

Service Vote Passes; FDR Queries States

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to tell him also, so he might form an opinion as to the effectiveness of the measure, whether steps would be taken to authorize use of the supplementary ballots, if state laws do not now do so.

Mr. Roosevelt acted without waiting for the soldier vote bill to reach the White House.

The president sent this telegram to the governors:

"The congress has passed and there will be submitted to me within a day or two, for my approval or disapproval, the soldiers' voting bill.

"In it are certain provisions, which, in order to be effective, require certification by the governor of a state that the use of federal ballots provided for by the bill is authorized by the laws of such state.

"To enable me to form an opinion as to the effectiveness of this measure I should appreciate it if you could at once advise me by wire:

"1. Whether the use of supplementary federal ballots provided for by this bill is, in your judgment, now authorized by the laws of your state, and

"2. If the use of these ballots is not authorized by the laws of your state whether, in your judgment, if the bill becomes law, steps will be taken to enable you to certify prior to July 15 that the use of such ballots is authorized by the laws of your state. A copy of the bill has been sent you by air mail."

Beef Rollback May Get Boost

By OVID A. MARTIN

WASHINGTON, March 15 (AP)—The government soon may boost its rollback subsidy on beef cattle by 30 cents a hundred pounds to pull cattle off the range and supplement prospective short civilian supplies.

Such a hike would enable packers to pay cattlemen an equivalent increase without raising consumer prices of beef.

Because beef supplies are short and western ranges are considered overcrowded, the war food administration and the office of price administration want two or three million extra head of cattle marketed during the next four months to avert a possible disastrous market glut in the fall.

Officials are concerned lest stockmen be caught in a summer drought on the range.

Contributing to the tendency of farmers to hold cattle for fall marketing is some dissatisfaction with present prices.

662 Repatriates Arrive on Gripsholm

JERSEY CITY, N.J., March 15 (AP)—After months of internment under Nazi domination, 662 repatriates reached American soil and freedom today.

They came home aboard the white-painted Swedish exchange liner Gripsholm, which docked at 2:55 p.m. (EWT) and quickly discharged a group of 36 wounded service personnel who had been German war prisoners.

Salem, Mt. Angel Girls Make UO Honor Roll

EUGENE, March 15 (AP)—Honor roll students at the University of Oregon who earned a grade-point average of 3.5 or better in winter term included Mary E. Davis and Phyllis K. Graham of Salem; Patricia A. Metcalf of Corvallis, and Ruth Vanbuskirk of Mt. Angel.

Motor Association Reelects Officers

PORTLAND, Ore., March 15 (AP)—Dr. E. B. McDaniel was reelected president of the Oregon State Motor association at the annual meeting here today.

Other officers, all reelected, included Douglas McKay, Salem, director.

Portland Needs Postmen

PORTLAND, March 15 (AP)—A shortage of mail carriers is threatening Portland mail deliveries, Postmaster E. T. Heldum said today. He issued a plea for either men or women carriers.

ON THE HOMEFRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

So March 15th has come and passed. And, though we're still alive, we're fast.

Ah, when our Uncle Sam we pay Our monthly bills we lay away Until a more auspicious day!

RAF Follows US Bombing Of Brunswick

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Brunswick, a target now hit seven times by the American daylight force since January 11, a little more than two months ago cost the Americans 60 Fortresses and Liberators compared to today's three.

The returning airmen used such phrases as "milk run" and "practice mission" to describe the attack.

"The going was so smooth," 19-year-old Fortress Navigator Lt. David Ormes, Crawfordsville, Ind., remarked jokingly, "that I read 50 pages of Halliburton's 'Royal Road to Romance' while we were over Germany."

The Germans said the attack was concentrated in the Hannover and Brunswick areas, 200 miles this side of Berlin in north central Germany. The first allied announcement said simply that "military targets in central Germany" were attacked by "medium-sized forces" of heavy bombers.

Brunswick, hit five times by the American daylight force since January 11, is one of the prime manufacturing centers of German fighter planes, and such a blow would be in accordance with the allied strategy of wiping out the Nazi air force in preparation for the coming invasion from the west.

While the Fortresses and Liberators were hitting Germany proper, fighter-escorted Marauder medium bombers struck at northern France and attacked an airfield at Chievres, Belgium. During the night RAF Mosquito bombers attacked Duesseldorf without loss.

One of the Liberator forces attacking central Germany was led by Maj. James Stewart, the movie star.

The first fliers back from the big raid reported seeing not more than three German fighters. Later other groups reported meeting as many as 30 of the Nazi pursuit craft, but this was a small number against the big Americans escorted by Lightnings and Thunderbolts.

The Berlin radio, which at first reported big air battles as the attack was being made, later toned down to indications that thick clouds had prevented the German fighters from trying to oppose the attack.

North Burma Chinese Gain

By PRESTON GROVER

NEW DELHI, March 15 (AP)—Chinese troops in command of Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell maintained a steady advance southward today in northern Burma's Hukawng valley, besting the Japanese in a series of mortar and artillery duels.

The southeastern Asia command communique reported brisk action on several of the widely separated fronts in Burma. Bitter hand-to-hand battles were fought in the area north of Buthe-daung on the Arakan front in western coastal Burma.

The defending Japanese were rooted out of underground positions in a fierce battle that left 120 enemy dead on the field. Other pockets of resistance near Buthe-daung were being wiped out.

Pacific Gas Quota Up 10,000 Barrels a Day

LOS ANGELES, March 15 (AP)—The gasoline quota for the next quarter for civilian consumers in the Pacific coast states, Nevada and Arizona will be 144,000 barrels a day, an increase of 10,000 barrels, the regional office of the Petroleum administration for war announced today. Rocky mountain states were allotted 38,000 barrels a day, an increase of 7000.

Draft Boards To Call Up More Fathers

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by these regulations compare with a total of 1,200,000 which selective service has estimated will have to be drafted by July 1 if the fighting forces are to reach their desired goal of 11,300,000.

It has been estimated the following members be obtained from these other groups: 420,000 from men now in class 1-A, 200,000 from among fathers now deferred for dependency, and 325,000 from those who become 18 years of age.

The senate group was disturbed by the recent rule raising from eight to 16 units of production the minimum basis for agricultural deferment. Under this measure, care of one dairy cow is one unit, for instance, and a farm worker cannot be considered for deferment unless his production aggregates 16 units.

Hershey declared the 16-unit rule was not too severe, saying "I should have made it 20 or 24 units."

Reds Cross Bug River

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in an attempt to escape were struck from the flanks and rear by Soviet tankmen and carved into smaller groups for eventual annihilation, the bulletin said. Besides the thousands of German dead littering the battlefield, "fresh groups of Germans are continually arriving at assembly points, having been taken prisoner."

"On every side there are abandoned tanks, guns and machine guns," said the late communique in describing the German disaster above Nikolaev.

On the Proskurov front near the old Polish border the Germans lost 1500 men killed and 60 tanks in unsuccessful counterattacks, Moscow said.

The sensational Bug river hop on the middle - Ukraine front was one of the most significant developments of the southern Russian campaign. Plunging across territory which Germany had awarded Rumania for her part in the war against

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New Tax Levy For Post War Sewer Looms

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major improvements with bond issues, can in honesty to its taxpayers go onto a cash basis in any period of months, members of the planning committee agreed, but pointed out that the city's bond margin of a half million dollars may well be held for an emergency or for other postwar development.

The \$150,000, added to the \$200,000 raised by bond issue when federal matched monies were on the horizon during WPA's heyday, would pay for the new sewerage disposal plant and the interceptor sewer to the plant.

Should the city's boundaries be extended, heavier expenditures than these may be encountered in sewer installations, Alderman David O'Hara said. Federal funds, if available, could be applied here.

However, before any federal grants are available, should the war end next month, Salem could commence the interceptor sewer installation with the \$200,000 now available.

The committee will go on to study possible uses for 2 mill fire department and 2 mill street and bridge taxes, now only partially used, Chairman Dan Fry said last night.

'Social' Duties Irk Chaplain

WASHINGTON, March 15 (AP)

A senate committee heard testimony today that some naval chaplains have been asked to resign because they objected to performing such tasks as arranging dances, procuring beer, and lecturing on use of prophylactics.

Dr. W. O. H. Garman, president of the Independent Fundamentalist church of America, declared there had been such instances and asked that navy chaplains be relieved of "collateral duties" of social and welfare work. Garman testified before the senate naval committee which then heard Captain Clinton A. Neyman, commanding officer of the navy chaplain at the college of William and Mary assert that there was no compulsion on any chaplain to engage in activities outside the spiritual field.

"I have been in the navy 26 years," Neyman said, "and I have never received any order to conduct a dance, procure beer or female companions for the men or lecture on prophylactics."

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4 Delegates for Willkie In New Hampshire

MANCHESTER, N.H., March 15

(AP)—Supporters of Wendell Willkie tonight claimed a "significant victory" in New Hampshire's election of four delegates known to favor Willkie for president out of 11 elected in the nation's first pre-convention primary.

However, the only delegates actually tied to any candidate were two whose convention votes were pledged outright to Thomas E. Dewey.

The Dewey supporters, too, saw a measure of victory in the election of Prof. Charles A. Holden of Dartmouth, as a delegate at large, and Thomas J. Manning of Manchester as a delegate from the first congressional district, who won without any avowed campaign by the New York governor himself.

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