



WHO'S NEWS THIS WEEK

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NEW YORK.—Encouraging news is that we may keep our rubber heels, and if we have to travel on them, instead of on rubber tires, it won't be the fault of **Small, Still Voice** Dr. Elmer W. Brandes, head of the bureau of plant industry of the department of agriculture.

For many years, Dr. Brandes has been exploring rubber jungles, wherever he can find them, studying rubber-yielding plants and staking out for the government useful data and techniques. Currently, he tells the house agriculture committee about the urgency of planting large areas of the guayule shrub. This time, the committee is listening more intently. Germany is far ahead of us in synthetic rubber production.

On occasion, Dr. Brandes has worked up a pleasant friendship with head-hunters, and should be able to get on friendly terms with congressmen. It was in August, 1928, that he landed his hydroplane in a jungle river in New Guinea. It scared the wits out of the pygmy head-hunters. But the genial and conspicuously unarmed Dr. Brandes lured them into his camp by friendly gestures and they became friends and co-operators. He has flown many thousands of lone jungle air leagues on many research expeditions to Central and South America, Asia and the Pacific islands. In July, 1940, congress provided \$500,000 for a study of crude rubber in the Western hemisphere. Dr. Brandes flew to Brazil and is now offering to congress the result of his researches there.

He was born in Washington in 1891, was educated in science at Michigan State college, Cornell and the University of Michigan, taught at Michigan State and entered the government service as a plant pathologist at the Puerto Rico agricultural experiment station in 1914. He served in the World war, as a second lieutenant, in France.

THERE is one section of the populace which won't be bothered much by all this rationing of food, clothes, automobile tires and household goods. It is the group which is, for the most part, a stranger to such luxuries. One of them asked me for a dime today.

"We gotta work fast," he said, "before the government gets all the loose dimes."

If, as reported, morale is good among people who are hungry and cold, the Salvation Army has helped, and will help, greatly to this end. And rating many new stars in his crown, or cap, is Col. John J. Allan, just now becoming the Army's lieutenant commissioner for 11 central states, with headquarters at Chicago.

When, as a young man, getting a start as a jeweler, John James Allan decided to give his life to the Salvation Army, he disguised himself as a derelict, when he went down into New York's Bowery. He shared their flop-houses, wore ragged clothes and took his hand-out where he found it. "Condescending to men of low estate," in the scriptural phrase, he found reciprocal understanding when he shared their troubles. That was the start of his career of kindly and aggressive friendliness as an evangelist, and champion of the down-but-never-outs, and as a cornetist for the Bowery and for King George of England—at a command performance in 1904. He was for three years a soloist with Reeves American band of Providence, R. I.

He is the father of the United Service Organizations. It was on October 11, 1940, that he met with executives of the Y.M.C.A., the Knights of Columbus and the Jewish Welfare organization for united effort among the soldiers, and out of this meeting came the U.S.O.

He is married, the father of five children. He was born in Hazelton, Pa., in 1887, his mother having been born near Nottingham, England, a stone's throw from the home of General Booth.

In the World war, he was senior chaplain of the Seventy-seventh division in France, the first Salvation Army chaplain in the American armed forces. He won the French Croix de Guerre and later received the rank of major chaplain of the U. S. army. In 1925, he entered the army reserve corps, and his "Colonel" is a military title. He was in Salvation Army work in Newark from 1923 to 1925 and thereafter in Columbus, Ohio, for eight years, managing the Greenwood Lake Camp for Children. He never trumpets himself, but the Army does.

The Washington Merry-Go-Round

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Washington, D. C. NEW SELECTEES

It needed no mind reading to fathom what was behind that war department announcement of the purchase of 700,000,000 feet of lumber and 240,000 kegs of nails—the biggest order of its kind in U. S. history.

The materials are for the construction of numerous new army cantonments and the enlargement of existing ones.

Army strength, down to 1,600,000 after the demobilization of 28 to 35 year olds last fall, is due for a big increase—at least another 1,000,000 after the next draft lottery following the February 16 registration of men between 21 and 44.

An estimated 24,000,000 will register next month, and on the basis of past experience only about 5 per cent will be rated 1-A; that is, subject to immediate call. Heretofore the army has inducted only men in good physical condition, with no dependents and not engaged in "essential" production.

However, as the need for military manpower develops, 1-A standards will be broadened and many thousands of 1-B, 2-A, and 2-B deferrees by pre-war standards will be called up.

For the present, the army still is placing primary emphasis on youth. The February 16 registration is expected to list around 2,000,000 20-21 youngsters and the largest proportion of new inductees will come from this group. Registrants in the 36 to 44 group will have to be in top condition to get in the army at this time.

However, big scale inductions from this age group can be expected by fall, particularly those with no dependents and with previous military service.

For the present the army will take its older-age recruits from the 28 to 35 year olds who were exempted because of dependency or defense work.

REDTAPE BUSTER

Ordnance is the haughtiest and most hide-bound branch of the army. So much so that it has been the object of much bitter private criticism by civilian defense chiefs.

But there is one notable exception to this Ordnance rule. He is William Van Antwerp Kemp, a tall, husky, dynamic engineer, who made a big success in private business and volunteered his services when the national emergency arose. Since then, as an Ammunition division executive, he has been making history, busting redtape in tradition-bound Ordnance.

There are many tales of Kemp's unconventional exploits. The latest is one of the best.

Asked by a general to suggest a manager for a new government munition plant about to begin production, Kemp recommended a crack expert who had been loaned to the British to build a plant in England.

"He ought to be finished with his job over there by now," said Kemp.

"If he is, get him," was the order. From the British, Kemp learned the expert had completed his work and was available. So Kemp picked up a phone and called the state department.

"I want to talk to the guy," he said, "who gets guys back from England."

There was a gasp, but the operator switched Kemp to someone who asked him who he was and what he wanted.

"I'm Kemp of Army Ordnance," he said. "There's a guy in England we want to run an ammunition plant for us. Get him back here right away, will you?"

Six days later the expert reported to Kemp and left for his new job.

A few days later the general again summoned Kemp, asked what had been done about the expert.

"It's all taken care of, general," said Kemp. "He's been on the job at the plant two days."

"How did you get him back here so fast?"

"No trouble. I just called up the state department, asked for the guy who gets guys back here and he arranged it."

"Kemp," said the general severely, "do you know who that guy in the state department was?"

"No, sir."

"He was the undersecretary of state."

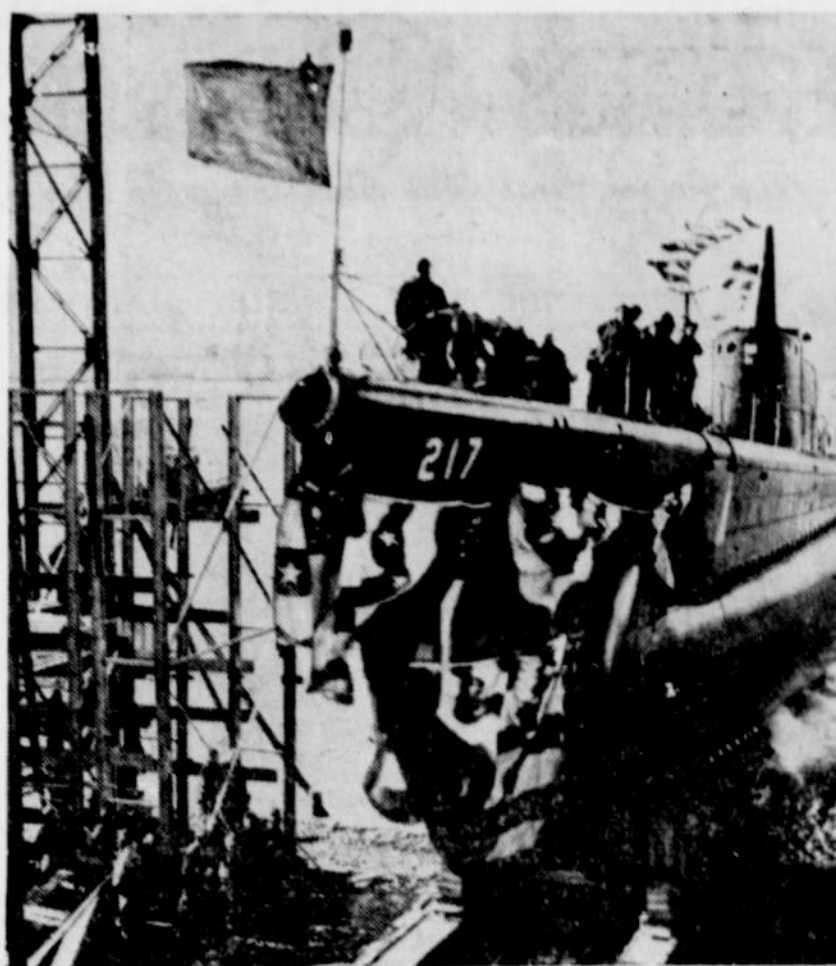
Note: Kemp has persistently refused to accept an army commission. Finally, pressed by the general for the reason, he retorted: "Some day I may want to come in here and blow up. If I do, as an officer you could court-martial me. But as a civilian, all you can do is fire me. I'm remaining a civilian."

JAP SCHOOL LESSONS

After three years' probing of subversive activities, it takes a lot to excite Rep. Martin Dies, but the other day the rangy Texan hit on a discovery that took his breath away.

His committee has been making a sweeping inquiry of Jap fifth-columning on the West coast, including subversive teaching in Japanese language schools located all over southern California. Investigators found that from the primary grades up students in these schools are indoctrinated with militarism and the ideology of their Jap ancestors.

New Underwater Prowler for Navy



The submarine Guardfish is launched at the Electric Boat company's yards in New London, Conn. When it is commissioned it will roam the seas to give the Axis a dose of its own medicine.

Retires



The Most Rev. and Rt. Hon. Cosmo Gordon Lang, archbishop of Canterbury, who announced his retirement as head of the Church of England. He said that the present crisis needs a man with younger "ardor and vigor."

Narrowly Escapes Watery Grave



Robert S. Fennell Jr., left, and George Tavelle, both of Savannah, Ga., relate their experience to newspaper men at a hospital in Hoboken, N. J. They are the only known survivors of the steamer, City of Atlanta, which was sunk by a submarine off Cape Hatteras. The ill-fated vessel carried a crew of 47.

Sinks Jap Ship



Lieut. John D. Bulkeley, commander of "mosquito boat" that dashed into Binanga Bay, P. I., and torpedoed an enemy vessel of 5,000 tons in night attack, under hail of bullets. Bulkeley was commended by the navy department.

For Pan-American Solidarity Against Axis



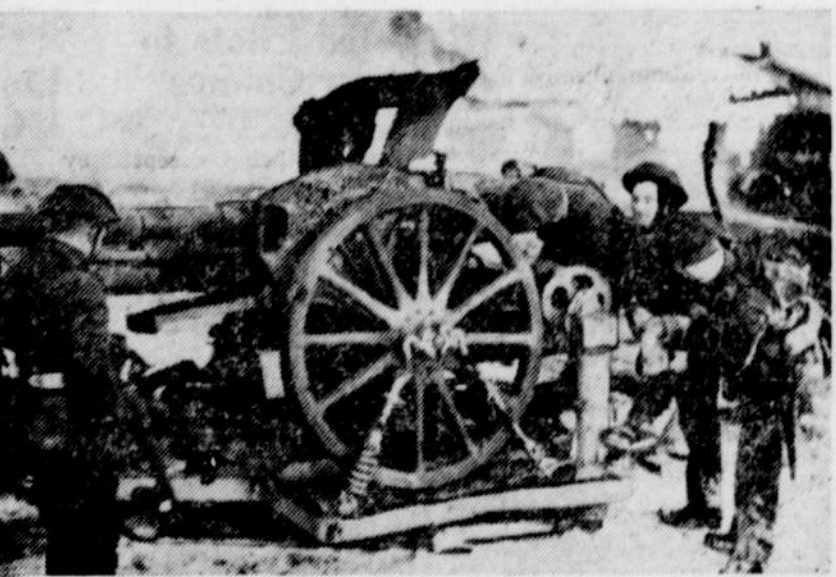
Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles, center, and U. S. ambassador to Brazil, Jefferson Caffery, are shown talking to Oswaldo Aranha, Brazil's foreign minister, who was also administrator of the Pan-American conference held in Rio de Janeiro. The photo was made just before the third conference of foreign ministers in the interest of lining up all the American republics in a solid 100 per cent Western hemisphere front against the Axis, with a complete rupture of diplomatic relations.

Visits White House



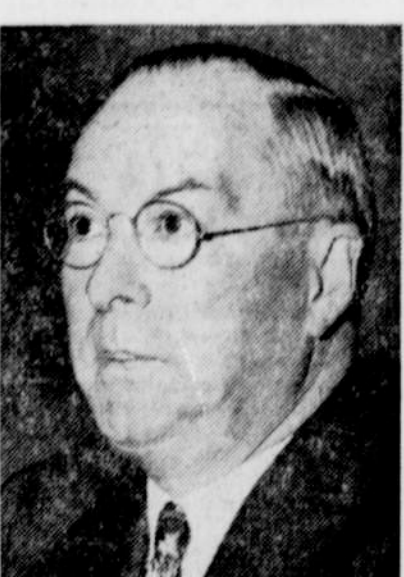
Wendell L. Willkie, 1940 Republican candidate for the presidency, shown with reporters as he walked down the White House roadway, following a conference with President Roosevelt. Willkie gave the reporters no indication as to what the conference was about.

Commandos Examine Captured Field Piece



British troops examine a German field gun, captured during their occupation of the island of Maaloy, Norway. The British commandos were landed on the Norwegian islands of Vaagso and Maaloy, after coast defenses had been silenced. Fifteen thousand six hundred and fifty tons of enemy shipping were destroyed, with munition dumps, oil tanks and storehouses.

Production Chief



Donald Nelson, named by the President to head a war production board, superseding the supply, allocations and priorities board. Nelson has "final" authority.

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