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Stroke of Lightning in Bolivia

FOR more than two years, American newspapermen, diplomats, business men, and all sorts and conditions of visitors have been describing Nazi penetration into South America.

From the hysterical reports that Germany was about to take over the whole continent by telephone, to the pool-pool reassurances that they weren't really getting anywhere, there have been reports of all degrees of torridity. No report has ever denied that the Nazis are there, doing what they can.

Over this somewhat murky picture the story of the frustration by timely Bolivian action of a potential "putsch" there by Nazi sympathizers illumines like a flash of lightning.

Bolivia is a country which has powerful German influence. The Bolivian army was German trained. Officers from Germany who helped train and direct it in the Chaco war remained afterward. Many young Bolivian army officers have sentimental and professional attachment not only to things German, but to things Nazi.

That in the very face of all these facts, the Bolivian government had the courage to kick out the German minister and arrest squads of powerful and influential people, argues that it felt the menace was very real. Bolivia moved first.

The South American situation sums up to this: In no country is there a people, or even a large popular minority, which likes or wants Nazism. But in almost every country there is a small and powerful minority of army men and reactionaries who do admire the Nazi regime, and who will be so inflated by final Nazi success in the war that they are almost certain to grasp for power immediately.

In certain countries they might well succeed. Bolivia was one of them, and hence Bolivia has shown both wisdom and courage in squelching the conspiracy before some signal from Europe gave it the go-ahead.

It boils down to this: If Nazism is defeated and discredited in Europe, it will gain no foothold in the Americas. If it is successful, no country will ever be safe from the kind of outbreak which Bolivia has just squelched.

The Farm Price Dilemma

IN these days when strenuous efforts are being made to keep prices from rising, the question of prices of farm products is a touchy one. Generally speaking, the prices of farm products have never gotten up to the point where economists believe farm income is satisfactory.

Leon Henderson, administrator of the office of price administration and civilian supply (OPACS) has clarified present policy. The government still wants higher farm income. Demand for meat, dairy and poultry products is rising. To stimulate greater production of these things, the government proposes to take the risk of guaranteeing higher minimum prices, yet not setting maximum prices. It would set a top on those prices only if they begin to get out of hand.

On the other hand, the OPACS has already acted to halt rises in prices of farm machinery, putting the farmer in a position to

benefit still farther from higher prices for his hogs, milk and chickens.

There will be a good deal of this balancing and counter-balancing as price variations become more complex. Trial and error, mixed with a heavy leaven of patience and honest effort to cooperate, are all that can pull us through.

'Breaks' for Soldiers

UNEMPLOYMENT insurance legislation was written by the states before the defense drive. Most such laws provide benefits based on earnings for the year preceding the claim.

Suppose a man had been earning \$2000 a year. He would have a substantial unemployment benefit coming if he lost his job. But if he were suddenly inducted into the army, and served a year at \$250-\$350, at the end of that time his unemployment benefit would have evaporated. Should he find himself workless on discharge, and seek unemployment insurance, the figure would be based on his army pay for the previous year, and the benefit accrued by his civilian work at much higher wages would have evaporated.

About half of the states have already revised their unemployment insurance laws to freeze benefits at the time a man is drafted, according to the American Public Welfare association. It's hard to see how any state can justify do less.

Editorials on News

(Continued from page 1.)

Smolensk.

Reservists, these Russians in London say, are now massing for this great counter-attack.

One of the oldest of military maxims is that victory goes to the side with the reserves to throw in after the other side's reserves are gone.

IN London "authoritative quarters" say the Russian position is complicated by Russian counter-attacks BY-PASSING advancing Germans and then attacking their lines of communications.

The last two weeks are said (by these quarters) to have demonstrated that German panzer attacks are of little value in Russia because the Russians close in around them, cut off their supplies and then destroy the tanks.

BEFORE getting all hopped up over these optimistic reports, take a tip from Churchill, who is obviously scared of wishful thinking and delivered one of his characteristic pessimistic warnings the other day, telling the British to keep their belts pulled tight in preparation for ANYTHING.

THE Japs, it develops, were almost hasty in their apologies for the bombing of an American gunboat at Chungking, getting to American Ambassador Grew in Tokyo before the censored news of the incident reached this country. At the same time, the chief aide of the Japanese navy visited the American naval attache in Tokyo to express regrets.

Frozen-faced Sumner Welles, acting secretary of state, says curtly in Washington that the Japanese apologies are insufficient to "close the incident," adding that this government awaits a more complete reply from Japan.

This writer's guess:

The Japs' prompt apology for the gunboat bombing is designed to say to this country that they AREN'T getting out of bounds.

Welles' frosty reply is designed to say to the Japs that getting out of bounds is THEIR lookout, and to be CAREFUL.

GLIMMER of business sense on the home front:
It is announced in Washington that hereafter we'll buy from Canada strategic minerals, which we do need, instead of high-priced gold, of which we have quite a plenty.

Arrive From East—Mr. and Mrs. "Bud" Goetz arrived here yesterday from Washington, D. C., to spend a month visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Goetz, and other relatives and friends.

WEATHER STATISTICS

By U. S. Weather Bureau

Humidity 4:30 p.m. yesterday 51%
Highest temperature yesterday 76
Lowest temperature last night 48
Precipitation for 24 hours.....0
Precip. since first of month.....0
Precip. from Sept. 1, 1940 30.86
Deficiency since Sept. 1, 1940 1.71

Softball League Title Won by the Dunham Players

Dunham's Transfermen became champions of the city softball league for the first half of the season's schedule by virtue of a decisive 12 to 4 victory last night over Boucock's Butchers. In the second game of the doubleheader on Finlay field, Coquille defeated a Texaco-Montgomery Ward team 14 to 10 in a free-hitting loosely-played contest.

Playing off the tie for the first half league championship, the Transfermen rallied behind the pitching of their stellar hurler, Kenny Laurance to pound 15 hits off the offerings of two pitchers sent to the mound by the Butchers. Laurance, who recently moved to Portland to accept employment, came home long enough to toss the decisive game and limited the Butchers to six scattered hits.

Boucock's opened the scoring in the first half of the first inning when they tallied two runs but the Transfermen put the game on ice in the last half of the second inning when they pounded out four hits, which, coupled with an error, accounted for five runs. Continuing their hitting streak, they bunched three hits, one a home run by K. Laurance, for three runs in the fifth, and put together five hits in the sixth for three runs. They also scored once in the fourth for a total of 12.

The Butchers, after their two runs in the first inning, scored lone tallies in the fourth and seventh innings, the fourth-inning marker being a home run by Campbell, who replaced Merritt on the mound in that frame. Hits by Heinz and Morgan accounted for the seventh-inning score, which came while Laurance was retiring three batters on strike-outs.

Merritt, usually the toughest pitcher in the league to hit, was not up to his usual ability last night and was rapped for seven hits in the three innings he worked, voluntarily retiring in favor of Campbell.

Girls Give Exhibition.

The second game, played between the Coquille team and the combination Texaco-Montgomery Ward Players, was preceded by a one-inning exhibition by the Roseburg girls' team, playing against the visitors. The Roseburg girls are to meet Albany girls here Sunday evening.

The Coquille-Roseburg contest started off brilliantly but took a sudden turn in the second inning when both teams began making misplays, caused largely by cold hands, which fumbled the ball. Coquille, first up in the second inning, secured two hits and a walk, and scored three runs, on three successive Roseburg errors, keeping the bases loaded so that a clean-up two-base hit brought the total runs for the inning to seven.

Roseburg came back to add two runs in its half of the inning on one hit, two walks and two errors and tied the score in the fourth on two hits, and two walks. The score was tied again at 9 to 9 in the fifth, but Coquille added two in the sixth and three in the seventh, chiefly on errors, while Roseburg was held to one run in the sixth, despite three solid hits.

Summaries: R. H. E. Boucock's 200 100 1-4 6 4 Dunham's 050 133 x-12 15 1 Merritt, Campbell and Meyers; K. Laurance and Scherner.

Second game: R. H. E. Coquille 070 022 3-14 9 4 Roseburg 030 421 0-10 8 8 Shaer and Goodman; Ellison and Flegel.

San Diego Takes Second Place in Coast League

(By the Associated Press)

Scrambling back into second place in the Coast league, San Diego trimmed Los Angeles 5 to 2 last night behind Yank Terry's four-hit pitching.

The Padres supplanted Seattle, but failed to cut down Sacramento's ten-game lead, although the Solons were idle.

Terry registered 12 strikeouts in enacting up his 17th coast victory of the season.

A three-hit pitching master, piece by Hal Turpin was booted away by Seattle, and the Rainiers lost 4 to 3 to Hollywood in a see-saw battle.

After the Stars had scored three unearned runs, Seattle rallied for two scores in the first half of the ninth to tie up the game. Then Relief Hurler Lloyd Brown gave up with the winning run.

The Rainiers committed errors, all directly resulting in Hollywood runs.

Portland swept to a 4 to 3 victory over Oakland on a three-run outburst in the seventh inning.

Roseburg, Boy in Honolulu — Glenn Woodruff, Jr., who has recently graduated from the navy school of music at Washington, D. C., is now stationed at Pearl Harbor, Honolulu. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Woodruff of this city.

AMERICAN EDUCATOR

HORIZONTAL

1 Textbook author.

13 To respond to a stimulus.

14 Foreigner.

15 Round hand.

16 Sick.

18 To make a beginning.

20 Completes.

21 Futuristic person.

22 One of a hundred townships.

23 Bronze.

24 Folding bed.

25 Indigo.

26 Bundle.

28 Sovereign.

31 Final.

34 A sudden start.

35 Pain.

36 To classify.

37 Spain (abbr.).

38 32 weeks.

39 Southeast (abbr.).

40 Gratitude.

44 Senior (abbr.).

Answer to Previous Puzzle

NEW ZEALAND
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CANTON
PLANT
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SOIT
BAR
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ADORN
MATE
PACIFIC
PRODUCT

VERTICAL

2 Ketone.

3 Loans.

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5 Frozen water.

6 Preposition.

7 Masculine.

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9 Rubber tree.

10 To discover.

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St. Louis Margin Cut to One Game As Dodgers Win

(Associated Press Sports Writer)

There is a new mosquito causing trouble in the National league these days and it's the last insect you ever would suspect—a species known as the Phillies.

The Philadelphia club has a permanent address in the cellar of the senior circuit, but here in August when it should be tending to its own business it has fluttered into the limelight by winning several games in a short span of time.

Most important, it nosed out the St. Louis Cardinals, 2-1, in 11 innings last night to cut the Redbirds' first-place margin to a single game over the Brooklyn Dodgers, who nosed out the Chicago Cubs, 5-4.

For seven innings the amazing struggle at St. Louis was a scoreless pitching duel between Bill Crouch of the Cardinals, a former Philly, and St. Johnson of the Phillies, a former Card.

The tail-enders broke the spell in the eighth with one run, but the 32-year-old Johnson held out until the ninth, allowing only two hits, before he finally was scored upon. Then it was Enos Slaughter, who hadn't made a hit during the entire three games series with the Dodgers, who singled Johnny Hopp across the plate after two were out.

The 20,000 jubilant St. Louis fans cluttered the field with papers and straw hats in celebration and the game was delayed, but their enthusiasm was premature.

In the 11th, after Lon Warneke had taken the mound for the pace-setters, Catcher Benny Warren of the Phils smacked a homer into the stands for victory.

Previously the Phillies had split even in four-game series with both the Cincinnati Reds and the Cubs.

Dodgers Get New Players.

The Dodgers added three new players to their roster yesterday and used all of them in achieving their triumph over Chicago. Johnny Allen, veteran American league pitcher obtained on waivers started on the mound and got credit for the victory although he was forced out in the seventh. Tom Drake, fresh from Nashville, relieved him. Tom Tatum, an outfielder who also came up from Nashville, started in centerfield and batted in Brooklyn's first run. The chief power in the Dodgers' drive, however, came from four hits by Dolph Camilli.

The Cincinnati Reds held onto their slim third-place margin by beating the Boston Braves, 5-1, behind the two-hit hurling of Johnny Vander Meer.

The Pittsburgh Pirates, striving hard to oust the Reds, rough-housed the New York Giants, 6-3, clinching the game with a four-run third inning.