

Baby Carriage Used at Front

And no Wisecracks; War Correspondent Tells of Visit to Line

By JOHN LLOYD WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES ON THE WESTERN FRONT—(Continued from Page 1)—Would you expect on a trip to the western front, to find a soldier pushing his war kit around in a baby carriage? You can assure you it happened. If you will regard this as a letter home I'll chat of what I saw through the front lines in this seventh month of the European war.

As regards the baby carriage, I do not mean to make light of the war. Rather, the thought that struck me when I saw it was that, here and now, it isn't a question of appearances, but of the best means to an end.

Where the soldier found the perambulator I can't say. When I saw him he was in a file of troops wending their way toward the front. The front was near enough so that the men had to wear their helmets.

The war kit is made up of a mass of necessities that must weigh all of 50 pounds. Aside from the rifle there are cartridges, blanket, side arms and heaven knows what more.

This fellow, in the middle of the troop, calmly was wheeling his kit in his baby carriage. The officer at the head of the file didn't object. The other men seemed merely to think that he was luckier than they.

When you get near enough to the line you find a lot of vacated towns and villages. Anything the people left in their houses remains untouched. But they simply discarded a lot of stuff.

Every bit of such abandoned material is made use of. Even baby carriages. Apart from the one I saw the soldier wheeling there was another doing its bit in a barricade.

A captain at one of the front sectors loaned us some helmets (I doubt if the soldiers they belonged to saw the idea) and took us up to show us his advance lines.

Sees German Lines First he took us to an observation post, from where we could see the point to which his lines extended and the German lines began.

Then we went by car to the edge of a forest, got out and started plodding.

There was a crest and we had to negotiate it through a trench because if we showed on top somebody on the other side might take a shot at us.

"Murder Gang" Informers Tell of Operations



Held with several others as members of a "murder ring" which killed for one dollar or more, Anthony Maffatore, left, and Abraham Levine, center, give District Attorney Deckelman of Sullivan county New York, details of more than 15 murders attributed to the gang.

Justices Inspect Baseball Machine

Presence of Game Device Believed not Proper by Jurists

Oregon supreme court justices were aggressive yesterday as to whether the presence of a so-called "baseball game" machine in the court chamber was proper.

On entering the chamber to hand down their weekly grist of opinions one justice said that while the machine would not contaminate him he felt the device had no business being there.

One or two of the judges got down off the bench to inspect the machine but hastily retreated when they noticed newspaper reporters in the chamber.

The machine was the type of device involved in the case of W. R. Fuller, Portland, who was arrested charged with its operation in violation of the state's gaming laws.

The Multnomah county circuit court dismissed the case against Fuller whereupon the state appealed to the supreme court.

Principal questions involved in the case were whether the machine was solely for amusement or whether there was an element of chance.

The "baseball machine" game is operated without reward or prizes.

Auto Involved in Slaying Is Found

EVERETT, Wash., March 26.—(AP)—Discovery at Portland, Ore., of the automobile of two Californians whose bodies were found near here several days ago was reported today while the sheriff's investigation of the double killing was at a standstill here.

The bludgeoned and garroted victims in the killing were Cyril Louis Able, 28, and Allen Allison, about 32. The coroner reported they were killed last November at a heavily wooded spot. Both were former residents of Taft, Reseda and Van Nuys, Calif.

While we were tramping around there was a sudden burst of intense fire. Outside of that a few cannon shots, nothing happened.

"It was a calm day, the calmest I've seen in a long while," the captain reported when we went back to headquarters.

Coming back, we passed a cemetery where some 200 crosses marked the burial place of men who died in the "war to end war" 21 or more years ago.

Peter Zimmerman Will Be Candidate

Peter Zimmerman, here from Yamhill Tuesday, indicated he would be a candidate either for state treasurer or state senator from Yamhill county at the primary election.

Zimmerman previously served in the state senate. He is a republican.

Lemon Juice Recipe Checks Rheumatic Pain Quickly

Additions in the News

NEWARK, N.J., March 26.—(AP)—Gayton A. Rotunda awoke today, sneezed, stretched and a blink. Beside him in bed was a pigeon.

Investigation of the feathered intruder disclosed on identification band bearing the legend "IF 38ST0914."

The owner, said Rotunda, may retrieve "IF Etc." by calling at 34 Mt. Prospect avenue.

TUCKAHOE, N.Y., March 26.—(AP)—An unidentified person sent a dollar bill attached to a post card on which was inscribed his belief that "people are honest—especially mail carriers."

The card and the dollar bill were received in Tuckahoe post office today.

Michael Gentle estimated the unaccounted bill had been through at least 90 post office employees' hands since it was mailed in Chicago Saturday.

ASHLAND, ME., March 26.—(AP)—Farmer Whit Martin became slightly peeved after digging his mail box out of the snow several times after a snow plow passed his home. So he nailed the box to a gable on his barn and set up a ladder for the carrier to ascend.

Tough Army Chief Balks Revolution

he saw a presidential aide coming with an order for his arrest.

Most of the revolters were under arrest, while thousands of government supporters, summoned by radio, milled noisily in the central plaza of La Paz, shouting "vivas" for the presidency.

The revolt was regarded as an expression of dissatisfaction with the election, March 10, of the government candidate for president, General Enrique Penaranda, former head of the army.

General Penaranda is to take over from Quintanilla on April 16.

This election was billed by the government as a harbinger of restored constitutional government in Bolivia.

The provisional regime of Quintanilla was established only last August 23 after Lieut. Col. German Busch, dictator-president, had died of a bullet wound said to have been self-inflicted.

Busch, himself took power after the revolution of July 13, 1937, and suspended part of the constitution.

Fruit Grower not Eligible for FSA Loan Says Ruling

WASHINGTON, March 26.—(AP)—The farm security administration today said it could not increase the rehabilitation loan limit to aid fruit growers in Oregon.

"Because we are not engaged in a purely production credit program and because our rehabilitation funds are limited," the FSA told McNary in a letter, "it will not be possible to expand our loan program for orchardists."

The Apple Growers association of Hood River and other organizations had asked McNary to ask the FSA to increase its loan limit from \$5,000 to \$7,500 explaining many growers wished to rehabilitate their orchards and the smaller amount was not sufficient.

"Financing of specialized farming on a large commercial scale, such as is carried on by these growers," the FSA said, "cannot be considered as coming within the field of our rural rehabilitation program."

Oregon Will Get Usual Federal Aid, Is Report

EUGENE, March 26.—(AP)—Carl Rynearson, Pacific Highway association president, returned from Washington, DC, today with the report that Oregon stands a good chance of getting its usual \$50,000,000 share of the federal aid highway appropriation.

Centennial Meet Set

Snell Says State Is Huge Business

Kiwanis Club Told State Handles \$77,000,000 Annually

Oregon state government is a business which handles about \$77,000,000 biennially, Earl Snell, secretary of state, pointed out yesterday in an address to the Salem Kiwanis club at its regular noon luncheon.

The state, he said, through the land board and the veterans' state aid commission, is the largest land owning and loaning agency operating within its own confines.

The veterans' commission alone, he pointed out, is the largest real estate business within Oregon, having loaned \$10,000,000, and holding title to \$3,000,000 in property and \$2,500,000 in bonds and securities.

Of the total income expended by the state government during the period between legislative sessions, the secretary of state said, about \$17,000,000 is spent directly from money accruing from property taxes. The remaining \$60,000,000 is spent through the self-sustaining subdivisions of the state government, which have revenue sources of their own.

Snell contrasted Oregon, with an \$8,000,000 balance in its general fund, to Washington, with a \$6,000,000 deficit and California, with a shortage of \$60,000,000.

"This state," he said, "has received over \$34,000,000 in bonds during the last few years, and now has a bonded indebtedness of only \$38,000,000, of which \$15,000,000 is comprised in high-way bonds."

The secretary paid tribute to the people of the state, to the resolute character of whom he attributed a determination not to go into permanent public debt.

Liberalized Farm Credit Advocated

WASHINGTON, March 26.—(AP)—Declaring that 200,000 farm mortgages have been foreclosed in the last 10 years, Secretary Wallace endorsed "in the main" today a farm credit reorganization plan which would give Federal land bank borrowers lower interest rates and readjust both principal and interest in hardship cases.

The bill would, among other things, lower the interest rate on both Federal Land bank and Land Bank commissioner loans to 3 per cent. They are now 3 1/2 and 4 per cent respectively.

The measure also would provide for selling down the principal of mortgages on "over-burdened" property, would permit the spreading out of loan repayment so as to reduce annual installments, would relieve borrowers from taking out 5 per cent of their income in Federal land bank stock, would provide for recall of present Land bank stock and for new issues of government-guaranteed bonds.

Grandmother Is Unable to Help; 2 Children Burned

CLEBURNE, Tex., March 26.—(AP)—Two children were burned to death today while their grandmother, Mrs. J. R. Matthews, tried to smother the flames.

Mrs. Matthews, driven back by the flames, said she heard 5-year-old Tommy Matthews crying "Grandma, Grandma!" she had kicked in a door of the flaming house. The child was at a window. The house was a "solid mass of flames," she said.

"I saw little Tommy trying to crawl through the window and he was crying 'Grandma, Grandma!'"

Teartfully, she added: "But I'm an old lady and I just couldn't make it."

Tommy and his two-year-old sister, Donna Faye, perished in the blaze. They had been asleep. The girl's body was found in a cabinet under a cabinet where she apparently had crawled to escape the fire.

Shaffer Is Candidated

PORTLAND, Ore., March 26.—(AP)—Miller J. Shaffer, Portland business man, filed for the state legislature from Multnomah county today, subject to the republican primary.

Carson Enters House Contest

"Tad" Shelton Turns in His Name for Return as Assessor Here

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years. He was appointed assessor by the county court in April, 1935, following the death of Assessor Oscar Steenhammer and was elected to the office in the following year. He offered no ballot statement other than "present incumbent."

First republican to file for the recordership now held by Mildred Robertson Brooks, Mrs. Cox pledged an "efficient and economic administration."

Carson's was the fourth republican filing for the legislature from Marion county. Ahead of him were L. M. Ramake, Salem; George R. Duncan, incumbent, Stayton, and H. R. "Farmer" Jones, Salem. Expected to file before next Monday night are John F. Steelhammer, Sale; R. J. Berning, Mt. Angel, and Eugene Finlay, Jefferson. Francis E. Manley, Salem, is the only democrat who has declared his intention to seek a legislative nomination in this county.

He said he had information that members of the party were acting as secret agents for Moscow and sending American military and industrial secrets to soviet authorities. To halt such activities, he held, it was necessary that the nation know the names of the estimated 100,000 party members in this country.

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2. "There is no reason why a foreign government should have our secrets" and thereby take away the "advantage of the progress this country has made."

3. Government agencies and industrial plants would be able to "spot the foreigners and get rid of them."

Canal Trip Made By British Liner

BALBOA, Canal Zone, March 26.—(AP)—Completing a cautious, nine hour and 15 minute trip through the Panama Canal, the liner Mauritania tied up here at 7 p. m. EST, today on her way on a secret war mission in the Pacific.

The 25,739-ton liner—Britain's fifth largest—will pass here long enough to replenish her fuel supplies before heading into the Pacific for what many believe ultimately will be the job of ferrying troops between Australia and the near east. Her departure was expected during the night.

Peace Leadership Held Woman's Job

NOGALES, Sonora, Mex., March 26.—(AP)—Mrs. Saldie Orr Dunbar, Portland, Ore., president of the General Federation of Women's clubs, urged American women tonight to employ "reason and influence" in efforts to "keep our nation away from the battlefield."

Addressing the banquet meeting of the annual convention of the Arizona Federation of Women's clubs, Mrs. Dunbar declared that "American women must think peace and talk peace" if the United States is to be preserved.

She asked American clubwomen to keep their contacts with women of other lands, asserting that "the women of the world are looking to American women for leadership."

Explosion Occurs On Destroyer; one Sailor Is Missing

NEWPORT, R.I., March 26.—(AP)—An explosion in an after deckhouse of the US navy's neutrality destroyer King today left one sailor missing—apparently blown overboard—and six others burned, one critically.

Captain William S. Farber, commander of the neutrality patrol unit to which the King was assigned, said the blast appeared to have been caused by some form of gas, which ignited in an undetermined manner.

Naval sources said that Richard Carl Delbert of Denver, Colo., fireman first class, was missing and that he probably had been thrown over the ship's side by the force of the explosion.

So far as was known, none of the injured was in the house. It was believed they were walking on the deck nearby and flames spurted through the crushed bulkhead burning them.

The house, although of metal construction, was not armor plated.

Drama Slated April 7

Repeat performance of the musical-drama "There is no Death" is scheduled at the First Presbyterian church for Sunday night, April 7, and not next Sunday night as previously announced. The production, written and directed by George Lee Marks, was given before a capacity audience at the First Presbyterian church Easter Sunday night.

Date for Nehalem Power Ballot Set

The state hydroelectric commission yesterday fixed May 17, the date of the Oregon primary election for holding a special election on petitions for creation of the Nehalem basin peoples utility district.

The district is located in Washington and Columbia counties and embraces 83 square miles. The population is \$300 and the assessed valuation \$1,536,796.

Dies Demands List of 'Reds'

Will Put 'Em all in Jail if He Doesn't Get it, Chairman Insists

WASHINGTON, March 26.—(AP)—Rep. Dies (D-Tex.) warned tonight that he would seek to have every communist leader in the United States sent to jail for contempt unless they furnish his committee on Un-American activities with a complete list of communist party members.

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New Plane Policy Will Be Outlined

WASHINGTON, March 26.—(AP)—A new government policy, which is expected to speed delivery of prospective allied orders for \$1,000,000,000 in warplanes, is to be laid before American plane and engine manufacturers tomorrow.

It was learned tonight that more than a score of representatives of the industry had been summoned to confer with war and navy department officers and other officials.

The conference coincides with the opening tomorrow of an investigation of plane sales by a house military affairs committee. War department spokesmen have prepared to testify that the armed services expect to benefit substantially from a revised policy liberalizing the sale of planes to foreign countries. They take the position that an arrangement permitting Great Britain and France to acquire planes which the army corps had ordered would save several million dollars and assure later delivery of improved models for American defense forces.

Murder Charged, Gold Beach Man

GOLD BEACH, March 26.—(AP)—A second-degree murder charge was placed Monday against Frank Pennington, Gold Beach, in the death of Harry Hawkins.

Pennington is accused of stabbing Hawkins, part Indian, in an argument yesterday over 50 cents.

Franco-Soviet Breach Likely

Statements in Telegram Declared Reason He's not Acceptable

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Adolf Hitler of the advantage a prolonged governmental crisis might have given him.

"M. Hitler's opportunity would have come if he had seen emerge from the series of ministerial crises in France a weak government cut off from the masses of the nation and incapable of leading the country," Reynaud declared. "But that danger has been avoided."

Reynaud said that he was now concentrating on "results" and that he believed these results would bring him wider support.

MOSCOW, March 27.—(AP)—Soviet news agency, said in a statement today Russia had recalled her ambassador to France, Jakob Surta.

Tass said the action was taken in response to the French government's request. The statement said the French had declared Surta no longer would be acceptable because of certain statements in a telegram signed by him and delivered to a telegraph office in Paris for transmission to Joseph Stalin when the Russo-Finnish peace was concluded.

Barlow Bomb Has Plenty of Power

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Middle river, Barlow fired a steel jacket filled with the explosive from a makeshift mortar electric detonator, similar to that used in other explosives. The wall of a nearby shack was ripped away by the blast.

Liberal Sweep Affirms Policy

MacKenzie King Regime Handed Near-Record House Majority

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dorsement of his war effort, the liberals had 169 seats, conservative 38, social credit 15, and the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation 7.

The first returns from Alberta showed that the liberals were continuing their triumphal march. Eleven cabinet ministers, one from Alberta, had been reelected late tonight.

The ballots of some 90,000 soldiers, sailors and airmen, almost a third of them in England, will not be reported for another week; tonight's returns are based on the civilian vote alone.

The government's war program has been under attack by the opposition conservative party and by the dissident liberal, Mitchell Hepburn, premier of the province of Ontario, as weak and inefficient.

It was the first general election since Oct. 14, 1935. Supporters of Dr. Manion argued that only a national government formed without regard for party lines could prosecute the war effectively.

The liberals reported, however, that if they did not win a majority of the 244 parliamentary seats they would not take part in the new government.

Rainfall Is Heavy And More Coming

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coast today and drenched Oregon. Winds reaching a velocity of between 55 to 75 miles an hour hampered shipping from the Strait of Juan de Fuca to southern Oregon, and the Rogue river valley experienced one of the year's heaviest rains.

Six inches of wet snow fell at Crater Lake park during the night, bringing the total snow on the ground to 100 inches. Park roads were open but chains were necessary.

Umbrellas replaced Easter bonnets in Portland after .78 of an inch of rain fell during a 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m. The down-pour continued during the afternoon.

The government weather bureau forecasted for more rain and moderate temperatures tomorrow.

Precipitation measurements included Falls City 2.35 inches, Summit, west of Corvallis, 1.64, Brookings 1.49, Williamsia 1.26, Eugene .52, and Pendleton .27.

US Veterinarian Killed

PENDLETON, March 26.—(AP)—An automobile-truck collision killed Dr. Ward Meyer, 27, federal veterinarian, on the Pendleton-Echo highway today.

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