

EUROPEAN WAR TO BE FOLLOWED BY HARD TIMES

CHICAGO, June 27 (AP)—If history repeats, famine, pestilence and poverty will be the uninvited actors on the European stage after the war.

With millions of men being switched from the plow to the sword, belligerent countries already face prospects of scraping the bottom of the meal barrel for some time after hostilities end.

Feeding the population of occupied countries may never become acute if the war lasts only a short time but if it is prolonged some economists and experts say the ravages of famine and pestilence over Europe may be worse than during the 1914-24 period when Herbert Hoover directed the spending of five and a half billion dollars for relief abroad.

Depend on America

"The chance for civilization in Europe to come back again may depend on America," Mr. Hoover said in a recent New York speech. "If the war is long drawn out the United States will need to meet the question of famine and pestilence over the whole of Europe."

During and after the World war, Hoover's relief commissions sent nearly 34,000 metric tons of supplies to more than 20 foreign countries. This tonnage would have filled more than 500,000 American freight cars and required more than 6700 vessels of 5000 tons each for transatlantic shipment.

Scarcity Already

Three university professors said in special interviews that conditions abroad already indicate a scarcity of food.

Dr. H. G. Guthmann, professor of finance at Northwestern, said "all Europe faces the prospect of large-scale hunger."

"Germany faced this situation even before the war began with evidences of food deficiencies appearing in that country's health statistics. The trouble lay in the huge diversion of natural resources to the war production that is required by extensive armaments and mechanization. Such a war economy draws men from farm production and prevents the normal exports which the great powers of Europe need to pay for their food and raw materials required by a dense urban population."

BIG DREADNAUGHT

NEW YORK, June 27 (AP)—Without the usual ceremonies, the keel of the 45,000-ton battleship Iowa will be laid today at the Brooklyn navy yard. The public will not be admitted. The Iowa is one of four 45,000-ton ships authorized under the navy expansion program.

Stars' Garb for Refugees in France



At their week's newly opened headquarters for the International Committee for Refugees in France film actresses Constance Bennett, Dolores Del Rio and Claudette Colbert, from left, inspect a few of the offerings sent by film luminaries. Clothing will be sent to refugees fleeing Hitler's wrath in France.

SPRAGUE URGES PATRIOTISM IN STATE SCHOOLS

SALEM, Ore., June 27 (AP)—Transforming of schools into "little dynamos of patriotism" was urged last night by Gov. Charles A. Sprague of Oregon in an address to an annual conference of county school superintendents.

The governor cautioned against allowing schools to become victims of "psychological blitzkrieg" which would turn them into armed camps.

"We must forget our individual differences and rally to the support of the common cause when the welfare of our common land is at stake," Gov. Sprague said.

NEW YORK PAPER LAUDS WILLKIE

NEW YORK, June 27 (AP)—The Herald Tribune said editorially today that "the debate at Philadelphia has convinced this newspaper that the republican convention of 1940 should nominate Wendell Willkie for the presidency."

"Extraordinary times call for extraordinary abilities," the newspaper said, expressing its belief in Willkie's ability to unite the nation, inspire confidence, bring to the presidency the executive equipment needed at this time and to answer the new and complex problems of foreign relations, trade and economics which will crowd the next four years.

ITALY TO TAKE PART IN ATTACK

ROME, June 27 (AP)—Italy will take a prominent part in a concerted axis attack on Great Britain, its colonial possessions and the royal navy, authoritative Italian quarters asserted Wednesday night.

There were strong indications that Italy may send an expeditionary force to the German-occupied English channel coast to participate in an attempt to invade the British isles.

"It is natural to suppose that Italy will be represented in the main attack on the British isles," Italian authorities said.

A hint was given of the reason why the axis powers, in the face of Britain's naval superiority, failed to take over the French fleet instead of merely ordering it disarmed and interned. Regarding the British navy, a high fascist source said:

"The elephant is helpless against swarms of mosquitoes. The elephants of the British fleet will find this out soon enough."

This added to the belief in foreign circles here that the axis powers have some secret weapon which they believe will be more effective than warships when they start across the channel to invade Britain.



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