

VAST SLAUGHTER OF REFS CLAIMED

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, Sept. 16.—You can bet your last income tax receipt that President Roosevelt is going to have to settle the present unpleasantness between Cabinet Members Morgenthau and Wickard about inflation. In fact, the matter already has been discussed at a cabinet meeting. Morgenthau, who for years has argued unsuccessfully for economy, is now arguing against inflation, which President Roosevelt himself has said is at the door. Mr. Morgenthau's latest campaign has been against rapidly increasing farm prices. His position is that there is a two years' supply of wheat in this country and a one year's supply of cotton, but that prices are still going up. The price of bread recently went up one cent.

Much of the surplus are held by the agricultural department, which shows no sign of letting loose. In addition, we have rigid restrictions on the importation of Canadian wheat which the president could relax. Mr. Morgenthau claims that to allow more Canadian wheat to come into the country would not hurt American farmers, because there is a 42 cents per bushel tariff and the Minneapolis price is only 40 cents above the Canadian price.

THE secretary of the treasury is not trying to hurt the farmer, but he sincerely feels that increases in food and clothing prices necessarily are followed by demands of labor for increased wages, which in turn cause higher prices of manufactured goods, etc., and bring inflation.

Naturally, Secretary of Agriculture Wickard, whose primary

ANTELOPE TAGS
Portland, Sept. 16.—(P)—The state game commission said today that the supply of antelope hunting tags would be exhausted by the end of the week. The antelope season opens in Malheur county south of the Burns-Ontario highway on Oct. 22 and in parts of Lake and Harney counties on Sept. 28.

Radio Highlights
By Associated Press
(Time is Pacific Standard)
Tonight, the war: 515 MBS; 5:30 NBC-Blue; 6 MBS; 6:45 CBS; 8 NBC, CBS.
Talks: MBS 5 American Legion convention, Mayor F. H. LaGuardia; Fordham University Centenary dinner, NBC-Blue 6; Vice President Wallace, and MBS 6:30; Gov. H. L. Lehman and others; CBS 6:15; Herbert Hoover from Chicago on subject of "national importance." NBC-Blue 8:30; Sen. Wheeler from Billings, Mont.
Wednesday, the war: 9:45 NBC; 10 MBS; 11:55 CBS; 12:35 p. m., NBC-Blue; 2 MBS; 2:25 NBC-Red; 2:45 CBS, NBC-Blue.
American Legion convention, MBS 6:30 a. m., national champion band, 7:30 William Green address, 10:45 a. m., committee reports; NBC-Blue 10 a. m., MBS, Bertie Harding on "Good Neighbor Policy."

SIDE GLANCES
BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS
Bob Banning telling friends he had instructed a nice fat duck to stay "right there" until deer season opened and he came back with his trusty rifle.
Charles Taylor's goats coming down from the hills to take a gander at the patrons of the House of Mystery.
Doc Charles Kuns wishing he could run this department for a couple of days.

ANNIHILATION OF 18 DIVISIONS IS GERMAN'S BOAST

Loss Of 270,000 Men On Leningrad Front Seen In Past Few Weeks Fighting

By the Associated Press
Adolf Hitler's high command reported today the annihilation of nine Soviet divisions and the crushing of nine other divisions "with the bloodiest losses"—a grand total of about 270,000 men—in fighting south of Lake Ilmen on the Leningrad front.

In a special bulletin, the fuhrer's field headquarters declared that strong forces of the 11th, 27th and 34th Russian armies had been "decisively defeated," with the capture of 53,000 Red army prisoners, 320 tanks and 625 pieces of artillery.

Own Losses Veiled
German losses, as usual, were not disclosed.

The Nazi bulletin said the vast slaughter occurred "during the past weeks" and indicated a smashing blow to Leningrad's defense army of 1,000,000 men.

Simultaneously, the Soviet army newspaper Red Star reported that a gigantic night battle of heavy tanks for "an important point on the approaches to Leningrad" ended in a complete rout of the Germans, who left hundreds dead on the field.

Nazi military dispatches, picturing Leningrad as doomed, said the great network of steel and concrete fortifications ringing the old czarist capital was crumbling under blows of the most destructive weapons in the German arsenal.

More than 200 Soviet bunkers and pillboxes in the Leningrad defense zone were reported smashed or captured, and German troops at some points were reported only 15 miles from the heart of the city.

Bridgeheads Taken
On the southern front, the Nazi high command asserted that German troops after several days' fighting had captured a series of "highly important bridgeheads" across the lower Dnieper river in the Ukraine, clearing the way for a drive into the rich industrial valley of the Don.

At sea, the Russians reported the sinking of 10 Nazi ships—seven troop transports and three escorting warships—in northern waters off Norway and Finland, and declared that the Germans had been smashed in an attempt to land troops on the fortified island base of Oesel, off Estonia.

An inkling that Germany now was hurling all available manpower into the bloody 87-day-old struggle, possibly to replace staggering losses, was seen in a British report that Hitler had been compelled to withdraw "nearly 500,000 seasoned troops" from Nazi-conquered Belgium, Holland and France to meet the demands of the Russian campaign.

Young recruits and soldiers over 35 years old were said to have replaced the half million sent to the front, and the British said there was reason to believe western Europe still was garrisoned by 800,000 German troops.

Presumably, this force would be sufficient to make the British hesitate before risking an attempt to invade the continent.

Germans Confiscate Wilhelmina's Palace

The Hague, Sept. 16.—(P)—German authorities today ordered confiscation of all property within the German-occupied Netherlands belonging to living members of the House of Orange and Nassau, headed by Queen Wilhelmina, now in exile in Britain.

Explaining the action, Arthur Seyss-Inquart, the German commissioner, said the queen "clings obstinately to the bourgeois-capitalist front. She thereby excludes herself from the community of new Europe."

Safety Crusade



Jackson Cable, 14, of Kansas City, his left leg in a heavy cast, carries on a neighborhood safety campaign—on crutches. Not fancy but fact gave him the idea. He suffered a fractured skull and leg in an automobile accident August 7.

STEEL MAGNATES WILL BE QUIZZED IN COAL DISPUTE

(By Associated Press)
John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers (CIO), rejected in Washington today a request of the defense mediation board that captive soft coal mines be reopened immediately.

By the Associated Press
Hearings of some of America's largest steel companies have been summoned to appear before the national defense mediation board at Washington tomorrow in connection with a labor dispute which has closed more than 30 "captive" coal mines whose product is essential to the nation's armament drive.

The "captive" mines produce coal used exclusively by the steel companies which own the mines. Some of the mills have only three to six week reserve stock of coal.

40,000 Out
Upwards of 40,000 United Mine Workers (CIO) have struck for a union shop. The mediation board stepped in quickly to take jurisdiction in the dispute, and asked that the strikers return to work.

The affected mines are in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee, and are owned by the U. S. Steel, Bethlehem, Republic, Weirton, Wheeling, Crucible and Youngstown Sheet and Steel companies.

An unrelated dispute among anthracite miners stirred eastern Pennsylvania. About 16,000 hard coal miners, members of the CIO-UMW, spread a work stoppage movement in protest to an increase in union dues and assessments. Dues have been upped from \$1 to \$1.50 a month, assessments from \$2 to \$6 a year.

In Chicago, a fact-finding board named by President Roosevelt investigated the strike threat of 1,250,000 railroad workers, members of 19 brotherhoods, who seek wage increases which the carriers estimate would add \$900,000,000 a year to their operating expenses.

STATE TO MAKE BIG REDUCTION IN DEBT

Salem, Sept. 16.—(P)—State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott announced today that on October 1 he would pay off \$2,473,949 on the state's bonded indebtedness, reducing the debt to \$31,474,935, compared with the \$66,062,810 debt of 13 years ago.

Medford Milk Distributors Ask 1 Cent Boost

NAZIS EXECUTE 10 FRENCH HOSTAGES ACCOUNT ATTACKS

German Non-Commissioned Officer Shot At Soon After Firing Squad Ends Work.

Paris, Occupied France, Sept. 16.—(P)—A German non-commissioned officer was shot at here today after a German firing squad had executed 10 hostages for attacks on other German soldiers.

At the same time it was learned that another German non-commissioned officer was seriously wounded Monday night before execution of the hostages. The German shot at today was not hit.

The assault today occurred in a subway station. Several shots were fired. Identity of the German was not disclosed.

The man wounded was said to be in "very serious condition." He was attacked on the boulevard Strasbourg, in the heart of the city's commercial district and near the East station where another German sergeant was wounded Sept. 3.

Two bullets lodged in the German's back.

Axis Bombs Cairo in Defiance of Threat Of Reprisal On Rome

Cairo, Egypt, Sept. 16.—(P)—Cairo suffered its first air raid of the war today, when Axis planes bombed the city heavily, killing 39 civilians and wounding 93.

This apparently opened the way for British bombing of Rome, for the British last spring warned that bombing of either Cairo or Athens would bring reprisals against Rome.

Cairo is a holy city to the Moslem world, much as Rome is to Catholics.

The British government warning to the axis came on April 18, and stated that once the bombing of Rome started "it will continue as convenient to the end of the war."

Grants Pass, Sept. 16.—(P)—

The hop harvest employing about 2,300 pickers was virtually at an end in the Rogue River valley today.

Record Breaking Budget May List \$32,000,000,000 Outlay

Washington, Sept. 16.—(P)—Harold D. Smith, budget director, today began the preparation of a record-breaking budget for the next fiscal year and it may cost the treasury \$32,000,000,000.

The exact figure, however, will not be known until President Roosevelt sends it to congress next January.

A \$32,000,000,000 budget would mean \$10,000,000,000 more than is slated to be spent this fiscal year. Smith's task, however, is something more than arriving at a huge total, for financial experts hold that expenditures on such an astronomical scale will be possible only if defense production reaches a tremendous volume.

They explained that, in the last analysis, the size of the new budget will depend, not on administration wishes, but on the estimated amount of munitions the nation's factories can turn out. The cost of this production

HOUSE APPROVES COMPROMISE ON TAX LEGISLATION

Prompt Action In Lower Branch Clears Way For Senate Action Tomorrow.

Washington, Sept. 16.—(P)—The house gave prompt approval today to the \$3,533,400,000 compromise version of the new defense tax bill, clearing the way for final action tomorrow by the senate.

Without a roll-call vote the house adopted recommendations of a joint senate-house conference committee which worked out the compromise on changes made in the record-breaking measure by the senate.

Flurries of criticism developed against some of those changes, particularly the reduction of the individual exemption, from \$2,000 to \$1,500 for married persons and from \$800 to \$750 for single persons and the elimination of the requirement that all married persons file joint income tax returns.

More Help Needed
Rep. Crowther (R-N.Y.) protested that certain provisions of the bill, such as those lowering the exemptions and imposing a \$5 annual use on passenger automobiles, would make the measure "an employment agency." He said that lowering of the exemptions last year had forced the internal revenue bureau to hire 3900 additional clerks to handle the increased number of returns and added that the bureau had reported the proposed automobile tax would necessitate 3800 more employees to administer.

In response to questions, Chairman Doughton (D-N.C.) of the house ways and means committee, said it would cost the treasury 50 cents to handle each non-taxable income tax return filed and \$1.50 for each taxable return. The treasury estimated that the lowered exemptions would cause filing of 4,930,000 additional returns but that only about 2,275,000 of them would be taxable.

Hude Back in Jail When Bond Removed

Jack F. Hude, 31, McAndrews road, was committed to the county jail in lieu of \$1500 bail by U. S. Commissioner Victor A. Tengwald this afternoon after the Rev. M. Sparks had asked to be released as bondsman. Hude is being held for the federal grand jury on a charge of larceny of personal property from the home of a ranger in Crater Lake national park. Bail, originally \$150, was increased this afternoon.

INCREASE OF 89 AT HIGH SCHOOL ON OPENING DAY

628 Pupils Enrolled As Institution Starts Week Later Than Usual For Harvest.

First-day enrollment at Medford senior high school, which opened Monday for the 1941-42 school year, was 628, representing an increase of 89 students or 16.3 per cent over the 539 pupils registering on the first day last fall, according to figures released today.

Although a number of transfers from out-of-state and other county high schools were enrolled yesterday, a school official stated that the sharp increase was undoubtedly due to the fact that the opening was delayed one week this year to allow students employed in the fruit harvest to complete their work before returning to school.

Last year and in years previous, it was explained, the school opening was not postponed, with the result that many students continued their fruit harvest work at least a week after classes resumed and therefore were not present when first-day enrollment was recorded. This year, it was pointed out, the majority of student fruitworkers had completed their labors and were on hand for the opening.

Iran Dilly-Dallying In Expelling Nazis Brings Allied March

London, Sept. 16.—(P)—British and Russian troops tonight were reported marching on the Iranian capital of Teheran as the nation's ruler, Reza Shah Pahlavi, abdicated under the threat of such action.

The British and Russians accused the Shah and his government of dilatory tactics in carrying out an agreement to expel or deliver to the allies all German, Hungarian, Italian and Rumanian nationals.

This afternoon, it was learned authoritatively, British and Russian troops were marching on Teheran with plans for immediate occupation of the city.

The Shah's abdication was announced before an extraordinary session of the Iranian parliament, the Teheran radio stated, the official reason being ill health.

PURSE SNATCHER PLIES TRADE HERE

A leather purse containing \$11 in cash, her driver's license and a silver wedding ring was snatched from the grasp of Mrs. Charles Todd of Route 1, at 11th and South Ivy streets about 10 p. m. Monday, she reported to city police.

Mrs. Todd told police the man, who grabbed her purse and ran down the street, was between 20 and 25 years old, had light hair combed straight back and wore a tan shirt and tan trousers.

NAZI FIFTH COLUMNISTS PROBLEM IN ARGENTINA

Buenos Aires, Sept. 16.—(P)—A congressional demand for expulsion of ringleaders of Nazi undercover groups, a category in which an investigating committee named German Ambassador Edmund von Thiermann presented a problem today for Acting President Ramon Castillo.

Castillo has sought "neutrality toward all."

Foreign Minister Ruiz Guinazu declined to say what action the republic's foreign office would take.

War Bulletins

Folkestone, Eng., Sept. 16.—(P)—Flying thousands of feet up and barely visible between patches of clouds, an RAF armada passed over the Dover strait just before sunset today and headed to attack the coast of German-occupied France.

Berlin, Sept. 16.—(P)—A 7,300-ton British tanker was destroyed in a daylight air attack west of the Hebrides, the German high command announced today, while a transport under convoy and another large merchant ship in British waters were set afire by bombs during the night.

Legionnaires Stage 12-Hour Parade At Milwaukee Motel

Milwaukee, Sept. 16.—(P)—The American soldiers who shouldered rifles in France in 1918 substituted canes today as they swung jauntily down Milwaukee streets in the American Legion's brilliant convention parade.

Milwaukee got up early, hurried through breakfast and, hours before the start, massed 10 deep along the entire three-mile parade route.

The march started promptly at 9 a. m., to continue without interruption for at least 12 hours. The first section passed the reviewing stand shortly before 10 o'clock. Convention officials said about 30,000 would participate.

COUNTY VALUATION REDUCED \$280,100

Assessable valuation of taxable property in Jackson county for 1941 has been fixed at \$26,244,280 by the county assessor's office. This is \$280,100 less than in 1940 when it was \$26,524,380.

The decrease was explained as due to the county taking over considerable property, and logged off land being removed from the tax rolls.

Total value of land in the county is fixed at \$22,654,470, and includes improvements. The tillable acreage is 105,042 acres with a taxable valuation of \$5,654,330. Untillable land is rated at \$54,042 acres.

The personal property valuation roll is placed at \$3,589,810.

FRENCH RISK LIVES TO HAMPER GERMANS

Salem, Sept. 16.—(P)—The people of German-occupied France are risking their lives to hamper the Nazi program, Lloyd Cornwall, member of a pioneer Oregon family who until recently was commander of the Legion post in Paris, told Salem members of the American Legion last night.

He said fuel and food would be extremely scarce in Paris this winter.

The Dalles, Ore., Sept. 16.—(P)—Sheriff E. J. Kelsay of Wheeler county said here that mule deer in central Oregon are more numerous than for many years.

BASEBALL

National League		
Boston	8	15
Chicago	5	12
Javery and Masi; Passeau, Gornicki, Quinn, Raffensberger and Scheffling.		
American		
(12 innings):	R.	H.
St. Louis	9	15
Philadelphia	8	19
Niggeling, Kramer, McKain, Trotter, and Ferrell; Besse, Hadley, C. Harris, Shirley, Fowler and Wagner.		
Detroit	4	5
Washington	2	8
Rowe and Tebbetts; Chase, Carrasquel and Evans.		

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BIG INCREASE IN PRODUCTION COST CITED AS REASON

May Hike Price October 1 Whether Board Gives Approval or Not, Is Word.

The Medford Milk Producers Distributors association voted at a meeting in the Jackson county courthouse auditorium last night to ask the state milk control board to authorize a minimum price scale one cent a quart higher than at present, Charles Campbell, president, said today. The effective date would be October 1, Mr. Campbell stated.

If the new minimum scale is authorized by the board, 4 per cent milk will cost the consumer 12 cents instead of 11 as now and 5 per cent milk will cost 13 cents instead of 12. It was indicated that the producer-distributors might increase the price a cent a quart October 1 whether or not the board has authorized the new minimum scale. It was pointed out that the board establishes only minimum prices and anything above the minimum may be charged, it being against the law only to sell below the minimum.

A hearing was held by the board some time ago and at that time evidence was presented to show that production costs had risen 25 per cent in the past year whereas the increase in price sought of a cent a quart is only about 10 per cent, Mr. Campbell said.

NAME COMMITTEE TO DRAFT BUDGET

Henry Enders, of Ashland, N. A. (Bert) Thierolf, of Medford, and Edward Carlton, of Table Rock, have been named by members of the county court as members of the Jackson county Budget committee. Enders and Thierolf have served on previous budget boards. First meeting of the new budget committee has been tentatively set for Thursday, September 25. This is an earlier date than usual.

The committee will draft a budget for the six months period from January 1 to July 1, for the first half of 1942, and also for the full year from July 1, 1942 to 1943. This is in compliance with a law passed by the last session of the legislature.

The appointed members act with the county court in preparation of the budget.

HERMISTON FEARS ILLNESS EPIDEMIC

Hermiston, Ore., Sept. 16.—(P)—This farm region, overcrowded by thousands of army munitions depot workers, is ripe for an epidemic, Dr. F. B. Belt, city health officer, warned yesterday.

There are no sanitary facilities for hundreds of families, who, finding no houses available, are living in trailers, shacks and tents, he said.

He is attempting to persuade the families to have vaccinations, especially against measles and influenza. Dr. Belt pointed out, however, that compulsion could not be used.

Disease dangers will be increased if Hermiston has a cold winter, Mayor F. C. McKenzie added. He cited that the region had experienced three comparatively mild winters in a row, and that colder weather probably was in store.