

The Washington Merry-Go-Round

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HITLER IN PATAGONIA

It may take a long time to find out whether Hitler and his bride Eva Braun escaped to Patagonia. The country is a series of vast Nazi-owned ranches, where German is spoken almost exclusively and where Hitler could be hidden easily and successfully for years.

The ranches in this southern part of Argentina cover thousands of acres and have been under Nazi management for generations. Because of absolute German control, it would be impossible for any non-German to penetrate the area to make a thorough investigation as to Hitler's whereabouts.

Along the coast of Patagonia, many German-owned land which contains harbors deep enough for submarine landings. And if submarines could get to Argentine-Uruguayan waters from Germany, as they definitely did, there is no reason why they could not go a little farther south to Patagonia. Also there is no reason why Hitler couldn't have been on one of them.

Note—On December 15, 1943, this column reported that "Hitler's gang has been working to build up a place of exile in Argentina in case of defeat. After the fall of Stalingrad and then Tunisia, they began to see defeat staring them in the face. That was their cue to move in on Argentina." The same column also cited chapter and verse regarding German-trained officials who ruled the new Argentine dictatorship. At San Francisco, Nelson Rockefeller and Jimmy Dunn insisted that the U. S. A. recognize Argentina.

Note 2—If it ever comes to identifying Hitler, Dr. Robert Kempner, former German police official now living in Lansdowne, Pa., has the answers. Kempner, who was in charge of the investigation after Hitler's beer hall putsch, says that Hitler's right thumb is abnormally long, his right ear pointed on top and his mouth is very receding. Kempner has turned over his data to U. S. authorities.

MYSTERIOUS PEACE FEELERS

It's being kept very hush-hush, but something important is brewing behind the scenes regarding peace with Japan. Highest officials won't say a word about it, not even to some of their cabinet colleagues.

However, peace feelers which have come from the Japs have been much more than feelers—despite Secretary Grew's denials. One of them was debated by the combined chiefs of staff for more than a week. It proposed that the Japs withdraw from Korea and Manchuria and all China if (1) they could keep the emperor, and (2) they would not be invaded.

Meanwhile, Joe Grew and the army and navy have prepared a directive outlining the minimum terms we would accept from the Japs. This is one of the most highly guarded documents in the government. However, it can be stated on high authority that the Grew peace plan would permit the Japs to retain Emperor Hirohito.

It can also be stated that there is considerable difference of opinion inside the administration regarding the Grew memorandum, and some of his colleagues inside the state department, including Assistant Secretary Will Clayton and Assistant Secretary Dean Acheson, are vigorously opposed.

The whole situation is in a state of flux, and anything can happen overnight.

INSIDE JAPAN

☛ Jap workers are now being drilled for home defense at noon hours, some even using pointed sticks as spears.

☛ The Japanese railroads are being torn to pieces by B-29s. Rail junctions are clogged for days before traffic can clear through them.

☛ Jap prisoners taken in Burma, Indo-China and the Dutch East Indies haven't the ghost of an idea as to what is happening in Japan. They can't believe that U. S. forces are steaming close to the Jap mainland, still believe the Jap navy will reopen supply lines to the South Pacific.

☛ There is considerable debate inside the U. S. high command regarding the necessity for landing in China. Some think a Chinese invasion is necessary to protect our invasion flank when we land in the main Jap islands. Others believe a Chinese invasion would only use tight shipping and result in unnecessary casualties. The easiest way to aid China, they argue, is to defeat Japan quickly, not get bogged down with a long fight on the Chinese mainland.

☛ The entire Jap administrative system has broken down. The Japs have now decentralized their government so every area has its own war production board, its own local defense system, even its own local tax collections.

☛ We have also mined Jap harbors so Jap merchant vessels can hardly get through. . . . Despite the claims of cleaning up northern Luzon, stiff fighting continues. The Japs are beaten but they don't know it. They are still making things tough for MacArthur's men—despite official communiques.

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

NO PANACEA KNOWN FOR FARM PROBLEM

WASHINGTON. — Mr. Truman's new foodmaster, Anderson, put it mildly when he announced, upon taking up his job, that he could not cure the food crisis with a magic wand.

All he has been given is a baton, with no discernible magic appendages. His power has not been increased one-half of a whit in the new OPA bill and, as food expert Herbert Hoover commented, congress wasted its time when it talked loudly for weeks about helping him, then failed to do anything.

This means Anderson's unmagic wand will be only as long as Mr. Truman decides when Anderson tries to do something from now on.

That Anderson cannot do much is the common conclusion of intimates of the problem. When the supply and distribution system is once broken down, as ours has been, long and powerful mending is required to get it going again.

Anderson is working not only in a delicate price-help-machinery condition, but to restore a system disrupted by years of abusive regulations. That is only half of it. The food system is not only weary, and heavily laden with disruptive regulation; it is now dominated extensively by the black market, an invisible but powerful force.

For example, the corn-hog ratio has been fixed high enough now by Washington to stimulate pork production. But that result has not followed. Pig production prospects are definitely down despite Washington pulling of the main spring which was supposed to send them up.

These considerations furnish only a fast glance at how high the cards are stacked against Mr. Anderson.

This is all anyone of authority really hopes for, although the publicity mills are grinding out the daily prospects that everything is going to become better and better.

CROP OUTLOOK MIXED
Crop prospects are mixed. The wheat outlook is splendid, corn doubtful. So the publicity mills are playing the wheat prospects, ignoring corn. Yet if you will look into the weekly farm weather bulletins, you will find much corn has not been planted at this late date, due to weather. Much has rotted and been replanted.

Vegetables, outside the Florida area, are hopeful. Apples were ruined by March warmth and cold, which factor also hurt the citrus fruits seriously.

Eggs are getting shorter and shorter. The increased civilian allocations of poultry for six border states will not solve the poultry situation for them, or anyone. Poultry deficiencies are really due to the meat shortage, and will continue as long as it does.

The better June marketing figures for beef will not ease the meat situation, as the army is still taking 50 to 60 per cent of all meat available for interstate commerce. Beef, however, will be somewhat more easily available, due to better local slaughtering arrangements in some areas.

Now as to wheat, the most favorable produce, one of Anderson's first acts was to keep acreage requests to farmers for 1946 about the same as now. Superficially this may appear a doubtful move, especially as the government simultaneously announced it expected to increase shipments to Europe.

The inner truth of the matter is not much can be shipped to Europe, because ships are not available. Most bottoms already have gone to the Pacific to supply our armies. Secondly, we have a carry-over of 350 million bushels of wheat.

Added to our expected production of 1,085 million bushels, this will give us more than 1,400 million bushels at the end of this crop year, and we need normally at home only 750 million bushels. So Anderson has played wheat reasonably safe.

The increase in rye acreage for 1946 anticipates more for whisky and rye bread, the outlook for these two minor matters of living being exceptionally bright.

As for corn (meaning hogs and to some extent cattle), no one will know much what we will have before fall and next year's acreage on that will be announced after a survey of the marketing situation then.

No new farm machinery (excepting harvesters) will be available until fall, and the greatest need is for planters and cultivators. The discharge plans of the army will not be sufficient to solve the farm labor problem this year.

Frankly, I would not want Mr. Anderson's job.



Anderson

Farm Topics

Vitamin-Enriched Pork Shown Feasible

Proper Feeding Will Add Vitamins to Pork

By W. J. DRYDEN

Research work at the Washington state experiment station has shown that it is not only possible but entirely practical to increase the thiamin content of pork with selected feeds.

Sub-deficiencies of thiamin or vitamin B1 constitute the most widely-spread human nutritional ailment in the United States. Pork is recognized as one of the richest sources of thiamin among the natural and universally consumed foods.

The experiment showed that cull peas properly used in hog feeding will result in pork richer in thiamin. There is no reason to doubt but what special markets may be developed advertising thiamin-rich

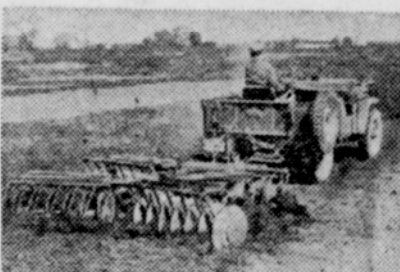


Feed hogs enriched food.

pork. Iodine eggs, enriched bread, enriched milk and other food products have had special markets developed along this line. At the start, the demand may be limited to hospitals and others who are willing to pay a premium for an enriched pork product.

On a fresh basis, the ham and loin were found to contain the highest amounts of thiamin, followed by shoulder, heart, liver and kidney. The liver had the highest riboflavin, followed by heart, ham, shoulder and loin.

Jeeps for Farming Will Be Available



Postwar jeep at work.

In tests conducted at state colleges on private farms and at the factory, the postwar jeep has been proven superior to the military jeep in most operations.

The new jeep will do about anything that a light truck and a tractor will do. It can be used for delivery purposes, or for plowing or other farm work, such as discing, drilling, logging, harrowing and the various transportation jobs found on the average farm.

Preventing Odors and Garlic Taste in Milk

To prevent the milk showing a garlic or onion taste or odor, it is necessary to follow these rules carefully:

1. Clip the tops with a mowing machine before grass is pasture high.
2. Graze the pasture lightly with young and dry stock.
3. If cows are turned on the pasture immediately after milking and removed four hours before next milking, the trouble will be largely eliminated.
4. After bringing the cows from the pasture, give them a light feeding of dry roughage.
5. Keep the cows outside the milking barn until just before milking time.
6. Cool the milk promptly after milking.

Good Sheep Pastures

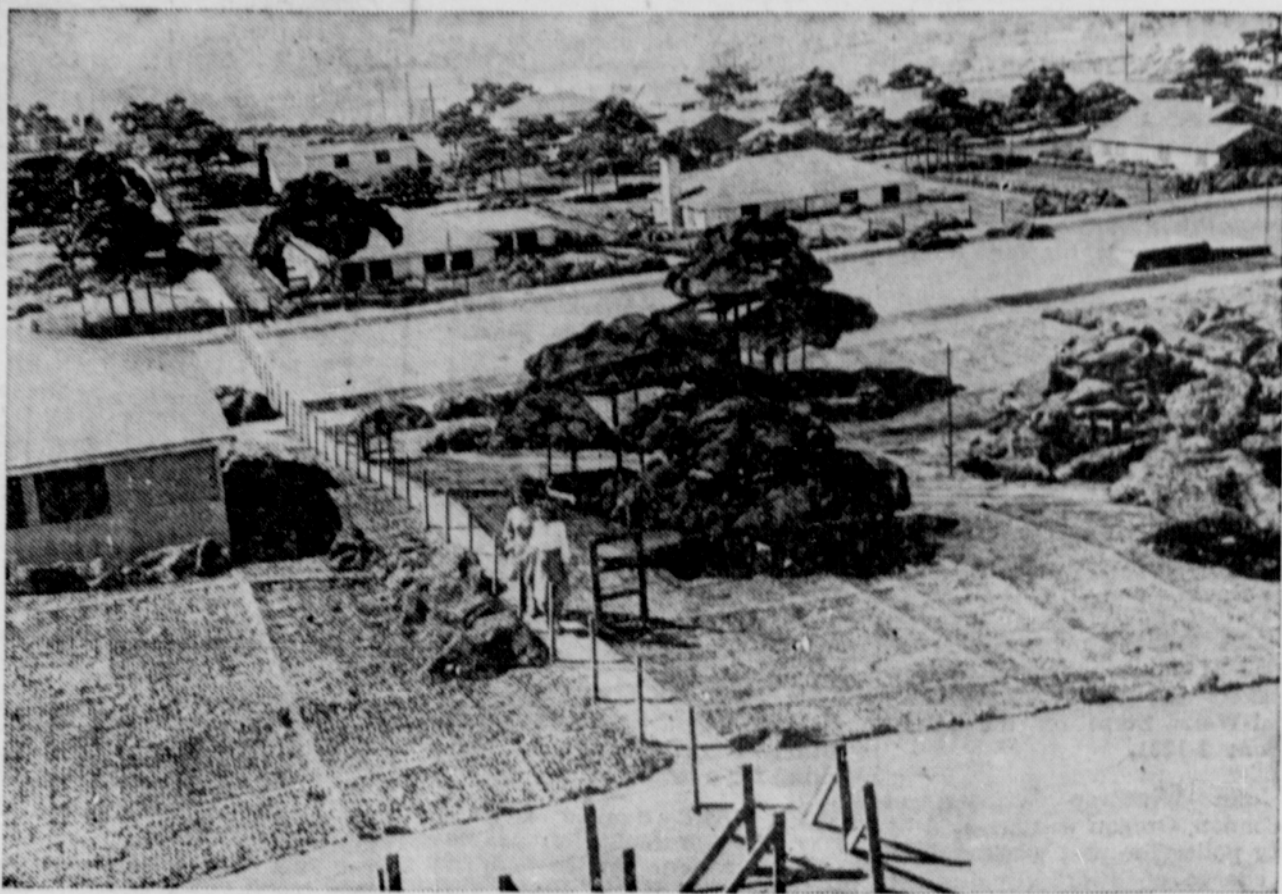
Make good pastures the basis of the ration for all classes of sheep, is the advice of sheep experts. Healthy sheep grazing legume or legume and grass pastures and provided with salt and water need no other feed. The pasture season may be extended by using wheat or rye pasture.

If legume roughages are not used, feed liberal amounts of protein concentrates and some extra calcium. Soybean oil meal, limestone will prove welcome additions to fattening lambs on corn silage diet.



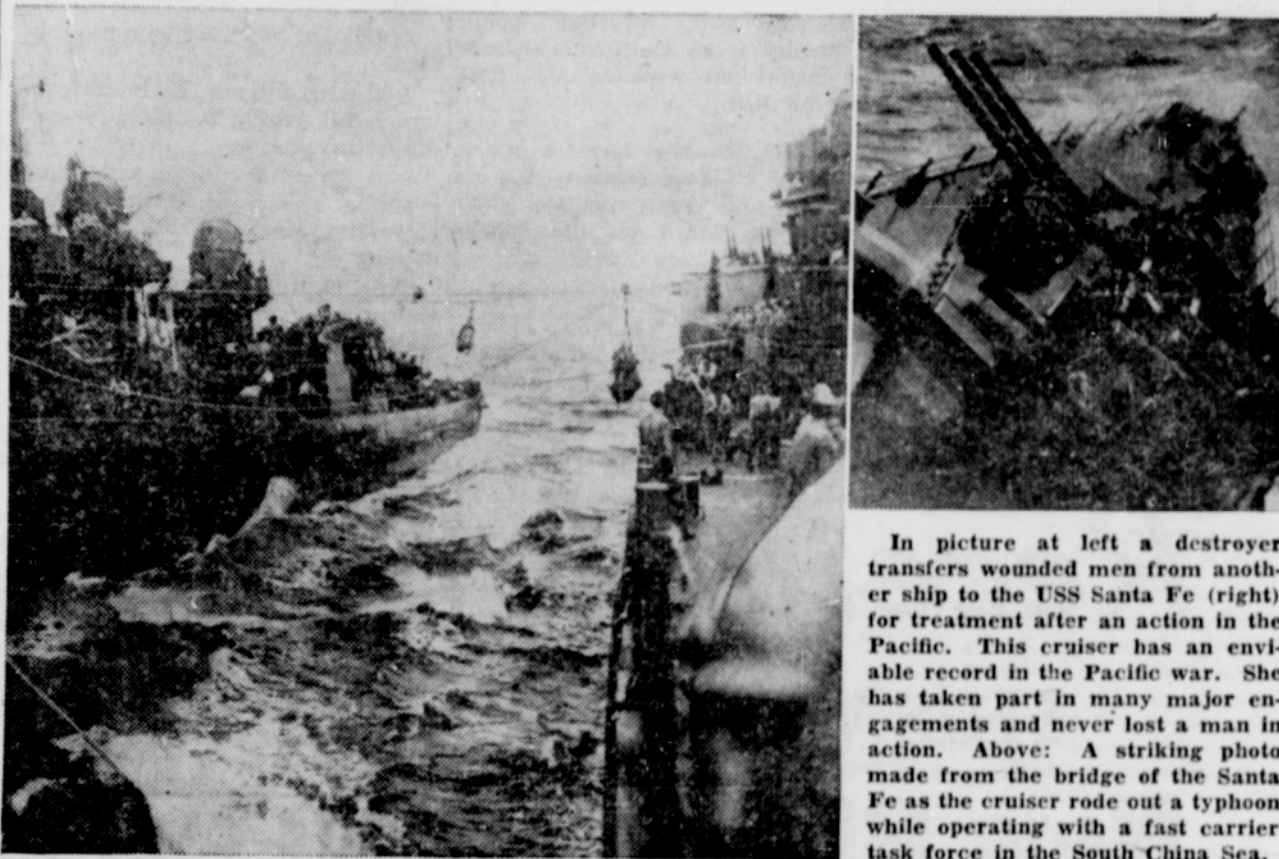
Suitable Stand for Milking Goats

Where Seeing Is Not Believing



This peaceful village isn't—it just doesn't exist—look again, closely this time. You can see that the houses only look like houses and the trees are strictly imitation. About the only real things here are the girls, Suzette Lamoreaux and Elinor Offenbach, who use a "safe" catwalk and stay off the chickenwire farmland of this elaborate camouflage which has been built to protect a vital B-29 plant from threat of possible Japanese air raids. This is the first photograph of this camouflage project—the top of a factory!

USS Santa Fe, Cruiser With a Record



In picture at left a destroyer transfers wounded men from another ship to the USS Santa Fe (right) for treatment after an action in the Pacific. This cruiser has an enviable record in the Pacific war. She has taken part in many major engagements and never lost a man in action. Above: A striking photo made from the bridge of the Santa Fe as the cruiser rode out a typhoon while operating with a fast carrier task force in the South China Sea.

Vienna Comes Back to Life



Once gay Vienna is grim as her people, who saw war at close hand, return to her ruins. The city, so bitterly fought for, is again coming to life as the citizens come plodding back with their possessions piled high on hand carts.

Make History



Happy honeymooners, after the first American wedding in retaken Austria, are Lt. David Palowsky of Chicago and American Red Cross Worker Betty Ann Golt of Philadelphia, Pa. Stationed in England, Mrs. Palowsky flew to Austria in the plane of Major General Taylor.

First Witness Testifies in Petain Trial



The first witness called to testify in the historic trial of aged Marshal Henri Petain in the Palais de Justice in Paris, Paul Reynaud, stands at left (arrow) as Petain, seated, right, cups his hand to his ear to hear better. Reynaud resigned as premier of France when the country was toppling in 1940.

Crime Wave Buster



Lawman, Cpl. W. W. Horton of New York State troopers, and his favorite bloodhound. Together they have tracked down many a lost child as well as escaped criminal.