

Cannery Wage Rise Dropped By Commission

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men would ask higher wages in the light of the women's order.

A leading Salem cannery manager who asked that his name be withheld, declared Saturday night that "the industry will continue its efforts by every possible means to obtain authorization for a wage increase for men and women workers."

This spokesman said the canners feel they must be permitted to pay higher wages than were paid last season if they are to obtain labor for the 1943 packs.

The fact that the industry in California has received federal authorization to raise wages to the same scale proposed for Oregon, 70 cents an hour for women and 85 cents for men, was cited as a favorable factor in the expected further effort to boost workers' pay in Oregon plants.

Canners who met with the regional war labor board in Portland Thursday left with the expectation that the new scale was to be finally approved. The president's new stabilization order, however, changed the situation the same night.

Fliers Receive French Medals

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, April 10—(AP)—Three American Warhawk pilots who destroyed 21 enemy planes received the croix de guerre from Gen. Jean Mengidial, commander in chief of French air forces in northwest Africa, in a simple ceremony outside an operation dugout at the most advanced fighter field Friday.

The pilots were Col. William W. Momyer of Seattle, Wash., who downed eight planes; Maj. Levi R. Chase of Cortland, N.Y., who got 10; and Lieut. Tom A. Thomas, Jr., of Ada, Okla., who accounted for three.

Their citations were for aiding French troops in Tunisia.

Sideshow

Odd Angles On Day's News

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Forty French officers, studying in the United States preliminary to joining the forces of General Henri Giraud in North Africa, leaped to their feet to drink a toast to "La Belle France" today.

A waitress in the Union station stopped them.

"It's against the rules," she said. They sat down, meek but puzzled until the waitress explained that the District of Columbia has a law against drinking while standing up.

COLUMBUS, O.—(AP)—Pfc. Harry Simmons' snappy hand salute paid off today.

Meeting a second lieutenant on a downtown street, the Lockbourne army air base private whipped up a salute and received an equally sharp one in return. Then the officer stopped Simmons and said:

"Private, that was a very fine salute you just gave me. Here's a dollar."

Before the startled Simmons could recover, the officer explained: "Three of my pals and I just finished officers' candidate school and we vowed that the first man to give us a real snappy salute would get a dollar from each of us. So go ahead and have a good meal on me."

BOISE, Idaho—(AP)—Technical Sgt. Francis D. Schaffer asked Lt. Wade Carter, Gowen field base chaplain, to indorse his request for a three-day pass, explaining that he was "tired" and wanted to rest up.

Lt. Carter suggested that the pass be granted providing Sgt. Schaffer make a four-hour tour over the obstacle course, turn in four hours of close order drill and two days duty on KP.

Somewhat dubiously Sgt. Schaffer took the indorsement to his commanding officer, who said he could see no reason why the pass shouldn't be granted on the chaplain's terms—providing the chaplain accompanied the sergeant over the obstacle course and did the drill with him.

Back to the chaplain went Schaffer. Lt. Carter agreed promptly. So Sgt. Schaffer ran the course and did the drill and the chaplain went along.

When it was all over the chaplain indorsed a new recommendation—for three-day pass for both Sgt. Schaffer and Chaplain Carter—to rest up from preparations for a three-day pass.

"Thank goodness Sgt. Schaffer didn't ask for a furlough," the chaplain added.

PORTLAND, Ore.—(AP)—The federal employment service office building caught on fire. That didn't stop the agency's labor recruiters.

They scurried among onlookers watching the blaze and signed up 125 for essential jobs.

President Launches Second War Loan Drive



Asking the American people to observe the slogan, "They Gave Their Lives. We Lend Our Money," President Roosevelt launches the second war loan drive in Washington by selling John H. Frye (left), White House messenger, a \$25 bond. Treasury Secretary Morgenthau (right) looks on. The national drive begins April 12.—Associated Press Telegram.

Interpreting The War News

By GLENN BABB
AP War Analyst for The Statesman



The Tunisian campaign swept rapidly last week toward its thunderous climax, overshadowing all other phases of the war. Montgomery's pursuit of Rommel, probably the longest in military history, neared its end. So did the whole African phase of World war two.

The enemy was cleared from all southern Tunisia, and apparently was fleeing from the central bulge as rapidly as his motors would carry him.

All surface indications were that the Casablanca master plan for carrying the war to Hitler in Europe was proceeding on schedule. The Fuehrer and his satellites concentrated on final preparations for meeting this assault. Axis propaganda prepared its people for disaster in Tunisia, indicating that Rommel and his men were being written off the war ledger.

Only in the Pacific-Asiatic theatre was the enemy, by liberal exaggeration and falsification, able to claim any measure of success. It was noteworthy that Berlin and Rome, as well as Tokyo, trumpeted the Japanese tales of gains against the British in Burma and destruction of allied

Re-elected



Chicago's mayor, Edward J. Kelly (above), triumphed over his republican opponent, George B. McKibben, in the recent city election. This is his fourth term in office.—IEN Photo.

Publisher Joins



GRANTED a leave of absence from his duties as publisher of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, John Boettger, above, son-in-law of President Roosevelt, has joined the U. S. Army as a captain. He will report to Army military government school. (International)

Jersey Club, CC to Give Calf

INDEPENDENCE—Cooperation with the local Jersey club was decided by the chamber of commerce Tuesday night, in a project to reward an outstanding member of the club. Each year the outstanding member of the club will win a calf, to be provided by the chamber of commerce and the Jersey club. Progress on the plan was reported by Hersel Peyree, Smith-Hughes instructor at the high school. The amount of \$20 was approved for purchase of a calf.

Guests at the meeting were Eugene Weddle and his father, E. A. Weddle, Eugene, seaman first class in the navy, who told of many of his experiences and answered such questions that he could.

This was the first meeting for the new officers. They are: Paul Robinson, president; W. A. Barnum, vice-president; E. L. Gray, secretary; Ira Mix, treasurer; R. M. Walker, Dean Walker, J. H. Hart, M. M. Nelson and Dr. M. J. Butler, directors.

Committees for the coming years were announced by Mr. Robinson. They are: roads, Dean Walker, Dr. M. J. Butler, J. H. Hart; Athletics, Elmer Addison, Joe Rogers, R. W. Craven; education, Tom Smith, H. M. Amberg, E. A. Dickinson; agriculture, Ralph Kletzing, Hersel Peyree, Walter Smith; industrial, R. M. Walker, A. L. Thomas, Dr. George C. Knott; taxation, Glen Smith, M. C. Williams, M. M. Nelson; entertainment, W. J. Darling, Dr. C. A. Fratzke, Harold Lacey; charities, W. A. Barnum, Frank Ellis, W. F. McBee; street lights, Ralph Scranton, Leif Harpole, Ed Alger; resolutions, Ira Mix, A. L. Harding, B. F. Swope, and membership, Mrs. Cleve Robinson, Dr. Mae Hall, E. L. Cray.

This week may see the Tunisian war in its final phase, the siege of the Tunis-Bizeria area, where the last stand of the axis must be made on or near the battlefields of 21 centuries ago on which Carthage, another power that bid for world domination, was destroyed.

After that phase we shall see whether there can be an axis Dunkerque, whether there will be anything left to evacuate, whether Hitler cares to expend the ships and planes that would be required at this time when he must look to the defenses of the continent itself. If he does, the narrow waist of the Mediterranean probably will witness an air and sea battle surpassing anything in history.

The Russian war remained locked in its spring quagmires. The Germans keep prodding at the Donets line without success. The lull promised to continue for weeks before the onset which will disclose whether the summer offensive will be Russian or German.

The Japanese gave proof of their concentration of new power in the south Pacific Wednesday when they sent 98 planes against American shipping off Guadalcanal. American fighters knocked 34 planes out of the skies at a cost of seven of their own, but the Japanese got through enough to sink four allied ships (most of them presumably American), including a destroyer. The Japanese claimed much larger allied losses, making this the basis for boasts of victory.

Word came that General MacArthur was getting more planes for the fight for the islands above Australia. His simon continued their pounding of Japanese bases all around the big arc, but the particular attention paid to New Guinea's southwest coast and the islands offshore indicated that the enemy was moving in force down this coast. Probably he hopes to establish a springboard which might be as great a threat to Australia as Port Moresby would have been if MacArthur had not stopped the Japanese on its approaches last September.

From the battle of the Atlantic came only the guarded word that it was raging in terrible ferocity, that our losses were rising but that remedial measures were being speeded. More than ever it was apparent that Hitler was staking on the submarine all his hopes of achieving a stalemate.

Closely linked with the war on the U-boats, the blasting of Europe from British air bases went on relentlessly although bad weather enforced a midweek lull. The week began on a high pitch, with devastating daylight raids by American heavy bombers on industrial targets in the suburbs of Paris and Antwerp. Late in the week the RAF resumed its hammering of the Ruhr, the heart of German war production. Under this punishment it was obvious that German civilian morale was undergoing a test that gave the reich's leaders much anxiety.

WPB Resets 32 Projects, Rural Power

WASHINGTON, April 10—(AP)—The war production board, which last July halted work on 32 rural electrification administration projects, reinstated them Saturday "in the light of current farm needs for power," and authorized their completion as rapidly as possible.

Completion of the projects, WPB Chairman Donald M. Nelson said, will permit electric service to 6700 farms. Most of the necessary materials already are on hand or can be obtained from excess stocks, he added.

"While this action does not represent a lessening of the critical situation in the material field," Nelson commented, "it does represent a decision to make the best possible use of materials on hand."

The projects already average 71 per cent complete, and \$1,800,000 has been invested in them. About \$800,000 will be needed to complete the projects. Total construction involves 2861 miles of line.

One Killed in Auto Wreck

Claude C. Mongold, assistant area engineer from Eugene headquarters of the US army engineers, was killed almost instantly late Friday when an automobile in which he was riding plunged from the Santiam highway near Gales and rolled down an embankment.

Frank I. Towle, Portland, driver of the car, sustained only minor injuries.

Mongold, 47, years old, apparently died when his head struck some portion of the car as it jolted from the soft shoulder on the left side of the highway. Dr. L. E. Barrick, Marion county coroner, indicated. A ravine several hundred feet deep yawned below the tree which caught the car as it dropped.

Towle told state officers that he was driving west at approximately 20 miles an hour when on a right curve he met another car fighting the wrong side of the road. He took to the left side of the highway, avoiding the other automobile, but striking a soft shoulder through which his vehicle plowed for some distance before falling, he said.

Mongold's body was taken to the Weddle mortuary at Stayton.

Allied Food Conclave Set

WASHINGTON, April 10—(AP)—The first United Nations conference on postwar planning, to deal with food and agriculture, was officially set Saturday for May 18 at Hot Springs, Va., and Judge Marvin Jones, who as a member of congress helped push through much of the new deal's farm legislation, was named chairman of the five-man American delegation.

Jones, now a judge of the US court of claims, is assistant on agricultural problems to James F. Byrnes, economic stabilization director. A democratic representative from Amarillo, Tex., from 1917 to 1940 he was for nine years chairman of the house agriculture committee and helped draft the agricultural adjustment act.

Pair Indicted In Child Slaying

MEDFORD, April 10—(AP)—Sgt. Bernard J. Lotka, 23, and Tillie Michanalski, 22, his common-law wife, were indicted on a charge of first degree murder by a Jackson county grand jury Saturday.

The couple, from Cleveland, O., are accused of slaying their 10-week-old son. District Attorney George W. Nielson said Lotka confessed smothering the infant in blankets because of its illegitimacy. The baby's body was found April 1 in an overnight bag in an auto camp cabin.

Tembler Shakes Salt Lake Area

SALT LAKE CITY, April 10—(AP)—A temblor of unknown extent and origin shook the Salt Lake and Magna areas Saturday night at 5:40 p. m.

The tremor lasted for several seconds and was particularly distinct in the western half of the city. No damage was reported.

95 But Plants Victory Garden



AGE IS NO DETERMINANT to Abraham Klemptner as he plants onions, above, in a Victory garden at the Orthodox Home for the Aged in Chicago. Klemptner, an inmate of the home, is 95, but he is determined to do his share on the home front. (International)

ON THE HOME FRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

A youth with a dream is Rail Gonzales, who late this past week visited the Salem office of the federal employment service seeking a job as timber feller.

But that is getting into the story at the middle. First, Gonzales, fair-skinned and nice-looking, I'm told, appeared at the office, where knowledge of a foreign language is not one of the requirements for a placement officer. Salem's boast that it is entirely English-speaking and approximately 90 per cent longtime American in descent is true if the visitors at the employment office are a sample.

So the young man who spoke only a foreign tongue was strange to begin with.

By a system of signs he made it clear that he wanted work—a fact which his appearance at the office had already indicated.

Now, Harold Rosebraugh is, I suppose, good nordic, but he rates as a speaker of Spanish, so Harold was called in from the foundry to give a bit of assistance. Then it was that the interviewer learned what Gonzales most wanted to be. A graduate of the fourth grade (in Mexico that corresponds to a college degree here), the youth, nevertheless, wanted to be a timber feller.

With Harold's aid, employment service personnel persuaded him that the task would be difficult and dangerous unless he could speak English. Gonzales had been in this country four weeks, had worked for three of those in California. The employment service said Oregon City could use him and got ready to ship him off. Someone went to ship him off. Someone went down to the station with him and just as the young visitor was ready to depart, young Mr. Rosebraugh decided he could use his services.

Question: Is Harold's Spanish becoming more fluent or is Rail learning the English language?

Lewis Raps FR's Order

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flation to a substantial degree—inflation represented by increased cost of food stuffs and living essentials and definite scarcities of many commodities due to war demands," Lewis said at a general press conference.

He asserted that mine workers, farmers and railroad workers were "aimed at" by the administration order tightening control of wages and prices at a time when he said industry and finance had received approximately \$6,250,000,000 in profits during the first nine months of the present governmental fiscal year.

The UMW will continue its negotiations for a new contract next week with Northern and Southern Appalachian soft coal mine operators, seeking "proper wages," Lewis said. Both groups are scheduled to meet at 10 a. m. Tuesday. They were not in session Saturday.

The UMW chief said a US treasury report revealed war expenditures for the current fiscal year—from July 1, 1942, to April 1 last—totalled \$50,574,252,869 and declared it is "conservatively estimated" that 12½ per cent of this amount, or approximately \$6,250,000,000, is "profit to industry and finance."

"Obviously this \$6,250,000,000 profit is inflationary because it is utilized for expenditure by those who receive it according to their whim or caprice," he said. He added that "\$6,250,000,000 profit in nine months represents the difference between inflation and non-inflation in the United States."

Lewis said he estimated the profit figures on the basis of "exorbitant" amounts set aside by corporations for costs created by the war and wear on plant facilities as well as on announced dividends.

Davis Reveals Food Program

WASHINGTON, April 10—(AP)—Moving to assure high production of meat, dairy and poultry products and carry out the administration's anti-inflation program, Food Administrator Chester C. Davis announced Saturday a program designed to balance prices and supplies of food on the one hand with prices and supplies of livestock on the other.

The program provides for the importation of feed grains from Canada and Australia to supplement dwindling domestic reserves, and an increase in corn prices in the midwest to start "frozen" stocks of that grain moving to market again.

Davis said the program will cause no increase in the cost of living.

RAF Again Raids Europe

LONDON, Sunday, April 11—(AP)—Royal Air Force bombers returned to Germany Saturday night for the third successive night assault, the British reported Sunday.

The night attack followed a series of widespread daylight attacks Saturday on rail and water communications in France and Holland. The specific target for the raid was not announced immediately. Friday night Duisburg was the principal objective.

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