

NW to Build Wood Barracks

Pre-Fabricated Type To Replace Metal Huts for Army

SEATTLE, Sept. 5-(P)-The war department Saturday awarded a contract for construction here of between one and five million dollars worth of a new type of pre-fabricated barracks, made almost exclusively of Pacific Northwest forest products.

The structures were conceived by Frank Hobbs, president of the Colotype corporation, manufacturer of pre-finished wall boards. He heads a new company, Pacific Huts, which has been incorporated to manufacture them.

The new barracks, which are designed to replace the so-called Quonset metal huts developed by the navy, are of the same size, 36 by 16 feet, and have the same semi-cylindrical shape which has given them the name "Igloos."

Except for bolts which are used to fasten sections together and a few other metal fittings they are made entirely of lumber and pressed wood.

Hobbs said they will be turned out on an assembly line plan in a new plant which is expected to be in production in a few weeks.

"Every 1000 huts will save 30,000,000 pounds of steel," Hobbs said. "The same number will save 800,000 box car hours, formerly used to transport the metal huts from Quonset, R.I. to the west coast. In addition, they save about half the labor that went into the metal huts.

"Every section is thoroughly insulated and the huts won't frost through from the interior like metal ones. On the other hand, the huts are equally well adapted to use in the tropics. Every piece has been dipped in termite resisting fluid."

Gable Shows As Real Man In Training

MIAMI BEACH, FLA., Sept. 5-(P)-Clark Gable gave proof Saturday that he is as good a soldier in Uncle Sam's army as he once was a top-flight actor in Hollywood.

After nearly a month of training as an officer candidate in the air corps school here, Gable was permitted to pose for photographers and answer questions asked informally by newspapermen.

Lieut. Col. Charles H. McNair, director of the officer candidate school, praised Gable as a soldier.

"He has been shown no special consideration and has asked none," said the colonel. "He started nearly 10 days behind the class but has nearly caught up. His classmates have elected him to the honor committee, which enforces rules of honor and conduct. He is an efficient soldier."

Gable, 10 pounds lighter than when he entered the service and heavily sun-tanned, is enjoying his new life.

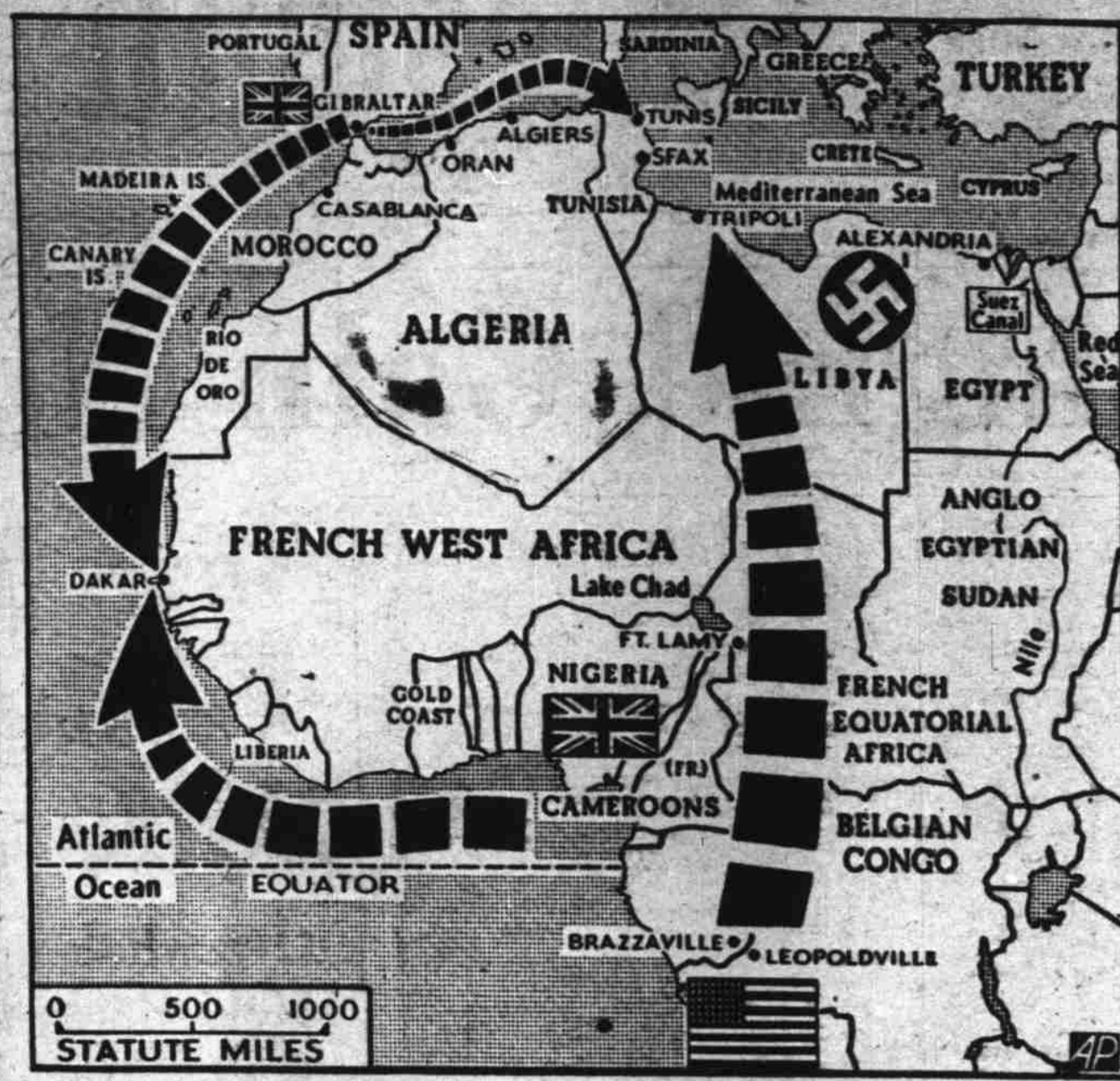
"This is good," he said on the athletic field, clad in shorts and perspiring profusely under the tropical sun. "This puts you in shape. I weigh 135 now and have more muscle than I had."

"He isn't thinking of his motion picture career "until all this is over," he told reporters. His appearance has changed slightly. He is leaner and beads of perspiration stand where a famous mustache once was.

Gable jumped hurdles, climbed scaling walls and ran around an inclined board track with a dozen classmates.

"He is a real man aside from being a national character," said Colonel McNair. "He takes the bumps and hurdles with the rest. That's what we demand in the army."

US Troops in Congo Give Axis Africa Jitters



Arrival of US troops in Belgian Congo, plus reports that the British are practicing invasion landings at Gibraltar add up to a case of African jitters for the axis. Second front possibilities were seen as including back door drives on German-held Libya or Dakar, plus perhaps British sea-borne invasion of Tunisia or Dakar. The American army technical forces which arrived at Leopoldville, Belgian Congo capital, started immediately to build a big camp named for President Roosevelt, apparently in preparation for further troop arrivals.—Associated Press Telesms.

French Actress to Marry Soon



Michèle Morgan, French actress now in Hollywood motion pictures, and William Marshall, actor from Chicago, apply for a marriage license in Los Angeles. They will be married in about three weeks, she said. She gave her age as 25 and her real name as Simone Rousset. He is 25. They met 10 months ago at a movie studio, where they were working in different pictures.—Associated Press Telesms.

GOP Urges Total Draft

PORTLAND, Sept. 5-(P)-The Oregon republican executive committee Saturday urged immediate total mobilization of man power and property.

The committee said the proposal would be submitted to the state central committee and, if ratified, proposed as the national program of the GOP.

The program calls for universal conscription, for militarization of industrial workers and for nationalization of all property that can be used in the war effort.

The resolution urged the program be started "now, without waiting for the election."

Wood Ceiling Up, One Lot

PORTLAND, Sept. 5-(P)-An increase in the ceiling price on one lot of dry slab wood was authorized Saturday by the Oregon OPA, director Richard G. Montgomery announced.

The increase covers 3000 cords to be brought here from the Mist area by the Meisen fuel company, setting the price of the 12- and 16-inch length fuel at \$11 a cord. The ceiling price was \$8.

Earlier Saturday the Portland Federation of Women's organizations protested to the OPA the recommendation by Brig. Gen. Brice P. Dieque that millwood ceilings be raised to \$12.50. The women said low-income families would be hardest hit.

Nation Faces New Sacrifice

Solon Says President To Ask Congress For Actions

(Continued from page 1) he understood that Mr. Roosevelt would ask congress to remove the act's prohibition against the imposition of ceilings on farm prices below 10 per cent of parity.

Responsible sources who furnished an outline of the president's program indicated that he planned to set aside this prohibition by executive order but Brown said that if he was correctly informed, the president would state in the message that if congress failed to act by October 1, Mr. Roosevelt would proceed under authority granted to him by the second war powers act.

"I commend the vigorous program that the president is expected to outline in his message," Brown told interviewers, "and I believe that congress ought to cooperate with him fully in bringing about these new economic controls.

"I think the president has ample authority to control wages, but I am doubtful about the extent of his authority to set aside a provision of an act of congress prohibiting price ceilings on farm products below 110 per cent parity."

This provision permits prices of agricultural products to rise 10 per cent above parity, which is a level calculated to give farmers a purchasing power equal to that of a past period, usually 1909-1914.

Soldiers Buy War Stamps, Theatre Plan

They were young and laughing and in uniform and the quarters were tossed rapidly to the table in front of the Grand theatre Saturday night as they bought war stamps and occasionally worn passes to the moving picture show. The passes they handed to admiring youngsters.

And when they had collected approximately \$8 worth of stamps, they cracked wide with a fatalistic slant. "Aw, we probably won't come back to collect on 'em anyhow" and so the three young second lieutenants handed their cash war investments over to an infant whose mother had stood with the crowd watching their sport.

Sale of stamps at the table where opportunities toward single passes were offered with 25-cent stamp purchases and toward a season pass with each bond, totaled \$60 its first night of operation, Theatre Manager Al Adolph reported. The innovation is in line with the nationwide sponsorship of bond sales this month by the theatre industry.

Camp Adair Gets Timberline Dogs

PORTLAND, Sept. 5-(P)-The Timberline Lodge Mascots, Bruel and Lady, will move to Camp Adair Monday.

Manager Fred Van Dyke said that an officer of the camp phoned yesterday and asked for the St. Bernards, which were to be with out a home on the closing of the lodge for the duration on Tuesday.

He said six other requests were received for the dogs.

Nazis Name City Verdun

Axis Forced Back in Egypt; Allies Hold Air Superiority

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German attackers at around 500,000, repeated the rods were outnumbered but said the Germans were suffering such appalling casualties that Marshal Fedor Von Bock was forced to assemble his last forces from other sectors and fronts. Even the wounded were impressed into the attack; those hurt too badly to fight were shot by their officers, the army newspaper Red Star said.

Moreover, Red Star suggested the German position was growing difficult with a wall of Russian fire in front and scorched, charred and devastated steppes behind.

From the welter of conflicting claims, the apparent fact emerged that the battle for Stalingrad—Hitler's prime 1942 objective—was perhaps the bloodiest in world history. The resoluteness of the Russian defenders recalled the defenses of Moscow and Leningrad last winter and raised the hope that the city and the Volga might yet be held.

The Russians too were standing firm in the Caucasus, and gaining anew in their counter offensive on the central front near Rzhev.

On the hot desert wastelands of Egypt, the British were exacting heavy attrition in beating back for the third day Marshal Erwin Rommel's latest offensive for Alexandria and the Nile.

The main axis concentration in Egypt was moving back westward along the Qattara depression at the extreme south end of the front. In the center the New Zealanders struck out to the southwest winning their objectives and capturing prisoners. The direction of the center attack suggested that Gen. Sir Harold Alexander might be trying to force a ring around the Germans in the south.

The whole forward desert sands were described as littered with buried out axis material, particularly heavy tanks that were prey of the British 25 pounders. The RAF and US air forces pressed their air superiority with telling effects. Already, Rommel's losses had mounted high but the battle thus far was only preliminary jockeying for position. The axis claimed several hundred prisoners including a New Zealand general.

Cargo Planes Decision Left To Army, Navy

(Continued from page 1) cause of materials and the need for technicians, would interfere with the production of bombers and fighters. They were said to have objected also that the very size of the planes might prevent their use of northern military supply routes because of the icing menace encountered on immense wing spreads.

The special committee which reported to Nelson was composed of Grover Loening, of the WPB aircraft production division, Donald Douglas, Glenn L. Martin and John Northrop.

Senator McNary (R-Ore) said in a statement that he was not surprised at the adverse report because airplane manufacturers "do not want a dynamic construction to enter their exclusive field." He said he hoped for a "better report" from the army and navy and Nelson.

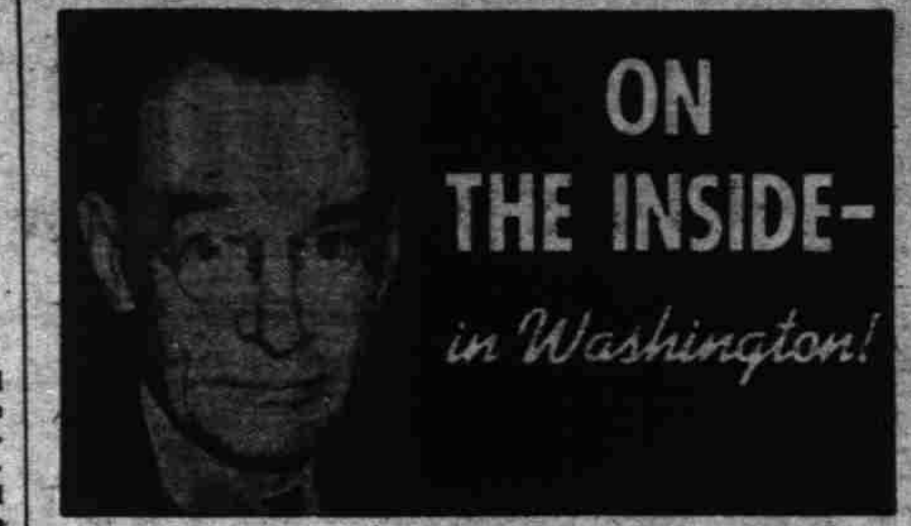
Morgenthau Asks Tax on Spending; New Plan Offered

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5-(P)-In the face of reported opposition of several members of the senate finance committee, Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau Saturday renewed his plea for approval of his proposed spending tax, designed to raise \$5,700,000,000 a year to finance the war effort.

The treasury chief branded as "a slur" upon the committee earlier reports that it was about to reject the proposal submitted only last Thursday.

He described the levy as consisting of two parts, one of which would be a flat 10 per cent tax on spending above "a bare subsistence income," and which would be returned to the taxpayer after the war; and the other a graduated tax on higher spending.

A proposal offered tentatively by Roy Blough, head of the treasury's tax research bureau, contemplates issuance by the government of a sort of rationing certificate to each taxpayer permitting him to spend a certain proportion of his income, but no more. Income that could not be spent might be expected to gravitate to government bonds.



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Piecing together the military developments and the extraordinary outpouring of official anniversary comment which marked the start of the fifth year of the war, this much seems clear:

Warship Lost In Pacific

Fire Sweeps Tender In Port, Kills North Bend Man

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forpedoes, 12,000 gallons of diesel oil and 1,000,000 gallons of fuel oil.

The enlisted men who died in the flames were George William Genthner, chief storekeeper, 26, son of Mrs. Thelma C. Genthner, Waldover, Me., and Sebert Priece Malezer, 37, chief signalmen, North Bend, Ore., whose widow lives in Portland, Me. Two others severely injured were Lt. Commander Joseph A. Corwin, 37, South Orange, N.J., and Chief Gunner William C. Batchelor, 44, Norfolk, Va.

FDR Asserts Yankee Arm Stronger

(Continued from page 1) of our brother allies, the people who live by the sweat of their brows have risen mightily to the challenge of the struggle. They have given their sons to the military services. They have stoked the furnaces and hurried the factory wheels. They have made the planes and welded the tanks, riveted the ships and rolled the shells. Production of war materials here is now the greatest in our history, but it is not yet enough. It will be greater still.

This is an appropriate occasion to express my appreciation to the working people of the United States for the energy and devotion with which they have met the demands of the present crisis. They know what it is to work until muscles ache. They know what it means to be weary when the whistle blows at the end of the shift.

They know, too, that democracy has made labor's advances possible. They know just what stakes they have in America, just what they are fighting for. There are certain to be stormy days ahead. Laborers, farmers, industrialists, all of us, are pledged to the war effort. We are certain to be asked for sacrifices. These may be sacrifices of wage increases, crop price increases, bodily comforts. All this is little enough for freedom to be imperiled.

Vichy to Reform In West Africa

BERN, Switzerland, Sept. 5-(P)-The Vichy government Saturday ordered an administrative reorganization of French West Africa, a move which private French sources described as a maneuver to delay a decision on more specific issues involving Dakar.

The reorganization is likely to take the form of a series of newly appointed officials, personally selected by Chief of Government Pierre Laval and, according to Paris reports, may be the starting point for "a vast administrative shift in France and in our overseas possessions."

Benton Storage Contract Given

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5-(P)-The war department Saturday announced awards of the following construction contracts by the chief of engineers. No further details will be released for publication, the department added:

Between \$50,000 and \$100,000: Deluca and Sons, San Francisco, Calif., gasoline storage and fueling system, Benton county, Ore., Portland, Ore. BO.

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Scrap Harvest Begins Monday

Organizations Lead Drive for Metals, Rubber and Fats

Although Oregon's state fair is not to be held this year, Labor day, its traditional opening date, is to be marked by the flashing of at least one "go-ahead" signal, Claude I. Sersanos, chairman of the state salvage committee reminded Saturday as he called attention to the state's cooperation in the national scrap harvest, opening in Oregon Monday.

Marion county, already actively engaged in salvaging what once its residents would have wasted but now are saving for war production, is to participate fully, C. W. Paulus, chairman, has indicated.

Scrappo, creature of imagination and castoff iron, steel and bolts, has been utilized through newsreel agencies as inspiration for other communities in the drive to raise the state's quota of 200 pounds per person. The Marion county courthouse lawn has to continue to stand as a reminder of the nation's need for metals, rubber and kitchen fats, committee members declared.

Through service clubs, women's and church organizations, granges, boy and girl organizations, press and radio, residents of this area are to be constantly reminded of the all-out effort to turn in the state quota of 47,500 tons of scrap iron and steel, according to Gene Vandeynde, city salvage chairman.

Meat Ration To Be Near Usual Use

CHICAGO, Sept. 5-(P)-Americans will have as much or more meat, per person, under proposed government rationing than they had through most of the depression, but not as much as during the last war.

This was shown Saturday by an analysis of meat trade statistics. Government authorities hope to permit average civilian consumption of 2 1/2 pounds per person each week after allowing for the large requirements of the armed forces at home and abroad, as well as exports to the United Nations. Soldiers and sailors now eat more than double that amount.

"A majority of the millions of the far east have made a pact with the axis that will prevent our land from falling before the barbarism of the bolshevik or the exploitation of Anglo-Saxon capitalism."

That implies that Japan is to be the savior of Germany. By no stretch of imagination could that expression have come from Hitler's lips a year ago.

Assuming rationing would result in an annual civilian per capita consumption of around 130 pounds, exclusive of lard, American Meat Institute estimates showed that will be heavier than some of the years of the last decade, particularly during the period of the 1934-36 drought. For comparative purposes, here is the consumption record, with 1942 figures a preliminary estimate.

1929	131.5 pounds;
1930	129;
1931	130.5;
1932	131;
1933	135.2;
1934	124.7;
1935	117;
1936	129.7;
1937	126.4;
1938	127.3;
1939	132.9;
1940	141.6;
1941	148;
1942	145.

The much smaller American population ate a lot more meat, per person, than this during the last war and the years prior to it. In 1917 per capita consumption was 126.8 pounds; in 1918, 143 and in 1919, 138.9, before the outbreak of the last war in 1914, consumption seldom got below 150 pounds and in 1908 reached an all-time peak of 162 pounds.

Mexicans to Train

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 5-(P)-Men between the ages of 18 and 45 must report Sunday for military training under threat of losing their civil rights if they fail to appear.

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