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Weekend Roundup

UP to a few days ago, virtually all the thinking and planning done in the United States was based on a presumption that the Allies, ultimately, would win the war. The rapid march of events since the invasion of the lowlands has brought the people of America to the shocking realization that Adolf Hitler may conquer Europe. Now there is wide speculation and discussion of the effect such an eventuality will have upon the economic, political and military future of the United States. People are trying to re-orient their thinking along that line. There is one thing upon which all can agree: whatever the outcome, if there was ever a time this country needed sound, able, far-seeing leadership, it is going to be in the forthcoming years. We cannot afford to try to get along with less than the best.

In the matter of defense, we naturally are interested in what steps are being taken on the Pacific coast to protect it from attack by any potential enemy. The army has recently acquired strategic coastal points between San Francisco and Monterey. Development of the Tongue Point naval base at the mouth of the Columbia is assured. The strength of the ninth corps area is to be upped 40 per cent, and the enlisted strength of the navy and the coast guard is being increased. The air corps at Hamilton, Marsh and Moffett fields is the largest in their history, with 35 per cent more planes in use. All of this is reassuring as a trend, at least, in the right direction. The importance of the Pacific area in any future military developments involving this country must not be overlooked.

For many years, Frank Payne of Klamath Falls has been hunting Indian artifacts in the Lower Klamath lake country. He has gotten together a most impressive collection of knives, arrowheads, beads and other articles. A thoroughgoing and enthusiastic hunter, he has carried his efforts into the field of research, delving beneath the surface for things which he did not find on top. His work has been sufficiently productive to arouse the interest of Dr. L. S. Cressman, head of the anthropology department of the University of Oregon. Dr. Cressman and a dozen or more students from the university will go into the Lower Lake area in a few days to carry this investigation further. Dr. Cressman has been successful in similar studies in many parts of southeastern Oregon—when he is through he may be able to tell us hitherto

SIDE GLANCES



"They have some nerve whistling at us!—The curly-headed one is rather cute, isn't he?"

unknown facts about the people and animals who once roamed this area. All of this adds color and interest to the background of the country in which we live.

The State Federation of Labor opens its state convention in this city Monday. The federation meeting will bring together accredited representatives of American Federation of Labor unions throughout the state. There will be several hundred visitors. We believe they will find this community hospitable and a most interesting convention city. Nearby are many attractive or unusual spots which convention visitors should take time to see. Here's a welcome to the federation delegates, and a hope that they will have a constructive and successful convention.

Frank Holmes, Jr., who has just been promoted from an assistant managership here to manager of the U. S. National bank branch at Grants Pass, has made many friends as a resident of Klamath Falls. While regretting his move to another city, we must congratulate him upon a deserved promotion. His civic efforts while a resident and business man of this city are warmly appreciated.

A bootblack down on the local main stem has worked out his plans for participation in war, if it comes. He was overheard telling his friends that he was going to be in "B" company, if trouble breaks out. "What's B company?" said a pal, doubtfully. The answer: "I've got to go to B here when you go away, and I've got to go to B here when you come back. That's B company."

WEATHER

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA—Fair tonight and Sunday but fog on coast; not so warm in interior Sunday; moderate changeable

wind off coast, mostly northwest. OREGON — Generally fair tonight and Sunday with fog on coast; warmer in northeast portion tonight; cooler in interior of west portion Sunday; moderate northwest wind off coast.

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, June 15—The rumor that fooled the world apparently including the New York stock exchange—for twenty-four hours was the one that Russia had entered the war on the side of the allies. It was not an invention of Nazi fifth columnists in France as has been suggested on the radio from Tours. Nor was it a French diplomatic fabrication to sound out current Russian feelings following the reception there of the new British and French ambassadors.

Certain official authorities have made it their business to run down the source of the story and they have traced it to a French military officer in charge of a small detachment of troops on the battlefield outside Paris. He passed the story to his troops last Monday in order to stir them to greater effort at a time when their morale needed stimulation. He told it in somewhat more elaborate form, claiming also that Turkey had declared war on Italy.

The condensed version swept through the French army and populace, and by Tuesday night had reached Washington. Thereafter it appeared Wednesday on the stock exchange in New York although not a word had been printed concerning it in any newspaper at that time.

Superiors of the imaginative officer in the French government appreciated that the backfire of disillusionment following the story could be dangerous, so the French censors Wednesday night passed stories out of Tours attributing it to fifth columnists.

HITLER'S TRICK

While Stalin is recognized here as being always in the market for the highest bidder, there has been little hope within officialdom that the allies could raise the price to sufficiently attractive heights.

Hitler has done a slick inside diplomatic job of reconciling Russian and Italian antagonisms in the Balkans for his own purposes. He persuaded Italy to restrain its appetite for Balkan expansion and has played Russia off against Turkey. For his own purposes, he induced Stalin to threaten Turkey with Russian action if Turkey declared war upon Italy as she had contemplated doing. Thus the Berlin fakir not only reconciled as partners two opposite ends of the known idealistic poles but

succeeded, momentarily at least, in preventing the British and French from getting the aid of their Turkish ally, and kept the Balkans off his neck.

This juggling required Hitler to keep more balls in the air than any previous diplomatic performer and it has been evident two or more of them are going to bump sometime.

POLICY CHANGE

Three days after this government started slipping planes to the allies, no announcement had been made directly or indirectly by any government official, and the war department was still insisting it had no information on the subject.

To a discerning eye it was apparent inside the war department that the army generals had no relish for the business. Up until deliveries actually started, officials there had insisted planes would not be delivered, only obsolete equipment such as old rifles and machine guns.

This is not the first time the commander-in-chief has required the army to change its policy to conform with his wishes.

LAST STRAW

The way businessmen of all kinds have been descending upon Washington to offer their cooperation for national defense will furnish a folklore of democratic inspirations when they are fully told.

But even the commerce department bureau handling the hundreds of such offers reached the limit of its defense imagination when a patriotic New York manufacturer came in, announced that he was a producer of brassieres, and asked if there was anything he could do.

His name was taken. There might be.

Pro-Nazi Former Premier Freed in Yugoslavia

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, June 15 (AP)—The sudden liberation of former Premier Milan Stojadinovic of Yugoslavia, long known as "Germany's friend," from his enforced residence in a village in the Serbian mountains was learned today from a high authority.

Stojadinovic, who was detained in April on charges linking him with Nazi German activity in Yugoslavia, was said to have been freed at the beginning of the week. He came immediately to Belgrade, where there are strong reports that he is conferring with Slovene leaders in the hope of forming a cabinet friendly to the Rome-Berlin axis.

High diplomatic quarters viewed the liberation of the former premier as a move to improve Yugoslav relations with Italy and Germany.

Man Escapes Death As Car Plunges From Keno Road

Charles Wallace, employee of the Pelican Bay Lumber company, narrowly escaped death or serious injury Friday night when an automobile he was driving plunged from the Ashland Klamath Falls highway west of Keno and lodged against a tree on the bank of Klamath river.

The accident was caused when Wallace swerved to avoid hitting a deer which ran onto the highway. The auto, a pickup truck, traveled down a steep embankment for 30 feet, coming to rest on its side against a tree, which prevented a precipitous plunge into the river. The driver, who was pinned for several minutes in the wrecked machine, was uninjured. He was released by a passerby. The

accident occurred about 9 p. m. three miles west of Keno.

Long's peak, Colorado, is named for Major Long, yet he never got any nearer to it than the South Platte river, between 50 and 100 miles away.

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Courthouse Records

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 W. C. Coyner versus Ida Follett. Action for \$125.07, \$50 attorney fees and costs. Lynn Moore, attorney for plaintiff.

B. K. Teed and H. A. Nitschelm, doing business as Monarch Service station, versus J. W. Bradley. Action for \$199.04 and costs. Henry E. Perkins, attorney for plaintiff.

Divorce Complaint Filed
 Cecil Glen Haggren versus Na J. Haggren. Charge, cruel and inhuman treatment. Couple married in Vancouver, Wash., July 12, 1934. Fred O. Small, attorney for plaintiff.

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