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MORTON TOMPKINS'S MISTAKE
Morton Tompkins, master of the state grange, is quoted in the news as arguing that the Columbia valley authority bill introduced by Senator Mitchell, of Washington, amply safeguards state rights over irrigation.

One little phrase of the bill tells the story of intended federal encroachment on state rights. It is found in section 12 where the corporation (the authority) is authorized "to sell and dispose of surplus water stored by it."

There is a great deal more to be said on this subject of valley authorities. At the moment we take time only to point to Mr. Tompkins's mistaken idea regarding the meaning of the Mitchell bill on the subject of state rights in water.

THE MILK PROGRAM

Out of the sound and the fury of the argument of the past few weeks there has come a period of quiet in which, so it seems, reasonable agreement is being reached regarding the supervision of conditions under which milk is produced.

As we understand them they are in substantial accord with the seven points recently presented in the state board of health bulletin as some of the essential components of an effective milk sanitation law. Those points are:

- 1. A system of licensure of milk producers, distributors and processors.
2. A code establishing minimum state-wide standards of milk sanitation.
3. Milk-shed surveys to ascertain whether or not the standards are being upheld.

THE DEBT LIMIT

Treasury officials recently appeared before the ways and means committee of the national house to discuss a bill that would raise the debt limit of the United States from \$260 billion to \$300 billion. At only two per cent interest a \$300 billion dollar debt carries an annual charge of \$6 billion.

Can it be and stay a \$300 billion country? Where will the spending stop? Will the treasury and, yes, the chief executive, once so orally eager to reduce debt, cut expenditure and balance the budget, ever get around to discussing economy instead of increased debt limits?

Others Say ...

CREATING A BUREAUCRATIC MONOPOLY

(Salem Capitol Journal)

The Oregon senate committee on irrigation and drainage has introduced a joint memorial opposing congressional enactment of the proposal to establish a Columbia River Authority to centralize under federal control hydro-electric and irrigation projects.

War Briefs - - -

(By United Press)

Western Front - American forces battle through last German defenses before Cologne.

Eastern Front - Russians advance toward Baltic threatening to trap 100,000 German troops.

Pacific - Tokyo reports American landings on Palawan island westmost of Philippines and carrier plane land on Ryukyu island south of Japan; marines shove Japanese back on northern Iwo; Corregidor conquest virtually completed.

Air War - RAF Mosquitoes bomb Berlin ninth straight night.

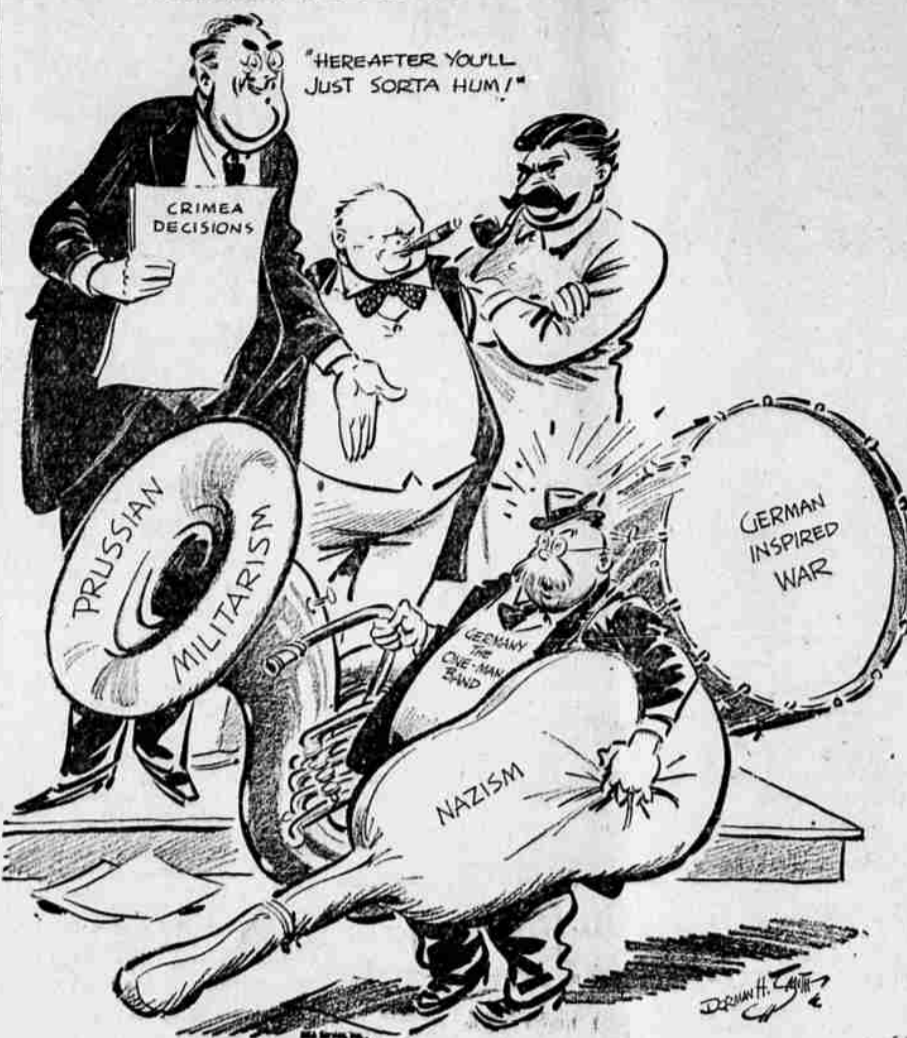
Italy - Activity limited to patrolling.

Mrs. Beck Plans Madras Visits

Madras, March 1 (Special)—Mrs. Dorothy Beck, emergency war food assistant, with headquarters in Prineville, will be in Madras at the county agent's office in Madras one week out of the month.

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Washington Column

By Peter Edson (NKA Staff Correspondent)

Washington, D. C.—The Chicago area's war manpower commission office thinks that it has come up with a plan for solving the labor shortage problem in critical war industries.

To begin with, Chicago is one of the tightest labor areas in the country. It was slow getting started on war work but has picked up steadily. The Chicago area consisting of Cook and DuPage counties—not to be confused with the Chicago region of Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin—has a labor force estimated at 1,833,000, of whom over a million are in war production.

Many of these Chicago area contracts are without ceiling, meaning that the government will take all of the items that can be produced, without limit. Chicago can therefore use all the labor it can get for war industries. The question was where to get it.

Point of attack on this problem was the 650,000 people employed in the trade and service industries. First step was to put all women workers under priority referral, meaning that women could no longer switch from one job to another unless they had USES release.

Next step was an order to cut 10 per cent from the labor force of all non-essential industries employing more than 100 people, the 10 per cent cut to be paid off in male workers. Thus if an employer had 200 workers, half of them women, he would have to release 20 men.

These employers could not be given credit for the men they released, however, unless they were men who could be placed by USES, unless they were accepted by the essential industry employer to whom they were referred and unless they had a written guarantee they'd get their old job back from their original employer and that all their seniority and other union rights would be protected during their temporary employment in essential war industries.

A SONG TO REMEMBER

by Willard Wiener

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XXII CHOPIN AND SAND

Frederic and Franz Liszt passed from the bedroom into a solarium. "Madame," Liszt said, approaching George Sand, who was waiting, "I bring you Monsieur Chopin."

Frederic kissed her hand. Liszt was saying, "—And now, George, if you will pardon me— Then he was gone. "—I can only thank you, Madame— "For what?" "—I am not very adept with words, Madame."

There were not enough chairs. Lackeys brought in extra chairs into the music room but still there were not enough. Liszt mounted the piano platform. He faced the applauding audience. He was laughing. He motioned for everybody please to discontinue their handclapping.

Jozef Elsner remained in the ballroom which was now empty except for himself and two or three lackeys who were bustling about. The music room was so crowded anyway that he did not try to get into it. He walked the length and breadth of the ballroom, looking for Frederic, but the manner of his search was ludicrous, if not pathetic. It was obvious Frederic was not in the room.

There was fresh applause in the music room. When it died down Franz Liszt spoke, but Jozef Elsner was too busy with his fruitless search to listen. "—I have a request to make," Liszt was saying. "Music and atmosphere sometimes go together. Tonight that is especially true, and I am going to ask that for the piece I am about to play—the room be darkened."

Murmurs of surprise went through the audience. "What's that?" one said. "Rather unusual," said another. "Yes, but you know Liszt." "Know him?" said another. "Oh, yes—very well!"

Liszt sat at the piano. He was studying a piece of music, apparently oblivious to the audience.

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Bend's Yesterdays

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO (March 1, 1930)

(From The Bulletin Files) J. E. Hinton, Shaniko stockman, ships three carloads of fat lambs to the Portland market; Orville Davison of Prineville, two cars, and Carl Woods of Sisters, one carload.

COW PLAYS 'CHINA SHOP'

Worldland, Wyo. (AP)—Talk about turning a bull loose in a china shop. A cow was turned loose in the sales ring at Worldland recently and: (1) tossed one man over a gate; (2) slightly injured another man; (3) tore through a gate in the ring and into a lunch room, taking the door and hinges along.

ARMY DIDN'T FORGET HIM

Rock Springs, Wyo. (AP)—The mother of James Whalen, a Rock Springs youth who is with the armed forces overseas, recently received a letter from him saying that he had been promoted to private first class on one day. The next day, his birthday, he was given a second promotion—to sergeant.

By MERRILL BLOSSER



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