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Water Buffalo, Horses Are Luzon Traffic Problem

By LEE G. MILLER

WITH THE 25th DIVISION AT BALETE PASS, Luzon (By Wireless) — We jeoped northward through Manila, up crowded Rizal avenue with its hundreds of tiny shops and its sidewalks aswarm with Filipinos and sight-seeing soldiers and sailors.

Out past the quaintly beautiful Chinese cemetery with its pagoda-like Bailey bridges and other bridges of timber that our engineers had installed alongside the mishapen wrecks of pre-war spans.

We paused from time to time to let a carabao lumber across the road to his wallow, or to let an MP check our trip ticket, or to sit out a congestion caused by slow-moving Filipino vehicles drawn by undersized horses or plodding water buffalo.

We veered to the right, eastward of Mount Arayat, which rears in lonely grandeur from the fertile plain. At darkness fell the rain started, gently at first but finally in torrential buckets against which the jeep top was as useless as cheesecloth.

I had my nylon poncho with me—yes, ladies, nylon; but I had wrapped my typewriter in it. So some three inches of rainfall had access to every inch of me.

We came upon a stalled truckful of dripping soldiers, and gave them a tow. Three times their motor got started and we stopped to undo the tow rope, but three times their engine sputtered out again. After some miles it got going properly and we drove on unencumbered through the downpour, which by now was getting chill.

Finally we reached the division's rear echelon headquarters, where we wolfed some cheese, bread and coffee, got in to dry underwear and hit the sack in a comfortable billet.

The next morning we drove on to the division command post and were getting settled in a pyramidal tent when batteries of 155 mm. long toms and 240 howitzers, emplaced almost within spitting distance, began their morning calisthenics with blasts that rumbled the tent and convulsed my innards.

Lieut. Col. Jay V. Vanderpool, who is only 28, gave us the best briefing I'd ever had, tracing the progress of the division on an excellent relief map.

Brig. Gen. James L. "Dusty" Dalton dropped by for a talk. He turned out to be a West Point classmate and brother-in-law of my friend Col. Dodd Starbird, who he believed was now with General Patton.

General Dalton, who was assistant division commander, said he knew favorably Sergt. Bob Scripps, oldest son of the late Robert P. Scripps and grandson of the late E. W. Scripps, founder of the Scripps-Howard newspapers for which I've worked since 1923.

General Dalton said Bob was up forward and I could see him later.

I had just finished writing this—three days after that conversation—when a soldier brought word that a Jap sniper had killed General Dalton, of whom more later.

I went around to pay my respects to the division commanding general, Maj. Gen. Charles L. Mullins, jr., a West Pointer whose wife lives in Los Olivos, Calif.

Gen. Mullins knew Ernie Pyle. That was years ago when Ernie and Jerry were touring Central America and Mullins was establishing a military academy for Nicaragua. Ernie wrote a piece about him.

Months ago the general wrote to Ernie urging him to visit the southwest Pacific. Ernie replied he would after spending some time with the navy.

Average Age of Big Leaguers is 28.2

CHICAGO, May 26 (UP)—Baseball isn't such an old man's game this year after all.

The American league reported today that the average age of its players this season is 28.2, which is only a shade above the league's average of 27.7 in 1941, the last peacetime year.

The Detroit Tigers rate as the "kid club" of the circuit this year with an average of 27.8, while the Boston Red Sox are the oldest with an average of 29.3 years.

Outfield Miscues Beat Beavers in 13 Inning Game

By United Press

In a game marked by a total of 19 hits, the San Francisco Seals last night staggered through a 13-inning 5 to 4 victory over the Portland Beavers whose league leadership was cut to a single game over Seattle.

In the other contests the Oakland Aacorns shut out the San Diego Padres 6 to 0 behind the six-hit pitching of Red Mann; the Rainiers made it four straight over the Los Angeles Angels by a score of 2 to 1 and Hollywood defeated Sacramento 10 to 6.

Bob Joyce, who hurled only one of the 13 innings, was formally credited with the Beavers' downfall, but angry Portland fans blamed a lot of it on Beaver center fielder Frank Shone.

Shone Aids Opponents

In the fifth Shone threw from the outfield into the dugout, permitting two runs to score. In the seventh two more came in when he slipped and fell while attempting to get under Ken Brondell's long fly to center. And in the 13th he let an easy one of Roy Nicely's go by, allowing Joyce to score.

The winning run in the Seattle-Los Angeles game came when Roy Johnson scored on Joe Dobbins' long fly to right field. The fumbling Rainiers' first score came when Bob Garboud scored, stole second, went to third on a fielder's choice and scored on Joe Demoran's infield out.

The Solons staged their own version of a comedy of errors, which gave the Twinks four of their first six runs. Southpaw Bob Williams was the winner.

Santa Anita Derby Candidates Meet

ARCADIA, Calif., May 26 (UP)—Nine candidates for the rich \$50,000 Santa Anita derby go to the post today in the tuneup \$25,000 San Felipe stakes at six furlongs.

Of the starting 10 thoroughbreds, only Blizette has not been named for the famous derby, June 23.

Top weight of 123 pounds has been assigned to Coward and Dupuy's Father Neptune, on the basis of his victory in the Hawthorne juvenile championship last year.

Favorites will probably be Don Amore's Sir Bim, who won his only start by seven lengths, running the six furlongs in 1:10 4-5, and Charles S. Howard's speedy Sea Sovereign, who also easily triumphed in his sole outing.

Sea Sovereign is paired with Bismarck Sea. Johnny Longden will ride Sir Bim, and George Woolf will be on Sea Sovereign.

Also in the field are Gold Bolt, Quick Reward, Proclamation, Pater, Rolling Bar and Greyland.

Gresham Racing To Start June 5

PORTLAND, May 26 (UP)—An 11-day spring horse racing meet at the Northwest Jockey club on the Gresham track will get under way June 5.

The Multnomah County Fair association manager announced today.

A starting stable of 170 horses, now quartered at the San Francisco Bay Meadows oval, are due in this week.

Earl Harrill is slated to officiate as racing secretary and providing judge. Tom Loutin will be the judge representing the Oregon racing commission.

Oswald West and Jack Day will act as finish judges and Bob Murray will preside over 115 mutual department.

Fight Results

By United Press

New York—Rocky Graziano, 151½, Brooklyn, stopped Al (Rummy) Davis, 146, Brooklyn, (4).

Worcester, Mass.—Timothy (Buddy) Hayes, 126, Boston, outpointed Tony Ferry, 129, Fall River, (8).

Milwaukee—Julio Fontana, 134, Milwaukee KO'd Max Shapira, 123, New York (7).

Hollywood—Edgar Robinson, Los Angeles, defeated Joe Albin, 138, Portland, Ore. (8).

Graziano Wins Shot At Welter Champion

NEW YORK, May 26 (UP)—Rocky Graziano, a rowdy character from Brooklyn, gets a non-title shot at welterweight champion Freddie Cochrane on June 29 because he out-roughed and stopped Al (Rummy) Davis—had box of the ring—in 44 rounds of the fourth round at Madison Square Garden last night.



"You can't imagine what a time we had finding a team physician?"

Giants Stretch Lead By Beating Redbirds

NEW YORK, May 26 (UP)—Bulwarked by Catcher Ernie Lombardi's busy bat, the New York Giants are putting the lie to critics who said their pennant bubble would burst once they got on the road. Instead they are winning as consistently as when they were aiming for the short barriers at the Polo Grounds and unless some team stops them soon they may make a run-away of the race.

Lombardi hit a land mark homer yesterday to pace the Giants to their third straight victory at Cincinnati, 5 to 2.

Baseball Standings

By United Press

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	17	11	.607
Chicago	15	10	.600
Detroit	15	10	.600
St. Louis	13	12	.520
Cleveland	12	14	.462
Boston	12	15	.444
Washington	12	17	.414
Philadelphia	11	18	.379

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	24	7	.774
Brooklyn	17	13	.567
St. Louis	17	13	.567
Pittsburgh	15	14	.517
Chicago	14	14	.500
Boston	11	16	.407
Cincinnati	10	16	.385
Philadelphia	8	23	.258

PACIFIC COAST			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Portland	30	20	.600
Seattle	31	20	.608
Oakland	29	25	.537
San Diego	27	28	.491
San Francisco	25	28	.472
Sacramento	25	28	.472
Los Angeles	25	29	.463
Hollywood	18	35	.340

Everyone is Happy Over Cooper Deal, Except Maybe Cards

PITTSBURGH, May 26 (UP)—The Boston Braves are happy today, but Mort Cooper is happy, and the Pittsburgh Pirates are happy, too.

Cooper was surprised but well-satisfied with the deal that sent him to the Braves from the pennant-winning St. Louis Cardinals.

The Braves were glad to add Cooper to their mound staff and the Pirates were happy because Cooper will not pitch in the clubhouse room had it that in addition Pittsburgh-Boston series.

Unconfirmed reports from the team to Trading Red Barrett, the Braves paid the Cards \$75,000 in cash for the big right-hander.

And further gossip said Cooper will be paid \$15,000 instead of the \$12,500 the Cardinals signed him for, and which led to his dissatisfaction, walkout and transfer.

Nelson and Snead In Title Match

FLUSHING, N. Y., May 26 (UP)—Byron Nelson and Sam Snead are off at Fresh Meadow country club today in the greatest all-but-nothing match in golf history.

As they sent their drives booming toward the first green to open a 36-hole medal play battle they were swapping strokes for the unofficial championship of the world. And the only payoff for golf's gold dust twins was prestige.

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TODAY'S SPORT PARADE

NEW YORK, May 26 (UP)—Frank (The Verco) Sinatra was saying, "I wish Tami Mauriello would really train, because—" and Chriss Dundee was saying, "This Jose Basora is the greatest fighter I ever saw, although he trains in a night club."

Everyone was saying something, and no one was paying much attention to what anybody said because important conversation was bubbling everywhere at the hotcha supper given by the right "peepul" last night at Toot's Shot's for former Mayor Jimmy Walker. The dinner marked the 25th anniversary of ex-Mayor Walker's writing of the Walker law which has governed New York boxing for a quarter of a century.

We shook off the general babble and concentrated on Dundee, who was sitting with the very athletic-looking Jose Basora of Puerto Rico. Basora is the guy who recently amazed the boxing world by fighting a draw with the great Ray (Sugar) Robinson. Hay generally is referred to as "unwashed king of the welterweights."

What did Dundee mean?—This chap Basora trains in a night club.

Dundee said "I ain't kidding. Basora is the outstanding middleweight in the world today because of his legs. Where does he get those legs? He gets them by dancing the rumba and conga every night he's in New York."

We said to Basora—largest Puerto Rican boxer we've ever seen—"what about his dancin' trainin' business?" Basora said, "I would rather dance than eat, which I do both. It is much more pleasure to dance than to sleep rope. Of course, I like to eat also, which I do very well with arroz con pollo (chicken with rice)."

We said to Dundee, "Why do you permit this nightclub dancing business when you have charge of a fighter with such apparent promise?"

Dundee replied, "You forget that I am specialist in middleweights. I managed Georgia Abrams, who would have been champion if he hadn't gone into the navy; and I managed Ken Overlin, who was middleweight champ, and who was called 'King of the cocktail lounges.' Overlin owed much of his rhythm and dexterity to dancing. Besides, it's a lot cheaper to let your boy dance a few rounds with a gal for nothing than to pay sparring partners \$10 or \$15 a round. See what I mean?"

Basora said, "Chriss, he is right. These girls like to dance wiz me for nozzing."

But what does your wife say to this dancing training?"

Basor grinned and explained, "My wife—the very beautiful Maria Elisa—feels very sorry for these girls. She knows how I dance—what you might call solid—when I am in training. And when they go groggy to their corners—I mean tables—she feels like cooking for them some arroz con pollo. Wiz me it is a very serious thing these dancing."

Dundee said he has been flooded with offers since Basora drew with Robinson at Philadelphia, but he expects Jose to make a big fight in San Juan, Puerto Rico on July 4, and then to meet one of three top-notchers in Madison Square Garden in late July: (1) Robinson, (2) Jake Lametta, or (3) Tommy Bell.

"And he'll lick any of them," Dundee concluded, "he's dancin' swell."

KAHUT WINS ON TKO

PORTLAND, May 26 (UP)—Sailor Joe Kahut of Woodburn, Ore., 180, smashed his way to a ninth round TKO over game, hard-slugging Moose Kennedy, 187, of Vancouver, Wash., at the auditorium here last night.

Mosquito damage and control is estimated to cost the United States \$145,525,000 annually.



JAP BALLOON ATTACKS REVEALED—Announcement by U. S. war and navy departments that Japan has been sporadically attacking western United States with bomb-laden paper balloons.

It shows officials examining balloons bearing Japanese inscriptions which was found in western U. S. Left to right: Maj. J. F. Bolgiano, army air corps balloon expert; Capt. W. S. Standard, army intelligence officer; W. G. Banister, FBI agent; and Ens. P. M. Jackson, navy intelligence.

Arsenal Explosion Death Toll Grows

EDGEWOOD, Md., May 26 (UP)—The death toll in a loading-platform explosion which wrecked a building at the Edgewood army arsenal rose to 12 today as 16 of the 50 injured were detained at the arsenal hospital.

All of the dead were women war workers. The third service command reported that four of the hospitalized victims were in critical condition.

Army officials said a five-man board is investigating the blast which occurred late yesterday.

Romance, Murder Form Plot of Film

A plot revolving around New York's cafe society in pre-war times is presented in the motion picture "Laura," which opens tomorrow at the Liberty theater.

Romance and murder are woven into the story, in which the leading parts are played by Gene Tierney, in the role of an advertising executive, Dana Andrews as a detective, and Clifton Webb as a man-about-town.

Vincent Price and Judith Anderson head the supporting cast. On the sale bill is another in the series of "This Is America" films. It tells the story of how coal is utilized in producing scores of products which affect the every-day life of modern civilization.

New Farm Chief Is Invited to Oregon

PORTLAND, Ore., May 26 (UP)—Clinton P. Anderson, secretary of agriculture nominee, has been asked by Roy A. Ward, acting chairman of the Portland chamber of commerce agricultural committee, to include Oregon in his June visit to the Pacific coast, it was disclosed today.

In a wire to Anderson, Ward said the chamber's agricultural department would be glad to arrange a meeting for all farm groups on a date suitable to Anderson.

Controls on Domestic Silver Use Lifted

WASHINGTON, May 26 (UP)—The war production board lifted today all controls on the use of domestic silver. Restrictions on the use of foreign silver will continue.

Users of domestic silver heretofore have been limited to quotas established on a base year. WFB said the supply of silver in wire and sheet form is very limited and will be difficult to obtain for some time.

Quisling Is Held By Oslo Court As Traitor to Norway

OSLO, May 26 (UP)—Trial of Norway's traitor, Vidkun Quisling, today was fixed for August 25 and it was revealed that the husband of Kristen Flagstad has been arrested.

The famous opera star's husband, Henry Johansen, was taken into custody on charges he cooperated with the Germans, particularly in business transactions.

When the court read to Quisling the main charge, that he had delivered Norway into enemy hands, Quisling protested in a low voice, "I never did anything against Norway."

Another of the charges was that he had ordered the shooting of Norwegian policemen who had refused to arrest girls who allegedly were avoiding the labor regulations.

The number of Norwegians arrested on treason charges is reported to be 10,000, about one-fourth of the estimated number of Quisling's followers.

Probe of Ban On Gold Mining Asked

BOISE, Ida., May 26 (UP)—A request for a senate investigation of the 1942 federal order closing gold mines was sent to congressmen today by delegates to the first gold conference of the western economic and mining affiliates, Inc.

The gold mining delegates asked for immediate lifting of the gold mining ban and for better mine equipment priorities.

DOCTOR DROPS DEAD

PORTLAND, Ore., May 26 (UP)—Dr. Edward S. Donnelly, 64, Woodburn physician, collapsed in a dressing room at the municipal auditorium here last night and was pronounced dead upon arrival at St. Vincent's hospital.

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