

Meat Rationing To Start March 29, Says Brown

WASHINGTON, March 13.—(AP)—Price Administrator Prentiss M. Brown promised today that rationing of meat will begin March 29, "will be liberalized whenever it becomes possible to do so."

Brown pointed out that the flow of meat to market fluctuates from day to day and the perishable nature of meat, butter and the other items to be rationed will make changes necessary from time to time.

His statement gave no indication of the size of the proposed ration, except to say:

"The size of the individual ration will largely depend on individual preferences. The heavy cheese eater can spend as many points (coupon values) as he has for that product, and the heavy meat eater can do likewise. Those who use butter and lard in substantial quantities will be able to satisfy their needs in the same manner although, of course, all who do so will thus be reducing the amounts of other products they can buy."

Demand to Be Spread

"I must caution housewives that they cannot expect to be able to buy every kind and variety of meat on the day that rationing begins, and perhaps for a week or two after. However, since demand is being spread evenly by rationing, it is expected that before many days (after rationing begins) meat will flow into shortage areas in varieties and amounts sufficient to give everyone as much as his ration allows."

Together with price regulations, slaughter permits, heavy fines and jail sentences being given violators and other measures, Brown said, rationing should "put the finishing touches" to black market meat selling.

Two pounds may be the average, but tentative plans for meat portions of hamburger or only 1-1/3 pounds of sirloin steak per person a week, it was learned from persons participating in the drafting of the program.

The wide discrepancy between the proposed coupon costs of meat has caused trade sources to complain to the OPA that virtually the entire civilian population might switch home consumption from steaks and other cuts to hamburger, almost exclusively.

This might send unmanageable crowds to the restaurants where steaks may be eaten without coupons, they said, and result in serious financial losses to meat retailers.

Steven Vincent Benet Dies in New York

NEW YORK, March 13.—(AP)—Author Stephen Vincent Benet, 44, died at his home at 5 a. m., today after an illness of several days.

Farmer and Reinhardt, his publishers, reported that Benet suffered a heart attack last night.

American poet and story writer, Benet was born July 22, 1898 in Bethlehem, Pa.

He won the Pulitzer prize for poetry in 1929 with his John Brown's Body.

One of the last of his writings was a sketch to accompany Norman Rockwell's illustration, "Freedom From Fear" in this week's issue of the Saturday Evening Post.

Among his best known works were the prose story, "The Devil and Daniel Webster," which was turned into an opera. He also wrote an opera based on Washington Irving's legend of Sleepy Hollow, which was performed over the radio in a national broadcast in 1937.

WINDMILL FIRE
ASTORIA, March 13.—(AP)—The main building of the Astoria-Warrenton shipyard was destroyed by fire of undetermined origin last night. O. R. McNall, company president, estimated loss at \$100,000.

WAR FUND 1943 RED CROSS LANE COUNTY QUOTA

\$41,400
35,000
30,000
25,000
20,000
15,000
10,000
5,000

J. P. Morgan, Wizard Of Finance, Dies of Heart Attack

BOCA GRANDE, Fla., March 13.—(AP)—John Pierpont Morgan, of New York, wizard of finance and the ruler of a tremendous banking empire, died at 3:15 a. m. today at this isolated Gulf of Mexico island to which he had come for a vacation at fishing.

The 75-year-old financier succumbed to a recurring heart ailment which twice before in recent years had stricken him. He lapsed into a coma three days ago and never regained consciousness.

The multi-millionaire head of the house of Morgan became ill February 25 on a train en route to Boca Grande. Upon his arrival, he walked the two blocks from the railroad station to a resort cottage at the exclusive Gasparilla inn. He went to bed immediately and, although twice he rallied and made progress, never fully recovered.

Son at Bedside
With Morgan at the end were a son, Lieut. Comdr. Henry Sturgis Morgan of the naval reserve, who had arrived a few hours earlier, and a daughter, Mrs. Paul G. Penney. Another daughter, Mrs. George Nichols, had been at the bedside earlier, but left when her father appeared to be winning the fight. She could not get back in time. The financier's elder son, Comdr. Junius Spencer Morgan, is on foreign duty with the army.

Dr. H. S. Patterson, Morgan's personal physician who flew from New York to take charge of the sickroom, announced Morgan's death.

The body will be taken to New York on a train leaving here late this afternoon. Lieutenant Commander Morgan and Mrs. Penney will be in attendance aboard the special pullman car.

Except for the presence of three physicians, six nurses and a few newspapermen, there was no outward sign that one of the nation's most powerful figures was desperately ill in the little resort town.

In fact, Morgan had been in bed for more than a week before the outside world learned that he was ill. The first word came from his office at 23 Wall Street in New York, where associates announced that he had been stricken and that they were concerned.

Son of the first John Pierpont Morgan who founded the famous banking firm in the 1890's, Morgan headed the firm through the first World War, the world depression of the 1930's and in this second world war.

Big Loans Handled
During the first World War, his bank handled for the allies loans amounting to hundreds of millions of dollars and after the war floated billions of dollars in loans in Wall Street for foreign governments.

But in Cleveland, the internal revenue office reported, war workers were adopting a "come-and-get-me" pose, and in Portland, Ore., where more than 100,000 shipyard workers have settled in the past year, collections were below the 1942 level.

In New York's second district—the richest income tax district in the nation—taxpayers poured \$70,000,000 into internal revenue offices yesterday alone.

One out of every 20 letters handled by the Chicago postoffice yesterday was addressed to the internal revenue office, making the collector the biggest postal customer in the city's history.

In the Chicago Loop, a two-block line four abreast waited to file returns, one man turning in a check for \$7,500,000 as quarterly payment of a corporation's tax bill.

But James W. Maloney, collector for the Portland district, said "indications have come to us that considerable number of war workers will deliberately attempt to evade payment," adding, however, that he had no proof the workers were "defiant."

Reedsport Soldier Dies In Hawaiian Islands
REEDSPORT.—Word was received here this week from the war department of the death in the Hawaiian Islands of Warren H. LaBranch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred LaBranch of Reedsport. Mr. LaBranch was born in Salem on October 4, 1916. The family moved from there to Myrtle Point and later to Sedro Woolley, Wash., where he was graduated from Sedro Woolley high school. About two years ago the LaBranch family moved to Reedsport where Mr. LaBranch senior was employed by the Albertson Bros. Logging company, and by Camp Creek Timber Co. He enlisted about a year ago soon after which he was assigned and stationed in the Islands, where his death is reported to have been due to a liver ailment. Interment for the present will be made in the Islands, according to the war department, and later the body will be shipped home for final burial.

Oregon State Awaits Arrival Of Soldiers
CORVALLIS, March 13.—(AP)—None of the 500 soldier students expected at Oregon State had arrived late Friday but military headquarters had been notified that 118 were on the train en route—but where from was not stated.

Contracts for training 500 here in advanced engineering subjects have been completed, the first to be signed in the western states.

Meanwhile the regular college spring term is scheduled to start with registration Tuesday. A fairly high registration of both women and men is expected, as many men are in reserve groups not yet called, and many other students have been given deferment until the end of the college year.

Japanese Columns Drive On Changsha
CHUNGKING, March 13.—(AP)—The drive by eight Japanese columns across the middle Yangtze continues to progress, the Chinese high command said today, and there was increasing belief that the enemy advance was leading up to another—the fourth—battle for Changsha, Hunan province capital 95 miles south of the river.

Today's communique indicated the Japanese had made the most progress with their spearheads skirting the eastern shore of Tungting lake, from which their right wing has operated in the other three fights for Changsha.

Monday Deadline For Use Of Sugar Stamp 11
The local war price and rationing board announced Saturday that Monday midnight is the deadline for purchasing three pounds of sugar on stamp No. 11 from war ration Book 1.

Starting Tuesday, five pounds of sugar may be purchased on stamp No. 12, which is to last through an 11-week period ending May 31.

The board also reminded institutional (restaurants) and industrial users of canned goods, such as bakeries, that Monday, March 15, is the last day to turn in their rationing registration forms for these items. Blanks may be obtained at the office.

Wool Clip Low
PORTLAND, March 13.—(AP)—Oregon's wool clip dropped to 12,923,000 pounds in 1942, the lowest in 23 years of record, the federal department of agriculture said today.

Eden Warns U.S. of Disappointments Before Victory Won

WASHINGTON, March 13.—(AP)—Anthony Eden, British foreign secretary, said today that "setbacks and disappointments are absolutely certain" before the United Nations can hope to win the war and the peace afterwards.

Eden, in Washington for talks with President Roosevelt and other leaders, told a press conference of the hard job which he said lies ahead in explaining that he would discuss "all aspects of the war" with Mr. Roosevelt, Secretary of State Hull and others in extensive conversations.

The diplomat, who last year negotiated a 20-year alliance between Britain and Soviet Russia, flew to Washington yesterday. His arrival came at a time when recent speeches stressing the need of a satisfactory understanding between the democracies and Russia were still echoing.

To some 100 reporters gathered in the ballroom of the British embassy, Eden explained that he could not go into detail of the subjects he is to discuss, but he indicated that military as well as diplomatic problems were among them.

Cooperation Stressed
Asked about cooperation of the United States and Great Britain with Soviet Russia, he reiterated his statement to the house of commons in December that such cooperation among the United Nations, including China, is indispensable if the world is to have a stable peace after the war.

As for the part war control to be exercised over axis countries, Eden said "we must take precautions this time to make sure that Germany and Japan are never able to start this business again."

The allies, he said, should avoid such an attitude as they showed after the first World War, which he described as merely seeing new governments set up in the defeated countries and "trusting to luck."

(Eden brought with him one of Britain's outstanding experts on Russian problems—William Strang, assistant undersecretary of state in the foreign office, who participated in the 1939 Franco-British-Soviet talks in Moscow.)

After conferring with the president at the White House, Eden was expected to continue discussions with Secretary of State Hull and other government officials.

Hull broke off a Florida vacation to return to the capital.

In the course of his several weeks' stay it was considered likely Eden also would confer with Soviet Ambassador Maxim Litvinov, China's Foreign Minister T. V. Soong, and perhaps with Madame Chiang Kai-shek, wife of the generalissimo.

Here and in London, the purpose of Eden's visit was seen as two-fold: (1) A general exchange of views with the president and his policy-making advisers, and (2) a thorough explanation of the best means of preparing for meetings between all the United Nations governments for consideration of all aspects of the war and the problems arising out of it.

Negro Charged With Assault, Fined \$50
Chester Carter, 29-year-old negro resident of 38 Sixth avenue west, was fined \$50 in justice court Saturday morning after being charged with assault and battery against the person of Ed Howard, another negro. All but \$15 of the fine was suspended.

In a statement signed for city police Friday, Carter said he struck Howard seven times with a small pocket knife when the two quarreled in their place of residence Thursday evening.

Howard, who refused to sign any charges against Carter, has been released from the hospital.

FINSETH TAKES POST
SALEM, March 13.—(AP)—State Rep. L. F. Finseth, Dallas, resigned today to accept Governor Snell's appointment to the state board of higher education.

British System of Controlling Absenteeism Is Explained
By JAMES MARLOW AND GEORGE ZIELKE
NEW YORK, March 13.—(AP)—Under British law a worker willfully absent from an essential war job can be fined, jailed or lose his draft deferment.

Now in this country, after 14 months of war, congress is considering legislation through which a willful absentee could lose his draft deferment.

The British ministry of labor and national service says: "The proportion of absenteeism for which legal proceedings are the only appropriate remedy is small in relation to the total."

Of the 8,000,000 persons subject to the restrictions of the British law against willful absenteeism, about 250 were prosecuted to September, 1942.

Still absenteeism in England in 1942 was 10 per cent, from all causes.

The ministry says it is "convinced that a solution of the problem of avoidable absence from

U. S. Bombers Hit France After RAF Blasts Essen

Kharkov Battle Still in Progress

LONDON, March 13.—(AP)—The German comeback offensive in southern Russia spread to broader areas and gained new ground despite mud and thaw, the German high command claimed today, as Kharkov shook from the crash of guns in a fierce battle raging for the third time in this war for the steel city of the Ukraine.

The German communique admitted that a violent fight still raged in parts of Kharkov, although it claimed combat units of the SS Elite Guard "shattered enemy resistance" and advanced to the main railway station.

Putting up a desperate fight in an effort again to turn the tide as they did at Stalingrad last November, the Russians admitted they again had been forced to fall back west of the city despite "tremendous losses" inflicted on Hitler's manpower and material.

Reds Advance on Smolensk
On the central front, however, the Russians were advancing in overwhelming strength upon Smolensk, 230 miles west of Moscow, in an offensive which might do much to nullify a recapture of Kharkov by the Germans.

"Overwhelming the German resistance, our troops advanced and captured several populated places," south of Bely, only 80 miles northeast of Smolensk, the military communique said.

West of Vyzma, 100 miles east of Smolensk, the Russians also told of the capture of several towns and villages as they threw the German divisions back in disorder along the Napoleonic road of invasion and retreat.

Petain Reported Near Death from Stroke
ALGIERS, March 13.—(AP)—Underground reports, which reached French North Africa today said Marshal Petain suffered a stroke several days ago and is in a critical condition and probably dying in a hospital near Vichy.

Petain's illness was reported being kept secret from the French public.

Marshal Petain, 86-year-old hero of Verdun who emerged from semi-retirement to head post-armistice France, has been less and less active since the Nazi invasion of Vichy territory Nov. 11, 1942.

He named Pierre Laval as dictator last Nov. 18 and designated him his presumptive to the office of chief of state to succeed Admiral Jean Darlan, who swung to the allied side in French North Africa only to die from an assassin's bullets.

Ocean Restoring Land To Bayocean Peninsula
PORTLAND, March 13.—(AP)—The ocean, which tore huge chunks out of Bayocean peninsula for several years, began replacing last year much of what it took away, F. D. Mitchell, resident of the peninsula, said today.

Property owners laid plans to rejuvenate the once popular beach community. An access road will be sought from Tillamook county to the state.

SOLON TO JOIN ARMY
SALEM, March 13.—(AP)—State Rep. John Steelhammer, Salem, announced today he would resign about May 1 to enter the army, probably the air force. He has served three terms.

Store Repairs Damage After Nylon Hose Sold

PUEBLO, Colo., March 13.—(AP)—Carpenters today repaired hosiery counters damaged when about 700 women rushed to buy 30 pairs of nylon hose in a melee that forced police to close a downtown department store.

Sales clerks were bruised in the crush and several counters were smashed and overturned as the women pushed through the store to the hosiery department.

Jittery Nazis Plan Defenses
LONDON, March 13.—(AP)—Jittery over the prospects of a 1943 invasion and the unruliness of the civil populations of occupied countries, the Germans were reported today by a foreign diplomatic source to have conferred with police authorities in Paris during the last fortnight on measures to prevent outbreak in the hinterlands when the allies march on the continent.

The meeting, said this source who requested anonymity, was headed by Field Marshal Gen. Gerd von Rundstedt and was attended by all the civil authorities and military personages responsible for policing western Europe.

The session, it was reported, emphasized Nazi worries over activities of continentalers like the saboteurs and guerrillas who now are reported holding out in the Haute Savoie mountains against all efforts to quell them.

With Anthony Eden, Britain's foreign secretary, in Washington to discuss among other things the solution of political problems essential to an invasion of the continent, Gen. Charles de Gaulle last night urged the French people to intensify their opposition to the German efforts to mobilize labor.

Reports of increasing sabotage in the low countries and in metropolitan France coincided with the Yugoslav government's announcement of a new Nazi massacre of 1,250 Serbian hostages in Belgrade, apparently the result of the German panic over the probability of an allied invasion in the Balkans.

The foreign diplomatic source said he had received reliable reports from Italy that hundreds of small craft, including pleasure boats and fishing smacks, were being assembled in Sicily and in southern Italy, apparently in preparation for a Tunisian Dunkerque.

There is a report from Italy, this source said, that Premier Benito Mussolini has hinted he will seek asylum in the Vatican if the allies invade.

Swiss Hear Firing On French Border
GENEVA, March 13.—(AP)—Gunfire was plainly heard in this Swiss border city today from the French alpine region of Haute Savoie, where the Vichy government has sent 800 mobile guards, armored cars and machine-guns in an effort to dislodge guerrillas opposing the German occupation.

The guerrilla ranks were reported swelled by French youths of 20 to 23 seeking to escape forced labor with the Todt organization on the Russian front.

Italians tightened border control today and made it difficult to obtain news from France.

The Neue Zuercher Zeitung said French partisans under a General Cartier were reported to have taken positions on the Romme plateau and apparently were supplied arms and ammunition by allied planes.

(Concerning another report from Zurich—that guerrillas in the Haute Savoie mountains were fighting with American machine-guns—a Fighting French spokesman in London said "it is news to me." This report said U. S. arms were dropped from RAF planes.)

Pendleton Defeats Astoria, 34 To 33
SALEM, March 13.—(AP)—Pendleton, rallying in the final minute, defeated Astoria 34-33 today to win third place in the Oregon high school basketball tournament.

It was John Schwartz' free-throw, with 55 seconds to play, that gave the Buckaroos the game over the Astorians, defending champions today to check "the grave warning signal." A long steady blast approximately a minute long, will be the all-clear signal.

Rail Junction Target of Big 'Fortresses'

LONDON, March 13.—(AP)—Heaping new destruction on German targets on top of a record smash at Essen by the RAF last night, a great fleet of U. S. army air force heavy bombers thundered across the English channel to the Boulogne area early this afternoon.

Vapor trails streaming out behind the United States sky plants stretched from coast to coast of the channel, pointing the way to the bastions of Adolf Hitler's European citadel, which has been under almost constant day and night assault for 17 days. There was only a one-night gap in the bombing schedule.

Key Junctions
It is through these two key junctions that the Germans must pour most of their supplies for troops assigned along 100 miles of French coastline between the Somme and the Seine.

Escorted by fighters, the American bombers soared nearly five miles high under the bright sun and soon returned from the direction of Dieppe, indicating that their targets had been only a short distance inland.

Essen Burns
RAF reconnaissance officers reported that large fires were burning in the center of the Krupp arms works at Essen in mid-afternoon today.

The Royal Air Force's ever-mounting pressure on Germany reached a new peak of destructiveness last night when a cloud of four-engined planes poured an attack on Essen exceeding that which burned and shattered 450 acres of that city March 5.

The air ministry had described last week's raid as probably the heaviest blow of the aerial war, more than 1,000 tons of bombs rained dozens of the Krupp war plant's buildings and leaving 30,000 homeless, but it said last night's raid was better still.

15,000 Feet of Smoke
The pilots of the great force over the city last night said that smoke from the carpet of fire set by the block-buster bombs and incendiaries reached a height of 15,000 feet.

Of the ground defenses, strengthened so much since the raid last week, one pilot said the Germans "seemed determined we shouldn't get through" and 23 bombers did not return.

The air ministry's description of the attack indicated that much more than 1,000 tons of bombs were tumbled on the munitions center, but details of the destruction will have to await reconnaissance.

After the raid on March 5, the air ministry said that only the thousand-bomber raids on Cologne could be compared with it and indicated Essen had been hit harder.

The crews reported two big explosions within ten minutes after the raid began last night. They said a sheet of fire from one blast reached the height of a 1,000 feet and they "could see the glow of flames when they crossed the Dutch coast on the way home," about 125 miles from the target.

Munda Attacked Twice By American Bombers
WASHINGTON, March 13.—(AP)—American fliers carried out two more attacks on Munda and also made minor forays against two other Japanese bases in the Solomons, the navy announced today.

Guadalcanal was raided Thursday night by two Japanese planes, but the navy said no casualties or damage were caused.

The second raid on Munda—the 90th aerial attack on that enemy air base—started fires.

DELINQUENCY EYED
SALEM, March 13.—(AP)—The Salem junior chamber of commerce asked Chief of Police Frank Minto today to check "the grave warning signal." A long steady blast approximately a minute long, will be the all-clear signal.

Air Raid Warning Signal
Short blasts, repeated every five seconds for two minutes, will be the official air raid warning signal. A long steady blast approximately a minute long, will be the all-clear signal.