

Alaska's 3rd Link Forged

Construction of New Under-Mountain Road Route Disclosed

PORTAGE, Alaska, Nov. 21—(AP)—With the vital Alaska railroad cut-off tunnel just broken through and the strategic Alcan highway officially opened, Alaskan army authorities Saturday permitted the announcement of still a third important transportation link in the territory.

The newest development was the announcement of the hitherto secret Glenn highway from Anchorage to the Richardson highway, via Palmer. Known locally as the Chickaloon highway, the new route opens a previously impassable route between the Cugach and Talkeetna mountains, cutting through high passes and over swamps, the highway gives Anchorage its first connection with the interior aside from the Alaska railway.

The highway was constructed in secret and has been in operation for some time.

Crews working from both ends of the 13,000 foot Alaska railway bore met in the middle almost directly under the center of the glacier covered mountain, as officials looked on and congratulated themselves in reaching the high point in the Alaska railway cut-off construction well ahead of schedule.

The new tunnel will slash 60 miles from the haul necessary to get supplies from the seacoast to the interior, through elimination of that much twisting roadbed which frequently caused much trouble in winter.

Completion of the tunnel, officials indicated, may also result in the establishment of a new Alaskan port city on Whittier canal in Prince William Sound and may also spell a commercial doom for Seward which has long been dependent on the longhoring business in connection with the Alaska railroad terminal for support.

Maj. Gen. S. B. Buckner, commander of all troops in Alaska, pulled the switch which set off the final blasts beneath the mountain and asserted as he did so the tunnel would "prevent the enemy from knocking out the most important piece of transportation in Alaska."

Speakers hailed the tunnel the fourth longest in the nation and noted that the construction crews driving from both ends had missed a "perfect" connection by a mere half inch in elevation an eighth of an inch in line.

The first work on the tunnel was holed in November 19, 1941 and was completed weeks ahead of any estimated schedule, despite bad shattering of rock from blasts as the tunnel was being driven.

The work was managed by Maj. C. B. Burgoyne, army resident engineer, and A. M. Coker, superintendent of the West Construction company. The cost was placed at \$530,000.

Col. O. F. Ohlson, general manager of the Alaska railway, estimated the construction would result in a 30 per cent decrease in freight rates to Anchorage and a cut of between 7 and 8 per cent for the Fairbanks end of the line.

Veneer Plants Short on Logs

OLYMPIA, Nov. 21—(AP)—Axel Erickson, plant superintendent for the Washington Veneer company, announced Saturday night that 150 men, graveyard shift employees of the company's two Olympia mills, had been laid off effective Monday.

Erickson said the layoff, caused by lack of veneer logs, might continue for two or three months. He said efforts were being made to urge the men to go into the woods and participate in cutting operations.

Spokesman for the second firm, Olympia Veneer company, said they had only enough logs to assure operation at the present pace for another month.

HOQUIAM, Nov. 21—(AP)—A shortage of logs resulted Saturday in the shutdown of Grays Harbor's largest plywood plant, the Harbor Plywood corporation, and the layoff of 400 workers engaged in war production. Huber F. Wise, secretary of the company, which is engaged 100 per cent in war contracts, said the plant probably would resume operations Thursday night.

NEWARK, N.J., Nov. 21—(AP)—Three hundred women will get a lot of free bus rides in Newark Monday, and they hope others will pay plenty for their trips.

As a feature of women's week in the win-the-war drive, public service coordinated transport has agreed to permit the 300 to sell war bonds and stamps in buses for the day.

Veterinarian Dies FOREST GROVE, Nov. 21—(AP) Funeral services were held Friday for Dr. W. B. Coon, 43, one-time president of the state veterinary medical association. He died Wednesday. His widow and a son survive.

Yanks Off to New Guinea Front



Wearing their camouflaged uniforms for jungle fighting, American infantrymen sit in trucks somewhere in New Guinea as they head for the front to fight with the Australians against the Japs.—Associated Press Teletext.

Presidential Tariff Rule Gains Way

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21—(AP) Broad legislation granting President Roosevelt new wartime power to suspend immigration and tariff regulations was approved Saturday by a house ways and means subcommittee but with a restriction to meet complaints that the bill might break down immigration controls.

The redrafted measure approved unanimously by the subcommittee contained, in large measure, the general authority which President Roosevelt recently requested to speed the war effort. There have been protests on Capitol Hill that the tariff and immigration authority granted the president would be too broad.

In general, the new measure would give the president the right to waive statutory restrictions against the entry or egress of persons, property or information, provided he found such action necessary to the war effort.

Limitations were written into the bill designed to meet the arguments of those who charged that the measure would break down the immigration system, that the powers could still be used in the period of armistice after the war has ended.

Under its terms, an alien who gained entrance to this country through presidential suspension of the immigration law would be barred from remaining here longer than six months after the act permitting the suspension had expired.

Food Plants Survey Due

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21—(AP) The agriculture department will make a survey of the nation's 3000 fruit and vegetable processing plants to determine whether their facilities are being used effectively and efficiently in producing war food needs.

Information to be obtained from each plant will cover commodities produced, capacity, sources of raw materials, employees required, storage facilities and inventory of both used and unused equipment.

The department said in order to avoid waste of food, transportation, manpower, production and processing operations must be coordinated. Data to be secured through the survey will be used, it said, in establishing such coordination.

Auto Signup Heavy Here

More than 11,000 registration certificates have been issued at the state motor vehicle department during the past few days to persons desiring to obtain gasoline rationing. Secretary of State Earl Snell reported here Saturday.

Snell said the demand for title registrations came as the motor vehicle division was preparing for the usual year-end rush for automobile licenses. This year, Snell said, motor vehicle owners will receive windshield stickers in lieu of new license plates, due to the war emergency.

Owners who have new 1942 plates will validate the old plates with the new sticker which is to be attached to the upper center of the windshield directly behind the rear vision mirror.

\$69 for Ashes Asked of Bank

GALESBURG, ILL., Nov. 21—(AP) Cliff Hall, a farmer living near Maquon, deposited \$69 worth of ashes at a Galesburg bank Saturday hoping the government would issue new money for it.

He explained that the ashes represented the contents of his billfold after it had spent an hour or so on top of the kitchen range. Hall and his wife don't know how it got there, but their two year old son, Billy, is under suspicion.

Long Distance Charge Cuts Ordered

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21—(AP) The government called Saturday for a second reduction in long distance telephone charges.

American Telephone & Telegraph company, the nation's largest corporation, was ordered by the federal communications commission to show why it should not substantially reduce toll rates and other charges in the face of commission figures indicating excess earnings of \$47,000,000 to \$62,000,000 this year. A hearing was fixed for December 16.

In addition to defending its charges, A. T. & T. was ordered to show why an immediate reduction in rates pending conclusion of the investigation should not be made.

Washington Tries Guayule

PULLMAN, Nov. 21—(AP)—E. H. Steffen, head of the department of forestry and range management at Washington State college, said Saturday forestry officials are sufficiently impressed with Washington's chances for growing guayule plants that they are making many more plants available for experiments.

Steffen said 93 of 100 plants survived transplanting last spring from their native habitat in the southwest to the experiment station here and lived satisfactorily through the first growing season, but he added this winter would be the critical period for the rubber-producing plants.

He reported Maj. Evan W. Kelley, Salinas, Calif., in charge of the experiments, has sent another 100 plants to the experiment station at Puyallup and next spring will send an additional 100 to the station at Prosser.

'No Slur,' Says Jeffers

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21—(AP) Rubber Administrator William M. Jeffers assured a congressional group Saturday that he meant no reflection on them when he protested that opposition to nationwide gasoline rationing was being financed "by people who should know better" but gave no assurance that he would delay the program beyond December 1 for further study.

He was called before the committee after several members of the anti-rationing bloc—largely composed of congressmen from western and southwestern oil-producing states—angrily protested Jeffers' speech in New York yesterday assailing opposition to the rationing.

For two hours he was closeted in executive session with the committee, discussing the speech and rubber problems, and upon emerging was asked by newsmen: "Did you succeed in pouring oil on the troubled waters?" "There was no need for pouring oil," he replied. "Our relations were amiable."

Rep. Johnson (D-Okla.), in whose office the session was held, agreed that Jeffers was "courteous and gave us a lot of information."

\$10,000,000 'Cake' Cut for Tobacco Heiress Monday

SOMERVILLE, N.J., Nov. 21—(AP)—Doris Duke, tobacco heiress, will celebrate her 30th birthday anniversary Monday and receive one of the biggest birthday presents in human history.

She'll collect another \$10,000,000 more or less from the estate of her late father, J. B. Duke. When her father died in 1925 he left her a legacy estimated at \$30,000,000. At the age of 21 she received a third of it, and at 25 she received the remainder. Monday's installment will be the last.

Coffee's Sale Off for Week

Limited Rationing For Butter and Cheese Talked

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of available supplies," rationing director Paul M. O'Leary said, explaining that such consumers were among the largest users of all foods.

The butter freeze does not necessarily mean that butter rationing is in the offing, officials emphasized, although it makes possible increased government buying.

Earlier in the week, informed agriculture department sources who could not be quoted by name revealed that Secretary Wickard had drafted a proposal for rationing butter and cheese and, in some of the larger cities, fluid milk. His proposal, it was said, now is before the foods requirements committee of WPE.

Only a few months ago householders were being urged to buy more cheese. But U-boats then were preventing shipment of much of the cheese produced and storage space was overtaxed. Now submarine activity has fallen off and the time is ripe for heavy shipments of dairy products, while simultaneously their production has dropped even below the normal seasonal decline of labor and other shortages.

Rationing of coffee will start at 12:01 a. m. November 29 when coupon No. 27 in every grown-up's ration book—the familiar sugar books—becomes valid for one pound of coffee. That pound must last until January 3, which works out at about one cup a day.

The week-long freeze after midnight will enable grocers to stock their shelves with coffee and OPA assured that there would be enough for all. However, officials asked householders to buy no more than they needed at the start, so as not to tax distribution facilities and run some grocers temporarily short.

Hotels, restaurants, hospitals and other institutional users will be permitted to buy coffee at retail without interruption, as will the military services. The institutional users will get their purchase certificates November 23-25, inclusive from local ration boards.

Coffee stamps under rationing can not be used from any book showing that its user was under 15 in May, when the book was issued. Further, those who have more than one pound of coffee on hand per person November 28 should not purchase more until excess is used. Consumers will be required later to certify the amount in their cupboards November 28 and to surrender coupons covering the surplus.

Briton Raps Censorship

LONDON, Nov. 21—(AP)—The Sunday Dispatch late Saturday night published prominently on page one a report from Don Iddon, its New York correspondent, declaring the United States censorship of outgoing messages is preventing the British people from getting a complete picture of America at war.

"There have been many important developments here which have appeared in the American press and have been read by millions of people which we have not been allowed to send to England," Iddon wrote. "There have been criticisms of the war effort and directions made publicly here in the press and over the radio which you have not heard because the American censorship has stopped us from sending them."

He asserted he was taking advantage of the declaration by Byron Price, director of censorship, at the recent British correspondents dinner that "you can say what you like about our censorship, that won't be censored."

Autopsy Asked Pen Poisoning

State hospital physicians Saturday were asked by penitentiary officials to conduct an autopsy on the body of Thomas O'Connor, 35, who died at the prison farm late Friday after a brief illness.

Officials said they believed O'Connor drank some liquid he found at the prison farm. Neither suicide nor manslaughter was suspected, they declared.

O'Connor was received at the penitentiary from Deschutes county more than two years ago to serve a five year term for larceny. Hospital physicians indicated that they would prepare a report on the autopsy not later than Monday.

Court of Honor Held

GERVAIS—Gervais troop No. 54, Boy Scouts of America was held to the monthly Court of Honor at its meeting last week. Carl Jorgensen was awarded a merit badge for gardening. Troop No. 53 of Woodburn was the only other troop given awards and honors.

Burned, Bed Fire

Ben Clark, resident of the Leonard hotel, was taken to the Salem Deaconess hospital Saturday for treatment of seriously burned knees, received when the bed clothing caught fire.

ON THE HOME FRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

Crisp curls of bacon, tender eggs, steaming, fragrant coffee—ah, that WAS a breakfast fit for king or American. Today we bid the last of these a lingering farewell. So far as the second cup of coffee is concerned, probably it's gone for the duration, and, to me, the second cup is better than the first. But, when I think of coffee I think of my Norwegian friends. And when I think of breakfast, one of those friends, in particular, comes to my mind.

To a landlubber a meal aboard ship is always a little more flavorful than one served on terra firma (that is, if the ship is quietly at dock), and my breakfast aboard the long, silver-colored Norwegian freighter was no exception.

For a variety of reasons we were invited to join the captain at his 8 o'clock meal. The large round table in the officer's salon was covered with shining damask. Its centerpiece was a sparkling cut-glass punchbowl larger than any I had ever before seen. On a mound of cracked ice in that bowl lay great cream and rose crabs, cracked so artistically that one had to investigate closely to determine that the creatures were not still alive. They were garnished with deep-green parsley.

The white-coated waiter brought in great platters of hot steak (where were, I believe, six of us altogether), a bowl of hot boiled eggs, to add to the food already on that ample table. There were a half dozen varieties of cheese, an equal selection in cold meats, pickled herring, salmon in jelly—it neared smorgasbord proportions, and the captain apologized because of the lack of potatoes and gravy. Frankly I smiled widely, but the food that tasted good was the

cold fruit juice (a concession to our American palates), the eggs, the steak in lieu of bacon and the cup after cup of strong, hot coffee.

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So, when I start figuring what I can do on a pound of coffee every five weeks—and even that not available now until November 28, I wonder how long my Norwegian friends have been on a coffee ration.

Education Aid Bill's Early Okeh Urged

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21—(AP) Proponents of a federal program to allot \$300,000,000 a year for aid to schools urged Saturday that the long-pending measure be speedily enacted in view of curtailments in state revenue caused by the war but economy advocates promised a fight.

Senator Pepper (D-Fla.) said he hoped the measure could be called up Monday after the senate takes the cloture vote which is expected to kill the anti-poll tax bill.

But Senator Byrd (D-Va.), chairman of the joint congressional economy committee, told reporters that "This is certainly no time to give \$300,000,000 to the states when the federal government needs every dollar for the war." Pepper indicated he thought the money angle of secondary importance.

Sponsors of the bill declared that the war would curtail local revenues available for school purposes since rationing would reduce income from state sales taxes and restrictions on motoring would cut the collections of gasoline and motor vehicle license taxes. Further, they said, the salaries of low-paid teachers must be advanced to overcome the lure of high wages in war industry.

The bill provides that no United States official shall exercise any control over local schools which receive aid but Byrd declared that "passage of this bill will inevitably lead to federal control of the school system."

"The federal government would dictate our school systems and tell us how to run them," he said. "That was the story of federal aid for building highways, and it would just be the same story in the schools."

Byrd said the federal government already had relieved the states of many financial burdens and asserted "there isn't a state in the union which isn't able to educate its own children."

Farm Labor Plan Ready For Trial

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21—(AP) The agriculture department will inaugurate next week an experimental program for recruiting, training and placing year-around farm workers to help meet an agricultural labor shortage expected to reach 1,500,000 in 1943 if its present trends continue.

The program will involve 300 farmers from unproductive farms in Kentucky and northern Wisconsin. The 150 Kentucky farmers will be given a three-weeks' training at Ohio State university at Columbus and on nearby dairy farms. At the completion of their training they will be placed on farms needing help.

The Wisconsin farmers will be placed immediately inasmuch as they have had some farm dairy experience.

The department's bureau of agricultural economics estimated that the shortage would reach 1,500,000 workers next year if present military induction and industrial employment trends continue.

Gas Signup Booms Stamps

TACOMA, Nov. 21—(AP)—Gas rationing registration has brought a tremendous boom in the sale of \$5 auto use federal tax stamps the past few days. Ralph Noerenberg, assistant collector of Internal revenue for Washington and Alaska, disclosed here Saturday.

Literally thousands of motorists have bought the stamps this week—stamps which were supposed to have been purchased and posted on windshields by the owners last July 1. Noerenberg has no final tabulation on the stamp sales, but it appeared many motorists who had been dodging the government tax had paid up when they realized lack of a stamp would prevent them from obtaining gasoline.

Triple Murder Seen in Maine

WATERVILLE, ME., Nov. 21—(AP)—A mother and two small sons were found shot to death in the woods near their farm home at Unity Plantation late Saturday and state police Capt. Sidney M. Frost said that "It looks like a triple murder."

Frost said the victims were Mrs. Ellen S. Palmer, 4, and Ross, 5, and Raymond Palmer, 13 months.

Raymond's body was found in a toy express wagon. A man who had been hunting in the vicinity was brought to state police headquarters for questioning.

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Bizerte Axis Force Pounded

Allied Troops Pour In, Hope to Clear Tunisian Areas

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from all except sea escape by allied columns converging from the west and south.

Despite intense axis air attacks on the advancing allied forces to-day and violent battles overhead between the Luftwaffe and British and American war planes, Lieut. Gen. K. A. N. Anderson's army continued to cling tightly and methodically about the axis' ring of fortifications. Flashes behind allied advance units and axis outposts were reported to be increasing, and it was thought the main assault would not be long in coming.

In Libya, German Marshal Erwin Rommel was reported by the Berlin radio to have ended his long retreat from Egypt and to be "deployed in full fighting strength in thoroughly prepared and strongly fortified positions" to meet the onslaught of the pursuing British Eighth army under General Sir Bernard Montgomery.

The shattered Africa corps, as well as the Tunisian force, was declared in the Berlin forecast to have received supplies of tanks and guns "of the most modern construction" for his showdown battle with the British. The entire unofficial report did not specify where Rommel was making his stand, but its description of his position, including the fact that they were "in depth," left little doubt that the fugitive "desert fox" had holed up at El Aghelia, where he could defend a 30-mile front without fear of being flanked.

The soviet communique issued early today told of further repulses for the Germans in the Caucasus, where at least two companies and a battalion of nazis have been annihilated or dispersed. There was little fighting in Stalingrad, the communique indicated.

Weygand Held As Hostage

NEW YORK, Nov. 21—(AP) Gen. Maxime Weygand, allied generalissimo before the fall of the French republic, has been arrested as a hostage to replace Gen. Henri Giraud in Koenigstein fortress at the direction of Joachim von Ribbentrop, German foreign minister, according to reliable information reaching New York from Europe today.

Giraud escaped from the Nazi prison late last spring, then went to north Africa where he joined American troops at the head of a Fighting French column when Algeria was invaded.

Ribbentrop, according to these advises, informed Marshal Petain, French chief of state, in a letter that Giraud's departure meant he had broken a promise to Germany. Consequently, Germany could no longer accept the word of any French officer and would therefore take Weygand into custody to play safe.

Weygand left Petain's house with his wife and son in Petain's motor car the night of November 12. The car was halted five miles from Vichy by a Gestapo (German secret police) car blocking the road.

Weygand's son returned to Petain and told the marshal what had happened.

Canal Defense In Good Shape

PANAMA, Panama, Nov. 21—(AP) Defense facilities guarding the Panama canal are in "excellent shape," Lt. Gen. George H. Brett, chief of the Caribbean defense command, declared today in his first public statement since his return from visiting all bases under his command.

Brett said the submarine menace and combatting it continues to be his paramount interests, and he remarked on the cooperation between the various branches "of services in fighting submarines."

Year-Around Classes Set

PULLMAN, Nov. 21—(AP)—President E. O. Holland and Dean E. K. Wegner announced Saturday they will recommend to the Washington State college board of regents that the College of Veterinary Medicine be kept in continuous session during the war to alleviate a shortage of veterinarians.

Their plan, they said, is to sandwich a semester between the spring and fall semesters, reducing by at least a year and a half the four-year veterinary course. The plan would also hasten graduation of about 160 now engaged in the study, they added.

To Our Patrons:

With the ever increasing demands being made on transportation systems, and the extreme necessity for the transportation of workers engaged in essential and defense industries, transporting them to and from their jobs in the most efficient manner, it is necessary that shoppers, school children, and non-essential travelers cooperate with the management in carrying out the recommendations of the Office of Defense Transportation with regard to travel.

OREGON MOTOR STAGES

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Briton Wins Air Battle 9 Miles Up

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plane's instruments were coated with ice. Reynolds, faint, nauseated, almost blind from weakness and pain, struggled on. He suddenly sighted the German a hundred yards away.

Reynolds tried to fire his guns but his hands were stiff with cold, his arms paralyzed, and the German turned quickly out to sea.

Finally Reynolds managed to thaw his frozen hands enough to open combat. The German's starboard engine burst into flames and the craft spiraled down into the sea.

As Reynolds glided for home he saw over one shoulder the whole Aegean sea with the island of Crete "like a pebble in a puddle" below him. On his right he looked beyond Bengasi into the Gulf of Sirte. On the left was the entire length of Palestine to the Lebanon mountains. In the distance was the Egyptian coast, and Reynolds could see over the whole Nile delta to beyond Cairo.

OPA Blamed For Dairy Scarcities

MOSCOW, Idaho, Nov. 21—(AP) State Grange Master E. T. Taylor told the closing session of the North Idaho chamber of commerce Saturday the present dairy products shortage should be "hung on the OPA."

Milk price ceilings had been set by the office of price administration at March levels, he said, adding that increased labor costs were forcing sale of "thousands of cows."

Taylor also protested the practice he said the US employment service followed of enticing workers from the farms with high paying jobs in industrial centers.

Why Not Ration Your Gas With An Eyedropper?

BOISE, Idaho, Nov. 21—(AP) John Boyle theorizes he'll have to invent a super gasoline saving device for his 12-cylinder automobile.

He applied for an "A" card, but the clerk evidently made a mistake. He received a "D" card intended for motorcycles. It allows him only seven-eighths of a gallon a week, just about enough to start his motor.



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