

Weakest Link In Railway Is Russia's Guard

By Stanley P. Richardson
MOSCOW (AP)—The Trans-Siberian railroad, the only line which links up the whole Soviet Union from the Baltic at the Pacific, is at once the weakest and the strongest factor in the nation's transportation system, from a military standpoint.

This paradoxical fact is being considered here in the light of recent Japanese actions in Manchuria. There is evidence that such moves as the Japanese seizure on June 29 of Chinese customs at Manchuria, on Manchuria's western border, and the more recent taking over of Russian docks and warehouses at Harbin, are straining Soviet patience.

Lesson in Czar's Defeat
The railroad is weakest because if war comes in the Far East it would be difficult to move sufficient troops and supplies over it unless there was time for advance preparations. Historians lay part of the responsibility for czarist Russia's defeat by Japan to the railroad's inability to rush large bodies of troops to Manchuria.

Profiting by that lesson, the Soviet authorities began reinforcing their already strong military base in the Far East as soon as the war scare was occasioned here by Japanese occupation of Manchuria. Now red army leaders assert that the Soviet Union is ready to repel an invasion—a possibility about which the press here warns unceasingly.

The military strength of the link lies, paradoxically, in the place which might be considered its greatest weakness—the fact that the far eastern end of the line, stretching 1,600 miles from Chita to Vladivostok, is only a single track.

It has been left that way deliberately as a piece of military strategy. Would Hamper For

This makes the territory lying between Chita and Vladivostok a sort of bottleneck. Therein lies the strategy. An official of the commissariat

for transportation explained it this way: "Suppose an enemy invaded Soviet territory from the east. He naturally would make first for the Trans-Siberian, which is the only means by which he could hope to advance. But a single track line could not accommodate the troops and supplies he would have to move.

"Consider, therefore, that if the single track is somewhat inconvenient to us, how much more disadvantageous it would be as an instrument for an invading force in a hostile country.

"Japan tried to take Siberia once when the allies intervened there right after the bolshevik revolution. But her troops nearly froze to death because there was no adequate transportation. Before the Japanese plan on getting that far again they had better recall that experience.

"No, I think we'll let that single track stay for awhile."

BIRDS MAKE BOARD NESTS
WHEN STORMS RAZE TREES
WASHINGTON—The hooded tern, bird of the Florida keys, seems satisfied with any kind of wood or nest-building, reports Dr. Paul Bartsch of the Smithsonian Institution.

He recently visited a "key" where all the vegetation, trees, bushes, and shrubs had been swept off the island by storms. Great numbers of noddiness terns used to build their nests there in the vegetation.

Now all the terns lay their eggs on the ground, he found, but retain a desire for some sort of wood near the eggs. They gather a few dead twigs and arrange them in the shape of a nest around the eggs and some terns incubate their eggs on bare boards.

TENNIS BALLS ON ICE
BERLIN (AP)—The "Rot-Weiss" Tennis club at Grimewald, scene of Davis Cup play in Germany, has adopted the practice at Wimbledon of keeping tennis balls in a refrigerator until they are to be used, since heat reduces their elasticity.

Conspiracy To Defraud State Aid Suspected

SALEM, July 28 (AP)—Investigation of conspiracy between real estate owners and war veterans to defraud the state in securing loans from the World War veterans' state aid commission has been started here following the rejection of two loans believed of this nature by the commission. State police officials were asked to assist in the investigation.

Jarrod Owen, secretary of the commission, announced that in the two cases where loans were rejected, one from Eastern Oregon and the other from Southern Oregon, it was evident that real estate owners had given property to war veterans who had not yet taken advantage of their loan, then after the loan was secured the property would be transferred to the original owner.

Owen said this form of conspiracy has resulted from the difficulty in securing loans on real estate, with the bonus commission being virtually the only source for such loans in the state. Many veterans have not secured loans and some of these are being exploited by property owners desiring loans for business purposes.

Demands for loans under the bonus law in Oregon are increasing rather than decreasing, the secretary reported. The commission had estimated loans in June would be about \$60,000, but the total for the month was \$74,000. July loans are showing the same comparative increase.

Cullop, Big League 'Flop', Again Shines In Minor Leagues

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—Freed of the major league bugaboo, Nick Cullop again is denting outfield fences in the best style that got him four different trials in the big show.

Whatever it is that prevents Big Nick from showing the boys under the big top how it is done, doesn't phase him a bit back in the minors—much to the distress of American association pitchers.

Cullop, now an outfield star for the Columbus Senators, is in the league home run race and is batting around .370. Yet, this time last year he was hitting a miserable .200 or so for the Cincinnati Reds.

Nick's great minor league showing has brought him excellent chances with the Yankees, Brooklyn, Washington and Cincinnati. But he never did come even close to sticking up there.

Down here in the circuit where a few years ago while with Minnesota he set a league home run record, Cullop drives the home fans silly with his terrific home run wallops and the fever always spreads to the visiting crowd.

The scouts still like him but their judgment this time undoubtedly will be tempered by the knowledge of his four straight times the big blond slugger has fizzled in faster competition.

That suits Nick. He never did care for big league play. That is not some grapes, either. At least Big Nick says so much.

Labor Department On 5-Day Week Now

WASHINGTON, July 27 (AP)—The labor department Monday began operating on a five-day week basis.

For the next 48 weeks, the department will be closed all day Saturday and Sunday to carry out the provisions of the recently enacted economy bill.

Secretary Doak said that by eliminating the Saturday half-day, requirement of furloughing each employe for 24 work days would be carried out.

SLUGGER KAYOED BY BAT
HOUSTON, Tex. (AP)—Joe (Ducky-Wucky) Medwick, Houston outfielder who has led the Texas league in hitting most of the summer, was knocked unconscious in batting practice when a budgeon slipped from a player's hand and struck him squarely on the chin.

FAVORS SPORTS, RECREATION
LOS ANGELES, July 27 (AP)—Sports, recreation and play offer great possibilities for the promotion of international good will, Dr. Rufus B. von Kleinsmid, president of the University of Southern California, told the first annual convention of the international recreation congress.

Approximately 1200 representatives from 29 nations are represented at the congress.

Group discussions including the subjects, "Sports for the People," "Recreation in Rural Districts" and "Arts and Crafts in a Recreation Program," were on the program today.

TIN CAN MARKET OFF
LOS ANGELES (AP)—Diminished copper mining in Arizona has terminated a 20-year-old contract between the city and Arizona mining companies for the purchase of tin cans collected by the garbage department.

As a result instead of deriving revenue from the cans, used in participating copper, the city must pay \$13,000 a year to dispose of them.

Pendleton Makes Preparations For Annual Round-Up

PENDLETON, Ore., July 27—Pendleton is making preparations to play host to the largest number of visitors in its history. This is because several thousand members of the American Legion on their way to the convention at Portland will stop off here to witness the Round-Up, Sept. 8, 9 and 10, just previous to the opening of their own convalescence.

The railroad, co-operating with the Round-Up association and the legion convention committee, have granted stop-over privileges for the delegates who wish to take in the bronco-busting classic of the country. In addition auto caravans are being formed in several neighboring states by the delegates. These will visit the Round-Up before proceeding down the beautiful Columbia river highway into Portland.

Several special events have been added to this year's Round-Up program in honor of the attendance of the veterans.

21 Events on Program
There are twenty-one events on the program, including the bucking contest for the championship of the nation and also carrying with it part of the \$20,000 in cash prizes, relay races, the square race, Indian races, steer bulldozing contest, another championship event, and numerous other interesting contests of the range.

The arena is a constantly moving picture of bucking horses, races and roping from the time the first gun is fired until the last event.

The evenings are made entertaining with Happy Canyon, a realistic revival of the first coming of the white man, their struggle with the Indians and finally their burying of the hatchets of war. A regular saloon and gambling hall are erected on the grounds and after the show the audience is invited to enjoy itself at the games of chance or review old memories with one foot resting on the brass rail.

The Round-Up is a community enterprise and no attempt is made to commercialize it. It keeps alive from year to year the old traditions of the range and Pendleton takes pride in the fact that for 23 years it has kept the old west alive with its Round-Up.

Because of the importance of the Round-Up to the community Pendleton has always been adequately able to house the thousands of visitors who through its streets during the show.

Chick's Shin Bone Used To Test Cod Liver Oil Potency

ST. PAUL (AP)—Shin bones of baby chicks have been added to the list of aids to science at the University of Minnesota farm school.

The vitamin D content of cod liver oils now can be ascertained, says H. A. Halvorson and L. Lachar, chemists, through examination of the chicks' shin bones, or tibias.

Groups of day-old chicks are fed varied diets, including the cod liver oil in varying amounts, for five days. The birds then are killed and the lower left leg bone of each is removed, dried, and crushed.

After being treated with alcohol and ether, the crushed bone is "ashed" in an electric furnace. The percentage of ash in the bone indicates the amount of calcium or lime deposited. Vitamin D assists in the depositing of this substance.

A large percentage of ash indicates a strong shin bone and an oil rich in Vitamin D content.

BLUE MONDAYS IN SIAM? THEY'RE YELLOW INSTEAD
BANGKOK, Siam (AP)—Mondays in Siam are not "blue," but yellow.

To the Siamese, each day of the week stands for a different color and many of the people match their "pajamas" the native costume with the color of the day.

The native newspapers follow the custom to some extent, Monday's papers in Bangkok being printed on yellow paper, Sunday's on pink, and Thursday's on green. White paper is used for the remaining days.

WATER COSTS CUT
SANTA BARBARA, Cal. (AP)—The city council has ordered a reduction of approximately 80 per cent in the water rates for Santa Barbara during the summer.

Donald Anderson, president of the Missouri Amateur Golfers' association, is the new head of the St. Louis Professional Soccer league.

Hot Lake PERSONALS

By Mrs. E. D. Whiting (Observer Correspondent)
HOT LAKE (Special)—Mrs. Harvey Berry and Mrs. Zack Chandler entertained at the home of the latter Friday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Floyd Berry. The afternoon was spent visiting after which a two-course luncheon was served.

Eugene Hibbert recently accepted a position at the Blue Mt. creamery. The Misses Donna Feik and Fern McCoy have returned from Council Bluffs, where they spent their vacation with Mrs. Frank James.

Leo Waite accompanied the local Scout troop to Mt. Emily Sunday. Among the interesting things they saw was a lake at the foot of the cliffs, with which many interesting Indian legends are connected. They had been unable to find it on former hikes and really believed it was a myth until it was located for them by Mr. Waite.

Luther Feik went to Idaho Saturday to visit relatives and also to secure work in the harvest fields for the remainder of the summer.

Maurice Leak, of one of the vessels of the Pacific coast guard, is spending his furlough with his father, Fred Leak. He will be here until the middle of August when he will return to his duties at Port Angeles, Wash.

Wheat and garden vegetables are suffering from the lack of moisture. The wheat is in the spring wheat and is very poor. Farmers expect a light yield and some plan to mow the grain for hay, or pasture it, by avoiding harvest expense.

Mrs. L. D. B. members attended the pioneer celebration at Riverside park Monday. The young people attended a dance given in the evening at the state recreational hall in La Grande.

Mr. and Mrs. Del McCoy entertained a number of young people at a slumber party Saturday. Sunday morning the guests, accompanied by Mrs. Fern, Mrs. Fred and Ralph McCoy rode horseback to Mt. Emily. They had a picnic dinner and spent the afternoon enjoying the surrounding country. Mrs. McCoy and Mrs. Feik, Brian Buxton, George and Dennis Campbell.

The community women are aiding the county relief organization in preparing the gifts for the unemployed during the coming winter. The neighborhood is being canvassed for canned fruit and vegetables, and a number of jars have been sent to headquarters. Mrs. Geo. Lee and Mrs. Geo. Lee have found a willing response from all whom they ask to assist in providing food.

Fred Leak and son, Maurice, who is visiting here, spent Friday with their daughter and sister, Miss Mammie Leak at Island City.

Mrs. Clarence DeGraw entertained Wednesday for her husband's birthday. The afternoon was spent playing games after which refreshments, including a large birthday cake, were served. Esper received many gifts for the birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Willis, of Olympia, Wash., visited recently at the J. A. Leak home. They will spend the rest of their vacation visiting various western cities.

Mrs. W. F. Pruitt, accompanied by Mrs. Frank Pike, of La Grande, returned Sunday to her home in Yakima. While here, Mrs. Pruitt was a guest of Mrs. A. A. Leak and her family. Social events were given for her. Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Feik entertained at dinner Sunday, with covers laid for 12. Mrs. A. J. Feik was hostess at a luncheon Tuesday and Mrs. and Mrs. Leak entertained at a picnic party on the Minam river.

Mrs. Clara Richards and Mrs. Pruitt were visitors at Hot Lake Monday. Honoring her husband's birthday anniversary, Mrs. J. A. Leak entertained friends Friday evening. La Grande guests for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pike, Mrs. Ed Hillman and Mrs. Charbonneau. Refreshments were served at a late hour.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Long and children and Mr. Matthews, of Panama, Nev., are visiting the latter's daughter, Mrs. Ernest Zaugg.

Jim Briggs recently purchased some sheep from J. A. Leak. Among those attending the services here Sunday were Mrs. Annie Black, Mrs. David Hlatt, Mrs. George B. Lyman and Grant Bean, of La Grande, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Bean and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Baxter Jr., of Union.

BLIND SINGER MEMORIZES NEARLY THOUSAND SONGS
SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The handicap of blindness which almost invariably shrouds other faculties has enabled Fred Byrd, a San Francisco girl to memorize over 200 radio programs.

As accompanist and soprano for six blind singers she committed to memory not only her own parts but also those of other singers. The group has been on the air four years and Miss Byrd's memorized compositions now total nearly a thousand.

AVOCADO TASTE GROWS SACRAMENTO (AP)—Within a few years the avocado industry has jumped from production of less than 500,000 pounds of the salad fruit to an estimated crop of 4,000,000 pounds for 1932.

Monthly Medical Society Meeting Held at La Grande

Dr. Lewa Wilkes Ager and Dr. C. E. Branner presented scientific papers before a group of doctors Monday night when the Union County Medical society had its annual monthly dinner meeting at the La Grande hotel.

Dr. Ager's paper was on "The Commoner Causes of Headaches" and related especially to eye diseases. She stressed the point that headaches are more likely to occur with slight errors of refraction, such as astigmatism, of which the individual may be unaware, rather than from more obvious deficiencies of vision.

"Coronary Thrombosis," a disease of the heart wall, was Dr. Branner's subject. He called attention to the frequency of this condition and demonstrated that the disease is one of the most common causes of sudden death. The symptoms are often referable to the digestive tract and may lead to the wrong diagnosis by the individual, he explained.

An announcement was made, during the business meeting, that the Eastern Oregon District society will meet

at the diet kitchen in the hospital, Miss Tuesday evening, Mrs. J. A. Leak, who presides over the diet kitchen in the hospital, formerly in the clothing business and quite well known there, is a recent arrival at the sanatorium for treatment and baths.

Mrs. Ethel Cahill and Miss Katherine O'Rourke received a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Nicholls, Boise friends, on Tuesday evening.

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Clark Wood Says

The Capones are negotiating through agents for "the 101 ranch." They no doubt visualize with especial longing just now the wide open spaces.

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