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HOUSE SLASHES AGRICULTURE FUND

News Behind The News

by Paul Mallon

Washington, March 13.—Commentative moping about far east results seems to hold that campaign up as the feeblest-witted of all—including Norway and Greece.

Paul Mallon

The British lost their entire Malayan army at Singapore (the Japs say it numbered 78,000 on surrender day).

The Dutch, British and our own navy seem to have lost much of the far eastern fleet. The Dutch are supposed to have surrendered one army in Java numbering 93,000, although only untrustworthy Jap figures again are available.

Noting this evidence, current popular reasoning seems running along the line that Gen. Wavell's defensive strategy was stupid and that of the Dutch nearly as bad. . . . "Too little, too late," they say. . . . "If these scattered 171,000 troops had been put together with all the scattered naval forces for a drive against the China coast the results might have been different," they say. . . . If . . . If . . . If.

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YOU can get nearly any better result than the one that happened by reshuffling strategy and forces on paper now, but all this discussion overlooks the basic reason why the far east is gone.

The original error was the fatal one, the all inclusive one which never could be redeemed. It was simply that the British and Dutch were sitting out there for years upon the richest portion of the earth and failed to take modern precautions for its protection.

Specifically they had no air force worthy of the name. They had not even built air fields enough to house an airforce if one came. If every allied plane in the world had been shipped out there last December 7, few

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FBI Agent Killed By Army Fugitive

Abingdon, Va., March 13.—(AP)—Two army deserters who shot and killed one FBI agent and wounded another seriously were captured in an abandoned house on the outskirts of Abingdon this afternoon.

More than a hundred federal state and local officers surrounded the house and a number of shots were exchanged before tear gas forced the soldiers out.

NAME MEDICAL OFFICER FOR CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Salem, March 13 — (AP) — Dr. Vernon A. Douglas, Marion county health officer, was appointed by Governor Charles A. Sprague today as state medical officer for the state civilian defense council. Dr. Douglas, who will serve without compensation, will coordinate the work of county medical disaster relief units.

Radio Highlights

(Pacific war time)

Tonight: Blue — 4:45 Prime Minister Curtin from Canberra, Australia.

MBS—7 boxing, Johnny Colan vs. Jimmy Webb.

Saturday: CBS—11:30 Dr. Hu Shih, Chinese ambassador, on international situation.

SIDE GLANCES

BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Ralph Furrer becoming a very irate papa upon seeing that a typographical error had deprived his new baby of almost a whole pound, the babe weighing seven pounds and 14 ounces to be exact.

REHABILITATION PROGRAM PERILED BY ACTION, CLAIM

$25,000,000 Lopped Off Allotment For Administration Expenses, Grants.

Washington, March 13—(AP) The house passed late today the 1943 agriculture appropriations bill, carrying a total of $820,065,859 in authorized expenditures and loans. A total of $56,810,722 was cut from the bill in nine days of debate.

Washington, March 31—(AP)—The house tentatively slashed $25,000,000 from the agriculture appropriations bill today, cutting in half the allotment for administrative expenses and grants in the farm rehabilitation program.

The action on the reduction—largest single cut thus far in the farm supply bill—came on a teller vote of 142 to 119 as President Roosevelt was reported reliably as considering a veto of the entire measure.

Money Goes Begging

Rep. Hope (R.-Kas.) said the $25,000,000 cut would put the rehabilitation program "out of business," but Rep. Woodrum (D-Va.) told the house that administrators of the program "have to advertise to get these people to come in and take the money" offered as rehabilitation grants.

Mr. Roosevelt was asked earlier at his press conference if progress was being made in controlling inflation. In some ways yes, replied Mr. Roosevelt, in some ways no, placing in the latter category the house action in writing into the appropriations bill a clause designed to prevent sale of government-held surplus crops at less than parity.

The president was beaten both in senate and house on his plea that the prohibition be eliminated to help prevent a further rise in the cost of living. He was reported to believe that only by a veto could he win his point.

Passes Senate

The senate recently passed and sent to the house a simple bill containing the ban. The house, which is still considering the appropriation bill, has refused to remove a clause to prohibit the commodity credit corporation using any administrative funds in connection with sales of its surplus stocks below parity, with minor exceptions.

A veto would mean that the measure, carrying money for the administration's farm programs beginning July 1, would be returned to congress for further consideration. Legislators said that it would have to be approved in some form soon after that date to avoid suspension of farmer benefit payments.

A strong economy bloc late yesterday slashed a total of $21,250,264 tenant act.

YOUNG GIRL TELLS OF SHOOTING DAD

Potsville, Pa., March 13—(AP) A motherless 15-year-old farm girl calmly related today, District Attorney C. A. Whitehouse said, that she shot and killed her father with a shotgun as he lay on a couch because "he beat me once too often."

Peter Peoloetti, 44, was found late yesterday in his isolated Schuylkill county home near Valley View, the back of his head blown off.

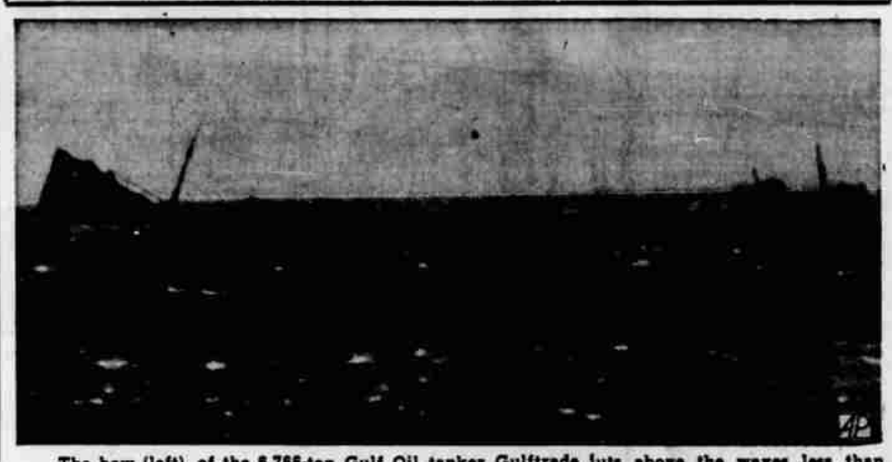
Whitehouse said a charge of murder would be filed late today against the girl, Emma, who had lived alone with her father since her mother's death several years ago.

The district attorney said the girl told him her father had abused her frequently.

U. S. SHIP SUNK

Havana, Cuba, March 13—(AP)—Authoritative informants said today the United States merchant vessel Texan had been sunk by enemy U-boat action off Nuevitas, north Cuba, and that all but nine of the 47-man crew was accounted for.

Tanker Split by Torpedo Goes Down



The bow (left), of the 6,766-ton Gulf Oil tanker Gulftrade juts above the waves less than four miles off shore near Barnegat, N. J., after a single submarine torpedo split the ship in half. Another tanker (right), passes the scene.

Britain and Russia Beat Hitler's Forces to Punch

By Associated Press

Germany's springtime offensive waited today on the calendar, propitious circumstances and Adolf Hitler, but Britain's and Russia's offensives—in the air and on the land, respectively were in full swing.

The British announced a fire-raising raid on the great German naval base of Kiel while the red army, having beaten Hitler to the springtime punch, was battering its way across the Donets basin.

Via Stockholm came word that Marshal Semeon Timoshenko and his southern army of from one and a quarter to one and a half million men had forced the enemy to draw once more on reserves being prepared for Germany's own offensive effort.

The Germans admitted they still were on the defensive against "strong enemy forces" in the Donets region—gateway to the Caucasus.

London observers held that the objective of Timoshenko's 90 divisions was the Dnieper Bend, natural defense line in the heart of the Ukraine.

Unofficial reports have placed them only 30 to 40 miles from this goal.

Although the calendar spring is but a week away, snow on the Staraya Russa front, below Leningrad, was reported so deep that ski troops still had to carry the burden of the fighting against the entrapped 16th German army.

The Russian army newspaper Red Star declared there would be only one spring offensive—the Russian.

It described the German invasion machine as worn out and run down, with Hitler's soldiers trying desperately to hold on, counter-attacking repeatedly but at heavy cost and not halting the red army's power drive.

Apparently attempting to neutralize Kiel as a base for springtime adventures of the German fleet, the RAF unloaded new bombs on shipyards there for the 65th time overnight and the "many fires" resulting told departing bombardiers that their mission was achieved.

Naval installations were set afire and the 26,000-ton battleship Gneisenau, the battered fugitive from Brest, was also among the targets. Eight planes were lost mostly to strong anti-aircraft batteries with which Kiel now is ringed.

LOG HAULERS ON CRATER HIGHWAY CITED TO COURT

The state highway commission, through special weight agents yesterday opened a drive against overloaded trucks on the Crater Lake highway and issued complaints against 13 drivers. As many more are expected to be served today. The drivers are scheduled to appear in justice court tomorrow morning.

The complaints charged the trucks carried excessive weights and, in a couple of cases, exceeded the legal limit, by as much as 10,000 pounds.

District Attorney George W. Neilson said today the law covering overloaded trucks would be enforced, "as the Crater Lake road cannot stand up under the illegal traffic." He also commented "it is taking a beating from the increased hauls, and will soon no longer be a road."

All the trucks were engaged in hauling logs.

Complaints filed yesterday were against:

Woodrow Wilson Atwood, Medford; Roy C. Lawrence, Central Point; George L. Roberts, Roseburg; Bert Ellis, Medford; Charles I. Skeeter, Talent; Ralph W. Sikes, Ashland; Henry T. Slage, Talent; Guy B. Ellison, Medford; E. Tenney, Agate; K. W. Griffiths, Prospect; Wendell O. Sears, Shady Cove; Jacob S. Meyers, Shady Cove; Charles E. Carter, Medford.

Attorney Porter J. Neff has been retained as counsel for the truckers.

Brazilians Routed By Shots Into Air

Rio de Janeiro, March 13.—(AP)—Shots fired into the air by police and riot squads dispersed a crowd of about 500 persons gathering today in front of German stores, apparently intent on resuming yesterday's anti-nazi disorders.

Newspapers and radio stations told nothing of yesterday's riots except the official announcement that "special measures were taken to maintain order."

SOLDIER KILLED

MsMinnville, Ore., March 13.—(AP)—Lowell E. Burt, about 20, a private in the U. S. army cavalry, died instantly last night when his motorcycle collided with an automobile driven by Harold F. McCreary of Independence, Ore., State Policeman Hubert Hoxie reported.

Washington, March 13.—(AP)—The national housing agency announced today that President Roosevelt had signed an authorization for the construction of 45,000 homes in the Detroit area, 30,000 by private enterprise and the remainder by the federal public housing authority.

OREGON CITY AND MAC-HI TO MEET IN CONSOLATION

(The Mail Tribune office will answer telephonic inquiries regarding tonight's game from 8:30 to 9:30 o'clock)

Salem, March 13—(AP)—Oregon City and McLoughlin high of Milton-Freewater won their consolation semi-final games today and the right to meet each other at 9:30 a. m. Saturday in a game to decide fifth place in the Oregon state high school basketball tournament.

Oregon City defeated Eugene 56 to 45, while Mac-Hi nosed out Salem 33 to 32. The losers were dropped out of the tournament.

(More basketball on Sport page)

PRICE CEILING ON PIECE GOODS

Washington, March 13—(AP)—The office of price administration today clamped a temporary price ceiling on finished piece goods made of cotton, rayon and their mixtures to check what it called a "rapid and unwarranted rise in prices."

The 60-day order in effect freezes prices at current levels, since it provides that maximum prices should not go higher than those prevailing between March 7 and 11.

The price action does not apply to retail sales, but officials said the effect of it should be to prevent further increases in the retail price of women's and children's dresses, women's suits, coats, pajamas, house coats, men's shirts, curtains and similar items.

GAS RATIONING SEEN NEAR FOR PORTLAND

Portland, March 13—(AP)—Gasoline companies here predicted today gasoline rationing would begin soon in Portland but more to conserve tires on delivery trucks than because of gasoline shortage.

However industry spokesmen said solid trains of tank cars and scores of tank trucks were bringing gasoline into Oregon and distributing it. So far they have counteracted the growing shortage of tank ships.

REGARDLESS!

Portland, March 13.—(AP)—Portland dairy workers declared today that if dairies cut down on deliveries to save tires their unions will demand the regular five-day pay scale, regardless.

STRAY SHELL HITS WALL ST. BUILDING

New York, March 13.—(AP)—An anti-aircraft crew stationed near the metropolitan area reported to police today that at 12:40 p. m. (PWT) they accidentally fired eight shells from an anti-aircraft gun aimed in the direction of the Wall street area.

At about that time, a piece of coping fell from the ledge between the 37th and 38th floors of the 40-story Equitable Life building.

Japs Take New Direction In Drive Upon Australia; British, Chinese Join Arms

NEWBRY TO SEEK G. W. DUNN'S CHAIR IN STATE SENATE

Ashlander Not To Seek Renomination—Van Dyke May Be House Aspirant.

Representative Earl Newbry announced in Ashland today that he plans to file next week for the state senatorial post now held by G. W. Dunn. Both are Ashland Republicans.

The announcement set Jackson county's political pot to simmering after a slow start in the primary campaign.

Dunn, a veteran of two years in the state house and 20 in the senate, said he would not seek renomination. For the last 18 years he has served on the ways and means committee. He was instrumental in passage of the normal school bill in 1926.

Frank J. Van Dyke, Ashland city attorney and county cantonment coordinator, indicated he might become a candidate for state representative.

William M. McAllister of Medford, representative, said he was undecided whether to run again.

ROOSEVELT URGES POLITICS DISCARD FOR WAR PERIOD

Washington, March 13—(AP)—President Roosevelt told a press conference today that this is a war and politics is out.

He said his remarks applied to congress as well as the press. We read too much politics in the papers these days and these articles talk in terms of the past, he commented.

Mr. Roosevelt made that remark when asked whether he thought there could be a greater concentration on the war effort by political groups, newspapers and others.

To a question as to whether his remarks were "also true of the cabinet," the chief executive responded that he found little political implications in any action taken by cabinet members. He said that whenever he sees any such implication, and this is in pretty rare cases, he steps on it with both feet.

War Bulletins

Vichy, March 13.—(AP)—Paris had a 45-minute air raid alert today as an RAF scouting force cruised over the occupied capital, forced suspension of horse racing at the Vincennes track and surveyed the manufacturing area in the southwestern workers district. No bombs were dropped.

Melbourne, Australia, Saturday, March 14—(AP)—Prime Minister John Curtin announced today the presumed loss of the cruiser Perth and the sloop Yarra, with loss of 933 lives.

He said both warships had fought successfully and without damage in the Java sea and had later put in at a Java port, but had not been heard from since they left there for home.

The Perth is an Australian cruiser of 6,980 tons; the Yarra a sloop of 1,060 tons.

WAGE CONTROL AS WAR MEASURE IS STUDIED BY F.D.R.

Washington, March 13—(AP)—The question of wage control as a war measure is under study, President Roosevelt asserted today.

The chief executive declined at a press conference to go into the question of putting a ceiling on wages as an anti-inflation step but he did disclose that the whole problem was under consideration.

Asked whether he was considering "positive action on wage control," he plied crisply, it is under study.

Proponents of a wage ceiling have contended it is necessary to cut down purchasing power of individuals if inflation is to be checked, just as it is necessary to control prices.

Boastful Basso in Custody as Alien

New York, March 13—(AP)—The oft-repeated boast that he was Mussolini's friend has resulted in the seizure of Ezio Pinza, Metropolitan opera basso for the last 15 years, and his detention on Ellis Island as an enemy alien.

Agents of the federal bureau of investigation separated the Italian-born singer, 50, from his American wife, the former Doris Neal Leak of Larchmont Manor, N. Y., yesterday. He now awaits a hearing by a local alien board.

SEA PENETRATION OF SOLOMON ISLES SIGHTED FROM AIR

New Move May Be Feint or Thrust Aimed At United Nations Route To Asia.

By Clyde A. Farnsworth (Associated Press War Editor)

Japan's offensive against Australia, still taking form in the welter of islands curving along the vast northern shore of the continent, has speared off in a tangent of naval penetration of the Solomon islands.

In the second chief theater of the war with Japan, the British imperials withdrawing north of Rangoon have for the first time joined Chinese troops, attempting to consolidate a front between two main routes out of Rangoon, 60 to 80 miles from the abandoned port city of the Irrawaddy delta.

Bataan Quiet

In the Philippines, the United States reported no change in the Bataan peninsula situation—a watchful waiting for the next all-out Japanese attack on General MacArthur's forces.

Japan's Solomon islands move was evidently either a feint to district attention from establishment of New Guinea bases for the prospective lunge at Australia or actually a thrust toward the New Hebrides and New Zealand along the island chain pointed at the united nations sea route to Australia, ahead of any direct attempt to invade the continent.

The move was disclosed by Australian air reconnaissance over the Australian-mandated part of the Solomon group. The warship force was sighted three days ago off Kessa, on tiny Buka island—stepping stone from New Britain to the Solomons. There was no further indication that the Japanese had landed there.

Attack Airfield

Buka is 180 miles southeast of Japanese-occupied Rabaul, New Britain, and 900 miles northeast of Australia's northeastern extremity, the Cape York peninsula.

Australian bombers smashing at the potential island route toward New Zealand attacked the enemy-held airfield at Gasmata, on the south coast of New Britain, yesterday.

The Japanese offensive was crippled to some extent in the sinking of seven ships by air attack last Tuesday off Salamaua, a Japanese foothold in New Guinea.

The war department announced that five Japanese planes were destroyed two days ago by five United States army heavy bombers in a raid on Japanese-held airdromes at Salamaua and Lae, both in New Guinea.

All the airdrome buildings were destroyed and a harbor pier at Lae was hit directly.

Again Japanese fighters challenged the raiders, but five were shot down and the big bombers escaped unscathed.

Finicky Appetites Problem In Feeding New U.S. Army

Los Angeles, March 13—(AP)—Pampering mammas who developed finicky appetites in their sons have created quite a feeding problem for the army.

Everything will be all right, however, if the soldiers eat what's set before them. They should even, come out of the service heavier, stronger, maybe a little taller, and with better eyes than when they were inducted.

That's what Mary I. Barber, food consultant to the secretary of war, told the League of Women Voters last night.

She attributed failure of some young men to pass army physical tests to finicky appetites and blamed their mothers for not supplying them with the proper diet.

Seeing that soldiers get their vitamins in food instead of from pills is quite a problem. Many don't drink the half pint of milk offered each man daily, so menus include cheese and, once a week or oftener, ice cream. Powdered milk is used freely in cooking. Butter is used on as many vegetables as possible because some soldiers eat it sparingly.

Miss Barber's job is to feed millions of men healthfully and adequately on 52 cents a day meanwhile being careful not to upset civilian food prices or supplies.

As a consequence, menus are staggered throughout the country so that not every camp is serving baked potatoes and roast veal on the same day.

"Before staggering was put into practice, we had camps bidding against each other for food. In one instance, such competition tripled the price of grapefruit and left none for the civilian consumer," she said.

SENTENCE VIERECK TWO TO SIX YEARS

Washington, March 13—(AP)—The maximum sentence of two to six years was imposed in district court today upon George Sylvester Viereck, convicted of hiding his activities as a German propaganda agent.

In addition, Justice F. Dickinson Letts fined the German-born American citizen a total of $1,500 and assessed him costs of the case.