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The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office, Roseburg, Oregon. Forecast for Roseburg and vicinity: Light rain tonight and Friday; colder Friday.

Highest temp. for any April... 96 Highest temp. yesterday... 62 Lowest temp. for any April... 25 Lowest temp. last night... 45 Precipitation yesterday... .06 Precip. since April 1... 3.89 Excess from April 1... 1.83 Deficit from Sept. 1, 1943... 7.47

Editorials on News

guns moving toward Kohima. The tanks are out ahead, providing a protective screen for the following infantry. Our dive bombers are harrying the RETREATING Japs.

One guesses that we're getting in reinforcements on a large scale and that the Japs are suffering from LACK of reinforcements.

ALLIED headquarters in Ceylon estimates that in the neighborhood of 10,000 Japs have been killed in the Imphal-Kohima fighting—indicating that what has happened there has been considerably more than a skirmish.

IN Europe, the air war dominates everything else. Even the Russians are doing comparatively little hard fighting at the moment.

The Germans claim to be all set for the invasion, with all their preparations made. They're talking of their UNDERGROUND factories, which they seem to be depending on to keep up their supply of fighter planes.

We're busy smashing airplane factories and shooting German planes out of the air. It appears that in one day we sent 3,000 American planes from England and Italy and destroyed at least 181 German fighters. Our losses were 69 planes, of which 38 were heavy bombers. In the same period of time (according to the dispatches) the British lost 30 planes.

AS nearly as one can compare the figures, that runs up to 99 planes lost by our side as compared with 181 lost by the Germans—a ratio of about two to one in our favor. Our losses run heavily to bombers; the Germans more to the smaller and more quickly built fighters.

THERE'S an interesting sidelight in the news to the effect that the Russians are now getting in on the shooting down of German planes. On EACH of the last five days, Russian reports have told of the destruction of more than 50 German fighter craft.

If that means what it SEEMS to mean, the Russians have knocked down 250 German planes in five days—which would be quite a contribution.

OUR news, as always, is uniformly optimistic. Reading the censored dispatches, we get (as we have almost from the beginning) the impression that everything is safely under control, with nothing to worry about. We are led constantly toward the conclusion that the Germans are downed and that the end is only a matter of waiting for the right moment to finish it off.

The action of the small countries of Europe provide a DIFFERENT and less optimistic slant. Finland turns down the Russian peace offers and decides to string along with the Germans. The Swedes, pressed by us to quit shipping ball bearings to

THE MORNING'S MAIL

By Charles V. Stanton

NOTHING brings up the short hairs on a newspaper reporter's neck like having someone say, "here's something to help you fill up your paper."

Of course, we welcome every item of local news. We deeply appreciate help in gathering that news, but if we had no greater worries than filling the available space, we would have a lot longer life expectancy.

In these days when we can't find enough linotype operators and printers to produce even a limited newspaper without long overtime hours, and are plagued with newsprint shortages, in the face of rising demands for advertising space and increased circulation, we have no problem in filling the paper. The big job is to find space in which to print the volume of "must" news and to secure production capacity to convert the copy into type, without working our mechanical crews into early graves.

We realize the help-fill'er-up guy is really trying to be helpful and is well-intentioned and is, in reality, an excellent friend, or he wouldn't be cooperating. We have no right to bristle at his well-meaning remark. We are, indeed, thankful and appreciative of his interest.

But the bristly feeling we have over the "fill up your paper" remark is nothing compared with the overwhelming desire to go into a tantrum every time we look at our morning's mail.

When you know the crying need of the country for paper, when every radio program broadcasts an appeal for saving waste paper, when newsprint is so short you must carefully guard your dwindling stock, you feel cause for a case of the galloping heebie-jeebies when you take a look at the bureaucratic propaganda releases, the chiseling copy and the outright drivel that come to an editor's desk.

Just for fun this morning, we tossed the incoming editorial mail on the postal scales. It balanced at a hair over two and a quarter pounds. THREE letters in the pile that had some value; the rest went in the waste paper basket.

Seven envelopes were stuffed with propaganda from six federal departments. Not one item in the whole kiboodle was deserving of publication.

There were 12 letters, folders and packets from various manufacturing and business concerns trying to chisel free advertising. They had disguised their "releases" in the form of news items, but the camouflage was very poor.

There were items concerning the railroad and rubber industries, manpower shortages (as if we didn't have our own), progress reports, a guy offering us a soil tester to sell our readers, dope on Victory gardens—liberally "salted" with the manufacturer's advertising—summaries from articles in popular magazines, a handful of radio program plugs, and, finally, an appeal to sponsor a "Be Kind to Towels" week.

And then we had a half dozen public relations releases from the various branches of military service. We have a little kinder feeling toward the public relations outfits. They have been sending us some mighty fine coverage on our own boys. Most of the public relations work is well done, but, aside from that which has local bearing, we are forced to discard the bulk of it.

Election mail is on the upgrade. Each post brings letters, pamphlets and folders from the political parties, committees and candidates, all seeking to get some free publicity which may drag in votes. We've already had enough to fill a good sized wheelbarrow and the worst is yet to come. Oh yes, there were nine such letters in this morning's mail.

And then there are the societies. Societies for this and societies for that, all running over with good fellowship and good will, just knowing that we will be delighted to give them a helping hand.

Sure, we'll give them a helping hand—right into the waste basket.

Ain't it heck to have a disposition like that? May be it's something we et!

DIAL LOG

By SUSAN

Be sure to listen tonight to Music You Remember at 6:30—Ananoritis is going to sing "I Love You"—and there's a dedication there although she may lack the moral courage to tell you about it. Didn't you notice the little extra lilt in her voice when she sang "People Will Say We're In Love" last Tuesday night? There's a mighty good reason for it—witness the flash on the ring finger of the left hand. Ooh, Annie. The Cisco Kid at 7:30 is always sure-fire romance, too, but this week he also has a bullet in his leg.

Here's a little story about Jackson Beck, who plays the Cisco Kid, that amused us: it seems that Beck was born in the city and has never even so much as been on a horse. Now his greatest nightmare is the advent of television, when he'll have to learn to ride, or move out and let someone else have the role of the Cisco Kid. If and when television becomes common, there's going to be a lot of changes made just as the movies threw so many of the old stars in the discard when they became vocal.

Pick & Pat have something a little different for you this week—Ge-Gee James, comedian now appearing on Broadway, will join forces with them at 8 o'clock. The appearance of Miss James marks an innovation for the black-face comedians, as they have never before used a woman in one of their skits. Mary Small sings "Oklahoma". Bruce Hayes offers "Long Ago and Far Away" and Senor Lopez' orchestra gives forth with "18th Century Drawing Room".

We've just received a lot of material from the network with stories about the men who bring you the newscasts, maps and all sort of material, so we'll be all prepared to give you accurate information when the invasion begins—more about this later.

Yoncalla High Principal Accepts Post at Amity Regional Menegat, principal of Yoncalla high school, has declined reelection and has accepted a position as principal of the union high school at Amity, Oregon. Mr. Menegat came to Yoncalla two years ago, having taught in the county three years prior to his election to the Yoncalla school. He will assume his duties at Amity next September.

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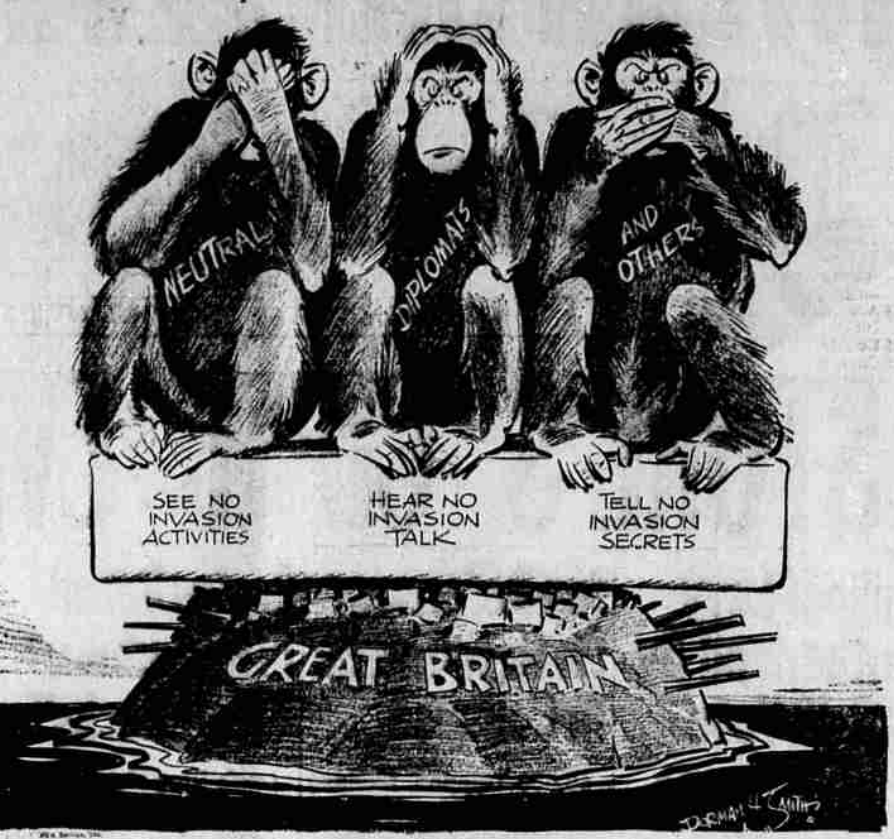
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Until they begin to display a little less willingness to string along with Germany and a little more eagerness to come to our side, it won't be safe for us to assume that the Germans are licked.

No, No Monkey Business



Survival of War Labor Board May Hinge On Outcome of Government's Struggle With Defiant Montgomery Ward & Co.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—(AP)—The War Labor board, veteran of many crises, risked its prestige once more today in the seizure of Montgomery Ward and Company. The survival or dissolution of the board in its present form may hinge on this attempt to make its order stick.

The WLB has found in Sewell Avery (directing influence of Montgomery Ward, U. S. Gypsum, and Hummer Manufacturing) an opponent to be reckoned with.

Other lawsuits and cases of delayed compliance have backed up behind Avery's defiance and until the Montgomery Ward case is disposed of the log jam is expected to grow.

The Chicago mail order house seizure may be the beginning of a test that will go to a supreme court decision but, if so, that is not the government's choice. It is seeking a decision in one fall, not protracted litigation.

Avery Stubborn Foe The WLB has operated largely on a basis of voluntary compliance. Out of more than 6,000 disputes, it has referred 17 to the president for enforcement of decisions. Seven of these were employer defiance, and Montgomery Ward accounts for two of the seven.

The board operated for more than a year and a half without having to go into court. Avery set a fashion when he sued in behalf of U. S. Gypsum company (Warren, O.) last September, and subsequently in five others. The total court actions now pending against the board is 16. Avery's

six cases include four Montgomery Ward actions covering six cities. His last defiance is the Hummer Manufacturing company, a Montgomery Ward division which makes gun parts. Court Jurisdiction At Issue The government, through the Department of Justice, has resisted a court test for the same reasons that the board opposed a provision for court review in the War Labor disputes act. In the U. S. Gypsum case, the government's legal position is that the court has no jurisdiction or authority to enjoin the War Labor board because its decisions are merely declarations of equities and are not enforced by the board itself. The government thus takes recourse in the virtual improbability that the courts will attempt to enjoin the president. In addition, the government argues that the legislative history of the War Labor disputes act shows that congress considered court review to the extent of writing it into the bill and then withdrawing it.

The theory behind creation of the War Labor board is that it was intended to be a wartime substitute for strikes and lockouts. The government's position is that the board and the authority under which it operates is as temporary as the emergency, and that it has no permanent statute to police, like that of the National Labor relations board. Test cases under the Wagner act averaged about 11 months. It is contended that if the WLB must submit to tests of that duration its effectiveness as an arbiter of emergency dispute would be nullified.

9:15—Man About Town. 9:30—392nd Army Band. 10:00—Alka Seltzer News. 10:15—Jack Berch, Kelllogg's All-Bran. 10:30—Luncheon With Lopez, Van Camps, Inc. 10:45—Junior High School on the Air. 11:00—Wheel of Fortune. 11:45—Around the Town, Kelllogg's Cornflakes. 12:00—Musical Interlude. 12:10—Sports Review, Dunham Transfer. 12:15—Treasury Song for Today. 12:20—Parkinson's Information Exchange. 12:25—Rhythm at Random. 12:40—State News, Hansen Motors. 12:45—News-Review of the Air. 12:55—Terminal Market Reports, Sig Fett. 1:00—Gardener Nursery Co. 1:05—Musical Interlude. 1:15—Farm Frolics, Fisher's Feeds. 1:25—What's Wrong, Fisher's Blend. 1:30—Music for Remembrance. 2:00—Air WAC Serenade. 2:15—Musical Hi-Jinks. 2:45—Radio Tour. 3:00—Griffin Reporting. 3:15—Dusty Records, Hennings Martz. 3:45—Johnson Family. 4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Plough Chemical Co. 4:15—Care and Feeding of Husbands. 4:30—Lullaby in Rhythm. 4:45—Music off the Record. 5:00—Bible Adventures, Presbyterian Church. 5:15—Superman, Kelllogg's Pep. 5:30—Musical Cocktail. 5:45—Gordon Burke News, Studdebaker. 6:00—Gabriel Heatter, Kreml. 6:15—The Adventures of Nick Carter. 6:30—Double or Nothing, Feena-mint. 7:00—Dale Carnegie. 7:15—State and Local News, Keel Motor Co. 7:20—Musical Interlude. 7:30—Lone Ranger. 8:00—Eye-Witness News, Copco. 8:15—Here Comes the Band, Douglas Supply Co. 8:30—Name That Song, 42 Hair Oil Products. 9:00—Alka Seltzer News. 9:15—Hi Neighbor, Carstens Furniture Store. 9:30—Fulton Lewis, Jr. 9:45—Music for the Night. 10:00—Sign Off.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 1944 6:45—Rise and Shine. 7:00—News, J. A. Folger Co. 7:15—Stuff and Nonsense. 7:30—State and Local News, Boring Optical. 7:35—Judd Furniture Store. 7:40—Rhapsody in Wax. 8:00—Dr. Louis Talbot, Bible Institute of Los Angeles. 8:30—Happy Joe and Ralph. 8:45—Shoppers Guide. 9:00—Boake Carter.

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Union Encampment Will Put On Degree Work Union Encampment, No. 9, I. O. O. F., will hold its regular monthly meeting at 8 p. m. Friday. Degree work is scheduled. Refreshments will be served following the lodge session.

From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Silas Clay Gets Mad at Women's Hats Silas Clay is complaining that his wife's new hat cost more than a bull calf. "And I wouldn't mind it, if it was a hat," he says, "but all it is, is a small bow and a piece of feather."

"It isn't the size of the hat that counts," says Byron East, reproachfully. "Well, what is it that counts?" asks Si, exasperated. "I'll tell you what it is that counts," says Doc. "It's the lift that a new hat gives to any woman. It sort of picks up their spirits... boosts morale. Little things can do that. Like the flower in your buttonhole," he says to Silas, "or that glass of beer that you're enjoying."

From where I sit, Doc has given us a mighty good definition of morale. Important little things. A flower in your buttonhole... a kind word from a stranger... a mellow glass of beer with friends. Little things especially important in these days of strain.

Republican Primaries MAY 19th

Major Battle For Kohima Taking Shape

R reinforcements Reach Allied Garrison as Japs Entrench on Nearby Hills

SOUTHEAST ASIA HEADQUARTERS, Kandy, Ceylon, April 27.—(AP)—A major battle appeared imminent today as allied reinforcements streamed in to Kohima, the gateway hill town guarding the valley entrance into the plains of Assam.

The garrison of Kohima could be seen below by Japanese scattered in the nearby hills, and the reinforcements rolled forward from Manipur under the eyes of the enemy perched in hilltop fortifications.

One of the enemy's strongest points was Kohima village, about a mile west of the main town. Into this the British poured artillery fire.

Kohima, 60 miles north of Imphal, the military storehouse of the Manipur valley, and two-thirds the distance between that town and Dimapur, the important operating center on the Bengal-Assam supply line, promised to be an incredible battlefield, with the men fighting both on the dense jungle valley floor and 6,000 feet above sea level, with the snowcapped Himalayas in the distance.

The Kohima garrison recently received tanks to help expand its perimeter, and these circled the town's outskirts, battering at Japanese bunkers with their heavy guns and shooting snipers from the chimneys of houses. Stillwell Scores Success

In north Burma, Lt. Gen. Stilwell's Chinese scored a spectacular success in the advance down the Mogaung valley with the capture of the village of Manpin, 10 miles north of Kamang, southeast Asia headquarters announced.

The sudden success seemed to indicate that Stilwell's men had broken the back of Japanese resistance which had delayed his offensive the first part of this month.

(A delayed dispatch from Associated Press War Correspondent William Boni, written April 20 at a U. S. base in northern India, said that British and American staff officers in that area had drawn an optimistic picture in which the Japanese were portrayed as facing the danger of a major defeat in Burma and eastern India.

(Boni quoted these officers as saying that the Japanese had committed more than one-third of their entire known strength in Burma to the Indian invasion and had suffered sufficient casualties to chew up the better part of two divisions while Gen. Stilwell's American and Chinese forces in northern Burma have been cutting steadily into a third division.)

(The invasion of northern India, the officers added, has caused no interruption of the flow of essential supplies either to China or to Stilwell's forces.)

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