



NAZI IN THE WOOD PILE—Cpl. James Quaranto of Brooklyn, isn't taking any chances as he examines body of dead German in forest near Wiltz, Luxembourg. Nazis have been known to mine frozen bodies of their dead to impede Allied advance. (U. S. Signal Corps Photo.)

LUXURIES FOUND TO BE ABUNDANT IN MEXICO CITY

No Rationing of Gasoline as Wartime Trade Booms—Cost of Living Increases.

Mexico City, Feb. 28—(U.P.)—The costs are high by Mexican standards, but there are no wartime shortages of necessities or luxuries in this capital. The city is filled with American tourists eating big, juicy steaks, drinking bonded Bourbon and Scotch, sightseeing in automobiles without concern about gasoline rationing, and paying stiff bills at dozens of night clubs.

They are joined by a few rich Mexicans, but the living standard for the masses is low. The contrast smacks the visitor sharply. The exchange rate is favorable—five Mexican to one United States dollar. But inflation has taken away much of that advantage. Living costs are estimated at two times pre-war levels.

American tourists are loaded with money to spend in either the most expensive places or in the typical Mexican markets where prices, by U. S. standards, are low.

Delegates to the Inter-American Conference now in session here found:

Luxuries Plentiful
Unlimited supplies of popular brands of cigarettes at 25 cents (U. S.) a package; Mexican cigarettes at 12 cents.

Steaks—T-bone, sirloin, filet mignons—at \$1.25. And up. A one pound sirloin, three inches thick, in a top quality restaurant brings eight pesos (about \$1.65).

Automobiles—Show windows are filled with new cars and the used car lots have a big stock—a 1942 middle-sized car costs about \$2,600. The streets are filled with automobiles and most of them are relatively new.

Gasoline—There is no rationing. Mexico produces her own but there is no attempt to limit its use to essential driving.

Liquor—The only question is "what brand do you want?" Johnnie Walker Black Label and Vat 69 Scotch are plentiful with prices running from 40 to 60 pesos (\$8 to \$12).

Night Life—It's booming even in non-conference days with American tourists and European refugees. Cl'rs, the night club in the ultra-modernistic hotel

Reforms, demands and gets a \$6 minimum on Saturday nights and packs them in. Drinks at such places cost six pesos (\$1.25).

Gum and Candy—The American gum companies produce their own brands here and all the old U. S. favorites are available by the carton. Chocolates and candy bars are plentiful and cheap.

THEIR 'BIG DAY'
Jeffersonville, Vt., (U.P.)—Fay Chamberlin celebrated his 77th birthday the other day. It was also his wife's 70th birthday and their son's 42nd birthday. And on the same day, Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlin observed their golden wedding anniversary.

Mexican Racetrack Enlarges Program

Mexico City, Feb. 28—(U.P.)—The Mexico City race track will expand its program to four days of racing a week after March 6, "because present conditions warrant it," President Bruno Pagliai said today.

Racing after that date will be held on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, he said. The cards will include nine races with special events for residents of Mexico who own horses.

The San Francisco Symphony Orchestra was the first major orchestra to admit women to the playing personnel.

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MARRETTS GIVEN FREEDOM AFTER CHARGE DROPPED

Fred Marrett and wife, Margaret Maxine, held in the county jail since last September, charged with breaking and entering to steal drugs, were released yesterday following dismissal of the charge against them by Judge James W. Crawford after a conference with District Attorney George W. Neilson.

At a recent trial of the Marretts the jury failed to agree. Dismissal was due to inability of the state to produce its main witness, Dr. R. W. Clancy, serving a term at McNeill's Island, who was not permitted under federal rules to come here as a witness. The Marretts were indicted for breaking and entering Dr. Clancy's office late last August, and were witnesses against him in his federal court trial.

Judge Crawford warned the Marretts to abstain from the use of drugs in the future or they would find themselves again in the toils of the law. During their long county jail stay they have broken the habit and gained in weight, officials said. The court commented that he had more hope for the woman than her mate.

John M. Little, of Rogue River, with a former prison record, charged with larceny from rooms in the Columbia Hotel in Ashland last summer, plead guilty and was sentenced to three years in state prison.

The cases of James Ferguson, charged with passing forged checks in this city, and Eugene Dorrough, south end of the valley logger, charged with obtaining money under false pretenses, were continued by Judge Crawford. Dorrough is charged with passing checks in Ashland, Phoenix, Talent, and this city, in the sum of \$350. Ferguson is specifically charged with the passing of a \$34 check on Mel Younger of this city last summer. He was arrested and returned here from Redding, Calif., two months ago.

MISSING IN ACTION
New York, Feb. 28—(U.P.)—Lt. Phillip Shaughnessy, 22-year-old son of Frank Shaughnessy, president of the International League, is missing in action in France with the 1st Canadian army, it was reported today by the league offices.

WOULD AID VETS
Carson City, Nev., Feb. 28—(U.P.)—Three measures designed to make it possible for Nevada veterans to obtain small ranches and farms, and to build or acquire homes in the state, will be introduced in the legislature today.

MISSOURI ADOPTS NEW STATE CODE

St. Louis, Feb. 28—(U.P.)—Missouri had a new constitution today. The new code, adopted by a majority of more than two-to-one in yesterday's special balloting, replaces the original one approved in 1875 and provides for separate maintenance of schools for white and colored children. Unofficial returns from 3,319 of the state's 4,543 precincts gave:

For the constitution 228,365. Against 149,221.

A number of far-reaching governmental reforms were written into the new code. One of the most important would create a state department of revenue to collect taxes now collected by more than a dozen different departments and agencies.

That provision struck a body blow at extensive patronage systems built up by elective state officials whose departments handle the bulk of tax collections.

CAPTURED BY NAZIS
London, Feb. 28—(U.P.)—The German Transocean agency said today that Pvt. Robert Davis, identified as a brother of Film Actress Bette Davis, had been captured by the Germans. The agency said Davis was a member of the American 17th airborne division.

Daily Weather Report

Forecasts
Medford and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday with little change in temperature.

Oregon: Increasing cloudiness with showers tonight and snow above 2500 feet. Clearing Thursday. Not much change in temperature.

Local Data
Temperature a year ago today: Highest 51 degrees, lowest 33.

Total monthly precipitation 3.90 inches. Excess for the month 1.94 inches.

Total precipitation since September 1, 1945, 14.77 inches. Excess for the season 2.2 inch.

Relative humidity at 4:30 p. m. yesterday 86% 4:30 today 96%.

Tomorrow
Sunrise 7:46 a. m., sunset 7:01 p. m.

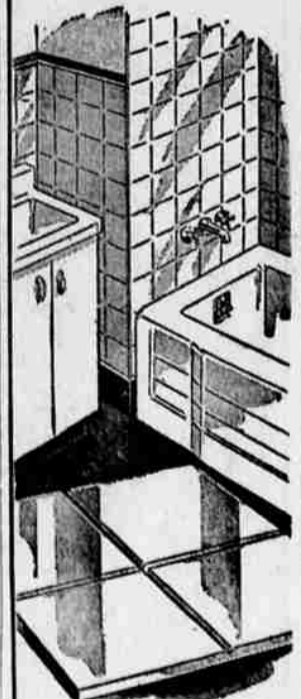
City	High	Low	Prec.
Boise	43	24	.01
Boston	41	27	.03
Chicago	33	28	.01
Denver	40	20	.01
Eureka	47	37	.01
Haver	32	12	Trace
Los Angeles	52	40	.10
Medford	46	25	—
New York	58	25	.07
Omaha	34	15	—
Phoenix	64	44	—
Portland	52	30	.01
Reno	33	29	.01
Roseburg	45	31	—
Salt Lake	45	27	—
San Francisco	42	37	—
Seattle	51	32	—
Spokane	43	26	.01
Washington, D. C.	43	30	—
Yakima	44	24	—

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