

News Behind Today's News

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Hitler's double-dealing is at the root of the murderous turmoil in Rumania.

A dictatorial censorship has been keeping the facts from the world. All that is being presented is a confusing blur of events in which Hitler's old iron guardsmen appear to be shooting Hitler's Antonescus and vice versa, with the few allies communists firing a few silent pistols in the background.

But there are ways of getting around even that censorship. These straighten out the cock-eyed situation, something like this:

Hitler rode behind the iron guard only as long as it served his purposes to overthrow King Carol. What he now wants is Rumanian oil and wheat. The only way he can get them is to keep the country working and the only public man who can deliver them for him is Antonescu. So he is now backing the premier dictator against his former friends.

Of course, it would not be above Hitler to be also furnishing a few shooting pistols on the side to the guardsmen. By promoting a bitter strife he would have an excuse to take nominal control of a government which he is already guarding with 150,000 German troops (mark this figure well; it is authoritative). While such dual devilry is always possible in the Nazi way of doing business, it is extremely unlikely in this particular instance. For once, Hitler wants a neighbor to be orderly—and productive.

Antonescu is an army general who disagreed with Carol and was permitted to retreat in a villa prison the last two months of Carol's regime. At heart he

is pro-Rumanian (rather than Nazi) trying to make the best of a tough situation. His position is precisely that of Petain in France. The presence of 150,000 German troops assures his loyalty to Germany, but Hitler has not been exercising any detailed control over his actions—so long as the wheat and oil keep coming.

The iron guardsmen who revolted are nothing but a wild mob. Their only good leaders were killed off by Carol in retaliation for their assassination of Carol's prime minister Calenescu. Rumania is divided into 72 divisions, corresponding to our states. Carol's government admitted going through jails loaded with guardsmen and choosing three from each state for execution, giving preference to leaders. This official calculation would make 218 shot. The total was probably nearer 400.

The purge left the iron guard in control of scattered hoodlums. Hitler was naturally agreeable to double-crossing them in favor of the strong man who can deliver for him—as long as he can deliver. The commies get into the picture through the back door as usual. Iron guard doctrines are a motley combination of communist and Nazi theories. The guard movement includes moderates, radicals, extremists, communists and what not. The present leader, Sima, is supposed to be a moderate, but he is on the except the guardsmen has been looking for him since he was twice reported executed and then later escaped to Germany. His mob wishes to make trouble because they think Hitler should have let them run the current show, and also because of the this well—Russia has been inciting them to revolt. Stalin is practicing a little subtle resistance to his axis partner in the Rumanian field.

Thus does throat-slitting march its way in Carol's Graustark.

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The Safety Valve From Statesman Readers

MAN FROM MONTANA

To the Editor: Now that General Lampton, Pasquinade and Blatherskite with their retinues of aide-de-camps and harpoon henchmen in both camps have slipped into innocuous desuetude, Tin Pan Alley or some somnolent sector to sneeze and be switched to the sidelines to get shipshape and sensible—if possible with GOP Turko trumpeting and Demo. demonstration of delight and dog-goney—and a flock of legislators on deck to tell us all what's what and which is which, 'tis pleasing to find the lawmaking mill inside the marble Parthenon facing the pool on the north modeled after the Taj Mahal grinding smooth, efficient, and with the speed not in Tennyson's brook but the vim and accelerated motion of a high-pressure salesman headed for his quarry, or a hitch-hiker sold on California to enjoy its great gobs of sunshine and register at the 30-Every-Thursdays Gridiron club.

But the quintessence of the above roly-poly pleasantries shorn of prerequisites either way can be enhanced when "you all"—as they say in Kentucky—and the writer in this lovely Willamette valley shift the French church-glass mirror to a nifty angle to congratulate ourselves we're not booked plus our blankets to ride on the same boat with a man named Ebenezer Ninotchka Nincompoop from up Montana way who talks out of the corner of his mouth, cut corners on one wheel and has the speed, pariance and oily sarcasm of a top-notch "pitch-man" when rolled and mused at the county fair to say nothing of nominating himself to win hands down two hard cookies and a large leather medal at the annual distribution by the great Mogul Matsukoka of Mountain Meadows who sits on his dais atop the Himalayas and won't come down to town as did Mr. Deeds because he don't wanna run afoul of that noisy man from Montana who has the floor wanting all that's on it and won't cease his prattle till he gets back among the cattle via Seattle to tilt back his bonnet and shout to all the cowhands "Dog-gone! Dog-gone! I'm not the Duke of Connaught and I never did care such-a-much nor sing a sonnet for the Tight Little Isle and the people on it."

DAVID McEATHRON, Dallas, Ore.

Editorial Comments From Other Papers

WITCH HUNTING AGAIN

A Salem bakery proprietor published a large advertisement in the capital city newspapers the other day assailing the distributors of wild rumors that he was a spy, a fifth columnist, a Nazi, etc. etc. It was a half-raising "ad." It suggested that the advertiser's business and livelihood were being ruined, as perhaps they were. This chap pointed out that he had lived in the Willamette valley for many years, that he and his parents were American born, that he cared as little for Herr Hitler as anyone else. Apparently about all he had done was to possess a German name.

The incident would be laughable if it were not so terribly serious. There seems to be a disposition here and there to revive the old World War witch hunts which always persecuted at least 20 innocent victims to every disloyal person they uncovered.

This is a good time for all of us to keep our heads—yes, and our sense—of humor.—Baker Democrat-Herald.

Today's Garden

By LILLIE L. MADSEN

F.W.—Wants to know what spray to use for his lilacs at this time of the year.

This will depend somewhat upon what he wanted to cure or prevent on the lilacs. For instance if moss is heavy on lilac bushes it is well to spray now (on a clear day that is not frosty) with a dormant lime sulphur. Scale insects frequently bother lilacs and a control spray of a dormant oil used now or in early February will be beneficial. Remember that the oil spray is a contact spray and must strike all places of the lilacs where the scales are settled.

A.N.—Reports that she had planted sweet peas early fall. Upon examination now finds that there are only little stubs of plants left.

Slugs are very likely the cause of the disaster. These pests have done tremendous things this winter both in the garden and field. Whether your sweet pea "stubs" will stool out or not depends upon how close to the ground they are eaten. In some cases they will grow out from the stubs. Use poison baits to control slugs, but place the baits beneath boards where birds cannot reach them. There are a number of prepared baits on the market. A lead arsenate mixed with bran forms the basis for most of the baits in general use.

S.S.—Reports she lost most of her seedlings last year just as they came out of the ground in her flats. They seemed to rot, she reports, right at the soil.

This is generally known as damping-off. It is a fungi prevalent in seed beds. To control it sterilize all containers if old ones are used. Hot water will do this. Next sterilize the soil. Perhaps the easiest method to do this is by using a red copper oxide spray. Mix three ounces of the oxide with one gallon of water. Spray the soil thoroughly as soon as the seeds have been sown. Subsequent applications should be made every week or ten days until the little seedlings have passed the danger mark. Red copper oxide is put up under a number of trade names.

Hobby Show Adds Bridle Rosettes

SILVERTON—A collection of bridle rosettes will lend color to the Silverton Woman's club hobby and craft show set for February 13, according to Mrs. Harry Buckley, chairman of the show. The collection on display comes from John C. Kerrick of Salem.

A number of other interesting collections will also be on display. The Woman's club itself will meet February 10 at Trinity church when the program will be in charge of Mrs. Ansel Solie with Mrs. Tom Anderson as music chairman. The theme of the meeting will be "We Are America" and Mrs. Lee Davenport, Portland, chairman Oregon Federation of Women's clubs, will speak on "American Citizenship." M. B. Ford will be in charge of a Boy Scout addition to the program.

Members of the Junior Women's club will model the bathing suits for the hobby show on February 13.

New Grocery to Open At Woodburn

WOODBURN—Gordon "Bud" Klamp will open his new grocery store Saturday in the space on Front street. Mr. Klamp has operated the City Meat market for many years. The new establishment will operate under the name of Klamp's Food Market.



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Women's Wear Section Main Floor - Drug Bldg.

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10c WORK SOCKS

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