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EXPLOSIONS WRECK POWDER PLANT

THE CAPITAL PARADE

By JOSEPH ALSOP and ROBERT KINTNER. Released by the North American Newspaper Alliance, Inc. Washington, Sept. 12.—(AP)—Shortly after the national defense advisory commission was created, the president drafted to government service Donald Nelson, a reasoned businessman who for some years had directed Sears, Roebuck and Co. Nelson was placed in charge of coordinating army and navy purchases and was given practically unlimited powers. In cooperation with Messrs. Knudsen, Stettinius and the other defense commission members, Nelson soon discovered that he must make a fundamental decision—whether a system of voluntary cooperation between business and government could re-arm the country speedily and adequately.

SINCE there were bottle-necks in key defense industries, this question translated itself into another—whether legal means should be used to obtain priority for government orders over those of private business. After conferences with many business leaders, he decided that a voluntary system, for the time being at least, was much superior to a highly regimented and extremely complicated legal plan. Key defense plants were asked to give first attention to defense orders. According to competent defense commission sources, the cooperation from business has been almost 100 percent.

NOT very long ago, however, the Nelson plan of voluntary business cooperation hit a snag. The navy contacted a large steel corporation, whose plant facilities are being used to maximum capacity, on a large rush order. An official of the steel corporation listened to the navy plea, but flatly refused to give the order priority, explaining that the company's plants were swamped with private orders, most of which were more profitable. High navy officers pressed the case but to no avail.

Thereupon, the navy department communicated with Nelson, explained the steel company's attitude, and requested that something be done. No one in the government is more sympathetic with the trials of business.

DR. ALBERT SWEETSER OF U. OF O. SUCCUMBS Eugene, Sept. 12.—(AP)—Dr. Albert Sweetser, 79, former head of the department of botany and plant biology at the University of Oregon, died today at his home. He was on the faculty from 1902 until 1931, when he retired. Since 1931 he had been professor emeritus of plant biology. He was also awarded a doctor's degree by the university after his retirement.

SIDE GLANCES

by TRIBUNE REPORTERS. Vern Johnston, the hefty ex-high school athlete, looking for the fellow packing house worker who put limburger cheese in his pocket. Pleece Sarge Ed Walker explaining the intricacies of this year's game laws pertaining to deer. Bob Fowler getting to work at an extremely early hour and not feeling so well along about midday. Anita Robertson being a perfect hostess to two unexpected guests who simply stormed and barged their way into her domicile.

11 DEAD COUNTED, \$2,000,000 LOSS IN HEAVY BLASTS

Kenvil, N. J., Plant of Hercules Co., Wrecked—Doctors, Nurses Rush to Scene

Washington, Sept. 12.—(AP)—President Roosevelt asked the war department and Red Cross today to rush relief facilities immediately to Kenvil, N. J., after he had been informed that a blast had virtually destroyed the entire plant of the Hercules Powder plant with the dead estimated as high as 50. Washington, Sept. 12.—(AP)—The federal bureau of investigation late today said that its field office at Newark, N. J., was investigating the explosion at the plant of the Hercules Powder company at Kenvil, N. J. It declined to elaborate on this brief announcement.

Only Walls Left

New York, Sept. 12.—(AP)—"The only things we saw standing were a couple of walls—and they were those of workers' homes near the plant," Anthony (Speed) Hanzlik, a commercial pilot, reported today after a flight over the blasted plant of Hercules Powder company at Kenvil, N. J. "The only thing in the plant which appeared intact, was a large boiler," Hanzlik related. "Leaves, branches and boughs had been stripped from trees on a large hill to the west of the plant, large tongues of flame shot up over 50 feet in the air."

Dover, N. J., Sept. 12.—(AP)—Eleven persons, all presumably plant employees, are known dead in the explosion at the Hercules Powder company's Kenvil, N. J., plant, a company spokesman reported late today (at Wilmington, Del.). The spokesman said the fatality figures had been revised upward from one to at least eleven after reports from company officials. A casualty list was not available immediately, he said. The spokesman added he had no estimate of the number injured.

Dover, N. J., Sept. 12.—(AP)—Two terrific explosions in quick succession this afternoon at the Hercules Powder company's plant at Kenvil near here killed an undetermined number of persons, injured at least 200, and started fires that caused eight lesser blasts. The first explosions shook houses, shattered windows in nearby communities and were felt more than 100 miles away. State police reported to their headquarters at Trenton that they saw "eight or ten bodies hauled out of the plant ruins."

Injured Removed. Scores of ambulances and police cars rushed the injured to hospitals in Dover, Newton, Morristown, Newark and Montclair. The Dover hospital was filled to capacity with the first injured to be taken from the scene of the explosions. The fires handicapped rescue efforts and prevented police and firemen from determining the number of persons killed. Two buildings containing dynamite were in the path of flames. A plant official said the first explosion occurred in the solvent recovery house of the smokeless powder manufacturing lines. The recovery house was recently completed at a cost of \$500,000 to handle defense orders.

Early estimates placed the total damage at more than \$2,000,000. Traffic snarls added to the confusion and hampered rescue efforts until more than a score of state police officers arrived to take command.

Promoted



Capt. Lee M. Bown (above), head of the Medford state police district since 1931, was today named assistant superintendent of the Oregon state police with headquarters in Salem. Capt. Bown has been stationed here since the state police was organized in August, 1931. No successor to Capt. Bown was announced.

CAPT. LEE BOWN APPOINTED AIDE TO POLICE HEAD

Lee M. Bown, state police captain at Medford since the department was organized in August, 1931, was appointed deputy superintendent of state police today, according to an Associated Press dispatch from Salem. Bown, the dispatch said, succeeds H. G. Maison, who has been called into National Guard service. The Associated Press said that no successor to Bown was announced. Lieut. Bert J. Staats is in charge of the Medford district of the state police at the present time. Lieut. Staats has been here several months. Capt. Bown left Medford for Salem two days ago, and took up his new duties today. He will return here in a few days, however, to remove his family to Salem. During his nine years' service here, Capt. Bown made a host of friends who will regret to see him leave, although rejoicing over his promotion. He is a member of the Medford Elks' lodge and participated in many civic undertakings for the betterment of the city.

BUD WARD OUSTED IN GOLF CLASSIC

Mamaroneck, N. Y., Sept. 12.—(AP)—Defending Champion Marvin (Bud) Ward of Spokane, was knocked out of the national amateur golf championship today by Ray Billows of Poughkeepsie, 4 and 3. Jess Sweetser, winner in 1922, was beaten in the morning round by Johnny Fischer of Cincinnati, 1936 champion, who in turn bowed out in this afternoon's quarter final by 5 and 4 before W. B. (Duff) McCullough, Jr., of Philadelphia. McCullough will play Billows tomorrow. In the other semi-final it will be Wilford Wehrle of Chicago against Medalist Dick Chapman of the Winged Foot G. C. Both won by 6 and 5 this afternoon. Wehrle over another Chicagoan, 39-year-old George Dawson, and Chapman over Metropolitan Champion Johnny Burke.

Fire Routs Hotel Guests. Seattle, Sept. 12.—(AP)—A hundred and ten guests were routed from their beds at the Washington Athletic club early today when firemen arrived to fight a room fire on the 15th floor. The damage was about \$1,300. The fire started from a cigaret left on aavenport.

'Invasion' Barges Bombed by British

F. R. Reaffirms Determination To Keep War From U.S. Shores

Washington, Sept. 12.—(AP)—Reaffirming a "supreme determination" to keep war away from American shores, President Roosevelt inaugurated his third term campaign last night by advocating compulsory service for industry as well as manpower, if necessary, and pledging that his labor and social program would expand rather than retreat in building national defense.

He coupled these definite statements with an attack on unnamed critics who "love the laboring man in November but forget him in January" and called for an end "to the sort of appeasement which seeks to keep us helpless by playing on fear and by indirect sabotage of all the progress we are making."

Misdirected Partisans. "Appasement," incidentally as I use it," he said, "is a polite word for misdirected partisanship."

The president spoke before a demonstrative audience of members of the International Teamsters' Union (AFL) in Constitutional hall. Daniel J. Tobin, president of the union since 1907, estimated there were 1,400 delegates on the floor and 1,000 guests in the horseshoe balcony. Many of the delegates were in shirtsleeves. The president wore a steel-grey business suit. Just before he took up his manuscript to begin the 2,500 word address, a man in the rear of the hall shouted "Give 'em hell, Franklin," Mr. Roosevelt joined in the laughter.

The audience gave him a one-minute standing ovation as he walked on the platform on the arm of Capt. Daniel J. Callaghan, his naval aide. Twenty times it interrupted the address to applaud. He stopped, too, for cheers and whistles. He interpolated often. At the start he brought laughter by laying down his prepared speech and asserting he was "in a quandary" because he could not tell whether the address was "political" or not. He said he would throw himself on the indulgence of the union, the radio companies and the public at large.

Mr. Roosevelt reserved for the latter part of his speech the renewed pledge to do all in his power to keep this country at peace. Declaring that weakness in these days was a "cordial invitation to attack," he brought loud applause when he added: "I hate war now more than ever. I have one supreme determination—to do all I can to keep war away from these shores for all time." Then, as the audience cheered again, he said: "I stand, with my party, and outside of my party as president of all the people, upon the platform adopted in Chicago: "We will not participate in foreign wars, and we will not send our army, naval or air forces to fight in foreign lands outside of the Americas, except in case of attack."

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AGES FOR DRAFT ARE AGREED UPON

Washington, Sept. 12.—(AP)—A joint senate-house committee gave final approval today to compromise legislation making men from 21 through 35 years of age liable for compulsory military service in the nation's first peacetime draft. Before acting, the committee modified the restrictions it had previously voted to impose on power of the president to take over industrial plants refusing to cooperate in national defense. Chairman Sheppard (D. Tex.) said the purpose of the modification was to make it possible for the president to use the power under existing conditions instead of waiting for a more extreme emergency.

War Bulletins

Rome, Sept. 12.—(AP)—Unofficial reports circulated in Rome tonight that the Italians had begun their long-expected attack on Egypt. Cairo, Egypt, Sept. 12.—(AP)—Italy's Marshal Graziani has rushed fresh troops from the interior of Libya and massed them near Bardia, 30 miles from the Egyptian frontier. British scouts reported tonight. They took the movements as a definite indication that Italy has decided to make the long-awaited thrust into Egypt.

London, Sept. 12.—(AP)—German warplanes were reported over the northeast, the northwest and the midlands section of England tonight as well as over Scotland. Italian Navy Busy in Atlantic. Rome, Sept. 12.—(AP)—Italy declared today that her submarine arm had reached into the Atlantic ocean to prey on British shipping, crediting one boat with sinking 27,000 tons in a single voyage beyond the strait of Gibraltar. The high command's communique also claimed that in a raid on Aden, British base at the entrance to the Red sea, at the other extreme of Italy's battle front, two British destroyers were sunk by air bombing Sept. 1 and 2.

MEDFORD VOTES NOV. 1 ON MAYOR, FIVE COUNCILMEN

Recorder and Treasurer Also Up for Election—Incumbents Expected to Run

With a gigantic war raging in Europe, everyone talking of American defense and a presidential campaign in progress, Medford's municipal election has been more or less overlooked. Nevertheless, there will be a city election on November 1. City voters will ballot for a mayor, recorder, treasurer and five councilmen. The terms of four councilmen, one in each ward, are expiring. A fifth councilman is to be elected for the unexpired term of J. Frank Reinhart, who has moved out of the fourth ward which he represented. The unexpired term is two years. Regular term for councilmen is four years. Two-Year Terms. The mayor, recorder and treasurer are elected for terms of two years. Now holding the offices are Mayor C. C. Furnas, Recorder M. L. Alford and Treasurer Gus H. Samuels. Councilmen whose terms are expiring are J. F. Erickson, first ward; H. S. Deuel, second ward; Thomas Roseberry, third ward; and George T. Frey, fourth ward. Mr. Deuel is chairman of the important finance committee and vice-mayor. Councilmen who have two years more to serve are M. N. Hogan, first ward; Larry Schade, second ward; C. H. Herman, third ward.

While no commitments have been made, it is generally assumed that all incumbents will be candidates for re-election. The city election is non-partisan.

COUNTY BUDGET DRAFTERS NAMED

Henry G. Enders of Ashland, W. H. Young of Eagle Point, and H. A. (Bert) Thierolf of Medford were named yesterday by the county court as members of the budget committee. All three have had previous experience on the budget body. Enders once acting as chairman. First meeting of the budget committee will be held the last of the month. The county court also sets with the committee in preparing the budget.

ELECTION OF COMACHO PROCLAIMED IN MEXICO

Mexico City, Sept. 12.—(AP)—The chamber of deputies today proclaimed Manuel Avila Camacho president-elect of Mexico, ruling that he had been successful in the disputed election of July 7.

Potato Bug War On Nazi Fields Laid to British

Berlin, Sept. 12.—(AP)—Authorized German sources charged today that British airmen are throwing bags of "Colorado potato bugs" into potato fields in Germany, Luxembourg and Belgium in an effort to lay waste the major food source of those countries. These sources said the bugs multiply rapidly and are hard to control. They cited this alleged form of attack as another "example of British unfairness."

Italians Say Subs Busy in Atlantic

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BASEBALL

American. Detroit, Sept. 12.—(AP)—The battling Detroit Tigers scored four runs in the eighth inning today to come from behind and beat the New York Yankees 6 to 3 to hold onto first place in the American league. Schoolboy Rowe went the route for his 14th victory, scattering 11 hits. Score: R. H. E. New York 3 11 1. Detroit 6 9 1. Donald, Breuer, and Dickey; Rowe and Sullivan.

First game: R. H. E. Philadelphia 0 4 0. Chicago 3 11 0. Ross and F. Hayes; Dietrich and Tresh. (Second game) R. H. E. Philadelphia 3 5 2. Chicago 4 8 2. Babich and F. Hayes; Smith and Turner. Boston 1 3 2. Cleveland 8 10 0. Ostermueller, Dickman, Hash and Foxx; Harder and Pytlak.

National. First game: R. H. E. Pittsburgh 0 3 1. Brooklyn 7 12 0. Heintzelman, Lanning, and Lopez, Fernandez; Casey and Mancuso. Second game: R. H. E. Pittsburgh 4 10 1. Brooklyn 7 12 1. Butcher, Lannahan and Davis, Lopez; Hamlin, Casey, and Phelps, Mancuso. Score: R. H. E. Cincinnati 9 13 1. New York 4 11 1. Thompson and Lombardi; Lohrman, Carpenter and Danning.

Score: R. H. E. Chicago 5 14 0. Philadelphia 1 5 2. French and Todd; St. Johnson, Smoll, Wilson and Atwood. St. Louis 7 12 1. Boston 17 21 1. Bowman, Lanier, Doyle and Padgett; Tobin and Berres. (2nd game) R. H. E. St. Louis 1 6 1. Boston 6 15 2. Cooper, Hutchinson and Owen; Posedel and Broskie.

HUMAN TORCH AT CHILOQUIN PARTY

Klamath Falls, Sept. 12.—(AP)—Clinton Charles, 64, Chiloquin Indian, is in the hospital suffering from third degree burns as a result of an alleged "human torch" episode at a drinking party near Chiloquin, it was learned here today. Federal authorities are investigating a report that Charles lost consciousness at a party at the Thelma Hood place near Chiloquin and when he "came to" his clothing was on fire. Kerosene had evidently been poured on the garments. Charles was taken to the hospital at Klamath agency. No one is under arrest in the case at this time, it was reported here.

Templehof Bombed

London reported the RAF raiders also bombed Anhalter railway station, in central Berlin, and the big Templehof air-drome. Hitler's high command admitted 14 persons were killed, 41 injured and many fires started in the three cities attacked. London's weary millions undervent their fifth straight dusk-to-dawn attacks, sleeping again in the dank, sepulchral gloom of underground shelters, but the populace found a warming note of comfort in the steady slam of "archies"—anti-aircraft guns—setting up a screen of fire to blast the raiders.

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GERMAN CAPITAL AND LARGE PORTS ALSO ATTACKED

Three Nazi Supply Ships Among Targets—British Use New Air Defense

London, Sept. 12.—(AP)—A delayed action bomb exploded with a terrific roar heard over a wide area of London today. Property on either side of the thoroughfare where the bomb lay was badly damaged and the street was blocked with debris. The explosion was in a central London thoroughfare but it was not the bomb discovered near St. Paul's Cathedral.

By the Associated Press. The London air ministry reported late today that British bombers again slashed at German "invasion" barge concentrations massed along the Nazi-held channel coast and attacked docks and shipping in widespread raids. A German supply ship was sunk off Dunkerque, another was hit and left burning, and a third was damaged by bombs, the ministry said. "Enemy E-boats (torpedo-carrying craft) were machine-gunned from a low altitude," an official communique reported.

New Air Defense. Nazi raiders in great high-flying waves made their first raid of the day on London at 4:39 p. m., drawing a terrific barrage from the British capital's new anti-aircraft defense. The all-clear signal was sounded an hour and two minutes later.

Berlin reported the Nazi airmen, aided by good weather, penetrated England's south coast defenses and dropped bombs over the London area "almost unimpeded." British RAF warplanes showed their fire-bombs around Berlin's Tiergarten—the German capital's "central park"—in a 52-minute raid before dawn today and pounded the great shipping ports of Hamburg and Bremen in an intensified assault on Hitler's reich.

The Tiergarten lies near the Wilhelmstrasse, where German government buildings and Hitler's own chancellery are situated. Templehof Bombed. London reported the RAF raiders also bombed Anhalter railway station, in central Berlin, and the big Templehof air-drome.

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