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WAR THREAT WEAKENS AT LONDON PARLEY

Editorials on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
THIS question, in one form or another, is on every lip: "Will there be war in Europe as a result of Hitler's thumbing his nose at the treaties which forbid him to move German troops up to the Rhine?"

THE answer, as things stand today, is: "Probably not, right away, unless some startling incident, like the killing of the Austrian archduke in 1914, should occur to inflame the passions of the already excited populations that are concerned in the situation."

Europe isn't yet quite ready to fight. For one thing, most of Europe doesn't just know how a modern war, which is staggeringly costly, could be financed.

Easy, kindly, gullible old Uncle Sam was flimflammed into financing the bulk of the World War. The process was first to buy from him, on credit, the things needed to fight with, and then to BORROW from him the money with which to pay his bills.

Farther along in the game, he was flattered into getting into the war on his own account in order to "make the world safe for democracy." After that, he was a partner in the business and his associates pushed off onto his shoulders the job of doing the PAYING.

Uncle Sam, in the World war, was about the easiest mark it was ever Europe's good fortune to meet.

BUT Uncle Sam isn't feeling so kindly and generous and expansive as he was back in World War days. For one thing, he has been forced to realize that in the World war

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Overhead Crossing to Rise at Green

\$40,000 SET AS PROBABLE COST OF WORK
Project Indicated in Word From State Road Body; Change in Highway Will Follow.

Immediate construction of an overhead crossing at Green, between Shady Point and Kelley's Korner, is indicated by an announcement received by the county court this morning from the state highway department, which notified the court that application has been made to the public utilities commission for a date for a hearing on the proposed grade separation.

The construction of the overhead structure is expected to be followed by a change in the location of the highway between Shady Point and Kelley's Korner, eliminating several sharp and dangerous curves.

The proposed crossing, according to plans drawn by the bridge department, will consist of a concrete structure 288 feet in length and carrying a 26-foot roadbed with sidewalks. The deck will be 27 feet above the level of the railroad tracks.

The estimated cost of the structure is \$40,000. A delegation from the Roseburg chamber of commerce and county court appeared before the state highway commission yesterday with a request for improvement of the highway between Roseburg and Kelley's Korner, and it is anticipated the commission will take action in the near future to contract the proposed road changes, particularly south of Shady Point.

The present plan is to continue the highway southward from the present Shady Point grade crossing, keeping the road on the east side of the railroad tracks to a point a short distance south of the Green station.

Here the road will turn on a wide curve and cross the tracks on the concrete overhead structure, and will connect in a straight line with the present road at Kelley's Korner.

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DOCTOR CONVICTED OF DOUBLE MURDER

LONDON, March 13.—(AP)—A jury convicted Dr. Buck Ruxton, Indian-blooded physician, of first degree murder today in connection with the slaying of his wife and nursemaid. The verdict was returned at the end of his long summing-up, Judge Singleton referred to testimony that part of one body found in the ravine called the "Devil's Beef-Tab" had been wrapped in a romper suit of one of Dr. Ruxton's children.

Old Man Jinx Spreads Out His Talons Friday, 13th, Flouted and Heded

100 Per Cent Defiance
CHICAGO, March 13.—(AP)—Thirteen business and professional men went to some inconvenience and no little expense today to thumb their noses at that Friday the 13th jinx.

All members of Anti-Superstition club, they rented room 1313 in an exclusive hotel for an orgy of salt-spilling, under-ladder walking, black cat baiting and mirror breaking.

Nathaniel Leverone, president, plans to smash a mirror at 6:13 p. m., to begin the banquet.

The menu includes "black cat cocktails," "fruit a la jinx" and "coffin ice cream."

A bride's garter, a shoe tossed at a married couple, a beggar's ring and a "good luck" pin picked up by a man who was killed by a taxicab as he stooped to pick it up.

Superstitious Smith

LA GRANDE, Ore., March 13.—(AP)—Because today is Friday the thirteenth, Judd Smith, local restaurateur man who has just completed a three-day spring cleaning and painting job, refused to open his place of business until tomorrow.

The work is all done—but Smith just isn't taking any chances, although he's paying a full day's wages to every member of his staff just to enjoy a 24-hour vacation.

Not only does Smith frown on Friday the thirteenth, but he shuns anything with a "thirteen" tacked onto it.

Harbinger of Joy

BELLINGHAM, March 13.—(AP)—Elaine Compton, who has thirteen letters in her name and who weighed 13 pounds at birth, was celebrating her 13th birthday today, Friday the 13th. The figures of her street address also total 13.

13 Family Favorite

CHICAGO, March 13.—(AP)—The Ryerson family believes in 13. Bob Ryerson, 13 years old today, will have 13 friends at his Friday the 13th birthday party. His father was 13 on a Friday, September 13, and his grandfather's birthday was December 13.

Rise at Green

RELIEF ROLL SLASH BEGUN IN ALL AREAS
Able-Bodied Persons Will Be Shifted to Jobs as Fast as Available, Vovt States.

Efforts to remove all able-bodied persons from relief rolls as rapidly as seasonal and other employment becomes available have been started by the state and county relief committees, Franklyn Vovt, relief director for Douglas county reports.

The local relief office, he states, is anxious to receive applications from all persons who can employ common farm labor or can use men and women in any other works classifications.

"There has been established in all larger communities," Vovt says, "a relief sub-committee, which can be notified of available jobs, and persons able to furnish employment will be regularly contacted by case-workers, who will have lists of employable persons."

"In Douglas county the national employment office should be notified by those persons seeking laborers. The local office, of which Frank Chase is manager, is located in the courthouse."

Name Filing Asked. Mr. Chase requests that all employables listed on relief rolls file their names with his office for farm jobs. The relief committee has also resolved, Mr. Vovt states, that all

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FRED ASTAIRE STILL NURSES GRIEVANCE

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., March 13.—(AP)—Fred Astaire took a cue from the title of his next scheduled movie and told R.K.O. studio, "I won't dance."

Negotiations over his new contract struck jarring notes today, as Astaire declared, "I don't know whether the outcome will be that I leave the studio or not."

Film circles discussed three possible causes of dispute between the agile dancing star and the company which has featured him with Ginger Rogers, Texas red-head, in recent productions.

They were Astaire's rumored demands for: 1. More money than his past \$250,000 earnings in five movies. 2. Solo starring. 3. Fewer pictures per year.

Money Put up To Smash N. Y. Strike, Charge

NEW YORK, March 13.—(AP)—James J. Bambrick, leader of the building workers strike, today asked Father Charles E. Coughlin, radio priest, to publicize his charges that federal money is being used to crush his strike.

Bambrick, local head of the Building Service Employees union, telegraphed Father Coughlin, that "banks of New York have concentrated campaign to crush the Building Service Employees union."

"They are refusing mortgages to any owner who signs contracts with the union for a raise in pay," the telegram continued. "They are pouring out millions of dollars a day hiring strike-breakers and thugs from all over the country to break the strike."

Bambrick added he had telegraphed Jesse Jones, chairman of the reconstruction finance corporation board, protesting against alleged use of federal money for the administration, regardless of any revisions for "cashion" reserves.

Chairman Samuel B. Hill (D., Wash.) said he believed the tentative schedule "will bring in \$620,000,000, although it may not be exactly that."

A rate starting at 15 per cent on the first five per cent of undivided net corporate income and amounting to 55 per cent on 25 per cent or more of undistributed profits has received the most serious consideration of the subcommittee.

Knotty Angle Studied. Hill said the members spent two hours this morning trying to untangle the knotty problem of how to prevent foreign holders of stock in American corporations from escaping taxation on dividends.

"We are no nearer a solution," Hill said. "The problem is: How to levy a tax and at what rate to have a reasonably just tax on dividends that go to foreign stockholders, either individual or corporate. No particular plan is in mind."

Hill expressed opinion the subcommittee would not recommend that a corporation be allowed to set aside for reserves, entirely exempt from taxation, some portion of its earnings.

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Indian Theater Will Help Movement for Purchase of New Uniforms.

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BRUNO STILL THINKS HE'LL ESCAPE CHAIR

TRENTON, N. J., March 13.—(AP)—Bruno Richard Hauptmann, his last reprieve deadline passed at midnight last night, paced his cell today still convinced he would not die for the kidnap-slaying of the Lindbergh baby.

Gov. Harold G. Hoffman, who stated Hauptmann's execution on January 17, announced yesterday that he does not intend to grant a new reprieve; that, in fact, he has no legal power to do so now.

Hauptmann told his chief counsel, C. Lloyd Fisher, he is confident he will somehow win a new reprieve. Fisher did not tell him of Hoffman's announcement.

The governor, despite his announcement, continued his investigation today of the Lindbergh crime, which, he has said, he believes is not completely solved.

In sharp contrast to Hauptmann's hopeful attitude, Charles Zied, Philadelphia thug condemned to die in the electric chair the same night as Hauptmann, three weeks hence, was resigned to his fate.

Hauptmann's execution date was set for the week of March 30; Zied was placed for the same week and Warren Mark Kimberling settled on a double execution.

BANK BANDIT BENZ NABBED BY G-MEN

BROOKLYN, March 13.—(AP)—Edward Benz, sought in Vermont, Pennsylvania and North Carolina on charges of bank robbery, today was captured by four department of justice agents trying to escape through the cumb water of an apartment which they had besieged with tear gas.

Benz, the arresting agents said, had been mentioned in connection with the kidnaping of George Weyerhaeuser in Tacoma, Wash., last spring.

The raided apartment was occupied by a man who described himself as Louis Philip. With him were his wife and their three children. They emerged into the corridor of the first floor apartment when the first gas bomb was thrown over the transom.

Other tenants, attempting to flee the gas fumes, were blocked by the agents, who hurried upstairs to guard against Benz' escape. They dragged him from the dumb water shaft on the third floor, clad only in his underwear.

SEATTLE, March 13.—(AP)—Edward Benz, former Tacoma man, captured in Brooklyn, N. Y., today by federal agents, has been a fugitive in connection with the \$50,000 holdup of a Colfax, Whitman county, bank in 1933.

He jumped \$15,000 bond after being arrested in Dallas, in May, 1935, for the Colfax robbery.

J. Charles Dennis, U. S. district attorney here, said Benz is not under indictment in the kidnaping of last May. Benz was mentioned as a suspect at the time.

BENEFIT PROGRAM FOR BAND PLANNED

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The proceeds from ticket sales will be turned over to the band to be applied to the purchase of new uniforms.

Speaking of the forthcoming entertainment, Mr. Radabaugh said this morning: "Our theater is glad to cooperate in the effort to raise funds for the new uniforms so badly needed by our band. We have secured a fine picture, which is a riot of fun, and when added to Snap Gilmore's special numbers we can assure a show that will easily be worth double the price of admission."

Every effort is being made to assist the band in securing uniforms for appearances during the coming summer months, when the organization will be called upon for numerous services in connection with the major conventions to be held in Roseburg. These appearances will be in addition to the usual weekly concerts of the summer season.

Civic clubs, particularly the University club and Lions club, have already contributed to the fund through home talent plays, and a substantial additional amount is being raised this week through direct solicitation.

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\$450,000 LISTED FOR UMPQUA JETTY

An appropriation of \$450,000 for the south jetty at the mouth of the Umpqua river is the second in magnitude of the Oregon projects added by amendment to the rivers and harbors bill, the Washington correspondent of the Oregon Journal reports. The senate appropriations committee amendment to the war department bill would, if enacted, provide funds for a number of Oregon projects.

The largest is the sum of \$2,425,000 for numerous items in connection with Bonneville dam. The Umpqua south jetty proposal is next in order. The sum of \$184,000 for Coos bay is included.

Chloroforming Idea For Feeble Minded Children Again Endorsed

PORTLAND, Ore., March 13.—(AP)—Dr. Alexander Goldenweiser, nationally-known authority on sociology and anthropology, agreed with a contemporary today that hopelessly feeble-minded children should be chloroformed.

UMPUA CLOSING PLEA TO BE STUDIED

PORTLAND, Ore., March 13.—(AP)—The Oregon state game and fish commission voted today to halt asserted fish bootlegging by rescinding the privilege for sportsmen to sell fish caught with hook and line in non-commercial waters.

A group of Roseburg citizens requested that use of nets in the Umpqua river be prohibited. The commission voted to defer action on the matter until the next meeting, April 14, when a more complete study could be made.

PITCAIRN ISLAND STRUCK BY DROUGHT

LOS ANGELES, March 13.—(AP)—Drought has struck the romantic island of Pitcairn, settled by mutineers of the British warship Bounty in the 18th century, word received here said today.

A letter from Fred M. Christian, descendant of the leading colonizer of the South Sea island, told Philes Cook of how lack of rain had prevented a harvest.

CHURCHES LAUD RAP AT BEER DISPENSERS

PORTLAND, Ore., March 13.—(AP)—The executive committee of the Portland Council of Churches lauded city officials who opposed imposing fines on minors buying liquor and easing the responsibility of dispensers.

Mayor Joseph Carson and other city officials declared the dispensers should be held strictly to account for selling liquor to youths.

"I believe when public officials and groups of business men outside the church take a stand in defense of youth, the least a church group can do is to commend them," said Dean Anderson, chairman of the church youth commission.

FROM THE HEADLINES

"Poppeye Wins War With Brutia"
Poppeye and good old Wimpy have won the Brutian war, in a way that no one ever thought of winning wars before: With good two-fisted fighting and spinach-fed marines, he defeated all the Brutians, who live on pork and beans.

Of course he used some "stragety" to get the Brutian guns; but it was a brilliant victory for all his native sons.

A war that's in the comics is really awfully funny; it doesn't cost a million lives, and billions in good money. But wars, in fact, are serious things and, even when you win 'em, there is loss for all who do not go and death for those that's in 'em.

MURDERER SELZ DRAWS LIFE TERM

SAN QUENTIN, Calif., March 13.—(AP)—Life imprisonment behind San Quentin's drab walls today for an eccentric Ralph Jerome Selz.

The 27-year-old adventurer pleaded guilty to the first degree murder of Mrs. Mada French Rice, was sentenced to life and brought here from Redwood City all in the space of a few hours yesterday.

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LEGION ADVOCATES DEFENSE MEASURES
PORTLAND, Ore., March 13.—Three hundred American Legion and auxiliary members urged today that legislation be enacted to insure permanent neutrality and to take the profit out of war.

At a mass meeting here the Legionnaires also recommended military training of civilian forces, maintenance of strong defense and compulsory military training in state institutions of higher education.

Sharp curbing of communistic activities and deportation of undesirable aliens also was urged.

"All we want is assurance that our borders will not be violated," said State Legion Commander George D. Koehn.

PLUMBER WORKING UNDER HOUSE DIES
MEDFORD, Ore., March 13.—(AP)—John W. Stroub, a plumber, died of a heart attack late yesterday, as he worked under a house in this city, the coroner reported today.

According to his companions, Stroub was hesitant about crawling under the building.

DOOR KEPT OPEN FOR OFFER FROM GERMANY; ITALY REFUSES TO JOIN IN SANCTIONS PLAN.

LONDON, March 13.—(AP)—An official communique issued tonight said a "closer approximation of views" had been reached between the Locarno treaty signatories.

"A small committee of ministers representing the signatory powers of the Locarno treaty continued during the day its examination of the situation.

"As the discussion proceeded, it was noted with satisfaction that a closer approximation of views had become apparent.

"The next meeting of the committee will take place tomorrow."

At the same time, it was officially announced, the league of nations council will meet, as scheduled tomorrow to hear the French and Belgians state their cases against Germany, after which the council will adjourn until Monday.

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LONDON, March 13.—A high authority stated today that Italy had flatly refused to impose sanctions against Germany shortly after the British foreign office announced: "The door is still open for Germany to make any kind of an offer it wishes."

The Italian action was regarded as a stumbling block in the way of the French demand that military and economic sanctions be applied against Germany for sending troops into the Rhineland.

Russia had been supporting France in demanding these sanctions. So had Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia and Rumania, the members of the League of Nations.

\$50,000 VOTED FOR TOWNSEND INQUIRY

WASHINGTON, March 13.—(AP)—The house today voted \$50,000 to defray expenses of its special bi-partisan committee investigating the Townsend and other old age pension plans.

Supporters of the Townsend movement to pay \$200 a month pensions to those over 60 charged the amount was excessive and forced a roll call on the question of whether the resolution for the fund should be open to amendment.

Speaker Byrns announced the vote on this question as 241 to 112 against any amendments.

The resolution providing \$50,000 was then adopted on a voice vote.

Some suggested the committee be given only \$10,000, while others contended no investigation was needed.

Representative Monaghan (D., Mont.), charged there had been "tricky procedure" in adoption of a revised resolution authorizing the investigation.

After Speaker Byrns warned him against engaging in personalities, he was persuaded to withdraw the remark. Some members thought Monaghan had cast reflections on Chairman Bell (D., Mo.), of the investigating committee.

Rules for Jobless Insurance Tax Issued by Federal Government

WASHINGTON, March 13.—(AP)—The internal revenue bureau today published regulations governing payment of the unemployment insurance tax, due next Jan. 31, under the social security act.

All employers of eight or more persons are subject, with certain exceptions, to the tax. The rate this year is one per cent on payrolls, next year two per cent and thereafter three per cent.

Those who offer services to the public were held to be independent contractors and not subject to the tax. In this group are physicians, lawyers, dentists, veterinarians, contractors, subcontractors, public stenographers and auctioneers.

The act provides that employers