

Threat of European Famine Seen New Dilemma for U. S.

The United States shortly may have on its hands two new dilemmas growing out of the European war, and both involving indirect but nevertheless powerful aid to the Berlin-Rome entente in its conflict with Britain.

They are the questions of (1) dealing with the famine which already is threatening Europe, and (2) what we are to do if and when Herr Hitler has cracked the British blockade and demands American food and war supplies on the cash and carry basis.

That the Old World, and especially the many countries which have suffered invasion, is heading straight into a terrible food shortage is the consensus of observers on both sides of the Atlantic. Indeed, hunger already has appeared in numerous localities, including Belgium.

Hoover Sees Peril. Former President Hoover, speaking from the background of his great experience in directing European relief in the World War, said the other day that Europe is threatened with "the most disastrous famine in history." He added that if the

war is short there will be a "short famine," but if it runs for many months the problem of feeding Europe will be unparallelled in the history of human suffering.

It was closely associated with Mr. Hoover's relief headquarters in London in the past war, and know something of his vast experience in assaying situations such as are now being rapidly created. When he concurs with the view that Europe is approaching hunger, it is something to make us sit up and take notice.

Mr. Hoover told newspapermen that he had communicated with Germany, Great Britain and the "refugee government" of Belgium, seeking consent for some "third party intervention" to feed the starving.

About the last thing the average person would imagine, would be that such a humanitarian proposal might run counter to anybody's interests. Wholesale relief, however, undoubtedly would give Britain something to ponder—in fact, already has been taken note of.

The point is, of course, that England's greatest hope of defeating Germany still lies in economic strangulation of the reich by blockade. Hard as it may sound, a food shortage in Germany is all to the good for Britain, since it would tend to hasten the collapse of the enemy.

Worry for London. But if Germany takes food from invaded countries like Belgium or Holland, and that food is replaced by American relief, it actually is a mighty boon to the nazis and helps them evade the blockade. For this reason, any proposal for wholesale relief in Europe is likely to receive most careful scrutiny in London.

The situation which this country will have to meet if Germany should attempt to take advantage of the "cash and carry" privileges, is summed up in the following question which has been laid before me in a letter:

"With control of the French Atlantic ports, the axis powers will be able to trade directly with the United States, as well as Latin America. They will certainly be privileged to take advantage of the 'cash and carry' provisions of the neutrality act just as well as have the Allies.

"While it undoubtedly is true that a vast preponderant sentiment of the people of the United States would be averse to dealing with Germany and Italy in any way to help them in waging war, what would this nation want to do in the matter of selling them raw materials, gas and oil, and even war supplies they might want, if they should seek to run the British blockade?"

AUSTIN INFANT DIES; FUNERAL IS TUESDAY. Mathew Wilbur Austin, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Owen E. Austin, of Eagle Point, passed away at a local hospital June 30. Graveside services will be conducted Tuesday at 2 p. m. in Central Point cemetery. Friends are respectfully invited to attend. Perl funeral home in charge of the arrangements.

WILLIAM D. YANT PASSES, AGED 81. William David Yant, 81, a resident of this valley for the past 35 years, passed away at 903 West Eleventh street Sunday afternoon following a lingering illness. Mr. Yant was born in Illinois and came to this community when a young man. He engaged in farming

during his residence here. He has been a life-long member of the Seventh Day Adventist church and leaves many friends and associates who will be saddened at his passing.

Funeral services will be conducted from Perl funeral home Wednesday at 10:30 a. m. with Elder Curtis of the Seventh Day Adventist church officiating. Interment will take place in Central Point cemetery. Friends are respectfully invited to attend.

WATER CARNIVAL AT NAT ATTRACTS CAPACITY CROWD

Before a capacity crowd at the natatorium Saturday night, swim classes of the annual Red Cross water safety campaign staged their carnival to climax a 10-day school under the direction of Harry Harvie.

Following a mass demonstration of beginning swimmers, free-for-all races were held in which Andy LaMar won the 100-yard dash for seniors and Arnold Johnson won the century for juniors. Dick Sleeter and Frank Scott gave interesting diving exhibitions.

A demonstration of the different kinds of swimming strokes was described through the public address system by Eddie Randle, as swimmers tore through the water. John Nagley towed a human raft of nine persons, and Mrs. Dorothy Perl and three escorts swam the length of the pool carrying the American flag to end the carnival.

Those receiving senior lifesaving emblems at the close of the school were: Floyd Brownlee, Owen Davis, Ben Hansen, Bob Holmes, Andy LaMar, John Rafferty and Jeannette Thatcher. Junior lifesavers who completed the work were Robert Beach, Richard Frederick, Tom Gerety, Bobby Leavitt, Bruce McKay, Jimmy Morrow, Regina Parsons, Dean Showers, Dick Smith, Aliene Walsh, Rodney Witham and Ann VanValzah.

Those who were not present to receive their cards may get them by calling at the Red Cross office in the court house. The Red Cross again wishes to thank those who helped to make the campaign a success.

GLADYS E. GUCHES TAKEN BY DEATH

Mrs. Gladys E. Guches passed away at her home on Griffin creek at the age of 55, late Saturday afternoon.

She moved to Jackson county with her parents about 53 years ago and had made her home here since. In 1900 she was united in marriage to R. R. Guches, who survives.

Four sons and two daughters survive, Ray, Vernon, Clyde and Glen Guches, all of Medford, and Mrs. Effie Bergman, McMinnville, and Mrs. Marie Doty of Medford. Three brothers and one sister also survive, Grant Hillman, Orleans, Cal.; Bill Hillman, Seattle, Wn.; Ford Hillman, Enterprise, Ore., and Mrs. Harry Bailey, Crescent City, Cal. There are also 14 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held in Conger funeral parlors at 2 p. m. Tuesday with Rev. D. E. Millard officiating. Interment will be in Siskiyou memorial park.

SENESKI FINED ON ASSAULT CHARGE

Frank J. Seneski of the Trail Creek district, entered a plea of guilty in justice court Saturday to a charge of assault and battery and was fined \$10 and costs.

John Baker of Berrydale, charged with pointing a firearm at another was fined \$10 and costs, and given a 60 days' suspended sentence. Baker was charged with pointing a gun at Mrs. Rose Huff and daughter, and her husband during a controversy last week.

William Totten of the Butte Falls district, charged with assault and battery involving the slapping of a boy, was scheduled to appear before Magistrate Coleman late this afternoon.

Gold in Cleveland. Cleveland, July 1.—(AP)—Many Clevelanders lit furnaces this July 1. The mercury tumbled to 53 at 5 a. m. It was cooler July 1, 1925, however; a record of 49 was set then.

FIRST HALF YEAR BUILDING PERMITS UNDER 1939 LEVEL. Building activity in Medford during the first six months of 1940 declined considerably from the work done in the same period last year, figures released from the city inspector's office today revealing that total value of permits issued for the first half of this year was \$93,346.

compared with \$112,225 for the corresponding period in 1939. February was the only 1940 month to exceed the like month in 1939, with \$14,403 permit-value against \$4,525 last year. June of this year had a total of \$15,225, compared with \$16,780 in 1939. However, June of 1940 showed an increase over the May 1940 total of \$13,430.

There were 24 permits issued last month, nine of them calling for the construction of new residences at a stated cost of \$9,900. Remainder of the permits were for remodeling and repairs.

Following are the monthly totals for 1939 and 1940:

READY CASH FOR EMERGENCIES

Another use for a LOW-COST personal loan

When emergencies, business needs, opportunities to buy for cash call for immediate funds... investigate our personal loan plan. \$50 to \$1000. A full year to repay. CONFIDENTIAL...NO DELAY...NO RED TAPE!

LOW COST LOANS Any Branch FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PORTLAND

February 14,405 4,525 June 15,225 16,780
March 23,755 29,375 Totals \$93,346 \$112,225
April 18,945 24,130
May 13,430 19,665
Closing time for The Late to City Ad is 1:30 p. m.

LAST 6 DAYS! COME IN NOW! GOOD YEAR TIRE SALE

BE SAFE... AT LOW COST \$6.66 6.00-16 size

Medford Service Station "YOUR TIRE SHOP". C. C. FURNAS, Proprietor MAIN and PACIFIC HIGHWAY, TELEPHONE 14



THE SPIRIT OF 76

by JOHN CLINTON

Always Independence Day has meant firecrackers, picnics, red ants and sky rockets to me. Always, that is, till this year. And now, suddenly, none of these things matters. I'm thinking of the thing we celebrate on July 4th.

Independence—the right to say what we think, to do what we want, to own what we earn, and to pursue happiness as we desire—providing, of course, that pursuit of same doesn't interfere with our neighbors.

So I invite any of you who feel as I do, to spend an hour reading the Declaration of Independence. Really read it. See for yourself what you have in this day, when all about you millions upon millions of people have lost everything. Then get that chin up, and be proud of your heritage.

I'd like to send you, with my compliments, a facsimile copy of this historic document. It's printed on heavy parchment-like paper, and looks swell when framed. It belongs on the wall (as well as in the heart) of every American.

If you'll drop me a post card at Room 723, Union Oil Bldg., Los Angeles, I'll send you a free copy suitable for framing. I know you'll like it.

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UNION OIL COMPANY

FOR LONG-LIFE, FIREPROOF CONSTRUCTION, USE... CEMENT!

And Be Sure To Specify This Dependable Southern Oregon Product

"BEAVER BRAND" PORTLAND CEMENT

BEAVER PORTLAND CEMENT CO. GOLD HILL, OREGON

J. W. Copeland Yards, Woods Lumber Company, Big Pines Lumber Company, Medford Lumber Company, Medford Concrete Construction Company, Porter Lumber Company, Bruce Bauer Lumber Company.

Some of the advantages of newspaper advertising

With newspaper advertising you can... (1) reach the LARGEST NUMBER of your potential customers... (2) tell your story to the WHOLE FAMILY... (3) concentrate your efforts on the markets that offer the BEST OPPORTUNITIES... (4) TIME YOUR ADVERTISING to meet your needs and changing conditions... (5) get QUICK RESULTS when you want them... (6) BUILD GOOD-WILL as well as sales... (7) fit your message TO THE NEWS and make it more interesting... (8) give your ads a LOCAL TOUCH, a home-town flavor... (9) ILLUSTRATE YOUR PRODUCT and its uses... (10) NAME THE LOCAL STORES that sell your product... (11) step up DEALER DISTRIBUTION and dealer cooperation... and (12) do all this at a LOWER COST than with any other medium.

THE BUREAU OF ADVERTISING AMERICAN NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION OF WHICH THE MAIL TRIBUNE IS A MEMBER

They can't get along without it!

The life we lead, the work we do, the pleasures we enjoy are materially influenced by what's going on in the world. It's only natural, therefore, that reading the newspaper should be as much a part of everyday life as eating and sleeping.

Most people, as a matter of fact, can't get along without it... and practically everybody reads a newspaper every day, not only for the news it brings, but for the interpretation it presents, the pictures it prints, the entertainment it provides, the advice it offers.

Small wonder that the newspaper should be the forceful, profitable advertising medium that it is. Small wonder, too, that today, when the news plays so important a part in people's lives, the newspaper is an even more vital and profitable advertising medium than ever before.

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