighter and the other a 3,000-ton vessel, an official announcement said.

Railway Unions Vote To Strike

CHICAGO (AP)—Members of two operating railway unions have voted to strike for a 40-hour week, the unions announced today.

A spokesman, however, said that does not mean a strike is imminent. He said that under procedures of the National Railway Mediation Act a strike could not possibly occur before late Spring.

The two unions are the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the Order of Railway Conductors. Together they represent a total union membership of about 200,000 rail workers.

95 per cent of them approved a strike. No strike date has been set and probably will not be before the end of this week or the first of next week, the spokesman said.

Issues in the dispute, almost a year old, concern adoption of the 40-hour week and other wage and working benefits. The demands were served on the roads Monday. The 40-hour direct bargaining conference between the disputants began Sept. 22, 1948.

The union spokesman said "no progress was made in approaching the railroad companies through direct negotiations it was quite apparent that the railroad companies were determined to adopt voluntarily the 40-hour week for men and women. It was not until late effect certain other wage and working improvements were requested. The attitude on the part of management seemed to be that it would be long enough to do so when compelled to."

The National Railway Mediation Board took jurisdiction in the dispute on Jan. 16 and has been meeting since without progress. The next steps in the dispute are for the unions to set a strike date and for President Truman to appoint an emergency board to investigate and report to him.

As the emergency panel automatically freezes the situation until the parties make a report to the board and for 30 days thereafter. This report, even if unacceptable to the parties, may be the basis for further negotiations.

Report On A Candidate—III Reynolds Maps Vigorous Fight

By C. A. MCKNIGHT
WASHINGTON (AP)—The Federal Government today handed the nation a report on the Communist problem of the atomic age.

The report, issued by the Atomic Energy Commission, is based on studies made largely in Washington and New York.

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Bus Seized At Knife Point On Crowded N. Y. Street

NEW YORK (AP)—A tall, dark, handsome longshoreman saw his bus seized at knife point on a crowded New York street today.

The police pulled up the bus. One drew a gun and shouted 'Get out of the bus!'

The chase led near a crowd of onlookers on the street.

Hearings Are Ended In Dispute Court Order Is Next Step

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman's fact-finding board ended its hearings on the coal dispute today and went to work on a report to the White House.

The members said they hoped to make the report by Saturday—two days ahead of the deadline set when they took on the job.

Once the President gets the report he can ask Attorney General Tom C. Clark to order for the 370,000 striking coal miners to go back to work.

John L. Lewis, leader of the miners, and the court speakers talked today for nearly eight hours yesterday. They ended their hearings on the coal dispute today.

Cole said he thought the board-sponsored bargaining sessions would be helpful in reaching an agreement and the operators in eventually reaching a contract.

"The general atmosphere is considerably cleared," he said.

Cole said that the board had heard a great deal of evidence and that the issues on which the parties are deadlocked now are crystallized and the present bargaining sessions are considered favorable.

Cole said the "outlook" in which the bargaining sessions were held was "not too unfavorable."

He preferred to leave them in that position, he said.

He never did say just what were the main points of controversy or who seemed to be the big sign in reaching an agreement. He said the operators for the operators did not share Cole's view that yesterday's bargaining sessions had laid proper prospects for an eventual agreement.

W. M. Moody, president of the Southern Coal Producers Association, said he was "pleased" to see the report. "We owe it to the public to say frankly that the negotiations with the miners yesterday were fruitless so far as any progress toward a settlement of the coal controversy is concerned."

"We are as we have been for some time past, in a deadlock on the issues involved."

Moody said that the report seemed to be a "surrender" to the miners. He said that the operators could not take "in fairness" to the coal industry and the public the fact that the report was a "surrender" to the miners.

"The Southern producers' present view is the board's bulky report of statements and statistics to support its case."

Moody said a 128-page study prepared for the association by Dr. J. H. Moore, a coal expert, was recommended for reprinting.

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Two Admit Part In Rose Robbery

NEW YORK (AP)—Two men have admitted and have been charged with the slaying of a \$25,000 gem and fur robbery at the Manhattan Hotel last week.

The announcement was made by Police Commissioner William F. O'Brien. It came after the two had been questioned for hours by top-ranking members of the police department.

The commissioner said that three other men also were being sought.

He identified the two men in custody as Andrew Fitzsimons, 24, and Joseph J. Williams, 24. Both men have long police records, O'Brien said.

Air Expert Says Russians Ahead In Plane Production

WASHINGTON (AP)—An American aviation expert said today that the Soviet Union is ahead in the number of military planes it has in service.

However, said John P. Victory, executive secretary of the National Aeronautics Administration, the United States is ahead in the number of military planes it has in service.

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