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Who, Me?

Have you heard the fellow who knew all the mistakes Uncle Sam made before he was attacked by the Jap? And, too, just what should be done by those in command to get it over with in a hurry?

Probably he's the fellow who hasn't purchased any defense bonds or contributed to the Red Cross.

Or, again, he may be the guy who is bellyaching because he can't get any tires to replace the ones that should have been replaced several months before the rubber freeze-up.

He had just as well learn to make the best of it, and lay in a supply of honey for the time when sugar will be scarce. There's good authority that it will be one of these days.

Which doesn't mean to rush to the grocers for an extra sack. There's plenty of sugar to last until the end of 1942.

No, there's no good trying to hoard. The house might burn down, or rats get into the larder. Something might happen, just as the snow which covered the green grass. And when the rancher forgot to put out the feed, the cows just climbed on top the haystack and helped themselves.

There's a lesson to be learned from those dumb brutes. Not that it is justifiable for anyone to jump into the middle of the stack and help himself to all he can get. The point is that when someone up above—the Guardian Angel, you might say—fails to look after a fellow in the manner to which he is accustomed, there's always a lot of virtue in his being able to do something about it himself.

A Century Begins

Forty-one years ago the British and the Boers were at war. In the issue of the Heppner Gazette, dated January 17, 1901, Col. J. W. Redington, editor, sagely advised, "Watch the Kaffirs." The British-Boer war was being fought in Kaffir country, and the natives were unfriendly to both combatants. They would resent invading armies taking their food, and, rising against them, might cause the British and Boers to unite to protect themselves. And thus, might come an end to the British-Boer war. Thus, with war in the world 41 years ago, we learn from the edition recently left on the editor's desk that wheat was selling at 77 3/4 to 78 cents in Chicago, and that "Joe Hayes this week bought 600 head of fat yearling wethers from D. O. Justus and J. H. Nunimaker for \$4 a head, and is shipping them to Portland." "At Antelope Monday Jas. Connolly had 87 sheep smothered while crowding through a ravine." The professional directory showed C. E. Redfield, attorney at law; G. W. Phelps, attorney at law; J. W. Morrow, attorney at law; D. E. Gilman, general collector; Dr. M. B. Metzler, dentist; Gentry & Sharp, tonsorial artists; J. W. Morrow was shown as manager of the Palace Hotel; W. L. Houston was managing the Heppner Flouring Mill Co., and Castoria advertised itself as "the kind you have bought for 30 years." Again we learn from "Always a Worker—People who for years have noticed the untiring industry of Henry Heppner, after whom this town was named, know that with him it is not

A WEEK OF THE WAR . . .

"A Week of the War" summarizes information on the important developments of the week made available by official sources through and including Friday, January 16.)

The President established a War Production Board headed by Donald M. Nelson, former mail-order firm executive and more recently Executive Director of SPAB and Priorities Director. The President directed Mr. Nelson to "exercise general direction over the war procurement and production program," to supervise the OPM and issue production and procurement directives where necessary to all other government agencies. The President said Mr. Nelson's decisions shall be final. Vice President Wallace and other members of the SPAB, now abolished, were made members of the War Production Board.

In letters to OPM Directors Knudsen and Hillman and other production officials, Mr. Nelson said "we must enlarge all our previous activities. . . all our facilities . . . must produce 24 hours a day, 168 hours a week." OPM Director Hillman, speaking in Washington, said the nation's force of workers in war industries must be doubled or tripled, more women must be trained and brought into the labor force to take the place of men going into the armed services. He asked employers not to bar aliens in war industries except in plants turning out secret weapons.

Director Odium of the OPM Contract Distribution Division said a plan has been prepared to set aside one percent of all available materials to assist small manufacturers in keeping their plants going until they can be converted to war use. He said the nation's entire production facilities—all of those "hidden away in thousands of cities and towns and villages"—must join in the total war effort. He asked all mayors to have every manufacturer in their cities register at the nearest OPM Contract Distribution Division field office and to "go after war contracts with every ounce of ingenuity and energy they possess."

THE WAR FRONT

The Navy Department reported the sinking of five enemy vessels in Far Eastern waters—three transports and two large cargo ships. The announcement brought to 25 the total of Japanese vessels reported definitely sunk by the Navy and Marine Corps in the Pacific. The Navy also announced two allied merchant vessels were attacked by Axis submarines off Long Island. Throughout the week Gen. MacArthur reported heavy land and air fighting in the

a new habit. His sister, Mrs. Buchholz, of Springfield, Mass., now visiting here, says she well remembers Henry as a boy before he left home, 51 years ago. He was then eternally on the rustle, busy as a bee from morn till night,—always doing something. . . Henry Heppner has had ups and downs, good times and bad, and has had many a hard bed to lie on and at times no bed at all, but through his hardships and toil his industry has reaped its reward. And well has he earned it, for he pioneered all the way up the coast from San Francisco and Yreka and all over Eastern Oregon and Idaho.

Simply stated is the fact that the Heppner football team is now champion of the state. "Last Friday the Multnomah team, of Portland, came to Heppner and played a match game, and the Heppner team won, the score standing 10 to 0. The weather was mild during the game, but as the snow had just melted away, the ground was very muddy. A large crowd witnessed the game and the line-up of the Heppner team was as follows: Wm. Ball, Elbert Leland, John Beal, Jack Matlock, A. Anderson, W. Eastland, Frank Spaulding, Elmer Spaulding; A. Clark, Sig Young, Frank Randall. Substitutes—Louis Bisbee, Oris Robertson, W. Driskell. . ."

The local column conveys, among other things, "Hon. Phil Metschan, in connection with Mr. C. W. Knowles has taken over the Imperial hotel in Portland. Judge Ellis returned Saturday and is again enjoying home life. . . Elmer Beaman is going to keep right up with the 20th century procession, and so has had a telephone put into his Heppner wood and coal yard." And there was a gold rush in Alaska.

Philippines but said American and Philippine troops were putting up effective resistance and U. S. losses were low.

ARMY

War Secretary Stimson announced the Army will be increased from the present total of 1,700,000 men to 3,600,000 men this year. Combat air units and armored units will be doubled; 32 motorized divisions will be added, and at least 50 more military police units for guarding production facilities will be created. Instead of the originally scheduled 10,000 more than 90,000 privates will be selected to attend officer-training schools. All training centers and posts will be enlarged and five temporary tent camps will be set up. To make 2,000,000 more men eligible, the Army will lower age limits for aviation cadets from 20 to 18 years, make married men eligible, and change educational qualifications by eliminating college credit requirements.

Selective Service Director Hershey said the Army increase could be accomplished without calling up men with dependents. He said there are now 1,000,000 men in class 1-a but not yet called, and 900,000 more men can be obtained by reclassification of other men and from those men who will register February 16. He said deferment cases would be re-examined but deferments will continue to be given where possible to avoid undue disruption of family life. He said married men with one or more children probably will not be called until an Army of 7,000,000 to 8,000,000 has been built. He estimated 10,000,000 is the top number of men the U. S. could mobilize for service even with lowered physical standards.

LABOR DIPSTES

The President abolished the National Defense Mediation Board and established a National War Labor Board with NDMB Chairman Davis as chairman. Four commissioners will represent the public, four will represent employees and four, industry. The new board has wider authority than the old board and can arbitrate or mediate disputes as it sees fit except that it cannot disregard existing labor legislation.

The Maritime War Emergency Board established war bonuses for sailors on merchant ships.

AUTOS

The OPA announced auto rationing would begin February 2 in the same manner as tire rationing. Of the 202,000 cars in the industry quota for January, about 150,000 cars will be stored with dealers who promise not to sell without permission—probably not be granted before January, 1943—and then only at OPA-established prices.

OPA issued a schedule of prices for "retreadable" tire carcasses and "retreads" and forecast a ceiling over all used tires "in the very near future." Federal Loan Administrator Jones announced plans to increase synthetic rubber production capacity to 400,000 tons by pooling resources and skills of the rubber and oil industries if priorities can be obtained on steel needed to erect plants. OPA Administrator Henderson said tire rationing would probably not be affected because of increasing military needs for rubber.

CENSORSHIP

Censorship Director Price, after consultation with newspaper, magazine and periodical editors announced a code of conduct which publications were asked to follow in handling information in order to prevent information of a military nature reaching the enemy. Prohibited, unless officially released, are most details of military, naval or industrial establishments, casualty lists, damages to war facilities, movements of troops and ships, weather reports except of certain types, and movements of the President or of official military or diplomatic missions.

AGRICULTURE

Agriculture Secretary Wickard said goals have been revised to call for the greatest agricultural production in U. S. history, with particular emphasis on the production of oil-bearing crops such as peanuts and soybeans. The corn goal was stepped up by five million acres in order that there be feed supplies to continue expansion of meat, dairy and poultry production. Dry edible bean

and dry pea production increases were called for. An additional five million bushels of rice was asked and provision made for an increase over 1941 of more than 18 million cases of canned fruits and vegetables.

CIVILIAN DEFENSE

The OCD announced 3,516,600 volunteers have enrolled in the various civilian defense services, including 1,423,755 assigned to training or duty in the protective services. The office also announced a Victory Garden Program under which all families in any community can jointly till community gardens, use the produce themselves and give the surplus to schools and institutions.

Surgeon General Parran told the U. S. Conference of Mayors in Washington "the enemy has planned and in my opinion will use bacteriological warfare wherever possible." He asked the mayors to begin at once to take every possible precaution.

CONSERVATION

The OPM Bureau of Industrial Conservation opened a program to mobilize the nation's 1,700,000 retail stores in a continuous drive to salvage materials—wastepaper, scrap metal, old rags, rubber—needed to produce weapons for the fighting forces. Signers will display window emblems signifying their part in the "Salvage for Victory" program. The shipping public was asked to help conserve tires, trucks, and paper by carrying home bundles instead of depending on delivery service. Consumers of natural gas in nine states, mostly in the Middle West were asked

Frost Conditions Interrupt Power

Weather conditions prevailing for the last week caused ice and frost to form on wires and apparatus in several sections of the Pacific Power and Light company territory.

Ice on a transmission line from the company's Tygh Valley generating plant in eastern Wasco county is the cause for interruptions in electric service at Heppner during the week, according to K. A. House, local manager of the company.

Company crews have had to clear ice which blanketed facilities at Durum before the trouble area in the high Tygh Valley country could be isolated and service from other company power plants restored to the affected areas, House said.

An emergency crew from Kennewick, Wash., commanded by C. S. Knowles company superintendent of construction, was rushed to the affected area last Thursday to reinforce local line crews until the sleet trouble is dissipated, House stated.

Max Schulz was in Portland over the week end visiting his sisters. He reported sunshiny weather during his stay in the city. A dwelling fire off Broadway was observed, and on the return he saw an upset pick-up that had been loaded with furniture being taken out of the ditch near The Dalles.

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