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## Milk Rationing

Tom G. Stitts, chief of the food administra-
tion's dairy and poultry division, and one o tion's dairy and pouitry division, and one of
the best-informed men in the country in this
branch of agriculture, told state dairy executive $t$ Sacramento Thursday that rationing of fresh Evaporated milk is aiready being rationed.
With other food products coming under the coupon distribution system, it is $n$
prising that fluid milk will also. Rationing will provide an equitable distribu
ion of available supplies. But it will not solv roblems of milk production or cor solve Shortages of feeds and of farm labor have been
hard for dairymen to overcome, and these hardhips are bound to continue through the war At the same time the supply problem is not just
price problem. Milk production must be balAt the same time, because milk products are domestic consumption and for export to allies
So the food administration will doubtless do its tmost to hold up milk production without up Dairymen will regret the imposition of milk ationing. It will be hard to apply, and bootleg-
ing will doubtless be extensive. More than hat, shutting oft of customers may tend to cut
own dèmand permanently, or require expensive promotion campaigns to rebuild demand.
So ot is easy to see that milk rationing will be ut off as long as possible; but because it is so will have to come when supplies grow definiteStrikes and WLB
While pubiic attention was focused on the which hurt war production and wnijured organ no-strike pledge. In a number of cases these strikes were wildcat, unauthorized by union of ficials, and usually they were terminated atter
a few days. Most serious were the strikes at Akron rubber plants because the war labor as the men demanded, and a strike at Chrysier's
tank factory. The strike score as reported by the
department of labor for three months stands: Mepartment of labor for three months stands:
$5-5$
The May showing will be worse because all or
the strikes just reterred to occurred in the
The War in coal, on to The War Labor board is the igency which is
trapped. Its formula in the Little Steel case, of maximum of 15 per cent increase, has been
more rigid than the board could adhere to. The president's "hold the line" order was so tight
the board itself had to ask for modification. Delays in decisions anger workers and they get
out of control of their own leaders. Whether the War Labor board will be able
to control the wild horses of wage demands is to control the wild horses of wage demands is
difficult to tell. If the war gees well and victory
appears in sight, the resort to strike to gain objectives will probably become more frequent.
TTo drastic a labor law might invite widespread
defiance among workers themselves. Like OPA, the best we can see is a muddling through, hop-

Hopes Are Dashed
Oearing clopes for a plant to reduce aluminum bearing clays by a new process have been killed
for the present by the announcement from the
bureau of mines that it is withole bureau of mines that it is withholding approval
because of doubts over the process. So Molala
and Cottage Grove, which had anticipations of There may be other reasons. The supply of
bauxite from South America may be coming In more freely as the subs have been largely
driven out of the Carribean. Production by exssting plants may be proving sufficient for war
needs. The time element may have been dis-eouraging-what was proposed was merely a
large-sized pilot plant to prove the method.
The bureau heads may have figured that large-coon soon enough to be of value in the present wa
Anyway, the deal is off. Well, it was exciting while it lasted. And the
clays are still here. Further experimentation may show a more practical way to extract the When peace comes. Bauxite supplies will not last forever. So it may be merely a postponement of
the develoment to a more propitious season.
Yale university is going to hold a summer
course of six weeks in Alcohol Studies. The university has had a department doing research in more than a vice, it is a disease; and itso vicmental. The school prospectus says: "The pre pered by the lack of community leaders wio alcohol. The aim of the school is to educate such
lenders by giving them seientific knowledge about these problems." The approach to solving
the evile of alconolism is throush a combination State Grangemater Tompling urges voting by mail be allowed. But what would happen
then to the election reform brought in by the
necret Australian ballot? Wouldn't votes get

First Blood!
Pantelleria island, just a pirpoint in the Me diterranean, but important because it lies in the Sieily and Africa, has capitulated to tts be and the British navy. This is first blood for the United Nations in the schedied European inve.
sion. The island suceumbed to 18 days of merci. esss bombardment from sea and air. It is logl-
cal to expect the blockade of Sicily and Sardinia to follow in shoot order. Then if the path te
Berlin is laid out through the Balkans, Creto worind be next in line.
Pantelleria had only a nuisance value to the Pllies: It had to be cleared to protect allied
lines. Its loss will be a token to Itraly, though
of the punishment that hangs over the mainof the punishment that hangs over the main-
land. If Italy is smart it will talke the hint, kick out Mussolini, and surrender while there is yel
time.

## News Behind The News

##  politics are running behind the Bailey resolution

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 next January.
Therefore, the issue wholly concerns a fith
term, or some future republican or democratie term, or some future republican or democratic
persident getting a thirr one.
consequently not much interest has been aroused,
and it it nont iley that the matter will be serious-
is considered betore fall.
Rail-siting congressmen, closely watching the
writhing of OPAZ Prentiss Brown to reorganize
his amministration, Judge he will not make the grade

 Ata) repubican political scout (Wherry of Nebra-
 Few state or city organizations are for Willkie, and
his wworkers are mosty independents (An, antl-
Wilike congresman estimates 25 per cent of the
republican party is pro-wites repubican party is pro-wilkie today.)
Ohioc's Governor Bricker has failed to attract
not party attention, Wherry found. Bricker dooes not make startuing statements or present the photo-
genic personality appeal usualy associated with
poititcal candidates by the experts. New York't
Governor Dewey is supposed to have the but faces other intra-party drawbackss
The party is discuusing Senator Taft and others
it calls "good men". If calls "good men," but obviously there is no be
ginning of agrement on a candidate As year o
developmentrincluding the primaries, will settle
the dust betore incluminations
The administration is energetically trying to ap-
pease dissident southern elements and, at the same time, pursuing its nearo development policies
The Louisiana senators have heard directly from The Louisiana senators have heard directly from
the White House that they have won their fight
against a Texas appointee to the circuit court, and that a Louisianian will be named. A Misssisippl
democrat alos has been appointed to the secretaryAt the same time the Liberia president and staft
have been entertained auspicounsy at the White
 organizations have been working to attain whal
they call equal working oppriunites
This will probably be sufticicent to keep the south

## Editorial Comment

## ABBOT, COOS COAL AND NEWBERRY

 There is an interesting coincidence, if nothingmore in the fact that just now, when Camp Abbot is taking a place in the war effort, plans are being
made for an intensive tutuy of the Coos county coal
deposits and the posaibility of uaing thet deposits and the possibility of using that coal in
wear camps and plarts. To the unintormed no connection betwen the two can be imasined, but a
study of volume VI of the Paific railroad surveg
report will develop the idea, tenuous though it may

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