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**The Weather**  
 U. S. Weather Bureau Office,  
 Roseburg, Oregon.  
 Forecast for Roseburg and vic-  
 inity: Partly cloudy tonight and  
 Saturday; colder Saturday.  
 Highest temp. for any April 96  
 Highest temp. yesterday 74  
 Lowest temp. for any April 25  
 Lowest temp. last night 44  
 Precipitation yesterday 0  
 Precip. since April 1 3.89  
 Excess from April 1 1.79  
 Deficit from Sept. 1, 1943 7.51

**Editorials on News**  
 (Continued from page 1.)

this BEHIND the enemy's lines.  
 They've pulled something new  
 on the Japs, who when they were  
 leaping irresistibly down the  
 Malay peninsula toward Singa-  
 pore two years ago, had all the  
 new stuff on their side.

Now that the tables have been  
 turned on them, they can think  
 of nothing better than to charge  
 into our mines and booty traps,  
 into the mouths of our rifles and  
 machine guns, piling up their  
 dead in useless heaps.

THIS may be too optimistic a  
 picture. But at least it is sug-  
 gested strongly by the dispatches  
 from India. If it is true that we  
 have OUGHT TO have the Japs,  
 and beaten them at their own  
 jungle-fighting game, we have  
 passed a landmark in the Pacific  
 war. It is nearly always true  
 in warfare that the BEST MAN  
 WINS.

THE news from Hollandia contin-  
 ues good. The fall of the  
 airports there appears imminent.  
 When taken, these airports will  
 be a new stepping stone from  
 which we can hit the Jap in new  
 places.

Far north in China, along the  
 Yellow river, the Japs are in  
 the outskirts of Chenghsien and  
 seem about to take the town, if  
 they haven't already.

What lies back of this fight-  
 ing?  
 This writer doesn't know, and  
 the Japs aren't telling, but here's  
 a guess: From Chenghsien south  
 for 150 miles, the Chinese have  
 held for years a section of the  
 north-south railroad that runs  
 from Peiping clear down to Can-  
 ton, where it connects with the  
 French Indo-China and Thailand  
 clear on into Burma and up to  
 the fighting lines on the India  
 front.

The Japs are losing more ships  
 than they can afford, and it  
 seems likely they will GO ON  
 losing them. It's at least possible  
 to guess that they want INLAND  
 lines of communication and sup-  
 ply that can't be reached by our  
 indefatigable submarines.

IN Europe, our sustained air of-  
 fensive, directed at German air  
 power, is in its 12th day as this  
 is written. It has loosed on Ger-  
 many 50,000 tons of explosive  
 and hundreds of thousands of in-  
 cendiary bombs.

According to the best figures  
 available, it has destroyed 700  
 German planes at a cost of "prob-  
 ably more than" 389 of our planes  
 and 2300 of our fliers. (This is  
 exclusive of whatever German  
 planes may have been destroyed  
 by the Russians.)  
 THERE'S a new and IMMEN-  
 SELY interesting note on the  
 wires.  
 The Germans and the Ro-  
 manians say the Russians have  
 opened up a fresh offensive on a  
 BROAD front, running from  
 the Carpathians to the Black sea,  
 and apparently directed at the  
 Galati gap between the Danube

**THE AMERICAN GESTAPO**

By Charles V. Stanfok

SOLDIERS today guard the Chicago headquarters of the Montgomery Ward Company, after having forcibly ejected from his office the chairman of that concern when he resisted seizure of the property under his control by the federal government. President Roosevelt has personally intervened to enforce an order of an executive agency. He acted without judicial order, although advised by the attorney general that he was within his rights in so doing. Thus the case becomes purely a test of the powers of the chief executive. If his exercise of arbitrary power is upheld, it sets precedent for an entirely new economy, based on the format of dictatorship.

It is probable that the president would not take such drastic action without being sure of his ground. But if the emergency powers which have been extended to him are to be interpreted to mean he can seize private property at will to extend special privilege, then there is little hope for free business enterprise until the people see fit, either by a change in administration, or through congressional action to strip the executive of the authority to set up and maintain an American gestapo.

The Montgomery Ward company is in rebellion against an agency of the federal government. The company was forced to sign, under duress, a contract with a labor organization in December, 1942. This contract expired December 8, 1943. When renegotiation of the contract was started in November, 1943, the labor union was directed by the company to show that it represented a majority of the employees in the mail order house and retail store. The company claimed less than 20 per cent of employees in two of the labor units were having union dues checked off from wages. The labor union itself has claimed only 5,500 of the 9,000 employees, as its members. Under law, a company is forbidden to bargain with a union which does not represent a majority, and without proof of membership the company refused to negotiate.

The War Labor Board ordered the company to extend the expired contract without requiring the union to prove its membership majority. Wards brought suit in court to have the order set aside, claiming illegality. The union called a strike to force acceptance of the WLB directive. The president's action in seizing the plant is based upon the claimed fact that the labor dispute is interfering with efficient distribution of essential goods (a charge denied by the company) and is thus injurious to the war effort.

Insofar as the dispute between organized labor and Wards is concerned we would not attempt to judge. Left to their own devices, the unions and the company undoubtedly would eventually get together.

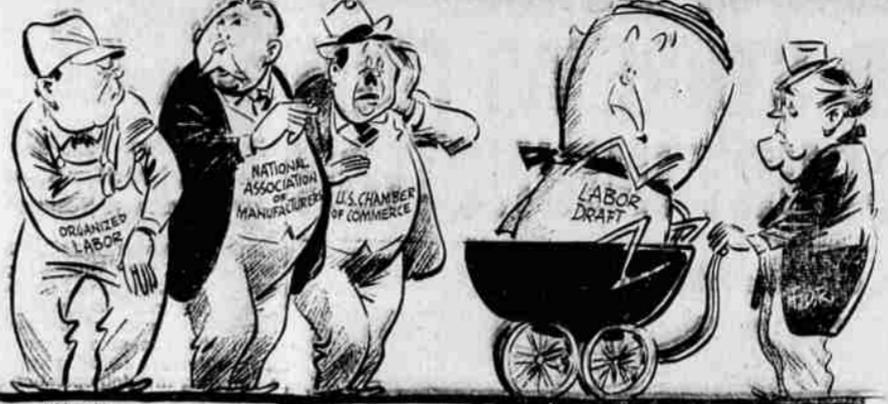
But if facts are as represented, and we have seen no denial, the Montgomery Ward company has appealed to the court for a decision on the question of legality of an arbitrary ruling of the War Labor Board to the effect that it MUST sign a contract, although such signature violates another board ruling that majority of union membership must be proven.

Thus the WLB apparently is setting itself up as judge, jury and executioner, and is invading private property rights even before a judicial opinion can be secured. An executive branch of government has usurped the authority of both the legislative and judicial departments, completely ignoring judicial rights by enforcing compliance with an executive order even while appeal as to legality is pending.

It is entirely possible that the procedure can be squeezed into a form of legality under the pressure of emergency powers granted the chief executive, but it seems to be a high-handed invasion of constitutional rights and smacking dangerously of the methods of dictatorship and the ruthless gestapo.

and the mountains where the nazis are supposed to be making their last stand before the Ploesti oil fields. The nazis are said to be striking after a strong artillery barrage and with "appreciable" air support.  
 An authoritative soviet war review, broadcast by the Moscow radio, says: "The red army intends to drive INTO GERMANY in a mighty continuation of its 1944 offensive to FINISH OFF Adolf Hitler's legions and bring about the nazis' final capitulation in CLOSE COLLABORATION with the allies. Armageddon may be very near."

**There Seem to Be Two Schools of Thought**



**KRRR**  
 Mutual Broadcasting System,  
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- BEST BETS FOR TODAY**  
 6:30—Double or Nothing.  
 7:00—Dale Carnegie.  
 8:00—Eye Witness News.  
 8:30—Name That Song.  
**SATURDAY**  
 9:30—Hello Mom.  
 10:30—Luncheon With Lopez.  
 2:00—Navy Bulletin Board.  
 3:30—The Three Cheers.  
 5:45—Gordon Burke.  
 6:00—Chicago Theatre of the Air.  
 7:30—Hawaii Calls.  
 8:00—Downbeat Derby.  
 9:00—Newspaper of the Air.  
**SUNDAY**  
 10:30—Hookey Hall.  
 2:30—The Mysterious Traveler.  
 3:00—Roosty of the AAF.  
 9:45—Gabriel Heatter.  
 6:00—Mexican Symphony Orchestra.  
 7:00—Cedric Foster.  
 7:15—Palm Leaf Trio.  
 8:00—California Melodies.  
 8:30—Jack Benny.  
 9:30—Human Adventure.

- REMAINING HOURS TODAY**  
 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, Kellogg's Pop.  
 5:30—Musical Cocktail.  
 5:45—Gordon Burke News, Studebaker.  
 6:00—Gabriel Heatter, Kremi.  
 6:15—The Adventures of Nick Carter.  
 6:30—Double or Nothing, Feenmint.  
 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.

- SATURDAY, APRIL 29**  
 6:45—Rise and Shine.  
 7:00—News, Los Angeles Soap Co.  
 7:15—Rainbow House.  
 7:30—State and Local News, Boring Optical.  
 7:35—The Beehive.  
 7:40—Rhapsody in Wax.  
 8:00—Haven to Rest.  
 8:30—Tommy Dorsey's Orchestra.  
 8:45—The Voice of the Army.  
 9:00—Skeeter Hubbard.  
 9:15—Freedom on the Land Forever.  
 9:30—Hello Mom.  
 10:00—Alka Seltzer News.  
 10:15—Al Williams.  
 10:30—Luncheon With Lopez.  
 11:00—Morning Melodies.  
 11:15—The Pastor's Scrapbook, Dr. Roach, Presbyterian Church.  
 11:30—George Hamilton's Orchestra.  
 11:45—Penn Relays.  
 12:00—Musical Interlude.  
 12:10—Sports Review, Dunham Transfer.  
 12:15—Rhythm at Random.  
 12:40—State News, Hansen Motors.  
 12:45—News-Review of the Air.  
 12:55—Terminal Market Reports, Sig Felt.  
 1:00—Gardener Nursery Co.  
 1:05—Musical Interlude.  
 1:15—Jamaica Races.

- 1:30—Carl Ravazza's Orchestra.  
 1:45—Penn Relays.  
 2:00—Navy Bulletin Board.  
 2:30—Bob Chester's Orchestra.  
 3:00—Opening of California's Largest Hydro-Electric Plant at Redding.  
 3:15—Address by Charles Henderson, Chairman of the Board of RFC.  
 3:30—The Three Cheers.  
 3:45—Teatime Tunes.  
 4:00—American Eagle in Britain.  
 4:30—Flying High.  
 5:00—Moods in Music.  
 5:15—Music for Remembrance.  
 5:30—Musical Cocktail.  
 5:45—Gordon Burke News, Studebaker.  
 6:00—Chicago Theatre of the Air.  
 7:00—Royal Arch Gunnison.  
 7:15—State and Local News, Keel Motor Co.  
 7:20—Musical Interlude.  
 7:30—Hawaii Calls.  
 8:00—Downbeat Derby, Union Oil Co.  
 9:00—Alka Seltzer News.  
 9:15—Service Salute, E. G. High.  
 9:30—Pilgrim Hour, Gospel Broadcasters.  
 10:30—Sign Off.

- SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 1944**  
 8:00—Wesley Radio League.  
 8:30—Voice of Prophecy.  
 9:00—Detroit Bible Class.  
 9:30—Lutheran Hour.  
 10:00—Alka Seltzer News.  
 10:15—Romance of the Highways, Greyhound.  
 10:30—Hookey Hall, Chooz.  
 11:00—Baptist Church Services.  
 12:00—Garden Talk, Gill Bros. Seed Co.  
 12:15—Voice of the Dairy Farmer, American Dairy Assn.  
 12:30—Dr. Floyd Johnson.  
 1:00—Wide Horizons.  
 1:30—Young People's Church of the Air.  
 2:00—Gospel Messages, Church of Christ.  
 2:15—Bishop's Crusade, Methodist Church.  
 2:30—The Mysterious Traveler.  
 3:00—Roosty of the AAF.  
 3:30—Four-Square Gospel Church.  
 4:00—Old Fashioned Revival Hour.  
 5:00—Mediation Board.  
 5:45—Gabriel Heatter, Barbasol.  
 6:00—Mexican Symphony Orchestra.  
 7:00—Cedric Foster, Employer's Group Ins.  
 7:15—Palm Leaf Trio.  
 7:30—Boys Town.  
 8:00—California Melodies.  
 8:30—Jack Benny, General Foods.  
 9:00—Alka Seltzer News.  
 9:15—Stardust Serenade.  
 9:30—Human Adventure.  
 10:00—Old Fashioned Revival Hour.  
 11:00—Sign off.

**DIAL LOG**

By SUSAN  
 Double or Nothing picks up a helper at New Haven and puts on a railroad party tonight at 6:30, when the entire quiz show cast moves to New Haven, Conn., for its broadcast. It's a salute to the employees of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad. We wonder, will Frank Forest sing "I've Been Working on the Railroad" or "Casey Jones"? Anyway, it's always a good show, so be sure to listen in. Dale Carnegie at 7 gives you little known facts about the fabulous Royal Family of the Theatre—the Royal Family of the Theatre—the Royal Family of the Theatre at 8. Then at 8:30 there's one of the high spots of the week for your listening pleasure — it's Name That Song. We know lots of you follow it faithfully because of the amount of mail we send on to Hollywood for you. If we don't get some of that sponsor's money around here pretty soon, we're going to register an awful howl — one they can hear clear down there in Hollywood. But awards or no awards, it's still one of the best programs on the air — one place, and one of the few shows we've ever had a great desire to watch broadcast.  
 We just noticed in looking over the Saturday schedule that just two news commentators are listed — Gordon Burke at 5:45 and Royal Arch Gunnison at 7. However, since they happen to be two of the finest, we won't fuss. Then, of course, there's always Glen Hardy (bless him) on our favorite of all news spots, the Newspaper of the Air, twice daily at 10 in the morning and 9 o'clock at night.

Society Meeting Changed — Circle No. 2 of St. Joseph's Altar society will meet the second Monday evening in May, instead of next Monday as previously announced. The meeting will be held May 9, at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Paul Jenkins, in Laurelwood, with Miss Virginia Cour as joint hostess.

**H. B. ROADMAN**  
 (Incumbent)  
**REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER**  
 Primary Election Friday, May 19  
 Vote  
 For County Commissioner  
 59 X H. B. Roadman  
 Pd. Adv.



**KEEP U. S. SENATOR GUY CORDON ON THE JOB!**  
 CORDON was selected by Gov. Snell as the man best qualified to take the late Senator McNary's place.  
 CORDON has successfully represented Oregon's land grant counties in Washington, D. C., since 1926.  
 CORDON is an authority on tax matters and Oregon resources. He has caused the Federal government to return \$15,000,000.00 to the State of Oregon.  
 CORDON is practical, down-to-earth, a self-educated man; a successful attorney. He is a strong believer in state's rights and free enterprise.  
 CORDON believes the Federal Government should reimburse local taxing agencies for lands removed from the tax rolls, to avoid throwing additional taxes on property owners.  
 CORDON helped write the original Oregon Cooperative Old Age Assistance law.  
 CORDON is a Veteran of World War I, a former state commander American Legion; his only son is now with the U. S. Air forces in Italy.  
**WE'VE GOT A GOOD MAN ON THE JOB IN WASHINGTON NOW — WHY CHANGE? VOTE FOR SENATOR CORDON MAY 19.**  
 Paid adv. Cordon for Senator Comm., Marshall Cornett, Exec. Sec.

**NAVAL AIR GROUP**

- HORIZONTAL**  
 1 Depicted in insignie of Squadron  
 2 U. S. naval aviation  
 7 River (Sp.)  
 8 Symbol for samarium  
 9 Charged atom  
 11 Strike  
 12 Persian fairy  
 14 Help  
 16 Eccentric wheel  
 17 Zealous  
 19 Plaything  
 21 Railroad (abbr.)  
 15 Portal  
 23 Like  
 23 Symbol for radium  
 25 Whirlwind  
 26 Smells  
 28 Inactive  
 30 Dutch city  
 31 Noise  
 32 Member of a jury  
 34 Compound ether  
 37 Area measure  
 38 Right (abbr.)  
 39 Compass point  
 40 Verso (abbr.)  
 41 Knock  
 43 Mule  
 48 Sheltered side  
 49 Pillar  
 51 Dispatch  
 52 Auricle  
 53 Land parcel  
 55 Symbol for niton
- VERTICAL**  
 1 Be seated (abbr.)  
 2 Company (abbr.)  
 3 Second-hand  
 4 Weight deduction  
 5 Symbol for nickel  
 6 Gazelle  
 7 Edge  
 10 Louise egg  
 11 Solid  
 12 Pair (abbr.)  
 13 Within  
 15 Portal  
 16 Blood money  
 17 Declares

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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**THE OLD JUDGE SAYS...**



"We can't argue with the Judge on that point, can we Mabel? It's not fair to penalize the many for the actions of the few."  
 "That, folks, is exactly what we would be doing in this country if we ever voted for prohibition again. Authorities who have made a careful study of the problem, report that only about 5% of those who drink abuse the privilege occasionally...95% drink sensibly. Probably doesn't compare with the number of folks who overeat and do other things to excess. Prohibition certainly isn't the answer. It's not that simple. We had nearly 14 years proof of that, didn't we?"  
 "The real answer is education and better control. In fact, the responsible members of the distilling industry are working constantly toward that end. They don't want anybody to abuse the use of their product any more than the three of us do."  
 "If everybody would take that sensible attitude, Judge, and cooperate as more and more are now doing, we'd be a lot better off a lot quicker."

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