

The Washington Merry-Go-Round

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Washington, D. C. AN INSIDE STORY

Word trickling back to the diplomatic corps from Germany indicates that Hitler is beginning to realize that the United States means business, and that he made a tragic mistake in not accepting the advice of his more conservative diplomats who warned him of this in the first place.

In fact, the inside story, which now can be told, is one of the most tragic of the war. Possibly if it had not been for overweening personal jealousies the war might even have been prevented.

What happened was that when Hans Dieckhoff, German ambassador to Washington, returned to Berlin in 1938, he brought back a strong report that the United States would enter the war eventually if Germany became the aggressor. He was ready to warn that Germany faced a repetition of 1917-18. But Foreign Minister Von Ribbentrop would not let him see Hitler.

Ribbentrop, probably the most ambitious man around der Fuehrer and a great friend of Himmler, wanted to be the funnel for all advice going to Hitler. Also he was feeding him his own kind of aggressive advice, not the cooling caution of Ambassador Dieckhoff.

In the same cautious school with the ambassador were Baron Von Neurath, recently ousted as governor of Czechoslovakia because of his moderate views; Hjalmar Schacht, governor of the Reichsbank, now in virtual retirement; and Capt. Fritz Wiedemann, Hitler's former commander and more recently consul general at San Francisco. Even Field Marshal Goering was much more moderate than Von Ribbentrop.

Czech Putsch Delayed

It was Captain Wiedemann, who, around May, 1938, chiefly persuaded Hitler not to invade Czechoslovakia. He was then Hitler's military aide and attended a meeting of der Fuehrer's inner advisers at which general staff advised caution. Finally Hitler, exasperated, threw up his arms and ordered them all out of the room. But Wiedemann stayed behind, and finally persuaded his chief to delay the march into Czechoslovakia at least until the fall of 1938—which was done.

Later, it was Wiedemann and his moderates who persuaded Hitler to receive Chamberlain and Daladier at Munich. But by this time it was too late for Ambassador Dieckhoff to tell his story.

Ribbentrop never forgave Wiedemann for this. Also his vaunting ambition would permit no rival close to Hitler. So, shortly thereafter, he got Wiedemann transferred to a distant and relatively unimportant German consulate in the U.S.A. Later when Wiedemann was deported from this country, it is significant that Ribbentrop once again transferred him as far as possible from Berlin—this time to Tientsin, China.

The foreign minister of Germany wants no moderates around.

ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN

Don't be surprised if a U. S. warship disembarks a load of Nazi sailors and turns them over to the justice department to be tried on charges of "piracy."

It is even possible that in the "haul" may be an armed Nazi raider or two that had been operating down Brazil way.

Anything may happen these eventful days since the President enunciated U. S. determination to maintain freedom of the seas, and branded Nazi submarines and surface raiders in American waters as "pirates." Armed Nazi ships are prowling American waters and the U. S. navy has its orders.

It can be revealed that neither the justice nor war department would be surprised if they had some "pirate" seamen and "pirate" craft to deal with soon. Both have been quietly studying for a week the law and precedents concerning such an eventuality.

The war department enters the picture because under the law all war prisoners landed on U. S. soil come under custody of the army. However, the U. S. is not at war, so there is doubt over the army's jurisdiction.

No final decision has been reached, but the consensus of the legal experts is that any such "pirates" should be turned over to the justice department.

One suggested procedure is that the Nazis be landed at a U. S. port and then jailed by the justice department as aliens without passports. But most of the legal authorities contend that the Nazis should be dealt with squarely as buccaneers.

CAPITAL CHAFF

In a direct membership election, the American Newspaper Guild has overwhelmingly defeated the leftist clique which for several years has controlled the national offices of the union. The entire group was cleaned out and a militant anti-Red slate elected.

Cordell Hull has a new car, a long sleek limousine, but without either radio or heater. Quoted at \$2,611 for the retail trade, the car cost the government only \$1,800. Also gas costs only eight cents a gallon.

Portlight by GRANTLAND RICE

THE football scythe, 1941 model, will continue to be extremely busy during the next few Saturday afternoons. A few more teams from the upper ranks must drop into the list of the beaten before the season ends. Future upsets are to be expected. One of the favorite current debates concerns the toughest football schedule of the year.

My vote goes to Coach Charles Bowser's Pittsburgh squad. Here is the Panther hookup—Purdue, Michigan, Minnesota, Duke, Ohio State, Fordham, Nebraska, Penn State and Carnegie Tech. The last named team is on the off side, but look over those first eight Pittsburgh games.

I can't find another schedule that calls for such opposition as Pitt must meet from Michigan, Minnesota, Duke, Fordham and Nebraska, without calling on the others, which are none too soft.

Another Entry

Considering the material at hand I'd say a good runner-up would be Dr. Mal Stevens and his group of Violets from N.Y.U. This year the Violets face Texas A. and M., Syracuse, Holy Cross, Penn State, Missouri, Tulane and Fordham. Tulane and Fordham alone would make a hard schedule for any normal squad.



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This menu is entirely too much for the material Mal Stevens has at hand. From now on it would be a fine day's work for N.Y.U. to beat anyone of these opposing outfits.

Bowl Scouts Busy

The rush for bowl selections is already warming up, and the rivalry is keener than ever. Eight leading teams are needed for Pasadena, Dallas, New Orleans and Miami, and they want the best.

The Pacific coast always has one fixed starter—her own conference champion. But the western delay in waiting for the final game may cause trouble again, as so many leading candidates won't hang around that long with other bowls pressing the issue.

The Texans are hoping to keep their own conference champion hooked to the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, where they can handle over 50,000 spectators at top prices.

The Sugar Bowl, now able to accommodate 75,000 or more, would like to get the pick of the North and the South for New Orleans—Alabama, Tulane or Duke, for example, against a Fordham or a Colgate.

And Miami, with an increasing capacity, is just as keen to keep building up her big winter show.

This means the Rose Bowl committee faces claimants ready to pluck six of the best teams in the field. The Rose Bowl cut of \$100,000 is a golden lure, but many teams invited to collect \$60,000 or \$70,000 don't care to gamble on losing the lesser amounts. Which is simple enough to understand.

Who They May Be

It is entirely too early yet to have any bowl teams line up. The Western conference and Notre Dame are out. So is Navy and the Ivy league—two years ago Cornell would have been a terrific card.

But the main candidates now, apart from the Pacific Coast conference, are Alabama, Duke, Tennessee, Tulane, Texas, Fordham, Colgate, Southern Methodist, Nebraska, and Oklahoma. To be beaten once is no bowl bar. Last season Fordham, Texas A. and M., Nebraska and Georgetown—all bowl teams—had each suffered a defeat. Two defeats are usually the eliminating point.

It isn't certain that Duke would take on a bowl visit, unless Wallace Wade changes his mind.

The two leading candidates from the North are Fordham and Colgate, which are not likely to be beaten twice, at any rate, and which are almost certain to have fine records.

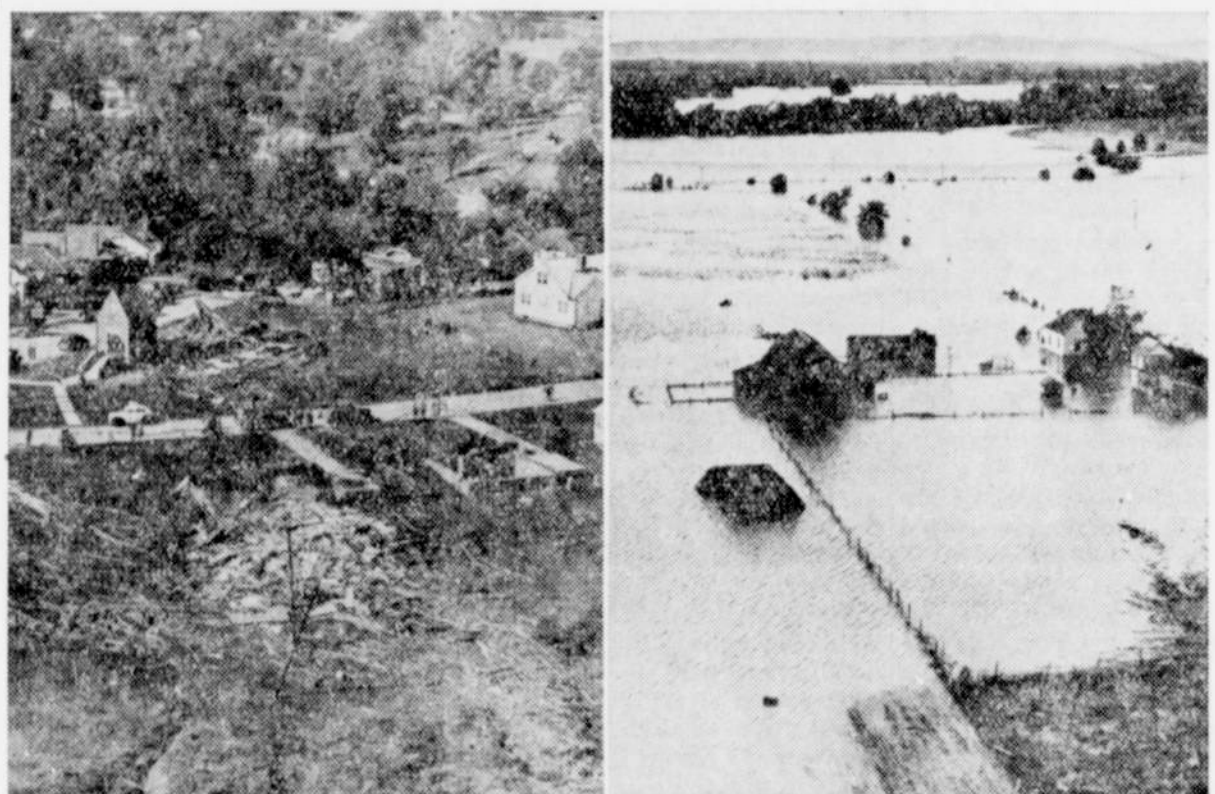
Alabama and Tulane are excellent bowl prospects. They are two of the best. In the Southwest the battle is always so bitter that few teams ever finish a spotless season, no matter how good they are. The competition is so keen in that sector that the job of winning them all is nearly always an impossible task.

First Army Goes Into 'Action' in South Carolina



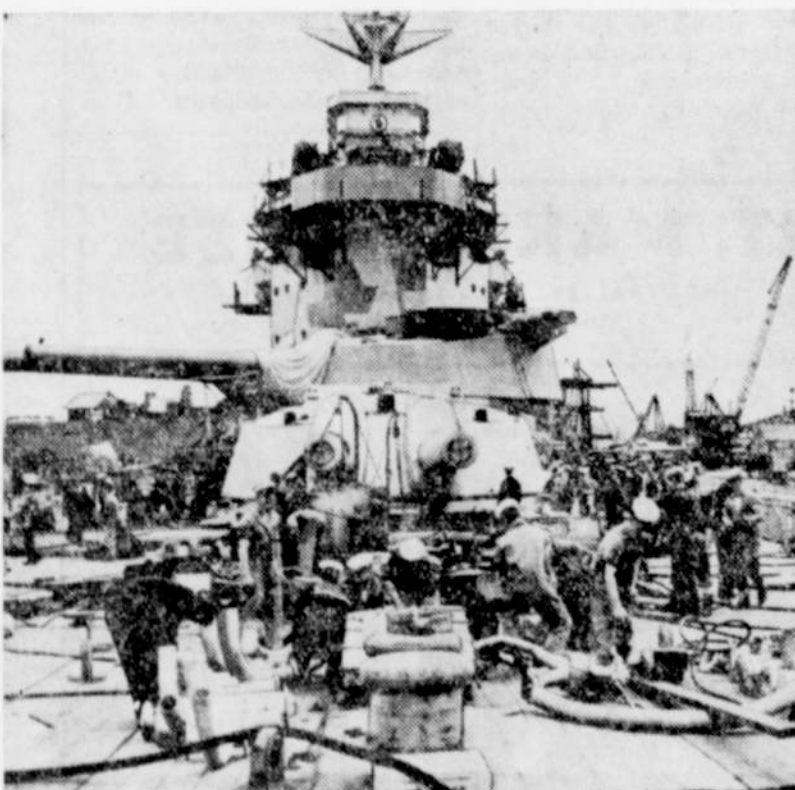
For weeks to come, the country made famous by Stonewall Jackson will see thousands of troops engaged in simulated warfare, during maneuvers of the First army near Camden, S. C. At left, troops of the 13th infantry charge over a haystack. Center: Planes of the "enemy" swoop down with machine guns wide open. Right: First assault boats arrive on "enemy" shore after crossing the Wateree river.

Wind and Rain Divide 'Honors' in Southwest



An airview of the eastern part of Kansas City, showing damage done by a tornado, is shown at left. Wreckage of the recently completed Arlington Methodist church, with only the portals remaining, can be seen. Right: Torrential rains flooded rivers and creeks in Oklahoma, inundating thousands of acres of farm land and forcing people from their homes. Scene shows a farm near Pryor, Okla., much of it under water.

U. S. Repairs H.M.S. 'Warspite'



A general deck scene from the bow of the British battleship, Warspite, hero-ship of many naval battles of the present war, as she was put in ship-shape at the Bremerton navy yard, near Seattle, Wash., before venturing on the high seas again. The tubes shown on deck are for air conditioning for the men working below.

'Seeing' London



Pretty Kathleen Harriman, daughter of W. Averell Harriman, head of the U. S. lend-lease war mission in Moscow, is being shown the sights of London by a steel-helmeted policeman, who seems to be enjoying the "job" to the utmost.

'Baby' Legislators Honored



A delegation from the United Youth for Defense organization presented Sen. Joseph Ball of Minnesota and Rep. William Stratton of Illinois, two of the youngest legislators in congress, with medallions of the organization. Photo shows No. 1 New York debutante, Miss Betty Gordon, pinning a medal on Senator Ball, who is 34. Representative Stratton (shown) is 27.

Plea for Charity



President Roosevelt called upon every American citizen to contribute to his local Community Chest. He is shown as he made his plea for charity to the nation.

Witness Finally Admitted Stronger Force's Influence

Cross-examining a witness on the other side, an attorney tried by every means possible to discredit him.

"You tell us you came to the city in search of work," he said meaningly. "I put to you that there was another, a stronger, motive which brought you all that distance. Isn't that so?"

The witness hesitated a time, then slowly replied, "Well, yes, there was."

"Ah!" exclaimed the barrister triumphantly, "Now tell the court what it was."

"A locomotive," replied the witness blandly.

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