

The Washington Merry-Go-Round

Washington, D. C.

GERMAN MORALE SUFFERING

U. S. observers acquainted with the morale of the German people are getting bullish about Britain, in view of the heavy R.A.F. bombings of Germany.

These officials point out that German conquests on land, even if they should be extended beyond the Balkans into Egypt or even to India, do not relieve the problem of the 80,000,000 Germans who must continue to take punishment from British bombing.

It has been proved already that the military genius of the Germans is in land movements. They have no strength at sea, and they have failed to gain complete mastery in the air, though at times they have come close to it. This leaves the British with an air force growing daily stronger by arrival of Canadian and American planes, to bomb the great German cities in an attempt to break civilian morale.

German conquests abroad do not relieve the distress of people in such heavily populated centers as Berlin, Dresden, Leipzig, Hamburg, and Munich. So long as these people must spend cold winter nights in the cellars, with no rest, there can be no real victory for Germany.

ROOSEVELT BORROWS

The other day Postmaster General Frank Walker called at the White House with William Knudsen and other defense commissioners to sell the President the first 100 new "National Defense" stamps, which come in one, two and three-cent denominations.

"This is a strictly cash on the line proposition, Mr. President," said Walker. "Have you got six dollars?"

Roosevelt reached for his billfold. It contained one five-dollar bill, no more. "Hmmm—short a dollar," he mused.

Borrowing, as Shakespeare said, may "dull the edge of husbandry," but on the other hand not everyone gets the chance to lend the President of the United States a buck. Everyone in the room grabbed for his wallet simultaneously. But Walker was the first to produce the dollar.

Grinning, Roosevelt promised to repay Walker on "my next payday."

NEW ARMY TANKS

The United States army is now building a tank which will be the equal of any which the Nazis sent against France with their famous panzer divisions.

These new war monsters each will carry one 75-mm. gun. This is the famous field artillery piece which the French army used during the World war, and which the American Expeditionary force later adopted. It has now become the standard field artillery for more than half the armies of the world.

However, not until the German divisions rolled into Flanders, did modern armies conceive of mounting guns as heavy as this in tanks. But from now on, even the medium tanks built for the U. S. army will carry one French 75, plus a 37-mm. gun, plus four machine guns. This tank will weigh between 25 and 30 tons.

Note—It is impossible to estimate the cost of the mobile fortress carrying a 75-mm. gun, and the war department is not even troubling to ask for estimates. At least three of the companies will proceed with production on a "cost plus fixed fee" basis, and when the tanks begin to come off the assembly lines (which will not be before next May) Uncle Sam will pay the bill.

JEFF DAVIS VS. LINCOLN

Of all his predecessors, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson has chosen the portraits of Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy, and Robert Todd Lincoln, son of the martyred President, to adorn the wall facing his desk. Both Lincoln and Davis served as secretary of war.

Mr. Stimson sits at a great, flat carved red mahogany desk, which has been in the war department more years than anyone can remember, and which is ornamented by two round globe lights on either side, designed to burn kerosene in the days before gas and electricity. These have now been revamped for incandescent bulbs.

A grim note is Stimson's side table, a somber black piece used by Gen. Phil Sheridan as a court martial desk. This supports a huge silver cup, a tennis trophy won in previous years by Mr. Stimson, and a mantel clock, which is wound by a key, and strikes the hours and half hours in deep sonorous tones.

MERRY-GO-ROUND

Proudest boast of Sen. Homer T. Bone of Washington is a bet he won over a Civil war maneuver during the Union army's siege of Vicksburg. Though his opponent was a participant in the action, Bone was right and won the wager.

George T. Summerlin, who gets \$9,400 a year as chief of the state department of protocol, saves \$91 a year by rolling his own cigarettes. His job includes entertaining visiting dignitaries.

GENERAL HUGH S. JOHNSON Says:

Washington, D. C.

WRITER'S FEUD

I think there is a new voice among political commentators in our country. It has not been silent in other fields. Clare Boothe has made herself felt importantly in drama, literature and as a publicist. Only in her indignation about the war hysteria of recent political outbursts has she taken to the hustings. She hasn't just taken to them. She has them.

Her book, "Europe in Spring," is the most revealing on the fall of France. It wasn't political. It was poignant, but the terrible experiences from which it was derived didn't suggest to the poised Miss Boothe that she drag her own country unnecessarily into that bloody shambles. When she got back to this country, to find that another foremost American woman writer of great heart and mind, Miss Dorothy Thompson, had completely blown up emotionally, Miss Boothe began analyzing psychology.

She showed from her correspondence in France that Miss Thompson had actually wangled permission from a French artillery battery to fire three shells at the Germans.

Miss Boothe was indignant. By all the laws of war, Miss Thompson was a non-belligerent, an American, a sniper in uniform—perfectly protected against reprisal. If any one was killed, it was murder, no less—such a deed as the intellectual Dorothy would never dream of in her normal mind.

That aroused Miss Boothe to make one of the most effective speeches yet delivered on our war hysteria. With no personal feeling whatever, she used this incident as an example of the mass madness into which we are being whipped.

ELLIOTT RESIGNATION

As this column said, in criticizing Elliott Roosevelt's appointment, it is inconceivable to me that Elliott gave a thought to its destructive implications. Elliott resigned in order to register for the draft, giving as his reason the injurious effect of his appointment on the selective service program. In my opinion, that was a courageous and proper thing to do. It is harder to acknowledge an attempt to retrieve an error than it is to bull it through.

But it is much manlier and, in this case, more patriotic. I believe that the resignation was in good faith and that it relieves Elliott from any criticism except his original misinformed judgment.

Not so much can be said of General Echols' "refusal to accept" the resignation. As a matter of law, Echols has no more to do with that than I have. A resignation goes to the appointing authority, who alone can accept or reject it. That authority is the President, here represented by the war department, not Echols.

The success of the draft depends absolutely on popular confidence in its administration. In this respect it differs from any other department of the war effort.

Experience has proved over and over again that you can't get away with conscription in an Anglo-Saxon country without an almost religious popular and patriotic faith and zeal.

I believe more blame is due to regular air corps officers in not properly advising Elliott in the first instance than to Elliott himself. That blame still continues in General Echols' rejection of the resignation "on my own responsibility." He has no responsibility. This rejection is pure bunk. It will fool nobody.

If these regular officers had a purpose either to serve or please the President in the original appointment or in this false move, they are doing the reverse of both.

Washington Highlights:

"Price chiseling" on materials for the defense program is under a broad investigation at the present time, according to word from Chairman Burton K. Wheeler (Dem., Mont.) of a senate interstate commerce subcommittee. The committee is co-operating with the national defense commission and the department of justice. The investigators would scrutinize the entire price field carefully and also check into the reasons for industrial bottlenecks that might eventually hamper the defense program.

Senator Wheeler says that there "isn't going to be any witch hunt though, and nobody who is co-operating need be afraid of it."

Renewed efforts to bolster America's defenses in the Far East were revealed by Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox recently. He stated that the army has ordered substantial reinforcements, including two airplane pursuit squadrons, to the Philippine islands.

Meanwhile, preparations have been made to start work on the United States military base at Newfoundland. The base will be located somewhere on the southern coast, but its actual position will remain a military secret.

Building Laborers Riot in St. Louis



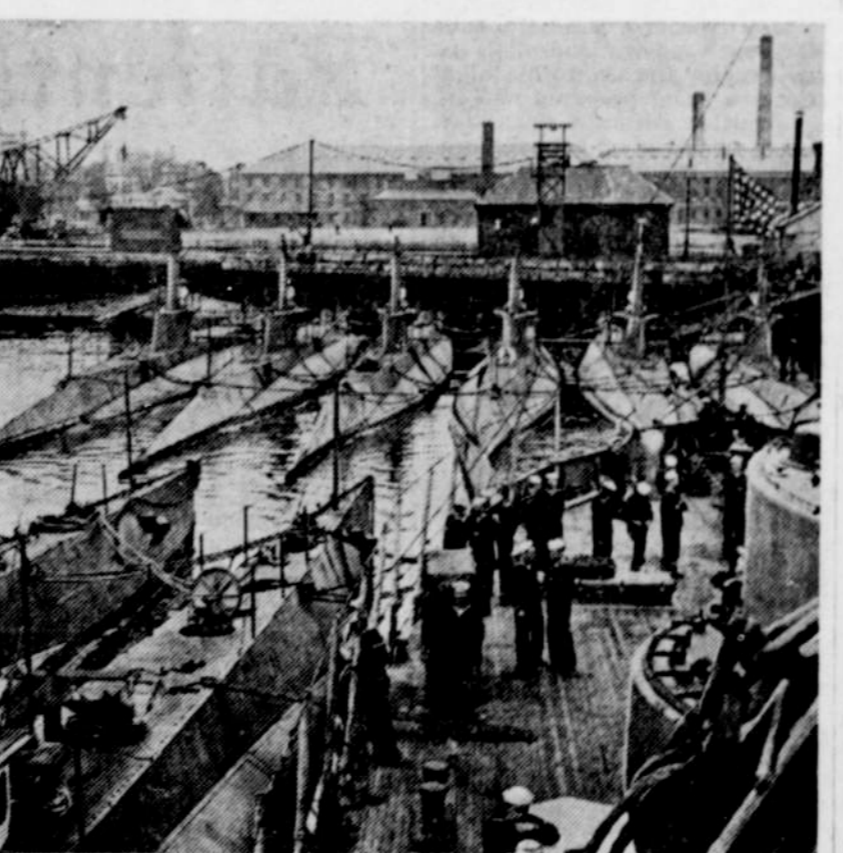
One man was killed and at least 30 men were injured in a labor battle when non-union construction workers stormed an American Federation of Labor picket line in Velda Village Hills, a subdivision of St. Louis. This photograph shows some of the rioters in the act of stoning the automobiles which were in the vicinity, during the battle.

Happy Ending of Near-Tragic Sky Drama



Flying Officer L. G. Fuller of the Royal Australian air force in a big reconnaissance plane collided with another plane of the same type 1,000 feet above Brocklesby, New South Wales. Everybody bailed out except Fuller, who brought both ships down to a perfect landing and stepped out unhurt. The planes were only slightly damaged.

Decommissioned Subs Go Back to Duty



These submarines, shown tied up at Charlestown, Mass., said their farewell to arms after the World war armistice in 1918. Now they are getting ready to stage a comeback. These eight, and many others, will be recommissioned and returned to duty with the planned Atlantic fleet which will give the United States a two-ocean navy. The navy expects to have 36 of these submarines ready for duty by January 1. In addition, it has 104 first-line submarines, and 81 more which are now in the process of building.

Instead of a Campaign Button



Here's a new wrinkle, from Hollywood, designed by Max Factor Jr., for a red-hot political campaign. Starlets Joan Barclay and Muriel Zaler wear their choice for President in the form of an old-fashioned beauty patch, with the initials cut out of court plaster.

Reunited



This scene was made when a Bulgarian soldier, entering a Rumanian province ceded to Bulgaria, was greeted by his sister, a peasant woman, whom he had not seen in 15 years.—International Soundphoto.

Succeeds Togo



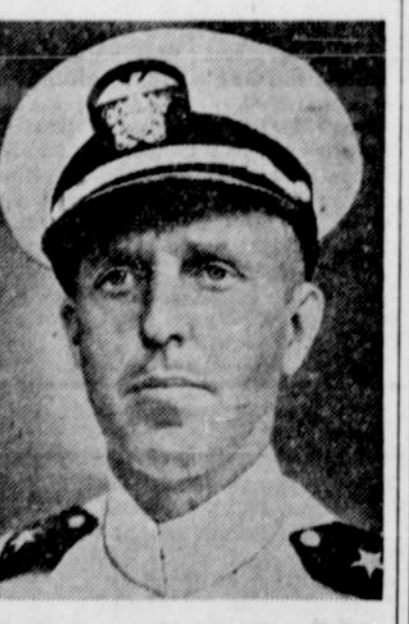
Gen. Yoshitugu Tatekawa, newly appointed Japanese ambassador to Russia, who left Tokyo for Moscow, presumably to take up question of a Soviet-Nippon agreement.

Draft Chief



Dr. Clarence D. Dykstra, president of the University of Wisconsin, who was unanimously confirmed by the senate as director of selective service.

On Secret Mission



U. S. Naval Commander Walter Frederick Boone, who left Washington for London via Atlantic clipper to Portugal, on what purported to be a secret mission.

Daisy Hot Dish Mat An Appropriate Gift

By RUTH WYETH SPEARS

IT WAS the flower handle of the tea-pot lid that suggested this daisy mat. I had been thinking of making a hot dish out of firmly braided strips of cotton cloth. I wanted it to be thick and sewn firmly like a rag rug, so that it would stand frequent scrubbing. The design had to be novel and gay so that it would be appropriate for a Christmas gift or would



attract attention if used to sell at a church bazaar. All the directions you need to make one are right here in the sketch.

Cotton flannel or heavy cotton knitted material are good to use for the braided strips. Cut the strips two inches wide if the goods is heavy or wider if light weight. Braid tightly and then use No. 8 white cotton thread to sew, as shown. A set of these mats are pretty on the table; and mats for oval dishes may be made by sewing two daisies together.

NOTE: There are directions for a hot dish mat made of cable cord in SEWING, Book 4. Books 2 and 3 also contain directions for many gifts and novelties. These booklets are a service to our readers and each contains 32 pages of illustrated directions for things to make for the home. Send order for booklets, with 10c coin for each copy desired, direct to:

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