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Kelly's Comment

From Washington, D. C.

McNary Discovers
Queer OPA Doings

Stores Having
OPA Troubles

Canned Products
Cut To Civilians

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23—Part of the duty of being the minority leader is to sit at a senate desk from noon until 5:30 and keep track of parliamentary procedure; listen to the long speeches and read the Congressional Record. This routine is broken when the leader disappears for lunch in the senate restaurant. Thumbing through the Record, reading the verbatim report of the proceedings, Senator McNary came across a speech by Senator Prentiss Brown which interpreted the OPA act. There were no comments on the speech by other senators. McNary read the speech and discovered something; it was a memorandum written by someone, but this memo had been picked up by Brown from his desk and given to the shorthand reporter. Neither Brown nor the reporter noticed that the memo was included in Brown's notes and this foreign substance went into the Record. McNary caught it.

The minority leader announced that he would give 30 days in which to delete this material from the permanent Record. Came an inquiry as to who was responsible for the memo, which interpreted, presumably, the senate's view of OPA. According to cloakroom gossip, the finger of suspicion points to David Ginsberg, principal attorney for OPA. This interpretation, as it appeared under the name of Senator Brown, affected every man, woman and child in the United States. After Jan. 3, 1943, it will be Mr. and not Senator Brown, as he was defeated in the November election.

JIMMY BYRNES, price stabilization director, declared before a congressional subcommittee that OPA was authorized to include government payments as part of the ceiling prices because Senator Brown had declared that this was authorized. Byrnes issued an order directing a ceiling on farm wages of \$2400 a year (above that sum War Labor Board takes over) and this was approved by the president, control over the \$2,400 class of

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HALT ENLISTMENT MICHIGAN MEDICS

Bay City, Mich., Dec. 23—(U.P.) Further enlistment of Michigan doctors in the armed services was prohibited today under a sweeping plan to re-locate specialists and general practitioners in areas where they are most needed.

Dr. Paul R. Urmoston, Michigan consultant for the War Manpower Procurement and Assignment Service, said the state already had over-subscribed its service quotas for medical men by 3 per cent and that no further doctors would be permitted to enter service until quotas for other states "draw even."

SIDE GLANCES

By
TRIBUNE REPORTER

Expressman Rodolph Tetrault being surprised by a kiss when he stood under the mistletoe in an elevator.

The grapevine reporting that Ed Kirtley's injured arm WAS the result of some of Medford high's "commando" activities, with a young trainee demonstrating to his tutor the thoroughness with which he had learned his stuff.

Pastor Harry Young delivering his Church Notice and a "Merry Christmas."

NAZIS BOMB OWN MEN IN EFFORT TO HALT FLIGHT

Germans Becoming Disorganized, Discouraged — Prisoners Tell of Losses.

By M. S. Handler

United Press Staff Correspondent
Moscow, Dec. 23—(U.P.)—The Red army today broke into the Ukraine, the rich agricultural province that lured Adolf Hitler into taking his Russian gamble, and the Germans were retreating in such haste that the Luftwaffe was reported to be bombing its own ground troops in an attempt to halt the rout.

The Soviet winter offensive had been carried to a point less than 150 miles east of Kharkov, and the Red army was firmly astride the important Rostov-Moscow railroad at several points.

Double Offensive

Two powerful Russian armies were on the offensive. One was driving westward toward Kharkov, while the other moving southward, had penetrated to an area about 120 miles north of Rostov, gateway to the Caucasus. Front dispatches from the middle Don sector reported that the Germans, freezing in the grip of the Russian winter, were becoming disorganized and discouraged. The newspaper Pravda said the German air force was bombing retreating German troops in an attempt to send them back into battle.

A German non-commissioned officer captured by the Russians reportedly said all the officers of his company had been killed in the last six days, that losses in the ranks were between 60 and 70 per cent and that the German high command had threatened to turn artillery on his unit if it retreated.

Prisoners Frost-Bitten

Columns of frost-bitten prisoners are trudging eastward from the middle Don sector. They are wearing thin overcoats, their heads are swathed in cloth and their boots are wrapped in rags. Indicative of the tempo of the Soviet offensive was a report that the Russians had taken 2,370 prisoners in overnight operations alone.

COOS TOWNS PLAN VOTE ON MERGER

Marshfield, Ore., Dec. 23—(U.P.) The city councils of Marshfield and North Bend will meet in joint session January 6 to canvass petitions seeking an election on a proposed merger of the two Coos bay cities, it was announced today.

Should the petitions be found in order, a charter must be prepared under which the new city would function. A special election then would be held on both the charter and a merger.

MILLIONAIRE HUSBAND BEAT HER SAYS ACTRESS

Houston, Tex., Dec. 23—(U.P.)—Texas properties of Arthur A. Cameron, oil millionaire, were in receivership today after a district court hearing in which his wife, June Knight, former stage, radio and screen star, testified: "He beat me, half-choked me, kidnapped the baby and threatened to take him to Mexico if I wouldn't give up my interest in our property."

Miss Knight, who seeks \$4,000 a month alimony during the pendency of a divorce suit filed by her, has been unable to obtain service on her husband since the suit was filed Nov. 25.

SOLDIERS TO PLAY HOST

Sacramento, Dec. 23—(U.P.)—Soldiers are always being entertained by townsfolk on holidays, so the enlisted men at McClellan Field have planned a party at the field Christmas day for 60 youngsters from an orphanage and 12 negro children from underprivileged families.



New York's Times Square, traditionally jammed with private cars, taxis, buses and dodging, squirming pedestrians, presented this deserted appearance at noon, Dec. 19, as the recent gasoline curfew stripped the streets of most private autos.

SABOTAGE EFFORT NIPPED SAY NAZIS

Berlin, Dec. 23—(German broadcast recorded by United Press in New York)—The German high command reported today that a British sabotage unit which had landed on the French coast was intercepted near Bordeaux on Dec. 17 and "destroyed before it was able to carry out its assignment."

(The Germans gave no details and there was no immediate confirmation of the report from London. The British detachment could have been one of the commando parties which frequently make hit-and-run attacks on the German occupied European coast.)

MISS CARR RESIGNS AS HULL HOUSE DIRECTOR

Chicago, Dec. 23—(U.P.)—Miss Charlotte Carr, one of the nation's leading social welfare workers, confirmed today that she had resigned as director of Hull House, world's largest social settlement house.

Miss Carr refused to explain her resignation, but said the settlement's board of trustees undoubtedly would issue a statement later.

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LADY STEVEDORES PROVING WORTH

San Francisco, Dec. 23—(U.P.)—The women proved beyond a doubt today that this isn't a man's world after all by working successfully as stevedores—the one bastion of masculinity the men thought the frail sex would never storm.

But, just as they replaced men as riveters and welders, they have filtered into waterfront jobs—driving trucks, checking and packing supplies for ships of the fleet at navy terminal.

They're good, too, according to Commander Thomas Cochran, navy supply officer. Some of them are better than men, Commander Cochran said.

"They're better in many respects," Cochran said. "They don't ask for time off to smoke and they never report to work with a hangover."

REJECT POWER PROPOSAL

Portland, Dec. 23—(U.P.)—The Portland General Electric company, which recently submitted a contract to the state of Oregon providing state institutions at Salem with electric power at an annual savings of some \$18,000, announced today it had rejected the State Board of Control's counter-proposal.

British Planes Blast Jap Indies Base

AXIS SUPPLY LINE SUFFERS LOSS OF AT LEAST 6 SHIPS

Allied Naval and Air Forces Stage Ferocious Attacks on Tunisia-Bound Vessels

London, Dec. 23—(U.P.)—Allied naval and air forces, in a series of ferocious attacks on the Axis Tunisia-Sicily supply line, have sunk at least six and probably 10 supply vessels and warships, it was announced today.

The news came as Allied ground activity approached a major scale in Tunisia and the British Eighth army, now well under 300 miles from the Tunisia border, continued its drive westward through Libya.

Subs Get Three

British submarines torpedoed and sank three supply ships in the Sicily-Africa reinforcement lane, the admiralty announced.

Two more supply ships and a destroyer were torpedoed and probably sank, it was said.

Middle eastern command planes based on Malta blew up two supply ships in the Tunis harbor basin.

A small escort warship blew up after a direct hit by a Malta-based plane bomb and a medium sized supply ship with it was left ablaze in an attack off the west coast of Sicily.

French troops, advancing from the Pond du Fahs area 30 miles south of Tunis, were reported less than 30 miles from the east Tunisian coast port of Bun Fichu, taking prisoners, armored vehicles and guns in their path.

Fifty miles to the south, the French had repulsed a series of German counter-attacks in the Kairouan area and were believed little more than 30 miles from the big east coast port of Sousse.

TO BREMERTON DUTY

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23—(U.P.)—Capt. Charles S. Gillette, 56, manager of the Pearl Harbor navy yard on the fateful December 7 of last year, has been detached from duty with the Bureau of Ships and will take over management of the Puget Sound navy yard at Bremerton on January 20, it was announced today.

CHRISTMAS EVE PARCEL DELIVERY PLANNED BY P. O.

Medford Office Also to Deliver Packages on Xmas Day Says P. M. DeSouza.

Faced with the task of handling the greatest volume of incoming Christmas parcels in history, Medford postoffice will make parcel deliveries in the city until midnight or later Thursday night and all day Friday, Christmas day, Postmaster Frank DeSouza said today.

Four or five trucks will be in operation for the delivery of parcels to Medford residents, he said, and requested that persons leaving their homes Thursday night, Christmas eve, turn on their porchlights to aid deliverymen in locating street numbers.

Mail Coming Late

DeSouza explained that the late arrival of many parcels, coupled with the tremendously increased volume due to Camp White, made it necessary for the delivery service to operate Christmas day. He said that 20 additional temporary employees had been added to the postoffice staff in an effort to handle the parcels and get them delivered as soon as possible. Some of the temporary employees will replace soldiers who had been detailed to work at the main office and the annex on North Ivy street.

There will be no regular city or rural carrier delivery Christmas day, the postmaster said, but special delivery mail will be delivered in the city. The postoffice will be closed Christmas day, although the mailing department will operate to speed outgoing pieces.

MORE STEEL COMING

Washington, Dec. 23—(U.P.)—War Production Board Chairman Donald M. Nelson said today that steel production in the United States next year will be nearly twice the combined output of the Axis nations.

JUDGE APPOINTED

Sacramento, Dec. 23—(U.P.)—Secretary of State Paul Peek today was appointed by Gov. Culbert L. Olson as an associate justice of the third district court of appeal in Sacramento.



Christmas may be fun to most folks but the gaily-decorated trees spell just plain trouble to Leo Sentiger of Pittsburgh, Pa., shown in the Children's Hospital. Leo is allergic to Christmas trees.

CARGO AIRPLANES WILL BE BUILT BY HIGGINS SHIPYARD

Washington, Dec. 23—(U.P.)—The war department today announced award of a contract to Andrew J. Higgins, New Orleans shipbuilder, for construction of "a large number" of cargo airplanes.

It was learned several weeks ago that an agreement had been reached for Higgins to build 1,200 giant cargo aircraft, but today's announcement was the first official confirmation.

The war department's statement did not reveal the exact number of craft involved in the contract. It said the project would cost "more than \$5,000,000"—a nominal figure, inasmuch as \$100,000 each is regarded as a conservative estimate for the cost of large cargo planes.

The department gave no details of size or planned performance of the planes, but said they will be built "largely of non-strategic materials."

HEAVY ATTACK ON SABANG KINDLES EXTENSIVE FIRES

Action Reveals Presence of Powerful British Naval Force in Indian Ocean.

London, Dec. 23—(U.P.)—Planes of a British naval force, opening offensive operations 660 miles northwest of Singapore, have made a heavy attack on the Japanese base at Sabang Island, off the northwest tip of Sumatra in the Netherlands East Indies, the admiralty announced today.

Plane crews saw large explosions which were followed by fires, the admiralty said.

All Planes Safe

Naval forces operating from the Bay of Bengal carried out the attack, which the admiralty emphasized was heavy, on Sunday night.

All planes returned safe.

While Gen. Douglas MacArthur's men were driving the Japanese into the sea in the Buna area of New Guinea, the American marines and the army were holding Guadalcanal Island in the southern Solomon as an eventual offensive base and the British and Indian army of Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell marched back into Burma, the Royal navy went back into the tragic theatre of action from which the Allies were thrown in the early days of the Pacific war.

It was indicated that the planes which made the attack were carrier borne.

Britain revealed weeks ago that it now had a powerful fleet in the Indian ocean.

Sabang, a free port on tiny Sabang or Pulo Weh Island, apparently had become a major Japanese base.

Laying 308 miles west of Penang off the Malay coast, it is in peace time the first port of call in the Malay Archipelago for vessels from Europe. It is at the western entrance to the Malacca Strait.

WING NOT SEEKING APPOINTMENT AS REPRESENTATIVE

Charles A. Wing, valley orchardist and former owner of the Cloverleaf Golden Guernsey dairy ranch, today said he was not seeking the appointment as Jackson county representative to the state legislature and simultaneously announced he was resigning as president of the Oregon State Guernsey association, a position he has held for two terms.

Wing explained that he was notifying County Judge Blin Coleman and the Jackson County Republican Central committee that he had no aspirations toward the legislative office, which will be filled by appointment by the county court. Frank J. VanDyke of Ashland, elected to the position in November, is unable to serve because he is in the army.

"I don't know whether my name is even being considered by the county court," Wing stated, "but even if it is and I am offered the office I will be forced to decline." Wing has been mentioned in local political circles as a possible appointee.

Wing said he planned to be out of the state for some time in the near future and that his health had not been of the best lately. He explained that he was resigning as president of the state Guernsey association because he had recently disposed of his dairy interests.

In 1943 it is estimated there will be only five-eighths as many tires, including recaps, available for autos as the normal demand for new tires.

Defense of Stalingrad Epoch in War's Book

(Communiques and second hand dispatches, dramatic as they have been, have told only part of the story of the defense of Stalingrad. Today Henry Shapiro, United Press Moscow manager, the only American correspondent who visited the Stalingrad front, gives the full story as revealed to him by the only man who could really tell it—the commander in chief of the heroic Stalingrad garrison.

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Chukov told me the story in a special interview given over the Red Army military tele-

graph from his headquarters in the city to his front headquarters base in the Don river bend.

I tried to get inside Stalingrad. Gen. I. N. Christiankov, commanding here, refused to take responsibility. He said the fight was still raging and that he had orders to get me back to Moscow. He let me appeal to Chukov who responded with this story.

Chukov told me how he had taken charge at Stalingrad's darkest hour, how his men day by day and week by week fought the Germans with everything from long range guns to fists and boots, how they broke two of the greatest single attacks of the war.

"The history of wars knows no precedents for such fighting," he said.
He said Stalingrad not only set a precedent for sustained ferocity but proved that a great city can be defended house by house by determined and intelligent men, and he described the technique which he and his staff worked out.

Pessimists Outed
"When the front military council entrusted me with the defense of Stalingrad I fully understood the great responsibility and seriousness of this task," he said. "One could see what the city was like 30 miles away. German bombs had transformed it into one great fire.

There were many whining pessimists in the army. I threw these panicky people out of the

army right away and set to work. First of all we had to create the proper spirit of firmness. We were old we could not retreat beyond the Volga. We could see for ourselves there was no road.

"Hitler put the best he had against Stalingrad. He did not spare quantity or quality. It was a battle for life or death.

"We were continuously attacked by great masses of infantry, tanks, artillery and planes. Our forces were not equal. The enemy had superiority at all points all the time.

"The German command used its favorite method. It intended to smash us with a stunning blow. They thought we hadn't enough guts. They hoped to push us into the Volga with one blow. They did not carry out a methodical offensive. This was their method September 14. This is what they tried again to do October 14.

"The German command made one obvious mistake. Large columns and groups of German soldiers made wonderful targets for our artillery and infantry. We destroyed them in great numbers.

"I believe that nowhere in this war have there been such bloody hand to hand combats. Nowhere have bayonets and hand grenades been so widely used as at Stalingrad.

At Deadly Grips
"The main characteristic of the battle of Stalingrad is close distance fighting, and I don't mean the kind of fight we study

at the military academies where enemies meet, engage in battle and then separate.

"Here we hold each other in deadly grip. The distance between trenches is between 20 to 100 metres. (A metre is 1 1/10 yard.) The longest distance is 150 metres. Army headquarters are one kilometre (1,090 yards) apart and there were moments when only 350 metres separated us from the enemy.

"Naturally we had to work out new methods. Our ability to maneuver was extremely limited by the narrow territory and by enemy aviation and artillery.

"The Germans usually attacked by day, when their planes and tanks were active and they could have precise artillery and trench mortar fire.

"We counterattacked usually by night. Our defense was active. At the end of every 24 hours we had to count up results. This was an exceedingly difficult task. Reconnaissance reports were always the same: 'Impossible to count corpses.' I myself several times had a chance to see it really was impossible. Mounds of corpses piled up at the end of each day.

Mass Self-Sacrifice
"Our army grew firmer daily. Yet it became obvious that we could hold Stalingrad only by destroying Germans. Heroism took the form of mass self-sacrifice.

"When an enemy group of 10 to 15 times larger than one of our units attacked us, our soldiers

would send a signal to our batteries, ordering them to fire.

"They ordered the batteries to aim at them, so that while they would be killed by their own guns, they would take 10 to 15 times their number of Germans with them.

"Our units, after they crossed to the west bank of the Volga, seemed reborn. Love for their mother country took the form of hate for the Germans. Our spirit allowed us to counter-attack the enemy victoriously with inferior forces.

"German infantry are brave only when they are supported by planes, tanks and artillery. If their infantry have to fight our infantry unarmed, their attacks invariably fail.

"Our infantry are invincible under proper command and with clearly defined tasks.

"We knew no retreat in the battle of Stalingrad. The Germans advanced only at places where there remained no Soviet soldiers."

The officers I talked to say that the defense of Stalingrad has been a miracle of modern war. When they are asked how this miracle was accomplished they repeat Chukov's phrase: "Guts and readiness to die."